

John Brown Friendship Games

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As a memorial to John Brown, a champion Sunnyvale lawn bowler and past president of the PIMD, these games are intended to provide an opportunity for all members of South Bay lawn bowling clubs (Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose, Santa Cruz and Del Mesa Carmel) to mix socially and enjoy playing without regard to club affiliation. The following guidelines are not to be construed as a strict format but a mutually agreed one and subject to revision when a need arises.

The tournament director of the host club should be the headperson in charge of the Friendship Games with a voting right in the associated affairs. That person also has the right to alter some of the following minor stipulations on game rules and its conduct. If deemed so, the director is responsible to make such intentions known before game day with ample time or during the draw period.

The white dress code is the expected attire for the game day and flat-smooth-soled shoes, unless informed otherwise by the tournament director. As a courtesy, at least two days prior to a scheduled game a visiting club representative should inform the host club as to the number of entering players. Also, a visiting club representative should ensure that player name tags are delivered to the host club, grouped into respective playing positions.

All the participating clubs will be paired-off as noted in the yearly schedule. This schedule is organized and presented by the tournament director of the Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club. The host club alternates this privilege every year in the paring. The series of games are on Wednesdays and begin in the first week in May and continues through the third week in June. After the six weekly games, the next Wednesday is known as the final game day. For the final game day all the South Bay clubs may play at the inviting host club on the schedule.

A typical method of play is: two twelve-end games (one in the morning and afternoon), open draw, mixed or matched triples (pairs or rinks, whatever is convenient). Morning check-in time is about 9:30 am. Fifteen minutes later the draw is made. Trial ends commence about 10 O'clock. Before check-in time, practice bowling is generally permitted at right angles to the way the rinks are set up. Burned ends are unlimited and played over again, however in the afternoon game more than two may be penalized. The afternoon play resumes following the lunch period, around 12:30.

A fee of \$2.00 per player will be collected during the draw process, whether the player enters one or both games. Some of the two dollars may be used to defray the host club expenses of light refreshments (tea, coffee, and dessert) that is to accompany the brown bag lunch the players bring, if the host club so elects to do so. The remainder money is used as prize money.

Each game day, except the final game day, the prize money will be awarded after each game. The award for each player of the winning team should be \$4.00 and second place team \$2.00 per player, unless otherwise amended by the host club due to extraordinary circumstances.

Preparation for the final games should begin five days prior. Representatives from all the clubs are to report by telephone to the host club tournament director, stating their number of players expected to enter. Also, the social director of the host club is to coordinate with the other clubs the type of potluck dishes to be contributed, if not treated by the host club.

The player entry fee for the final games is to be \$5.00. From the total collection the amount of monetary prizes for the final games should be awarded to each player of the teams as follows ---1st place: \$15.00; 2nd place: \$7.00; 3rd place: \$3.00. These amounts may be amended by the host club due to extraordinary circumstances. A special monetary award can also be added where deemed appropriate.

Following the completion of the afternoon game, prize awards will be presented. Surplus funds after the payment of the prizes from the final games' entry fees may be used by the host club for the wine, beer, and light beverages that is generally served with the potluck dishes.