

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome to new members Helga Boynton, Pam Pearl and Susan Whalen. Pam and Helga have already been in their first tournament, International Night. Glad to have you with us, ladies. We have now replaced the tools and leaf blowers taken during our July break-in. Due to the theft of our tool bag, small tools are now being kept in the bottom drawer of the credenza inside the clubhouse rather than in the bowls shed. Just this week, our garden hose was taken. We have sent a letter to the city safety committee addressing some of our concerns about the park (below).

A new master lock has been installed on gate and bowls shed that has been custom made to fit your current "red" key. The machine shed has a new lock that requires a new yellow key. The blowers are also chained inside the shed requiring a key to open. Club singles sign ups close on August 29. There is still time to sign up. It will be a fun challenge so even if you see your self "finishing last", give it a try. If you can't get to the clubhouse to sign up, email me and I will get your name on the list. You can set your own game times. International Night was a great success. Team Bahrain won with Team Armenia coming in second. We had a lot of new people come to check out the sport and Aumao did a fantastic job on the food, music and decorations. We will have one more Wednesday night event on September 20, "Western Night". If you haven't had a chance to play an evening game, dig out your cowboy hats and come give it a try. Note that next weekend, Aug. 26-27, is the annual Taco and Tequila Festival in San Lorenzo Park. Parking will be very limited as will access to the green.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

Friday, September 1, Club singles tournament begins

Wednesday, September 20, 5:30-7:30 Western night: Sponsored by Pete B and Don

Thanks: to Aumao for an incredible International Night; to John L for research on the leaf blowers and negotiations during purchase. (He was able to get us a 10% discount and free 4 year warranty); to Carne and Peter for their draft of the letter to the Safety Committee; to Carne for providing snacks during the International Tournament; to Earl and Aumao for green brushing; to Pete B for research on ditch covering and the new garden hose.

Focal Point: From Newport Harbor LBC An exercise for Drawing to the jack:

Roll first bowl forehand delivery approximately 80'.

Attempt to make as tight a head as possible with the remaining 3 bowls, using the same hand.

Scoring:

Every bowl within 1' = +5 pts.

Every bowl within 3' of the original bowl = -5 pts.

No score for bowls between 1' and 3' from the jack.

Total possible points for this drill: +15 to -15 pts

Repeat drill using backhand delivery

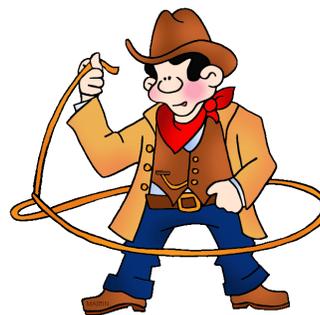
Western Night, Wednesday, September 20 : Our last Wednesday night event so saddle up and come on down. This looks to be a very fun evening with 2 fine chuck wagon cooks in charge (Don and Pete). Everyone wins something! Game will be wild jack cut throat (10 ends). Teams will be random draw and we welcome new comers. As usual, members \$5 and guests \$10. (New players renting equipment, \$15 includes dinner). You are encouraged to wear western garb or if you are a tinder horn , whites or team shirts.

Goals 2017:

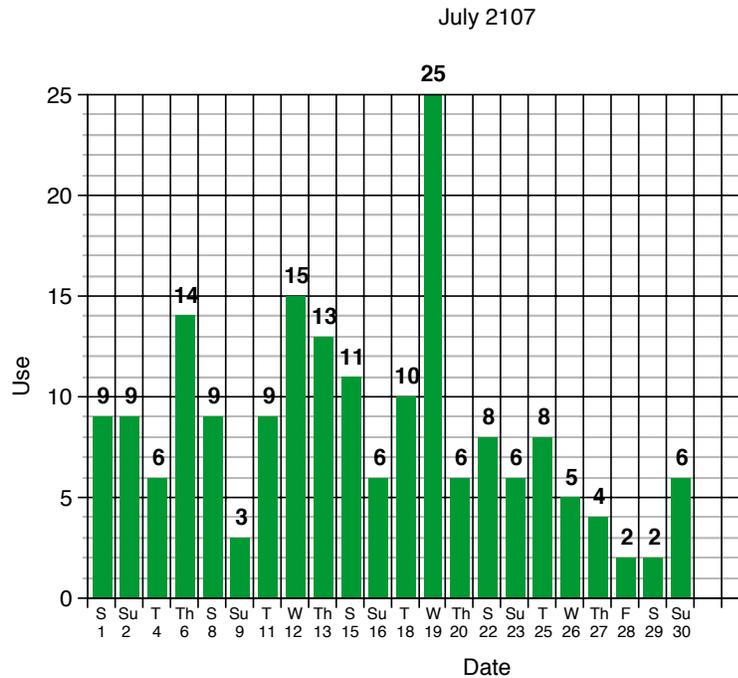
Personnel: To add 10 new members, to have 2800 games played

Facilities: To have all members participate in clubhouse garden and green maintenance

Finance: To add \$3000 to green replacement fund



Attendance: July sign in roster saw a total of 186 games for an average draw of 11.



SCLBC Sign in Roster

City Public Safety Committee: Letter that was sent for Aug 21 Committee meeting:

Dear Mayor Chase and Council members Terrazas and Noroyan:

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Club was founded more than 50 years ago. Our bowling green and club house are located in San Lorenzo Park near the duck pond. We are grateful to the concerned Santa Cruz citizens and city personnel who work hard to beautify “our” park with flowers, sponsor frequent weekend events, improve the bike path, and enhance a more family friendly environment by fencing the playground and installing the pump track. Our lawn bowling members have contributed to these efforts by regularly picking up litter, planting and caring for flowers, offering bowling lessons during city sponsored events and providing healthy activities for the community. Yet, we struggle to bring people to the park because it is still not safe.

In the past month, for example, we had a potential new member who was afraid to walk into the park because someone was shooting drugs on the lawn outside her car along Dakota Avenue. Frequently this summer, we have had to walk through groups of men standing outside of the women’s restroom just to get to the bowling green. It seems likely that they are selling drugs to be used while in the restroom. In one 2 week period recently we found 11 needles in the garden area between the restroom and clubhouse and along the sidewalk behind the clubhouse. The area along this walkway has also become an area of regular and

frequent urination and defecation. Although the restroom is now closed due to vandalism, we have regularly observed men entering the women's restroom, sometimes with women. Imagine how threatening it would feel to take your daughter from the playground to the women's restroom? In early July, we observed a man with a bolt cutter hiding behind a tree near the bowling green. Shortly after, we had to replace our gate's cut lock for the second time this year. In early June a club member had his \$3000 bike stolen from inside the fenced area while 35 bowlers were inside eating lunch. We frequently see bikes being dismantled in the park. Our bowls storage shed was broken into in July and many of our tools were taken as well as personal property belonging to members. We have had to spend over \$500 to replace the missing equipment.

Dakota Avenue bordering the park and the Dakota Avenue park drive way to the park has become a haven for inappropriate and illegal behavior. Large amounts of trash accumulate, people are sleeping on the sidewalk, and needles are found (photos attached). We would like to see a full time ranger assigned to the park as well as increased monitoring and clean up of Dakota Avenue.

Sincerely
Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Club
Christine Palochak, President

Reply received from Council member Richelle Noroyan:

Dear Ms. Palochak,

Thank you for sending the letter and photos to the public safety committee. The behavior you are witnessing and the property crimes happening to your facility and individuals in the club are not acceptable. As you know, there are many issues in San Lorenzo park and unfortunately those issues are present in many parks throughout Santa Cruz.

I have copied City Manager Martin Bernal, police chief Andrew Mills and Parks Director Mauro Garcia on this message. The city has recently hired more park rangers and created a neighborhood solutions team to address the problems you have brought to our attention. Through this email I have brought this to their attention and I will follow up with them. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Richelle Noroyan