



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

November 2021

We welcome new members Denise Hall, Petra Bryan, Mel Dion and Jean Marie Mott. I met with Parks representatives at the end of September. They suggested a few security measures that we can take but were overall very impressed with our organization, record keeping and maintenance. My follow up letter to Parks is below. Winter hours begin on November 1. All draw times are 12:30 (T-Th S- Su). Please plan to attend our Veterans' Day celebration on November 11. We will have a 12:30 draw game followed by special snacks and round table discussion as a way to commemorate our Veterans' Service. Please note the material below on 2022 dues. We have not had a dues increase in 10 years and it is a discussion worth having. Cleaning for November is John Blakeslee.

Calendar

November 1, Monday, Winter hours begin, all draw games are at 12:30

November 11, Thursday, Veteran's Day celebration 2:30

Goals 2021

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

Facility: to have ditches lined with wire and artificial turf- met

Finance: to add \$2500 to CD- met

Thanks: To Earl and Dave for brushing the green; to Dave for repairing the broken rake, to Jesse, Dave, Stephen, Aumao and Gustav for green and garden

clean up; to Gil for trimming bushes in garden area, to Dave for repairing gate and back door after break-in attempts.

2022 Dues: I am placing the discussion of 2022 dues on the agenda for next month's Quarterly meeting. Please give the following some thoughtful consideration. Our primary obligation is to the green. In the next 5-10 years we are going to be facing the very large expense of replacing the green carpet. If we raise our dues from \$10 per month to \$12 per month (\$144 annual amount) we bring in another \$1000 annually. If you bowl once a week that is less than \$3 per game; twice a week, the cost is less than \$1.50 per game. Still a very good deal. I'd rather pay \$24 more per year than be asked for a \$1000 donation in 2028. The projected 2022 budget, with dues increase is below.

I have also been contacted by another club's President who suggests that we eliminate the dual member discount. Apparently we are the only club who still have this and I was told it is causing some confusion. I will recommend that we have one fee for all playing members. Currently the dual discount takes about \$400 away from our revenue. Non-bowling associate fee is still \$50. An associate member is entitled to attend social events but not to use equipment, bowl or vote. All bowling members pay the same amount regardless of how many memberships they hold in other clubs.

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Club Proposed Budget 2022

Beverage fund is not included in budget. That fund is used to replenish beverages and purchase Thursday pizza and snacks and special event hospitality costs.

Revenue	Operating (unrestricted)	Greens CD (Temp restricted)	Total
Carry over 2021 (checking is currently about 4400 but I am allowing \$1000 to cost share fencing if necessary)	3400	44485	48485
Dues income-members projecting 30@144	4320		
Special events (Based on 2021 Solstice, breakfasts, corporate, etc)	0		

Locker rent (23 lockers available @\$10)	100		
Miscellaneous income (\$1jar)	500		
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Expenses	
Operating supplies (chalk, gasoline, tools, paint)	300
Office expenses (printing, paper postage)	150
Hospitality expenses	150
Tournament expense	300
Insurance	700
Miscellaneous (incl web, PIMD)	400
Total projected expense	2000

Income minus expense (8320-2000)	6320
Cash transfer (increase CD)	(5000)

Net assets 12/31/2022 1320 checking +49485 CD =\$50855

If we do not raise dues which adds \$!000 and eliminate dual discount, we will enter 2023 with approximately \$150 in checking)

Parks Meeting: In order to confirm what was discussed at the meeting with the Parks representatives Steve Gomez and Paul Fortieri, the following reply was sent:

Thank you so much for meeting me last Tuesday, September 21 at the lawn bowls green. We very much appreciate your time and your offer to help and thanks to Paul for taking photos and giving suggestions for increasing security. My understanding is that Parks will be addressing:

1. Hazardous exposed electrical wires on both ends of the clubhouse will be secured.
2. Exterior water faucet will have a lock installed
3. Damaged gutters will be replaced and all gutters cleaned
4. Damaged flashing on roof vent will be repaired
5. Tripping hazard on walk way due to tree roots will be ground down

6. Estimate for fencing limited area behind clubhouse and shed will be obtained for possible cost sharing of nuisance area between clubhouse and Paradox
7. Hedges between Paradox parking lot and back of restroom will be trimmed to increase visibility to that area
8. Discussion will be held with the Paradox about the possibility of installing a gate for delivery access to back door of clubhouse
9. Arborist will be consulted as to health of redwoods between lawn bowls green and county building to prevent future damage to lawn bowls green
10. Base of storage shed will be repaired to prevent rodent ingress
11. City mechanic will be available to assist with co-owned brushing machine maintenance if needed

We sincerely appreciate your time and suggestions . Have a good weekend.

Note: To date only #1 has been addressed.

Veteran's Day: Please come to the November 11 Draw and join us for special snacks afterwards. I especially encourage all our veteran's to join us. If you can find any of your old insignia or decorations, please wear/bring to share.

Attendance; September had 145 games signed for with an average draw of 8

