

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

COC MEN'S PAIRS

SLBC has a new Champion team for the CoC Men's Pairs competition for 2026. Last Wednesday, the final took place between Pat Davis and Rob Wormwell and the defending champions, Ken Harvey and Clive Hamlin.

Pat and Rob have been playing well all through the competition, defeating teams which would have been considered strong. They continued their winning ways in the final, defeating Ken and Clive 21-12. Congratulations!

COC FOURS



This competition kicked off last Saturday. With only two teams in the Women's competition, it was straight into the final between the defending champion team of Rachel Chiang, Pam Richardson, Nikki Geran, Pam Salway (S) vs Bev King, Julie Hawley, Suzanne Jordan, Lois Bradley (S). The game didn't disappoint with good bowls delivered by all players. However, the defending champions were too strong and came away with a 22-16 victory. They will now go on to the District Champion of Club Champion event later in the year.

Two games took place in the Men's competition. The team of Patrick Bailey, Paul Pollock, Paul Kenny, Lloyd Edwards (S) were up against the team of Vaughan Thomas, Ken Harvey, Clive Hamlin, Mark Benson (S). Mark's team began well and maintained their lead throughout the game, winning 28-13.

In the second men's game of the afternoon, the team of Rob Malcolm, Red O'Hara, Peter Fairchild, Antony Flint (S) played against the team of Peter Jordan, Terry Martin, Dicky Ng, Warren Garnham (S). It was a strong battle throughout with Antony Flint's team the victors at 21-14.

The next rounds of the men's fours will be played this Saturday at 12:30 pm. Games scheduled are:

Bertwistle/Legg/Burton/Francis vs Malcolm/O'Hara/Fairchild/Flint
Wormwell/Keane/Grey/Davis vs Thomas/Harvey/Hamlin/Benson

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANT

It was a repeat of 2025. Again, the Saints fell short of bringing home the pennant flag in the Women's Autumn Pennant. Undefeated all through the season, it just wasn't to be in the final game with all three rinks losing their matches. Congratulations must go to the Windsor outfit who played good bowls and deserved the win. There's always next year!

ANZAC DAY

Social bowls will be played as normal on Saturday 25 April beginning at 12:30 pm and run through until 3 pm with no afternoon tea break.

The Club will hold a short commemorative ceremony for Anzac Day which will commence at 11:45 am in front of the entrance steps to the clubhouse. Please be prompt if you intend to join in the ceremony.

Scroll down to the flyer in this newsletter which gives you more details on what will be taking place at the Club on this important day for Australia.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Round 1

It was with much anticipation (and some nerves) that we played the opening round of the Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants against Ferny Grove at Ferny Grove last Friday. Although Ferny Grove was the "Host" Club, we were the "Home" team for the match which meant that we had to enter the result on BowlsLink. Go figure that one out. 😊

For those not familiar with the format, a game consists of three rinks of 2-bowl triples. Each rink plays 2 sets of 9 ends and the winner of the rink is the team that wins both sets. If it is one set each, then a one end tiebreaker is played to determine the winner of the rink. The overall winner of the game is the team that wins 2 or more rinks regardless of the aggregate shots scored. The overall winner of the game receives 3 points for the win and the teams receive 1 point for each rink won. So, the winner will score either 6-0 for winning all 3 rinks or 5-1 for winning 2 rinks.

Warren's team (Dicky Ng, Mark Benson and Warren Garnham) played well to win their first set 10-5, but fell off a little to lose the second set 3-13. The tiebreaker end saw some good bowls with the Saints scoring 2 shots to win their rink. Success in the first tiebreaker for the season!

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis) had a slow start losing the first set 5-9 but powered home to win the second set 11-7 which included a 5 on the second last end. The second tiebreaker of the season saw Craig's team holding two shots until the Ferny Grove skip trailed the jack to one of their bowls with the Saints then losing the tiebreaker.

Robin's team (Vaughan Thomas, Tim Salway and Robin Town) tried hard but were up against a strong side which played excellent bowls throughout. Although losing both sets (1-15 and 5-12), the score did not reflect the effort put in by Robin's team.

Overall, Ferny Grove scored a 5-1 win. However, if Craig's team had won their tiebreaker, the Saints would have scored a 5-1 win. The format and scoring system really are so brutal.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now – SLBC Men’s Triples** - Get your team together and nominate on the SLBC’s website. Nominations close 13 May and play commences 23 May.
- **25 April - Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** nominations close 5 pm. Enter via BowlsLink
- **25 April – Anzac Day** – A short ceremony at 11:45 am to commemorate Anzac Day will be held at the club prior to social bowls on Saturday 25 April. Games will run straight through the afternoon (i.e. no afternoon tea), finishing at 3 pm. Come along for a game of bowls and sausage sizzle. See the flyer in the newsletter.
- **26 April – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Women.** 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.
- **2 May – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition commences. Get your teams in now. Please note that more time will be allowed between scheduled matches for this competition due to May’s calendar being crammed with District and State events where some members may be committed.
- **2/3 May – BDBA Women’s District Fours** competition being held at Ferny Grove. Nominations are being taken by BowlsLink.
- **6-10 May – State District Sides** – a competition between all the regions of Queensland, hosted by the Gold Coast. The women’s Brisbane team will be playing at Mermaid Beach and the men’s Brisbane team will be playing at Helensvale. **Congratulations to both Nikki Geran and Pam Salway** for being selected into the Brisbane District Team to compete in the State Sides. Get along and support our ladies, our region and watch some games of a high standard. It’s free to watch.
- **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 is a competition where we invite and encourage visiting clubs to enter to play for prize money and is kindly sponsored by “The Village Yeronga”. For the entry fee of \$100per team, you get a friendly game of bowls, morning tea and lunch plus great company. Please spread the word to your fellow bowlers.
- **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 and the Men’s competition is being held at Toombul.
- **30/31 May – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Men.** Will be 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.**

SLBC LIBRARY

For members who may not be aware that the Club does have one, it's located on the western wall of the bar area in a tall timber cupboard. Our thanks go to Ros Mortensen and Gil Gilbert who recently completed a huge review of many old and pre-loved books. The UQ Alumni Association was delighted to receive cartons of those books which they will utilise for their Book Fair which raises funds for academic scholarships. There are still many books available in our library and donations of books are always appreciated.

As jigsaw puzzles are very popular to keep the mind active and fingers nimble, Ros said that there are now two shelves in the cupboard which contain jigsaws for members to borrow with no time limit on their return. Just make sure that there aren't any missing pieces which have fallen to your floor to hide.

MINI MINUTES- MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 2026

- Management Committee acknowledged the great ongoing job our coaches are doing. Mark Benson has just completed his reaccreditation with BQ.
- The Club is grateful for our 2026 sponsors with thanks to Ian Thomas. Our major sponsor, Village at Yeronga, have forwarded their donation which will enable our Financial Day in May to be a success.
- There will be a new Club Flag raised shortly.
- The Treasurer, Pam Richardson, noted a slight decline in numbers playing bowls in March along with a pleasing increase in those playing on Tuesday. With the Pennant season, club events getting into full swing and cooler weather ahead, we expect to get back to better numbers soon.
- Division 3 were successful in the final of the Merlo Cup winning a framed certificate and \$250 for the club.
- Discussion on how we will proceed on Anzac Day: Short Anzac Service to begin our day. Play straight through without afternoon tea. No bar staff. Barbeque. Stop bowls at 3:00 with a game of Two-Up. \$2 glasses of keg beer.
- After the successful wedding recently, Pam Salway and Anne Kuhnemann enhanced SLBC's online promotion of the club as a wedding venue.
- Management Committee is pleased to report that Bruce Holwell is on the mend and fully intends to nominate for Facilities Director at the May 23 AGM.
- Ian reported that the Greenkeeper is not watering as much and greens will increase in speed coming up to Winter.
- Cr Penny Wolff has provided a new skin for our marquee frame.
- Tim Salway reported that our latest Grant Application for new shade cloth is still pending.
- Nominations are now open for Committee positions as well as Bowling section roles. The forms were sent out to all members and completed ones need to be pinned to the Noticeboard. Forms can be collected from Rob Hoskin.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary



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ANZAC DAY – 25th April 2026



- 11:45 am – Anzac Day Ceremony
- 12:00 pm – Raising of the Flags
- 12:30 pm – Social Bowls
- 3:00 pm – Sausage Sizzle

Members are warmly invited to attend the commemorative Anzac Day Ceremony at **11:45 am**.

Following the ceremony, enjoy an *après-bowls* social afternoon with a sausage sizzle, great conversation, and a drink or two.

Please remember:

- Register for bowls as usual
- No afternoon tea break



- Bring your \$2 coins. Enjoy a game of Two-up
- Tap beer on sale for \$2 a glass

