



Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

1550 Crown Drive North, Corona del Mar, CA 92625

The Yellow Jacket



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www.newportharborlbc.com

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January Events

Happy New Year

Weekly Draw
NHLBC

Social Bowling

Monday	6:30 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Wednesday	6:30 pm
Thursday	3:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am
Sunday	2:00 pm

Competitive Pairs
Tournament Prep
Tuesday and Thursday at
9:15 am

Call 949-640-1022
At least 30 minutes before
the draw time with your
name and draw number

Jan 5	Sat	Winter League- Development	NHLBC
Jan 9	Wed	Ladies day at the Club	NHLBC
Jan 9	Wed	Board Meeting 2:30 pm	NHLBC
Jan 12	Sat	Winter League- Trophy 1&2	NHLBC
Jan 19	Sat	Winter League- Trophy 1&2	NHLBC
Jan 19	Sat	SWLBA AGM & SWWD AGM 10 am	Santa Anita
Jan 26	Sat	Private Party 1 pm-7 pm	NHLBC
Jan 26	Sat	Winter League- Quarter Final	TBA

More information and tournament entry forms/flyers can be found at www.newportharborlbc.com

It's a NEW YEAR and time to renew your membership in the club. Please send your check for \$175 made out to **Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club** to the address at the top of this newsletter or leave it in the box in the office where Jan will pick it up. The deadline for your dues is February 28th. At just 48 cents a day, this must be the cheapest entertainment in Orange County. And this year it includes an added bonus- a membership in the Newport Beach Yacht Club and no extra cost. See the article below for details.



Message from the President

I'm Back!

We will we start another year at Newport Harbor with high expectations. I hope we don't disappoint. Our first change, we are now affiliated with Bowls USA as our renamed national governing body. Another significant change for this year is that we established a Corporate Membership with the Newport Beach Yacht Club allowing all club members to participate in the NBYC after they fill out a NBYC registration. I hope our members take advantage of this fine dining and relaxing establishment.

Looking forward, by SWD's preliminary tournament schedule, we will host four upcoming events. In May, we host the SW Women's Fossati & Friends Triples Tournament. In June, we have two weekends with the Women's US Singles Playdowns. In July, comes the Men's US Pairs Playdowns, and in September, we again host the Opening Ceremony and likely four events of the US Open.

Mark your calendars, on February 3rd there will be a Super Bowl Party with a Super Bowl Game Prize Square for enjoyment.

I'm still seeking volunteers to lead and organize specific tasks for the Club. I have already filled many slots. I hope that you step up if asked.

Ray Norris



Meet the Board of Directors

President

Ray Norris joined the Club in 2003 And has ten years of lawn bowling experience. He served on the Board for several years, having been a floating director this past year and was President in 2005 & 2006. Married to Julie, a non-member. They met in college and have been married 48 years. They have two sons, one daughter-in-law and one grand-dog. After graduating from Cal Berkeley with a Masters in Petroleum Engineering, his entire career was spent with Chevron. By retirement he had reached the level of Chevron's Chief Petroleum Engineer with worldwide responsibilities. He routinely visited all of their worldwide operation centers. During his career, they lived four years in London working on North Sea projects. He also worked in San Francisco, Houston, Denver, Danville and La Habra. He enjoys traveling, which is why he has happily organized three different bowls tours for the club. His first experience with Club tours was to South Africa on a tour organized by the Hylands with Subsequent trips to New Zealand and Western Canada and the upcoming England trip.



Vice President

Linda Roberts joined the Club in 2011, after belonging to another club previously.

She has been lawn bowling for 3½ years. She is an avid tournament bowler and received 1st place honors in Woman's Pairs in the recent 2012 US Open. Linda has served on a number of charitable organizational boards: NCL, Irvine Jr. Games, etc. She has been married to Scott since 1999 and lives in Irvine. Linda grew up in San Marino, California, and attended the University of Redland for her Undergraduate Degree in Economics. Further, she received a Masters Degree in Finance at Cal State and a Law Degree from Western State University.



Secretary

Carol Smith joined the Club in 2009. She took over the duties of the Club Secretary in 2012. She has 3½ years of bowling experience. Carol has been married to Richard for 35 years and grew up in Arcadia, California. She attended Cal State Los Angeles and retired from a career in Human Resource Management. Carol has been a willing volunteer in many of the Club's various committees and functions



Director

Bob Carpenter joined NHLBC in 2008 having been preceded by his wife Emily a year earlier. He graduated from the University of Michigan June of 1950. Bob has become an avid bowler and a hard working member of our Board of Directors as Vice President. He has headed up and been the coordinator of our New Member Host program in 2011, 2012 & 2013. Bob has set the Saturday morning blind draw board for the past year and is the self-appointed Sheriff of "**Wrong Bias Bowls (25 cents please).**" He has not yet retired but has been working hard to get there soon. The main portion of his varied working life was in sales, engineering and general management in the heavy earth moving machinery business.



Treasurer

Jan Hargraves along with her husband, Tom, discovered Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club in 1999. She took over the duties of Club Treasurer in 2001 and has served in that capacity ever since. Prior to this discovery Jan was an active golfer and Hacienda Country Club member. Jan grew up in Huntington Park and attended UCLA for a time. She and Tom have been married for 48 years. Jan is an expert bowler with worldwide experience, having scored a Bronze Medal at games in South Africa, and countless tournament activities here in the US. She served as President of the Southwest Women's Association during 2010 and 2011. Jan is and has been a main stay in the founding and administration of the Coast League.



Director

Dee McSparran after driving by the Club for several years straining to get a glimpse of what people were doing on the lawn at the corner of San Joaquin and Crown overheard a couple of ladies in an exercise class explaining that it was lawn bowling. Julie Norris invited her to meet with her husband, Ray, at the Club for an introductory lesson. Eight years later, she remains passionate with the sport. With a working background in administrative office support services, she volunteers wherever needed in the organization of lawn bowls. From 2006-2011, she has served as Secretary to NHLBC Board of Directors, Treasurer to the Southwest Women’s Division since 2007, Golden Bias Club committee since 2008 and currently serves as Co-Chairperson. She was assistant manager to Team USA in South Africa and has represented the USA in international bowling competitions in various countries over the past four years, earning a Bronze Medal in Cyprus last year. She is currently serving as 2nd Vice President of the national authority, Bowls USA (formally known as USLBA) and is the US Women’s International Delegate to World Bowls Authority. She has also served as SWD Membership Registrar since 2010. Dee grew up in South Texas then went to school, worked and started a family in Dallas where she lived until 1989 when she married Bob and moved to Temecula, California. They have lived in Newport Beach and Dana Point since 1998.



Director

Len Cormier joined the Club in 2006 and has been lawn bowling ever since. He states that his most notable bowling honors are that he has managed to win back most of his entry fees. He served on the Board in 2007 & 2008. Len and his partner, Myrna Chan, have recently been heavily involved in various Southwest Lawn Bowling Association functions and activities. They have been especially effective promoting “Open House” membership recruiting campaigns at many Southwest Clubs, ours included. Len attended USC and intends to retire sometime this century. Entrepreneurs Myrna and Len run their own small business consulting company. They live in Tustin during the winter and Balboa Island during the summer.

Director

Patty Lucas and her husband of fifteen years, Dale, have been members since 2007 and have been Lawn Bowling ever since. Both are excellent bowlers with lots of tournament experience. Patty is known for her party planning and host talents. She served as a Director in 2009 and has volunteered on many Club committees. Patty served The Groves as their Activities Director, retiring after three years. The Lucases love to travel and have participated in a number of Club trips. Patty grew up in Torrance and now lives in Costa Mesa.



Past President

Dave Phillips joined the club 3 years ago and has never stopped since. He quickly got involved in both the bowling and the organization at the club. He brought his considerable organizational skills to the running of the club when he took over as president from Ted Farfaglia. Last year, as president, he helped to get several programs off the ground to encourage new members. Originally from Wales, he has lived in the States for a long time. He and Joan live not far from the club in Corona del Mar.



2012 President, Dave Phillips passing the gavel to Ray Norris, the 2013 President at the 2012 Annual General Meeting

The minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting will be posted at the club. Please check them out there.



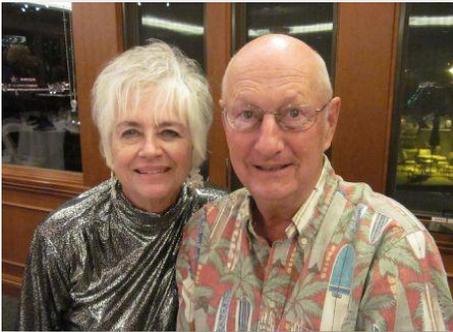
NHLBC Ladies at the SWWD Holiday Luncheon celebrating 12/12/12/12/12
 Back-Johanna Ramsay, Susan Weaver, Carol Smith, Gloria Montes, Front- Darlyne Hilliard, Eula Casselman, and Harriet Bemus



Dee McSparran receiving an award at the SWWD Holiday Luncheon for "Always Giving Back" in appreciation of her contribution to SWWD bowling

Fun at the Holiday Party

Photos by Carol Smith



Tom and Jan Hargraves



Ron and Barbara Temple



Clark and Sally Westcott were hosts at the NHLBC Holiday Party



Mert and Libby Isaacman, Charlie and Kathy Herbert



Bill and Sylvia Day, Dave and Ruth Price



Ken and Laura Perry



Romero and his wife with a present for his green thumb



Ziba, Joyce and Jim at the piano



Charlie and Mert Best of friends- off the green

NHLBC affiliates with the Newport Beach Yacht Club

In an effort to enhance our members' social, entertainment and dining opportunities, your Board of Directors approved a formal affiliation with the Newport Beach Yacht Club during their last Board meeting in November. The Yacht Club, a private, member's only, Social Club with 1,100 members, is located on the Newport Bay next to the bridge going onto Balboa Island. Our "Corporate Membership" agreement entitles all 2013 NHLBC members full access to the Yacht Club with all of the same rights and privileges as Regular Members, but with one exception; Regular Members receive a free dinner on their birthdays, Corporate Members do not. In return, NHLBC will provide free lessons and will wave our normal initiation fee for Yacht Club members who choose to join our Club. This is a win-win situation for both Clubs.

The only cost to NHLBC members will be for the food and beverages that you consume while at the Yacht Club, which you will pay for with a personal credit card at the end of each visit. NHLBC will pay for all other administrative costs and fees associated with this "Corporate Membership". Once you have paid your 2013 dues (\$175), you can activate your membership in the Yacht Club by completing two Yacht Club application forms, both of which can be found in our club house on the table next to the TV.

For more details, contact our Yacht Club Liaisons, John and Halina Groothuis ([949-230-1957/JohnHalina@aol.com](mailto:JohnHalina@aol.com)).

Letter from the Editor

Some of you know that Martin and I travel a lot. This year, most of your newsletters have originated in Kosovo in Eastern Europe. December's Yellow Jacket was sent from India and this one is coming from Quepos, Costa Rica where we are on holiday with our family. I hope to be able to send more from Newport Beach in the new year since we have retired again to our home there.

Other people help with my job. I couldn't do the newsletter without Dee McSparran who proof reads for me. Dai Phillips also checked for correct dates etc. Carol Smith and Tibor Kozma sent photos of events at the club. Chuck Muser, John Groothuis and Dee sent articles. Jan Hargraves picks up the print version and mails it out.

It is a new year and a new board whose bios are included this month. They don't run the club by themselves. There are many jobs to be done to make a successful club. When someone asks you if you can contribute your time to helping out, please say yes. If you haven't been approached, ask one of the board members what you can do.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year,
Jane Wood



Happy Birthday

Helen Dinkins	Carrie Reach	Dee McSparran
Kathleen Brundo	Kay Wurtz	Angie Vazirian
Terry Heeley	Larkin Kime	George Petyo
Page Kenyon	Richard Smith	Andy Kerr
Jeanne O'Byrne	Laurie Hoagland	
Rodney Wilson	Caryl Scanlan	Ron Temple
Shep Sheppard	Susan Weaver	Eva Lee

Caring Corner

Contact Sally Shipley at 949-887-9064 or sally@sallyshipley.com with any concerns



Good luck to Charlie Herbert who is representing the US Professional Bowls Association in the UK in January.

