



The YellowJacket Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Message



Everybody is excited about participating in our first 2009 Club Tournament on Super Bowl Sunday. As of this writing, we have over 60 people who have signed up in what should be a fun filled day of bowling, marvelous food, drinks and prizes, not to mention the Super Bowl Game itself. Many thanks again to everyone who helped organize and sponsor this

special day of fun and games.

As many of you may have noticed, our new Satellite TV and CD Sound Systems are in place and we now have easy-to-follow operating instructions for everyone's use. The only thing we request is that everyone tries to be respectful of other members when selecting your programming content and volume settings, not to mention our neighbors across the street.

Also, we are trying to develop a library of CD's and DVD's for use at the club. If you have a couple of old CD's or DVD's that you think the members might enjoy, we would appreciate your donations to our new entertainment library.

As we announced at the AGM in December, we will not be playing music on the patio when bowlers are playing on the Club House Green (Potter Green), unless everybody who is bowling on that green agrees to do so.

This brings me to my next subject regarding the alternating use of our greens. Our Club House Green (Potter Green) is taking a beating with too much play, especially with the wet weather that we have experienced the last several weeks. Before beginning play, please refer to the recently revised Greens Schedule which is posted on the outside bulletin board. Whether you are practicing by yourself or playing a game with others, everybody is expected to play on the green and in the direction specified for that day.

Our New Member Host Program is now in place and we are looking for volunteers to assist new 2009 members a quick integration into our club's activities. Please see the "Host Program" article on the following pages for more details.

As a reminder, and in accordance with board policy, if your 2009 Annual Dues have not been paid by the end of February, your membership will be automatically terminated on March 1. While the majority of the members have paid their 2009 dues, there are still members that we have not yet heard from.

On a personal note, I would like to say "Thank You" for your many cards, telephone calls and visits during my 4 day stay at Hoag Hospital. My back surgery went well and I should be back bowling sometime this spring.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

John Groothuis <>

Hosts Needed

In May this year, we will once again have our annual Open House, which is designed to attract a large number of new members. To get ready for this increase in new membership, we have updated and simplified our Mentor Program. The activity is now called our Host Program and is designed to quickly acquaint new members with the daily routines of being a club member.

Simply put, as a host, you would arrange to meet a new member at the club, give them their key, a new member information packet and a tour of the club house. During the tour, you would show them such things as how to unlock gates and doors, the location of bowls and equipment, payment of the \$1 daily bowling fee and the purchasing of drinks from the refrigerator. A suggested list of what to show them during the tour is in the new member information packets. The total time involved to accomplish all of the above should be no more than 30 minutes.

Unlike our prior Mentor Program, as a host, you are no longer required to teach the new member the basic skills of lawn bowling, unless you wish to do so. It is your choice. We now have a small, dedicated group of members who are available by appointment to teach the skills of lawn bowling. The instructor's names are listed in each edition of the Yellow Jacket.

If you would like to volunteer to be a host for a few new members during 2009 or you would like more information, please contact Dave Price, Host Program Coordinator or John Groothuis.<>

New Hospitality Leader Asks For Help

Club president **John Groothuis** announced recently that **Tony Greenberg** has agreed to take over the chairmanship of the Hospitality Committee. Newport Harbor LBC is well known throughout the lawn bowling fraternity for its superb hospitality at tournaments and league events. Tony has pledged to continue that level of excellence, and perhaps even enhance it. He cites his comprehensive experience in the catering world as reason to believe that he can improve the menu selections served at these events.

Tony admits that he has his work cut out following in the footsteps of **Patty Lucas**, who worked tirelessly while serving as chair last year. He also mentioned that he might find it difficult to reach his goal because of the constraints caused by the small allowance of only two dollars per person at league and tournament events. There was some discussion during a recent board of directors meeting about asking the Southwest District Tournament committee to raise that allowance. [Con't]

However, Tony has come up with a solution to this situation. In a recent letter he stated that he wants people to step up and volunteer to supply an occasional platter of food for times when the club hosts league and tournament events. He explains that it need not be anything fancy or expensive. He went on: "I already have a list of people who have expressed their willingness to assist me on tournament days, but I would like to create a larger pool of people who are able to contribute a platter of food occasionally. The more people who sign up, the smaller the burden on each person." The aim of this program, he said, is to enhance the choices for our hungry visitors.

Tony asks that you contact him by email at tonyg@proland.com or, of course, speak to him at the club. He also says that you can contact him by telephone at **949 735-0511.<>**

Hints And Rules Of The Greens

"Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played." What does this rule, from 8.35 of the **USLBA** rule book mean? Simply said, stay out of the head when you don't have possession of the rink. As soon as a bowl rolled by your teammate stops, it's the other player's rink. When that simple rule is followed, peace will reign.<>



February Birthdays

Ed Quo	2-Feb
Clay Nolde	2-Feb
Jack Naughton	5-Feb
Liz Vaughan	6-Feb
Sybil Bernash	8-Feb
Jullie Rubanenko	12-Feb
Tom Hargraves	16-Feb
Marlane Klaarmond	16-Feb
Glenn Donahue	17-Feb
Ken Buckley	18-Feb
Eula Casselman	18-Feb
Carol McDonald	20-Feb
Emily Carpenter	25-Feb

Another Way To Get To Chicago

By Darlyne Hilliard

[Editor's Note: This is one in a series of articles by or about our members that will appear occasionally, which really have nothing to do with lawn bowling, but which allow us to get to know one another better. We hope you enjoy them. Let us know.]

I was making reservations to Chicago for my 24th Christmas trip with my daughter and her family, an event I treasure, except for the flight. I sat looking at the prices rising by the week, and I thought, "Why am I doing this to myself? I hate flying and now I'm going to pay for another trip that's going to get delayed, I'll be held captive onboard, hungry and unhappy, and I'll be tired and angry when I arrive – again." There must be another way.

Hey, I thought, why not take the train? So, I booked on-line to take the Southwest Chief from LA to Chicago on December 20th at half the cost of a flight and that included my train ticket from Santa Ana to LA to boot. They assured me the seats were wide and there were leg and footrests and they furnished pillows free of charge. Packing wasn't difficult. I could take anything I wanted because they weren't going to charge me for bags. I could take my own water and snacks. What's not to like?

But, on my way to the station, I nervously re-thought my decision. "What am I getting into? Have I lost my mind? I don't know if I should do this." A friend dropped me off at the beautiful station in Santa Ana. There were very few people in it. No one was in a hurry. Everyone was pleasant and very helpful. When the train pulled up, I thought, "Okay, here comes the stress." I got on and sat down. It was clean and the windows were huge, affording a scenic view. In an hour we were in L.A. Okay, that segment was okay, but now there will be shoving, crowds and stress. I asked the porter how to catch the Southwest Chief. He pointed to the car on the next track. It can't be this simple???? It was.

I put my bag with all the Christmas presents in the bin below on the first level, and the small bag with toiletries, a change of clothes and snacks above my seat on the second level, and waited for something to go wrong. It didn't. I was impressed with the quiet, graceful departure out of the station about 6:30.

After a while, I opened a "going away" bag given to me by bowling friend Emily Carpenter. She dropped it at my house and I hadn't had time to open. Oh, there were so many snacks, disinfectant for my hands, a book, "The Christmas Train", about this exact train, and two bottles of wine! What a lovely surprise! I laughed out loud and my seatmate looked at me curiously. My trip was off to a wonderful start.

It got dark as we stopped in Fullerton. I went forward to explore the lounge, dining car and the snack bar. With no seat belts and no restrictions on wandering, I felt so free. I was beginning to feel very good about this trip. After going through 10 cars (the people going to Chicago from California were in the last car), I arrived at a lovely lounge with swivel seats that faced the windows to better view the scenery. Beyond that, there were tables where people were playing games and having drinks. I ordered a drink and enjoyed the company for awhile before returning to my seat.

Passing through Arizona I fell asleep. The next morning I awoke in Gallup, NM and called my daughter from my cell phone and we chatted. (Yes, you can use your cell phones on trains.)

When we got to Albuquerque we remained an hour for service, and the scenery took on a real Christmas feeling. A lot of people got off to shop, have a bite to eat and stretch

their legs. I bought a nice blanket from an Indian woman for \$5 which, to my surprise, was made in Mexico! The sun reflected off the icicles in beautiful hues. The whole landscape was decorated for Christmas.

On each car there are four bathrooms just like the airlines and one large bathroom where you can change clothes. There are some accommodations for changing children's diapers. Of course the suites have their own bathrooms and showers.



When the train makes its periodic stops, the conductor will announce it and tell you whether or not there is time for you to get off and explore the station. Most of the smokers get off at all the stops. I also enjoyed the banter on the speakers between the conductor, the dining room staff and the snack bar.

The trip proceeded uneventfully with another night spent on board and no problems. We finally arrived in Chicago and they announced the temperature was 9 deg. below zero. It was painful to walk the length of the train to the station in the bitter cold. I had only a cape and gloves on and no hat. I managed to get through the crowded train station and up the stairs, but I had to connect to another train in another station to go to my daughter's home in Lake Forrest.

I started out the door, when a man grabbed my bag from my hand, went out the door and was walking very fast down the street. I screamed for him to stop, but he kept on. All my gifts were in that bag! Even though it was around 7:00, there weren't many people on the street. He finally stopped at a red light, and, while still trying to fasten my cape, I caught up with him and yelled, "Put down that bag!" What do you think you are doing?"

"I heard you say you had to go to Oglevy station. I was taking your bag there," he said.

"Okay, what do you want?"

He said, "All I want is a donation to my church, whatever you can afford will be fine."

I yelled at him again, "Put down my bag!" Now there were people around, so he did. I gave him \$5 so he'd let me live and I crossed the street as soon as the light changed. After that little adventure there was no problem getting the next train to Lake Forrest for another hour ride.

On my return trip to California, when I got to Chicago Union Station I took off my coat and put it through the handle on top of my suitcase. I turned to ask directions from the Amtrak person, and when I turned around, my coat was gone. The trains are fine, but be careful in the stations. But, no matter what; I would take the train any day before flying.<>

NHLBC 2009 Committees

Membership – John Groothuis

Open House - Len Cormier

Host Program Coordinator - Dave Price

Host Volunteers: – Bob Carpenter, Harriet Bemus, Joyce Smith, Tibor Kozma, Jim White, John MacDonald, Tony Greenberg, Clark and Sally Westcott, Darlyne Hilliard, John Groothuis

New Member Info. Packets - Sally and Clark Westcott

New Member Publications/Promotions – Tony Baer

New Member Training - Jan Hargraves

Instructor Volunteers –Jan Hargraves, Charlie Herbert, Ray Norris, Dee McSparran, Tibor and Pauline Kozma, John MacDonald, Jim White, Clark Westcott, Bill Day, Ted Farfaglia, John Groothuis

Publicity – Ray Norris

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Website Manager- Dee McSparran

Navigator, Bowls Magazine and YJ Articles – Ray Norris and Darlyne Hilliard

Historian - Darlyne Hilliard

Welfare - Ray Norris

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Social Events – Len Cormier

Social Events Volunteers – Myrna Chan, Tanya Hills, Helen Dinkins, Dave Price, Clark & Sally Westcott, Ibbey Gerner

Clubhouse Management – John MacDonald

Maintenance and Supplies – John MacDonald & Bill Day

Bulletin Boards & Seasonal Decorations – Cathy MacDonald

Greens Management - Tom Hargraves

Greens Keeper - Ramiro Mendoza

Tournaments and Club Bowling – Tom Hargraves

NHLBC Tournaments - Charlie Herbert

Coast League Tournaments – Jan Hargraves & Tom Hargraves

Winter League Tournaments – Jan Hargraves and John MacDonald

SWD Men's Tournaments – Tom Hargraves

SWD Woman's Tournaments – Jan Hargraves

Monday Night Club Bowling – Charlie Herbert

Tuesday Club Bowling – Jack McDermott and Jim White

Thursday Club Bowling – John Groothuis and Terry Heeley

Saturday Club Bowling - Jim Altobelli

Sunday Club Bowling – Cathy MacDonald, Patty Lucas and Sharon Grady

Scheduling – Jan Hargraves

Contracts – John Groothuis

If we have mistakenly not included your name on any of the above committees on which you may wish to participate, please contact the responsible Committee Chairperson shown above.<>

NHLBC CALANDER FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Weekly Social Bowling

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1 PM
Thursdays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM
Saturdays	Morning Bowling	10 AM
Sundays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM

Call 949-640-1022 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins and give your name and membership number if you wish to bowl.

Lessons

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February Special Events

Feb. 1 Sunday	Super Bowl Club Tournament	9:30 AM to 8 PM
Feb. 3 Tuesday	Board Meeting	9:30 AM
Feb. 5 Thursday	Private Party	4 to 7 PM
Feb. 7 Saturday	Winter League	9 AM to 2 PM
Feb. 14 Saturday	Valentine's Day Club Tournament	9:30 AM to 4 PM
Feb. 21 Saturday	Winter League	9 AM to 2 PM
Feb. 28 Saturday	Winter League	9 AM to 2 PM



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