



The Yellow Jacket

Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Message



June was a busy month for many of our new members, many of whom joined our club during or shortly following our May Open House. As of this date, we now have over 60 new members in the Class of 2009, bringing our total membership to almost 200. **Ray Norris** and **John MacDonald** have been busy organizing and conducting both new member "orientation sessions" as well as "get acquainted" bowling tournaments and BBQ's, all of which have been well received by those who attended. **Dave Price** has been busy making sure each new member is assigned a "Host" to help them transition into our club and encourage them to attend our bowling training sessions on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10 am. All in all, I believe we have made some good progress in helping our new members become responsible and active members at our club.

Because of our many new members, I believe it's appropriate to once again remind everyone of some of the daily "house keeping" responsibilities that apply to both old and new members alike. On the top of my list is keeping the club house and patio areas as clean as possible. We don't have anyone that cleans up after us, so as a common courtesy to other members, please clean the kitchen, counter tops, tables, BBQ's and dishes after each and every use. To help minimize the ant and rodent problems, always empty the trash container into the dumpster located in the parking lot when food is served.

Only drinks that are "for sale" should be stored in the "refrigerator" in the kitchen area ... everything else (food, personal drinks, etc.) should be stored into the other refrigerator located in the bowls room. Any food or beverages placed in the bowl room refrigerator will be for everybody's use unless you put your name on it. If you see food in the kitchen refrigerator, please remove it and place it in the bowls room refrigerator.

To assure even wear of our greens, please follow the "Greens Schedule" posted on the outside bulletin board. If you see any members bowling on the wrong green or in the wrong direction, please remind them of their mistake ... bowling on the incorrect green because "its better" is not considered acceptable. Also remember that each day you practice or play on the greens to place your \$1 green's fee in the box in the equipment room. If you bowl at night with the floodlights on, the green's fee is \$2 ... please do not forget to

turn off the floodlights and lower the light poles when you are done. Nobody, including guests, is exempt from these fees.

Please remember to respect our neighbors as well as comply with City of Newport Beach regulations regarding "noise and late hours" during social and bowling functions at the club. We have had some issues along these lines in recent times and we have been put on notice by the powers-that-be to keep the noise and music volumes low, as well as to turn off the outside floodlights and close things down no later than 10 p.m. each and every night of the week.

Finally, during July and August, we will be serving full dinners at the club "every other Sunday" following our 3 p.m. social bowling. These \$10 dinners include everything except your drinks. Our first dinner is this Sunday, July 5th and will feature grilled salmon and chicken entrées. It makes no difference if you bowl or not and guests are welcome. Please sign up in advance on the outside bulletin board if you wish to attend.

Have a great 4th of July! John Groothuis

New Member Mixer Sunday May 31st

By Ray Norris

Twenty-six of our 2009 new bowlers came out on Sunday afternoon to participate in their first club "tournament", a New Member Mixer. In addition to the 26 mixer participants, three new members attended as observers and to joined in the post event hamburger BBQ dinner. Intent was to encourage our Class of 2009 new members to meet together and to have fun playing together against others who also are just learning to bowl. To ensure lots of interaction and a chance to meet many fellow new members, the tournament was designed to play three 4 end games of triples (due to time and hunger we managed to get in only two of the three games, but who cares.) Teams played as triples with exception of two teams of fours to account for the total of 26 players. Couples were on the same team. Most teams included a randomly selected third member who was a complete stranger to the other two members at the start of play. Two leagues – ROOKIES vs. WILD ONES – consisting of four teams each were created. Teams earned 2 points for their respective league by winning their individual four end matches. Ties earned 1 point. Veteran club members **Ray Norris**, **Dave Price** and **John Groothuis** assisted in organizing the teams into lead, vice and skip positions and helping with the game play and scoring. For these new bowlers, this was the first time they had played a game of bowls, and they needed our assistance for the first couple of games.

With new bowlers, there were many out of bounds, short, or ditcher shots taken. But the beauty and fun of the sport was seen in cases where a team down four going into the last end, and scored four to tie the game; or with an opponent holding four shots and a bowler hit the jack and followed it to earn the point; or a skip, with it's team down four, wicks off a bowl with his last bowl and comes to rest as second shot, cutting the loss on the end to one point. (All these shots happened in the Mixer.)

Yes this mixer tournament did recognize winners: WILD ONES won over ROOKIES by the commanding score of 13 to 3. By winning, members of WILD ONES won the Grand Prize right to cut in front of any ROOKIES in the hamburger line.

New member **Stacy Wall** provided the entertainment during the BBQ dining. **Stacy** didn't participate in the Mixer but did invite her boy friend and three other couples to try bowling just at the time we were having dinner. They happened to be bowling directly in front of the club house. It was amazing to see their practice rink loaded with 32 bowls per end! Some great shots were made, but many filling the rink with blockers.

Big thanks to **John and Dave** who not only helped with organizing the match games, but also took responsibility for the BBQ. Club super chief, **Tony Greenburg**, also stepped forward to help with the BBQ. **John** also helped behind the scenes by acquiring all of the food. I couldn't have done it without their help!

From the positive feedback I received from participants the New Bowler Mixer was a huge success. My biggest problem was in arranging the matches between triples teams and the two teams of fours. After an unsuccessful attempt at organizing a logical but somewhat complicated system of bowler rotations, I finally threw up my hands and told them not to worry about the order of bowling just make sure that each bowler bowls their assigned number of bowls. At that point they managed to work this problem out for themselves.

Missing Jack Mystery!

Where have they gone?

How did they leave?

These are two questions being asked by investigators looking into the mystery of what happened to the club's supply of jacks. For the past few weeks it's been noticed that several jacks have been missing from the supply carts for each green. The missing jacks mystery turned into a crisis when setup began for the two South West Division novice singles tournaments held on June 28th. There were so many bowlers entered in both the men's and women's competition that all fourteen rinks were needed. Lo and behold, there weren't enough jacks to supply that many rinks. A bunch had to be hurriedly borrowed from another club so the events could be held.

Since it has been observed by many that jacks don't have legs, and that under normal circumstances they don't roll without help, investigators have come to the conclusion that bowlers have taken them for some other use, or to be kept as souvenirs of great games bowled. While this may be commendable in some people's eyes, such a practice does hamper the purpose of the club, to practice lawn bowling.

So, investigators are asking that those who have the missing jacks return them to their rightful homes. Check

your bags and lockers to make sure that some jacks haven't sneaked in without being noticed. Then, when the club needs fourteen jacks in some future eventuality, they'll be there, and your dues money won't have to be spent replacing them.

Member News

By Ray Norris

Our hopes and prayers continue for **Marion Compton** as she battles cancer.

We wish **Bill Day** a speedy recovery from his back problem. He is undergoing epidural injection treatments to relieve back pain. Bill did visit us on a Tuesday afternoon and it was a pleasure to see him but it was obvious that his back was still bothering him quite a bit. Bill, if you read this, trash is backing up all over the club so you might consider exercising your back by picking the trash bags again soon.

Now for some good news of interest to some of the club's longer term members. While **Bob** and **Nancy Johnston** no longer are able to bowl, we received a nice note from them indicating that Nancy is now in remission from her latest bout with cancer and is leading a very active and healthy life. They thanked the club members for their well wishes and have donated Bob's bowls to the club. Bob and Nancy joined the club in 2005.

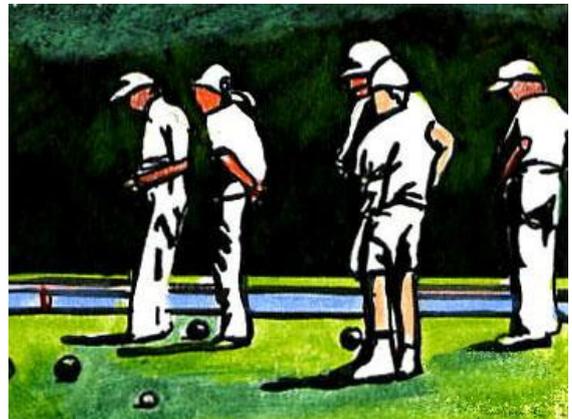
President's Cup Pairs

By Jim White

Sunday, June 7 was a perfect late spring day for the annual club contest for the President's Cup Pairs Championship. Twenty four eager competitive club members were divided into skips and vices, mostly by choice. Twelve teams were then selected by blind draw.

The competition consisted of three ten-end matches scored by wins and point differential. The teams were obviously evenly matched as no pair won all of their matches. Several teams had records of 2 wins and 1 loss. Winners on point differential were **Jerry Grady** and **Myrna Chan**. Second place went to **Bob Montes** and novice **Dave Price**. In third place, decided by a one point "plus-plus" score difference, were **Dee McSparran** and novice **Dave Phillips**. Just missing on the tie-breaker, and in fourth place, also known as out-of-the-money, were **Tibor Kozma** and **Dale Lucas**.

The day of Club Championship bowls was highlighted by the fine early morning and lunch goodies provided by **Tony Greenberg** and his Hospitality team. No blood was left on the green and a fine time was had by all.



Birthdays

[Due to trips and such, the June birthdays didn't make it into last month's issue]

JUNE

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| Ashley Gerner | 1-Jun |
| Mary Shandy | 3-Jun |
| Don Ramsay | 5-Jun |
| Sharon Grady | 5-Jun |
| Robert Alessi | 7-Jun |
| Linda Nelson | 7-Jun |
| Bob Carpenter | 9-Jun |
| Grace Dove | 10-Jun |
| Carol Smith | 11-Jun |
| Tibor Kozma | 11-Jun |
| Ziba Askar | 11-Jun |
| Don Stewart | 12-Jun |
| Rena Hansen | 14-Jun |
| Pauline Kozma | 14-Jun |
| Joe Regan | 19-Jun |
| Jim Cutler | 22-Jun |
| Ross Melin | 22-Jun |
| Jasmine Chang | 23-Jun |
| Jeff Pohlig | 24-Jun |
| Adrienne Rosen | 28-Jun |
| Chuck Muser | 29-Jun |



JULY

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| Bev Macke | 11-Jul |
| Barry Behrstock | 12-Jul |
| Bill Cook | 12-Jul |
| Ed Shearin | 12-Jul |
| John MacDonald | 12-Jul |
| Sarah Wall | 12-Jul |
| John Bodenmann | 14-Jul |
| Ken Perry | 14-Jul |
| Sharon Silcock | 14-Jul |
| Darlyne Hilliard | 15-Jul |
| Lenora Siciliano | 21-Jul |
| Tracy Bodenmann | 22-Jul |
| David Nelson | 22-Jul |
| Joe Forman | 22-Jul |
| Harriet Bemus | 24-Jul |
| Marion Compton | 26-Jul |
| Joan Phillips | 27-Jul |
| Pat Kost | 29-Jul |
| Ray Norris | 30-Jul |



New Member Mixer Saturday June 27th By Ray Norris

Twenty of our 2009 new bowlers came out on Saturday afternoon to participate in a repeat of the New Member Mixer bowling and hamburger BBQ dinner. To their surprise these new bowlers were joined by 14 club member veterans for a total participation of 34 members. Ten teams of triples and two teams of pairs were set into mixed teams of new bowlers and vets. Intent of this surprise mixer was to break the ice between new bowlers and experienced bowlers, demonstrating to new bowlers that they are ready to come out and have fun participating in social bowls. For many, this was the first time they had played a competitive game of bowls.

To ensure lots of interaction among participants, the tournament consisted of three 4 end games. Two leagues ANGELS vs. DEMONS – consisting of six teams each were

created. Teams earned 2 points for their respective league by winning their individual four end matches. Ties earned 1 point. Results after these 18 short games, showed ANGELS winning 23 to 13 over the DEMONS.

Big thanks to **John Groothuis**, with the help of **Cathy McDonald**, who took responsibility for the BBQ and **John McDonald**, who handled the chore of recruiting the 14 vets to join in the Mixer.

The Sporting Scene

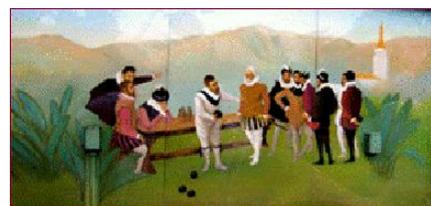
Newport Harbor LBC bowlers once again held their own in competitions held at various places in the month of June. The two most important of the various tournaments held last month, at least from the standpoint of international competition, were the U. S. Singles Playdowns for both the South West women's and men's divisions. These were held at the Santa Anita LBC on two successive weekends, June 12 and 13, and June 20 and 21.

The **Yellow Jacket** did not fully understand just what a "U. S. Singles Playdown" was so we asked **Dee McSparran**, for some guidance. Here's what she told us: *The U.S. Playdowns (Singles and Pairs) are held in seven divisions of USLBA. The first place winners go on to compete in the National Championships. The Southwest Division is permitted to enter two teams (Stars & Stripes) because it has twice the number of members of the other six divisions. The National Championships are hosted by a different division each year; this one by the Southwest Division and Long Beach LBC. Winners of the Singles at the National Championships will go on to compete in an international competition (Champion of Champions). Last year's winners were Michael Siddall for the men and Rosa Gandara for the women and will be held in Australia. The Playdowns and the Championships are also point-counters for those applying for Team USA.*

So, with that in mind, here's how our bowlers did. **Michael Siddall**, once again prevailed in the Stripes singles competition for the men, and **Anne Nunes** was on the winning women's Stars pairs team. Runner up in the Stars was the team of **Jan Hargraves** and **Linda Jahraus**. In the women's Stripes group, a team with **Maryna Hyland** was runner up.

On June 27, Laguna Beach LBC held the annual Delta Marvin Mixed Triples competition. The twenty six teams bowled on two greens. The winners on green one was a team which included **Charlie Herbert** and **Rob Kost**, while second was taken by a team including **Bob Nunes** and **Ann Nunes**, and third was taken by a team including **Gary Fischer** and **Dee McSparran**.

And finally, forty six bowlers descended on our greens Sunday, June 28, to bowl in the 2009 South West Division's Novice Singles, sixteen women and thirty men. If you do the math you'll come to the conclusion that we only have room for twenty eight matches in a singles competition so it was a bit of a chaotic time. However, when the dust settled **Missy Parker** had won the South West Women's Division championship. Other Newporters bowling were **Rita Greenburg** and **Ibby Gerner**. In the men's division, **George Petyo** snagged second place, and **Robert Alessi** came in forth. Other from the club were **Bob Carpenter**, **Clay Nolde**, **Dave Phillips**, **Dave Price** and **Pete Nee**.



NHLBC CALENDER FOR JULY 2009

Weekly Club Social Bowling

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| 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 or BBQ) |

Call (949-640-1022) 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins and give your name and membership number.

Group Lessons

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| Tuesdays, 10 AM to Noon | Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon |
| Jan Hargraves, Instructor | John Groothuis, Instructor |

Free Private Lessons

(By Appointment Only)

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| Pauline Kozma | 714-549-3749 | tkozma@ca.rr.com |

Special Events at NHLBC

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| July 3 - Friday | Private Party | 5 to 10 PM |
| July 5 - Sunday | BBQ and Bowling | 3 to 8 PM |
| July 7 - Tuesday | Board Meeting | 9:30 to Noon |
| July 11- 12, Sat. - Sun. | US Play Downs, Women | All Day |
| July 15 - Wed. | SWD Ladies Day | 9 AM to 2 PM |
| July 18 -19, Sat. - Sun. | US Play Downs, Women | All Day |
| July 19 - Sunday | BBQ and Bowling | 3 to 8 PM |
| July 25 - Saturday | Private Party | 1 to 8 PM |



NHLBC bowlers in Atlantic Championships in South Africa



Dave Price and George Peyto in SWD Novice Singles



Women Novice Singles Bowlers