



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

February 2021

A belated Happy New Year to all. I'm writing late for a January newsletter and early for a February letter but there are some situations of which you should be aware. Congratulations to 2020 Club Champion, Gustav Gysin. The final between Gustav and Aumao was very well attended. I enjoyed an extended visit in Minneapolis with my daughter and her family but it was very cold. I did go ice skating but the ice was much more slippery than I remembered. Time to give up my dreams of being a figure skater. The big problem now that I have returned to the green is the increase in the homeless encampment in San Lorenzo Park. Dave Sievert and I have both been in contact with Chief Mills, Tony Elliot, and Steve Gomez about what can be done to keep the lawn bowling area safe. City is under temporary restraining order so cannot do anything. There is a hearing before another federal judge next week. There is not much I can suggest other than possibly adding a gate at the Paradox/Courthouse corner of the green which would allow us to enter the green without having to enter the park. The city has ok'd this gate. We do have a back door to clubhouse but there are now tents behind the bowls shed which limit access to the backdoor. If we install such a gate, I will work with city to get permits for lawn bowls to use the county lot as we did with the Paradox. Reminder that dues are now due. Checks can be placed in the \$1 jar or mailed to Dave Witte at 2510 Smith Grade Rd., Santa Cruz 95060. Cleaning for February are Linda and Leslie.

Calendar

February 11, Thursday 2:30- Valentine's Day Will we have holiday snacks following draw game if weather allows

Thanks: To Dave Sievert for work with police and parks; to Peter Clarke for letter to police and parks; to Gustav for greens work and keeping everything running while I was away; to all who attend the 2020 singles final match between Gustav and Aumao

Focal PointBOWLS & BEYOND WITH BARRIE LESTER
BY BOWLS AUSTRALIA

“An expert in his field, Australian Jackaroo Barrie Lester has partnered with Apia to help perfect your game, both on and off the green. Lester has enjoyed a decorated career in the green and gold, having notched up 195 international appearances since debuting in 2006, including multiple Commonwealth Games. A former Australian Male Bowler of the Year, Lester will again represent the Australian Jackaroos at the World Bowls Championships in 2021. Get ready to be ‘bowled over’ by this fun series with Barrie Lester! “I will share the videos posted and hope you can simply click on the link. This month check <https://youtu.be/guhgnRv9pm0> to hear about the life of a full time bowler.

Goals 2021

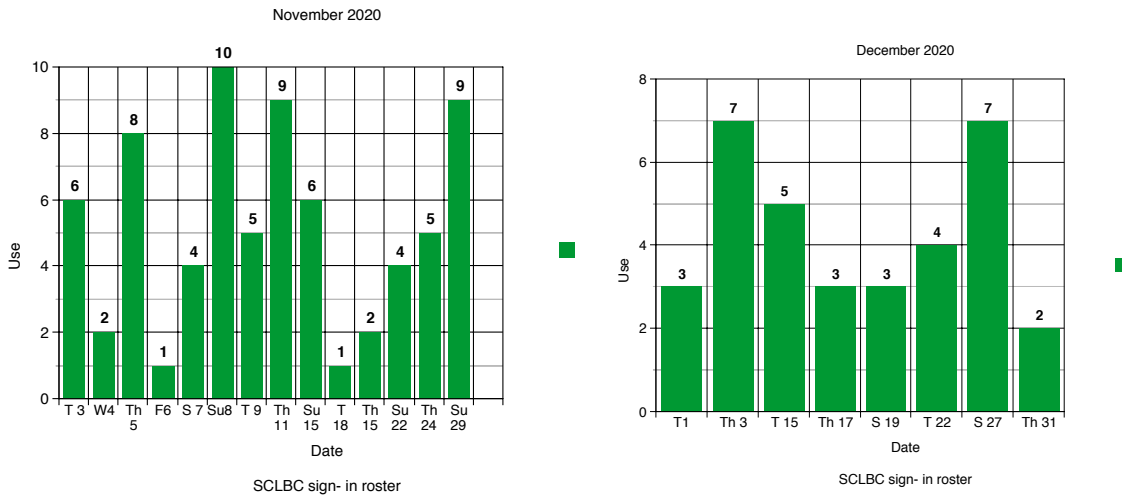
Personnel: to have net gain of 5 over Jan 31 roster

Facility: to have ditches lined with wire and artificial turf

Finance: to add \$5000 to CD

From the past: Having now been president for most of a decade, a review of the January 2011 Newsletter shows that, while a lot has changed, we are still working on some of the same issues. Thanks were given to Ken Stewart for his Christmas magic show presentation which I remember as one of the best events we had ever held. We were beginning a year long membership project “Rolling Forward” with raffle tickets, coupons, dues discounts and prizes and our facility goal was to have bathroom plans approved and construction priced. We were also holding Friday Member nights with an afternoon draw followed by dinner and games.

Attendance: November had a total of 72 games signed for an average draw of 4 and December had 34 games signed for with an average draw of 2. For all of 2020 we had 829 games signed for. November and December attendance graphs:



We started 2020 with good attendance but than Covid shut-downs had their impact. We have gradually begun to pick up after Parks allowed us to reopen in June with restrictions. 2020 by month:

