



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

June 2013

Our April attendance figures have an average of 16 at draw games so our numbers continue to be ahead of last year. Great to see so many people using the green. We have been using pairs and cut throat as our games of choice. People have expressed a preference for using 4 bowls and not having “bench time” as in triples. I have now had a request that we have opportunity to include singles games in the draw. We will explore providing that option. Now that we are playing summer hours, we are hosting breakfast at the clubhouse on the third Saturday of every month through October. Our May 18 breakfast was excellent: blueberry pancakes and eggs cooked to order. We do need to have a head count in advance to facilitate food purchases so watch for the sign up sheet.

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

June 5- Wednesday, 9:00-3:00- Friendship Game Santa Cruz. \$3 Bring your lunch.

June 15- Saturday- Breakfast at clubhouse \$5 8:00-9:00

June 21- Friday- Solstice games-\$10-Draw game at 4:45 followed by pizza in clubhouse 7:15. Guests welcome. Details below.

**Thanks:** Thanks to Heidi and Jerry Louis and Jake and Erin Gandolfo for helping with the Dual Day BBQ; to Stephen Schoenfeld for running the Dual Day “spider”; to Earl Rosebraugh for green work; to Ann Morse and Bill Ranney for gardening; to Dave Sievert for shed renovation work

**Solstice Games:** To take advantage of the longest day of the year, we will have an evening bowls game on Friday, June 21. Draw will be at 4:45 followed by pizza at about 7:15. Dinner cost (pizza, salad, dessert) will be \$10. Guests are invited. Be sure to sign up or let me know via email so we can purchase pizzas.

**PBA:** We are moving forward in our preparations to host the Professional Bowls Association American qualifiers, August 3-7. We will have schedules available soon for you to sign up to help during the tournament. Jake Gandolfo has agreed to handle lunches and his menus look great. You will have the opportunity to sign up for lunch if you wish to dine with the pros.

## **Goals 2013:**

### Personnel

1. To have a roster of 65 members.
2. To increase competitive event participation. We had approximately 150 games played in the poker bowls competition. We are looking into an extended club championship competition to make a more representative tournament.

### Facility

To have area in front of rake shed paved. Instead of paving we have swapped ends of the shed with the city. My sincere thanks to Dave Sievert for doing such an outstanding job of remodelling our new area. Everything has been moved and will be much more convenient for all of us. The brushing machine is easily accessed, we have a dedicated space for maintenance and expanded space for bowls storage. The city is happy with their new space which provides more wall area for storage and more convenient access. In addition, we were able to save several thousands of dollars in paving expenses. Win/win.

### Finances

To increase green fund by \$5000 - third Saturday breakfasts and this month's Solstice games serve as fundraisers toward our goal.

**Dual Members:** What a beautiful day on April 28 for our dual game. Great to see Laura Lewis and Jerry Ridley who were able to spend some extra time in Santa Cruz. We also enjoyed seeing many of our San Jose dual members on April 21 at our San Jose Day.

**Improving your game:** Submitted by Glen Johnson from "A to Zen of Lawn Bowling":

### Weight control cont.

Another factor that's useful to think about is "Where is my center of gravity?" Eastern martial arts place much emphasis on the center of gravity being a vital factor in achieving balance. On the mat feel where your weight is centered. Everyone's is different. Knowing where your center of gravity is makes you

feel more secure and balanced on the mat. It feels as if all your weight and mass is centered on that tiny spot - and you can't topple sideways during delivery if you feel your whole action is pivoting on your center of gravity. A good method of practicing is to have two jacks at each end of the rink, one short and one long. Send two bowls down to the long jack, then two to the short one. As in all weight control practice sessions, the emphasis is on "feeling" what is happening in your body when you play to different lengths. Such practicing is all aimed at cramming more information into Rupert. You never have to worry what Rupert does with the information: all you've got to do is keep pumping it in. That's the purpose of practice

If you're out to practice drawing to a jack, then you should deliver the jack rather than to place it, and then draw to wherever it finishes up, even if it is well off the center of the rink. This practice has two aims. The first is to get used to delivering the jack to a length you want to play. This is a skill neglected by many bowlers, even though control of the jack is often crucial in singles and when leading in team games. The second is to get used to playing a jack which has been moved off-center. This will help you when playing to an imaginary jack in a game situation.



Renee Sayer's 100th Birthday party, April 21, 2013