



# NEWPORT HARBOR LAWN BOWLING CLUB THE YELLOW JACKET

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## CALENDAR DECEMBER 2007

<u>Dec.1</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Annual Christmas Party</u> - 12:00 - Sign up
<u>Dec. 5 &amp; 12</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Sidewalk Repair Days</u> - One green open for bowling however each day
* <u>Dec. 8</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Annual General Club Meeting - Election of Board Members</u> - 10:00
<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Normal Board Meeting</u> - TBD - See bulletin board
<u>Dec.30</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Edward Mishow Private Party</u> - 10:00 to 3:00 - Not open to club members
<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Every week</u>	<u>Bowling Under The Lights</u> - 6:30 pm - show up!
<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Every Week</u>	<u>Instructions</u> - @ 10:00 - Bowling in afternoon - Call in by 12:30
<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Every Week</u>	<u>Twilight Pot Luck Bowling - Bring a Dish</u> - Now at 3:00
<u>Saturdays</u>	<u>Every Week</u>	<u>Morning Bowling</u> - 10:00 - Call by 9:30 - Be there 9:45

### \* **Annual Meeting:**

The NHLBC's Annual Meeting of club members will take place on Saturday December 8 at 10 AM at the club house. The purpose of this meeting will be the election of Officers and Directors for 2008, as well as the presentation of annual reports from the current officers and directors and other business. Please plan to attend as we need quorum of members to conduct this annual business meeting. Lunch will be served at the end of the meeting.

### The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2008:

#### **OFFICERS**

President.....John Groothuis  
Vice President.....David Stennes  
Treasurer.....Jan Hargraves  
Secretary.....Dee McSparran

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ray Norris (Immediate Past President)  
Len Cormier  
Patty Lucas  
Cathy MacDonald  
Charlie Herbert

Respectfully Submitted by: Jim Kelly, Charlie Herbert and Ted Farfaglia

### PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE



This is my last month as President of NHLBC and hence this will be my last Yellow Jacket President's Message to all of you. Two years ago, I said in my first President's Message that 'It is with some tribulation that I embark on this journey as your new club President. This was a true reflection of my concern that my leadership style might not be effective to achieve significant change and the club might wither away. At the time the club was losing members and I was concerned that if I wasn't up to the task of leading this club things would just continue to decline. Well, I admit that it hasn't been a rough journey these past two years and there is now good news to report and reflect upon. Membership has turned around from a low of 92 members at the beginning of 2006 to some 195 members now (this count is hard to keep up with as new members continue to join every month).

While growing the club membership, we have added a number of younger members who are contributing much towards improving the club and in bringing a new enthusiasm to the game.

In 2006 we faced a financial crisis in that the City of Newport Beach was reducing its contractually required \$9000 per year payment to the club, as its contribution towards maintenance of the greens, by \$1800 each year over the next 5 years when the City's payment reduces to zero. Through the combination of increased annual dues from the increase in membership and with a new source of income (some \$4000) from contributions made by outside groups who use the club for special events, it looks like the club can manage financially without the City support. While we will be losing the direct financial support, we will still enjoy the support of the City in sponsorship of our Open House efforts and for general repairs around the club grounds.

I know that these results are not directly attributed to anything special that I did, but were achieved by all of our efforts collectively. Congratulations everyone, great job! I am proud that I was at the helm when this turnaround occurred.

Hey, don't forget to attend the Annual General Meeting at 10:00 on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> so that you can approve a new slate of officers and Board members and make this farewell message official.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday and a Good New Year, Ray Norris

**Board Meeting:** There was no board meeting in November.

**Committee Chairperson List for 2008 - By Len Cormier IV**

The following is the current 2007 Committees/Chairperson List. Will each of these people please contact me at their earliest and let me know if they want to continue through 2008. I can then list only the vacancies on the survey so that we can hopefully find people to fill them at the general meeting. Thanks, Len

ART - Eula Casselman  
 BRIDGE - Marie Taggart  
 CLUB BOWLS – Tom H., David S, & Len C.  
 CLUB SUPPLIES - Barbara Temple  
 CLUBHOUSE DECORATIONS - Shirley Kahan  
 DELEGATES-COAST LEAGUE - Ray N. & Tom H.  
 GARDENING - Tom Hargraves  
 GREENS SUPERVISOR - Tom Hargraves  
 HOSPITALITY - Patty Lucas  
 INSTRUCTION - Jan Hargraves

MEMBERSHIP - Ray Norris  
 OPEN HOUSE - John Groothuis  
 SATURDAY BOWLING - Jim Altobelli  
 CLUB TOURNAMENTS - Jim Altobelli  
 COAST LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS - Jan H. & Ted F.  
 TWILIGHT BOWLING - Shep Sheppard  
 WEBSITE - Dee McSparran  
 WELFARE - Theresa Casanova  
 YELLOW JACKET - Jay Coons

**Theresa's Year End Musings: -**

Another year gone with many changes in our club. Thanks to John Groothuis, our club Vice President for his work with new membership drives and other happenings. Thanks also to Ray Norris, our two times club President. He has been one of our most outstanding, hard working, friendliest, caring, knowledgeable presidents we have ever had. Did everything "First Class" in all categories. Thank you Ray!

This year is ending with our membership close to 200, more than I have witnessed in my 23 years at NHLBC. John Groothuis was in charge of this happening.

The many outstanding functions - parties, tournaments, BBQ's, visiting neighboring clubs, entertaining visitors from all over the world - were enjoyed by our members.

And, I'd like to mention a few of our members who went beyond the call of duty to make all of these wonderful fun activities happen. Ray Norris, Jim Altobelli, Shep Sheppard, Brian Stewart, Ted Farfaglia, John Groothuis, Myrna Chan, Len Cormier IV, Cathy and Charlie Herbert, David Stennes, Jay Coons, Jan & Tom Hargraves, Pauline and Tibor Kozma, Dee McSparran, Ray Temple, Mert Isaacman, Ed Quo, Jerry and Sharon Grady, Simon Meyerowitz. Oh! Did I miss you? Sorry.

In memory of our 'lost members' this past year: Joseph Rackliffe "J.R.", Anne & Ximeno Tejada, and Tom Swanson. Rest in peace!

My writing of the Welfare Concerns for the Yellow Jacket has ended with this issue, as I will not be around enough to collect the news. I'll be living in different places and areas, traveling again. Occasionally I'll be back to Newport to bowl and see friends and take care of business. It has been fun writing this column about all of my comrades. But I still want to get my Yellow Jacket so I can read all about all of you.

Adios Amigos.

**December 1 Christmas Party - By Jay Coons**

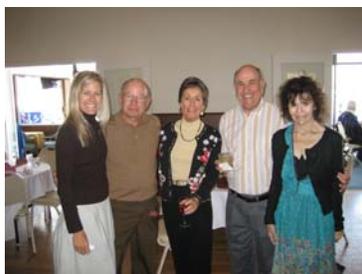
Around 70 showed up for this annual club event, this time at the American Legion Hall on the peninsula in Newport Beach. Thanks to **LenIV, Myrna., Charlie H., Jan and Dee** for their work in making this event so special. It was so good to see the South African tour group home from their very interesting trip.

Len and Charlie pooled their efforts to provide a slide show of past club events. There was so much natural light in the hall that the show lost some of its impact but the guys managed to have a wall on one of the darkest sides of the room for the show which ran continuously for viewing at random.

The food, prepared by ALH personnel, was served buffet style and was quite good.

Len and Charlie also conducted a quiz, with bowling history question sheets at each table. I'm not sure who won but my table didn't. That's for sure.

Recorded music was provided for dancing after lunch. I don't understand modern dancing. I prefer to hold my partner in my arms when I dance! Line dancing followed, led by Dee.



Remember - These news letters are now being e-mailed to all members who have e-mail addresses. If for any reason you have trouble receiving your copy that way, let Dee McSparran know.

For those who do not have e-mail addresses, your copy will be sent to you via normal mail.

If you have an e-mail address but would prefer a regular mail copy also let Jay Coons know.

**WELCOME TO NEW DECEMBER MEMBERS: -**

Any members who signed on in November will be acknowledged in the January Yellow Jacket along with those who join in December. We are pleased to have you aboard !!! If we don't get a Yellow Jacket mailed to you and you don't receive one by e-mail there will be 'hard copies on the piano in the club house.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS -** *By Dee McSparran*

Dec. 1	Martin Bright	Dec. 9	Jeff Schones	Dec. 17	Barbara McCowen
Dec. 5	Christian Bakewell	Dec. 11	Angela Roberts	Dec. 29	Cathie Herbert
Dec. 5	Susan Lelleher	Dec. 12	Sally Westcott	Dec. 30	Gayle Bright

*Editor's note - If we missed your birthday this month or on any previous month this year please let Dee know about it. She is a very busy lady!*

**Chicken Coup Doubles & Dinner Nov. 4 - 2007 -**

Jim Altobelli's orchestrated this day of tournaments and dinner, consisting of 24 couples competing in three sets of double games of 11 ends each per couple. Both of the greens were utilized, Each green, A & B, utilized 12 lanes.

That adds up to 48 players if your math needs help, even if it doesn't ! Over half were from NHLBC and the rest were from around the league.

And the winners were:-

Green A			Green B		
1st	Marion & Ron	3 wins + 22	1st	Dan & George	3 wins + 25
2nd	Dee & Gary	3 wins + 18	2nd	Don S. & Bob B.	2 wins + 15
3rd	Joe & Jim	2 wins + 10	3rd	Hilliard & Hilliard	2 wins + 9

It was a very cold morning, 60 degrees, but warmed up a bit during the day. Thanks so much for the helpers with special cudos to Ziba Askar who was Jim's right hand gal both in the kitchen but in taking in the money to be used as "Prizes" and also in the payment for the dinner at the Chicken Coup. Shep was a great help for Jim in the assignment and scoring charts.

The meal at the "Coup" was a gala affair with Carioca singing by Dee being one of the high lights. What a talent!

**Turkey Shoot Tournament Nov. 18 -**

Because of the approaching Thanksgiving Day event coming up plus the fact that several of our members were off on a bowling and sight seeing trip to South Africa, there was a rather small tour-out for this tournament. It was managed by Jim Alto however and proved to be a good two game day.

**And the winners were:**

1st	Jim K, Ginnie K, Joyce S.,	2 W + 13
2nd	Tibor K. Pauline K. Chuck M.	2 W + 12
3rd	Ron T. Terry H, Ziba A.	1 W, 1L - 1

**Update on Jo Feeney -** *By Tom Feeney*

My wonderful wife Jo is at a residential Board & Care Facility just a mile from home. She took a bad fall and fractured 3 ribs that put her in the hospital for a few days. This was followed up with some serious physical and occupational therapy for a few weeks. She was only home for 4 days when she came down with double pneumonia and back in the hospital for another 11 days and 2 surgical procedures. After this bout she was really weakened and back to rehab.

She's doing pretty well on recovery and getting her strength back. Anyway the place where she is staying is quite lovely and I take her out a few times a week for late breakfast or lunch and visit once or twice a day. Only 5 residents and managed by two RN's.

*(Editors note - For our new members information, the Feeneys have been members of our club since 1991 but haven't been active for two or three years. We are pleased to have Tom's update. We hope to see them active again or to at least have them pay us a visit.)*

**GUIDANCE MEETING - CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AND LAWN BOWLING CLUB -** Monday, November 5, 2007

Participants:

Jessica Reiten and Matt Lohr, City of Newport Beach  
Jan Hargraves, Len Cormier and John Groothuis, NHLBC

Proposed Facility Enhancements and action items:

1. The use of Corporate Sponsors during Open House. (OK with City for NHLBC to seek sponsors)
2. "Welcome Sign" at main entrance. (City will construct a metal 2'x 3' sign, Len to send proposed graphics to Jessica)
3. Water line to refrigerator in kitchen. (NHLBC will be responsible to install)
4. Repair of large cracks in side walks. (City will correct condition ASAP)
5. Light in north equipment house. (NHLBC will be responsible to install a battery operated light)
6. Outside door repair of kitchen door. (City will correct, but will advise NHLBC regarding sharing half of proposed cost before proceeding)
7. Ant, cricket and rodent extermination. (Jessica will provide name of City supplier to NHLBC and will pay half of the costs)
8. Navigator ad. (Len to send write up to Jessica tonight) (Jessica will advise NHLBC of future dates for ads)
9. Mud on back green side walk. (Jessica to follow-up with appropriate City Dept.)
10. Trash removal (Jessica to provide Lawn Bowling Club with the City's current supplier and cost)
11. Internet (Len will contact COX regarding costs of city services, etc.)
12. City Newsletter/ (NHLBC to provide Jessica with periodic news items for publication in weekly City Newsletter)

**South African Bowling Trip: - Condensed version by Jay Coons - see page 5 On the internet for Jan's original version.**

On Nov. 6th, 24 bowlers from Orange County, San Jose, San Diego, Sun City, Tampa and Pinehurst gathered in Washington DC to catch a flight to South Africa. (Since your editor doesn't know all of those who went, see if you can identify yourself in one of the pictures below.) We arrived the following day in Johannesburg and checked into Dormy House at the Jhb Country Club. On Nov. 8th we visited a shopping area to buy local insect repellent, used the internet, and rushed back to bowl at the local club. Two of their players were skips in wheelchairs. After bowling they served us a lovely dinner.

The next day we embarked on an extensive trip of 17 days around South Africa seeing the sites including museums, wild animals, and many of the scenic wonders of the country.

One of the highlights of our trip began on Nov. 13 when after seeing many intriguing sites, we made a long bus ride back to Jhb Country Club and quickly changed and drove to the home of the Hyland's daughter, Jacquie. She served us an elegant, sit down dinner for 24 in her beautiful, spacious home. The neighbors were shocked to see the large bus in their gated community!

On Nov. 14 we played bowls and were hosted to tea and sandwiches at the 10 end break, followed by cocktails and appetizers.

On Nov. 15 we took an early flight to Durban. Drove 2 hrs. in a rain cloud to Wartburger Hof and stayed at a lovely bed and breakfast in a German enclave. Beautiful grounds, antique furniture, and a screaming peacock (ask Dee). We visited the home of our tour guides, Julian & Jinnie, who live on a sugar cane farm. Many friends of the Hylands joined us for a great BBQ in the barn.

On Nov. 16 we visited Georgie's sugar cane farm and her beautiful blooming garden, 100 yr. old trees, beds of lillies, Limones tea cups and scones. Later, we bowled at the Wartburg Bowling Club but stopped when the weather turned bad. We were the first Americans they have ever met!

Nov. 17 Drove to Hluhluwe Hilltop Camp, rooms literally overlooking the African bush. As we enter the park, we spotted 5 cheetahs, so rare the rangers didn't believe us until Jerry showed him the pictures! Many other animals were sighted.

Nov.18 Awoke to a family of monkeys on our porch. Safari from 10 -1:30 seeing animals with their young and herds of buffalo. Grass and trees plentiful and water holes are kept full with power from solar panels.

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Nov. 21 Flew in rain to Capetown where we stayed at Alphen Hotel, a local landmark. The rooms are huge, marble floors and towel warmers.

Nov. 22 Went shopping, payed a visit to Kirstenbosch Gardens followed by Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, ham, pecan pie and cheesecake.

Nov. 23 Walked to Constantia Bowls Club followed by trip to mall and dinner of those famous prawns.

Nov. 24 We Took a trip to Boulders, home of South African penguins then on to Cape of Good Hope where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. Very windy.

Nov. 25 Bowled at Western Province Cricket Club where the weather was warm and the greens were fast, heaven! On to Table Mountains for ride on lift similar to the one at Palm Springs. Dressed up, for our last night, at Outlook Restaurant for a lovely dinner and a bit of dancing (ask Ivan).

Nov. 26 As we leave, it starts to rain. After many hours, we all arrived home safely. It truly has been A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!



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Nov. 9 - We visited the Museum of Apartheid and Gold Reef City. After sitting in horrible traffic leaving the city, we arrived at Lesedi where we heard the history of the 5 tribes, the most famous is the Zulu. We stayed in delightful, colorful, cement huts and the local hand-made souvenirs. They are great. That night we tried some exotic food.

Nov. 10 - We traveled by bus thru the countryside to see coal mines, processing plants for sugar cane spewing black smoke, commercial forests planted with pine and eucalyptus that are used in the mines or processed for paper. The hillsides are thick with growth and the soil is a copper color. We entered Kruger National Park and immediately began seeing the wild animals. We checked in at Skukuza, the largest camp in the park and found our way thru the dark to our rooms. It is a challenge to walk along unlighted paths but we huddled and laugh together.

Nov. 11 - Up early to venture deep within the park. Even in a large bus, the animals seem unafraid and all the big ones are sighted; elephants, buffalo, rhino, giraffe, zebra and even a pair of lions!

Nov. 12 - Morning, game drive produces a seldom spotted klipspringer antelope but the evening ride produces little.

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