

SLBC NEWS



19 August 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

WALTER TAYLOR SHIELD @ WEST TOOWONG



Cr Penny Wolff, President Max Grey and President Richard Goldsworthy

The Walter Taylor Shield has returned to St Lucia for yet another year after the Saints successfully defended the title. West Toowong hosted this event last Wednesday in perfect weather. After the first round of games, West Toowong held a commanding lead but the Saints came marching home in the second and third games to win the Shield for 2026.

Thanks to West Toowong for hosting an enjoyable, friendly day. We look forward to welcoming their teams to our Club next August.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

SOCIAL BOWLS - 12 AUGUST (EKKA DAY)

While the Club celebrated the big win over West Toowong in the Walter Taylor Shield, those members who played social bowls at SLBC were able to enjoy a complimentary afternoon in a relaxed atmosphere on our home green. Thanks go to Clive Hamlin who arrived early to open up then select teams and preside over the bar with Tony Burton following the games. Thanks also to Anne Kuhnemann and Ann Burton for providing delicious nibbles for afternoon tea. A happy session enjoyed by all!

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS

Division 2

This SLBC team started the season with a win and finished with a win at Geebung on Saturday. With a draw on Lois's rink, a loss of eight on Craig's rink but with a twelve-point win on Pam's rink, the Saints pulled off an overall win by four points.

It was nice to end the season on a high note because this was our last game as we missed out on being one of the top four teams to play off in the finals.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 4

The final round of the round-robin matches saw our team up against the leader, Geebung. As expected, they were a competitive team and, despite St Lucia winning two of the games, Geebung ran out narrow winners 54-49. All teams bowled well and were unlucky not to have beaten the top side.

Antony Flint's team of Anne Kuhnemann, Graham Legg and Tim Salway bounced back from last week's defeat with a convincing 19-12 win. Following a relatively slow start, the teams were level after 14 ends when the home side began to take control and draw away, winning six of the final seven ends. A tough game with Tim continuing his good form, leading a strong team effort.

Clive Hamlin's team of Rob Hoskin, Vaughan Thomas and Robin Town were keen to erase last week's defeat and, after a tight struggle all day, they ran out winners 18-15. Geebung seemed to prefer longer ends with our team playing the short to medium ends better. A strong team effort to win 14 ends and it was pleasing to see Robin back to his best showing the way.

Doug Buchbach's team of Narelle Sutton, Julie Hawley and Max Grey struggled against strong opposition going down 12-27. Being down nine shots after ten ends made any recovery difficult but winning the last three ends was a positive to take out of a disappointing game. It was a tough initiation for Narelle in her first pennant outing for the season and good to see Julie continuing her fine form.

The team finished in third place on the ladder ahead of the chasing pack on percentages. The competition has been very even throughout the season with five teams on equal points and the semi-finals decided on percentages. Next week's semifinal match is away against the second side Samford out at Samford's green.

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

SLBC OPEN "C" SINGLES

Entries close this Wednesday 19 August at 5pm.

BDBA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DISTRICT SINGLES

These events are now open. Games will be played on Saturday 24 and 31 October at Chermside. Full details and entry are via BowlsLink, with entries closing 16 October.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - DISTRICT SELECTOR

Do you want to help continue to drive the great representative outcomes and honours for Brisbane District Bowls Association? Then become a District Selector. The District is looking for seven members for its 2026/27 Selection Committee for the period 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027.

Expression of Interest for Selector is now available on BowlsLink under Events as '2026-2027 Brisbane District - EOI - Selection Committee' - so click the link <https://bowlslink.com.au/public/event/a45e842c-c9a5-4a88-af60-25f6233b24d2>

The EOI process for District Selectors closes 20 September 2026.

WASTE VOUCHERS FOR MONDAY CREW

Members living in apartments and/or those not intending to use the waste vouchers mailed from the Brisbane City Council can drop their vouchers into the Secretary's office for use by the Monday Crew.

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.
- **7-8 November 2026 – BDBA Open Novice Singles** – Being played at Enoggera. Entries will open in two weeks to be made via BowlsLink.
- **9-13 November 2026 - Bowls Premier League No 24 - BPL24** will be held from 9-13 November 2026 at Ocean Grove Bowling Club. It will once again be televised via Bowls Australia's YouTube Channel and Facebook.
- **14-21 November 2026 - State Champion of Club Champions** - Will be held at North Mackay Bowls Club (Goosies Sport & Recreation Club) from 14 to 21 November 2026, with the State Pennant Finals following on 28 and 29 November 2026. This year Bowls Queensland have introduced a 'Zone/State' play off competition for the winners of Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

- **27 November 2026 – SLBC’s Presentation Night / Christmas Party** – Save the date. Celebrations kick off from 4 pm.
- **5 December 2026 – SLBC’s 2027 Champion of Club Fours (Men and Women)** - These events will commence on Saturday 5 December. Closing date for nominations is 21 November. Entry will be via BowlsLink.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

RUB OF THE GREEN

The Management Committee is pleased to advise members that a new **Two-Year Greens Management and Services Agreement** has been negotiated and agreed between the Club and Steve Marshall of Marshall Turf and Landscape.

Our greens are one of the Club’s most valuable assets so considerable thought has gone into ensuring we have the right arrangement moving forward. The new agreement sets out clear responsibilities, expectations and a communication framework while recognising that successful greens management relies heavily on Steve’s professional judgement, experience, knowledge of our greens and the Club together with the mutual respect that has developed over several years.

If any member would like to discuss the new agreement or understand what has been included and why particular decisions have been made, I am very happy to talk it through with you.

Ground Pearl Update

Unfortunately, the Blue Green is showing signs of the return of the dreaded Ground Pearl despite our ongoing efforts to control it. Subject to weather and ground conditions, over the next week or so we propose to continue fertilising to encourage healthy growth followed by light scarifying and an application of Scarlet Trio. Scarlet Trio is an insecticide with tri-active control technology and is currently the only registered chemical for the control of Ground Pearl in turf.

We will also aerate the green, which will hopefully help disrupt the Ground Pearl cycle. Scarifying should also assist in removing the algae that has developed on the surface. We will continue to monitor the Blue Green closely and take further action as necessary.

- Ian Thomas, Greens Director

ST JOHN’S COLLEGE EVENT

A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers from our Club who helped make this function such a success. There were many of you, especially given the short notice we had to implement the necessary arrangements.

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Bev King for her arrangements, planning and the many helpers she organised to assist her. Special mention to Pam Richardson, Ann Burton and Rob Hoskin.

The mobile bar was very busy under the control of Clive Hamlin. They poured 200 litres of ginger beer and hard lemon. Our staff on the deck were also busy with their mimosas being a great hit.

I would also like to thank and congratulate the organisers from St John’s College who were most polite and well prepared. They reported that their guests had thoroughly enjoyed the day and they would be returning in the future.

- President Max Grey

PENNANTS – SEMIFINAL – Saturday 22 August 2026

Division 4 – St Lucia v Samford at Samford at 1:00pm

Rob Hoskin
Vaughan Thomas
Brian Vandersee
Clive Hamlin (Skip)

Max Grey
Julie Hawley
Darcy Barry
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Anne Kuhenmann
Graham Legg
Tim Salway
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.

ATTENDEES FROM SECOND COACHING CLINIC – Matt Lucas, Decisive Deliveries



The second clinic was held on Sunday with a full house of 16 participants. Thanks to Matt Lucas who spent more than expected time patiently explaining the skills of our sport to all who attended. It is hoped these clinics have spurred members onto bigger and better bowling experiences.

If you wish to contact Matt for a more personal touch or further tuition, his email is decisivedeliveries@outlook.com or phone 0430 288 725.

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Active & Healthy Activity

COME AND TRY LAWN BOWLS

Held Over Seven Sundays... 30 August 06, 13 & 20 September
10:30am to 12:00noon 11, 18 & 25 October

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