



# The Yellow Jacket

## Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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### President's Message



Our March St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day Tournament was a huge success, fielding 42 players competing for the top four prizes. This breakfast, lunch and dinner event was hosted by **Gary Fischer, Ted Farfaglia and Jim Altobelli** and was once again supported by **Tony Greenburg's** hospitality team. Thanks to everyone who helped out, including **Jan and Tom Hargraves** who kept the 14 teams organized during the tournament. Winners and other details can be found on the following pages.

On Saturday, April 18, we will once again be hosting the Edward Jones Co. and 60 of their key employees. Like last year, we will need the help of several club members to assist this outside group during their lawn bowling endeavors. While it appears that the economy may reduce the number of outside groups using our club for private parties this year, their income is important to us and helps us minimize the possibility of a dues increase in the future. Please sign up at the outside bulletin board if you can help us out between noon and 4 PM.

It's that time of the year when we will be scrubbing and cleaning the clubhouse from top to bottom. "Club Pride Day", better known as spring cleaning, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 from 9 AM to 2 PM. **John MacDonald** has a number of chores lined up, so if you can help out, please sign up at the outside bulletin board.

Our next Club Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 and will be a "Mystery Draw" format. This \$10 event will be hosted by **Phil Luth, Len Cormier and Myrna Chan** and will feature three, ten end games, a continental breakfast and a light lunch. For more details or to sign up for this late April Tournament, please see the outside bulletin board.

As many of you know, our Saturday, May 9 Open House is only 6 weeks away. Your Membership Committee has been very busy during the past several weeks getting ready for this annual membership recruiting event. By late April, you should begin seeing advertisements in the Daily Pilot, flags, banners and shade cover being erected and printed flyers available for pick up at the club. We will need everyone's help that day, so please sign up on the outside bulletin board when you see the notice posted.

As of this date, we currently have 140 members in our club, which makes our total number of members greater than last year at this time. Even though our long term trend in total membership continues to be upward, we still have to go the extra mile to keep our newer members interested in our club activities. When you see a new face around the clubhouse, please introduce yourselves and encourage them to partici-

pate in our upcoming social and bowling events. We have had seven new members join our club so far this year.

**Have a Wonderful Easter! John Groothuis**

### Saint Pat And Saint Joe

By Chuck Muser

Our annual joint Saint Patrick's and Saint Joseph's day celebration and feast was, as usual, a happening to remember. And, as usual, there was too much food, perhaps too much to drink, and certainly too much wind, but who ever said that too much was a bad thing? The event took place on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

The day started with tasty things to eat and warm things to drink while we waited for the tournament organizers **Tom Hargraves** and **Jan Hargraves** to, well, get things organized. This year's tournament was originally scheduled to be a mixed pairs event, with the men choosing a partner. However, due to the temporary loss of one green, it was decided to make it triples, with the teams based on the initial pairs with a blind draw for the third member. This made for some interesting teams, especially with bowlers such as Carrie Fossatt from Santa Ana LBC and Kim Heiser from Laguna Beach LBC. There were three 10 end games bowled, one before lunch and two after.

And, in fact, it was the team of **Ted Farfaglia** and **Sally Shipley** with the addition of Kim Heiser who romped to the tournament win. They won all three of their games with a total of twenty six points margin. Battling it out for second and third were the teams of **Jim White, Mary Dooley** and Carrie Fossett (3 wins, 19 plus points) and **Gary Fischer, Dee McSparran** and **Tony Gillet** (3 wins, 18 plus points). The fourth money paying place went to **Linda Jahraus, Tom Hargraves** and **Ibby Gerner** with 3 wins and 12 plus points.



Lunch and dinner were traditional feasts befitting the two saints. An excellent corned beef and cabbage dish (prepared by master chef **Tony Greenberg**) was served for lunch and Italian meat sandwiches and pasta with a meat sauce whipped up by various **Italian guys from the back alleys of Napoli** greeted the bowlers at day's end. We all left that evening tired, but certainly not hungry.

## King On A String

By Darlyne Hilliard

When I saw an announcement on the club bulletin board that **Phil Luth** was performing in a band called "King on a String" at Arbors in Huntington Beach, I immediately made plans to go. I often saw Phil and his happy smile at the club, and I even partnered with him once bowling, but we never got to talk. I knew he lived in Huntington Beach because when I first met him, he wore a Tee shirt imprinted with *The Longboard Restaurant*, one of my favorites in H.B.

It has been years since I've been to a nightclub to see a show, and I didn't know what to expect. **Joyce Smith** went



with me, and as we went in we saw **Jerry and Sharon Grady** eating dinner and waiting for the show to start. It was a packed audience. They even had tables in the dancing section. Joyce and I got a table directly in front and am I glad.

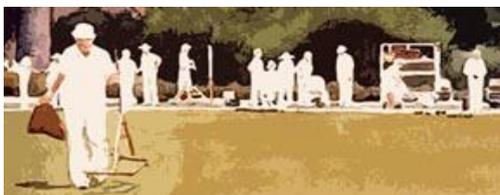
Here's the scoop. "Kings on a String" is a band that records songs from the

Elvis era, and when they perform, they play the CDs they've recorded. Then they make the marionettes look like they are playing. So instead of a band on stage, there were four marionettes consisting of: "Elvis" on the piano, a drummer (manipulated by Phil), a guitarist, and a base player with the men who actually play these instruments manipulating their marionette counterparts! It's so much fun, and the music is great! From our front seat advantage, Joyce and I could see Phil making his marionette drum and hitting the cymbal so hard, it broke off.

In addition to seeing the performance, I talked to Phil. He was born in Long Beach and is married to Tracy, his wife, who was born in Iowa. They have three children, 2 girls, married, and one boy in college. He's a Manager for Southern California Gas Co. "King on a String" began around 1993 when Phil was coaching Dave Molica's son in soccer. Dave proposed they begin a band, which evolved into "King on a String". They sell T-shirts and CDs and they perform for birthday parties, fundraisers, *Make a Wish Foundation* and corporations. Phil loves surfing, cooking and yard work (imagine!). We're lucky to have such a talented member. Maybe they would play at one of our private or club parties? You can always ask.

## Hints And Rules Of The Greens

Most of the time when we play we're sharing the green with other players. There are some common sense etiquette rules that make this situation easier on everybody. It's important to be aware of the players on an adjoining rink. When you are bringing in the bowls before starting another end, be careful to stay in the boundaries of your rink. And, it's a good idea to pause and be still when a bowler next to where you're raking is delivering a bowl. Also, when you're changing ends, don't wander into an adjoining rink. Instead, walk in the center of your rink. Be sure that you're always aware of the bowlers on the other rinks.



## April Birthdays

Michael Siddall	1-Apr
John Groothuis	6-Apr
Greg Hayes	10-Apr
Greg McCandless	12-Apr
Fran Stewart	13-Apr
Tanya Hills	15-Apr
Eddie Bower	17-Apr
Terri Melin	19-Apr
Ginnie Kelley	21-Apr
Jim White	28-Apr

## Member News

By Ray Norris

### Welcome back Dody Reid

Starting in early March, we are all very happy to see you participating again in our club bowling. It made me smile to see Jody walking without a cane assist. I wish to thank those lead bowlers who have willingly sacrificed part of their game by allowing Jody to share a lead position and permit her to bowl from one end only.

## The Sporting Scene



As usual Newport Harbor LBC members were active, and successful, in various tournaments in the area. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, **Brad Parker** and **Dee McSparran** were on a team which placed second in the South West Women's Division Vet Novice Mix or Match Triples at the Santa Anita BGC. Also bowling in that event were **Ivan Hyland, Maryna Hyland, Jan Hargraves, Tanya Hills** and **John McDonald**.

Later in the month, March 21<sup>st</sup>, The 2009 Tommy Stirrat Memorial Mixed Triples was held on the Santa Ana LBC greens. Members on the winning team were **Michael Siddall** and **Phil Luth**. Coming in second was a team on which **Anne Nunes** bowled. Third place was garnered by a team of **Joe Regan, Simon Meyerowitz** and **Eva Lee**. Other Newporters participating, a cast of thousands, were **Gary Fischer, Dee McSparran, Ted Farfaglia, Tanya Hills, Sharon Grady, Jerry Grady, Jan Hargraves, Myrna Chan, Don Stewart, Pauline Kozma, Brian Stewart, Robert Alessi, Bob Montes, Tibor Kozma, Patty Lucas, Dale Lucas, Charlie Herbert**, and last, but certainly not least, **Brad Parker**.

**[Editor's Note]** The Yellow Jacket has been remiss in not previously acknowledging the colorful and inventive emails that **Dee McSparran** sends out to tell us the results of the various tournaments in which our members bowl, and in announcing the upcoming events being held on our greens. We use them extensively to write our articles and would be lost without them. Our thanks to Dee.

## The Greens

By now many of you will have noticed that we're playing on just the Potter green, while the Tarbox green lies forlorn and unused. It looks a bit brown and sandy. Well, that's because the Tarbox green has been aerated. That's right, aerated. No, that's not a disease, it's a good thing, trust us. OK then, you ask, what does all this mean?

Essentially, it has had a bunch of holes punched in it, and then a whole lot of sand spread around on the surface. Why? So the grass will grow better. OK, here's what went on, and what it all means. On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, our greens keeper **Ramiro Mendoza**, and a crew of three came in and, using a special machine, punched thousands of nickel sized holes in the green, all in neat rows. Then, they raked up all the little plugs of sandy soil and grass roots and hauled them away. After that a few small truckloads of sand was spread over the green.

Ramiro tells us that this is a common occurrence in the other world where greens are essential, the golf course. In fact, he says, golf course greens are aerated three or four times a year. It's done, in both cases, to allow the greens to breathe and to forestall compaction.

If it's not done, the grass just doesn't grow as well, and, according to **Tom Hargraves**, the chair of the Greens Committee, sooner or later, it stops growing altogether. When that happens, the club has to lay out about \$100,000 to put in a new green. It's been a long time since we had to do that, and we're hoping it will be a long time in the future when it's necessary again. Hence, the aeration.

Ramiro and Tom say that the green won't be available for play for a few more weeks. Ramiro explained that, on the golf course, the greens are usable much sooner because they are reseeded as part of the process. Here we are not going through the reseeding step so it will take much longer. Tom explained that we use a hybrid Bermuda grass on our greens, so it's not possible to reseed. So, that means we just wait, and sometime later this month, we'll begin playing on Tarbox again. In the meantime, then, please keep observing the rotation schedule posted on the outside bulletin board so we don't beat up the Potter green too badly.

## A Job To Be Done

[**Dee McSparran** saw this little ditty hanging on a wall at the Hemet LBC the other day and thought it might be appropriate]

This is a story about four people:

**Everybody, Somebody, Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

**Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

**Somebody** got angry with that, because it was **Everybody's** job.

**Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what

**Anybody** could have done.

Oh, by the way, don't forget the Pride Day later this month when we all, operative word **all**, gather to spruce up the clubhouse and grounds.



**Mystery Draw Open**

Date: Sunday, April 26th  
Location: Newport Harbor LBC  
Entry Fee: \$10.00  
Games: 3 - 10 End Games  
Start Time: 9:00 am  
Two Games then Lunch then Last Game

Format: If we told you that, it wouldn't be a Mystery!

Light continental breakfast.  
Sides, salads & snacks provided for lunch. Bring a sandwich.  
Hosted by:  
Phil Luthi, Myrna Chan and Len Cormier  
Questions? - LEC4@yahoo.com

## NHLBC CALANDER FOR APRIL 2009

### Weekly Club Bowling

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1 PM
Thursdays	Afternoon Bowling	5 PM (Bring a Dish)
Saturdays	Morning Bowling	10 AM
Sundays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM (Bring an Appetizer)

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
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### Special Events at NHLBC

April 4 - Saturday	Hyland Ladies Tournament	9 AM to 5 PM
April 7 - Tuesday	Board Meeting	9:30 AM
April 7 - Tuesday	Club Instructors Meeting	Noon to 2 PM
April 18 - Saturday	Private Party (Ed. Jones Co.)	Noon to 6 PM
April 20 - Monday	Private Party ( Yahn & Co.)	8 AM to 6 PM
April 22 - Wednesday	Club Pride Day (Spring Cleaning)	10 AM to 2 PM
April 26 - Sunday	"Mystery" Club Tournament	9 AM to 4 PM
April 29 - Wednesday	Private Party (Ed Jones Co.)	4 to 8 PM

2009 COAST LEAGUE			
<b>Standing to Date</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
Long Beach 1	3	1	
Long Beach 2	3	1	
Newport 2	3	1	
Santa Ana 1	3	1	
Laguna Beach 1	2	2	
Laguna Beach 2	2	2	
Newport 1	2	2	
Laguna Woods 1	1	3	
Santa Ana 2	1	3	
Laguna Woods 2	0	4	
<b>Results - Mar 20</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
Laguna Beach 1	2	2	
Laguna Beach 2	2	2	
Laguna Woods 1	1	3	
Laguna Woods 2	0	4	
Long Beach 1	3	1	
Long Beach 2	3	1	
Newport 1	2	2	
Newport 2	3	1	
Santa Ana 1	3	1	
Santa Ana 2	1	3	
			<b>Schedule</b>
Mar 20			Long Beach
Apr 3			Laguna Woods
Apr 24			Santa Ana
May 1			Newport
May 15			Laguna Woods
Jun 5			Laguna Beach
Jun 26			Newport
Jul 17			Santa Ana
Aug 7			Long Beach
Aug 21			Laguna Beach