

SLBC NEWS



23 July 2025

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

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 3

In the third round of the Division 3 Open Pennants season, we played at home against a strong Chermside side on another brilliant winter's afternoon. Unfortunately, we were just not good enough on the day, going down 47-76 overall.

Craig's team (Doug Buchbach, Pam Richardson, Tony Burton and Craig Francis) started in the worst possible way being down 0-15 after only five ends. The troops then rallied and won five shots on the next end after a good trail of the jack. From then, it was shot for shot but Craig's team could not overcome the initial bad start and went down 16-32.

Warren's team (Col Bertwistle, Terry Martin, Bruce Howell and Warren Garnham) were 8-8 after ten ends and it looked like a win might be on the cards. However, their opponents played better in the next half of the game and Warren's team lost 13-22.

Pam's team (Rachel Chiang, Darcy Barry, Nikki Geran and Pam Salway) played well and were leading 11-7 after nine ends. Their opponents then delivered some very good bowls and Pam's team could win only three of the next 12 ends to eventually go down 18-22.

- Craig Francis, Manager

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 5

Last Saturday saw a top of the table clash against Samford. In a very close contest, St Lucia came out on top winning 60-53 overall including a rink win which gave us 6 points from a possible 8.

Clive Hamlin, Robin Town and Lois Bradley (S) went down fighting 17-23 after a very tight game which saw them ahead 10-9 after 11 ends. Unfortunately, Samford then strung together five winning ends to open an 11-point lead. Lois's team kept fighting, picking up 7 points over the last 5 ends to reduce the final margin.

Vaughan Thomas, Dicky Ng and Mark Benson (S) had a thrilling game only going down by one point 18-19. On 11 of the 21 ends, the teams were separated by one point and scores were locked at 18-all after 20 ends. Despite Mark's doing two great skip shots, Samford took the last end and the match by a single point.

Ken Harvey, Graham Legg and Antony Flint (S) had a convincing 25-11 win on the last rink. This game saw the usual solid lead bowls from Ken, Graham's 'Green Meanies' contributed throughout and good skip's directions from Antony (Don't hit the black bowl) Flint. A real positive from this game is that the opposition didn't score more than two shots on any end.

Overall, a very strong team effort across the three rinks. Well done to all players. Also, a special thanks to Bruce for taking the lead in the preparation of party pies and sausage rolls after the game.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

PENNANTS – DIVISION 6

The team of Anne Kuhnemann, Peter Jordan and I won by nine points which equals one sad rink point for SLBC with Red Hill taking seven of the eight on offer.

Bill Mills' team had a very close match leading throughout and went into the final end in a tie. The Red Hill lead put one bowl firmly on the jack and that is where it stayed, resulting in a one-point loss for us. Had that bowl been replaced by just one of ours, we could've had a win!!

Max Grey's team was up against a strong outfit which couldn't be headed.

- Tim Salway, Team Manager

PATRONS' MIXED TRIPLES

This competition is being held on Wednesday 30 July. There's been a great response to the competition and there will be 14 teams on the day. Paul Keane and Peter Morrill have kindly agreed to be reserves. The teams are now available on the website, in this edition of SLBC News and on the noticeboard. Please let me know asap if you are unable to play.

I'd like to thank the selectors, Lois, Dicky, Doug B and Craig, for their efforts in putting the teams together. As you can imagine, trying to put together 14 teams of similar ability is not an easy task. I think they've done a great job.

Our Club Patrons, Elsie Speight and Russ Davidson, will join us for cake and nibbles after the game. All are invited to stay and enjoy a chat.

Social bowls will be on as usual for those not playing in the Patron's Triples.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR AN EVENT – FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

We need four or five more volunteers to help supervise an important event on Friday 1 August from 2-5pm. There will be approximately 150-200 Emmanuel College students attending a function and they will be bowling. Please let me know if you can help.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

[VOLUNTEERING AT OUR BOWLS CLUB – PART ONE](#)

Members will have read President Max Grey's comments about the financial soundness of our Club in the Mini-Minutes of the July Management Committee Meeting and his observation that this is due to our culture of volunteering. As members, we should participate in this aspect of our Club and, instead of sitting back and letting someone else take care of us, we should look for ways in which we can help our Club run smoothly for the enjoyment of all.

When looking at the different roles which are necessary for the Club's operation, it is possible to see that there are quite a few members who help in several areas. There are also core positions where there is a definite shortage of people.

One of these is the role of Disk Jockey. To volunteer for this would mean that you would be at the Club for less than two hours before you would normally arrive to play bowls and this would happen most likely no more than twice in any month. It is a pleasure to welcome members as they sign in to play bowls and you do become better acquainted with them. Training is generously given to operate the computer and card machine and, once you are familiar with the process, it isn't too a difficult task but one which is very necessary. Have a chat with Vaughan Thomas if you could help in this area.

Another section to consider if you would like to dip your toe in the volunteering water is Lockup. This involves closing the clubhouse following play and post-match drinks on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Perhaps you have obligations which stop you from doing this on a weekly basis – Broncos, Lions, away pennant games, family, etc. Why not volunteer to be on the reserve "bench"? Being able to step in when required would give regular lockup members a little more freedom without having to lean on other regulars to fill their places. You would have the satisfaction of helping others while learning a little more about how your Club operates. Possibilities include doing this only on Wednesdays if Saturdays aren't convenient or *vice versa*. Why not think about pairing with someone else whose timing suits? If you'd like to know more about what's required, talk with Bruce Holwell.

You've heard that functions are a necessary revenue stream for our Club and those which include bowls always need players to supervise and instruct those who don't know how to bowl. You don't need to be an excellent player yourself. All you are required to do is to show people the basics and encourage them to enjoy themselves while trying. These volunteers are divided into teams so that different members can help depending on the number of bowlers and the same ones don't have to be there for every function. Listen when there is a call for extra helpers needed either on the green or around the grounds for general assistance and make yourself available. Talk to Pam Salway, Bowls Captain, if you'd like to be on a team. **(See her plea earlier in the newsletter for people to help with an event on 1 August.)**

A little thought – Cleaning the jacks. These run up and down the greens and get rather filthy passing over dirt and fertiliser with sticky stuff from hand glue remaining on their surface. How about coming to the Club a little early to give some jacks a good rub with Ajax in our kitchen sink?

Cleaning the bowls mats – Again, a little Ajax with a scrubbing brush and water does the trick. Perhaps take home a few at a time and return them bright and shiny. Small jobs but very necessary.

[The above is the first of a two-part series on areas which need the support of members to ensure that our Club continues to run smoothly and efficiently.](#)

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Dates for your diary

There are a few events coming up over the next weeks so please make sure these are in your diary:

- **30 July (Wednesday)** - Patron's Triples event (more information about teams from our Games Manager in this newsletter and on the website). There will be a small celebration of our Patrons after the game. Please do stay and join in the celebration.
- **6 August (Wednesday)** – UQ Healthy Living will visit the club to provide information to members about preventing injury. The talk will be from 11.45 through to 12.15 pm. The greens will be closed during this time. All members are welcome to attend.
- **10 August (Sunday)** - 2025 BQ Group 4 Champ of Club Champions Fours - Ladies - SLBC and BDBA's ladies fours champions, - Rachel Chiang, Pam Richardson, Nikki Geran, and skip Pam Salway - will play at Red Hill to see if they can win their way through to the State CoCC Fours event later in the year. Your support at Red Hill would be most welcome. Details will be found in BowlsLink once the draw has been finalised.
- **13 August (Wednesday)** - Walter Taylor Shield. This is when St Lucia Saints defend the shield for 2025 in the local derby against West Toowong. The selected teams list can be found further down in the SLBC News. The list is also on the Club's website and on the noticeboard in the main room.

Tip of the Day

To improve mental toughness in lawn bowls, focus on mental preparation, visualization and relaxation techniques. This includes arriving early to observe the green, understanding its characteristics and visualizing successful shots. Relaxation techniques like deep breathing and mindfulness can help manage stress and nerves during play.

(Credit: Lawn Bowls Strategy and Tactics: Mastering the Mental Game – Mat, Jacks and Balls).

TIME CHANGE FOR TUESDAY BOWLS FROM 5 AUGUST

Bowls on Tuesday will revert to the previous time from Tuesday 5 August. Play will begin at 9 am. Please register online or phone as before.

Please continue to scroll down to the following pages for the list of pennant teams for the coming week as well as a list of the teams which will be playing in the Patrons' Triples on Wednesday 30 July.

WINTER EIGHTS ROUND 4 – 22 and 25 July 2025

Div 1 – Away at Northern Suburbs at 9.30am Friday 25 July 2025

Vaughan Thomas	Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng	Doug Buchbach
Anthony Burton	Pamela Richardson
Craig Francis	Pamela Salway

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Div 3 – Away at Ferny Grove at 9.30am Tuesday 22 July 2025

Joanne Annan	Ken Harvey
Clive Hamlin	Peter Jordan
Mark Benson	John (Darcy) Barry
Lois Bradley	Bruce Holwell

Manager: Peter Jordan (0418 770 105)

Note: Please contact your Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.

OPEN PENNANTS ROUND 4 – Saturday 26 July 2025

Div 3 – Away at Red Hill at 1.00pm

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang	Colin Bertwistle	Doug Buchbach
John (Darcy) Barry	Terence Martin	Bruce Holwell
Nikki Geran	Anthony Burton	Pamela Richardson
Pamela Salway	Warren Garnham	Craig Francis

Manager: Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

Div 5 – Away at Hamilton at 1.00pm

Ken Harvey	Clive Hamlin	Vaughan Thomas
Graham Legg	Robin Town	Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Antony Flint	Lois Bradley	Mark Benson

Manager: Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

Div 6 – Home to Everton Park at 1.00pm

Kellie Broderick	Rijn Camphorst	Josie Caltabiano
Peter Jordan	Rob Malcolm	Max Grey
Timothy Salway	Bill Mills	Brian Vandersee

Manager: Tim Salway (0413 748 666)

Umpire for Div 6 – Rijn Camphorst

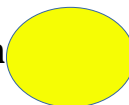
Note: Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.

Teams for the Patron's Mixed Triples 2025

Date : 30 July 2025 (Wednesday)

Total 14 teams: Lead, Second, Skip

Team



All players are asked to register for bowls as usual online or by phone.

Erin Grey Rijn Camphorst Pam Salway	1	Patrick Bailey Rob Malcolm Ian Thomas	2	Pamela Miller Ian Nave Bruce Holwell	3
Don Anderson Max Grey Darcy Barry	4	Susanne Enright Tim Salway Mark Benson	5	Red O'Hara Ken Harvey Antony Flint	6
Leslee Mackay Col Bertwistle Terry Martin	7	Frank Wark Lloyd Edwards Dicky Ng	8	Wendy Hoskin Peter Jordan Robin Town	9
Paul Pollock Vaughan Thomas Brian Vandersee	10	Annette Hall Graham Legg Clive Hamlin	11	David Cowper Margaret Miller Lois Bradley	12
Beverley Walker Stephen James Pam Richardson	13	Anne Kuhnemann Roland Baudet Rachel Chiang	14		
Reserve : Paul Keane Peter Morrill		Withdrawals : Peter Fairchild (12 July 2025) Tony Burton (17 July 2025)			