



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

January 2012

Happy New Year ! Welcome to new member, Allan Lonnberg, our first new member of 2012. We're glad to have you join us, Allan. Thanks to all who attended the Dec. 3, 2011, Annual Meeting where we were able to present an overview of 2012. Our 2012 board members are: President, Christine Palochak; VP, Dave Sievert; Secretary, Sara Mikles; Treasurer, Dave Witte; Directors, Stephen Schoenfeld and Pete Blacklock. Complete contact information will be posted in the clubhouse and on the website. Please let board members know your concerns so we can guide the club appropriately. Remember to send your dues to Dave Witte, 2060 Smith Grade Rd., Santa Cruz, 95060. I can collect at the club house if it is more convenient. Locker and shelf storage fees are \$10. Mark your calendar to attend the January 21, Quarterly meeting. It is important that your voice is heard. If you do not have computer access and wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail, please provide stamped, self-addressed envelope to me. Newsletters are also posted in clubhouse for your convenience or members may also be willing to print additional copies for you.

**Calendar:** All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

January 7, Saturday, 10:00 Board meeting

January 21, Saturday, 10:00 Quarterly meeting

**Thanks:** Thanks to Ann and Gil Morse for their on going green maintenance; to John Lyons for decorating the clubhouse for Christmas; to all who have paid their 2012 dues; to Heidi Louis, Ann Morse, Sara Mikles, Jerry Louis, Norma Brenner, Coral Singer, Pete Blacklock and John Lyons for helping with set up and clean up of the Christmas party; to all who attended our Christmas party- if noise level is any indication, it was a "roaring" success; to Dave Seivert for

donating one of his photos to the raffle; to Stephen Schoenfeld for spraying the green with copper sulfate

## **Goals:**

Goals were finalized at the December 3, Annual Meeting. Your input was greatly appreciated. The calendar as approved is available on the website or on the bulletin board.

### Personnel

1. To increase membership to 65 full members.
2. To provide increased training opportunities
3. To host visitation from another club (Fresno and Vale de Floresta in Portugal have expressed interest)

### Facility

1. To pursue purchase of better brushing machine to improve green maintenance. *We are in discussion with the city to see if they may be able to help with purchase cost.*
2. To purchase additional set of bowls, size 2 or 3 for club inventory. Gary Luttringer has already been working on this and has obtained a very nice set of size 2, Henselite tiger bowls. **Done!**

### Finances

1. To increase green fund by \$5000. *The daily \$1 jar really helps toward this goal. Sincere thanks to all who contribute.*

**Winter Games:** We have received a lot of interest in having some pre-season competitive opportunities on our green. Starting Mondays in February (6, 13, 20, 27) and March (5,12) with 9:15 draw time we will begin a series of various competitive events. The list of names of those wanting to participate will be posted in the club house. It will be your responsibility to let Jerry know if you will not be attending a particular Monday. Schedule of game formats will be posted in advance.

**Be a Better Bowler:** You can become a better bowler. With instruction and practice you can improve your game no matter at what level you wish to compete from club draws to Division or National Open events. We have individuals at the club willing to advise you and a library of books which you can check out from the club house. From "Bryant on Bowls" by David Bryant: "Check to ensure that when you adopt your stance on the mat you are facing the shoulder of the arc of the hand you wish to play. Remember to be perfectly balanced and relaxed.... Make sure your whole body flows through with your delivery, from the hand which delivers the bowl to the back foot that lifts gently off the mat....Keep your eyes firmly fixed on the shoulder of the intended arc when

delivering the bowl. Keep your head down until after the bowl has been released.”

**Membership Drive:** This month the board will be detailing our recruitment activities for 2012. We sold three memberships during our online “Living Social” promotion and look forward to meeting these new members soon. Parks and Rec classes have been scheduled for the spring and summer sessions.