

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

March 2021

Biggest issue we have facing us is the homeless encampment. The issue will be addressed at the Feb. 27 city council meeting. Please send emails in support of a proposal that will be presented. There is specific information below. Law enforcement is still restricted by the federal restraining order but the case for eviction will be revisited on March 9. Please call 911 or the SCPD non-emergency number that is posted in the bowls shed and on the bulletin board if you feel threatened. If police cannot respond, we will at least have created a paper report of the situation. Our club Pairs competition begins on April 1. Please let me know via email or sign up on front table by March 20 if you wish to play in the pairs competition. Pairs will be determined by random draw. I will be doing clubhouse cleaning for March.

Note that we will be playing a Presidents' Day tournament on Thursday, February 18 at 12:30 postponed from Feb. 11 due to weather. Outdoor snacks will follow.

Calendar

February 18, Presidents' Day Tournament, 12:30

March 14 , Sunday, St Patrick's tournament, 12:30

Thanks: to Leslie for Club House cleaning, to Dave for ditch lining; to Dave and Famy for fence line work

City Council Meeting

I have been talking with the Paradox manager who has been meeting with Tony Elliot of Parks and all are very much hoping that San Lorenzo Park can be cleaned up. The previous camping ordinance was put aside over a year ago intentionally. We have a council now that wants to get something back on the books. the following was received from a city Council Member:

Requesting your consideration of submitting a letter of support for Council approval of an Outdoor Living Ordinance to be considered on Feb 23 at 7:00 pm. The intent of the ordinance is to provide clarity on areas where outdoor living is allowed and not allowed in the City of Santa Cruz. For areas where outdoor living is allowed due to the statewide homelessness crisis; conditions are declared for such situations. The ordinance needs community support to get it over the finish line and council members are requesting your support and efforts to inform folks who you may know and are concerned about the conditions and environmental destruction by large encampments, elevated fire risk and loss of use of public property from encampments, water contamination, drug use in encampments, human waste and litter levels associated with encampments and the storing of stolen property and flammable materials in such camps.

Council Members acknowledge that the City is restricted by recent court determinations in managing the homeless crisis but Council members bringing this forward feel that a policy such as the Outdoor Living Ordinance is urgently needed to be able to manage the issues with large encampments and impacts to our parks and open space areas and beaches.

Emails should be received by Monday February 22 at 1:00 pm to go into the public record.

Some statements you could consider for your letter of support could include the following:

* I support the full language of the ordinance as it has been drafted by City staff. These requirements make very clear how and where

unhoused individuals can live outside in our community and the public health and safety and environmental protections that need to be in place to not further damage our environmentally sensitive areas, neighborhood parks, and open space areas.

*The ordinance is necessary to maintain a clean environment for our creeks, rivers and beaches.

*The ordinance acknowledges the real fire dangers associated with encampments in our open space areas adjacent to our neighborhoods.

* The ordinance recognizes and provides conditions for managing damages to our local parks. I understand that the City will need to restore and rehabilitate our local parks due to the damages from large encampments. Right now our city is doing budget cuts which means these parks likely will not be repaired for a long time which is a loss for our whole community.

*The ordinance really recognizes the loss of public use of many of our parks and open space areas due to large encampments. Our public parks need to remain available to everyone. The camps as they establish just don't allow this to happen.

Your emails should be addressed to citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com. Please make your emails as personal as possible so they are not a form email. The ordinance will be published on Thursday February 18 by 5:00pm. You can view the staff report and ordinance at <https://ecm.cityofsantacruz.com/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/Search?dropid=4&mtids=103%2C104%2C105%2C106>

Please write your support email and pass on to all your contacts we need to have hundreds of emails go in to support our city council. It is important that we do this in order to protect our existence as a club.

If possible please also add the following direct emails of each City Council member as well when you send in your email comments.

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Focal Point: An interesting video on bowls grip from the “Delivery Doctor”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anEr9-wYtR0>

Goals 2021

Personnel: to have net gain of 5 over Jan 31 roster. Our January 31 Roster has 16 paid members and 6 paid dual members.

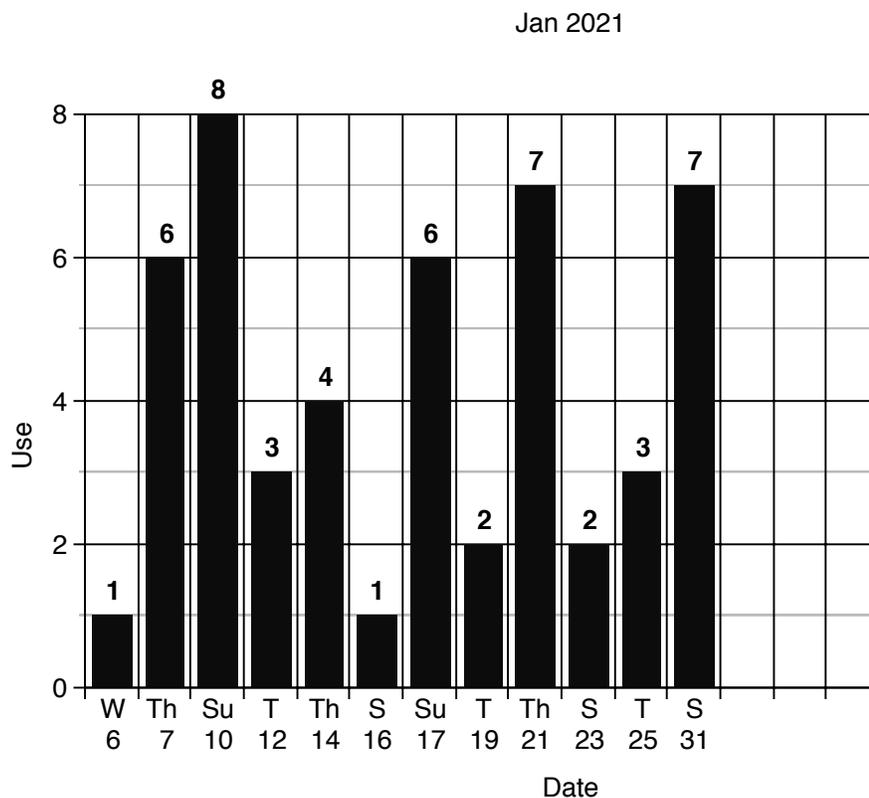
Facility: to have ditches lined with wire and artificial turf

Finance: to add \$2500 to CD

From the Past: From the February and March 2011 newsletters: “We had a break -in in January and installed our steel door. We had 5 new members practicing on the green. Ben James arrived for his annual visit; Dave Witte and Sue Fitchen joined the club.”

Another article: John Lyons shares this article from Irish times on bowls:
<https://www.irishtimes.com/sport/tv-view-if-other-sports-can-have-fake-crowd-sounds-why-not-bowls-1.4466796>

Attendance: Only 50 games signed for in January for an average draw of 2



SCLBC sign- in roster

Saint Patrick's Day tournament: We have a tournament game of Dublin Doubles scheduled for Sunday, March, 14. This very different game, also called 2 Jacks-2 Heads, comes from Australia. Conditions of play are:

All Club Covid protocols will be in place and followed.

Dress will be Green

1. Game will be 12 ends. Each player uses 4 bowls
2. Each lead rolls one jack (one team white, one team yellow). They are lifted and placed 1m either side of the centerline. Both jacks remain separate targets throughout the end, which encourages every player to rely on direct draw shot skills to score points.
3. Players may play to either or both jacks. Either team can play to either or both jacks.
4. A one point bonus for a "toucher".
5. Penalty Points - Drives accrue two penalty points.
6. The normal scoring system is used and begins from either jack. This first jack is then removed. No bowl is to be disturbed. The same normal scoring system is then applied to the second jack. The score totals from both jacks are recorded on the card.
7. The winner shall be player /team with the highest overall score. In case of a tie, winner will be determined in a way to be determined by tournament director.