

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

This week's edition contains major announcements. Your Club is pleased to offer a top-class coaching session with Australian international star, Barrie Lester. This is open to all Club members regardless of their skill level. Be sure to register early as 50 bowlers are the limit for this session.

St Lucia Dental is once again sponsoring the Birdie Triples, a summer competition open to all members.

CLUB BOWLING NEWS

President's Mixed Fours Club-Selected

This competition starts this coming Saturday 19 October. The draw is on the noticeboard and website so please check to see which team you are in. Team captains, it is up to you which position your players bowl. The team does not have to be in the order shown on the draw.

The selectors, Lois Bradley and Peter Jordan, have done a great job ensuring the teams are evenly matched so there should be good, close games. Good luck to all players.

The St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples

This competition has been sponsored again by St Lucia Dental and we thank them for their ongoing support of our Club and their generous provision of prize money. The competition starts on Saturday 9 November. It is the last mixed competition of the year and your opportunity to end 2024 on a high.

Teams of five are club-selected from the players who have nominated and each team has a team manager. Of the five bowlers in a team, three are selected by the team manager to play in each round. This means you won't be playing every round of the competition. The only requirement is that every team member plays at least one game. This format is very flexible and means players don't have to be available for the whole competition. Social bowls will be available to those not playing on that day.

It is a round robin competition so teams are not knocked out. Rather, your team scores points in each round for a win or a draw. The winner of the competition is the team with the highest score after all teams have played each other.

I would like to particularly encourage newer bowlers and Thursday afternoon bowlers to put their names down and enter the competition. It is a great opportunity to have a taste of competition bowls without taking things too seriously and an excellent way to play in a team of people you haven't played with before. The Birdie Triples is good experience and who knows, you might even win prize money!

The call is now open so please put your name on the list on the noticeboard or send me an e-mail at games@stluciabowls.org

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

SLBC Women's B Singles Competition

In Tuesday's match, Pam Richardson played Narelle Sutton. Narelle came within three shots of Pam on the 17th end but Pam shot away then to reach the 25 shots on the 21st end.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER

Mini Minutes

- Letter of thanks to be given to Greg Bahlmann expressing the Committee's appreciation for his years of service to the club. Members, do catch up with him for a chat over the next couple of weeks before he leaves.
- BCC Lord Mayor's Community Grant submitted for the flood lighting of the Red Green.
- Discussion re low participation rates for competitions such as the President's Fours. MC will discuss with Games Managers and Selectors to brainstorm a solution.
- Player numbers were down August-October due to the weather and members watching Pennant's finals rather than playing. On a YTD basis, green fees are down \$2,072 compared to budget. This relates to 104 players or 4 players per week.
- The new mower for the greens is much more modern with a light scarifier and roller built-in and is working well. The greenkeeper has increased the amount of rolling done and the greens appear to be responding with faster speeds.
- Ken Harvey has replanted the middle garden beds with marigolds.
- Three new members last month with two resignations, resulting in a total membership of 199.
- During September, there were two functions involving 200 people
- There are currently 11 confirmed bookings between now and March 2025.
- The position of Greens Director remains vacant at present. All agree that this needs to be resolved.
- Thanks to the Monday Morning Crew, the loading bay deck has been sanded and painted with two coats of weather shield paint.

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Rob Hoskin (secretary)

Claim the Date! The SLBC Christmas Party will be held on Friday 6 December from 4:30pm. More details will be in the SLBC News soon!

<p>Support your community with a Lions Christmas Cake.</p> 	<p><u>Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings</u> will be available from next week until Christmas at the bar for purchase – cash only. All proceeds will go to this worthy charity to support the local community and other causes.</p> <p>Large Cakes 1.5kgs \$20.00 Small Cakes 1kg \$16.00 Puddings \$16.00 Small Puddings \$10.00 Cake slices \$2.00</p>
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FROM THE FUNCTIONS DIRECTOR

As was highlighted in last week's newsletter, functions are the lifeblood of our club. Without this additional revenue, our financial position would not be as strong as it is.

During 2024, the number of functions held or confirmed, is sitting at 27 with 12 of these related to the University of Queensland (UQ) and the rest are work or family functions. Of these functions, 21 involve bowls.

Our relationship with UQ is very important. These events involve staff and student groups with often large numbers of students attending. This year, around 1,500 students and staff have attended functions at our Club.

This season, staff are having end-of-year social occasions and the New Year is busy with student orientation and their new academic year events. The highlight of our functions calendar is 'Duchesne Day' where 500 young people stream through the gates and have a great time playing bowls (with an emphasis on 'play'), drinking, dancing and singing. It truly is a wonderful sight, seeing all these young people on our greens and lawns. I am always impressed by how polite and respectful they are to us, probably because we remind them of their grandparents. There are also many other student groups which come to us, such as the UQ Wine and Cheese Club which sounds quite sedate but definitely is not!

Many of these students come back for their 21st parties and we host all kinds of other family gatherings such as significant birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations of life and an occasional wedding. The Club is a ideal venue for family occasions with each age group finding their own space.

We are a popular venue for business Christmas parties with Helloworld, one of our major sponsors, having their corporate end-of-year party here. Other groups are varied, for example, a media company and medical teams.

All these functions are a team effort for us. The Providore, Fulvio Toniotti, makes sure we are stocked up with supplies, Robin Town gets the bowls team groups into gear, our hosts work with clients to finalise their functions and make sure they run smoothly and Bruce Howell, Facilities Director and our Treasurer, Stephen O'Shanassy, play their parts. At the big student events, we have many more members volunteering to help in a myriad of ways - security, ticketing, the bar, bins, toilets (Ros and Gil could tell you a lot of stories about Ladies' Room shenanigans!). As Functions Director, I am always grateful for members' generosity in giving their time and skills.

A key success factor for our functions is our personalised service and, in particular, members who provide coaching for bowling and make sure our guests have a good experience.

When you consider what you are doing by going out and supervising on the green, you really don't need to be an expert player or a coach. You are there with far more knowledge about bowls than those guests you are helping which, in their eyes, makes you an expert. Your welcoming manner and friendly smiles are what is required and appreciated.

Members involved in functions have the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to the longevity of the Club. Don't hesitate to participate as a volunteer.

- Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director



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SESSION DATE:

Sunday 3rd November
TIME: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

www.barrielester.com.au

\$15 PER HEAD INCLUDES 3 HR CLINIC & BBQ AFTER THE CLINIC

Numbers limited - so respond quickly to attend

Register via SLBC Website – “Register for Bowls” page

Or let Pam Salway know on admin@stluciabowls.org

Payment can be made via DJ office, or at the Bar

With thanks and support from our sponsors

