

# 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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM UPDATE

We have been advised the BCC work has been delayed by 1 week. Therefore, work will commence on Monday 27 May 2024.

The Monday morning crew will complete the remaining work to prepare for the commencement of this project on Sunday 26 May, 9 am start.

Bowls will be held as normal on Wednesday 22, and Thursday 23 May. Closure of the club will now occur for midweek bowls from 27 May for 2-3 weeks. As previously advised, no disruption will occur to the Saturday fixtures during this period.

During the Club's closure, alternative playing arrangements have been made for those wishing to continue playing at neighbouring clubs. Enoggera Bowls Club is available for those members wishing to still play on Wednesdays, please let Vaughan Thomas know if you wish to play on 28 May and 5 June.

Similar arrangements have been made with Graceville for those members wishing to play Thursdays. Those members can register by contacting the Graceville club on 3379 1302 and leaving their name and Club details prior to 11.00 am on the play day

## MEN'S SECTION

### Men's Pairs Championship

Two semi finals were played in this competition last Saturday.

The first semi saw Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell claim victory over Graham Legg and Peter Fairchild 21-17. Deserved winners on the day, Vaughan and Bruce played more consistent bowls throughout. The standouts were Vaughan's quality lead bowls, and Bruce playing some great skip shots particularly over the last few ends when the pressure was on. The scores were locked at 16-15 in Bruce and Vaughan's favour after 18 ends. The four-point difference at the end perhaps reflecting that Bruce's team gave away one four, whereas Peter's team gave away two 4's.

If you think that game was close, the second semi between Stephen James with Roland Baudet(S) against Doug Phipps and Doug Buchbach(S) was a real cliff-hanger. Club management was just about to turn on the 'virtual' lights in the closing stages of this marathon which finished just before 5o'clock. The final score was 22-19 to Roland and Stephen, who had got off to a very strong start early in the game only to be pegged back after the break. The game came down to the final two ends, where Roland and Stephen managed to score 3.

The final next Saturday should be a beauty. The flair of 'Team Roland' up against the focussed determination of Vaughan and Bruce will be an interesting battle to watch. Congratulations to all players in the semi's, and good luck to the finalists.

Graham Legg – Games Manager

### Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants

Pressure was on this week as SLBC needed points to finish on top of the ladder running second to Northern Suburbs. This was not helped by a very wet track at Toombul against Toombul.

Two matches went to tie-breaker ends. The first team to get the points was the team of Craig Francis (S), Tony Burton and Ken Harvey, who, incidentally, have not lost a match throughout the series. Then the team skipped by Doug Buchbach with Bruce Holwell and Vaughan Thomas won, giving the club 5 points putting SLBC on top of the ladder at the end of the round robin competition.

Overall player rankings finished with Craig Francis on top of the ladder, Tony Burton third and Ken Harvey fourth out of 105 registered players, a great effort to those players.

We now move into the final series .....best of luck to all.

Managers Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell

### Men's A Singles

The draw for this competition will be on the web site and notice board next week. Competition starts Saturday 1 June. Good luck to all participants.

Graham Legg – Games Manager

## WOMEN'S SECTION

### State Titles 2024

Last Saturday saw SLBC members a team of Nikki Geran (S), Pam Salway and Rachel Chiang team up with Patsi Saunders from Windsor to play in the Queensland State Titles Women's Fours.

Being drawn in a section of only 3 teams meant our ladies had a bye in the first round. Their section included a team skipped by the New Zealand Commonwealth Games representative, Katelyn Inch, and a team skipped by Australian Open Over 60's pairs champion, Faye Clarke. The section was going to be a tough one.



Our ladies did themselves proud by going down by 8 to Team Inch, and were victorious over Team Clarke by 5. With each team having 1 win and 1 loss, team SLBC's win/loss margin wasn't good enough to see them through to the knock-out rounds, but it was agreed the outing was successful nevertheless.

### The Village Yeronga St Lucia Fours Carnival



Well what a day it was! With major sponsor The Village Yeronga backing the event, 24 teams took to the greens of St Lucia last Monday with visiting teams from Chermside, Everton Park, New Farm, Corinda, Graceville, Toombul, Jindalee, Samford, Windsor, West Toowong, Red Hill, Ferny Grove and home teams.

Raffles were aplenty, with Ian Thomas doing a cracking job securing quality prizes from sponsors including Helloworld, Sense of Taste, Hawken Drive Pharmacy, IGA, Penny Wolff, Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP, Fruity Capers, Forages. Donations from members were, as always, forthcoming, culminating in setting the scene for a lot of exciting raffle draws.

Winners of the event with the largest margin were Team Richardson, pictured here with Rick from The Village Yeronga. Check out more pictures in the "Members Portal" on SLBC's website.

There are too many to thank, and so none are left un-named, thanks go to every one who helped plan and prepare for this successful event. Watch this space for another event coming soon!