



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

May 2012

Don't forget to sign Renee Sayer's birthday card on the front table. She is celebrating her 99th! There is also a basket on the front table if you wish to contribute a small gift. A reminder that summer hours begin on Tuesday, May 1. Tuesday and Saturday draw times will be at 9:30. Thursday and Sunday remain 12:30 draw. Note also that our Lawn Bowls Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 8:30. Entry fee is \$10. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2d place skips and leads. A cowboy lunch will be provided. Last year we had some fun costumes and I have high hopes that the "sherri" and our two "wranglers" will show up again. Perhaps we even have a "showgirl" or two who might attend. If you haven't played in a Thursday draw game for awhile, please stop by. The post-draw social hours have become very popular. For those of you who are looking for instruction in the sport, note the opportunity for private/small group lessons under goals. Friendship game sign up sheets are on the front table. Welcome to new dual member, Larry O'Dea. Larry and I grew up about 30 miles from each other in upstate New York. Glad to have you with us, Larry.

We are going to try a pre-draw breakfast on Saturday, May 26. Draw game will be played at 9:30. Allan Lonnerberg has offered to cook breakfast (pancake, eggs, juice, coffee) from 8:30-9:30 for those interested. Breakfast will be \$5. If enough interest is shown we can offer on a regular scheduel for Saturday morning draws.

**Thanks:** Thanks to Gil Morse for working with Hope/Darwin House during Pete's absence; to Allan Lonnerberg, Coral Songer, Ann Morse, Gil Morse, Earl Rosebraugh, and Dave Seivert for on-going help with green maintenance; to Frank Matysciela, Laura Lewis, Jerry Ridley and Ken Torke for visiting us on Dual Member Day; to those members who attended the April Quarterly meeting; to Bill Ranney for ground maintenance; to John Lyons for the new clubhouse clock; to Heidi Lewis for helping with kitchen duty for Dual Member Day; to Gary Luttringer for his photographic work for our Groupon feature (see Goals below for the fantastic results)

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

April 27, Friday, Work Day 8:30

May 1, Tuesday, summer hours begin

May 9, Wednesday, Friendship Game, Sunnyvale LBC

May 16, Wednesday, Friendship Game, Carmel Del Mesa LBC

May 19, Saturday, Rodeo, 8:30-12:00 Lunch provided. Entry fee \$10

May 23, Wednesday, Friendship Game, San Jose LBC

May 26, Saturday, Pre -draw breakfast, 8:30-9:30

May 30, Wednesday, Friendship Game, Santa Cruz LBC

## **Goals:**

### Personnel

1. To increase membership to 65 full members. We have sold 10 memberships on Groupon in the past day. Haven't received the roster yet so am not sure if they are single or multiple memberships but certainly goes a long way toward our goal- will push our roster to at least 59.
2. To provide increased training opportunities. Neil Lyttle, former member of the Irish National Team has offered to provide instruction to single or small group lessons for \$20 per 30 minutes. He excels in strategy and reading of heads. Please contact Neil directly if you are interested (688-4248). He has a great deal to offer on style and technique as well.
3. To host visitation from another club- Fresno has indicated that they will be visiting at on a date to be decided. Holmby Hills will be here Aug. 14.

### Facility

1. To pursue purchase of better brushing machine to improve green maintenance
2. To obtain pricing and source for table replacement
3. To purchase additional set of bowls, size 2 or 3 for club inventory. DONE.

### Finances

1. To increase green fund by \$5000 - Note that we are exploring some additional fundraising opportunities including the pre-draw breakfast.

**Being a better bowler:** (Extract from "Bryant on Bowls") Make sure you are gripping the bowl correctly. A wobbling bowl cannot be consistently accurate. An important point to watch is the thumb. If one does not bring it high enough up the bowl, the grip will turn into a "cradle" in which one is 'slinging the bowl, not delivering it.' On the other hand, if the thumb is placed too far on top of the bowl, there is every likelihood of a wobble getting into the delivery.

**Dual Members:** How nice it was to see so many of you on the green on April 15. We sincerely enjoyed having you in the games and look forward to seeing you again soon. We are planning the Dual Duel for Sunday, September 30. Remember that you are invited to play in the rodeo on Saturday, May 19. It is a lot of fun and you will meet a lot of people.

**Rodeo:** Saturday, May 19, 8:30-12:30 we will again have our Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Rodeo. You are welcome to come in costume or western dress. Otherwise, red and black tournament clothing or traditional whites but no cowboy boots! Each participant will play a three game series of 6 end pairs games. Just like in the old west, you will be doing a lot of travel and meeting a lot of people on your trip as indicated by your ticket book. You will be competing with different partners against different opponents on different rinks for each game. You will be accumulating points for yourself and medals will be awarded to first, second and third place skips and leads. Sign up is limited to the first 24 participants and your spot is confirmed upon receipt of payment. Dual members are welcome to play. Please sign up on the sheet on the **front table** or let me know by **email** that you will be attending. **Sign up will be closed May 15.** Cost is \$10 which includes lunch of chili, salad, cornbread and ice cream. Event is scheduled 8:30-12:30.