



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

January 2014

Happy New Year. My apology for being a bit late with this newsletter. Guess I was sidetracked by all the festivities. We are looking forward to an exciting 50th anniversary year at Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Club. We will be presenting the anniversary plans at our January 23, Quarterly meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We had an amazing turnout at our December annual meeting. The 2014 board is: President-Christine Palochak; Vice President- Dave Sievert; Secretary- Allan Lonnerberg; Treasurer- Dave Witte and Directors- Leslie McGarvey and Ann Morse. You will see them on the green often so please share your ideas and concerns. Our new project online and you should have received our inaugural NLBA newsletter. Please let me know if you did not. We will use innovation, collaboration and instruction to find and share new ideas that will bring more new members, recognition and understanding of the sport in our individual communities as we connect clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada. We had an immediate (and overwhelming) response. I had 53 emails from throughout the U.S and Canada within an hour. All very positive. Many were forwarding the newsletter to other bowlers and more individuals are contacting us to be added to our mailing list. Please email any ideas or suggestions you have to improve our site nlbacad@gmail.com.

We already have a calendar change to our 2014 events. Poker bowls was a very popular event last year and will begin March 1 (rather than Feb 1) and prizes awarded at the April 23 Quarterly meeting. Thanks to John Lyons, our anniversary towel sales have been great. We still have a few available and are hearing that members games are much improved when using one of the special towels.

My sincere gratitude for your continuing support as we enter 2014. Thank you all for the biscuit cutters to keep me safe and the lovely gift basket . It is an amazing assortment of treats.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted. Remember that we will have Thursday snack day rain or shine. If we cannot get on the green, we will have games available in the clubhouse.

Jan 23 Thursday, 2:30 Quarterly meeting

Thanks: Thanks to Nino Bachar and Earl Rosebraugh for green maintenance; to all who contributed to the Christmas Party; to Carne and Peter Clarke for cooking the turkey for the party; to Jerry Louis for presenting holiday gifts to the Paradox; to Dave Sievert for the incredible work on the National Bowls Academy website; to all who purchased a practice workbook; to Glen Johnson for researching ditch lining; to all who have paid their 2014 dues; to Cheri Boulware for the amazing party decorations; to Dave Sievert for helping with centerpieces; to Glen Johnson for tournament ideas; to Pete Blacklock for repairing sprayer.

Dues: Dues are \$120 plus \$10 locker/storage fees. Dual membership is \$50. We hope you can get your dues payment in this month so we can be more accurate in our planning. Dues can be given to Christine at the clubhouse or mailed to Treasurer Dave at:

Dave Witte
2510 Smith Grade Rd
Santa Cruz, 95060.
Dues should be paid by January 31, 2013

Goals 2014:

Personnel

To add 10 new members

Facilities

To have individual 2800 games

Finances-

To transfer \$5000 to green fund. We have the National Lawn Bowls Academy website (nationallawnbowlsacademy.com) on line. Our national newsletter has gone out to all U.S. and Canadian clubs for which we could find contact information. We have the 2d printing of the workbook now available and hopefully will be able to generate funds to help us achieve this goal.