

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I trust that all SLBC members have had a happy holiday season and everyone is ready to resume bowls with renewed optimism and energy. The club added many new members to our ranks last year and we look forward to continuing to welcome them to our playing days to enjoy the companionship of fellow members as they improve and grow in confidence.

As always, we look to members to volunteer their services where possible, particularly to assist with bowling functions which are part of a very important income stream for SLBC. I wish you all much enjoyment, great fellowship and good bowling during 2023!

- Lloyd Edwards, President SLBC

COMPETITIONS

Alex Gow Cup 2023 – St Lucia has 2 teams entered - SL Gold and SL Blue. The first round matches begin Saturday 4 February. The draw is on the notice board and teams will be advised by 31 January.

GR8 Challenge 2023 – St Lucia has one team entered with the first round to be played on Saturday 4 February. The draw is on the notice board and team will be advised by 31 January.

The Blue Green is back in play and may be a little slow until it settles in so adjustment to your delivery and some patience will be required.

The Red Green renovation is currently underway and the green is expected to be ready for play by 31 January.

- Robin Town, Men's Bowls Captain

The Women's 2023 Competition Calendar draft has been sent out to all lady members. No doubt some slight changes may be made. It will be a busy season with some fours, pairs and singles games most likely to be played on a Saturday, due to new members' availability.

SLBC will be entering a side in the Autumn Pennants commencing on 24 February. The format is three teams (forming a side) to play 2-bowl triples. Plenty of time to practise and sharpen your skills!

- Pam Richardson, Women's Games Manager

Results of the St Lucia Dental Birdie Triples Competition

After eight hard-fought rounds of match play between 8 competitive teams, the Plovers emerged undefeated to claim the prize money kindly donated by sponsor, St Lucia Dental. The players were Julie Hawley, Peter Stevens, Don Anderson and Max Grey, ably led by Robin Town. Thanks to all participants who played over the summer period and congratulations to the victors!

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY 28 JANUARY @ 10:30AM

Members were notified last year of the SGM to be held late in January. This is a reminder that all full financial and life members are urged to be present at this meeting as the Management Committee will be seeking approval from the members to replace the club's refrigerated cold room.

This essential part of the club's facilities is extremely old, being the last remaining timber cold room in south-east Queensland. The actual wooden interior requires extensive maintenance twice each year to remove and prevent mould from forming inside due to the damp conditions. The timber floor is also rotting. A new cold room would be more energy efficient, require less maintenance and have better storage space.

Arrangements are being made to provide a sandwich lunch for those attending the meeting to enable them to play bowls in the afternoon's social competition. There is a list on the Social Noticeboard to register for lunch or register online (same as bowls) to assist with catering no later than Wednesday 25 January. Remember – lunch only for those who attend the meeting!

Respect For Our Greens

Maintaining our natural grass greens is the largest item of expenditure incurred in the day-to-day running of the club. It entails much more than grass growing, grass mowing and grass rolling – manpower, equipment, water, chemicals, etc. This costs around \$70 000 each year for greens alone which is barely covered by members' subscriptions and playing fees. Other club expenses (such as insurance \$13 000) are covered by functions which is why we need our members' help in volunteering to assist with bowling events.

How can members play their part in keeping our greens in good condition and minimising the wear and tear on the grass?

- By placing your bowls gently on the green at the start of play. Dropping them from waist height onto the green when standing on the bank will leave dents.
- When changing ends, walk through the middle of the rink. Your bowls curve to the outer edges of the rink so, by walking down the centre of the rink to cross, you are spreading the wear. Also, you are not interfering with the delivery of bowls on adjacent rinks.
- Don't stand or wander around the area between the T and the ditch unnecessarily. If you aren't delivering bowls or skipping, stand on the bank to watch the game.

- Mark Benson, Greens Director