SLBC NEWS

10 November 2026

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 Editors, Lyndell and Robin Town at robintown51@gmail.com

BIG THANKS TO PAMELA

A huge thankyou from the Management Committee and I'm sure all club members to Pamela Miller for keeping the lines of communication open for many years by producing and editing the club's newsletter. Her turn of phrase, her use of correct grammar, and her sense of humour have all contributed to the success of our main club communication tool. She leaves big boots to fill.

Pamela joined the club in 2005 and has always been a very involved and active member. She is a qualified coach and umpire, was our club Providore for 7 years and has produced our newsletter for many years from when it was first in hard copy through to its current digital form. She is retiring from the Editor role but of course will remain involved with the club.

Max Grey

ST LUCIA DENTAL - BIRDIE TRIPLES PRESENTATION

President, Max Grey, presented the runners up (Curlews) and the winners (Koels) with their prizes last Wednesday. Thanks to St Lucia Dental for their continued sponsorship.



KOELS



CURLEWS

THE VILLAGE YERONGA TRIPLES COMPETITION

Last Friday morning saw eight of our Senior bowlers travel to The Village Yeronga to compete in the inaugural triples competition, played between St Lucia, Corinda and Graceville.

The event was well organised and well attended – thanks in large to the efforts of Ian Thomas and Pam Salway, and the good number of supporters from our Club. Darren Cosgrove from The Village Yeronga was thrilled with the attendance and participation from all three clubs.

The artificial green (consisting of two rinks) was "interesting" to say the least, with the ditch side of each rink being very difficult to play. We are happy to report that St Lucia won both of their games to march away with the trophy.

Pam's Team (Julie Hawley, Lois Bradley and Pam Salway – with Tony Burton electing to watch from the sidelines) won both games. The first against Corinda by 3 points, and the second against Graceville by a convincing 12 points.

On the other rink, Ken's team (Bruce Holwell, Tim Salway (aka Super Sub), Craig Francis and Ken Anderton) won both games comfortably – up by 7 points against Corinda and up by 6 points against Graceville.

The final result was –

St Lucia	4 match points with a margin of +28
Corinda	1 match point with a margin of -10
Graceville	1 match point with a margin of -18

Off the greens, our players and supporters alike enjoyed the generous hospitality, food and drinks provided by The Village, as well as the tour of the facilities. In truth, it had the feel of a Gold Coast Resort, rather than a retirement-style village.

In addition to the trophy, St Lucia secured $500 in prize money and an additional $1,000 in sponsorship – both of which I am sure will be put to good use for the benefit of the club.

Craig Francis & Pam Salway



Darren Cosgrove and Pam Salway

2027 ST LUCIA COC MENS FOURS

Just a reminder to all our male bowlers that nominations for the above event close on 21 November 2026, with play to commence on 5 December 2026. At the moment, we only have three teams entered, which is very disappointing given the number of male members in the Club.

Fours is the traditional format for a game of Bowls, and of course it is the format used in the Pennants season. The selectors encourage all male bowlers who have not already nominated to seriously consider doing so now, as it will not only add more prestige to the competition, but it will also assist the selectors when choosing Pennants sides next year.

It doesn't matter if you have not got a team of four to enter – I am happy to receive emails from individual male members and help you put a team together and enter the team onto Bowslink. My email is: cfrancis@regulus.com.au

Win or lose, the experience of playing in the competition is well worth the effort.

Craig Francis
Chair of Selectors

CLUB SPONSOR NEWS

Firstly, a big thank you to "The Village Yeronga" for sponsoring the triples competition on Friday. To Darren and the team at Yeronga, thank you for your continued support of our club. It was an excellent financial result for our club.

A big thanks also to those who attended the event. The Village was very appreciative of our members' participation and showing interest in their facilities.

It is so important for sponsors to see members actively appreciating and supporting their companies. As always, I ask members if engaging the service of any business, to check first on our website to see if we have a local sponsor who can fulfill the job requirements.

Unfortunately, two of our sponsors will not be continuing their support, so we are looking to replace our butcher and plumber. I would really appreciate members' assistance with personal introductions to these types of local businesses, as this makes securing sponsors much easier.

We have informational pamphlets available to assist you when discussing this opportunity with potential sponsors. Notably, new sponsors will also become the preferred suppliers to the club for their services.

Sponsorship revenue is a critical part of our club's ongoing operations, and all members can play a part through introductions or direct support.

Ian Thomas
Sponsorship Manager

RUB OF THE GREEN

Renovation of the Red Green started last week following the recent rains. Here is an update on the progress so far:

- The green was lightly scarified to avoid disturbing too much of the grass roots.
- The green was then brushed, scraped, and blown clear of all leftover material before being rolled. Aside from the missing lines, it looked almost untouched.
- Next day the green was cored, cleared of excess material again, and rolled once more.
- Watering will occur (after repairing the system's wiring, which was damaged during the lights installation), followed by an application of fertiliser.
- Calcium will also be applied to help open up the ground and improve drainage.

Early next week, the green will be top-dressed, levelled, and watered. We hope to return a first-class playing surface to our bowlers in a few weeks. Once completed, we will begin work on the Blue Green. That process will be slightly different due to ground pearl issues and additional levelling required.

Thank you to all bowlers for your patience and support while we operate with only one green during this period.

Ian Thomas
Greens Director

GAMES REPORT

Consistency Semifinal: L Bradley d M Miller	The final will be played on Tuesday 17 Nov between L Bradley and G Legg. Best of luck to both players
CoC Men's Pairs: Five games were played on Saturday morning	R Town/T Burton d P Broderick/T Salway C Francis/K Anderton d V Thomas/B Holwell K Harvey/R Hoskin d D Barry/D Ng G Legg/A Flint d P Bailey/S James R Wormwell/P Kenny d P Jordan/T Catt
CoC Men's Pairs to be played next Saturday morning 8.45 start	C Francis/K Anderton v K Harvey/R Hoskin R Wormwell/P Kenny v D Phipps/D Buchbach
CoC Women's Pairs to be played next Saturday morning 8.45 start	B Walker/S Enright v P Salway/N Geran

Darcy Barry
Games Manager

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY FOR THE BRISBANE DISTRICT?

The Brisbane District Bowls Association invites all current and prospective players to submit an EOI to be considered for selection in the Brisbane District Men's and Ladies representative teams for the 2027 season.

Expressions of interest are now open in BowlsLink. Click on the following links (Men or Women) to access the relevant BowlsLink page: Men / Women



Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **9-13 NOVEMBER 2026 - BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE NO 24** - BPL24 will be held from 9-13 November 2026 at Ocean Grove Bowling Club. It will once again be televised via Bowls Australia's YouTube Channel and Facebook.
- **14-21 NOVEMBER 2026 - STATE CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS** - will be held at North Mackay Bowls Club (Goosies Sport & Recreation Club) from 14 to 21 November 2026, with the State Pennant Finals following on 28 and 29 November 2026. This year Bowls Queensland have introduced a 'Zone/State' play off competition for the winners of Divisions 1, 2 and 3.
- **27 NOVEMBER 2026 – SLBC'S PRESENTATION NIGHT / CHRISTMAS PARTY** – save the date. Celebrations kick off from 5 pm. Tickets can be reserved via the SLBC Website.
- **5 DECEMBER 2026 – SLBC'S 2027 CHAMPION OF CLUB FOURS (MEN AND WOMEN)** - These events will commence on Saturday 5 December. Closing date for nominations is 21 November. Entries are open via BowlsLink. Simply scan the relevant QR code.

Scan here for Men

Scan here for Women

- **7-10 DECEMBER 2026 – ULTIMATE BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS** – from Deer Park Bowls Club. Watch via YouTube
- **30 DECEMBER 2026 - BEGINNERS CUP NOMATIONS OPEN.** Nominations close 21 January with play to commence 4 February 2027.
- **8-24 JANUARY 2027 - THE AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS** - will take place at Potters Resorts Hopton-on-Sea. Watch on YouTube.
- **30 JANUARY 2027 – COMMENCEMENT OF TAYLOR BOWLS CHALLENGE** – SLBC has entered this competition in the Bronze section.
- **30 JANUARY 2027 – COMMENCEMENT OF MERLO COFFEE CUP** - SLBC will be entering teams in this competition. If you are interested in playing, go to 'Register for Bowls" page of SLBC's website.
- **5 FEBRUARY 2027 – BDBA WOMEN'S AUTUMN SHIELD NOMINATIONS CLOSE.** Competition commences 26 Feb.
- **15-27 FEBRUARY 2027 – BPL AT CLUB HELENSVALE.** – watch on YouTube or go in person – it's free.
- **5 MARCH 2027 – BDBA MEN'S SENIOR SHIELD NOMINATIONS CLOSE.** Competition commences 9 April.
- **20 MARCH 2027 – CHAMPION OF CLUB SINGLES NOMINATIONS CLOSE.** Entries will be taken in BowlsLink (info coming soon). Competition commences 3 April.
- **10 APRIL 2027 – CHAMPION OF CLUB MIXED PAIRS – NOMINATIONS CLOSE.** Entries will be taken in BowlsLink (info coming soon). Competition commences 24 April.
- **21 APRIL 2027 – PATRON'S TRIPLES.** One day event – nominations to play close 7 April. Watch this space for more detail.
- **5-8 MAY 2027 – STATE DISTRICT SIDES,** hosted by Sunshine Coast.
- **10-23 MAY 2027 – STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** – hosted by Sunshine Coast
- **24 MAY 2027 – ST LUCIA FOURS** – (financial day) more information coming.