

SLBC NEWS



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This weekly update is sent to members of the St Lucia Bowling Club. To contribute Club news or general bowls items of interest to Club members, please email them to the Editor, Pamela Miller – pamela.miller1@bigpond.com

WALTER TAYLOR SHIELD



Councillor Penny Wolff presented the Walter Taylor Shield to SLBC President Max Grey following the afternoon's matches against West Toowong Bowls Club.

Well, what an event! By all accounts, we can call the day successful. With seven teams each from West Toowong and St Lucia, the matches were played in great spirit but, at the same time, a competitive vibe was around the clubhouse.

After two games, both clubs were holding 95 points each so it was "all to play for" in the third and final game. With the hum around the green saying the Saints were winning on most rinks, those in the clubhouse sat with bated breath. Would St Lucia retain the

Walter Taylor Shield for another year, or would West Toowong snatch it back?

It became very clear when a certain Skip Bruce Holwell marched his +14 scorecard proudly to the desk. That was the first of many winning results. St Lucia retained the trophy with a 20-point margin over West Toowong, 161-141. Cr Penny Wolff was on hand to present the prizes and trophy.

Individual results were:

Winning overall team - Lois Bradley (s), Paul Pollock, Rachel Chiang - 3 wins +22

Round 1 winner - Antony Flint (s), Clive Hamlin, Leslee Mackay +14

Round 2 winner - Bill Pacey (s), Barrie Page, Jen Lipczynski +10

Round 3 winner - Bruce Holwell (s) Joanne Annan, Ian Thomas +14

Our thanks go to sponsors Cr Penny Wolff and The Village Yeronga as well as sponsors who provided excellent products - Qi Flow Wellness who freely gave soothing massages prior to the game and Clancy James Gourmet Butcher for tasty sausages after the games.

It is a team effort to make successful days happen and sincere thanks must go to all who assisted in preparing for and during the event.

Till next year - Go Saints!

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 3

The final round of the Division 3 Open Pennants season held so much promise with a win against Toombul at home giving us a good chance to make the Finals.

Unfortunately, that wasn't to be as we lost 45-58. Instead, we shall have to rue the washed out Round 4 game against Red Hill which kept us out of the Finals.

Pam's team (Rachel Chiang, Brian Vandersee, Nikki Geran and Pam Salway) made light work of the tricky two-paced green, winning 17-11. All played well with Pam regularly playing some extraordinary shots when needed. This team had a marvellous season, losing only one match.

Warren's team (Anne Kuhnemann, Terry Martin, Tony Burton and Warren Garnham) had a tough game but never stopped trying, eventually going down 14-23.

Craig's team (Bruce Holwell, Antony Flint, Pam Richardson and Craig Francis) also had difficult opponents with the opposing skip playing some unbelievable bowls. Pam had another good game, putting in bowls when needed but it wasn't enough to stop the side losing 14-24.

Special thanks go to Anne and Antony who played in the higher division this week and showed that they deserved their selections.

We had an enjoyable (although unsuccessful) season and hope for a better finish next year.

On behalf of the Division 3 side, I wish our Division 5 side all the best of luck in their semi-final next Saturday and urge as many members as possible to watch and support them.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 5

The last round of the season saw us go down 53-69 away against Banyo on a fast and tricky green. All three teams took time to get used to conditions which even the locals were describing as 'not normal' due to the speed of the green and the wind.

Lois's team of Joanne Annan, Robin Town and Lois Bradley (S) started best of the three rinks being only one shot behind at 9-10 after the 9th end and were still well and truly in the game at 15-19 down after 15 ends. Unfortunately, Banyo finished stronger over the last six ends to eventually win 18-28.

Clive's team of Ken Harvey, Graham Legg and Clive Hamlin (S) got off to a slow start being 1-8 down after seven ends before stringing together eight consecutive ends to be 20-8 ahead after 15 ends. Despite the scare of giving away a four on the 18th end, that lead proved enough for them to finish 22-15 ahead. This was a very satisfying result after a slow start on a difficult green.

Mark's team of Peter Fairchild, Dicky Ng and Mark Benson (S), although struggling in the conditions, managed to win 9 of the 21 ends, and were still competitive at 13-20 down after 18 ends. Banyo won the last three ends to win 13-26.

We now go into the semi-final next Saturday away to Chermside. Due to four regular players not being available, we will have a slightly different lineup which I am confident will be able to come away with a win. Welcome to Anne Kuhnemann and Peter Jordan who join the team as leads for the semifinal and welcome back to Bill Mills who will be playing second in Dicky's team.

Thanks to Joanne Annan, Clive Hamlin, Antony Flint and Vaughan Thomas who are unavailable on Saturday but have played a big part in getting us to the semi-final to finish third overall. Hopefully we can do the business on Saturday and win through to the final. Let's roll!

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

PENNANTS – DIVISION 6

John Stack's team of Peter Broderick and Rijn Camphorst were simply outplayed by a strong Ferny Grove team, only scoring mostly singles when they had better ends, finishing 10-25. Bill Mill's team of Kellie Broderick and Max Grey had a great result, starting with a 3 followed by a 6. They followed this up with good solid bowls to win strongly with a final score of 32-21! My team with Peter Jordan and Josie Caltabiano had a slow start, being down 2-10 after 8 ends, followed by a strong burst to be leading 15-13 after 16 ends. Then, the opposition scored four shots and we lost our mojo to go down 17-19. Only 1 point to our Division 6 overall as well as an end our Pennants season!

- Tim Salway, Team Manager

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

The call for this competition closes on Saturday 23 August. Please enter by putting your team members names on the list on the noticeboard. The competition starts on Saturday 6 September.

MEN'S B SINGLES COMPETITION

The call for this competition closes on Wednesday 20 August. Please enter online. The competition is open to all male affiliated members who have not won this or a higher-level singles competition. The competition starts on Wednesday 3 September.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

RUB OF THE GREEN

The Red Green is holding up well this winter is and responding to our winter fertiliser program.

Algae has been a problem this year, most evident in worn areas of the green from foot traffic and shaded areas, especially the northern edges of both greens.

We have been using a variety of different methods including aeration. We used the Air2g2 machine which pushed a rod 300mm into the soil then ejected compressed air into the soil profile. This is used to open all locked-up pore spaces and is very effective at increasing drainage with minimal disturbance to the green. We have also been applying fungicides to control the algae. Liquid iron also is used to dry out the algae.

We are trialling Florentine Blackout, a unique blend of microbes and enzymes which are target specific. They aggressively compete for algae food sources and assist in the breakdown of surface residue left by algae proliferation.

The Blue Green has not been responding to our liquid fertiliser and granular program. Mites have also been prolific in sections of the green. These stressed areas are sunken, thinning turf that developed algae.

Treatment for the algae worked then, when dry, it crusted up as we predicted in the last “Rub of the Green” report. Areas were top-dressed and fertilised multiple times with results not what we were expecting due to continuing rain.

Plugs have been taken from these troubled areas and, under inspection, we have discovered many ground pearl cysts/nymphs. This is the main cause of the sick, sunken wear turf areas that have developed algae. I will post some photos of these on the notice board.

We have contacted the chemical manufacturer and asked if we can use a more intensive spray program to control this. We have been approved by the manufacturer to apply three applications over a 6-week period to aid in the control and recovery of these areas.

Greens are needing a solid aeration, allowing more oxygen into the roots to encourage new strong root growth for the spring season. Aeration practices are critical for controlling pearl cysts.

Members can be assured that active measures are being undertaken to ensure the best possible outcome for players to compete on top quality surfaces.

- Ian Thomas, Greens Director
(Extracted from the Greenkeeper’s Report)

CLEAN JACKS!

Thanks to the person who cleaned all the jacks, washing off the sticky grime. The box was also wiped free of dust and grass clippings too. Let’s hope that other members will get together to ensure that the jacks are cleaned on a regular basis.

WASTE VOUCHERS

Along with quarterly rate notices, members would have received waste vouchers from the Brisbane City Council. If you are not going to use these because you live in an apartment or never need to take rubbish to the dump, could you please leave them in the Secretary’s office? The Monday Crew have the occasional trip to the dump to dispose of rubbish from around the grounds and clubhouse and would appreciate receiving them.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Dates For Your Diary

- **19 August - Consistency** - If you are an affiliated member and would like to enter this competition, nominations are now being taken for this open event. In previous years, it has traditionally been a ‘ladies’ only event but 2025 is the year of change and this competition is now open to all. Nominations are being taken by placing your names on the sheet on the noticeboard or by nominating online (a button on the website). Entries close 2 September with play commencing 9 September (Tuesday).
- **6 September - Mixed President’s Fours** - Nominations open for this one-day event which will be held on 11 October (Saturday). Watch this space for how to enter.
- **12 September – Nominations close for the BDBA District Pairs & Fours Men and Women** - *Nominations are still open* for these District Competitions. The Ladies Pairs and Men’s Fours will be played at Toombul Bowls Club over 20-21 September. The Men’s Pairs and Ladies Fours will be played at Geebung Bowls Club over 27-28 September. If you wish to nominate, please log onto your BowlsLink app and enter. If you need assistance, please ask Pam Salway. All the information is available in BowlsLink, plus a notice is pinned on the noticeboard.

- **St Lucia Fashion Parade** – This event is in the calendar for Friday 3 October. Watch this space for more information.

Tip of the Day

Focus only on your bowl you are about to play and learn to let go of mistakes. Staying relaxed and maintaining focus even during challenging situations (lucky shots against you) is a skill all elite bowlers hold and consistent winners excel in. *(credit: www.thebowlsacademy.com)*

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

WINTER EIGHTS FINAL – FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2025

Div 1 – St Lucia v Northern Suburbs at Chermside at 9.30am

Doug Buchbach	Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Lois Bradley	John (Darcy) Barry
Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng	Pamela Richardson
Craig Francis	Pamela Salway

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Reserve: Mark Benson

Note: Please contact your Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.

OPEN PENNANTS SEMI-FINAL – Saturday 23 August 2025

Div 5 – St Lucia vs Chermside @ Chermside at 1.00pm

Peter Jordan	Ken Harvey	Anne Kuhnemann
Robin Town	Graham Legg	Bill Mills
Lois Bradley	Mark Benson	Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng

Reserve: Tim Salway

Manager: Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

Note: Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.