

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

August 2021

Welcome to our new members Patricia Daniels-Flechtner, Peg Daniels-Flechtner, Leta Miller, Clare Sawyer, Lauri VanDiemen, and Kerry Williams. We all look forward to meeting you on the green soon. We had a very good turnout for Friendship Game with more than 42 players. The day went very well and everyone had a very good time. On August 17, we will be having our last evening draw of the summer. Game will be at 5:30 and dinner, hosted by Harry, will be about 7:00. As always guests are very welcome. Cleaning in August is Aumao

Calendar

August 4, Wednesday, Friendship Game Sunnyvale 10:00

August 17, Tuesday, 5:30 Draw/Dinner - Hosted by Harry \$5

August 18, Wednesday, Friendship Game Carmel 10:00

Thanks to Dave Sievert and John B for brushing the green; to Dave, John, Carne and Peter, Larry and Aumao for coaching the P and R classes; to Stephen for hosting the Friendship Game held on our green; to all who helped with and all who played in the Friendship game; to Don and Margaret Fitzgerald for hosting the July 13 dinner/draw; to all who attended our July pancake breakfast; to Jesse for cooking at the pancake breakfast; to Dave for refinishing the mat storage box and the chalk holders on the scoreboards.

Focal Point Lester Barrie: “The right shot for the right situation”

Another video from Lester Barrie: <https://youtu.be/onnyleI3dRU> Also, San Jose Lawn Bowls website (<http://www.sjlbc.org/the-game.html>) has some excellent coaching videos on their website that are short but informative.

Looking back: In August 2011 we decided to start our Thursday post draw socials and we had 16 new members including Evie McGrath and Henry Bazzano. We were beginning to explore construction options for the bathroom addition but were told project would require laying our own sewer line to Dakota Ave.

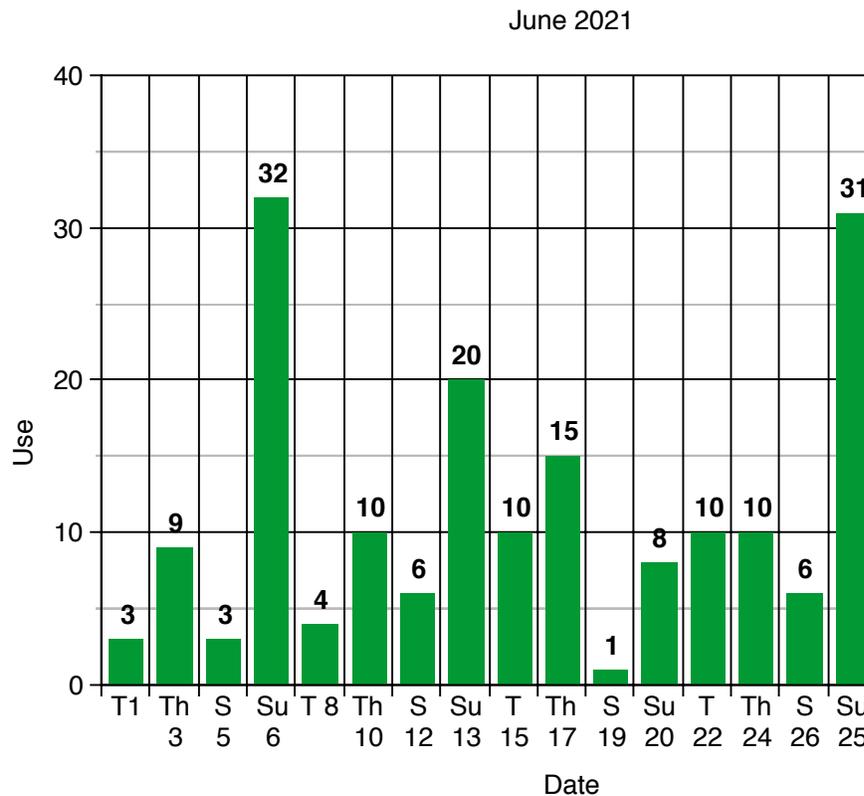
Goals 2021

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

Facility: to have ditches lined with wire and artificial turf

Finance: to add \$2500 to CD

Attendance In June we had 178 games signed for with and average draw of 10



Letter: I have sent this to the mayor, city council, Parks and SCPD. I encourage all of you to regularly email and call on the San Lorenzo situation.

Let me start by thanking you all for the continuing support the city has given to Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Club. On Sunday, July 18, a group of local lawn bowlers traveled to San Jose to play on their green located in Willow Street Frank Bramhall Park. What a fun afternoon. The park was full of families and individuals, playing softball, pickle ball and basketball, taking an exercise class, picnicking and enjoying the playground equipment. There was even a wedding reception being set up. At the end of the afternoon we returned to our green in San Lorenzo Park to drop off our equipment. The clubhouse had again been graffitied, a big tent remains behind the storage shed, piles of trash (including a mattress) were under the cork oaks, loose dogs were wandering by the duck pond, a man was openly urinating on a tree, the fence between the Paradox and the park had been cut and overflowing dumpsters had individuals pulling out bags to sort through. There were no families, no picnics, no sports, and no children. We have deceived ourselves into thinking things are better because the encampment has been moved to the bench lands. As a former Parks and Rec commissioner and a very concerned taxpayer, I cannot understand how this situation is allowed to continue. Through misplaced compassion, our entire community is deprived of the opportunity to enjoy San Lorenzo Park as it has been turned over to trash, vandalism, inappropriate and illegal behaviors. We have followed the city's repeated attempts at solution and understand that there is no easy answer. The upper park area should be separated from the encampment (fence?) and restored for public use with laws enforced for community health and safety.