



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

September 2012

Welcome to new member, Craig Barili, who is already proving to be a strong player and active participant in club happenings. We are happy to have you with us, Craig. At long last the new fence is complete and it looks great. We are using our portable tables for awhile until the city tables arrive. We have begun work on the gardens with generous donation of plants from the Hotel Paradox but will be doing more once rainy season begins. The new brushing machine has also arrived and it is fantastic! We are still in a learning curve but finished the entire task with just 2 people in under 3 hours. It can brush a 36" span, is self propelled, and automatically sifts the sand. My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting both of these changes. What a marked difference they will make in our club environment.

If you are planning to play in the draw pairs tournament, you must sign up by August 28 in order to set up play format. Play begins on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 9:15 and final matches will be played on Sunday, Sept. 2. Alan is going to make blueberry pancakes on Saturday, Sept 1., before the tournament. Pancakes, eggs, juice, coffee for just \$5. Where can you get a better deal? New members, don't hesitate to sign up for the tournament. Conditions of play are below. Note that regular draw will occur on Sunday, Sept 2 at 12:30. No draw game on Saturday, September 1 as the green will be filled by tournament players.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

Sept 1- Saturday, Blueberry pancake breakfast 8:30-9:15

Sept 1-2 Saturday, Sunday- Club draw pairs tournament 9:15 (finals on Sunday)

Sept 4 -Tuesday - Pot -luck Picnic in the Park 12:00

Sept 22-23 -Saturday-Sunday Club singles championship 8:30

Sept 28 Friday -1:00 Jaws tournament, Carmel. Car pools will be arranged.

Thanks: Thanks to Glenda Gwin for donating her 00 bowls to the club; to Gil Morse for help with green maintenance; to David Sievert for making umbrella covers and rake repair; to Gary Luttringer and Pete Blacklock for removing and replacing fence signs for construction; to Alan for cooking our breakfasts; to Pete for painting the safety strip at the walk throughs; to Leslie McGarvey and Heidi for hospitality for the Holmby Hills visit; to Sara Mikles for shopping for garden supplies; to Stephen and Jerry for brushing the green; to Heidi, Gary, Dave Sievert and Craig for transplanting; to Bill Ranney for providing gopher baskets.

Goals:

Personnel

1. To increase membership to 65 full members. We have 61 members on our roster so just 4 to go.
2. To provide increased training opportunities. We have had Monday 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. The Big Board challenge will be held August through December 1. See below for details.
3. To host another club for visitation. Holmby Hills will be here August 14. DONE

Facility

1. To pursue purchase of better brushing machine to improve green maintenance. DONE
2. To obtain pricing and source for table replacement. Six portable tables purchased. DONE
3. To purchase additional set of bowls, size 2 or 3 for club inventory. We have also received the donation of Dorothy Ceccini's bowls (size 1) from her family and Glenda Gwin's 00 bowls. DONE.

BBC- Still plenty of time to sign up for this tournament. Conditions of play are posted in the club house. Handicaps are posted on the white board. You can follow the progress of square acquisition on the white board. Make your own game arrangements (non-draw times) and earn a square or two. Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Party

Club Draw Pairs - Full conditions of play are posted in the club house but in summary, we will try to set up so that:

No skip plays the same skip

No skip has the same partner

No lead plays against the same skip

No lead plays more than twice against the same lead

- Day 1–Saturday – Qualifying rounds; 4 six end games with 60 minute time limits
- Day 2– Sunday – Championship Game (The number of ends to be played and the rink to be played on, will be determined by the Tournament Committee before qualifying round in the Conditions of Play)

Being a Better Bowler: Excerpt from “Lawn Bowls Coaching” by Rob Judson:

For establishing their immediate practice needs, bowlers should review and identify their present performing strengths and weaknesses....Self-testing might pose such questions as:
Can I identify any general weaknesses (eg. short bowling, accuracy on long ends, drawing to the ditch, etc.)

Can I deliver the jack precisely to the distance I want?

Do I have a weakness on either forehand or backhand?

Do I have a weakness related to length of end?

Do I have a weakness when a short bowl obscures a clear view of the jack?

Does a bowl in the draw unduly distract me?

Do I have any weakness in any of the shots- particularly shots of moderate speed?

Do I have a weakness related to certain paces of the green?

Do elements of the competition environment upset my concentration?

Remember that practice makes progress and playing in the BBC is a fun way to practice