

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

MERLO COFFEE CUP

Division 1

The second round match for Division 1 was against Enoggera and played at St Lucia.

The pairs combo of Nikki Geran and Pam Salway went out to a quick start leading 16-6 by the tenth end but Enoggera pegged them back to 20-19 with one end to go. Strong play on the last end saw Nikki and Pam score three shots to take the match 23-19.

The triples team of Vaughan Thomas, Pam Richardson and Dicky Ng were slow to start but clawed back to be 8-all on the ninth end. Enoggera proved just a bit too strong in the second half of the game with the final score being 14-21, a loss to SLBC.

The triples team of Rachel Chiang, Antony Flint and Doug Buchbach were also slow in the beginning but played determinedly to be 6-all in the eighth end. Once they hit their straps, they scored a few multiples which saw them win the game 24-10.

It's a bye for the Division 1 team this week which gives selectors a chance to review the teams to ensure players qualify for the finals later.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 3

Who says bowls isn't exciting? Saturday morning saw us scrambling to find a replacement for Bruce Holwell due to illness. Thankfully, Tim Salway answered the call and stepped into Bruce's position as skip.

When we eventually started to bowl after a somewhat chaotic roll-up, we had a very close tussle away to Chermside which saw us finish with 4 of the possible 5 points.

Darcy Barry and Mark Benson (S) went down 17-22 in a very close pairs game. Scores were locked at 10-all after 10 ends and 16-all after 17 ends before the home team finished stronger.

Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) got out of jail winning the last four ends of their game to finish 19-17 after being behind 10-17 after 17 ends. Having trailed for most of the match, Lois' team hung in to get the points in what was a very competitive and enjoyable game.

Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Tim Salway (S) had a convincing 25-12 victory in a game which they led from the fourth end. Features of the game were Ken's quality lead bowls and Tim's performance as replacement skip. Thanks to Tim for stepping in at short notice and best wishes to Bruce for a speedy recovery and return to the competition.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES – MEN

One game was played last in the Men's CoC Singles - the first round match between Bill Mills and Dicky Ng. It was a good competitive game all the way with the difference being that Dicky was able to score more multiples to win the game 25-18. More first round games will be played this week.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now - BDBA Men's Senior Pennant** competition. If you are interested in making yourself available for selection, please register your interest online by the SLBC's website. **Simply click on the "eye" to register your interest.** The competition starts 10 April and is played each Friday morning. The grand final will be played on 12 June. Players must be fully affiliated competition bowlers and be at least 60 years of age at the commencement of the competition. With only 9 players required each week, the number of teams SLBC will enter depends on the amount of interest expressed on the website.
- **14 February 2026** – Nominations close for the **"Beginners Cup"** novice event. This event is for the beginners of our sport. You need to have been playing for three years or less to enter. It is an open event and will run during February/March. Please your entries via the SLBC's website. A button is on the "Register for Bowls" page.
- **16-20 February 2026** – **Bowls Premier League** Watch on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel or Fox Sports / Kayo.
- **20 February to end March 2026** – **Ladies/Women's Autumn Pennant** - The teams for the first week have been selected and are available on the website.
- **24 February** – Nominations will open for the **Champion of Club Pairs** events for both men and women. Entries must be placed via BowlsLink. Games will commence 17/18 March. Teams will be 2 men or 2 women and the competition is open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club.
- **March** – SLBC Men's and Women's CoC Fours nominations open. More info later.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

LAST CALL FOR NAME BADGES FOR MEMBERS

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. The badges make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. Send your preferred name and type of badge to the Secretary at secretary@stluciabowls.org The list will close this week.

The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip. New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join.

MERLO CUP ROUND 3 – Saturday 14 February 2026

Div 1 – Bye

Div 3 – SLBC v Samford at 9.00am @ SLBC

Pairs

Warren Garnham
Mark Benson (Skip)

Triples

Ken Harvey
Anthony Burton
Bruce Holwell (Skip)

Triples

Graham Legg
Trevor Catt
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Manager:

Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

Umpire:

Graham Legg

Notes:

1. Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANTS 2026 – DRAW FOR ST LUCIA

20 February – at St Lucia vs New Farm
27 February – at Red Hill vs Windsor
6 March – at New Farm vs Red Hill
13 March – Bye
20 March – at Windsor vs Toombul
27 March - Finals
10 April - Grand Finals

Selections - Round 1: Game vs New Farm

Date: Friday 20 February 2026

Venue: St Lucia Bowls Club

Time: 10am start

Skip	Pam Salway	Pam Richardson	Lois Bradley
2 nd	Judy Beale	Margaret Miller	Suzanne Jordan
Lead	Julie Hawley	Rachel Chiang	Anne Kuhnemann

VALE ERN WOOD

It is with much sadness that I inform our members of the passing of Ern Wood last Friday. Ern was a very good bowler in his day and, at the Grange Bowls Club, he featured prominently on the Honour Boards with the likes of Rob Parella and Bob Baird. Ern loved his bowls and the company that goes with it but, unfortunately after joining St Lucia Bowls Club, his health did not permit him to play much bowls.

Ern was a “bigger than life” bloke with a heart of gold. For many years, Ern and I as part of the Tattersall’s Bowls Club ran an annual Charity Day at St Lucia to raise funds for disabled children and the elderly in palliative care.

In bowls we make many friends and Ern was one of my best bowls friends. He was the person responsible for my joining the Tattersall’s Bowls Club and later St Lucia.

Ern will be fondly remembered by many and missed by all. Love you, big fella.

– Craig Francis