

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

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

The first round of this competition was held on Saturday with some very competitive games.

The big game of the round was between Rachel Chiang and Dicky Ng (S) against Nikki Geran and Warren Garnham (S). Interested observers could have been forgiven for questioning their eyesight when the scoreboard showed Rachel and Dicky ahead 17-4 after 9 ends but normal service was resumed with Nikki and Warren fighting back to level the score at 18-all after 16 ends. That obviously grabbed Rachel and Dicky's attention and they buckled down to win four of the last five ends to finish 29-20. They will next play Robyn Pang and Patrick Bailey (S) who received a bye in the first round.

Stephen James and Lois Bradley (S) had a hard-fought victory over Paul Keane and Anne Kuhnemann (S) by 24-20. Scores were locked at 12-all after 11 ends with only one point separating the teams on the 19th end at 19-18. Five shots on the 20th end sealed the deal for Stephen and Lois. Good bowls were played throughout and it was a very close finish.

Their opponents in the next round will be Marj Johnson and David Cowper (S) who defeated Joanne and Laurie Annan (S) 21-17. Marj and David got off to a strong start leading 11-4 after seven ends and managed to hang on to win despite losing four straight ends after the break.

Vaughan Thomas and Leslee Mackay (S) had a comfortable 26-15 win over Susanne Enright and Roland Baudet (S). This game was close at 9-6 in Vaughan and Leslee's favour after 10 ends. They then went on to score two 4s and a 3 to pull away in the second half. Vaughan and Leslee will play Tim and Pam Salway in the next round after the Salways progressed via a forfeit.

Another result in the final game of the round saw Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S) defeat Narelle Sutton and Graham Legg (S) 25-11. In a very entertaining game that felt closer than the scoreboard indicated, Pam and Craig showed their class on the tight ends. Narelle and Graham can take heart that 17 of the 21 ends were scores of 1 or 2 shots. Pam and Craig now take on Erin and Max Grey in the next round as they progressed via a bye.

LADIES B SINGLES

No matches were played in this competition on Tuesday as the opening round of the Consistency Competition was scheduled. Play will resume next week.

OPEN CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

Consistency Singles Introduction

2025 has seen this competition open to all genders. Tuesday was the first round in what was a new concept to master for those who hadn't played "Consistency Singles" before. Four games were played on Tuesday morning. Those who were marking carried with them a small metal washer and a one-metre stick. After a bit of tuition to explain just what these utensils were for, the players were off and bowling in the race to be first to 100. All games were competed closely and with great enthusiasm. It certainly appeared that those who hadn't competed in this style of play before enjoyed the game's challenges.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Terry Martin and Stephen James were the first match to finish with Terry crossing the magic 100-target, 104-76. With ten points on offer for each end, Terry leaped in front after six ends by scoring one 9, one 8 and two 7s but Stephen then rose to the challenge by playing shorter ends, scoring an 8 and a 7 to be within 12 shots by the 11th end. Terry replied with a 9 on the 12th and, although Stephen scored solidly after that, Terry crossed the line, putting three of his bowls closest to the jack to score 9 points on the 18th end for the win.

Narelle Sutton and Margaret Miller played an even match which went to 20 ends before Margaret reached 100 first, only needing 2 points when Narelle had scored an impressive 8 to reach 90 on their final end. Although Margaret was penalised the dreaded -5 for moving the jack more than one metre during play, her steady game ensured that the points were shared evenly.

Lois Bradley scored two 10-point ends during the match against Paul Keane who halved the available points on several ends. Lois ran out the win convincingly and will meet Ros Mortensen who had a bye in the first round.

The match between Robyn Pang and Anne Kuhnemann was very close. Robyn scored the maximum 10 twice along with two 9s but Anne bowled steadily, taking more points on eight ends and halving six others out of 20 ends played but the -5 penalty for taking the jack more than a metre from its position twice took its toll. Robyn was the winner 105-91.

Those who hadn't experienced this type of competition before (including markers) thought that it was a good way of focusing attention on drawing bowls close to the jack which leads to a worthwhile building of the head during the game. It is to be hoped that the next time a Consistency Competition is offered, more bowlers will take advantage of the opportunity and enjoy something a little different.

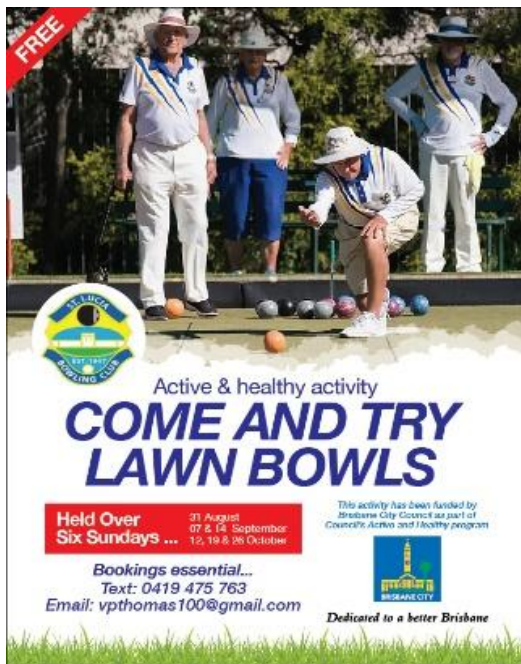
MEN'S B SINGLES COMPETITION

Two more games were played last week. Graham Legg and Paul Keane played their second-round game, both having gone through the first round on a bye. Graham led from the start to win 27-6 and now meets the winner of the Roland Baudet vs Laurie Annan game scheduled for this Wednesday.

While Roland progressed to the second round courtesy of a bye, Laurie had a convincing 25-10 win over Stephen James in the first round, having led from the second end.

Other second round games this week are Vaughan Thomas vs Clive Hamlin and Patrick Bailey vs Red O'Hara. Good luck to all players.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager



BCC's Active & Healthy Learn to Bowl Program

Our Learn to Bowl program, part of the BCC's Active & Healthy initiative, got off to a great start on 31 August with plenty of enthusiasm. Over the first two sessions, we have welcomed 32 participants, with one signing up already as a new Club member.

There are still four more sessions to go on Sunday 14 September and Sundays 12, 19 & 26 October so it's not too late to get involved. The program is all about encouraging newcomers to give bowls a try in a fun, relaxed environment. For those who would like to keep going, it's a great stepping stone into our Club's bowling community.

A big thankyou goes to our local Councillor, Penny Wolff, for her continued support. She has arranged to print flyers and put up two bright promotional banners in Robertson Park (St Lucia) and Oakman Park (Toowong). These have already brought in quite a few participants.

Of course, none of this would happen without our dedicated coaching team. A special mention goes to Robin Town, Craig Francis, Max Grey and Bruce Holwell who generously give their time and expertise each week. We also greatly appreciate the support of Pam Richardson and Peter Fairchild who have been lending a hand with coaching too.

If you have family or friends looking for a fun new activity that's social, active, and easy to learn, why not encourage them to give lawn bowls a go? It's a great way to meet people, enjoy the outdoors and acquire a new skill.

To register for the program, please contact Vaughan Thomas on mobile 0419 475 763 or email vpthomas100@gmail.com

- Vaughan Thomas

MONDAY MORNING CREW DO SPRING!



After kilos of yoghurt were consumed, sprouting seeds of marigolds from 222 little pots have been planted ready to blaze in summer glory. The pruned frangipani bushes are shooting leaves and the central garden will look simply marvellous as the weather gets warmer.

Our thanks to the Monday Crew and the star planter, Ken Harvey!

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **SLBC Mixed President's Fours** - Nominations have opened for this one-day event which will be **held on 11 October (Saturday)**. There is a button on the website. Please note that entries will be taken as first in, first in a team (Let's call it a FIFIAT).
- **17 September – BDBA Singles (Men and Women)** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 17 October, competition is played 25/26 October and 8/9 November at Red Hill (W) and Geebung (M) More details and entry is through BowlsLink.
- **3 October - St Lucia Fashion Parade** – There's a flyer on the noticeboard and tickets can be purchased over the bar.
- **5 October – Group 4 Pennant Division 1 Playoffs** - Winners of the Division 1 Pennant competitions in the three districts of Brisbane, Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast will play off to see who goes through to the State Pennant event. Brisbane ladies will be represented by the combination team of St Lucia & Northern Suburbs. Good luck ladies.
- **6 October – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 6 November, competition is played 14 & 21 November at Chermside. More details and entry are available through BowlsLink. (St Lucia is the defending champion in this event).
- **7 October – BDBA Novice Singles** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 7 November, competition is played 15/16 & 23 November at Enoggera. More details and entry available through BowlsLink.
- **Bowls Premier League (BPL)** - BPL22 runs from October 27-31, 2025, at Club Pine Rivers with live streaming on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel, as well as live broadcasts from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 10pm AEDT on Fox, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.

TIP OF THE DAY

DON'T DROP NUMBERS

Often players try to get the shot with every bowl delivered or are playing weight too early. **The art of building a head** is sometimes lost in the heat of battle. Building a head will minimise dangerous situations and provides opportunities to convert shots down to shots up once you have bowls in the head. Games can be won or lost in one or two ends and we all look back at some games and think, if only I had drawn second shot instead of dropping four, we may have won. (Credit : <https://warburtonbowls.bowls.com.au/coaching-tips/>)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - HELP!

Tuesday's Social Bowls provides an alternative day for members to bowl and offers morning bowls to those members who prefer to play in the morning rather than the afternoon.

We are seeking members to assist by volunteering to act as DJs, Selectors and Lock-Up officers. A sheet will be placed on the noticeboard for those who can assist to register their interest. A roster will be set up so the commitment needed will not be onerous.

As a bit of background, Tuesday morning bowls has been run by the same few members for a long time. We sincerely thank those members but we now need to provide more support and ease the burden of being in attendance every Tuesday. Please do consider offering your help.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

ANOTHER NEW SPONSOR FOR OUR CLUB



We welcome Total Fire Service as our newest sponsor. Now, you may wonder why we would have chosen this company to partner our Club and the reasons are twofold. The company does and will continue to provide necessary certificates, etc for us to comply with regulations in running the business side of our Club.

The second reason will become more obvious to members in the future when we explore the opportunity of members to comply with the new family fire security laws to come into effect in the near future. I am excited about what we will be able to offer members but that is going to take some time to work through.

Total Fire Service is a family owned and operated business. Begun in 1993, Total Fire Service strives to deliver the easiest and best servicing solutions for all aspects of the fire industry.

Being a family-operated business it fits in nicely with our objectives as a community Club and we look forward to a long and significant association.

- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager

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