

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

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

Last week saw four games in the mixed pairs competition. Erin and Max Grey (S) put up a determined fight against one of the competition favourites, Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S). After 16 ends, the game was locked at 13-all! Pam and Craig then went on to finish strongly scoring almost as many points in the remaining four ends as in the previous 16. Well done to both teams in what was a very entertaining game to watch.

Pam and Craig will now take on Team Salway in the semi-finals after Tim and Pam (S) had a convincing 21-8 win over Vaughan Thomas and Leslee Mackay (S). Tim and Pam led from the start racing to a 10-nil lead after six ends. Although Vaughan and Leslee won 8 ends, each one was for a single shot. This semifinal is set for Wednesday and should be a great game.

The other semifinal will be between Stephen James and Lois Bradley (S) taking on Rachel Chiang and Dicky Ng (S) after both teams had strong wins. Stephen and Lois had a 22-9 win over Marj Johnson and David Cowper (S) although they may have had to work a bit harder than the final score indicates. Scores were close at 9-6 in Stephen and Lois's favour after 10 ends but they finished strongly winning eight of the remaining 11 ends to take the match.

Rachel Chiang and Dicky Ng (S), the defending champions, had an expected progression to the semi-final with a 26-16 win over Robyn Pang and Patrick Bailey (S). Like other round two games, the first half of this game was tightly contested with Robyn and Patrick playing competitive bowls before Rachel and Dicky finished the stronger. The second semifinal will be played on Saturday.

OPEN CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

The only Consistency match played on Tuesday was Max Grey vs Graham Legg which Graham won 104-66 over 17 ends. The highlight of the match was Graham's securing all 10 points on the 15th end.

Margaret Miller and Erin Grey will compete on Wednesday and Ros Mortensen and Lois Bradley will play their match on Thursday. Terry Martin advanced to the semifinal through a forfeit and will meet Graham Legg to decide one finalist.

OPEN PRESIDENT'S FOURS

A final reminder that the call for this competition will close on Saturday 20 September. Nominate via a button on the website. Teams are club-selected.

The competition is held on the afternoon of Saturday 11 October. It is sponsored by Alex Gow Funerals and there is prize money for the winners and runners-up.

MEN'S B SINGLES COMPETITION

The semi-final places were decided in this competition last week. Graham Legg, having defeated Paul Keane two weeks ago, will play Laurie Annan in one semi-final after Laurie had a 25-8 victory over Roland Baudet. Laurie led from the start with very consistent bowls over the 17 ends.

The other semi-final will be between Vaughan Thomas and Patrick Bailey. Vaughan had a somewhat surprising 25-12 victory over Clive Hamlin in a 21-end game which was expected to be closer. Scores were locked at 6 all after 7 ends before Vaughan won four of the next five ends to be 15-7 ahead after 12 ends. A two and a four in the last two ends sealed victory for Vaughan.

Patrick reached the semi-final through a convincing 25-15 win over Red O'Hara in 21 ends. Patrick raced to a 10-nil lead after 6 ends, a margin that eventually separated the players at the end.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

MINI MINUTES FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

- The SLBC Constitution is being reviewed to update it and make necessary amendments. It is still to be finalised.
- Review of year-to-date financial status was undertaken. We continue to be mindful of spending between now and the end of the year.
- Volunteers are being sought for Tuesday bowls to do DJ and Selector duties.
- "Come Try Day/s" are currently running in September and October. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.
- There are 11 confirmed function bookings from September to December.
- Approval given for the purchase of three folding tall tables with spandex covers for the deck. Thanks to a donor for contributing towards the cost of these tables.
- The greenkeeper will begin renovations on the Blue Green on 2 October.
- A timer will be purchased for the recharging of the batteries for the mower. Protocols have been set by the greenkeeper for his staff for the recharging process.
- Core samples have been taken from the two greens. Results will be received in a few weeks.
- The kitchen is next on the list for a facelift. The walls have been cleaned and will be repainted.
- The clubhouse carpets have been steam-cleaned and are ready for the Christmas function period. Thanks to all who helped remove tables and chairs.
- New Bowls Qld By-Laws & Constitution have been received and were discussed.
- Presentation badges have been ordered for the 2025 awards at the Christmas function.

- Pam Salway, Acting Secretary

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **SLBC Mixed President's Fours** - Nominations have opened for this one-day event which will be **held on 11 October (Saturday)**. There is a button on the website. Please note that entries will be taken as first in, first in a team (Let's call it a FIFIAT).
- **17 September – BDBA Singles (Men and Women)** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 17 October, competition is played 25/26 October and 8/9 November at Red Hill (W) and Geebung (M) More details and entry is through BowlsLink.
- **3 October - St Lucia Fashion Parade** – There's a flyer on the noticeboard and tickets can be purchased over the bar.
- **5 October – Group 4 Pennant Division 1 Playoffs** - Winners of the Division 1 Pennant competitions in the three districts of Brisbane, Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast will play off to see who goes through to the State Pennant event. Brisbane ladies will be represented by the combination team of St Lucia & Northern Suburbs. Good luck ladies.
- **6 October – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 6 November, competition is played 14 & 21 November at Chermside. More details and entry are available through BowlsLink. (St Lucia is the defending champion in this event).
- **7 October – BDBA Novice Singles** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 7 November, competition is played 15/16 & 23 November at Enoggera. More details and entry available through BowlsLink.
- **Bowls Premier League (BPL)** - BPL22 runs from October 27-31, 2025, at Club Pine Rivers with live streaming on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel, as well as live broadcasts from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 10pm AEDT on Fox, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.

TIP OF THE DAY

DON'T DROP NUMBERS

Often players try to get the shot with every bowl delivered or are playing weight too early. **The art of building a head** is sometimes lost in the heat of battle. Building a head will minimise dangerous situations and provides opportunities to convert shots down to shots up once you have bowls in the head. Games can be won or lost in one or two ends and we all look back at some games and think, if only I had drawn second shot instead of dropping four, we may have won.

(Credit : <https://warburtonbowls.bowls.com.au/coaching-tips/>)