



The Yellow Jacket

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Super Super Bowl Sunday

By **Chuck Muser**

Super Bowl football games have had a tendency to be a bit dull, and parties at Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club have usually had just the opposite tendency, never a dull moment. The 2009 NHLBC Super Bowl Party on February 1st lived up to the latter tendency and, WOW, what a football game!

With one hundred yard interception run-backs, thrilling come from behind pass catches, and numerous lead changes, the game between the winning Pittsburgh Steelers and close runner up Arizona Cardinals was a thriller to match even the usual pre-game hype. And the half time show was pretty good too, with no costume malfunctions to speak of. Before the football, the bowling was just as thrilling.

The tournament for the day was organized to match the football contest. The sixty bowlers gathered from various clubs were divided into twenty triples teams, ten representing Pittsburgh and ten, Arizona. The teams were captained by the surprisingly belligerent pair of **Patty** and **Dale Lucas**. They each had a series of

draft picks and then the remaining players in the talent pool drew lots. For the contests ten Arizona teams bowled ten Pittsburgh teams in two twelve end games. Each win was worth seven points for the winning side and a tie garnered three points for each side. At the end of the first game (half time) the contest was knotted 35-35, and, at the end of the second half, it was still a dead tie. A bowl-off was called for.

It was agreed that Patty (Arizona) and Dale (Pittsburgh) would roll four bowls, two one way, two the other, and, as if to predict the future outcome of the football game, Pittsburgh won. Each member of the winning team had the privilege of selecting three squares in the Super Bowl lottery. And, then, the televised game was on and the party began, and the remainder of the day is all a fog. However, on the following day most revelers recalled having a marvelous time. It is unknown who won all the money.



President's Message



Our Super Bowl Party exceeded everybody's expectations. It was our first club tournament for 2009 and we had 70 people joining in on the fun, games, and great food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), not to mention the exciting Super Bowl game itself. Many thanks to **Terry Heeley**,

Gary Fischer, Ted Farfaglia, Jim Altobelli, Shep Shepard, Ray Norris, Patty and Dale Lucas, Sharon and Jerry Grady, Jan and Tom Hargraves and Dee and Bob McSparran, all who organized and sponsored this great event.

We got a lucky break in our winter storms to again enjoy our annual Valentines Day Tournament on Saturday February 14 where we had over 40 members eat, play and enjoy each others company. **Jan and Tom Hargraves** organized the games while **Tony Greenberg** and his Hospitality Committee went over the top with food galore. A special thanks to **Rita Greenburg, Ziba Askar, Eula Casselman** and **Halina Groothuis** for helping with the superb food and service. Our next Club Tournament will be on Saturday March 14 in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. See sign up sheet on the bulletin board for more details about this breakfast, lunch and dinner gala.

The South Central Division Open in Sun City, AZ was well attended by Team Newport, fielding some 21 club members during the week long tournament. Newport players captured 10 of the top spots during the competition, including five first place wins. More details regarding this competition as well as all of our other club tournaments can be seen on the following pages.

The South West Division held their Annual General Meeting in late January for all 27 Southern California clubs, during which time member **Mert Isaacman** stepped down as President of the men's SWD. Mert did a great job of guiding the SWD through some challenging times during the 3 years that he served as President. Among Mert's many accomplishments were the implementation of a division wide Open House in May 2008, resulting in the addition of 400 new members to the SWD. Also, congratulations to members **Phil Luth** and **Tom Hargraves** for being elected to the positions of Vice President and Secretary respectively for 2009.

Finally, if you haven't yet noticed, our Club Historian **Darlyne Hilliard** recently completed a big job of organizing some new photo albums documenting our club activities over the past few years. The albums are located in our new bookcase next to the TV for everyone to enjoy. Good going Darlyne! **Have a Great St. Patrick's Day!**

A Valentines Day Bowling Tournament and Food Fest

By Darlyne Hilliard

When I arrived early February 14 for the tournament about half the people were already in the club wolfing down the wonderful breakfast, which **Tony Greenberg** got up at 4:00 a.m. to prepare. There was yogurt, fruit, egg salad on rolls, plenty of pastries and much more.

Because it was Valentine's Day, the girls had to ask guys to be their partners if they didn't already have one. Nineteen couples signed up to play, which proves the women in this club aren't shy. Everyone dressed in red tops and white pants. Ron Temple had an especially appropriate hat—a red devil with horns! As we waddled out after breakfast for the first game, a breeze chilled the air but the sun warmed us up a bit.

After the first game we went into the clubhouse for another outstanding lunch by Tony with hot homemade vegetable soup (Tony serving) and wonderful cheese bread, tuna, salmon mousse, all kinds of salads and deserts, I haven't seen a spread like that since the Super bowl party! We waddled out again for the second game.



The bowling, meantime, proceeded hot and heavy. At the end of the second 12 end game the teams of **Glenna Weber /Ron Temple,** and **Chuck Muser/Joyce Smith,** had both won their games by ten or more points. However the Temple-Weber team had accumulated three points

extra while the Smith-Muser team had only two extra, so Temple-Weber were declared the winner. (There are those who attribute the win to Temple's close resemblance to the devil, but we were assured that it was just skill) The team of **George Petyo and Jan Hargraves** came in third.

Thank you to everyone who organized, scored, cooked and cleaned. It was an outstanding day...and we got to eat again when we finished. Woo Hoo!



Sporting News

February was a busy, and successful, month for Newport Harbor LBC bowlers on the sporting scene. On February 7 through 12 at the South Central Division Open tournament in Sun City Arizona our bowlers pretty well dominated, with **Charlie Herbert** winning both the Men's Singles and, with **Ed Quo,** the Men's Pairs competitions. In that same pairs contest **Michael Siddall** and **Gary Fischer** placed fourth. In the Men's Triples Siddall teamed with Loren Dion and Gord Fall to take first, while the team of **Ivan Hyland,** Liam Courtney and Jim Olson ended in Fourth place.

Meanwhile, in the Women's Pairs contest, **Linda Jahraus** and Kim Heiser triumphed in the Championship Flight, and **Jan Hargraves** teamed with Brenda Wright to take second in the 4th Flight. In the Women's Fours a team consisting of **Maryna Hyland,** Hargraves, Irene Webster and Heiser swept the competition. And, in the Women's Singles **Dee McSparran** won the 4th Flight, and Jahraus took second in the 6th Flight.

Other NHLBC members traveling to Arizona for the competition were **Patty Lucas, Dale Lucas, Ginnie Kelley, Jim Kelley, Pauline Kozma, Tibor Kozma, Sharon Grady, Jerry Grady, Ted Farfaglia, Shep Shepard, Brian Stewart** and **David Stennes.**

A couple of weeks later, the Riverside LBC hosted the Southwest Women's District Mumma Mixed Pairs. Our Bowlers **Eva Lee** and **Simon Meyerowitz** swept the A-Green competition while Hargraves and **Phil Luth** took fourth. Also taking part in the tournament were **Cathie Herbert, Tony Baer, Marion Compton, Tanya Hills, Anne Nunes, Bob Nunes,** Charlie Herbert, Linda Jahraus, Shep Shepard, Dee McSparran, Gary Fischer, Maryna Hyland and Ivan Hyland.

Member News

By Ray Norris

Welcome back Emily Carpenter! We are all very happy to see you participating again in our club bowling. For those who might not know Emily, she has recovered after her cancer chemo and radiation treatments. She tells me that she has received good news about her prognosis. We continue to pray that future news remain positive, that her cure is thorough and that she is declared another winner in the battles against cancer.

A Note From Emily And Bob Carpenter

We want to thank everyone for your support, caring and prayers. The latest CT scan showed no cancer cells remaining! You've all helped create that good report. We may have missed our South African trip but this is the best news for us.

Hints And Rules Of The Greens

When should a toucher be marked? Rule 25.1 states: "A toucher should be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl or the marker [in a singles match] as soon as it comes to rest." So, that means that the next bowler should pause until the bowl is marked.

March Birthdays

Marvin Blaski	3-Mar
Theresa Casanova	3-Mar
Tony Gillett	3-Mar
Blair Lord	5-Mar
Halina Groothuis	5-Mar
Bob Nunes	10-Mar
Clark Westcott	11-Mar
Craig Silva	11-Mar
H.D. Devine	13-Mar
Leroy Nonemaker	14-Mar
Brian Dann	16-Mar
Charlie Herbert	16-Mar
Gil Curry	16-Mar
Bill Behr	17-Mar
Patty Lucas	17-Mar
Gari Andreini	20-Mar
Tom Doolan	23-Mar
Simon Meyerowitz	24-Mar
Dan Garrett	25-Mar
Joyce Smith	28-Mar
Gary Vaughan	29-Mar



Valentine's Day winner in training.

St. Pat And St. Joe Are Back

Ok Gents and Ladies, now's the time to sign up for the best tournament of the spring (if last year was any indication), the St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Bowling Party. If you remember last year's shindig it will be one of those days where you'll eat and bowl, eat and bowl some more, and then eat even some more. You know, the type of event that we're famous for.

It will be on Saturday, March 14th, and will be three meals, and three eleven-end games. This will be mixed pairs like Valentine's Day, only this time the guys pick partners, with the added caveat that the teams have to be different than those on Valentine's. There will be continental breakfast, an Irish lunch, and an Italian dinner.

Put your names on the sheet on the board at the club, and do it before March 12th. If you're too shy to find a partner, sign up anyway. The saints will provide.



The Yellow Jacket would like to thank Patty Lucas and Jay Coons for submitting several photographs for use in the newsletter. We invite anyone interested in either writing articles or taking photographs to let the editor know, either in person or by email at mactavish@cox.net.



The Leprechauns are loose on the land again!

**Support TEAM USA
Join or Renew Now**

Golden Bias Club

**GB Club provides monetary support to Team Players
and would like your help to give the most we can.**

**TEAM USA travels to South Africa
In May for the Atlantic Rim Games**

(airfare \$2,000++ per person)

**The team travels to Malaysia
In August for the Asia Pacific Games**

(airfare \$2,200++ per person)

**Membership contributions continue to be \$50 per year.
New members get a GB Club pin and a bar for the year.
Renewing members receive another year bar to add.**

Contact Dee McSparran

NHLBC CALANDER FOR MARCH 2009

Weekly Club Bowling

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1 PM
Thursdays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM (Look for time change soon)
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

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	thebaron@sbcglobal.net
Dee McSparran	949-218-6298	lynnlaw@cox.net
Tibor Kozma	714-549-3749	tkozma@ca.rr.com
Pauline Kozma	714-549-3749	tkozma@ca.rr.com

Special Events at NHLBC

March 3 - Tuesday	Board Meeting	9:30 AM
March 7 - Saturday	Private Party	1 to 8 PM
March 14- Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Tournament	9:30 AM to 4 PM
March 29- Sunday	San Clemente Fund Raiser Tournament	9:30 AM to 4 PM



Club Financials – An Historical Look

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
December Year-End Check Bal.	\$ 9,994	\$ 8,669	\$11,018	\$11,239	\$ 9,724	\$14,793	\$16,366	\$16,554
Revenues								
Dues + Initiation Fees		\$12,449	\$12,261	\$11,778	\$12,071	\$15,978	\$2,2794	\$25,100
Green Fees		\$ 5,020	\$ 4,633	\$ 4,044	\$ 3,791	\$ 4,105	\$ 4,837	\$ 7,347
Tournaments		\$ 1,693	\$ 1,677	\$ 1,011	\$ 2,884	\$ 3,802	\$ 4,351	\$ 2,605
Contributions		\$ 1,253	\$ 599	\$ 1,447	\$ 4,906	\$ 4,508	\$ 4,320	\$ 6,275
City Contribution		\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 5,760	\$ 4,224
Interest		\$ 6,441	\$ 5,454	\$ 5,624	\$ 6,591	\$ 7,836	\$ 8,291	\$ 6,187
Misc. Inc.		\$ 1,337	\$ 2,247	\$ 4,484	\$ 2,982	\$ 2,824	\$ 3,558	\$ 1,546
Sale of Club Supplies/Equip.		\$ 813	\$ 2,552	\$ 1,642	\$ 2,814	\$ 3,880	\$ 5,209	\$ 7,505
Total Revenues		\$ 38,006	\$ 38,423	\$ 39,003	\$ 45,039	\$ 50,133	\$ 59,121	\$ 60,789
Expenses								
Greens Wages/Supplies/Misc.		\$ 13,353	\$ 17,423	\$ 16,702	\$ 18,738	\$ 19,063	\$ 17,613	\$ 18,185
Greens Equip.		\$ 2,037	\$ 2,107	\$ 578	\$ 4,540	\$ 1,033	\$ 7,663	\$ 1,951
SWD&USLBA Dues		\$ 1,795	\$ 1,775	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,940	\$ 2,070	\$ 3,100	\$ 2,880
Game Supplies		\$ 1,010	\$ 2,158	\$ 1,404	\$ 2,396	\$ 1,321	\$ 3,910	\$ 5,283
Utilities		\$ 3,570	\$ 3,677	\$ 3,421	\$ 3,688	\$ 4,177	\$ 5,068	\$ 5,583
Club House Supplies/Printing		\$ 4,002	\$ 3,426	\$ 3,246	\$ 3,307	\$ 3,999	\$ 5,037	\$ 7,948
Clubhouse Maint/Misc.		\$ 4,269	\$ 2,909	\$ 2,562	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,753	\$ 4,303	\$ 6,862
Advertising					\$ 686	\$ 1,057	\$ 971	\$ 1,084
Tournaments		\$ 787	\$ 811	\$ 744	\$ 1,884	\$ 2,123	\$ 2,998	\$ 2,287
Taxes/Insurance		\$ 3,448	\$ 3,403	\$ 4,163	\$ 3,842	\$ 3,529	\$ 3,614	\$ 6,550
Misc.		\$ 2,409	\$ 3,083	\$ 2,487	\$ 2,298	\$ 2,119	\$ 2,779	\$ 1,800
Total Expenses		\$ 36,681	\$ 40,772	\$ 38,567	\$ 46,591	\$ 44,709	\$ 57,396	\$ 60,413
Revenues-Expenses	\$ (1,325)	\$ 1,325	\$ (2,349)	\$ 463	\$ (1,552)	\$ 5,424	\$ 1,795	\$ 240

Club Financials – An Historical Look

By Ray Norris

Unless you have served on the Board of Directors, I suspect most of our club members have no idea how much the club spends each year and where does this money comes from. Since I believe that many of you would be interested in an overall picture of our club's financials, I prepared the chart above which shows the past seven years of income and expenditures. As you can readily see with the successful recent recruiting that we have experienced, club income has risen from \$38,000 per year to nearly \$61,000 in 2008. We have experienced an increase in annual dues from \$12,000 to \$25,000. Another large increase has been our contribution income from renting the club to outside groups. In 2008 we earned \$6,275 in contributions, offsetting the reduction in Newport City contribution from \$9,000 to \$4,224 in 2008. In two years, the City's contribution will be eliminated, resulting in a need to increase our revenues (dues?) or reduce expenditures.

Expenditures have essentially tracked our improved revenue stream. We now spend some \$60,000 a year to maintain our greens, maintain and improve our club house, and cover supplies, annual membership to the Southwest Division and USLBA, pay taxes taxes and utilities. Roughly 40% of our budget, some \$22,000 to \$25,000 annually, pays for our greens and for upgrading our expensive specialized greens equipment. If you look closely, you will note that in 2008 we had an IRS audit of our books and as a result experienced a \$3,000 bill for back taxes. Seems the IRS tax laws were changed and non-profit social organizations must pay taxes on earned interest income. We were not aware of this tax change.

Overall, over the past seven years, your club financials have been in very good shape. With a little effort, you could help our club be even more financially strong. Simply increase your frequency of wrong bias deliveries, followed up by faithfully ringing the penalty bell and paying your quarters to the kitty.

