

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

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS - SEMIFINAL – DIVISION 4



The semifinal against Samford at Samford didn't go to script with the SLBC going down fighting 46-62. While there was a significant improvement from our previous visit, the Samford carpet still proved a challenge. Nevertheless, the game was played in good spirit and thanks to cheerleaders - Pam Salway, Pam Richardson and Robin Town - who made the long journey to support the teams.

Antony Flint's team of Anne Kuhnemann, Graham Legg and Tim Salway fared best on the day running out winners 21-18 in a closely fought match. Ann and Tim were the standouts leading the charge with strong performances. The match was a tense affair with the teams locked at 13-all after 16 ends. Despite a late scare dropping a four on the 19th end, our team finished strongly and held on for a well-deserved win. The win was even more meritorious as it inflicted the first defeat of the season on this formidable Samford four. A sensational effort and well played, team!

Clive Hamlin's team of Rob Hoskin, Vaughan Thomas and Brian Vandersee were involved in a keen tussle all afternoon before eventually going down 12-20. They battled hard and were a little unlucky not to enjoy more of the run of the green with several touchers going Samford's way. It was nevertheless a terrific team effort with everyone contributing.

Doug Buchbach's team of Max Grey, Julie Hawley and Darcy Barry were also involved in a real arm-wrestle and eventually went down 13-24. They began well and, after six ends, were leading 8-2 having won five ends in a row. Samford levelled the score on the 10th and were only one shot ahead on the 15th before finishing stronger as the carpet began to "change" as the afternoon cooled down.

Well, that's it and the end of another Pennant Season! Overall, the players can hold their heads high knowing they were very competitive, performed strongly as a team and were perhaps unlucky not to find ourselves in the final. Thanks to all who bowled for SLBC in Division 4. Maybe next year? We'll be back!

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

SLBC C SINGLES

The draw has been made for this competition and can be found on the Club's website.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up for the rest of the year:

- **11 September – Fashion Parade** – Tickets are on sale now for the Portofino Fashion Parade at St Lucia Bowling Club. Buy tickets at the DJ's office or over the bar. There's also a table booking list on the noticeboard.
- **12 September 2026 - Mixed President's Fours – Change of date.** All financial members are invited to play in this one-day event. It is a fun afternoon with prizes awarded to the winners. The button is now on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page. Teams are club selected. Make sure your entry is in promptly as an even number of teams are needed. **Entries close 29 August.**
- **15 September – Open Consistency Nominations close** – This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on **29 September (Tuesday)**. Nominations will open later in August and close on 15 September. To be eligible, members must be financial and Full members. To enter, please watch out for the button on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **21 September 2026 – Mixed Birdie Triples – Nominations close 21 September**– This event will commence on **30 September** and all financial members are invited to participate. To enter, watch for the button on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **23 September – Open "B" Singles – Nominations close 23 September** - This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on **7 October (Wednesday)**. Nominations will open later in August, and close on 23 September. To be eligible, members must be financial and Full members who have not won a "B" or Championship Singles event in this club or any other club. To enter, watch for the button on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **23 & 30 October 2026 – BDBA Senior Fours** – Being played at Windsor. Entries will be open next week via BowlsLink.
- **24 & 31 October 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's Singles** – Being played at Chermside. Entries are open now via BowlsLink.
- **26 October 2026 – SLBC Open Pairs** – This is a one-day event sponsored by The Village Yeronga. Entries are now open. Entries from other clubs are accepted. Please contact Pam Salway on admin@stluciabowls.org if you wish to enter a team.
- **7 November 2026 – SLBC's 2027 Champion of Club Pairs (Men and Women)** – These events will commence on Saturday 7 November. Closing date for nominations is 24 October. Entry will be via BowlsLink.
- **27 November 2026 – SLBC's Presentation Night / Christmas Party** – Save the date.
Celebrations kick off from 4 pm. - Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

A Big Thank You

As many of our members are aware, I have been dealing with some family issues these last six or so weeks which have limited my bowling and taken me away from my duties as Chair of Selectors.

In my absence, Tony Burton and Lois Bradley have done a sterling job and dealt with difficult selection issues. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them for stepping up and taking over.

But then again, you wouldn't expect anything less, given the DNA of St Lucia members and their willingness to pitch in and help.

- Craig Francis

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