



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

September 2013

Welcome to new member Nino Bachar. Nino is a retired teacher and showing a lot of potential to become an outstanding bowler. He is very enthusiastic about the sport and will be a welcome member of any team. We are extending the singles tournament to October 1 to allow more time for completing matches. So many people have had visitors and been on vacation, it has been difficult to complete match assignments. More information below. There has been another personnel change at the Paradox. Mr. Moreno, my parking contact, has left so continue to use your original passes. I have spoken with the new management and we can continue to park in the Paradox lot on Tuesday and Thursday when there is space. Our junior member, James Vallett will be collecting for "Toys for Tots" for the holidays. If you can contribute a new toy, James will take care of getting it to the collection point. More next month but start watching for sales. Let's help James.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.
Sept 7, Saturday, Pancake and Egg Breakfast, 8-9

Sept 10., 10:30- 4:00, Tuesday, Jaws Tournament in Carmel, Sign up sheet is on the front table. We will be arranging car pools. Novices, here is a fun opportunity for competitive play on grass

Sept 12, Thursday, no snacks- Fancisco Partners corporate event 3:30-6:00 We will need coaches. Please let me know if you can help.

Sept 21, Saturday, Pre-wedding game 10-1 for 6 groomsmen. We will need a coach. Let me know if you can help. (This will be during draw time.)

Thanks: Thanks to Stephen Schoenfeld, Glen Johnson, Jerry Louis, Heidi Louis, John Lyons, Ann and Gil Morse, Carne and Peter Clarke, Sandi, Nelson, Nino Bachar, Cheri Boulware, Don Fitzgerald, Mary Ann Stewart, Nino Bachar, John Curwen, Rod Atchison, Barbara Breit, Dave Seivert and Pete Blacklock for help with PBA tournament; to John Lyon and Pete Blacklock for their work cleaning Dakota Ave. and sharing their good deeds with the Paradox; to Dave Seivert for removing the unsightly outdoor blackboard and painting; to Cheri, Heidi, Sandi and Jerry for the cleaning and redecorating of the clubhouse.

Goals 2013:

At our October quarterly meeting we will begin discussing goals for 2014. Give it a little thought now so we can make this the club you want to have.

Remember that we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary and looking for ideas.

Personnel

1. To have a roster of 65 members. Currently, we have 60.
2. To increase competitive event participation- Singles tournament has been extended to October 1. Semi finals will be played Thursday, October 10 at 12:30; finals will be played on Saturday, October 12 at 9:30. Reminder that the draw pairs tournament is on Nov. 9. Three 8 end games with different partners each game; top leads and top skips advance to Nov 19 finals.
3. To have 2500 individual games played (green use records)- Our attendance continues average over 14 at draw games so we are on track to meet this goal

Facility

To have area in front of rake shed paved. N/A

Finances

To increase green fund by \$5000. Our greens fund CD will come for up for renewal in October and will need to discuss increasing the fund at that time. Harry Schoenfeld is donating one of his hand made bowls (salad type not rolling type) as a fund raiser. Bowl will be on display in the club house with a narrative from Harry describing materials and process. We will offer the bowl through a silent auction, opening bid \$250; bidding increment \$25.

PBA: Thanks to so many who worked so hard as we hosted the PBA. At the conclusion of the event, several additional members said they wished they had played in it. We were fortunate to have so many outstanding bowlers on our green and so many that were willing to work with us to improve our games. I received the following very kind letter from Frank Souza of PBA:

“On behalf of all the members of the US PBA, I would like to thank you and members of the Santa Cruz Bowls club for your generous hospitality and for hosting our 2013 Qualifying Events.

Our event was a total success only because of the wonderful support we received from you and the members of your Club. Your welcome was felt by all and it was a pleasure bowling on your green. What we cherish most is your friendship.

The Professional Bowls Association is a world wide organization and your Club is internationally known from previous events held at your Club. The Santa Cruz Bowls Club can be proud of that.

Santa Cruz, California is an ideal location to host our Qualifiers. Not only is Santa Cruz known as a surfer’s paradise, you can add our sport to it. Let me assure you that bowling at your Club was enjoyed by all.

I would not hesitate to bring the US PBA Qualifiers back to Santa Cruz It was a pleasure working with you and members of your Club. My personal thanks to all.”

Lastly...

The club's top bowler, a guy who had won every club championship numerous times, was known for carrying a little black book which regularly consulted during games. Whenever he stood on the mat, with a particularly difficult situation, he would take out this little book and then make a brilliant shot. Eventually he died and there was great interest in this book. Many of the club's members approached the man's widow asking what she was planning to do with this legendary book. As a shrewd woman who was also in need of funds, she decided to auction the book off to the highest bidder. The auction was held at the club and after some very spirited bidding a member, who had often finished second to the now deceased champion, took possession of the much sought after and now quite expensive book. He could scarcely wait to take the book home and peruse its pages at leisure. He sat himself down in his study and began to leaf through the pages - and he found that the pages were blank! He finally came to a single page that had one sentence on it. It said;
"Small circle on the inside."

