

# 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)

## MERLO COFFEE CUP

### Division 3

The Division 3 team made their way into the final with a convincing win over Hamilton.

Warren Garnham and Mark Benson (S) had a solid 23-12 win in the pairs game after getting off to a good start and being 10-1 up after 6 ends. They won 13 of the 21 ends.

Ken Harvey, Robin Town and Tony Burton (S) had an equally impressive 24-13 win in their triples game. Tony's team started strongly winning the first 5 ends to be 12-0 ahead and also won 13 of the 21 ends.

Just to make life interesting and to show what a relaxing game bowls can be, Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) had a nail-biter which they won 18-17 on the last bowl of the day. Having been ahead 16-9 on the 16<sup>th</sup> end, they managed to give away 8 points in four ends to be 17-all after 20 ends. Nothing like waiting for the last bowl to enter the head for a decision!

We now go into the final against Samford at Enoggera on Saturday and hopefully we can come away with the Merlo Coffee Cup for the Club trophy cabinet. Let's roll!

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

## BEGINNERS CUP



On a humid afternoon, the finalists – Patrick Bailey and Bev King – played 28 very competitive ends. It was a close game but Patrick began to pull ahead on the 14<sup>th</sup> end and remained on the edge at 24 points for three ends with Bev fighting hard. Patrick sealed his victory with three shots for the final score of 27-17.

The match was marked by Bowls Captain, Pam Salway, who was kept busy chalking bowls which moved the jack indicating that the pair were playing good draw bowls.

## COC WOMEN'S PAIRS

The first game in this competition took place last Saturday between Pam Richardson and Rachel Chiang against Nikki Geran and Pam Salway. It was a close match but Pam and Rachel came out the victors 24-20 and now go on to meet Lois Bradley and Suzanne Jordan. The winner of that game will be crowned champions and will represent the club in the District Champion of Club event later in June.

## WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANT

St Lucia has finished on top of the table in Section 2 of the Women's Autumn Pennant. Last Friday, the Saints took on the team from Toombul, winning on 2 out of 3 rinks to ensure they stayed on top.

The Saints will now play in the semifinal against Ferny Grove who is the second placed team from Section 1. The game will be played on Friday 27 March at 10 am. Toombul is the venue for the semifinals.

Fingers crossed, if our team gets through, they will move onto the finals which will be held after Easter on 10 April which is also scheduled to be played at Toombul.

## WINTER OPEN PENNANT

The Pennant season will start in late June / early July but, before play begins, the club needs to nominate sides. To gauge player interest in the Pennant, please register your interest. This can be done by going to the SLBC website, "Register for Bowls" page and scroll down to the bottom where you will find a button to click to enter your name. Please do this as soon as possible as nominations close early April.

# Captain's Corner

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **25 March – SLBC Men's and Women's Champion of Club Fours nominations close.** This competition will commence around 11 April. Whilst entries must be via BowlsLink a sheet has been placed on the noticeboard for those who would like to play. Place your name on the sheet and you will be put into a team. This appears to be a stopgap measure to enable players to play whilst getting familiar with BowlsLink.
- **27 March – SLBC's Women's Autumn Pennant team** will play in the semifinal against Ferny Grove at Toombul. 10 am game start time.
- **28 March – SLBC's Division 3 team** will play Samford at Enoggera in the Final of the Merlo Coffee Cup. 9 am start.
- **10 April – BDBA Men's Senior Pennant** first game. St Lucia is in Division 3 and will host a round of this competition on Friday 1 May. Selectors are working on putting the squad together but, if you need to know anything, Vaughan Thomas is the contact point for this one.
- **11 April (approx.) – CoC Fours** commence.
- **25 April - Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** nominations close 5 pm.
- **25 April – Anzac Day** – A short ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day will be held at the club prior to social bowls on Saturday 25 April. More information coming soon but it is planned to start at 11.45 am.
- **2 May – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition commences. Please note that more time will be allowed between scheduled matches for this competition due to May's calendar being crammed with District and State events to which some members may be committed.
- **2/3 May – BDBA Women's District Fours** competition being held at Ferny Grove. Nominations are being taken by BowlsLink.

- **6-10 May – State District Sides** – A competition between all the regions of Queensland, hosted by the Gold Coast. The women’s Brisbane team will be playing at Mermaid Beach and the men’s Brisbane team will be playing at Helensvale. Go along and support our region while watching some games of a high standard. Free to watch.
- **11-24 May – Queensland State Championships** - All disciplines (fours, pairs, mixed, singles) being played on the Gold Coast. More information in BowlsLink.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

### [MERLO CUP FINAL – SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026](#)

#### **Division 3 – Away at Enoggera against Samford at 9.00am**

Pairs

Warren Garnham  
Mark Benson (Skip)

Triples

Ken Harvey  
Robin Town  
Anthony Burton (Skip)

Triples

Graham Legg  
Terry Martin  
Lois Bradley (Skip)

**Manager:** Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

**Notes:**

1. It is encouraged that all players try to have one or more practice sessions on the carpet at Enoggera during the week. **Lois has booked a practice session for SLBC at Enoggera beginning at 9am this Thursday.**
2. Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
3. The sponsors and the BDBA will pay all green fees so this game is free for players.

## [BOWSLINK](#)

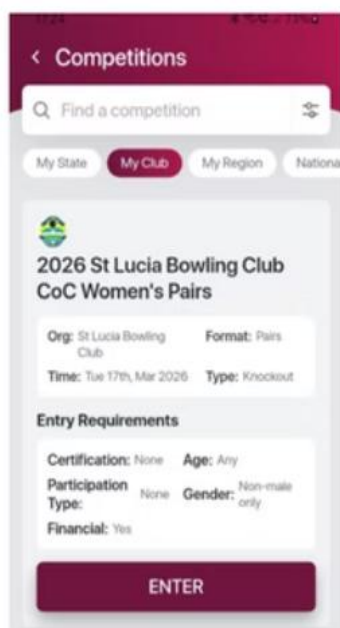
It appears some members are having trouble finding the club's competitions (and other competitions) in BowsLink.

Instructions are here, on the noticeboard and in the member's portal on the website.

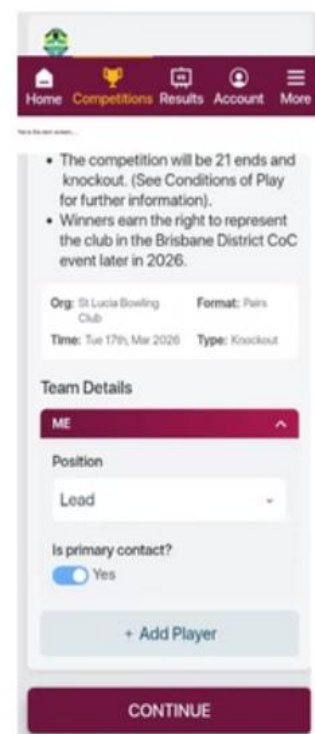
Use the Bowslink app on your phone then you can enter that way. It may be the easiest way. Get from Play Store or App Store. Looks like this....



(1) You will then log in. Go to Competitions / My Club. Here's a sample of the screen you need to see. Press "Enter"



(2) This is a sample of the next screen.....



BowsLink will already have entered you, and you will be the contact for the entry - but you need to '+ Add Player' to add your playing partners. Repeat this step to add the number of players required.

If you don't know the NIN (National Identification Number) of your partner(s), you can search for your partner(s) by name. Use the format shown here in this example for the quickest results Salway,P – St Lucia

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