

# 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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## CLUB BOWLING NEWS

The Pennant Season is in the last stages of the Finals matches and SLBC is well represented in both sections – Saturday Open Divisions and Midweek Open Divisions. Well done to all the players who contributed throughout the season. Two Finals in the Midweek Section were played at Windsor on Friday and Division 4 in the Saturday Open Pennant competition will be playing in the Final against West Toowong on Saturday 31 August at Windsor.

### Midweek Open Pennant Competitions

#### Division 3 Final against Chermside



Simply the best! It was a thrilling finish with a fantastic result. With the overall lead changing several times during the final, SLBC won the flag by one shot on the very last end. Our match against Chermside was played in fine spirit with good sportsmanship demonstrated on both sides.

Pam Richardson's team (Darcy Barry, Peter Fairchild and Rachel Chiang) led their game early but, during the final eight ends, the lead changed with every end. They finished their game first, being two shots down.

Stephen O'Shanassy's team (Tony Burton, Dicky Ng and Pam Salway) trailed early, at one point being 0-12 down but fought back hard. At one stage, this team scored 24 shots to Chermside's nine. Going into the final end, the situation was exciting as Stephen's team needed four shots to draw and force an extra end. The tension was high and Stephen later said that his heart was racing. The team remained calm and went one better, winning the end by five shots and securing the victory, 41-40! Bravo!! Our wonderful Club supporters went wild and we thank them for their enthusiasm.

- Peter Fairchild, Team Manager

### Division 4 Final against Red Hill



What a great effort to reach the final of Division 4 Midweek Pennants competition! We won on one rink but lost on the other. Thanks to all players for making 2024 a good season.

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

### Women's Consistency Competition

Two games were played today under delightful conditions for the last gasp of winter. Lois Bradley reached the required 100 score first against Bev King. In the other match, Ros Mortensen battled the full distance against Anne Kuhnemann before winning a close game.

- Linda Bird, Women's Games Manager

### Saturday Open Pennant Competition

#### Division 4 Semifinal against Gaythorne

Good to be able to play this match home at SLBC. All rinks got their noses in front by the halfway mark, leading by two shots on two rinks and one shot on the other. Importantly, all rinks improved over the second half eventually winning on all three rinks with an overall margin of 22. Thanks to all who participated in Division 4 this year getting us to the Final. That challenge awaits and bowls in the head will bring home the Pennant.

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

#### Men's Triples Competition

The call is now open for this competition and will close on Saturday 31 August. Competition starts Saturday 14 September.

Please place your nominations in the nominations box or send to me at [games@stluciabowls.org](mailto:games@stluciabowls.org) There is a sheet on the noticeboard for individuals who wish to nominate and be placed in a club selected team.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## Mixed Pairs Competition

First round games in this competition were completed last week.

Peter (S) and Suzanne Jordan had a hard-fought win over Vaughan Thomas and Lois Bradley (S), winning 21-17. Peter and Suzanne got off to a good start leading 8-3 after seven ends and 11-6 after 13 ends. So far so good for the Jordans. However, the 14<sup>th</sup> end was not the time to go to the bar in this game as they inexplicably gave away a six. After the game, Peter advised 'Never drive when you only have one bowl in the head'. Good advice for us all. Peter and Suzanne managed to steady the ship including scoring a five and a three over the remaining ends.

Yo Dodgson and Fulvio Toniotti (S) had a convincing 23-12 win over Marj Johnson and David Cowper (S). It was great to see two of our Thursday afternoon regulars competing and Marj and David were well and truly in the game leading 6-5 after eight ends. However, Yo and Fulvio then strung together five consecutive winning ends including a five and a four to be ahead 18-6 after the 13<sup>th</sup>. This phase of the game decided the result with other ends being very evenly shared. Yo and Fulvio won a total of 11 ends to Marj and David's 10.

Rachel Chiang and Dicky Ng (S) had a 24-11 victory over Ann and Tony Burton (S). In a game of two halves, Ann and Tony led from the fourth end to be ahead 8-4 after nine ends and 11-9 after 13 ends in what was a very close first half. Rachel and Dicky then found another gear and won the remaining seven ends.

The final game of the round was almost a massive boilover! A tiebreaker end was needed to separate Joanne and Laurie Annan (S) and Tim and Pam Salway (S) who were locked on 22-all after 21 ends. Both teams won 11 ends. Although eventually going down 25-22, Joanne and Laurie can be very proud of their performance against strong opposition, having led on 14 of the 22 ends.

The quality of the games bodes well for the second round this Wednesday. Please check the website and noticeboard for your game.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## Communication for the Role of a Third (or Second in Triples)

The skip is in charge of the head until it's time for them to go to the mat to play their bowls. During the crossover, the skip may briefly discuss the head with the third who is to take charge during the skips' play. He may indicate (or not) his intentions but, especially if the skip has first bowl, the third does NOT then tell him what to do once the skip is on the mat. As the skip has just left the head, that is not necessary.

If the skip does not have first bowl and the opposition's bowl has affected the position of bowls in the head, the third should let the skip know what has happened when his skip takes possession of the mat. The skip may then ask for a suggestion on how to play his next bowl or he may not. The third should not volunteer or insist on a particular play option. Remember that the skip is in charge. Respect that position!

The skip and their third should have a conversation before the game when they agree on when and how to communicate during an end. Basically, if there is any change in a head, the skip should be informed. Do that and wait to be asked for a suggestion. An experienced skip will know the pattern of their own bowls and should be able to visualise their path for a better result.