



# The Yellow Jacket

## Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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#### President's Message

**T**ime flies when you are having fun! I can't believe that another year has passed and that my second term as your President will soon be coming to an end. I look forward to continuing to serve you as a member of your Board of Directors for another year and would not trade the past two years as your President for anything...it has been truly a delightful and rewarding experience. The people that I met, the friends that I made and the good times we have had together, both on and off the greens, will be memories that will be with me for the rest of my life.

Success does not happen just because of the efforts of any one person, but it's usually the result of many people working together toward a common objective. That certainly is what happened at the NHLBC during the past two years. The willingness of so many of you to help your club by serving on various committees and projects made a huge difference. If it were not for your support and encouragement during my presidency, we would have never made it past square one.

I was lucky, not only because of you, but because you elected some

great people for me to work with on your Board of Directors. Like yourselves, most of your Board members were eager to step up and lead key committees and projects throughout the year. While space does not allow me to mention everyone's name, and there were many, I do have to mention a couple who stood out by doing more than their share. The following are my "Most Valuable People" (MVPs) for 2009:

From your Board of Directors, my MVP of the year is **John MacDonald**. This was his first year on the Board and nobody worked any harder for your club than did John. Right from the beginning, he was taking on responsibilities for a number of important activities and projects, all of which were in the best interest of our club and its membership. He was instrumental in hosting, teaching and training many of our new members from our Open House early in the year. He hosted and helped with many of the New Member BBQs as well as our normal summer BBQs. As our Club House Manager, he maintained and improved our facilities on a daily basis. All of the lights inside the club house are now working properly and the plumbing is back to normal. Throughout the year, John made numerous trips to Costco to make sure that the refrigerator was always sufficiently full of the liquid substances we all enjoy after a good game. During the hot summer days, John could be found early many mornings, hand watering the dry spots on our greens. Thanks to John's efforts, we now have a new shade canopy and some new tables on the patio for all of us to enjoy. When we were getting ready for the MAP tournament, he organized our Club Pride Workdays, personally hand painting all of the colored stripes on the back boards and managed the repainting of all of our benches and back boards. The list goes

on and on. John MacDonald was an enormous asset to the Board of Directors during 2009.

From our General Membership, my MVP this year is **Tony Greenberg**. None of us will ever forget the "over the top" performance displayed by Tony and his helpers throughout the year. While the NHLBC has always been well known for its hospitality, Tony's personal commitment of giving his best during all of our food service functions was extraordinary. Many times, even at his own expense, Tony set the bar so high that it will be challenging for anybody to follow in his footsteps. Congratulations to Tony and his hospitality committee for a fantastic year!

From the Class of 2009, I have selected three members as MVPs due to their exemplary efforts during the year. These members are new, having just joined the club only seven months ago. They distinguished themselves by always being among the first to step up to volunteer their services during many of our private parties, hospitality functions and club social events. A big "Thank You" to **Sally Cadwallader** and **Carol and Richard "Dick" Smith** for their extra efforts during 2009...your volunteerism and hard work were greatly appreciated.

Finally, I want you to know that I am truly thankful to each and every one of you who supported and encouraged me during the past few years. I could not have done it without you and I certainly could not have asked for more. It has been a wonderful chapter in my life. I look forward to continuing to be of service to our club and bowling with you in the years to come.

**I wish each and every one of you a  
Great Holiday Season!**

**John Groothuis**

**[Editor's Note]**

This marks the beginning of my second year as editor of the Yellow Jacket. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have written articles for the news letter, **Darlyne Hilliard, Jay Coons, Ray Norris, John MacDonald, Jim White, Robert Vickster, Sharon Grady**, and of course, **John Groothuis**, who filled a good part of a page every month with his President's Message. And, I would especially like to single out **Halina Groothuis** for her sterling work as a proof reader of each and every issue. She keeps me from looking like an illiterate idiot. And, of course, a special thanks to **Jan Hargraves** for taking the burden of mailing the few copies to those who either do not have, or won't use, email. Finally, I would be lost without **Dee McSparran**. Her prodigious output of information keeps the pages of the Yellow Jacket filled.

I also will take this opportunity to invite those of you who have contributed in the past, to do so again, and to extend that invitation to others of our readership to consider doing the same. Remember, because our basic method of distributing the Yellow Jacket is electronic, we have unlimited space. And, we're open to many topics not tied to lawn bowling, only to our members. So, think about it, and start writing.

Finally, I want you to know that I'm open to suggestions about how we can make this modest publication better. See me at the club, or send me an email at [mactavish@cox.net](mailto:mactavish@cox.net). And, enjoy reading this issue and the many to follow.

**The Greens, Revisited**

Be warned, this is another one of those hectoring articles about the greens that we run every once in a while. By order of the ruling body, you are commanded to read it and take heed. (That's tough guy talk)

But, seriously folks, the greens are our most important asset, by far. If an entity from outer space came and vacuumed our club house into the cargo bay of its ship we could still bowl (although certain provisions in a locker in the men's room would certainly have to be restocked). However, if those little men from the ship also held space motorcycle races on the greens, tearing up the grass, we'd be in deep trouble. We are, after all, a lawn bowling club.

That gets us to the subject at hand. Lately, bowlers have noticed that



the grass is cut funny, with a ring of longer grass around the outside of each green. This is called a "collar" by some folks. Greens committee chairman **Tom Hargraves** explained the purpose of the collar to the **Yellow Jacket** in a recent conversation.

The grass is going into its annual dormant state, so as the season progresses the grass will become browner, and thinner. The area with the longer grass, about 10 feet wide, is usually the area where the mat is set, therefore, the area that gets the most wear. The longer grass protects it from wearing too badly.

So, what does this mean to the bowler about to set the mat? Don't consistently set the mat in the area past the collar. In fact, don't consistently set the mat anywhere, the operative word in this sentence being "**consistently.**" Move it around, anywhere from six and a half feet from the ditch (the "two meter" mark) to the hog line is legal. Pay heed to instructions from your skip, but don't think you are obligated to set the mat outside the collar. By doing this you can do your bit to save the club a ton of money, for that's about what replacing a green will cost (over \$100,000).

**Share Our Selves**

Here is an easy way for us all to have a happier Christmas, and to make others happy too. Just bring a toy to the club and put it, unwrapped, under the tree. Do this by December 18<sup>th</sup> and the toys will be distributed to kids in Orange County who might not otherwise have as nice a Christmas as they might.

This will be done through an organization called Share Our Selves, or SOS, which has a mission of being . . . *"servants who provide free care and assistance to those in need and act as advocates for systemic change"* You can visit their web site at [www.shareourselves.org](http://www.shareourselves.org) to see for yourself what they're up to.

In this economic climate there are many people who are in need of help to make Christmas more than just another day. With two hundred members each giving a toy Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club can make a lot of kids eyes light up on Christmas morning. See you at the tree.

**Luth Wins President's Cup Singles**

In perhaps what can be called a fitting ending **Phil Luth** won the NHLBC President's Cup Singles on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Fitting because Phil is the only candidate running for president in the upcoming election, thus it can be said that he won his own cup, albeit a bit prematurely. He won all his games with plenty to spare in the three game tournament. There were sixteen entries in the day long event, but unfortunately, only two entrants were women, **Joyce Smith** and **Darlyne Hilliard**. Perhaps next year more women bowlers will accept the challenge to bowl in this exciting competition.

Second went to **Brad Parker**, who also won all his games, just not by as wide a margin. And, in somewhat of an upset, new bowler **Martin Wood** walked away with third place money. Martin has been bowling only since February, and is a shining example of what practice can do to improve ones game in a short bit of time. Fourth place fell to **Rob Kost**.



Phil Luth



Brad Parker



Martin Wood



Rob Kost

## Who Is That Guy?

By Chuck Muser

In our two hundred or so members we have many who have interesting backgrounds. There is a person who was a television actor, one who worked as a model, and one who makes his living taking pictures of models. What makes this more interesting is that one guy is all of the above. Who's that, you ask? **Joe Regan**, that's who.



Yep, that's right, that good looking guy who's out there practicing time after time, the one who we know as an up and coming lawn bowler, was a television actor, and a model, and now is the guy behind the camera taking photographs of clothing models, amongst other subjects.

In a recent conversation **Joe** revealed that he broke into acting in the late eighties and worked in various television shows, and got to work with some well known actors. Some of the acting jobs were in commercials too, so we all may have seen him on the small screen, but didn't know it. But, as many actors know, making a living in that profession is chancy, at best. To make ends meet, and to keep beans in the bowl, he did what any good looking guy would, he started modeling on the side.

He'll tell you that there are parallels between the two occupations. You're working in front of a camera and you have to know how to act. Modeling is acting, only you just do it in shorter bits. **Joe** will also tell you that it's more fun being a model in Europe than it is in the United States. There, he says, you're treated like royalty, with stays in nice hotels and nights out at some of the best clubs. And, all that luxury, and the travel that goes with it, is paid for.

It was while modeling that he got the yen to work on the other side of the camera. Being a smart guy, he decided after watching the photographers and their assistants work, he decided "I can do that." He started out by helping the photographer set up shots. Finally, he talked one into letting him take some pictures. He found that he could do it all, and, frankly, to do it better than some of the people who were shooting pictures of him. His very first shoot was published, and the satisfaction of that feat still shows in his telling of it.

Here, when asked if moving from one side of the camera to the other meant a raise in pay, he thought for a minute then replied "No, not really." He explained that some of the top models make a lot more money than he does, and he and the run of the mill types can make about the same. Being on his side of the camera does give him advantages that models don't have, to be sure.

"I'm my own boss, and I get to make up most of the rules," he said. "It's a different world."

Yet, he admits, it's hard work. A photo shoot he did on the day before talking to the Yellow Jacket, he was on the job "too many hours," he says. He described what one can only describe as controlled chaos, with models parading before him one after another, and assistants talking his memory cards as fast as they could, giving them to others to process on the computer to get them ready for uploading to a web site.

Of course, taking pictures of models showing off clothing isn't the only way he makes a living. Taking pictures of "destinations" is another thing that he enjoys. OK, he was asked, what does that mean? Well, he explained, taking photos of places where people want to spend time. For instance, he and his beautiful wife **Marlane**, have spend time in some fabulous chateau and villas in Europe which are being advertised "for rent (for the right price)" It's a great way to work, he admits, traveling to and photographing places like that. He was smiling when he recounted this.

This will be a good place to put a myth to rest. **Marlane Klaarmond**, Joe's wife, is not a model, although there are those who find that hard to believe. "No," Joe says, "that's about the last thing she would do." Actually, she's an agent in the fashion photography trade and helps Joe with his business.

So, how does one get from fashion photography to lawn bowling? Joe recounts that he would drive by the club from time to time and think, "That would be a good background for a shoot." He finally stopped by during an open house and ended up joining. He's a competitive guy so he enjoys the game for that, but also, he admits, he finds his time practicing incredibly calming. It's something so different than what he does for a living that he can relax and get away in his mind. He's become quite good at this sport we all enjoy so much, and has aspirations to be part of the United States team. Here's hoping he makes that goal, but even if he doesn't, we all enjoy having him around.

### Joe At Work



Who would have thought that fashion photography was a contact sport.

## The Sporting Scene

We'll start this month's roundup with an event that happened in October. To be precise, on October 24<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> the United States Open was held in Sun City, Arizona, and Newport Harbor bowlers did quite well, thank you. The women's singles second flight was won by **Tanya Hills**, while **Anne Nunes** was on the winning team in the championship flight for the women's fours. **Dee McSparran** was on the team which took fourth in that flight. In the third flight, **Linda Jahraus** was on a team which won, and **Maryna Hyland** was on a team taking second. And finally, **Dee McSparran** was a member of the team which took second in the championship flight of the pairs competition.

On the men's side **Michael Siddall** was named Bowler Of The Week in the event. He garnered that honor by winning the championship flight in the singles, and being on the team, with **Charlie Herbert**, coming in second in the championship flight of the men's fours. Charlie and **Joe Regan** came in second in the third flight of the pairs,

while **Ivan Hyland** was on the second place team in the championship flight of the pairs. **Mert Isaacman** had a good tournament, being on the team that came in fourth in the championship flight of the pairs, and taking second in the fourth flight of the singles. Finally, **Ed Quo** and **Ivan Hyland** were on teams that took first and second respectively in the fourth flight fours competition.

On the greens of the Laguna Beach LBC on November 8<sup>th</sup>, **Gary Fischer** and **Clay Nolde** won the SWLBC Vet Novice Pairs tournament. Coming in second was the team of **Ivan Hyland** and **George Petyo**. In a companion Vet Novice Pairs tournament held that same day on the MacKenzie Park greens in Santa Barbara, NHLBC member **Kelly Warren** was on a team which took third place.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> the Santa Anita club hosted the Southwest Women's Division Mixed pairs (men skipping). **Tony Baer** and **Eva Lee** won the A group competition while **Rosa Baer** was on the fourth place team in

that group. In the B group, **Jerry Grady** and **Sharon Grady** took second place.

The next day, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the action moved south to the Laguna Beach Open pairs. The women's competition was won by a team including **Anne Nunes**, while **Linda Jahraus** was on the second place team. Third was taken by a team of **Rosa Baer** and **Eva Ho**, and **Maryna Hyland** was on the fourth place team. On the men's green, second place was taken by **Michael Siddall** and **Gary Fischer**, and third by **Simon Myerowitz** and **Shep Sheppard**.

And finally, to round out the month of November, on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Long Beach LBC hosted the SWWD Vet Novice Mix/Match Triples (now, that's a tournament title for you). The event was won by the stalwart trio of **Jan Hargraves**, **Dee McSparran** and **George Petyo**. **Ivan Hyland** and **Maryna Hyland** were on the team taking third, **Michael Siddall** and **Robert Alessi** were on the team in fourth, and **Kelly Warren** was on the fifth place team.

### NHLBC CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2009

#### Weekly Club Social Bowling

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1 PM
Wednesday	Morning Bowling	10AM
Thursdays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM (Bring a Dish+ Games)
Saturdays	Morning Bowling	10 AM
Sundays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM (Bring an Appetizer)

Call (949-640-1022) 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins. Give your name and number.

#### Special Events at NHLBC

December 1 - Tuesday	Board Meeting	9:30 AM to Noon
December 5 - Saturday	Annual Membership Meeting	10 AM to Noon
December 12 - Saturday	Holiday Party, Yacht Club	11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

#### Free Private Lessons

(Contact any instructor below for appointment)

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