



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

July 2013

Welcome to new members Carne and Peter Clarke. We are happy to have you with us. Another delicious breakfast prepared by Allan on June 15. Blueberry pancakes and eggs for the 12 members who attended. Sign up sheets are on the front table for our Solstice Games and Club Championship tournament. Details are below. A great time was had by all at the June 5 Friendship games. Nice to see so many friends from the lawn bowling community. We have gone international with one of our ideas. I received a call from the Coquitlam Bowls Club in British Columbia about our Poker Bowls Games. They wanted the full set of rules and set up ideas so they could run the event at their club. Asked them to let me know how it goes. Australian coach, Tony Scott, has expressed an interest in coming to Santa Cruz, August 24-27. He will provide individual lessons of 45 minutes for \$30 or groups of 5 for \$100. I need to let him know if we have enough interest by next Tuesday. If you are interested in a lesson, please let me know ASAP.

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

June 21, Friday, Solstice Games, 4:45. We have 20 signed up to take advantage of the year's longest day.

July 1, Monday, Club singles Championship tournament begins

July 18, Thursday, 2:30 Quarterly Meeting. Agenda will be mailed in advance

July 20, Saturday, 8-9 a.m. breakfast by Chef Jake \$5

**Thanks:** Thanks to Glen Johnson, John Curwen, Gil Morris, Don Fitzgerald, Jerry Louis for help with Cisco corporate team building event.; to Glen Johnson and Earl Rosebraugh for green maintenance work; to Bill Ranney for gardening; to Don Fitzgerald, Harry Schoenfield, Jerry Louis and Allan Lonnberg for being drivers for the Carmel friendship game; to Heidi Louis, Evie McGrath, Allan Lonnberg, Gary Luttringer, Don Fitzgerald, John Lyons, Dave Seivert, Barbara

Breit and Stephen Schoenfeld for helping with the Friendship Games. Special thanks to Pete Blacklock for outstanding effort in arranging delivery and return of the portapotty.

## **Goals 2013:**

### Personnel

1. To have a roster of 65 members. Currently have 58 with 4 waiting for lessons.
2. To increase competitive event participation- Club Championship tournament will be played July 1 through October 1. Details below. We hope this will be a more representative tournament.

### Facility

To have area in front of rake shed paved.- No longer necessary

### Finances

To increase green fund by \$5000 Dollar jar continues to be a great source of revenue. Thanks to all who contribute so faithfully.

**Dual Members:** Welcome back to dual member Frank Matysciela. We look forward to seeing you frequently on our green and hope you will be able to join us for social events as well.

**Membership:** We will be featured in a new magazine "Santa Cruz Life" to be mailed to 5000 homes in the 95060 and 95062 zip codes this month. I have been working with editor Ryan Richards to develop a story. We have also run a promotion through USAA much like groupon and continue to work with the Paradox marketing committee on corporate events. So far we have received 11 calls from our Groupon promotion.

**PBA:** August 4 through 7, our green will be closed for the American qualifiers for the Professional Bowls Association. It is a chance to watch some of the top bowlers in the sport. Jake Gandolfo has arranged some great lunch menus. We will have sign up sheets available at the July 18, quarterly meeting for help with green maintenance, daily opening and closing, and club house/kitchen aide shifts. We have 5 club members signed up to play in the 4 day event. Please be willing to help.

**Improving your game:** Excerpt from "Rob Judson: Lawn Bowls coaching", contributed by Glen Johnson.

"The greatest reason for error in bowls is not that of choosing the correct bowling line or using the right weight. It is the inability to bowl the chosen line consistently. It is therefore important that every preparation be taken in relation to the bowling line before the delivery starts so that no further

adjustments to body alignment are necessary. The action then becomes a forward step, parallel to the bowling line and a pendulum arm swing along the line. All this means is that when the stance is taken up, the bowl in one hand, a perpendicular arm, shoulder and most importantly, the sighting eye are all in a vertical plan above the bowling line. The non-bowling hand should be placed above the knee of the leading leg where it should remain through delivery.

Because the delivery position places one foot about 600 mm {24 inches} ahead of the other, it is physically impossible for our hips to be square to the bowling line. Why not line them up the way they will be at delivery and avoid unnecessary twisting of the body. What is more, this also puts the bowling side hip out of the way of the bowling arm swing through both ways. This can easily be achieved by turning about 30 degrees to square with the leading foot in advance of the back foot... It is easier than to swing the bowl backwards and forwards in the vertical plane above the bowling line.”

**Club Singles Championship:** In order to make a more representative tournament with the greatest opportunity for the most players to play, we are trying a different format this year. Rather than trying to have everyone available on one particular weekend and having finals drag on for weeks, we are trying a round robin type event. Tournament games can be played at your convenience from July 1 through September 1. Semifinals will be held on the morning of September 14 and finals played on that afternoon. A grid of matches will be posted in the clubhouse, when you have played your match, record the date and score on the posted grid. There is one more week to sign up for the tournament. Conditions of play will be posted.