

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

INTERCLUB BOWLING NEWS

Ladies Autumn Pennants

Friday saw the Saints do battle with the Windsor Wombats in the semi-final for the BDBA Ladies Autumn Pennant. The rain abated on Friday morning with only a light sprinkle during the match. Windsor's greens were running nicely even after the soaking during the week. A win was necessary for the Saints to progress to the final and it was convincing on all three rinks.

Pam Richardson's team of Rachel Chiang and Julie Hawley secured wins in both sets. Pam Salway's team of Margaret Miller and Linda Bird easily romped home with a straight two-set win whilst Lois Bradley's team of Robyn Pang and Suzanne Jordan did it the hard way, winning the first set before losing the second set. This meant the decider was a tie-break end in which they were successful. Overall, a determined win.

This winning team will remain unchanged for the final which will take place on Friday 11 April against an unbeaten Chermshire side. The game will take place at a neutral venue, Ferny Grove, commencing at 10 am. Supporters are most welcome to join us.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

BDBA Men's Senior Pennants 2025

Maximum points (6) went to a very determined side from SLBC over West Toowong on a fast carpet at Northern Suburbs. The game is played over two sets of 9 ends each and a one-end tie breaker if both clubs win one set each. Vaughan Thomas, Dicky Ng and Bruce Holwell (S) won both sets at 27-10. Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) won the first set and drew the second for total of 17-14. Peter Jordan, Terry Martin and Doug Buchbach (S) won in a tie breaker with Doug putting in the winning shot. Well done to all players for a good start to the season!

- Bruce Holwell, Team Manager

CLUB COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Open Novice 2025

The final of this competition was played last Thursday 3 April. Looking at the score card and from several first-hand accounts of players who saw the game, the final was a fitting conclusion to what was a great competition. Bernadette Penrose and Patrick Bailey went head-to-head over 29 ends with the final score being 25-22 in Bernadette's favour. Bernadette started strongly leading 14-4 after 11 ends, only for Patrick to gradually pull back with scores being locked at 22-all after 27 ends. Bernadette managed to score on the final two ends to take the victory. Congratulations to Bernadette as the victor and to both players for a great game.

[CoC Mixed Pairs 2025](#)



In what was always going to be a tough ask, Joanne and Laurie Annan (S) took on Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S) in the mixed pairs final. Despite a valiant effort by Joanne and Laurie, they went down 32-7 to Pam and Craig who played consistent bowls throughout the competition. Congratulations to Pam and Craig and well done to Joanne and Laurie for reaching the final.

[CoC Men's Pairs 2025](#)

The second round of this competition saw some very close games and one epic comeback.

The two Dougs dug deep! Peter Fairchild and Dicky Ng (S) would have been feeling confident going to the break 18-5 ahead of Doug Phipps and Doug Buchbach (S) after 10 ends. In an epic comeback, the two Dougs won all but three ends after the break, including three 4s. Scores were locked at 22-all after 19 ends with the two Dougs eventually winning 25-22.

They will now meet Ken Harvey and Clive Hamlin (S) in Wednesday's semi-final after their close 21-19 victory over Fulvio Toniotti and Peter Jordan (S). This game was very tight throughout with only a few points separating the teams for most of the game.

The other semi-final will be between Max Grey and Antony Flint (S) against Col Bertwistle and Robin Town (S) who had a slim 22-18 victory over the defending champs Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell (S). Vaughan and Bruce started slowly being behind 2-8 after six ends however they fought back to be ahead 14-12 after 16 ends. Disaster struck on the 17th end when they gave away a 7 to go behind 14-19 from which they never recovered.

The scene is set for two great semi-finals on Wednesday.

[CoC Men's Fours 2025](#)

This competition starts this coming Saturday 12 April. The draw is on the website and noticeboard.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

[CoC Women's Pairs 2025](#)

Lois Bradley and Suzanne Jordan defeated Linda Bird and Margaret Miller to secure a place in the final against last year's champions Nikki Geran and Pam Salway.

Around the Clubhouse

The clubhouse will be washed down on Friday 11 April starting at 7am and finishing in the afternoon. This is regular maintenance as it is halfway through its 10-year repaint cycle.

Apart from being emerald green due to the record rains, the Club's gardens are looking wonderful as all the plantings are flourishing after the lengthy construction work involved in new pathways, ramp, etc. The hours spent in restoration and new garden beds by the Monday Crew are very much appreciated.

- Bruce Holwell, Facilities Director

THURSDAY TWILIGHT BOWLING – Change of Starting Time

Commencing Thursday 10 April, the starting time for Thursday Twilight Bowling will be brought forward one hour to 3:00pm, with registration online by 1:00pm and in person or by phone from 1:45pm to 2:15pm. These changes will be shown on the Club's website next week.

Although there is a core of regular players on Thursday, remember that play is open to all Club members. If you're at a loose end, need a bit of practice for an upcoming game or just want a game of social bowls, come along and test your skill against some very good players in a casual atmosphere.

After the game, stay for a meal and great companionship. Just bring your own meat or whatever which will be cooked to your requirements by our outstanding barbeque chefs. Salads and condiments are provided.

- John Davey
