

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

INTERCLUB BOWLING NEWS

BDBA Men's Senior Pennants 2025

The SLBC team had a convincing win over New Farm at Red Hill. Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) won in a tie breaker 16-14. Rob Hoskin, Robin Town and Doug Buchbach (S) had a good win 26-8. Vaughan Thomas, Darcy Barry and Bruce Holwell won 19-10. The Men's Senior Pennant competition has 98 registered players in the competition. SLBC has five players ranked in the top six and the team is on top of the tournament ladder. Well done to all!

- Bruce Holwell, Team Manager

Teams for the match against Everton Park at Banyo on Friday 23 May at 10am:

Ken Harvey	Robin Town	Vaughan Thomas
Tony Burton	Darcy Barry	Dicky Ng
Craig Francis	Doug Buchbach	Bruce Holwell (Manager)

CLUB COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Open C Singles

The semifinal games in this competition were played on Saturday.

Antony Flint had a convincing win against Graham Legg 26-16 over 25 ends. Antony won 14 of the ends in a very consistent display of bowls. Antony got off to a solid start being 13-3 ahead after nine ends then Graham fought back to be 12-15 down after 16 ends. Antony finished strongly for a well-deserved win.

His opponent in the final will be Laurie Annan who had an amazing come-from-behind 25-24 win over Robyn Pang. Robyn was 20-10 ahead after 17 ends but Laurie fought back to win 9 of the last 13 ends to draw level at 23-all after 28 ends. Laurie scored two shots on the last end to take the game. Well done to both players for a very hard-fought match.

The final will be played this Wednesday and promises high quality bowls. Good luck to both players.

Men's Triples

Play starts on Saturday 24 May. Please check the noticeboard or web site for the draw.

See you on the greens.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

YERONGA VILLAGE FOURS – 19 MAY 2025



While the day dawned somewhat bleak, the sun finally prevailed and the teams took to the greens after a sumptuous morning tea organised by Josie Caltabiano and her helpers. Other teams had been busy in advance with organising the event overseen by Ros Mortensen, the clubhouse beautifully decorated with the colourful table settings and then flowers by Wendy Hoskin who, with Rob, also cooked the lasagne for the lunch. The kitchen crew led by Ann Burton were ready to meet the appetites of the competitors.

There were 88 players including a team from “overseas” (Tasmania) who were holidaying on the Gold Coast. Local clubs playing came from Jindalee, West Toowong, Graceville, Ferny Grove, Everton Park, Windsor, Samford, Corinda, New Farm, Toombul, Red Hill and Chermside. We are very grateful for their support.

The major sponsors for this event were The Village at Yeronga and L J Hooker St Lucia. Penny Wolff, Councillor for the Walter Taylor Ward and a great supporter of the Club, attended and addressed the players after lunch. We appreciate their continued patronage.

Many donors supplied raffle prizes which also added to the fun vibe of the event and lucky raffle winners went home happy.

The winning team was from SLBC - Linda Bird, Margaret Miller, Ros Mortensen and Tony Burton.



Our thanks to all the organisers, members and volunteers with those behind the scenes for contributing to a very successful day!

CLUB NAME BADGES

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. The badges do make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. A list will be on the noticeboard in the main room to add your preferred name, type of badge and or email the Providore at providore@stluciabowls.org

The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip.



New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join.

ETIQUETTE FOR SKIPS

As players are becoming more experienced at the club and taking on the role of a skip, here are a few points which will clarify that position.

The general actions of introduction of team members, tossing the coin and responsibility for the scorecard are well followed at our club. Areas which need improving relate to what happens during the game regarding the mat, scoreboard and jack

Who picks up the mat and places it on the bank? The skip who bowled the second last bowl does this. The skip bowling the final bowl of the end is entitled to stand and watch their bowl finish. This gives the opponent time to pick up the mat and return it to the bank before the result of the end is called.

Who takes care of the scoreboard? The skip who has just lost that end. Both skips have checked the score with each other. The winning skip is in position on the rink to indicate the length of the next end to their lead. The losing skip has time to change the scoreboard to the agreed score before returning to the green.

Length of jack? The minimum legal length of the jack is 21 metres. At St Lucia, the distance between the two centre lines is roughly 19 metres. Use this as a guide to estimating the distance. If the jack has not been rolled 21 metres, it should be returned to the opposing lead to roll the jack again but the original lead delivers their bowl first. Skips should not agree to play a shorter distance than is legal. If disaster befalls and both leads have not rolled the jack correctly, the jack is placed on the T and the mat placement is made at the direction of the first skip who determines the length of that end.

Following these points will make the game flow more smoothly and be more enjoyable for all.

SLBC PENNANTS WINTER 2025

The winter Pennants season for 2025 will commence in early July and will comprise three separate competitions:

1. Open Pennants – Saturday afternoon – Fours (teams of 12 in Divisions 1 to 4) and 2-bowl Triples (teams of 9 in Divisions 5 to 7 – still to be confirmed).
2. Ladies Pennants – Saturday morning – Fours (teams of 8).
3. Mid-week Pennants – Fours (teams of 8).

At this stage, SLBC is likely to field two teams in the Open Pennants (probably in Divisions 3 and 5), one team (combined with Northern Suburbs) in the Ladies Pennants Division One, and two teams in the Mid-week Pennants.

Members interested in playing Pennants should put their names on the list on the club notice board.

- Robin Town, Men's Bowls Captain

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 24 May

SLBC Annual General Meeting – This commences with the men's and women's bowls sections holding their AGMs at 10am jointly in the main room followed by the full Club AGM at 10:30am. If you are unable to attend, apologies can be sent to secretary@stlucibowls.org

A sandwich lunch will be provided for those attending the AGM but they must add their names to the list on the noticeboard near the Secretary's office beforehand to enable catering requirements to be ascertained. Alternatively, email the Secretary at secretary@stlucibowls.org no later than Wednesday.

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