



The Yellow Jacket

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President's Message



With the arrival of the warmer spring weather, April turned out to be a busy month and May promises to be even busier. Preparations for the Open House consumed a lot of our time in April and the big payoff for everyone's hard work will come on Saturday, May 9. Some of the April and May highlights are as follows:

The Edward Jones Company Party was indeed a grand affair for all who participated on Sunday, April 18. After a wonderful lunch provided by the Newport Rib Co., our 60 guests were divided into 12 teams and played 3 short games each to come up with an overall winner. Special thanks to **Jan Garrette, Halina Groothuis, Darlyne Hilliard, Sharon and Jerry Grady, Jan and Tom Hargraves, Tibor Kozma, Cathy and John MacDonald, Ray Norris, Joyce Smith and Sally and Clark Westcott** for helping out during this event.

Club Pride Day on April 22 was well organized by **John MacDonald** and focused on such projects as erecting our new shade cover, cleaning the bathrooms, oven, refrigerators, floors, tables, chairs and benches. A special thanks to our army of volunteers who turned out and scrubbed and cleaned throughout the day. They were **Harriet Bemus, Tina Byrne, Emily and Bob Carpenter, Myrna Chan, Bill Day, Helen and Dick Dinkins, Darlyne Hilliard, Tibor Kozma, Patty and Dale Lucas, Cathy MacDonald, Chuck Muser, Ray Norris, George Petyo, Dave Phillips, Sally and Clark Westcott, Jim White, and Martin Woods**. See following pages for photos.

The Mystery Tournament on Sunday, April 24 was full of surprises and intrigue for all who played in this all day event. **Myrna Chan, Len Cormier and Phil Luth**, did a great job in promoting and managing this fun filled, 12 team tournament. Photos and other details can be found on the following pages.

Our Open House promotion campaign for the Saturday, May 9 Open House is well underway. Our ads in the Daily Pilot, Oasis Newsletter and other publications in the Newport-Mesa area generated a lot of interest in our annual affair. A special thanks to **Bill Day and Dave Price** for helping erect our Open House banners and flags around the club house.

If you can help us out during the Open House, please sign up on the patio bulletin board. Specific assignments will be posted on the bulletin board next week. Please wear your NHLBC name badges and if you have them, lawn bowling

shirts during the Open House. A continental breakfast will be served starting at 8:30 AM. Salads, pizza and dessert will be available starting at 11:30 AM and BBQ appetizers will be served in the late afternoon after our guests have departed.

The Club will be closed on Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 18 and 19 beginning at 5 PM due to the upcoming elections. Our club will once again be a voting center on Election Day and only election officials will have access to the club house during the evening hours. However, we will be bowling as usual on Tuesday during the daytime.

The President's Cup Singles Tournament will take place on Sunday May 24. This "club members only" annual tournament will determine the NHLBC singles champions for 2009. The President's Cup pairs and triples tournaments will take place later in the summer. Please sign up on the patio bulletin board or see **Tom Hargraves** for more details.

See you at the Open House on Saturday May 9!
John Groothuis

New Member Opportunities

by **Ray Norris & John McDonald**

Following the Open House there will be two events that new members are encouraged to take advantage of. The first is an instructional course on 'How To Play The Game Basics' and the second are two scheduled New Member Mixers designed to allow you to have fun meeting and bowling with fellow new bowlers.

The How To Play The Game Basics course provides you with knowledge you need to play the game of bowls. The intent of this course is to make you comfortable in participating in our social bowls venues. Subjects covered are flow of the game, positions and duties, rules and etiquette, lawn bowling terms and hand signals, setting the mat and the jack, and scoring. This course is offered on Sunday May 17th from 3 to 5 and repeated on Thursday May 21st from 5 to 7. After the Sunday afternoon course, plan on staying for the Club's Sunday appetizers and drinks. After the Thursday course, plan to stay for the pot luck supper. Bring a dish to share.

Two New Member Mixers are planned. The first will be on Sunday afternoon May 31st from 2:30 to 5. The second is on Saturday June 27th, also from 2:30 to 5. Mixers involve playing short games, allowing time to play against several of the teams present. A hamburger BBQ follows each mixer. Plan on participating in either, or both, of these mixers.

Sign up forms to register for these events are posted on the Club House bulletin board or you can call Ray Norris at (949) 644-6138 to confirm.

It Was A Mystery!

By Darlyne Hilliard

The day dawned sunny, cold and blustery on April 26th. Those of us who signed up to play in the Mystery Tournament were still confused about what the mystery was. I asked if we should wear whites, and the response was, "It's a mystery," so I wore whites. **Ray Norris** turned anti-establishment wearing all black, looking quite the hippy, and there were variations in between. To add to the mystique, you had to figure out how to get to the club because the Annual March of Dimes Walk started in Fashion Island and marched right in front of our club, so a lot of streets were closed.

Twenty-eight bowlers signed up. The organizers, **Myrna Chan, Len Cormier** and **Phil Luth**, ranked the top 14. Those fourteen bowlers served as Leads in pairs. The remaining fourteen bowlers stepped up to the mat and played as Skips! For example, I played

Skip to **Patty Lucas's** Lead, so you know how backwards this tournament was. Skips playing as leads and Leads as Skips made for a lot of nail biting moments.

For example, **Joyce Smith**, playing Skip, took the point away from her opponents when her bowl gently dragged the jack back to her Lead's three bowls (**Carrie Fossati** from Santa Ana), getting four points putting them ahead, much to the chagrin of the opposing team of Skip, **Mary Dooley** and Lead, **Ray Norris**. Mary's last bowl was on the right path to take the game back. It was a tight head, but, alas, it wasn't to be. Mary's bowl did cut it to two giving Joyce and Carrie the game by one point.

Now, we should tell you that the results are a mystery too, but, Well . . . OK, **Jan Garret** and **Simon Meyerowitz** came in first, **Tina Byrne** and **Tanya Hills** second, and **Tony Greenberg** and **Tibor Kozma** third.

Skips	Leads
Mary Dooley	Ray Norris
Emily Carpenter	Phil Luth
Jan Garret	Simon Meyerowitz
Harriet Bemus	Pauline Kozma
Ibby Germer	Shep Sheppard
Tony Greenberg	Tibor Kozma
Rita Greenberg	Dale Lucas
Eula Casselman	Ed Shearin
Tina Byrne	Tanya Hills
Terry Heeley	Robert Alessi
Clay Nolde	John MacDonald
Joyce Smith	Carrie Fossati
Darlyne Hilliard	Patty Lucas
Cathy MacDonald	Bob Carpenter



The Sporting Scene

The weather is heating up and that brings on the competitions, which in turn brings out Newport Harbor LBC bowlers. On Saturday, April 4th, the South West Women's Division held its annual Hyland Family Triples, an event held on our greens and sponsored by the Hyland clan. This year, as usual, many Newport Harbor women bowlers participated. **Anne Nunes** was a member of the second place team, and **Dee McSparran** was a member of the third place team. Others bowling were **Maryna Hyland, Linda Jahraus, Barbara McCowen, Eva Lee, Patty Lucas, Sharon Grady, Tanya Hills, Jan Hargraves, and Rita Greenberg**.

On that same weekend the Men's Southern California Triples was held on the Riverside LBC greens. In that tournament Newport bowler **Charlie Herbert's** team won the event, while **Michael Siddall** and **Gary Fischer** were on the consolation team. Other NHLBC bowlers participating were **Bob Nunes, Mert Isaacman, Brad Parker, Simon Myerowitz, Ed Quo, Ted Farfaglia** and **Bob Montes**.

A week later the Long Beach LBC held its 14th annual Carnival, and Newport's **Dale Lucas** came away the winner. In sixth place was **Shep Sheppard**, and in tenth, **Maryna Hyland**. Out of the ninety nine entries other NHLBC bowlers were **Ivan Hyland, Dee McSparran, Terry Heely, Mary Dooley, Patty Lucas, Barbara McCowen, Rita Greenberg, Tony Greenberg, John MacDonald, Len Cormier** and **Myrna Chan**.

The next weekend found more tournament bowling, this time the 2009 Southern California Rinks competition on the MacKenzie Park greens in Santa Barbara. This event was won by a team which included **Ed Quo**, while second place was taken by a team on which **Robert Alessi** was a member. The consolation team included **Tony Baer, Michael Siddall** and **Phil Luth**. Other Newporters bowling were **Mert Isaacman, Brad Parker, Joe Regan, Bob Nunes, Simon Meyerowitz, Charlie Herbert, Don Stewart** and **Rob Kost**.

On April 25th The Groves LBC hosted their Mixed Triples event and, in the sixteen teams entered, many Newporters were represented. The second place team included **Ivan Hyland** and **Eva Lee** and on the third place team was **Tanya Hills**. Others bowling were **Dee McSparran, Sharon Grady, Jerry Grady, Simon Meyerowitz, Myrna Chan, and Ed Quo**.

And finally, as you read this, the United States teams are in South Africa bowling in the Atlantic Championships 2009 International competition. Five Newport Harbor LBC members are members of the two U. S. teams, **Maryna Hyland, Jan Hargraves, and Dee McSparran** on the women's team, and **Ivan Hyland** and **Charlie Herbert** on the men's.

Hints And Rules Of The Greens

Many times during the course of a game questions arise about whether a bowl is, or is not, out of bounds. We've all seen this happen. When a bowl is close to the edge of the rink it's up to the skips to decide, but many times that is difficult for the skips to do without help from the players at the other end of the rink. So, players at that end should be aware of bowls and help out by standing on the bank in line with the edge marker. Why is this important? Too often the skips must yell and wave trying to get the attention of players at the other end, thereby distracting players on adjoining rinks. It is important that out of bounds bowls be removed promptly so they don't interfere with bowls in the adjoining rink, or with a bowl rolled by players on your rink which might strike the out of bounds bowl. Being aware of what's happening at the other end of the rink helps speed play and makes the game go smoother.

May Birthdays

Linda Jahraus	4-May
Missy Parker	6-May
Sally Shipley	6-May
Ivan Hyland	7-May
Jerry Grady	10-May
Ken Young	12-May
Mary Dooley	13-May
Myrna Chan	16-May
Cary Miller	16-May
Bev Gillett	17-May
Dody Reid	17-May
Tony Baer	19-May
Jan Hargraves	21-May
John Lackey	22-May
Cathy MacDonald	26-May
Anne Nunes	30-May
Woody Wood	31-May

Professional Bowls Association

Want to play bowls at international level? If your answer is "yes" you can do so by joining the Professional Bowls Association (PBA). You will be eligible to enter qualifying events arranged by the PBA and WBT (World Bowls Tour).

Membership open to both men and women

Interested?

Contact Frank Souza
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Sun City AZ 85351

623-388-6160 or e-mail: frs1b1up@cox.net

Joining fees \$90 and annual dues of \$110.

Total for new members \$200.

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NHLBC CALENDAR FOR MAY 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.

Group Lessons

Tuesdays, 10 AM to Noon Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon

Private Lessons

(By Appointment Only)

Bill Day	949-554-4256	waday1013@gmail.com
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Tibor Kozma	714-549-3749	tkozma@ca.rr.com
Pauline Kozma	714-549-3749	tkozma@ca.rr.com

Special Events at NHLBC

May 5 - Tuesday	Board Meeting	9:30 to Noon
May 9 - Saturday	Open House	All Day
May 16 - Saturday	Private Party	4 to 9 PM
May 17 - Sunday	New Member Orientation	3 to 5 PM
May 21 - Tuesday	Election Day at Club	All Day
May 29 - Thursday	New Member Orientation	5 to 8 PM
May 24 - Sunday	New Member Tournament	3 to 5 PM
May 31 - Sunday	President's Cup Tournament	All Day



Our thanks to Jay Coons for the Mystery Tournament photos.