



Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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The Yellow Jacket



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www.newportharborlbc.com

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February Events

Happy Valentines Day

Feb 2	Sat	Winter League- Semi Finals	TBA
Feb 3	Sun	Super Bowl Sunday Bowls	NHLBC
Feb 6	Wed	Board Meeting 2:30 pm	NHLBC
Feb 16	Sat	Winter League North vs South	TBA
Feb 17	Sun	Club Valentine's Party Pairs	NHLBC
Feb 23	Sat	SWWD Mumma Mixed Pairs Ladies skip	Riverside LBC

More information and tournament entry forms/flyers can be found at www.newportharborlbc.com

Weekly Draw NHLBC

Social Bowling

Monday 6:30 pm
 Tuesday 1:00 pm
 Wednesday 10:00 am
 Wednesday 6:30 pm
 Thursday 3:00 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am
 Sunday 2:00 pm

Competitive Pairs

Tournament Prep
Tuesday and Thursday at
9:00 am

Call 949-640-1022
At least 30 minutes before
the draw time with your
name and draw number

Save the Date

Sat, April 6th
Open house at NHLBC for
Newport Beach Yacht club
members from 10 am- 3 pm

As a courtesy to new
members, please remember
to wear your nametag.

Have you paid your membership dues?
 They were due on Jan 1st and will be delinquent on Feb 15th. Send a check for \$175 to the **Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club** at the above address or leave it in the box in the office for Jan Hargraves. Remember, this year, you will get membership in two clubs for the price of one. A membership in the Newport Beach Yacht Club is included at no extra cost. It gives us a nice place to go for a meal with a similar club atmosphere to NHLBC. Enjoy it.

Message from the President

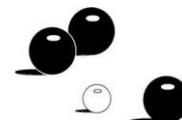


I just got back from a great trip to Israel and am putting this month's message together at the last moment. After relaxing but cold January, Club activities are beginning to pick up. On Sunday, February 3rd, we have our annual Super Bowl Party where we play a 49'ers versus Ravens Super Bowling challenge followed by the Super Bowl game and potluck meal. On Sunday, February 17th, we start the first of our monthly club tournaments, the Valentine's Day Mixed Pairs, with a twist this year, the men ask their lady partner. Don't forget to wear some red for Valentine's Day. I hope all of you take the opportunity to join in the fun of both these events. Winter League play is finishing with the start of the semifinals. We have both a Trophy League and a Development League team in the semifinals. Good wishes to both teams!

I still have a couple of jobs to fill to complete our leadership positions. As you may know Chuck Muser's wife is very ill and he cannot continue serving as our Club Tournament Director and I need one more person to fill a four person team to share responsibility for organizing event hospitality. Any volunteers?

Looking ahead, on Saturday April 6, we will have a special Open House for NBYC members. Since the NBYC has some 1100 members, if only 10% come to the Open House that would be 110 attendees. It will take the efforts of many members to make this a successful fun event and hopefully a successful recruiting effort.

Ray Norris





Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club
Presents

SUPER BOWLS SUNDAY

Sunday, Feb 3rd

San Francisco 49ers vs Baltimore Ravens
Team captains will be Dale and Patty Lucas
Come at **12 noon** for registration and team picks
Play starts at 12:30

\$3 entry fee covers \$1 green fee and 2 \$1 lottery squares
Check at the club for more lottery squares
Winners of Super Bowling win extra squares
Quarterly pay outs based on team points

Dining at Super Bowl game half time
Non bowlers welcome

Sign up at the clubhouse to bring an appetizer, main
course, side dish or dessert for the potluck



Happy Birthday

Cheryl Johnston Ed Quo Jim Shillady
Clay Nolde Jim Zilli Thomas Taylor
Tom Hargraves Eula Casselman
Bev Cleveland Dave Phillips
Emily Carpenter Mike Saunders
Gary Legrand Julie Kirsch
Chris Chester Joan Morris

Caring Corner

Our thoughts are with Chuck and Sue Muser. We all send our best wishes for Sue's recovery.

*Ivan Hyland is recovering from surgery.
Gloria Montes lost her beloved sister.*

Contact Sally Shipley at 949-887-9064 or
sally@sallyshipley.com with any concerns



NHLBC
PRESENTS



VALENTINE'S DAY MIXED PAIRS

Men choose a Lady for Team Entry
(Or sign up to have a teammate assigned to you)

Two 12-end Games

Sunday, February 17

START AT 9:30
(Check in by 9:00)

ENTRY FEE \$10.00
(Bring your lunch: morning hospitality, salad & dessert provided)

WEAR RED & WHITE



SIGN UP AT CLUBHOUSE
Deadline: Friday, February 15

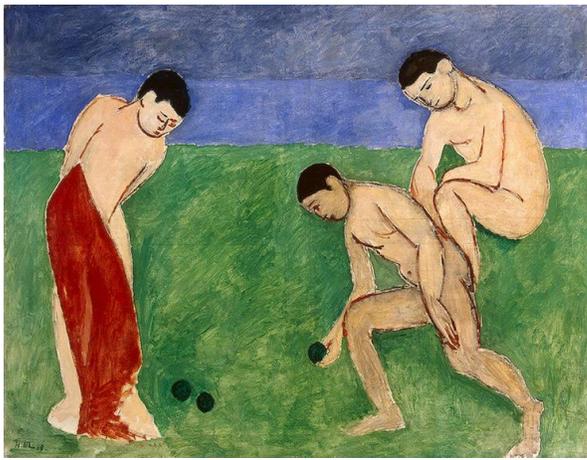


NEWPORT BEACH YACHT CLUB:

About 75% of our members have already renewed their 2013 NHLBC annual dues and received their "free" membership in the Newport Beach Yacht Club. Most of you have already experienced the wonderful food, entertainment and social activities that the Yacht Club has to offer, especially during the holidays.

If you have not yet already renewed your NHLBC membership, you still have until February 15th to pay your 2013 NHLBC dues (\$175). Our "Corporate Membership" in the Yacht Club requires that you must be a current NHLBC member to receive a "free" membership in the Yacht Club. Information about joining the Yacht Club is located on the table next to the TV in our clubhouse.

Remember, just like any other restaurant, you are responsible to pay for your own food and beverage at the end of each visit. When you receive your final bill from your server, do not sign it! Only "Regular Members" can sign their bills. As "Corporate Members", we must pay with a Credit or Debit Card before we leave the Yacht Club. Any questions you may have, contact John and Halina Groothuis (949-230-1957) or Barby Flaxman (949-689-3662).



Joueurs de Boules painted in 1908 by the Impressionist painter, Henri Matisse is in the Hermitage in St Petersburg, Russia. It is of three young men who are probably Matisse's sons and nephew, playing a game of Boules, the French equivalent of Bowls. It is said that Matisse saw the game as "a manifestation of man's creativity, and an instrument to use in understanding the codes of life." – a lofty ideal to which some members at our club might subscribe.



Two paintings by Jean-Louis Ernest Meissonier, painted in France about 1847



Bowling- The Sport of Kings

For several centuries, lawn bowling in England was only played by nobles and "others having manors or lands" as decreed by Edward III in the 15th century. This restriction was in effect until 1845 when it was repealed by Queen Victoria.

The history of bowling starts long before then. Illustrations of people playing a game looking like bowls have been found on ancient vases and plaques and some biased stone bowls from 5,000 BC have been found. The Romans in Julius Caesar's time played a game call Bocce and it is likely that they spread the game throughout Europe and Britain.

The game was flourishing in England in 1299 when the Southampton Old Bowling Green Club was established. This club is still active today. In the 14th Century, the game was so active that it was banned in both Britain and France because people were spending too much time on the game and not enough time practicing archery, which was necessary for their defense.

In 1588, Sir Francis Drake was reputed to have been playing bowls when warned of the approaching Spanish Armada. It is said that he replied that there was plenty of time to finish the game and still beat the Spaniards. There are those who dispute this anecdote but whether it is true or not his name has been immortalized on a brand of bowls.

Lawn bowling was probably introduced in America in the 17th century although archaeologists in Western Canada unearthed biased stone balls that appear to have been used by North American Indians well before that.

The game has evolved into different forms as it was popularized in different areas. In Italy, the game is called Bocce. It is played with balls that are spherical and have no inbuilt bias. They are made of metal or plastic. In France and Spain, they call the game Boules or Petanque. The ball is thrown rather than rolled. In Canada, they have adapted the game for their winter weather and play curling on ice. In England, they also play a game they call crown bowling, which is played on the whole green with undulations similar to a golf course.

The game as we know it, is played in many parts of the world including Australia, Cyprus, New Zealand, South Africa, Great Britain, etc. If you are interested in travelling to other parts of the world to bowl, join Ray on his trip to Great Britain this year from Sept 3 to 16th. Or, join Dee McSparran, Charlie Herbert, Mert Isaacman, Ed Quo, Jan Hargraves, Anne Nunes, Brian Stewart, Carrie Fossati, Ryan Neptune, Maryna and Ivan Hyland and others from our club who have travelled all over the world representing the USA in international bowling tournaments.

NHLBC Member Survey December 2012

Summary of Survey Results

75 members participated in the survey

- Majority of members bowl 2 – 3 days per week
 - Most popular bowling days – Saturday morning and Thursday evening
 - Most members have bowled 3 – 5 years
 - Many don't own their own bowls
 - If bowlers have been away from game for any length of time, it's due to health, travel or part time residency. All have returned or plan on returning.
 - Most members describe themselves as experienced social bowlers
 - The favorite positions are vice and lead
 - Bowlers prefer pairs and triples
 - Most prefer morning games and blind draw games paired with players of greater skill or similar skills
 - Approx. 12 expressed interest in facilitating BBQ.
 - Approx. 25 interested in club sponsored road trips.
 - All respondents happy with club communications
 - Approx. 15 interested in game/card night
 - Most preferred organized club bowling and club tournaments followed by league tournament play.
- Responses indicate high level of member satisfaction.

Carol Smith, Secretary
January 9, 2013



Sir Francis Drake playing bowls



Maryborough 1907



San Francisco 1938

