



**NEWPORT HARBOR  
LAWN BOWLING CLUB  
THE YELLOW JACKET**  
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**CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2008**

<b><u>Feb. 5</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Club House Set up for State Election - Greens will be available for bowling.</u></b>
<b>* <u>Feb. 17</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Club Pairs Tournament - \$10.00 Fee - includes lunch - Sign up</u></b>
<b><u>Feb. 18</u></b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Board Meeting - 3:30</u></b>
<b><u>Feb. 20</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Ladies' Day in Santa Ana - 9:00 - Sign up on NHLBC bulletin board.</u></b>
<b><u>Mondays</u></b>	<b><u>Every week</u></b>	<b><u>Bowling Under The Lights - 6:30 pm - show up!</u></b>
<b><u>Tuesdays</u></b>	<b><u>Every Week</u></b>	<b><u>Instructions - @ 10:00 - Bowling in afternoon 1:00 - Call in by 12:30</u></b>
<b><u>Thursdays</u></b>	<b><u>Every Week</u></b>	<b><u>Pot Luck Bowling - Bring a Dish - Now at 3:00</u></b>
<b><u>Saturdays</u></b>	<b><u>Every Week</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Bowling - 10:00 - Call by 9:30 - Be there by 9:45 - <u>Instruction</u> - 12:30</u></b>
<b>* <u>Sundays</u></b>	<b><u>Every Week</u></b>	<b><u>Blind Draw Triples - 2:00 P.M. Call in by 1:30 - Bring an Appetizer</u></b>

**Weekly Bowling on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays:**

If you wish to bowl on any of these regularly scheduled playing days, please call in 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins, stating your name, club number and the position you wish to play. This will allow the event host to better place you in a playing position of your preference. Please arrive 15 minutes before bowling is scheduled to begin. Also, on days the club is hosting a sanctioned Club Tournament, regular weekly bowling scheduled for that day will not take place. However, if you are not playing in the tournament, you are free to bowl on your own anytime during that day .

**Bowling Lessons and Instruction:**

Free lessons will continue to be offered every Tuesday at 10 AM and Saturday at 12:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer to be an instructor once or twice a month, please contact John Groothuis or Jan Hargraves.

***Greeting from the Bridge...***



We have had a good first month in 2008 as the weather turned out to be fairly normal for this time of year...a few days of rain, but the bowling conditions were mostly good. January also found your crew busy meeting with their various committees and developing plans for the future. **Patty Lucas and Flossie Dunning** hosted a Hospitality Training meeting for 14 of our members who volunteered to help out with our club hospitality activities throughout the coming year...I'm sure we will all be pleasantly surprised as they swing their program into action during the coming months. The Membership and Publicity Committees both met for the first time this year to plan and develop their programs for the upcoming months...the three words heard most during both meeting were "Advertise, Advertise, and Advertise". **Jan Hargraves** developed the club's master calendar for all of the club tournaments and activities that will take place at our club during 2008...the calendar is now posted on the wall above the computer for all to see. **Cathy and John MacDonald** launched Sunday Afternoon Bowling at the beginning of the month and it has been a great success...they added "Bring an Appetizer" to their Sunday Afternoon event a few weeks ago and the number of people attending doubled well into the 30's...a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon on the greens at the NHLBC. After a rain delay, **Jim Altobelli** hosted our first 2008 club tournament in late January...all 24 who played had a grand time...winners and photos can be found on the next pages. The South West Division held their Annual General Meeting at the Santa Anita Club where over 100 delegates from 27 clubs from Southern California attended...Newport Harbor was well represented with 12 members attending...Most of the clubs in the SWD agreed to host their Open Houses on the same day as ours this year, Saturday May 10. At the AGM, **Len Cormier and your Captain** conducted a one hour workshop on "How to Conduct a Successful Open House" and **Charlie Herbert** handed out copies of the 3 minute training DVD he developed last year. Finally after some delays at the City, the repair work on our sidewalks is now scheduled for early February...they will be filling all of the cracks and grinding all of the uneven surfaces flat on all of the club's sidewalks.

***Have a great February, Captain John***

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

Beginning this month, the monthly Board Meeting Minutes will no longer appear in the Yellow Jacket, but will be posted on the bulletin board inside the club house next to the computer. This will give our editor more space in the Yellow Jacket for stories and pictures of club tournaments and events.

**The NHLBC associates with the Birkenhead Bowling Club in New Zealand - John Groothuis**

At the NHLBC board meeting on January 21, your board agreed to become a "Sister Club" of the Birkenhead Bowling Club in New Zealand. The Birkenhead Club is the strongest club in the Bowls North Harbour Centre region in NZ and holds the current World Singles Championship and the National Singles Championship. Among other things, this association will provide a good contact for our members when they are traveling to NZ. **Newport Harbor member Brad Parker's father** is an Executive Member of the Birkenhead Club.

**USLBA Golden Bias Club - Dee McSparran**

The GBC was established in 2002 as a booster club to provide financial support to Team USA for travel and accommodation expenses. Recruitment of 22 new members in 2007 ended the year with a record-high membership of 114. Heather Stewart will join me this year in recruiting members by serving on the USLBA-GBC Committee.

Annual membership dues are \$50. Members receive the GB pin (1st year), the current year tag, and a set of bowl stickers. To join the Golden Bias Club, email [dee@lagunabeachlawnbowling.com](mailto:dee@lagunabeachlawnbowling.com) or call 949-374-3006. Membership pins, year tags, and stickers are available now.

**Sanity Check !! - By Chuck Muser**

Motorists buzzing along San Joaquin Hills Road by the greens on the afternoon of January 24<sup>th</sup> were treated to an unusual sight, a band of hearty bowlers engaged in a game – in the rain.

The threatening weather, it seems, didn't deter ten committed members from playing in Thursday's regular afternoon session. Unfortunately, the usual sunshine which seems to hover over the greens failed to appear. Instead, it rained for the first four ends. The rain was accompanied by a cold wind, which stayed around even after the rain moved on. However the hearty ten bowled on, even in the face of loud questions about sanity voiced by onlookers (who, it should be noted, were positioned comfortably under the clubhouse roof).

Therefore we nominate the ten, **Jan Hargraves, Tom Hargraves, Ken Perry, Ray Norris, Chuck Muser, Charlie Herbert, Phil Luth, Doug Stewart, Brian Stewart, and Don Stewart**, for the perseverance award of the month. Questions of sanity will be left for others to figure out.

**Member News - by Ray Norris**

**Jan Hargraves**, our traveling club member, who having just returned from the South Africa bowling tour, spent a week in St. Thomas with her sister. Things must have cooled down from their similar trip to St. Thomas of a few years ago, as this time their hotel did not catch on fire in the middle of the night.

**Dee McSparran and Ann Nunes** spent three days of bowling in Arizona as participants in an invitational bowling event. Congratulations to both of you.

Finally, a bit of sad news, **Mary Amies**, a Club member since 1990, passed away last week. Mary is survived by her husband **John**, also a member since 1990. Mary and John did a lot for the club in the past, but have not been able to bowl for some time due to illness. Mary's daughter indicated that the funeral service will be a private affair involving family only.

As you may have noted, I renamed this part of our Yellow Jacket "**Member News**". If you have anything you would like to share with other club members; such as celebrations, births, travels or illness that will keep you away from the greens for a while; simply email me at [ranorris@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ranorris@ix.netcom.com) and I'll share the news in my monthly feature article. Thanks for sharing.

**Welcome to New Members -**

We are so pleased to welcome the following new members to our club.

**Robert Carpenter (Emily's husband)**

1906 Suva Cir.  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
717-540-4423

**Pete Nee**

6 Tidal Surf  
Newport Coast, CA 92657  
949-648-6688

**Club House Refrigerators:**

The refrigerator located in the Kitchen will have ice and cold water service in the next few weeks. We have also added some new types of beverages for your use...see the price list on the side of the refrigerator. All food and beverages stored in this refrigerator will be considered available for consumption by any club members. If you wish to store any private food or beverages, please use the refrigerator in the storage room.

Feb. 2	Ed Quo	Feb. 16	Tom Hargraves	Feb. 20	Carol McDonald
Feb. 8	Sybil Bernash	Feb. 16	Marlane Klaamond	Feb. 25	Byron Hoffman
Feb. 12	Harold Deino	Feb. 18	Ken Buckley	Feb. 25	Emily Carpenter
Feb. 13	Gehard Hahn	Feb. 18	Eula Casselman	Feb. 27	Tippy Sheppard
Feb. 13	Betty McMormick				

**First Club Tourney Of The Year -** *By Chuck Muser*

After a rare rain caused postponement, the first club tournament of the new year was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. On a beautiful Sunday morning, one of those sparkling January days which surely accounts for much of the over-population of Southern California, twenty four bowlers battled it out in a blind draw, mixed triples contest.

After savage combat in three nine-end games the winning team of **Maryna Hyland, Harriet Bemus and Dale Lucas** emerged from the dust. They took home the better part of a "C note" and the satisfaction of winning their three games with high numbers. In a close second stood **Jerry Grady, Gloria Montes, and Marlane Klaarmond**. Their prize was a bit less than half of the winner's take. Runners-up were **Ginnie Kellie, Jim White, and John MacDonald**.

We must thank **Jim Altobelli** and his minions for another well run tourney. These events, while always providing stimulating competition, also give newer club members valuable experience, which quite possibly may be of benefit to the club with glories won in later years.

We cannot end this without mentioning that your correspondent was importuned by a certain past president, who will be unnamed, to be mentioned as "the best looking bowler on the greens." After due consideration, with a look at much evidence to the contrary and some dissent in the ranks, a decision was postponed. It might be noted that had some material incentives been offered the decision might have been more forthcoming.



**Persina Revisited -**

The results of this wonderful and colorful tournament held on August 18, 2007 was not reported on in September. It was a roaring success with many creative costumes worn by some of the contestants. Your editor, (thats me, Jay), feels bad about that so here are some camera shots, provided by Ray Norris.



For a picture of the whole gang see page 4.

**SWD Bowlers Compete in AZ -** *By Dee McSparran*

Eager to begin the tournament season, a few SWD bowlers traveled to Sun City, AZ, to compete in the annual Gil Stephan AZ Rinks January 12-14. Among 128 skilled bowlers from several USLBA divisions and Canadian snow birds, Bill Hiscock and Olga McCord of San Diego, Gary Fischer of Laguna Woods, **Anne Nunes of Newport Harbor, and Dee McSparran of Newport Harbor/Laguna Beach** braved the frosty mornings on superb greens at Bell and Lakeview lawn bowling clubs.

With five wins, one loss and plus 32 points, the team of Bill-Gary-Dee-Olga were seeded 4th in the Championship Flight on Day 3 to battle record-breaking winds and stiff competition and were defeated in the first game by the team of Riverside's Stu & Jan MacNaughton.

In the second game, Milwaukee champion Steve Nelson and his team triumphed by one point in the last end. Champions were Frank Souza and his Canadian teammates, SCD Hitchcock-Woods team took second, SCD team of John and Dora Stewart placed third, and the MacNaughton Riverside team finished fourth.



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(- But we will still take them)

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