

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

CLUB BOWLING NEWS



BDBA Women's Fours Champions 2024

Lois Bradley, Julie Hawley, Pam Richardson (S), Rachel Chiang

Over two consecutive Sundays, Lois Bradley, Julie Hawley, Rachel Chiang and I travelled to Toombul BC to participate in the 2024 BDBA Ladies Fours Championship. We had no real expectations of advancing, just a desire to bowl well, do the club proud and ever hopeful to survive the sectional draw.

We overcame Ferny Grove 15-10 with good consistent bowling while staving off a spirited comeback. After the scheduled bye and three-hour break, we met the host club Toombul. Their early lead of seven shook us out of our lunch-time lethargy. With heads down, we scored 12 over two ends then held on for the final score of 19-13 and two wins which put us into the Finals draw on the following Sunday.

Undeterred again as rank outsiders, we were up against Northern Suburbs' predominately young players with whom we kept pace. Solid bowling and some clever upshots gave us back the jack when needed and kept us in front, eventually coming out on top 21-15.

This win sent us into the final against Hamilton who had just beaten Chermside on their last end by one shot. We led from the start and were well ahead by at least 12 shots before Hamilton began to score some winners. Whether we were buoyed by success from earlier games or through sheer determination, we kept the pressure up. On the 19th end, at 28-21, we realised that, if they didn't score a shot, we didn't need to play the last end. We scored two. Hamilton conceded on the 20th end at 30-21.

We were and probably are still a bit stunned by winning the competition but it just goes to show that, if you don't give it a go, you'll never know how high you can reach.

BDBA acknowledged St Lucia Bowls Club as a new entrant in these competitions and hoped other less well-known clubs will consider competing too.

Pam Richardson

Men's Triples Competition

Having two legs of the trifecta in our pocket with the Lions' amazing win in Melbourne last Saturday and our Women's Fours BDBA triumph on Sunday, we can now look forward to the SLBC Men's Triples Grand Final this Saturday being played at our home ground.

No doubt there will be some jostling for practice times this week but we will be seeing good bowls played with sportsmanship and no sin bins.

Mixed President's Club-Selected Fours

Nominations for the Mixed President's Club-Selected Fours closes on 5 October with play commencing on 21 October. Names can be added to the list on the noticeboard.

John Stack, Acting Games Manager

BDBA NEWS

Our 2 x Pams (Richardson & Salway) will be playing for the **Brisbane District in the Senior Challenge** which will be played Wednesday 2 October at Pelican Waters. Brisbane will compete against Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay and the Gateway Districts. It will be a 3-game day – so full on and we wish our girls well.

Bev King, Joanne Annan and Laurie Annan will fly the St Lucia flag in the upcoming **BDBA Novice Singles** events. These events (men's and ladies) will be played at Chermside on 19/20 October. Again, we wish our players good luck and play well.

Nominations are open for the **ladies BDBA Pairs Championships**. Details are on the noticeboard, but the sectional play will be played at Chermside over 3 nights (5/6/7 November) with the post sectional the following week. Any team wishing to enter should place their names on the entry form. Entries close at the club on Tuesday 8th October.

Nominations are open for the **men's BDBA Fours Championships**. Details are on the noticeboard. Sectional play will be played at Windsor over 3 nights (5/6/7 November) with the post sectional the following week. Any team wishing to enter should place their names on the entry form. Entries close at the club Wednesday 25th October.