

SLBC NEWS



13 May 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

STATE SIDES EVENT – GOLD COAST



Both the Brisbane District men and women won their way to play in Division 1 at the State Sides event which, after 4 days of play, concluded on Saturday at various venues on the Gold Coast. St Lucia was represented by Nikki Geran and Pam Salway along with teammates from other clubs across Brisbane.

The women's team won 2 out of their 3 matches on the day of the Finals, meaning they finished runners up overall which was a great achievement. The strong Gold Coast women's side were the victors.

BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Round 6

Last Friday, the Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side played at Banyo against the host team Banyo. This seems to be the season for us having to play on surfaces that are not fit for bowling. Banyo has two greens – one that runs quite well and the other is a croquet court which is slow, uneven and literally has blue crosses on the grass showing where the holes for the croquet hoops go. Guess which green we played on? 😊

Darcy's team (Trevor Catt, Vaughan Thomas and Darcy Barry) lost narrowly in straight sets 7-12 and 6-8. A special welcome to Trevor playing his first game for the season.

Antony's team (Dicky Ng, Clive Hamlin and Antony Flint) also lost in straight sets 4-10 and 6-7. They almost won the second set, just losing to the opposing skip's last bowl which scored the shot after the Saints were holding four shots in the head.

Craig's team (Tim Salway, Ken Harvey and Craig Francis) had an interesting game, losing the first set 6-11 and winning the second set easily by 15-3. The Saints were holding the shot in the tiebreaker end until the opposing skip's bowl wicked off a bowl two metres wide (and probably took advantage of one of the above blue crosses) to change course and win the end.

Unfortunately, this was a match which the Saints were expected to win easily but lost 0-6 overall. Despite this loss, we are still well placed on the ladder, sitting fourth and only two points off second place. This coming Friday, St Lucia plays New Farm at Red Hill and welcome several bowlers back from their recent trip away.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

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 this Wednesday 13th May and play commences 23rd 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.
- **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 Chermside.
- **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** – Chermside
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC’s Patrons’ Triples** - Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

MENS SENIOR PENNANTS – WEEK 5 – Friday 8 May 2026

Div 3 – Away at Red Hill against New Farm at 10.00am

Team 1

Ken Harvey
Tony Burton
Craig Francis (Skip)

Team 2

Trevor Catt
Brian Vandersee
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Team 3

Peter Jordan
Bruce Holwell
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.*