



Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Message

Tony DeFazio



Once again in the month of February our club has continued to benefit from the many improvements made to our grounds by our fellow members. Accordingly, I want to give credit and thanks to Bob Breen and Malcolm McDonald for repairing the sprinkler systems on our grounds. Bob Breen repaired both existing drip systems for the roses. Malcolm has repaired the North green sprinkler system and has also installed a completely new third drip system for the South Park roses. I also want to thank Ben French, Carol Poto, Candy DeFazio, Jack Strong, Peter Sinclair and Scott Boyd for purchasing and planting nine new rose bushes for our gardens.

You have probably noticed Steph, Greg, and Peter putting in some extra time working on the North green to improve its speed. Efforts in this regard are on-going. Thanks guys! We have hired Danny Ramirez, our greens man, to replace and correct the sprinklers on all three greens.

On a different subject I would like us to restore our old way of doing things by returning the umbrellas to the equipment room at the end of the first games. We threw away six umbrellas this last year due to weathering. Umbrellas are very expensive, so it's simple ~ if you take out an umbrella, put away that same umbrella after your game. Do not leave it for the next guy or make the assumption that "someone else" will do it. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

See you on the green in February!

Tony

DRAW BOWLING

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays
10 am & 1 pm
Wednesdays 6 pm

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before start time.

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CLUB BBQS ~ 2015

Mark your calendars for these Sundays!

Mar 15	St Patrick's Day (corned beef sandwiches) Wear GREEN or get pinched
May 24	Memorial Day BBQ Wear RED/WHITE/BLUE
Jul 5	Independence Day BBQ Wear RED/WHITE/BLUE
Sep 6	Labor Day BBQ
Nov 1	Halloween Party Dress in costume
Dec 6	Christmas Party



2/7-2/12	Sat-Thu	South Central Division Open	Arizona
2/22	Sun	Mumma Mixed Pairs (Men Skip)	Riverside
2/25	Wed	Club Fun Day "Gender Challenge Pairs"	Long Beach
2/28-3/1	Sat-Sun	Club Singles	Long Beach

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

John Arbogast



Each month, I'll select a film that I think you might enjoy and give you some trivia about the film as well as a synopsis of the movie. This month, I am not going to review a film, but I am going to tell you about a way for you to enjoy movies without having to go to the theater.

You might have heard of the term "streaming devices" but have no clue what a streaming device is. If you enjoy movies and TV series that are no longer aired, a streaming device might be something for you to consider purchasing.

The most popular streaming device is called ROKU. There is Roku 1, Roku 2 and Roku 3. If you enjoy having subtitles while you watch films, you would need Roku 2 or 3. If you want to see your photos on the screen, you would need Roku 3. There are other brands of streaming devices, but Roku seems to be the most popular. A Roku 2 or 3 will cost you less than \$85 to purchase.

Roku is a flat small unit, about 6 X 6 inches. It plugs into the back of your TV via an HDMI port on your TV. You can set the unit right next to your TV. I believe there is also a Roku flash drive stick that you can purchase instead of the Roku unit that just inserts in the HDMI port of your TV. It takes about 5 minutes to make the unit operational. Once plugged into your TV, turn the unit and TV on and follow the step by step instructions on your TV set. You will need your TV remote and use the SOURCE button to find the Roku source, just like you find your Blue Ray source.

If you have a newer Smart TV, you should have Roku already programmed on your Smart Hub.

On the TV screen you will see several Roku channels that you can subscribe to, some are free, some are pay. By far, THE BEST, channels to subscribe to are NETFLIX or HULU PLUS. Just click on the channel you want to subscribe to and Roku will tell you to visit a website on your computer and sign up for that service. Netflix and Roku charge less than \$10 a month each for unlimited movies and TV shows. You will be amazed at how many quality movies, documentaries, TV old and new shows are available. If you just want one subscription, Netflix has the most to offer.

Once you sign up, you have instant access to tons of hours of entertainment. One of my favorite features is that you can watch an entire run of an old series of TV shows. For example, ALL the seasons of a particular show are available. If you start at season 1, episode 1 of a given TV show and only watch the first episode, when you turn the TV off and return to that show the next day, Roku will remember you watched that episode and will bring up episode 2 for you to watch. You could wait months and when you return to that show, Roku will remember where you left off. All those shows you missed in previous years can now be seen in the order they were broadcast.

One thing I have found is that EVERYONE I have talked to that purchased a Roku unit has fallen in love with it. Many of the films that I will review can be found on Roku. So until next month, get out the popcorn and enjoy the movies.



FUN DAY

John Arbogast

On January 28, the Club held its first "Fun Day". Several Fun Days are held each year, each one using a different format for bowling and are exclusively for Long Beach club members. There is a small entry fee per game and most utilize mulligans in order to build the pot. ALL the monies collected goes to the winners.

The purpose of Fun Day tournaments is to allow all club bowlers the fun of competing at tournament level but not having to spend a lot of money. One of the biggest problems we have is when people sign up and then do not show up. That usually means that someone who did sign up will not get to play as the teams become odd.

In the future, I think the way to solve that problem is to collect a fee up front for \$10 with a cut-off date. That money will cover an entry fee of \$5 for the first game as well as five free mulligans for that game. If you fail to show up (FOR ANY REASON), you forfeit that money and it goes into the pot.

We have had several Fun Days over the past few years, and the payoffs have always been HUGE. The next Fun Day will be in late February and will be "Gender Challenge Pairs" ~ two 10-end games, guys vs gals. It will be a blind draw for each game. Money collected from the first game will go to the first game winners and will not be split between both games. See you at the next Fun Day.



2nd Tony & 1st Richart
Morning Game Winners



1st Margi & 2nd Laurie
Afternoon Game Winners

YARDSTICK TRIPLES



John Arbogast

There were two 14-end games and you received points ONLY if your bowl was within a radius of a yardstick from the jack. There were two bonus ends where points were doubled. You could only bowl two bowls, but you had the option to bowl two additional bowls at \$1 apiece. At the end of the game, the players with the highest and second highest scores received the pot. First place received 60% and second received 40%.

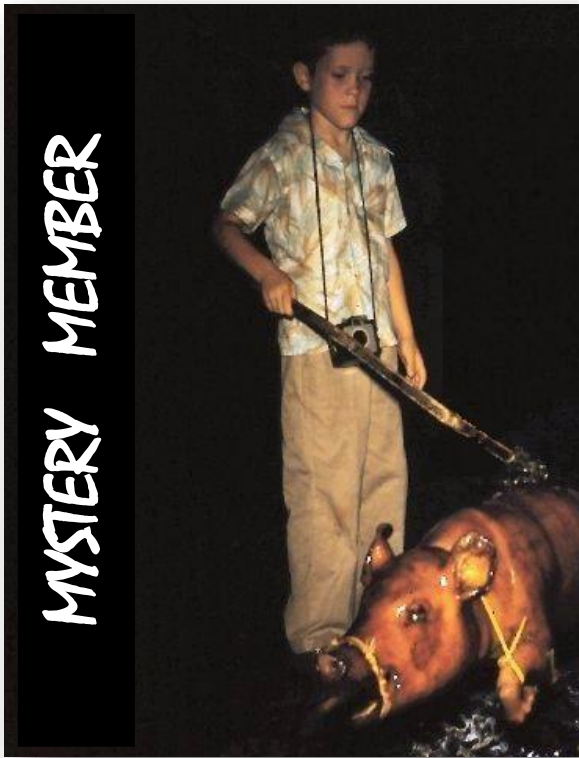
In the first game, Richart White made wise use of his bonus rounds and put all four of his bowls in the radius to give him enough points to finish in first place. He won \$130. Tony Crutchfield came in second and won \$86. In the second game, there were less participants, resulting in a smaller pot. First place went to Margi Rambo, winning \$43 and second place went to Laurie Richards, winning \$28.

For the most part, the tournament was a huge success. This was the first time this type of format was used for the Yardstick tournament. There are a couple of things I would like to improve on when we do this type of tournament again. You only learn how to improve a tournament by conducting a trial run for the tournament to find out what works and what did not work. Thanks to all who gave me encouraging feedback; I appreciate your thoughtful comments.



Happy Birthday

Margi Rambo	Feb 4
Heidi Fernandes	Feb 6
Patrick Curran	Feb 8
Forest Jordan	Feb 15
Barry Carl	Feb 16
Malcolm McDonald	Feb 17
Lily Bernard	Feb 19
Gloria Godwin	Feb 26



Can you guess this month's Mystery Member?

(To be revealed next month.)

Submit your childhood photo to Scott Boyd for future publications.

SWD Clubs to Adopt Policies of Etiquette

Kottia Spangler
SWD Head Division Umpire



The team that loses the end is the team that marks the scoreboard since the other team is setting the jack for the next end.

The next to last person to deliver a bowl is the one to pick up the mat and place it on the bank since the last person to bowl is watching their bowl finish.



Smell the Roses



Candy DeFazio

February is the month of Love and Roses. We have assembled a team of volunteers who want to give you the best roses yet.

Starting on Fig Alley, Tricia and Diana have teamed up to take care of that strip of roses. Their roses are already cut back, their berms have been built. Sul PO, Mag has been sprinkled on top and now the girls just have to lay down their mulch so the rose plants can enjoy the warm sun. Candy and Carol have replaced 10 rose bushes with some hardier varieties. The rings are built and the roses have been fed. Making the rings was hard work, but the roses will love all the water they get. Finally, the team of Mel and Scott will take on South Park roses. They just need to dress the top of their wells with mulch and they are off to a good start. We hope our members take time to *smell the roses* and take a few home with them.

News from the
GREENS COMMITTEE

Stephanie Johnson

Our club has purchased another Dennis mower this year! We'll have two fabulous high-tech mowers now. We sold the Scott Bonner mowers to Hermosa Beach which paid for the majority of the new Dennis mower. These mowers are low-maintenance machines that will be a blessing for Greg and Peter to work on. Greg has gotten our planer and roller ready for springtime.

Danny, the club's gardener, is working to fix all the sprinkler heads on all three greens. Another springtime job checked off our maintenance list.

The North green will be ready to play on this month! We have found that brushing the dead grass clippings is taking the sponginess out of the green. This means the green will be running faster. This green will be in the rotation, so please check the board to see what green to play on.

Thank you to Greg, Peter, Tony, Candy and me for brushing all three greens. Team work is a beautiful thing!



Maybe You Don't Know This



We have many new members in our club and sometimes we forget to tell you HOW THINGS WORK. So here are two things you might not know. The first one is the Silent Auction. This is an ongoing fund- raiser for our club. You bring in your old items and we sell them to other club members for a bargain price. The money goes to the treasury. When an Auction is already in PROGRESS, please do not add items to the shelves. Instead put your items in the Middle Locker room on the bookshelf with Gayle Merrill's name on it so she can get it ready for the next auction. There is a shelf marked auction in the middle locker room. If you are the winning or final bid, Gayle will place your new purchase in the kitchen with your name and the price on it. You then put your money in an envelope and mark it with your name and the word Auction \$ on it and drop it in the black mailbox in the clubhouse. The black mailbox is located in the front of the clubhouse connected to the big book shelf. Please do not take the item until you have paid for it.

The second thing you might not know is how we handle purchases & reimbursements. If you have been authorized to buy something for the club you need to staple your receipt to a voucher sheet located near the printer (in the plastic display rack). You must fill in the voucher sheet. Then drop it in the black mailbox inside the clubhouse. You will be reimbursed within two weeks or less. Remember without a receipt and voucher you cannot be reimbursed.



W I N T E R L E A G U E

Finals

2/7 at Laguna Woods

3rd Place Playoff

Long Beach 1 vs Laguna Beach 1

South Gold 1

Long Beach 1	164
Laguna Woods 1	159
Laguna Beach 1	141
Newport 1	132
Long Beach 3	56

South Gold 2

Laguna Woods 3	146
Long Beach 2	124
Laguna Woods 2	120
Laguna Beach 2	102
Newport 2	57

South Silver

Laguna Beach 1	147
Newport 1	137
Newport 2	111
Laguna Woods	98
Laguna Beach 2	71
Long Beach	36

More information at www.swlawnbowls.org



Law 19.1 At the start of each end

- 19.1.3 If, after the jack has been delivered but before the first bowl is delivered, a player or the marker finds that the mat line has not been positioned within the distances described in law 19.1.1, the opposing player should place the mat as described in law 19.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centred, but the opposing player should not play first.
- 19.1.4 After the first player to play has delivered the first bowl, no-one has the right to challenge the legality of the original distance of the mat line from the rear and front ditches.

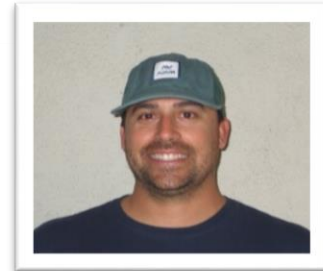
Meet Our Members of 2014



Brian Clark



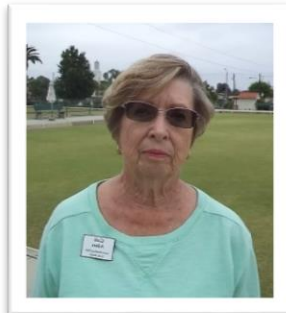
Cheri Cabot



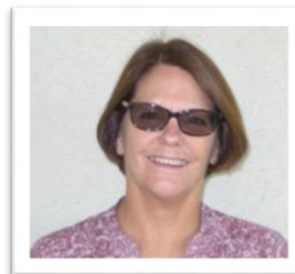
Jason Flores



Dennis Schmitz



Gail Aiden



Judy Gesiki



Mel Leach



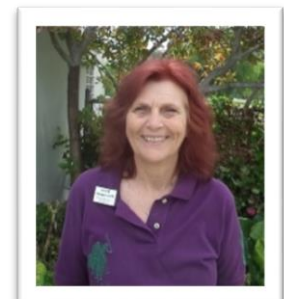
Judy DeCoudres



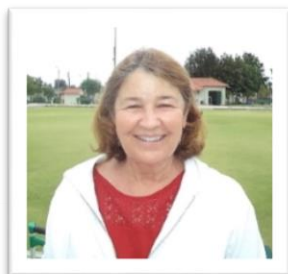
Kay Hudnall



Margi Rambo



Tricia Davenport



Mary Gaiz



Sandra Schlosser



Steve Alessi