



**NEWPORT HARBOR
LAWN BOWLING CLUB
THE YELLOW JACKET**
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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2008

Weekly Social Bowling*

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1:00 PM
Thursdays	Twilight Bowling	5:30 PM (Bring a dish)
Saturdays	Morning Bowling	10:00 AM
Sundays	Afternoon Bowling	2:00 PM (Bring an Appetiser)

*Call (949) 640-1022 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins and give your Name, Membership Number and desired playing position.

Weekly Instruction and Lessons

Tuesdays	10:00 - 12:00 AM
Saturdays	12:30 - 2:30 PM

Months Events - See bulletin board for flyers

Friday, April 4	President's Cup Singles	9:00 AM
Monday, April 7	Fun Days at Long Beach	9:00 AM
Friday, April 11	Coast league at Santa Ana	9:00 AM
Sunday, April 20	Vet/Nov Triples Tournament	9:00 AM
Monday, April 21	Board Meeting	3:30 AM
Friday, April 25	Coast league at Laguna Woods	9:00 AM
Saturday, April 26	Holmby Park Visit	9:00 AM
* Sunday, April 27	Club Pride Day	8:00 AM

* We need volunteers for work on this meaningful, very necessary, club beautification day !!

This is Your Captain Speaking...



Now that we are moving into warmer waters and Spring has sprung, thing are looking up for all souls on board ... the early part of March was a bit wet and cool, but now with the longer days and milder weather, all of our bowling activities are picking up in popularity. If you haven't already heard, beginning April we will be starting our very popular "Pot Luck Twilight Bowling" on Thursdays at 5:30 PM ... this later starting time will allow those who have had trouble arriving on time a chance to bowl and dine with us on Thursdays ... see our Weekly Social Bowling Schedule above for more details. March was very busy with a number of tournaments being held, both on board as well as away from our home port. The big event at home was **Jim Altobelli's** St. Patrick's Day triples with **Dee McSparran** as the overall winner ... everybody who played had a lot of fun and enjoyed the wonderful Irish stew at lunch and some great Italian foods for dinner. Away from home, **Ed Quo** won the men's singles championship in Clearwater, FL ... **Bob Nunes and Ted Farfaglia** made us proud in Sun City ... we had 8 winners at the SWD Winter League in Long Beach ... 9 winners at the Santa Anita Vet-Novice tournament ... 8 winners at the Stirrat Mixed Triples in Santa Ana and **Dee McSparran & Anne Nunes** dazzled the ladies in the SWWD Australian Pairs in Riverside. To say it simply, "Newport Rocked" everywhere we competed this month. See stories on the following pages for more details. Finally, during April, your crew will be busy getting ready for our Saturday May 10th Open House under the direction of **Len Cormier** ... we have all the necessary approvals from the City and the Daily Pilot has agreed to run our ads at no cost ... we need everybody's help, so please mark this date on your calendars. In addition, Mert Isaacman received approval from Governor Schwarzenegger proclaiming May 10th "Lawn Bowls Day" in Southern California ... most of the clubs in Southern California will be hosting their Open Houses on this same date this year.

Have a Great Spring, Captain John

We are so pleased to welcome the following new members to our club.

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North Coast 92657
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Carlyn Van Schoick
354 62nd St.
Newport Beach 92663
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Congratulations Ed Quo -

Men's Singles Champion (40 Entries) - Southeast Div. Open - Clearwater Florida - March 2008

Saints Day - By Chuck Muser

In Camelot it only rained at night. At the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club it only rains after the games are over (well, most of the time). And thus it was on **Sunday, March 16th during the annual Saint Patrick's and Saint Joseph's Day celebration.**

The day dawned sunny and cool and by the time the games were over in the late afternoon the cold wind had blown in threatening clouds and a thunder shower or two. In the meantime the party rolled on. We had crazy hats, food, music, more food, libations of various strengths, door prizes, and still more food. We even celebrated the birthday of a man who was wearing a skirt and had green hair. And, oh yes, we bowled.

Over 35 people, some from neighboring clubs in Santa Ana, Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods, gathered for three eleven-end games of triples. Each team for each game was made up in a blind draw, so there could be no team winners. In a scoring scheme some have still not figured out our own **Dee McSparran** was declared the winner with a total of 56 points. Runner-up was a true novice, Debbie Gregory, from the Santa Ana club. Debbie has only been bowling for a few months so deserves extra credit for doing so well. In a disputed call **Charlie Herbert** was declared second runner-up even though he had a substitute for the third game. Because it was his birthday, (yes, he was the guy with the green hair and the skirt, a kilt), he was given special dispensation by the saints. Oh, yes, we should also mention that **Past President Ray Norris** bowled with his usual verve and skill.

Special thanks are due **Ted Farfaglia, Shep Sheppard, Patty Lucas, and Flossie Dunning** for the preparation of the great food. Flossie, we were told, arrived at 0: dark thirty to begin the day. We had Irish stew, corn beef and cabbage, Italian meat sandwiches, pasta, salad and several types of sweet goodies. And more than special thanks are due **Jim Altobelli**, for organizing and running the day's events. He told us it was his last. If so, that's too bad, for we have come to enjoy his special brand of event, bumps and all. **Thanks Jim.**

Pasadena Vet-Novice Mix/Match Triples Saturday, March 9 - By Dee McSparran

Newport wins big at the women-sponsored Pasadena Vet-Novice Mix/Match Triples Saturday, March 9, at Santa Anita Bowling Green Club. Winners included 2nd Place – **Tanya Hills , Linda Jahraus , John MacDonald**; 3rd Place – **Jerry Grady, Jan Hargraves, Sharon Grady**; 4th Place – **Ivan Hyland, Maryna Hyland, Patty Lucas** . Among 14 team entries, other Newport competitors included teams of **Charlie Herbert , Mert Isaacman , Brian Stewart ; Ed Quo , Dee McSparran , Myrna Chan ; David Stennes , Brad Parker** with Dan Christianson from Long Beach; and, **Len Cormier** with Albert & Gisela Schmid from Laguna Beach.

Newport Women Compete in Riverside - By Dee McSparran

Among 16 teams entered in the SWWD Australian Pairs hosted by Riverside LBC on Saturday, March 22, were **Anne Nunes , Dee McSparran , Eva Lee , Jan Hargraves, Linda Jahraus , Maryna Hyland, Sharon Grady and Tanya Hills**. Defending champions of 2007, Patricia Cronshaw & Carrie Fossati, won the title again this year. **Anne Nunes** and partner Heather Stewart finished third, and fourth place went to **Dee McSparran** and teammate Eileen Morton from Santa Barbara . **Worthy of honorable mention was Newport 's Sharon Grady who was the only novice on a green of 31 veteran bowlers.** Sharon was introduced to the Aussie Pairs format in a practice game only one day before the tournament.

POKER NIGHT - TEXAS HOLD 'EM - Friday, March 28 7-10 PM - By Joyce Smith

This first evening of, hopefully monthly games of poker, brought out 10 enthusiastic club members, Those attending were: **Myrna Chan, Len Cormier & Len, Sr., Helen Dinkins, Darlyne Hilliard, Patty & Dale Lucas, Jack McDermott, Joyce Smith, David Stennes**, and the instructor Lyn Edwards from Oasis. Mr. Edwards was an excellent practitioner of the game. (*Editors note: Joyce plans to put a notice for a future game on the bulletin board.*)

April Birthdays - Courtesy of Dee McSparran

Apr. 4 John Overdevest	Apr. 14 Nick King	Apr. 19 Terri Melin
Apr. 6 John Groothuis	Apr. 15 Charlyn Montane	Apr. 21 Ginnie Kelley
Apr. 13 Shirley Kahan	Apr. 15 Tanya Hills	Apr. 28 Jim White
Apr. 13 Fran Stewart	Apr. 17 Eddie Bower	

NHLBC Novices Capture the SWD Winter League Title in Long Beach -

Trophy League:

WEST/CENTRAL/COAST			SOUTH/CITRUS/COAST		
Beverly Hills	5	100	Newport	4	87
Santa Monica	5	84	Riverside	4	78
Santa Anita	5	83	Sun City I	4	52
Holmby	5	69	Sun City II	3	28
Long Beach	5	61	San Diego	3	25
Alhambra	5	53			

Then in the play off ! Our fantastic novices were pitted against the winners of the West/Central/Coast Winners.

And the results were -

Newport 25 Beverly Hills 5



Left to right: **David Stennes, Charlie Herbert, Joe Regan, Brian Stewart** - Plus **Marlane Klaarmond and Cathie Herbert**. Other players that were part of the Newport campaign were **Phil Luth, Brad Parker, Ed Quo, and Shep Sheppard** ----- **Congratulations Guys !**

SWWD Ladies' Day at Hemet

Thirty ladies attended Ladies' Day at Hemet Wednesday, March 19. Club members from Laguna Beach , Long Beach , Newport Harbor , Pasadena , Redlands , Santa Anita and Sun City enjoyed the sunshine and pleasant temperature of the day playing two blind draw games. Dee Kessler, Paula Bellone and other Hemet ladies provided a gracious hospitality spread. **SWWD President Maryna Hyland** commented that the Coast District ladies can now better appreciate the effort it takes for those in the Citrus District to travel to our area for Southwest Division lawn bowling events.

The next Ladies' Day will be hosted by Santa Ana LBC on Wednesday, April 16. **SWWD Vice President, Jan Hargraves**, is the Director of Ladies' Day this year and would like to encourage all of our lady bowlers to participate in a fun day on the greens every third Wednesday of the month. Car pools from the club to Ladies' Day venues can be arranged.

2008 Coast League Kick-off -

This 2008 multi-city tournament, which continues into August, began this year in Santa Ana on March 28 with Newport 1 & 2 each winning 3 of their 4 games. Newport was represented by **Jerry Grady, Shep Sheppard, Don Stewart, Maryna Hyland, Tibor Kozma, Dee McSparran, Jan Hargraves, Phil Luth, Patty Lucas, Ivan Hyland, Ted Farfaglia and Jim White**. Other club members will play in future games.

These contests are played 2 Fridays per month and each event is scheduled to be played in a different city on a rotating basis. See the monthly calendar for the City for each tournament. With the above roster representing Newport Harbor, there is an excellent chance that the championship will remain with our club this year. There are 4 other cities with 8 teams which will no doubt be gunning for us so look out teams!! **Santa Ana 2 won all four of their games in this first match!**

Thanks to new member Bill Day for trash collection on Thursdays -

Bill will be away on vacation for the first 2 weeks of April..

Twenty-four teams entered the **Tommy Stirrat Memorial Mixed Triples** hosted by Santa Ana LBC on Saturday, March 15. Newport was well-represented with 18 members: **Marion Compton, Ed Shearin, Bob Montes, Tanya Hills, Shep Sheppard, Patty Lucas, Maryna Hyland, Ivan Hyland**, and nine who finished in the top six: **1st Phil Luth team, 2nd Tony Bear/ Charlie Herbert team, 3rd Jerry/Sharon Grady team, 4th Simon Meyerowitz / Myrna Chan team, 5th Bob/ Anne Nunes team, 6th Dee McSparran team.**

The tournament format was three 12-end games with winner-plays-winner, high-plays-high, and a 10-plus point maximum. Competing for 2nd place with two wins and 20 plus points, the teams of Baer and Grady played an exciting one-end tie-breaker in their third game. First place winners' names will be added to the perpetual trophy. The greens at Santa Ana were running nicely, although the afternoon was hindered by a chilly wind factor. Thanks to Bob Ralston, the tournament director at Santa Ana LBC, and his assistants for a well-organized event, and to the club's hospitality committee who provided a fantastic spread for breakfast and lunch.

Member News by Ray Norris

Chuck Gebhart's hip replacement surgery went well and he is now home and beginning physical therapy. I am sad to report that Chuck and Luetta did not renew their membership for 2008. They are a great couple and we will miss them at Newport. I believe they remain members of Laguna so we may still run across them occasionally.

Dody Reid was seen at Albertson's walking with the aid of a walker. She misses her bowling and doesn't think she can stand around and watch others bowl. She also does not intend to merely stop by the club to visit and interrupt others from their games.

Dale Lucas is still recovering from his inflamed foot surgery incision. Rumor has it that his bowling proficiency has improved so much with the use of his walking boot that Dale intends to make the boot a permanent part of his bowling attire.

Good news! **Cathie Herbert** continues to recover from her ankle injury. She did not need surgery for the tendon and is using physical therapy to strengthen her ankle muscles. Cathy is mobile and able to drive with her walking cast. However, please be extra careful in the parking lot as Cathy's braking reaction time may be longer due to her cast.

Last month I reported that **Michele and Jeff Schones** were excited about learning that they will be first time grandparents in August. Unfortunately their daughter had a miscarriage. They now have to wait little longer to enjoy their first grandchild. Michele tells me their daughter is doing well. Most of you haven't met the Schones. Michele teaches in my water aerobics classes and tells me they intend to start bowling again this month.

Final item. **Harold Deino** has severe tendonitis and his doctor has told him to lay off lawn bowling for a while. Deino does most of his bowling at Laguna but is seen frequently in the mornings practicing on the Tarbox green.

A reminder, if you have anything you would like to share with other club members; such as celebrations, births, travels or illness that will keep you away from the greens for a while; simply email me at ranorris@ix.netcom.com and I'll share the news in my monthly Member News column. Thanks for sharing.

"Chris Hyland Family Triples" -

This was a beautiful event featuring 42 beautiful women all dressed in their "whites" playing four 10 end games two in the AM and two in the PM. Space prohibits full coverage this event in the Postal Delivery versions of the Yellow Jacket but for the e-mail recipients look on page 5. Anne Nunes, Linda Jahrus, Sybil Bernash, Pauline Kozma, Patty Lucas and Sharon Grady from NHLBC all participated in the winners circle. Again, see page 5 for particulars.



NHLBC hosts the inaugural Chris Hyland Family Triples sponsored by the SWWD Saturday, March 29 - By Dee McSparran

Freshly mowed and rolled, Potter Green provided a speedy pace for 14 teams of women to brace the chilly wind in a competition to be the first to get their team's names on the perpetual plaque. Four 10-end games with a +7 point max per game was the format and the prize money was generous.

An outstanding performance rewarded **Anne Nunes' team of Kottia Spangler and Rosa Gandara** to finish first with four wins, plus 24 points. Close behind to take second place with three wins, plus 31, were **Linda Jahraus, Sybil Bernash and Brenda Wright**. Worthy of their finish in the winners' circle in third place with three wins, plus 17, were **Pauline Kozma, Gisela Schmid and Patty Lucas**. Another win for **Sharon Grady and her team of Eileen Morton and Isabella Forbes** who finished fourth with two wins, one tie, plus 13 points.

Other Newport bowlers were **Jan Hargraves, Dee McSparran, Myrna Chan, Maryna Hyland, Eva Lee and Tanya Hills**. Hospitality by **Patty Lucas and Flossie Dunning** with contributions made by several Newport ladies was superb. Lending a hand to set up was **Dale Lucas**, and there throughout the day to help with "whatever" was **Len Cormier**. He even contributed a delicious pasta salad. **Our YJ Editor Jay Coons** visited the club to take photos. **Maryna Hyland** and helpers provided a lovely table of snacks and wines to end another great day on the greens.

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2008 10-Star International - By Tony Baer

It was a cold, blustering morning when 40 competitors, some 17 of them past or present international players, descended on the Santa Monica bowling green on Sunday, March 16 to play the 3rd annual 10-Star International.

The competition was especially fierce as the U.S squad now had a target on their back after last years' narrow win. As in past years, 10 players were invited from all over Southern California by their respective country captains: USA [Tony Baer], Europe [Phil Dunn], South Africa [Ray Spiro] and Rest of the World [Ian Ho]. A players "nationality" is determined by their origin prior to their 21st birthday.

Countries face off in 4 simultaneous games of 12-end matches in Quinell scoring for Pairs, Triples and Fours and Singles to 14 ends in Quinell with the overall scoring win adding 3 additional points respectively to make each team match played worth 15 points (17 Singles) and each round worth 62 points.

In the round one match-up, Europe started strongly by beating South Africa 34 to 28 while the Rest of the World did well to win over USA 33-29.

After an excellent lunch hosted by Dixie and Rosanna, the cold wind gave way to blissful sunshine and all the teams responded by playing the most exciting "tight" ends and competitive play you will see anywhere in the USA.

In the second round, the Rest of World (especially their Fours team) came on strong to beat South Africa by 34 to 28 while the USA and Europe teams fought to a draw at 31 points each.

In the final round, USA pulled out all the stops and the stars aligned stunning the Rest of the World leaders by setting a new single round record for most points gained by beating South Africa 43.5-17.5 points with a final point total of 103.5 points, thereby moving from third to first place in the overall standings. Meanwhile, the Rest of World beat Europe by 34-28 points placing the Rest of the World firmly in second place with 101 points overall [\$200 prize] and Europe placed third with 96 points [\$100 prize].

Congratulations to USA for winning for the second year running [\$1,000 prize]; their team was comprised of Tony Baer (captain), Chris Booth, Bill Brault, Harry Dickinson, Loren Dion, Rosa Gandara, Anne Nunes, Jim Olsen, Bill Reidy and Michael Siddall.

Once again, we are most grateful to the Beckley family for so generously sponsoring this tournament and for the wonderful and consistent greens and hospitality of Santa Monica Lawn Bowling Club.