

SLBC NEWS



8 July 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 Editor, Pamela Miller – pamela.miller1@bigpond.com

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS

Division 2

It was a great start to the 2026 Pennant season for St Lucia with both Divisions winning their first game. Division 2 played away at Chermside. The Chermside green was a little quicker than our St Lucia greens but the teams adapted excellently to the true and quicker pace.

The team skipped by Craig Francis with Ken Harvey, Lois Bradley and Tony Burton enjoyed the fast green. It was a tight struggle all day with the teams rarely separated by no more than one or two shots. Craig's team surged ahead in the last few ends when it counted and went on to win 22-16.

The team skipped by Bruce Holwell with Dicky Ng leading, Graham Legg and Trevor Catt started slowly while getting used to the green's conditions. They were down 6 shots after 2 ends. After 12 ends, the score was 9-16. On the 13th end, the game turned when Bruce picked up the jack running it to the back of the green scoring five shots and making the score 14-16. At the 20th end, with the score at 23-18, the Saints were marching in. With two ends remaining to play, the score was 23-19. With one end to play, Chermside had four bowls packed around the jack. Bruce drew a bowl into the pack reducing the score from 4 to 1. The Chermside skipper missed a drive which gave the Saints a hard-fought win by three shots, 23-20. Well done to the team who never gave up!

Pam Salway's team of Rachel Chiang, Suzanne Jordan, and Nikki Geran led until the wheels fell off mid-way through the game when they lost a 6. Not disheartened but rather more determined than ever, they won the next two ends gaining back that lost 6 shots and led the game all the way to the finish, winning 26-23. Next week sees the Division 2 teams take on Hamilton at St Lucia.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 4

The first round of the Winter Pennant Season started on America's 250th Independence Day which saw us facing off against Chermside at home. The teams were pumped and up for the occasion.

All games were fiercely contested with Mark Benson's team of Rob Hoskin, Brian Vandersee and Robin Town showing the way with a convincing 29-12 win. Strong lead bowling from Rob helped set up the runaway score. The other two matches were well fought with Doug Buchbach's team of Col Bertwistle, Julie Hawley and Darcy Barry winning 13 ends to eke out a narrow 17-14 win. A solid team effort with strong play from Darcy was a feature of the side's win. Antony Flint's team of Anne Kuhnemann, Ian Nave and Tim Salway was close all afternoon as reflected in the score of 14-13 after 19 ends. Three shots in the last two ends saw the team run out eventual winners 17-13. Some excellent skip's bowling by Antony was a highlight.

The overall result was 63-39 which has our SLBC team second on the ladder behind Geebung on percentages. Next week's match is away against Everton Park.

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPION WOMEN'S SINGLES

Congratulations to Lois Bradley who admirably represented St Lucia in the Women's CoCC event played on Sunday at Chermshire Bowls Club. She won her first game over Hamilton's champion Jacinta Weier but then lost in the semifinal to Ferny Grove's Lynne Hamilton. Well done, Lois!

PATRON'S TRIPLES

A list has been printed and it contains 39 names which is enough for 13 teams. Sadly, 13 teams don't work. We need an even number of teams. So, WE WANT YOU! If you haven't put your name down on the list, please do so before 5 pm Wednesday night (8 July). We need three more players otherwise we will have to allocate three of the already nominated players to be reserves.

Similarly, if you have nominated and are now not able to take part in this event scheduled for Wednesday 22 July, please let Darcy Barry or Pam Salway know immediately.

COACHING CLINICS 9TH & 16TH AUGUST – SUNDAYS

There are still a few places left if you haven't registered for these clinics yet. Registrations will close Saturday 11 July.

You will be allocated either the 9th or the 16th of August to attend and we will try to tailor the contents of that clinic to those in attendance. Once you have registered, you can pay to secure the spot by paying at the DJ's office or over the bar.

Details once again are:

- \$25 per head, includes a light lunch.
- Starting time - 9.30 am to roughly 1.30 pm
- Attire - bowls suitable clothing
- Attitude - ready to learn and improve
- Conducted by - Matthew Lucas from Decisive Deliveries

Thanks go to one of our sponsors, Eddie Singh of L J Hooker, for supporting these clinics.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **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** – Chermshire
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC's Patrons Triples** – Place your interest to be placed in a team by registering on the SLBC's website, "Register for Bowls" page. Scroll down to the bottom of that page to find the button.
- **23 July – 2 August 2026 – Commonwealth Games – Glasgow.**

- **12 August 2026 (Ekka Show Day) – Walter Taylor Shield** – vs West Toowong. More information coming soon.
- **9 & 16 August 2026 (Sundays) – Coaching Clinic with Matt Lucas** – register your attendance at a clinic before 11 July. Do via “Register for Bowls” on the SLBC website. Clinic starts at 9.30 am and will include a light lunch. Overall, 3-4 hrs. Cost \$25.

WALTER TAYLOR SHIELD

Discussions are underway with West Toowong Bowls Club to arrange this year's "Walter Taylor Shield" event. The competition will take place on Wednesday 12 August (Ekka Day) and will be held at West Toowong.

If you are interested in joining a team (likely triples), please register your interest by clicking on the button on the "Register for Bowls" page of the website. Go to the bottom of that page. Club selectors will determine seven teams closer to the date. It is always a fun day so come on and register now!

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

VALE TONY WILLIAMS

A longtime member of SLBC, Tony Williams passed away after a lengthy illness last Friday. Tony was a career officer in the Australian Army who served with distinction in Vietnam until, as he put it, he wrapped his helicopter around a tree. An enthusiastic bowler whose name is on SLBC honour boards several times, he was Club Treasurer for five years. The Management Committee appreciates his service to our Club.

PENNANTS – Round 2 – Saturday 11 July 2026

Division 2 – Home at St Lucia against Hamilton at 1.00pm

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang	Ken Harvey	Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Suzanne Jordan	Pam Richardson	Graham Legg
Nikki Geran	Tony Burton	Trevor Catt
Pamela Salway (Skip)	Lois Bradley (Skip)	Bruce Holwell (Skip)

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Umpire for Div 2: Graham Legg

Division 4 – Away at Everton Park against Everton Park at 1.00pm

Rob Hoskin	Col Bertwistle	Anne Kuhneman
Vaughan Thomas	Julie Hawley	Ian Nave
Stephen James	Darcy Barry	Tim Salway
Mark Benson (Skip)	Doug Buchbach (Skip)	Antony Flint (Skip)

Manager: Vaughan Thomas (0419 475 763)

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.