

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

CLUB BOWLING NEWS

Mixed Pairs Competition

This competition starts on Wednesday 21 August. Please check the noticeboard and website for the draw. Good luck to all participants in what promises to be an entertaining event.

Men's Triples Competition

The call for this competition is now open and will close on Saturday 31 August. Games will commence on either Saturday 14 or 21 September to be confirmed. Please place nominations in the entry box or send them to me at games@stluciabowls.org

Graham Legg, Games Manager

Saturday Open Pennant Competitions

Division 2 against Chermiside

Saturday's game against Chermiside was the story of our season - close but not quite. All three teams went down in tight games on a tricky, windy day.

The season is over for us. We avoided the wooden spoon and, at the same time, were close to making the semifinals. All players can hold their heads high. We gave it a good crack and played competitive bowls against good opposition throughout the competition.

- Stephen O'Shanassy, Team Manager

Division 4 against Chermiside

Our Division 4 Open Pennant's team completed a successful season with a 68-44 win over Chermiside. That put our team into second place on the ladder with 38 points just half a point behind West Toowong. We play Gaythorne in a semifinal on Saturday at SLBC. Well bowled!

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

Division 6 against Windsor

SLBC Division 6 travelled to Windsor and played in windy and, at times, very gusty conditions to record a 48-34 win. Members of both SLBC teams played well and contributed to the win.

The team of Peter Morrill, Ian Nave, Laurie Annan and John Stack (S) won 25-16. The team of Joanne Annan, Antony Flint, Josie Caltabiano and Lloyd Edwards won 23-18.

SLBC took 7-0 points for the win and finished fifth in the competition. Thank you also to other members of our Club who played in Division 6 during the Pennant Season.

- John Stack, Team Manager

Midweek Open Pennant Competitions

Division 3 semi-final against Ferny Grove

Stephen O'Shanassy's team with Tony Burton, Dicky Ng and Pam Salway drew the tougher of the two Ferny Grove teams. With the opposition team getting off to a flying start, it took a while for SLBC to get their first score on the board but, once they did, they fought hard to get right back into the game, narrowly going down 17-19.

Pam Richardson's team with Darcy Barry, Peter Fairchild and Rachel Chiang led their game from start to finish. Pam repeatably put in terrific skip shots to save ends and Rachel always put the pressure on with outstanding lead bowls. Final score was 19-10.

The overall win to SLBC was 36-29. We now meet Chermside in the Grand Final, capping off what has been a highly successful season. The Final will be played at 9:30am on Friday 23 August at Windsor Bowls Club. Members are encouraged to come along and cheer the Saints on to victory.

- Peter Fairchild, Team Manager

The SLBC Division 4 team will be playing in the Final against Red Hill on 23 August at 9:30am at Windsor Bowls Club. SLBC supporters are welcome to come.

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

Women's Consistency Competition

Margaret Miller moved into the next round of this competition with a win over Josie Caltabiano in the only match played on Tuesday.

- Linda Bird, Women's Games Manager

GRAHAM WALSH - ("WALSHIE")

Graham Walsh died peacefully last Saturday 17 August at the Mater Private Hospital. He was a member of St Lucia Bowling Club for over twenty years. Graham was born in England but moved to Adelaide with his parents at an early age.

Graham has been an elite sportsman throughout his life. He was in the Davis Cup training squad, a single figure golfer at Indooroopilly Golf Club and an outstanding snooker player. Due to back problems, he had to give up golf and took up bowls at St Lucia. Graham practised most days and, unsurprisingly, became a very good bowler in a short space of time. He was a Division 1 lead very early and was always wanted as a teammate by the elite bowlers in the Club.

His name is on the honour board for many competitions and I was lucky enough to often be a team member alongside him. Graham, Pat, Ann and I travelled the world together and shared many lunches and dinners on a regular basis. Most importantly, he was a great husband and father and a good friend to many at the Club. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Graham's life will be held at the Club on Friday 30 August at 11:30am. SLBC members are welcome to attend and share their memories of Graham.

- Tony Burton

[Ahoy there, Members! – Learn to Bowl Program](#)

If any of you have family or friends who are looking for a new activity that ticks all the boxes, invite them to come and try lawn bowls at our wonderful Club to meet people and learn new skills. We are running a Come and Try Lawn Bowls Program as part of the Brisbane City Council's Active & Healthy Program with the aim of attracting new bowlers.

The Sunday program runs for six weeks and commences on Sunday 1 September. The first three sessions run on 1, 8 and 15 September with a break over the school holidays. This is followed by a further three weeks from 6, 13 and 20 October. At these sessions, we encourage those who are new to bowls to give it a go. The sessions run for approximately 1.5 hours, commencing at 12:30 and winding up around 2pm. All bowling equipment and tuition is provided free.

We encourage those who are interested in pursuing bowls to attend additional sessions in the weeks following their initial one. If they go on to join the Club, free one-on-one coaching is provided to initially get the new bowlers started and later to assist them progress through the bowling ranks as they become more familiar with the game.

Registration for the program is required and those interested are asked to contact Vaughan Thomas on mobile 0419 475 763 or email vpthomas100@gmail.com. Ample spots are available for all sessions so please encourage your family and/or friends to register and enjoy the fun of playing bowls at our great Club.

- Vaughan Thomas

[Upper Car Park Now Available](#)

Members will be pleased to hear that the upper car park can now be used for parking. It can be accessed from either Carr Street or Keith Street.