## **NEW START TIME FOR BOWLING:**

December 1<sup>st</sup> is when the start time for bowling goes to 10:00 am. It will remain at that time until the end of March.

We held a members' meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> and it was attended by 35 people. The 2024 officers were appointed and they are:

President – David Shaw Vice President – Rae Iverson Treasure – David Moore Secretary – Kathy Sheridan

One of the items on the agenda was how we could promote the club and its activities and this produced some great responses and fresh ideas. We will be looking at all those topics in the coming weeks. Overall, this is probably one of the best meetings we have ever had. When the meeting ended the members gathered to enjoy the sandwiches provided. Minutes of the meeting have been sent to all members.

A casual random draw pairs competition took place this month. 22 players took part and it went well and was won by Brad Heldele and David Moore.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> we had an "Open House" at the green where we invited Grand residents to come along to see how the game is played. It was a great success as we had lots of visitors and we already have new members from that. Hopefully more people will join over the next week or so. We were so pleased with the success of it that we are already planning a repeat event in January.

We have two upcoming social events. On Dec 5<sup>th</sup> we have the first of our popular potlucks in the Agua Fria room at Cimarron and on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a cookie social in the sports room, following bowling.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> we have an away match against Sun City West. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the club room door. Remember that if you don't get one of the 24 playing spots you should still add your name as an alternate as we occasionally find that someone has to drop out and then you may be next in line. The return match against West will be played at our green in early January.

I was asked to let members know that if you have spare bowls or plan to stop playing, the club will be interested in purchasing any bowls or bowling "arms" that you have. Of course, we won't be able to use the really old bowls or those with a really wide bias ones.

I have also been asked to mention that the Sunday morning bowling group is not restricted to tournament players. It is certainly a much more competitive environment than our regular bowling days but any club member is welcome to join in if you would enjoy a game at that higher level. Just ask one of the regular bowlers for details.

An order for the "Tiger" shirts will be placed in early December. If you want one please put your name on the sheet on the club room door.

A South-Central Division (SCD) membership form for 2024 is attached for use by those who are members and for those who would like to become members. If you intend to play in the SCD tournaments, membership is required. Of course, you don't need it for our own club tournaments.

In the past we have taken the opportunity at each tag draw to remind players of some of the basic practical and courtesy matters we should be observing. We will try to do this again.

On a lighter note:

Did you know that 5 out of 4 people have difficulty with math?

**David Shaw**