

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

CHAMPION OF CLUB FOURS

Both our Champion Fours teams competed in the District event last weekend. Unfortunately, neither made it through to the finals but proudly represented St Lucia Bowls Club.

The ladies, Rachel Chiang, Pam Richardson, Nikki Geran and Pam Salway competed in the semifinal but went down to the Windsor team who will take on New Farm in the final on 12 July.

In the men's competition, the team of Col Bertwistle, Graham Legg, Tony Burton and Craig Francis had a bye in their first round but came up against the strong Everton Park team. All other teams competing were from higher divisions than the St Lucia team but we felt up to the challenge.

Our Quarter Final match was against a strong Everton Park side whose average age was around 30 years or less, compared with our team's average age of about 75.

Everton Park had an advantage in having played earlier in the day on the same green and having beaten the formidable home team by 15 shots, I told our "boys" that I would be happy if we came to within five shots of our opponents.

The game was a tight struggle from the beginning with the Saints winning 4 of the first 6 ends but were behind on the scoreboard. Everton Park then put together some strong ends to lead by about ten shots halfway through the game.

The Saints never gave up and we came within two shots when Craig trailed the jack for one shot but was only millimetres away from trailing it for five shots and a handy lead. In the end, Everton Park hung on to win by four.

I spoke to several of the Everton Park supporters after the game. They were extremely complimentary about our team's strong performance and were greatly relieved when the final end was played. Much to my surprise, our game produced a lot of interest from players on adjoining rinks who told me that they were watching us and thought that the "old blokes" were going to cause an upset. The skips from the very strong Red Hill and New Farm sides were most impressed by our effort.

I've played a fair bit of bowls over the years but I must say that I have never been prouder to be part of a team than I was on Saturday. Each player lifted a level or two and played outstanding bowls.

Next week sees Suzanne Jordan and Lois Bradley play in the Champion of Club Pairs event at Windsor. We wish them all the best of luck. I'm sure they will play well.

- Craig Francis, Proud Skip
- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

SENIOR DISTRICT SIDES



On Sunday, our own Pam Salway and Craig Francis proudly represented the Brisbane District in the Senior (over 60 years) sides in a competition played at Paradise Point. While neither the Men's nor the Women's sides finished first, they put in strong performances.

This is Pam's 10th year representing the District and Craig's first time.

The photographs are the Men's side and the combined Men's and Women's sides. Those members with a keen eye and a good memory will recognise the fellow standing on Craig's left. It is Pat Campbell who is a former St Lucia member who dominated the A Singles champions list at SLBC for many years. He won six A Singles titles between 1999 to 2005.

MEN'S TRIPLES

One game was played on Wednesday a very hard-fought win to Terry Martin, Darcy Barry, Dicky Ng over Rob Malcom, Graham Legg, Antony Flint 17 -14.

C.O.C MIXED PAIRS

On Saturday, Lois Bradley and Rob Hoskin made their way to the final with a win over Bev King and Rob Wormwell 24-17. On Sunday, the other semi-final was played with Leslee Mackay and Antony Flint matched against President Max Grey and his wife, Erin. The game was tied after 21 ends at 22-all. The tiebreaker end saw Leslee and Antony score four shots to reach the final.

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

PENNANTS NEWS

There will be another "Drills" session held on Saturday morning (27 June) at 11.00am. It will run for about 30 to 40 minutes.

Pam Salway will hold her much anticipated Theory session from about 11.45am to 12.15pm (when the cards are read out).

All players (not just Pennants players) are most welcome to join in both sessions.

It is anticipated that the social games for this Saturday will focus on Pennant selections, and all players who have put their names down for Pennants are encouraged/expected to come and play. The remaining non-Pennant players will, of course, be provided competitive social games as usual.

- Craig Francis
On behalf of our Bowls Captain, Coaches and Selectors

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **17 June – 4 July – Pennant Practice & Trial Games** - Selectors will be running trial games on Wednesday and Saturday (where appropriate) for those players who have declared their interest in playing in the Pennant season. Normal “Random Wednesdays” will return after then.
- **27/28 June 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Pairs** - Both at Windsor. SLBC women’s champions Lois Bradley and Suzanne Jordan will represent SLBC.
- **30 June 2026 – BDBA General Meeting** – SLBC delegates will attend. Venue Windsor, 9.30 am
- **4 July 2026 to 29 August 2026 – Pennant Season** – SLBC is entered into Divisions 2 and 4. The format of play is Divisions 2 and 4 are 3 rinks of 4’s.
- **5 July 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Singles (Day 1)** - Both at Chermshire. Wish Lois Bradley “good luck” as the SLBC representative.
- **12 July 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Fours (Day 2)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women
- **19 & 26 July 2026 – BDBA CoCC Mixed Pairs** – Chermshire
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC’s Patrons Triples** – Indicate your interest to be placed in a team by registering on the SLBC’s website, “Register for Bowls” page. Scroll down to the bottom of that page to find the button.
- **23 July – 2 August 2026 – Commonwealth Games – Glasgow.**
- **12 August 2026 (Ekka Show Day) – Walter Taylor Shield** – vs West Toowong. More information coming soon.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

COACHING CLINIC

Plans are underway to invite professional coach Matthew Lucas from Decisive Deliveries to conduct one or two coaching clinics for St Lucia Club members.

We haven't decided whether to hold one or two clinics until we gauge the number of interested members. The cost would be \$25 per attendee to attend one clinic and would include a light lunch. Each clinic would run for 3-4 hours (broken up by lunch) and would be run on a Sunday at a date yet to be determined.

We would like members to advise us of their interest by using the button on the "Register for Bowls" page on the SLBC website. This will close on 11 July so please register your interest as soon as possible.

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- ONE ON ONE COACHING
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- TEAM BUILDING
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INTERESTED?

Get in touch with your club secretary

MINI MINUTES – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - June 2026

- Income for May was sound but operating expenses including greens and club maintenance put us in the red for the month. New concertina doors were included in these figures.
- Upcoming Patron's Triples on 22 July was discussed with prizes to the winners. Should be a great social event for the club members.
- Pam Salway is looking to book two sessions of training with Matthew Lucas who recently won the 2026 Queensland Men's Singles title and has been an Australian Jackaroo. More info coming in future newsletters.
- Our total membership numbers are in a healthy position.
- Suggestion box - An opportunity for all members to be heard if they would like to offer useful suggestions about improvements for the Club. Can be on any relevant topic. A locked box will be provided for submissions with a review group reviewing any submissions monthly. A guideline will be provided when the box is ready.
- There were six small functions in May and two events booked for June.
- Thanks to Pam Richardson's nimble fingers, we have black aprons for all the bar staff.
- The Monday morning crew have cleaned, sanded and repainted the remaining handrails with epoxy enamel that was left by the BCC.
- The Management Committee is looking into getting a weather station to inform decisions for state of play/closure, etc.
- Ian Thomas outlined that securing sponsorship renewals has been challenging due to current economic conditions and uncertainty regarding ongoing financial and tax costs.
- Good news from Tim Salway who informed the Committee that we secured a Gaming Grant which will be used to replace tattered shade cloth around the greens. Great work, Tim!
- Talks have begun with a construction company who wish to lease an area in the upper carpark. Preliminary steps have been taken in a long bureaucratic process. A positive outcome would secure financial stability for a couple of years during building work.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary