



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

November 2015

Welcome to new members John and Jaclynn Shurtleff. We are glad to have you with us and look forward to meeting you on the green.

This Friday, Oct 23, we will have a clean up day with Green brushing, 10:00-2:00. Please bring your own lunch. If you can only come for a short while, please do so. We can all finish earlier with your help. We have most of the construction cleaned up but garden areas and walk ways have been untended.

Our September attendance was 138 so our numbers are still down. We are plagued with hip, knee and shoulder problems!

During the October 14 DA event, we received many comments from our guests on how nice the clubhouse looks and the convenience of having our own restroom. I am sure we all agree!

If you have any suggestions for 2016 tournaments or social activities, please let me know so that we can begin to prepare our calendar for next year.

Please note that **winter hours begin on Sunday, November 1**. All draws will be at 12:30. No morning draws until May.

Our nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers for next year. Leslie, Ann and Dave Witte have agreed to continue in their positions. If you have interest in serving on the board, please contact me.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

Oct 23, Friday, 10-2 Fall clean up. Bring your own lunch

Nov. 1, Sunday, Winter hours begin. All draws at 12:30

Nov. 12, Thursday, 2:30 Veterans Day Snacks. Come celebrate with our veterans

Dec. 10 Thursday, 2:30 Annual meeting, Election of Officers

Dec. 20, Sunday, 4:30 \$5 Christmas Party, Bring an appetizer to share

Thanks: Pete B for taking care of engraving; John L for help with finishing construction; John Curwen for green maintenance; Gil for lining cabinets with FRP; Earl for green maintenance; John L., Pete B., Peter and Carne, Glen and Gil for helping with the DA event; to Harry and Stephen for building the closet shelving; to Carne and Peter for working with membership; to Gil for installing the chair railing.

Construction: Done! Done! Done! Our final cost was just over \$46,000 with the city reimbursing about \$15,000.

Dues: Dues for 2016 remain at \$120 (\$10 per month). Locker rental or shed storage of your bowls is an additional \$10. Still a great bargain! Dues can be sent to Dave Witte at 2510 Smith Grade Rd., Santa Cruz, 95060 or given to me at the clubhouse. Please try to pay promptly so we can resolve our construction loans (see below).

Goals 2015:

Personnel: To add 10 new members. Goal met

To have 2800 games played. Unlikely that we will reach our numbers. We will probably have about 2500 games as we did in 2014.

Facilities: To complete restroom/ storage addition. Goal met!!

Finance: To fully finance addition. We hold two \$5000 notes (3 month and 6 months) but should be able to repay both by the end of the year. City reimbursement is slow taking over 8 weeks after receipts are submitted. Please submit your dues before December 31, 2015, so we can complete this goal with all notes retired by the end of the year.

Membership: Now that we have completed our facilities renovation, we will re-emphasize membership for 2016. The membership committee (Rod, Carne and I) have been brainstorming and have come up with a list of ideas. We will be refining our list and will have a suggested membership program at our January 14, 2016 Quarterly meeting. We welcome your ideas so let me know your thoughts on recruitment/retention. We will need all members to help recruit for next year.