

SLBC NEWS



5 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

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS

Division 2

We played against New Farm at New Farm last Saturday. It was a hard week for our selectors as numerous players were ill or unavailable. It was a loss overall (by 7) with only one rink (Pam Salway, Nikki Geran, Suzanne Jordan and new lead, Susanne Enright) winning convincingly 27-14.

A late reshuffle of players saw Pam Richardson skip with Tony Burton, Darcy Barry and Peter Jordan. They began slowly and gave their opposition a 14-shot head start but steadily clawed their way back to a 16-25 loss.

The team skipped by Lois Bradley included Trevor Catt, Stephen James and Terry Martin. This four held their own until the 10th end when the opposition scored a run of 13 shots over the next four ends. A loss of 15-26. With only two games left in the season, we will need to win both to have a chance to reach the final four. Next week, we play at home against Enoggera.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 4

The team returned to the winner's circle this week with a convincing 70-40 win over New Farm at home. A strong team effort in winning all three matches with Max Grey enjoying a good game in his first pennant outing for the season.

Doug Buchbach's team of Col Bertwistle, Julie Hawley and Max Grey finished with a commanding 28-13 win after a close tussle for 11 ends with score at 9-all. The team came alive after scoring six shots on 12th end and then winning six of last nine ends with three of those being triples. A good team effort with skip Doug right on the jack.

Mark Benson's team of Rob Hoskin, Brian Vandersee and Robin Town ran out winners 21-17 after leading narrowly all day. The opposition seemed to prefer longer ends with our team playing the short to medium ends better. The team were a little slow to start but held it together successfully later. Overall, a solid team effort and securing four shots on the fifth end helped set up the win.

Antony Flint's team of Vaughan Thomas, Graham Legg and Tim Salway bounced back from last week's defeat with a convincing 22-10 win. The team continued what has become a bit of a rollercoaster ride to date. The four were up and ready for the game, determined to erase the memories of last week's loss. After a relatively slow start, the teams were level after five ends and, after scoring three shots on the sixth, they gained momentum and led for the rest of the match. A strong team effort with all players contributing. The most memorable end was the 13th end with Antony demonstrating his skills. His first shot picked up the jack, depositing it in the ditch with his bowl finishing up alongside. His second shot then sat on the edge of the ditch right by the jack.

SLBC remains in second place on the ladder behind Geebung on the narrowest of percentages. Next week's match is away against Samford which will be a challenge on their super quick carpet.

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

NEW SCORECARDS FOR SLBC

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TOTAL SCORE _____	TOTAL SCORE _____	TOTAL SCORE _____	TOTAL SCORE _____
Skipper's Signature _____	Skipper's Signature _____	Skipper's Signature _____	Skipper's Signature _____
			
MICHAEL BERKMAN STATE MP FOR MAIWAR ☎ (07) 3737 4100 ✉ mberkman@parliament.qld.gov.au 📍 1/49 Station Rd, Indooroopilly 4068 MICHAELBERKMAN.COM.AU		ELIZABETH WATSON-BROWN FEDERAL MEMBER FOR RYAN ☎ (07) 3378 1599 ✉ elizabeth.watson-brown.mp@aph.gov.au 📍 188 Moggill Rd, Taringa 4068 ELIZABETHWATSONBROWN.COM	

We would like to thank and acknowledge our two local Parliamentarians for their ongoing support of our Club – Michael Berkman (State) and Elizabeth Watson-Brown (Federal).

These are the new scorecards they have supplied for our Club to use on playing days. This represents a significant saving for members and we thank them for their generous contribution.

- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager

WALTER TAYLOR SHIELD - 12 AUGUST (EKKA DAY)

Teams have been selected and the list has appeared in the News, on the SLBC website and the noticeboard. Reserves are noted and are welcome to attend as teams will be swapped around during the afternoon. Confirmation of the start time is yet to be received but it is expected the game start time will be 12 noon as per last year.

SOCIAL BOWLS - 12 AUGUST (EKKA DAY)

Social bowls will still be available on 12 August, however due to the small number of players expected because of the Walter Taylor Shield being played at West Toowong, no staff will be rostered on.

COACHING CLINICS - Sunday 9 and Sunday 16 August

The first clinic is this Sunday. Attendees are requested to be at the club by 9:15 am and ready to commence at 9:30 am.

SLBC OPEN "C" SINGLES

Entry to this competition is now open. To be eligible to enter, players must be a Full and Financial member of the club and must not have previously won a "C", "B" or "A" Championship at St Lucia or any other club. It is open to both men and women. Place your entry via the button on the "Register for Bowls" page on SLBC's website. Entries close Wednesday 19 August at 5 pm. Play commences 2 September.

2026 PATRONS' TRIPLES EVENT



Once again, the day turned into a pleasant afternoon of socialising and bowls. With showers making an appearance until 12:15 when the cards were called, they then dissipated and the afternoon wasn't disrupted. Forty-two players took to the green playing in 14 teams of triples. After playing two games of 14 ends each, only five teams had won both games. In order of finishing, they were:

5th - Frank Wark, Rachel Chiang, Doug Buchbach 2+10
4th - Bev Walker, Paul Kenny, Darcy Barry 2+14
3rd - Erin Grey, Peter Jordan, Trevor Catt 2+18
2nd - Anne Kuhnemann, Lloyd Edwards, Dicky Ng 2+21
1st - Col Rawlings, Rob Malcolm, Pam Salway 2+23

Celebratory cake and nibbles were enjoyed by all at the end of the day with prizes presented by Club President Max Grey.

RUB OF THE GREEN

As we enter the warmer weather and the grass begins to grow, we will be working on the greens to reduce fungus, promote growth and improve moisture retention.

During the last week, we applied granular fertilizer to the Blue Green and watered it in. While this has temporarily slowed the green as anticipated, rolling this week should return it to normal speed. The Red Green was also fertilized via spraying which does not require watering. Normal rolling continues to maintain an excellent green for the pennant season. Over the next couple of weeks, both greens will be aerated with the exact timing dependent on weather conditions.

Additionally, we will schedule a scarification of the Blue Green within the next month to remove thatch, to promote quicker growth and eliminate remaining fungus.

We will keep you advised of when these maintenance activities will occur. In the meantime, please observe all signage regarding green closures or requests to bowl in an east-west direction. As always, it is our intention to provide Members with the best playing conditions possible given the various elements which we are dealing with on a daily and weekly basis.

- Ian Thomas, Greens Director

RESULTS OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – 29 July 2026

Motion 1: Members to give authority to the Management Committee to spend a maximum of \$90 000 to install LED lights to the Red Green.

Max Grey, President - Outlined the fact that the discussion on installation of lights has been going on for four years. Max informed the membership that we have sufficient funds in the bank combined with a strong cash flow. The installation of lights will not be a strain on finances but will provide anticipated revenue.

Bruce Holwell, Facilities Director - The Brisbane City Council has granted \$66 000. The total quote is for \$78 000. Work has been approved by BCC. There will be extra costs associated with soil tests, etc. The lights are LED and will not cast excess beams past the green. There will be four poles for lights, 13 metres high with a cross-arm at the top. Two strengths of brightness are proposed: 100 lumens (for functions) and another at 180 lumens (for competition bowls). The lights will cost \$5 an hour to run during peak hours.

The vote on Motion 1 was carried unanimously.

Motion 2: That Members authorise the Committee to proceed with the rental agreement with the construction company Bodega to use a portion of our top carpark for 15 vehicles.

Max Grey, President - Residential 46-unit building to be constructed with initial bowling at SLBC memberships for buyers. Regular monthly revenue to the Club to come from parking fees over three years. Bodega cars will display stickers from November.

The vote on Motion 2 was carried unanimously.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - DJ ON WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

The situation is dire with no spares to do slots. One has resigned due to ill health and another is in hospital and unable to return until the end of October. Full training on the procedure is given by Vaughan Thomas. Please email Rob Hoskin ASAP if you can help. secretary@stluciabowls.org
Men and women members are invited to consider helping their Club in this vital position.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up for the rest of the year:

- **12 August 2026 (Ekka Show Day) – Walter Taylor Shield** – vs West Toowong. Teams have been selected and appear on the website and noticeboard. Game start time is 11:45 am at West Toowong Bowls Club. Players are requested to be at West Toowong at 11 am to pay green fees to your skip who will then give the whole team's fees to Pam Salway. The day will conclude around 4:15 pm
- **9 & 16 August 2026 (Sundays) – Coaching Clinic with Matt Lucas** – The first clinic is this Sunday. A waitlist is still open in case we have late vacancies. If you are on the waitlist, don't pay, just wait for a call/email if you get a spot. Clinics start at 9:30 am, will include a light lunch, and take 4 hrs inclusive. Cost \$25.

- **10-13 August 2026 - Australian Indoor Championships** - At Club Tweed. Live streaming will take place on BA's YouTube channel.
- **19 August 2026 - Open "C" Singles - Nominations close** – This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on **2 September (Wednesday)**. Nominations have opened. To be eligible, members must be financial and Full members who have not won a "C", "B" or Championship Singles event in this club or any other club. To enter, please register on the SLBC website on "Register for Bowls" page.
- **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.
- **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** – 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** - 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.
- **10 October 2026 - Mixed President's Fours** - All financial members are invited to play in this one- day event. It is a fun afternoon with prizes awarded to the winners. Watch out for the button which will appear on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **26 October 2026 – SLBC Open Pairs** – This event is a one-day event sponsored by The Village Yeronga. Entries will open shortly so watch out for the flyer.
- **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.
- **9-13 November 2026 - Bowls Premier League No 24** - 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' playoff competition for the winners of Divisions 1, 2 and 3.
- **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



A new family is taking its first steps around our Club area. This little scene does come with a warning for bowlers to check the soles of their shoes before entering the clubhouse and also to take their shoes off before walking on carpets at home.

Duck poo leaves a stain on carpets which is impossible to remove. Watch where you walk.

PENNANTS – Round 6 – Saturday 8 August 2026

Division 2 – St Lucia v Enogerra at St Lucia 1:00pm

Susanne Enright
Rachel Chiang
Nikki Geran
Pamela Salway (Skip)

Trevor Catt
Pam Richardson
Tony Burton
Craig Francis (Skip)

Ian Nave
Rob Malcolm
Dicky Ng
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Umpire for Div 2: Pamela Salway

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

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

Rob Hoskin
Paul Pollock
Clive Hamlin
Robin Town (Skip)

Col Bertwistle
Julie Hawley
Darcy Barry
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Vaughan Thomas
Graham Legg
Tim Salway
Antony Flint (Skip)

Manager: Tim Salway (0413 748 666)

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.

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