



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

January 2013

Holiday greetings to all. Congratulations to Ken Brideau, 2012 Club Championship. This is a repeat victory for Ken who was also club Champion in 2010. As we begin our new year, please send in your dues if you have not already done so. (See below for Dave Witte's address). The SC Police Department is holding a blood drive on Saturday, January 12, 9-3 at the Depot Park freight station (at the round about). This is another way we can support our police so if you are interested in making an appointment, go to beadonor.com or contact the American Red Cross. As we proceed through our rainy months, if we are unable to bowl due to weather on Tuesdays or Thursdays. we will have games and snacks available in the clubhouse at draw time. If we can't play outside, we will play inside. If you have a favorite game, please bring it along for those who might want to play.

We had a great Christmas party with a delightful performance by the Senior Center. Lots of delicious food and fun conversation. Bill Ranney was able to get Renee to attend. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of you again. I sincerely thank you for the thoughtful gifts certificates. It is my honor to work with you.

Since I write the newsletters mid month, I neglected to close out the year in the December letter because it was being written in early November. I need to tell you all how proud I am for what you have accomplished in 2012. We met our goals and unexpectedly were able to expand our footprint in the park as we created our garden area. Partnering with the city, we were able to purchase state of the art brushing machine for the green which improves its condition and will extend its life. Our average daily draw game attendance has increased to 13. We have great member responses when we need help at the green and I continue to receive many compliments from Parks and Rec and City Council on our work in the park. I appreciate all of your enthusiasm, dedication, and support.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

January 17, **Thursday**, 3:00 Quarterly Meeting - We will keep the meeting to less than one hour. Agenda will be posted on the bulletin board and sent out via email one week in advance so you may review and add items as necessary. By being prepared you can help the meeting move smoothly.

Thanks: Thanks to Heidi Louis and Ann Morse for helping with preparing the Christmas dinner; to Bill Ranney, Bill Fieberling and Glen Johnson for helping clean the garden area after the early storms; to all who attend the Christmas Party; to Pete Blacklock, Ann and Gil Morse, Earl Rosebraugh, Jerry Louis, John Lyons, Glen Johnson, and Sara Mikles for cleaning the green and ditches on Dec. 3 after the heavy rains and winds; to John Lyons for trapping the mouse; and to all who have already paid dues.



Lead end of the green at the beginning of a Sunday Draw. Great attendance!

Dues: At our October 20, Quarterly Meeting it was decided to increase dues to \$120. Dual membership (\$50) and locker/shelf (\$10) storage remain the same. Dues can be given to Christine at the Club house or mailed to:

Dave Witte, Treasurer
2560 Smith Grade Rd
Santa Cruz, 95060

Dues should be paid not later than January 31, 2013

Goals 2013:

Personnel

1. To have a roster of 65 members

Facility

1. To have area in front of rake shed paved.
2. To research purchase of outdoor jacks (slightly larger; slightly heavier)

Finances

1. To increase green fund by \$5000

Dual Members: We sincerely appreciate your support and hope you will consider remaining a part of our club. We are planning to have a “Meet our Dual Members” Lunch in April and a Dual Duel in October. Our complete calendar is posted on the website.

Membership: Draw games will be arranged with priority given to pairs matches, cut throats and singles since many members have stated they want to bowl more and prefer rolling four bowls rather than three. We will play triples when required by physical necessity. Since these games go much more quickly, I encourage you to play 14 rather than 12 ends especially during the beautiful winter and spring months that are approaching. Using more rinks draws many more curious onlookers to the green. Just by playing you are recruiting.

Winter games: We had approximately 80 singles matches played during the BBC. Glen Johnson won the grand prize. We will be having another extended competition, “Poker Bowls”, starting February 1 through April 1. At the April Quarterly Meeting, tournament members will play their hands with high and low hands winning prizes. Full conditions of play will be posted on the front table, January 15. Tournament cost is \$10.