

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

EVENTS ON NOW

Club Championship Men's Fours

Round 1

The Sunshine State turned on the magic again for the first round of this competition. Saturday 12 April, 32 men on the green, what could go wrong?

Thunder and lightning, and some rain, ensured only about an hour of play was possible, or 6 or 7 ends, so the first-round games were played over two legs with games being completed last week.

Paul Keane, John Stack, Paul Kenny and Rob Hoskin (S) had a convincing 26-11 win over John Davey, Patrick Bailey, David Cowper and Laurie Annan. Locked at 4 all after 7 ends in the first leg, Rob Hoskin's team found their form on the faster green last Wednesday to lead for the entire second leg.

Peter Jordan, Terry Martin, Antony Flint and Dicky Ng (S) had a hard fought 22-19 win over Paul Pollock, Rob Malcolm, Doug Phipps and Doug Buchbach (S). Leading 10-5 after the first leg, Dicky's team led all the way in the second leg, apart from a minor glitch on the 19th end where they gave away a 4.

Another close game saw Don Anderson, Graham Legg, Tim Salway and Bill Mills (S) go down fighting 16-18 against Lloyd Edwards, Brian Vandersee, Robin Town / Max Grey and Peter Fairchild (S). This was a very tight game throughout eventually won by the more consistent bowlers.

Vaughan Thomas, Ken Harvey, Clive Hamlin and Bruce Holwell (S) would have been praying for more rain after leading the first leg 12-6 over the Col Bertwistle, Warren Garnham, Tony Burton and Craig Francis. However the faster green on Saturday saw Craig's team win all but 3 of the remaining ends to win 27-14.

Semi-Final

The first semi-final was between the teams of Rob Hoskin and Dicky Ng. Dicky's team was the eventual winner 26-21 in a game which was locked at 21 all after 18 ends, with Rob's team having fought back from 18-7 down after 11 ends.

The second semi-final is between the teams of Peter Fairchild and Craig Francis and promises to be a beauty.

Club Championship Men's Pairs

Congratulation to Ken Harvey and Clive Hamlin (S) who won an epic final's battle 23-22 against Col Bertwistle and Robin Town(S) to be this year's champions.

Ken and Clive got off to a flyer to be ahead 10-1 after 5 ends, only to be pegged back to 10-9 after 8 ends. From there the game was very close, although the score card shows that Ken and Clive led all the way.



Open C Singles

A reminder that the call for this competition is still open. It closes on 26 April so if you wish to play please put your name in the box or send me an e-mail on games@stluciabowls.org

The competition is open to all affiliated members (men and women) of the club who have not won a C Singles event or higher. Games start on Saturday 3 May.

See you on the greens.

Graham Legg – Games Manager

BDBA Senior Men's Pennants

With no games over Easter, the next game for SLBC is Thursday 24th, at St Lucia. This is a make-up game due to rain earlier this month Roll up from 9am, game start time is 9.30 am.

Teams are

BDBA SENIOR (over 60s) PENNANTS 2025 at ST LUCIA on THURSDAY 24 April 9.30am

TRIPLES	TRIPLES	TRIPLES	v. NORTHERN SUBURBS
HARVEY Kenneth	JORDAN Peter	THOMAS Vaughan	
BURTON Anthony	MARTIN Terence	NG Sui Hong	Manager: HOLWELL Bruce
FRANCIS Craig	BUCHBACH Douglas	HOLWELL Bruce	

Notes: Skips to verify their team is available and inform Peter Jordan
MAY LINE, LENGTH & LUCK BE WITH YOU
Any quiries, contact Peter Jordan 0418770105

COMING UP

The Village Yeronga Fours

If you would like to play in this event, there's only roughly 2 weeks left to get your team in, or if you haven't got a team, place your name on the sheet on the noticeboard.



Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Please leave these in the office.



MINI MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 19 APRIL

- Clarification established on member eligibility for competition bowls.
- Tim Salway has the grant process well underway for a new greens roller.
- Craig Francis and Pam Salway have lodged paperwork to be re-accredited as bowls coaches.
- A vote of thanks was recorded for Royce Allan for his time spent on recycling beverage containers from the bar and the financial gains the club has enjoyed through his volunteering.
- The Village Fours sponsored event on 19 May has attracted 15 entries to date.
- Discussions with Bowls Qld have focussed on definitions of affiliated bowling members and use of the BowlsLink database. These matters remain unresolved although good progress has been made.
- The second block of the Brisbane City Council's Active & Healthy 2024/25 program begins on Sunday 27 April and runs for six weeks.
- Thanks to Bev King who is stepping in as Functions Director in Anne Kuhnemann's absence.
- The members of the Management Committee have endorsed the proposal to offer Ann Burton the honour of becoming a Life Member of the Club. This motion will be taken to the AGM for discussion and a vote.

AND MORE

Ahoy there Members,

If any of you have family or friends who are looking for a new activity that ticks all the boxes? Invite them to come and try lawn bowls at our wonderful club to meet people and learn new skills.

We are running a come and try lawn bowls program as part of the BCC's Active & Healthy program with the aim of attracting new bowlers.

The program commences on Sunday 27 April and runs for six consecutive weeks where we encourage those new to bowls to give it a go. The sessions run for approx 1.5 hours and commence at 11.00 hrs and wind up around 12:30 hours. All bowling equipment and tuition is provided free.

We encourage those who are interested in pursuing bowls to attend additional sessions in the weeks following their initial one. If participants go on to join the Club, free one on one coaching is provided to initially get the new bowlers started and later to assist them progress through the bowling ranks as they become more familiar with the game.

Registration for the program is required and those interested are asked to contact Vaughan Thomas on mobile 0419 475 763 or email vpthomas@bigpond.net.au



Lost & Found (hopefully)

For those members who played last Wednesday 16th April, would you please have a look in your gear for a pair of reading glasses?

The ones missing were in a light brown soft case and were prescription reading glasses with bluish frames. They were most probably picked up by mistake or moved somewhere in the club. John Stack would be most appreciative if you'd check.