



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

July 2012

Welcome to new members Deb Molina, Manuel Zavala, Judith Gonzales and MIke Gonzales. We will be holding a second pancake breakfast, Saturday, June 23 at 8:30 before the 9:30 draw game. Cost is \$5 for eggs, pancakes, juice and coffee. If you missed last month's breakfast, here is a second chance to try those great buttermilk pancakes! Sundae Sunday Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 8. Details are below. Note that we have a Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 21. It is important that you attend this meeting since we have a lot of decisions to be made about the change to our fence line. I will send you the agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting will be at 12:00 following the draw game so bring your lunch. We will have desserts available.

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

July 8- Sunday, Sundae Sunday

July 10- Tuesday- Off site lunch (Car pool to wharf for \$6 taco/margarita lunch at Olitas)

July 21- Saturday- Quarterly meeting 12:00

July 27- Friday- Pizza and bowls, 4:30

**Thanks:** Thanks to Allan Lonnberg for the wonderful pancake breakfasts he has prepared; to Stephen Schoenfeld for acting as tournament director for the Erica Schilling Memorial tournament; to Earl Rosebraugh, Gil Morse and Coral Singer for green maintenacne work

## **Goals:**

### Personnel

1. To increase membership to 65 full members. As of 1 June roster was 60 - almost there...
2. To provide increased training opportunities. We have had Moday mornings scheduled in February and March with a variety of competitive formats; monthly visits to San Jose, Santa Clara and Carmel in January, February and

- March. The club rodeo was held in May as an introduction to competitive pairs. Rodeo competition taught all how to use score cards in tournament.
3. To host another club for visitation. Holmby Hills will be here August 14-15.

### Facility

1. To pursue purchase of better brushing machine to improve green maintenance. With generous support from City of Santa Cruz...Our new Vertitop Walk behind will be arriving in the next few weeks. It has a working width of 36", is self propelled and self sifts. The manufacturer will provide training and I'll let you know so you may attend if interested. DONE!
2. To obtain pricing and source for table replacement. David was able to locate 6 six foot tables for use in the clubhouse. They are much easier to move than the large wooden tables We will be trying them out and using them instead of and in addition to wooden tables as needed. DONE
3. To purchase additional set of bowls, size 2 or 3 for club inventory. DONE.

### Finances

1. To increase green fund by \$5000 - See below "Moving the Fence Line"

**Being a better bowler:** Two practice drills from "Lawn Bowls coaching" by Rob Judson:

#1 Using chalk or string set up two crosses, one at each end of the rink. Roll the first bowl to quadrant 1 on the forehand then a 2d bowl to quadrant 2 without crossing the center line. Repeat the drill on the back hand; keep a score sheet of your successes.

#2 Place 3 jacks at various distances: short, medium and long. Alternate hands and distances, i.e., first bowl to long jack forehand, 2d bowl to medium jack forehand, 3d bowl to short jack forehand. Repeat with backhand.

I have tried these drills. Fun but definitely require focus, especially #1.

**Dual Members:** Don't forget to be entering your name in the dual member raffle box located on the shelf next to the door. You may win lunch for 2 at the Hindquarter restaurant. You are welcome to join us in the Sundae tournament.

**Erica Schilling Tournament:** Thanks to Stepehn Schoenfeld for serving as Tournament Director for the June 10 tournament. Stephen shared a lot of personal thoughts of Erica which helped all of us to know her better. Congratulations to winners Glen Johnson and Graham Evans (1st), Neil Lyttle and Henry Bazzano (2d) and Stehen Schoenfeld and Rene Sayer (3d).

**Sundae Sunday:** Sunday, July 8 at 12:30 we will have our Sundae Sunday tournament. Each participant will play a 6 end triple, 8 end pair and an 8 end singles game accumulating points for yourself. The number of points you achieve will determine the number of toppings you get on your sundae from plain vanilla ice cream to a full blown banana split! We will have only three crowning marischino cherries (1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners). Sign up sheet is on the front table; sign ups close Thursday, July 5 at 3:00. New members are welcome to sign up. This is an easy way to play in a competitive event.

**Moving fence line**- Working with City Council and Parks and Recreation Department we have been granted the opportunity to move our fence on the Dakota Avenue side of the green out to the grass line. The fence will attach to the club house just beyond the 2d window so all sheds, clubhouse door and 2 windows are within our fence. The line will angle so that drinking fountain remains outside the fence but our sprinkler valves and flagpole are within the fence. The city will remove all existing tables (which are in very poor condition) and will provide us with three new concrete tables. We will be creating plans for use of new space for which we already have received suggestions including gardens, bike rack, bowl polishing area, our own portable, etc. We need your ideas as we move forward in creating plans for use of this area. We owe particular thanks to Councilwoman Lynn Robinson, Parks and Rec Director, Danneette Shoemaker, Parks Supervisor, Mauro Garcia and Andrew Eisenberg for being so supportive and encouraging. We have received thanks from Councilman Dave Terrazas, Mayor Don Lane, and Community leader Analicia Cube for our work in the park. One of the most important things you can do is to utilize the area. Make an extra effort to attend the draw games on these beautiful summer days or perhaps stay a few extra minutes to have lunch in the park or practice. Later this summer we hope to invite with the "Stroller Love" and "Senior Sit" group that meet on Tuesday mornings in the play ground area to watch a game and have lunch at the tables. My thanks to all of you for your support as the project so rapidly has developed. I'll keep you informed as the project moves forward.