

Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club

## *Clippings from the Green*

March 31 2025



### Note from the President:

It was another active month for the club...two more ACE Learn to Bowl programs, a St. Patrick's Day fun event, the Annual General Meeting, dinner out, and Friday lunches in our "outdoor clubhouse" under the trees.

Your Board is also working constantly on finding a better solution for the restrooms and a clubhouse, and will let you know when and if we have any news.

Spring has arrived, and that means some of our snowbird members will be flying north in the next month or so. Please keep in touch!



### Annual General Meeting, March 22

We had an excellent turnout for the morning tag draw, which was followed by the AGM, and then a picnic lunch. Thank you all for attending, and stepping up to help make our club the best it can be. We welcome newcomers Hans Peterson as Vice President, Mary Silverstein as Treasurer, and Laurie Holder, who will return to the Board as your Tournament Director.





Your 2025/26 Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and volunteers is listed on our website:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQd78W5Bq\\_tB886s6-S\\_Aw322S04ZmYa\\_5luMnNpASXhYdKHe81yT-mO76l2tJOj8-OYLacBPPBuCG0/pubhtml?gid=2002242209&single=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQd78W5Bq_tB886s6-S_Aw322S04ZmYa_5luMnNpASXhYdKHe81yT-mO76l2tJOj8-OYLacBPPBuCG0/pubhtml?gid=2002242209&single=true)

### **Education & Coaching:**

Thank you to Jeri Spann and Rusty Hein for their excellent work with the ACE Learn to Bowl programs this past month. We hope all these new participants are enjoying their month membership, and decide to become full members of the club. There will be another ACE program in May, coordinated by Ilona Vrba and Rusty Hein.



### Membership:

We are happy to announce the following new members:

**Carol Barnard & John Bennett.**

Please do your best to make them feel welcome!

### Club Clothing:

Thank you to John Garton who has set up a page on our website for ordering club clothing: <https://www.sarasotalawnbowlingclub.com/pro-shop/>

Also note at the green: measures, grip and spray chalk are available to purchase.

### The Green:

Our green is faster and smoother, thanks to our dedicated rollers: Don Hester, Graydon Bell, Mark Cruey, and Ted Wilson. There is another top dressing of sand scheduled for April, which is intended to smooth out the green even more. We expect that it will be in super shape by the fall.

### Surrounds, Gardens and Clean-Up Day:

Thank you to all those who came out on March 25 to help clear away the remaining branches and other debris on the property. This energetic group also worked on the gardens, which are looking great thanks to plant donations and Ilona's efforts.

Thank you to Brad McCourtney and his crew of volunteers who have taken on the job of painting the backboards in April. This will help preserve the wood, and make the rink markers more visible.





### Croquet:

We continue to enjoy playing croquet twice a week – Thursday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Keep an eye on the online calendar, as the afternoon game may switch to evenings in the summer heat.

Hans Peterson, our new Vice President, has kindly offered to be in charge of the croquet program. Hans is currently also the President of the Sarasota County Croquet Club in Venice, and is a very experienced croquet player.

Early on Thursday, April 3, Lizzie Muse of ABC7 will be having a short croquet lesson aired live! This is more great publicity for the club. Come and join us!

Note that the Under-21 WORLD Golf Croquet Championship will be held April 13-18 at the Sarasota County Croquet Club, 1400 Lucaya Ave., Venice. This will be a fantastic event, and spectators are very welcome.



### Friday, April 18 “Bunny Bowl” !

Arrive at 9:30am, for a “Spider” and a fun morning tag draw with a spring/bunny theme. There will be a prize for the “best bonnet”! Bring your lunch, and join us after for a picnic.

### Mark your calendar:

Jitney Summer Hours, starting April 1<sup>st</sup>:  
**Tuesday and Thursdays will start at 7pm**  
**Saturdays will start at 10am**

**Let's meet for dinner:**  
**Wednesday, April 9, 6pm at Brick's Smoked Meats**  
**1528 State Street, Sarasota 34236**

Wednesday, May 14 at 6pm, location TBD



### **Fridays**

Bring your lunch, and join us for some camaraderie after bowling.

### **A final note...**

When you are the last to leave the property:

Ensure all equipment is stored properly and all locks are locked.

The bolt is in the proper position, and the dial is spun away from the combination number. This includes the pod, the shed, clean can, electric post, the rakes and the 2 trunks.

Also please hook the chain across the driveway.