



# The YellowJacket

## Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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**Editor's Note:** This is to announce that Jay Coons, the editor of the Yellow Jacket for many years, has decided to retire. To say that his labors for the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club as editor are greatly appreciated would be a gross understatement. In my estimation he has done a brilliant job, which will make succeeding him all the more difficult, to say the least. All I can do is to thank him profusely for showing me the ropes, and to hope that I can do as good a job as he did. Also, this will be a good opportunity to experiment with some different formats which Jay and I have discussed. Your comments will be appreciated.  
Chuck Muser

### President's Holiday Message



With all of the gloomy news about the economy and the political and social unrest we see around the world, I thought it might be time to highlight a couple of things that we should all be thankful for as we approach this holiday season. On the top of my list is our club itself. As the economy continues to tank, the NHLBC has never been in better shape, no

matter how you measure it. This year we again set another record in total membership, continue to dominate in bowls everywhere we compete, are financially sound and continue to be considered one of the top lawn bowling clubs in the West. I would like to thank each and every one of the past and present board members whose leadership made all of this possible, as well as the many members who worked so hard during the past few years. Much of above we will review in depth at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday December 6. Our meeting starts at 10 AM and will be followed by a club provided lunch and social bowling, so please try to join us.

Next on my list of things to be thankful for are families and friends. No matter what happens in our lives, nobody can

take away the relationships and wonderful memories we have developed with our families and friends. I happen to believe that a person's success in life is not measured by the wealth or toys that a person may or may not have accumulated along the way, but in the final analysis, it's best judged by the friendships and meaningful relationships they developed during their lives. At the NHLBC, we are all fortunate to have had the opportunity to develop many good friends through the game of bowls. Speaking for myself, I consider many of you as part of my extended family and I thank you for your friendship and continuing support.

Finally, I want to recognize **Jay Coons** for his many years of service at our club and being our Yellow Jacket Editor during the past 6 years. Jay recently decided to pass the editorship responsibilities on to his protégé **Chuck Muser** so that he can spend a little more time with his family and friends. At the age of 91, he certainly has earned his stripes and his place in NHLBC history. Again Jay, thank you for everything you have done for our organization.

**Have a Great Holiday Season! John Groothuis**

### The Chicken Coop Open Australian Pairs

By Darlyne Hilliard

It was a cold blustery day on Sunday, November 9th when we played the Chicken Coop Open Australian Pairs Tournament. I mean, **really** cold and blustery. You could set your bowl down and watch the wind blow it to the other end. This year 46 players signed up. We had an 'A' group which played on the Potter Green and a 'B' group which played the Tarbox Green.

In case you are not familiar with Australian Pairs (as I wasn't); it is played by two pairs teams as usual, one vice and one skip. But, in this game the vices bowl two bowls, then they exchange ends and the skips then rolls their four bowls. They change ends again with the vice bowling their remaining two.

The winners on the 'A' green were: First place: **Dee McSparran** and Gary Fischer with 3 wins and 20 points.



Second: **Bill Hiscock** and Verna Wallace with 2 wins, 1 loss and 9 points. Third: **Ted Farfaglia** and Cecile Langevin with 2 wins, 1 loss and 4 points.

The winners on the 'B' green were: First place: **Cliff and Carole Hilliard** with 3 wins and 29 points. Second Place:

Bill Levisohn and Debbie Gregory with 3 wins, 17 points. Third place **David Stennes** and **Stephanie Bangert** with 2 wins, a tie, and 12 points.

Before the last match, Dee held a spider on each green. There were 2 winners of \$5 and also 12 gold coins claimed by bowlers whose bowls landed on the coins.

**Patty Lucus** outdid herself in the kitchen with an abundance of tasty breakfast treats. Lunch was a great

### President's Cup Pairs

By Chuck Muser

On a fine November 1<sup>st</sup> morning forty (that's right, forty!) members of the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club gathered on the club greens to contest the annual President's Cup Pairs championship. Twenty teams bowled three twelve end games on both greens during the day to establish who was the best. The teams were selected in a blind draw with the skips drawing for their leads.

At the end of day, after some spirited competition, the team of **Brad Parker** and **Terry Heeley** emerged the

salad, Sharon Grady's yummy guacamole and chips, some terrific gazpacho and fresh fruit and cookies for desert. after the prizes were awarded, 65 of us headed to the Chicken Coop for dinner, but we can't tell you about that because, as everyone knows, "What happens in the Chicken Coop Stays in the Chicken Coop".

Many Kudos to Jan and Tom Hargraves for their terrific organization for this fun-filled event.

victors. They won all three of their matches with room to spare. Second, with two wins and a tie was the team of **Marion Compton** and **Chuck Muser**. In a very close third, also with two wins and a tie, were **Jan Hargraves** and **Darlyne Hilliard**.



### NHLBC New Recycling Program

The NHLBC and its Board of Directors has strongly supported and actively participated in recycling of our trash over the past year or so. Under the direction of David Stennes, and with the help of many of our members, we separated and recycled our cans, plastics and bottles in an effort to earn additional income for the club. Beginning in November, the City of Newport Beach, our landlord, now has us participating in a city wide contract with a different trash supplier in which all Newport Beach facilities participate. As part of this new arrangement, the city's new trash supplier separates all of our recyclables at their facilities for the financial benefit of all parties concerned. As a result of all of this, we no longer have to place our recyclables in separate containers and the club's trash collections costs have been reduced by 90%.

### Newporters Picked For Team USA

Seven Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club women members have been picked to bowl on the two 2009 Team USA teams, four as regular members and three as alternates. **Jan Hargraves** and **Maryna Hyland** were selected for the Atlantic Rim Team, with **Kim Heiser** and **Dee McSparran** picked as alternates. For the Asia Pacific Team **Maryna Hyland** and **Anne Nunes** were selected, with Jan Hargraves as an alternate.

There are only two international events scheduled for 2009, the Atlantic Rim Games in South Africa in May, and the Asia Pacific Games in Malaysia in August. The Malaysian event will be used as a qualifier for the World Bowls tour in 2010.

If one wonders how members and alternates are picked for these teams, here's (hopefully) an explanation of what is a fairly involved process. Dee McSparran kindly pro-

vided the Yellow Jacket with the data from which this is drawn. In a system only a CalTech math graduate could love, points are awarded for successful players in various national and division tournaments, for both women and men participants. Then, the women go a step further and hold camps for those from the

various divisions who desire to be selected for the teams. The selectors consider personalities, experience and ability to act as a team player, as well as point standings. The **Yellow Jacket** congratulates our Team USA bowlers.

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2008

### WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLING\*

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1 PM
Thursdays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM (Bring an appetizer)
Saturdays	Morning Bowling	10 AM
Sundays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM

\*Call (949) 640-1022 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins and leave your name and membership number if you wish to bowl.

### Lawn Bowling Lessons and Instructors

Free lessons are available to any member or prospective member who wishes to learn the basics of lawn bowling. To make an appointment, please contact any one of the following instructors.

Bill Day	949-554-4256	waday1013@gmail.com
Ted Farfaglia	949-223-6033	tednalba@earthlink.net
John Groothuis	949-230-1957	johnhalina@aol.com
Jan Hargraves	949-640-6049	mavericktj@roadrunner.net
Charlie Herbert	949-701-0843	cfh1@aol.com
Chuck Muser	949-857-4742	mactavish@cox.net
Jim White	949-646-0049	the-baron@sbcglobal.net

### December Special Events

Sunday Nov. 30	Bowling Training Workshop	9 AM to Noon
Monday Dec. 2	Board Meeting	9:30 AM
Saturday Dec. 6	Annual Meeting of Members	10 AM
Sunday Dec. 7	Presidents Cup Triples	All Day
Saturday Dec. 13	NHLBC Holiday Party	11:30 to 3 PM
Sunday Dec. 14	Private Party	1 PM to 7 PM

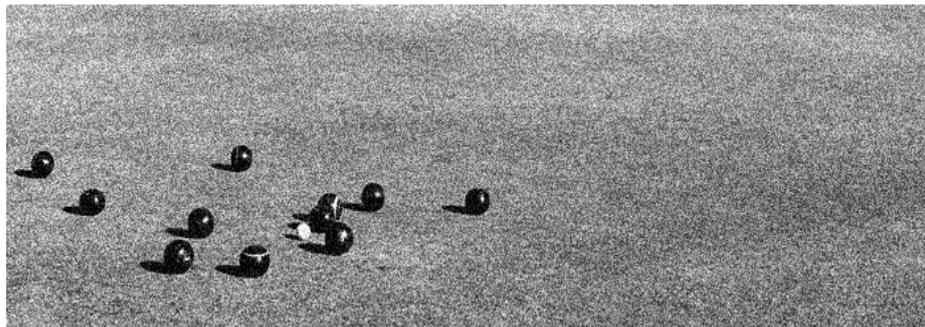
### Two Special Events To Remember

Here are two events we especially want to highlight, the annual general meeting for all members on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, and the annual holiday luncheon on the next Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The general meeting features election of officers and directors for 2009 and other business, and, a free lunch. You have to attend the meeting to get the lunch. Then, following lunch, there will be social bowling (social bowling means you have to be nice to one another) Please let Dee McSparran know if you'll be there for lunch, or sign up at the club.

The holiday luncheon is a more elaborate affair. It will be held at the Newport Beach Golf Course Tee Room. There will be a cash bar, music and dancing, and it will last from 11:30 to 5pm. You can reserve your spot by putting your \$30 per person check in the plastic mailbox in the office. Make your checks payable to NHLBC.

#### December Birthdays

Martin Bright	Dec 1
Suzy Miller	Dec 9
Angela Roberts	Dec 11
Sally Westcott	Dec 12
Barbara McCowen	Dec 17
Anthony Pierotti	Dec 20
Cathie Herbert	Dec 29
Tina Byrne	Dec 29
Gayle Bright	Dec 30



## NHLBC Bowlers Sweep Tournament

Bowlers from the club overwhelmed the competition in the Southwest Division Veteran-Novice Triples tournament on the greens of the Long Beach LBC on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at least on one green. On green 1 NHLBC bowlers swept the top three places in the competition, while on green 2, club bowlers took fourth.

Taking first was the team of **Cathie Herbert, Jim Kelley** and **Missy Parker**. Second went to **Brian Stewart, Phil Luth** and **Chuck Muser**, and third went to **Charlie Herbert, Rob Kost** and **Brad Parker**. On green 2 fourth place was taken by the team of **Jan Hargraves, Dee McSparran** and **George Petyo**.

In all there were twenty four teams entered in the competition, which consisted of three twelve end games contested over the course of the day. Other Newporters entered were **Tanya Hills, Rita Greenberg, Tony Greenberg, David Stennes, Tony Baer, Sybil Bernash** and **Linda Jahraus**.

## Newport Member US Pairs Champion

The **Yellow Jacket** learned recently that long time NHLBC member **Tony Baer** won the United States Men's Pairs championship in October in the USLBA Championships in Sun City, Arizona. Tony was partnered with Bill Brault from the San Diego club. Also, we learned that Rosa Gandara, a frequent visitor to our greens, won the U. S. Women's Singles championship. Our Congratulations.

## Some Photo Highlights Of The Year



Saints Day



Open House Greeters



Sunday Barbeque



MAP Markers at work

