

# 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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## SLBC FOURS (COC) CHAMPIONS - 2026



Wednesday saw the final of the men's fours competition between Col Bertwistle, Graham Legg, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) who took on the in-form combination of Paul Keane, Rob Wormwell, Max Grey and Pat Davis (S). Given that Pat's team had an impressive road to the final, this game was always going to be close and so it turned out with Craig's team sneaking home 18-16. Despite being a comfortable 14-4 ahead at the break, Craig's team succumbed to the 'halftime hoodoo' and made hard work of the second half only winning 4 points over 3 of the 10 ends.

Congratulations to Craig's team for winning and to Pat's team on making the final.

- Graham Legg

## BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Round 5

The Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side had a solid win last Friday against Northern Suburbs in their "Away" game played at St Lucia. Fortunately, the rain held off and the greens played well to ensure that an enjoyable morning of bowls followed.

Darcy's team (Peter Jordan, Robin Town and Darcy Barry) played extremely well to win 17-5 and 15-4 which included a 5 on the last end of the first set. It was good to see Darcy back and playing so well.

Clive's team (Brian Vandersee, Doug Buchbach and Clive Hamlin) also played well throughout and won comfortably in straight sets by 12-9 and 11-7.

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis) lost in straight sets 4-9 and 3-7. Ken and Tony had solid games but, regrettably, Craig had a shocker and a game that was there for the winning slipped away.

Special thanks to Graham Legg who gave up his morning to umpire.

This coming Friday, St Lucia have several players away on a trip to Victoria. SLBC will travel to play Banyo at Banyo. A win should see the Saints move to at least second on the ladder as the two teams above are playing each other.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

## CHAMPION OF CLUB (COC) MIXED PAIRS

The first-round game between Lyndell and Robin Town (S) and Julie Hawley and Graham Legg (S) was an entertaining game which saw some good bowls despite very changeable weather conditions. Graham and Julie were 10-9 ahead at the break and managed to win 6 of the remaining 10 ends to come out eventual winners 24-16. Lyndell played very well in her first competition game equalling the standard of bowls played by the three more experienced players.

- Graham Legg

## BDBA WOMEN'S FOURS



St Lucia was well represented by three club members in the BDBA Women's Fours competition held over the weekend at Ferny Grove. This competition is open to any team with no qualification needed. Twelve teams from all over Brisbane competed. Some were combined teams and others represented a single club.

Pam Richardson, Rachel Chiang and Pam Salway combined with a Chermside colleague, Tracey Gaddes, winning their section (3 games) to progress through to the semifinal. After another win in the semi-final, they took on a team from Windsor in the final. The Windsor outfit was too good on the day, leaving our ladies as runners-up.

Well done and well played Rachel and both Pams. You did St Lucia proud!

## GETTING UP TO THE JACK ON LONG ENDS

As the greens are getting slower, some players might be having trouble reaching the jack on a long end. Take comfort! It's just a matter of technique.

The distance your bowl travels depends on the speed at which your hand is moving when you release it. On a slow green and facing a long end, that will have to be fast. In order to generate more speed, use the "engine room" behind you.

Swing back your arm to give room for acceleration and then PULL down. Did you get that word? Definitely **not** push. Once your arm is at the bottom of your swing, it's all over, Red Rover. Your engine room is from the top of your backswing until you let the bowl go and the magic word is .... PULL. Once again, PULL!

Practice this. Put your mat on the T and, using a strong PULL, put all four bowls in the ditch. You may be a bit inaccurate at first with all that power but you need to convince yourself that there is no such thing as a jack you can't reach.

- Ann Burton, Coach

# Captain's Corner

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now – SLBC Men's Triples** - We are still open for nominations. Please do so on the SLBC's website. A list is on the noticeboard showing who has already entered. Nominations close 13<sup>th</sup> May and play commences 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- **Now – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition has started. This will run until mid-June. Participants, don't forget to advise the Games Manager (Darcy Barry) and Bowls Captain (Pam Salway) if you re-schedule your game. They will then be able to let the greenkeeper know.
- **6-10 May – State District Sides** – A competition between all the regions of Queensland, hosted by the Gold Coast. The women's Brisbane team will be playing at Mermaid Beach and the men's Brisbane team will be playing at Helensvale. Go along to watch some games of a high standard. It's free to watch.
- **13 May – SLBC Men's Triples** nominations close 5 pm.
- **11-24 May – Queensland State Championships** - All disciplines (fours, pairs, mixed, singles) being played on the Gold Coast. More information in BowlsLink.
- **23 May – SLBC Men's Triples** competition starts.
- **25 May – St Lucia's "The Village Yeronga" Fours** – This competition is now full. A list of SLBC members who are in teams is on the noticeboard so you can check who your teammates are.
- **30/31 May - BDBA Men's and Women's District Pairs.** Both competitions are open for nominations through BowlsLink. The Women's competition is at Enoggera with the Men's competition being held at Toombul.
- **30/31 May – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Men.** Being held at Club Tweed. This tournament offers players a pathway to the Australian Indoor Singles Championships to be held in August. Should be some good bowls played and it's free to watch.
- **5 June 2026 – Australian Open commences** – On the Gold Coast.
- **20 June 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Fours (Day 1)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women.
- **27/28 June 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Pairs** - Both at Windsor.
- **5 July 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Singles (Day 1)** - Both at Chermide.
- **12 July 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Fours (Day 2)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women.
- **19 & 26 July 2026 – BDBA CoCC Mixed Pairs** – Chermide
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC's Patrons' Triples**

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

## **MENS SENIOR PENNANTS – WEEK 5 – Friday 8 May 2026**

### **Div 3 – Away at Banyo against Banyo at 10.00am**

#### Team 1

Tim Salway  
Ken Harvey  
Craig Francis (Skip)

#### Team 2

Dicky Ng  
Antony Flint  
Clive Hamlin (Skip)

#### Team 3

Trevor Catt  
Robin Town  
Darcy Barry (Skip)

**Manager:** Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

#### **Notes:**

1. Please contact the Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees (\$20.00) in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.

## **ZONTA FUNDRAISER – Sunday 31 May**

### **JOIN US!**

Bring family and friends to the club on Sunday 31 May from 2-5pm for a Zonta\* fundraiser.

Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of bowls and a Greek Souvlaki BBQ. (Paul Pollock, our beloved BBQ Chef, is expanding his repertoire!)

Adults \$45, Students \$25, Under 18's \$5.

Proceeds go to [ZIGZAG](#), supporting young women who have experienced sexual assault and homelessness.

Click on this link to book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKJHZ>

Contact Anne Kuhnemann \* on 0477 107594 for any queries or assistance with booking.

*\*Anne Kuhnemann is a member of Zonta International which stands for women's rights. Zonta focusses on issues such as ending child marriage and violence against women.*

## [THE LONG ROLL](#)

### BOWLS FOR BRISBANE 2032 – THE LONG ROLL



Its time for the world to see our great sport on the Olympic stage and no place better, than the home of Bowls greatest showcase event, The Australian Open, in Brisbane for the 2032 Olympic Games.

In conjunction with the **Bowls for Brisbane 2032** campaign, **World Bowls, Bowls Australia, Bowls New South Wales** and **Bowls Queensland** are carrying out the **worlds farthest game of lawn bowls**. Calling to action the community of local and national players, we will drive a concerted push for the sport's inclusion, aiming to unite clubs, players, and fans in a movement that celebrates both tradition and global ambition.

Rolling out from Balmain Bowls Club in the heart of Sydney on April 29, **hosted by 32 historic clubs** throughout NSW and Queensland throughout two sensational weeks of bowls, sharing stories and support along the way before finishing at Windsor Bowls Club on May 14.

Playing **One-Bowl Triples with two-sets of seven ends** (with a tiebreaker if needed), it will be Australia taking on the Rest of the World, comprising of international and local competitors with diverse backgrounds.

The relay celebrates the extensive bowls community that is highlighted by its inclusivity and participation in addition to showcasing accessibility for all ages, often crossing generations of bowlers, abilities, cultures and backgrounds.

For more information go to <https://bowls.com.au/events-page/bowls-for-brisbane-2032/bowls-for-brisbane-2032-the-long-roll/>