



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

March 2020

No one has signed up to clean this month. Please let me know if you are willing to take on this task even if for only a week. Sadly, Doris Stabinsky has found it necessary to leave lawn bowling. She has struggled with arthritis and is no longer able to play. Our January 31 roster stands at 29 regular members so our goal is 34 by the end of the year. Please try to spend a few minutes every time you come to the green to pull a few weeds or rake a few leaves out of the ditches. This time of the year, with the moist conditions and increasing light, the weeds are flourishing. We welcome new member, Brian Kindell. He has played a couple of game and is looking forward to meeting our members. We have received the Friendship Game schedule. See calendar section below for dates. We are hosting June 3. Our St. Patrick's Day celebration game will be "Survivor Bowls" (cut throat or pairs) where on each end the bowl farthest from the jack is removed.

Calendar

March 15, Sunday, St Patricks celebration 2:30 Wear green and play "Survivor Bowls"

March 15, 22, 29, Parks and Rec class 12:00-2:30

March 19, Thursday, 2:30 Quarterly Meeting

Plan ahead April 19, Sunday, visit from Scotts Valley Bocce Club

Friendship Games on Wednesdays starting at 9:00. We will have carpool sign ups on front table.

May 6 Palo Alto

May 13 Sunnyvale

May 20 Santa Clara

May 27 San Jose

June 3 Santa Cruz

June 10 Carmel

Thanks: To Famy for working on our first aid supplies; to Harry and Steve for repainting and hanging our clubhouse sign; to John Blakeslee for cleaning the green after the Feb 9 wind storm; to Famy for help cleaning ditches after that storm; to Linda for tackling clean up after the Valentine's Party

Focal Point

Weight control from Perfect Bowls

Weight control is an internal factor, it comes from that unique and personal subconscious's computer we all possess, our Rupert. Thus if Rupert (our subconscious's alone is capable of fine-tuning weight, then trying to achieve it by making adjustments to the delivery action is going to be damaging rather than helpful.

Consider when you drive a car: if you tried to work out mathematically the speed at which to negotiate a corner, you'd never make it to your destination. Rather you do it intuitively. The same principal applies to bowls. The only difference is there is no physical danger on a bowling green so you can afford to put complete trust in your intuition. The more trust you develop, the less you have to consciously try and apply the correct weight. The full article is on the bulletin board. I encourage you to read it as it has some excellent suggestions.

Goals

Personnel: To have a net gain of 5 members added to our January 31 roster. (34)

Facilities: Ditches to be improved and squirrel problem eliminated.

Finance: To add \$5000 to green replacement fund .

PBA: Received from Neil Furman regarding use of our green:

I just wanted to confirm with you that we are going with Beverly Hills as our location this year, primarily because the best date was to tag onto the end of the SW Open. The dates are April 25-28 if you or anyone you can think of want to participate in the qualifiers.

I want to particularly thank you for your continued support of PBA, and also for so graciously offering Santa Cruz as the venue for the qualifiers. Please know that it is greatly appreciated.

Depending how it goes this year, we may look to possibly moving north next year.

Thank you again.
Very best regards,
Neil

From Gustav: We will soon be inviting the Bocce League to come to the green. In order to make the event run we need a lawn bowling team with eight players that are the friendliest members. Lunch for 60 to 70 people. Costco pizza hopefully. Someone to run the tournament board. Someone serving the drinks and collecting \$. I'll be running the event. I'll have the date within two weeks.

Please let Gustav know if you are able to help or say “yes” when asks you to help

Attendance

We had 104 games signed in roster in January for average draw of 6.5. Highest January numbers since 2016!

