

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

BDBA Men's Senior Pennants 2025

Unfortunately, it did not go to plan at Ferny Grove against Northern Suburbs in the second semifinal. Two teams lost in tiebreaker ends and the other team lost both games. The SLBC teams played well in the home and away games throughout the season to finish on top of the ladder. Congratulations to all players for their efforts. We can look forward to a better season next year.

- Bruce Holwell, Team Manager

CLUB COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Men's Triples Semifinals

Patrick Bailey, Paul Kenny and Dicky Ng (S) continued their winning way with an emphatic 27-9 win over Don Anderson, Tim Salway and Brian Vandersee (S). Resuming at 9-3 ahead, Dicky's team stormed ahead to be 17-4 after 11 ends and ended up winning 16 of the total 21 ends. This is the form team in the competition who will be hard to beat in the final. Patrick is bowling very well as lead. Paul gives solid support as second and, of course, Dicky provides great leadership as skip.

The second semifinal was more a game of two ends (the last two) than a game of two halves. Resuming at 4-6 down, Lloyd Edwards, Graham Legg and Antony Flint (S) scored five shots on the first end of the day to lead 9-6 after a great skip's bowl by Antony took the jack back to waiting back bowls. They then led all the way and were in front 20-14 after 18 ends. Then came the 20th end when Vaughan Thomas, Ken Harvey and Bruce Holwell (S) replied in kind also scoring five shots to draw level 20-20. The last end was defined by three great lead bowls by Vaughan and support bowls from Ken and Bruce which gave them the win. The genuine appreciation from both teams for such good bowling typified the great spirit which runs through our Club. Bruce's team did very well to keep fighting to the last bowl, something that will no doubt hold them in good stead for the final.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the final has been delayed until all team members will be available to contest the title.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

SLBC WELCOMES ANOTHER UMPIRE

Our Bowls Captain, Pam Salway, has just received her accreditation as a National Umpire, joining the group at the Club who are uniquely qualified to maintain the standards of the sport with their knowledge of the rules. It is essential that clubs utilise umpires, not only regarding interclub competitions but also to ensure that all competitions within the club are conducted in a fair manner and that players are aware of the rules governing the game.

In this digital age, people wishing to become umpires can undertake the course online at their own speed and at their convenience. Once the basics of the course from Bowls Australia is completed, there is an on-green assessment prior to the final accreditation. Pam would be delighted to discuss the process with anyone interested in umpiring and who wish to know more about what is required.

Congratulations, Pam! The Club is most appreciative of your commitment to furthering the sport we all enjoy.

NOTES ON SINGLES PLAY

The Club's B Singles competition will be held soon. This is an opportunity for many of our bowlers to participate and learn more about what it takes to play singles, a game which is a little different from our usual social games of pairs and triples. With that in mind, here are a few hints on how to approach the game and enjoy yourself.

- Keep your thoughts simple. Concentrate on two main objectives – correct line and correct length.
- Be positive. Relax your arm and body but not your focus.
- Light stretching before and during a match will help.
- Try to get shot then cover the opposition's bowl by aiming to bowl inside their bowl for another shot. This way, you won't go down in big numbers if the jack is trailed.
- If you can't get shot, get second shot.
- Don't lose focus when you're ahead. Concentrate harder because your opposition certainly will.
- Don't be short unless you are deliberately blocking your opponent's next bowl.
- Your luck starts when you reach the head.
- Don't try too many onshots. Basically draw, draw, draw.
- Stay cool. Relax, take deep breaths and stay well hydrated.
- **Never ever give up!**

Singles competitions require markers. Please review the sections on marking on the Club's website under the heading of Bowls Resources. Be familiar with what is expected of you to be a good marker and the game will be more enjoyable for the contestants and yourself.

VALE IAN NEWSON

Ian passed away on Saturday 7 June. Saturdays were always very important to Ian as he was a follower of sports both as a fan and a participant. Some of us can recall Ian around the Club with his transistor radio plugged into his ear while he was playing and following the "sport of kings" at the same time. Ian was an enthusiastic bowler, winning the President's Fours in 2004 with a current player, Frank Wark, in his team. He is remembered as a kind and thoughtful man. When he was Club President in 2006-07, he used to phone people in hospital to wish them well. Ian served as Welfare Officer in more recent years, keeping track of those who were struggling with ill health and his concern for others lifted many spirits along the way.