

SLBC NEWS



22 July 2026

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

SLBC MEN'S TRIPLES CHAMPIONS 2026



The final of the 2026 Men's Triples was played on Wednesday between Terry Martin, Darcy Barry and Dicky Ng (S) against Paul Keane, Max Grey and Trevor Catt (S). It was a very tight game for the first 15 ends with the score of 14-12 in favour of Dicky's team. The next five ends saw Dicky's team pull ahead to a comfortable win with the final score being 28-12.

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS

Division 2

Playing at Red Hill on Saturday, the Division 2 team again went close to winning on the big board but just fell shy.

The team skipped by Lois Bradley with Trevor Catt as third, Pam Richardson and Ken Harvey, started off quickly and never looked like being challenged. A win for this team, 27-19.

It was the total opposite for the team skipped by Warren Garnham who had newly returned after visiting over the ditch. With his team of Dicky Ng playing third, Tony Burton and Terry Martin lead, the team had a slow start, giving away 11 points before starting to score. From there, it was a hard slog with the opposing skip pulling off shots, leaving our team behind 14-27.

The all-women's team of Pam Salway, Nikki Geran, Suzanne Jordan and Rachel Chiang once again started strongly and held the lead up until the 19th end when the opposition scored three shots. We were unable to claw the shots back, finishing on a loss for this team 17-20.

Next week, Division 2 plays at home against Ferny Grove. A win next week should see the team move up to the top four.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 4

The team continued its winning way with a convincing 78-44 win over Northern Suburbs at home. The visitors struggled to adapt to the St Lucia greens which were slower than their accustomed carpet. All games were played in good spirit with friendly opposition, just the way it should be.

Doug Buchbach's team of Col Bertwistle, Julie Hawley and Darcy Barry ran out winners 25-16. After narrowly trailing the first 12 ends, they hit their straps and came home strongly, winning 7 of the last 9 ends. Our lead, Col Bertwistle, enjoyed a great tussle with his opponent, Helen who is vision impaired, with both nearly always around the jack. A solid team effort overall with Julie and Darcy continuing their good form.

What a difference a week makes with Antony Flint's team of Vaughan Thomas, Graham Legg and Tim Salway bouncing back from last week's defeat with a convincing 35-10 win. The game was interrupted mid-way through with Vaughan suffering an injury, then being substituted by Anne Kuhnemann who combined well and continued her good form to maintain the team's momentum. It was a slow start to the game with the team dropping six shots on the first two ends but winning all but two of the remaining 19 ends. Excellent skip's bowling by Antony was a feature throughout the game.

Mark Benson's team of Rob Hoskin, Brian Vandersee and Robin Town was a thriller. They toughed out a tight 18-18 draw having dropped five shots in the first three ends. After the slow start, the team slowly clawed their way back into the match and hit the lead on the 16th end, losing the next two and winning the last with a shot to draw level. It was a solid team effort overall to keep up with the strong opposition side.

The team remains in second place on the ladder behind Geebung on percentages. Next week's match is away against Merthyr.

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

REMINDER – SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLBC MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2026 AT 11AM

All SLBC members are welcome to attend this SGM where there will be discussion held on two very important items affecting our Club in the future.

Bowls as our sport of choice – Receiving a grant to enable the Club to install lights on the Red Green will enable us to enjoy more hours on the green, particularly during the hot summer months and there will be the opportunity to open our facilities to the wider community to promote our sport.

Proposed leasing of parking space in our grounds – This would be a similar situation to that which took place in recent years. A construction firm is willing to pay us for the use of part of our grounds during their period of building a residential complex in the neighbourhood. This will provide us with a secure basic income for financial stability.

MISSING JACKS – RETURN REQUESTED

As noted by the Management Committee, the Club's supply of jacks has been severely depleted. SLBC is expected to be able to produce enough jacks for fourteen rinks – 28 total. This represents a considerable investment as jacks cost around \$50 each.

Members who wish to use jacks in their practice roll-ups are reminded that they should be returned to the box inside the main room if borrowed from there. Otherwise, please use the half-tennis balls or similar gear from the drawer on the veranda. Club jacks should not be taken home by members who should purchase their own for regular practice convenience. Please check to see that no jacks are hiding out in your bowls bags.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINI MINUTES JULY 2026

- The Committee congratulated our Grants Officer, Tim Salway, on the success of gaining another grant this month. This grant will enable the Club to install LED lights to the Red Green.
- The Club has booked a consultation with a Quantity Surveyor to professionally ascertain the replacement value of our club buildings.
- Email from Ian Thomas advising that the scorecards are awaiting the preparation of graphics from Elizabeth Watson-Brown and Michael Berkman, Club sponsors, before going to the printers.
- Secretary Rob Hoskin advised the MC that invitations have been sent to Russ Davidson and Elsie Speight to attend the Patrons' Day on Wednesday.
- Player numbers for June were slightly down due to some rain events: Tuesday 76, Thursday 65, Wed/Sat 271.
- Total number of members who have left the Club since 1 June 2026 is 17. Of these, 15 are resignations with, unfortunately, two deaths. There have been six new members enrolled.
- Considerable progress has been made in obtaining members' emergency contact details and updating these in the register.
- Anne Kuhnemann commented that, should lights on the green be installed, this will open Saturday evenings for bowls functions. As an example, there is a current enquiry for Saturday 6 February 2027 for a 50th birthday party with 60-80 guests for a function with bowls from 5-7pm.
- The new concertina doors between the bar area and main room have been installed by the Monday Morning Crew with the assistance of master builder, Paul Pollock. There is still an ongoing issue with the door-lock yet to be resolved with the supplier.
- A busy month for Bruce Holwell as he negotiates his way through completing an Application for Works to gain approval for the installation of the green's lights for the Brisbane City Council.
- Looking to add a weather station to inform decisions on watering, etc. This can be added to our existing monitor.
- There has been a significant loss of jacks in the box for mats and jacks. If you can help locate them, it would be appreciated. Jacks cost between \$45 and \$55 each.
- For your diary: Special General Meeting on Wednesday 29 July at 11am to vote on the release of funds to pay for the installation of lights for one green and the approval from Club members for the leasing of car parking space which will result in long term financial benefit to the Club during construction of a nearby building.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up for the rest of the year:

- **23 July – 2 August 2026 – Commonwealth Games – Glasgow.** The link to the Bowls Australia team's schedule is here. <https://bowls.com.au/glasgow-2026-australias-complete-schedule/>
- **12 August 2026 (Ekka Show Day) – Walter Taylor Shield** – vs West Toowong. Register to play by putting your name in the "Register for Bowls" page on the website. The format is likely to be seven teams of triples, playing three games during the afternoon. However, we will make teams of four so players can sub on / off for a game and enjoy the afternoon. St Lucia won the Shield last year so let's defend it well and bring it home again.
- **9 & 16 August 2026 (Sundays) – Coaching Clinic with Matt Lucas** – The clinic on 9 August is full and only **1 place remains** for 16 August. Grab the last spot now by going to "Register for Bowls" on the SLBC website. You must pay for the Clinic at the DJ office or over the bar as soon as possible to secure your spot. Clinics start at 9.30 am, will include a light lunch taking 3-4 hrs incl. Cost \$25
- **10-13 August 2026 - Australian Indoor Championships** - Will run from 10-13 August 2026 at Club Tweed. Live streaming will take place on BA's YouTube channel.
- **19 August 2026 - Open "C" Singles - Nominations close** – This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on **2 September (Wednesday)**. Nominations will open shortly. To be eligible, members must be financial and Full members who have not won a "C", "B" or Championship Singles event in this club or any other club. To enter, please register on the SLBC website on "Register for Bowls" page.
- **15 September – Open Consistency Nominations close** – This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on **29 September (Tuesday)**. Nominations will open later in August and close on 15 September. To be eligible, members must be financial and Full members. To enter, please watch out for the button on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **21 September – 2026 – Mixed Birdie Triples – Nominations close** – This event will commence on **30 September** and all financial members are invited to participate. To enter, watch for the button on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **23 September – Open "B" Singles – Nominations close** - This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on **7 October (Wednesday)**. Nominations will open later in August and close on 23 September. To be eligible, members must be financial and Full members who have not won a "B" or Championship Singles event in this club or any other club. To enter, watch for the button on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **10 October 2026 - Mixed President's Fours - All** financial members are invited to play in this one-day event. It is a fun afternoon with prizes awarded to the winners. Watch out for the button which will appear on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page.
- **26 October 2026 – SLBC Open Pairs** – This is a one-day event sponsored by The Village Yeronga. Entries will open shortly so watch out for the flyer.
- **9-13 November 2026 - Bowls Premier League No 24** - BPL24 will be held from 9-13 November 2026 at Ocean Grove Bowling Club. It will once again be televised via Bowls Australia's YouTube Channel and Facebook.
- **14-21 November 2026 - State Champion of Club Champions** - will be held at North Mackay Bowls Club (Goosies Sport & Recreation Club) from 14 to 21 November 2026 with the State Pennant Finals following on 28 and 29 November 2026. This year, Bowls Queensland have introduced a 'Zone/State' play-off competition for the winners of Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain



The SLBC Suggestion Box for Members is now ready for your great ideas.

Submitting an idea

- Helpful/progressive suggestions only please.
- Ideas that highlight opportunities for cost savings, improvements to the Club and culture, membership growth, etc.
- Be specific and include your name if you want feedback.
- Put your suggestions into the box labelled ***SLBC Suggestion Box for Members***.

Examples to assist with your ideas

- Ideas for articles in our newsletter or write something for the Editor.
- Club Sponsor recommendations.
- Improvements to Club facilities.
- Coaching or skills development.
- Club culture and member involvement.
- Social activities.

Remember, your thoughts can be shared with any member of the Management Committee any time.

PENNANTS – Round 4 – Saturday 25 July 2026

Div 2 – St Lucia v Ferny Grove at St Lucia 1.00pm

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Suzanne Jordan
Nikki Geran
Pamela Salway (skip)

Ken Harvey
Pam Richardson
Tony Burton
Craig Francis (Skip)

Terry Martin
Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Trevor Catt
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Umpire for Div 2: Pamela Salway

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Div 4 – St Lucia v Merthyr at Merthyr 1.00pm

Rob Hoskin
Brian Vandersee
Clive Hamlin
Robin Town (Skip)

Col Bertwistle
Julie Hawley
Darcy Barry
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Ian Nave
Graham Legg
Tim Salway
Antony Flint (Skip)

Umpire for Div 4: Graham Legg

Manager: Tim Salway (0413 748 666)

Notes:

1. Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.



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October Open Pairs



A FUN AFTERNOON OF LAWN BOWLS!



DATE:

**Monday
26 October 2026**



TIME:

12 noon



FORMAT:

**3 games of 10 ends
or 1 hour / 3 bowl pairs**



COST:

\$60 per team

**Includes hamburgers
and nibbles after
the event.**



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accepted.***

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ENTRIES CLOSE:

**16 October 2026
at 5 pm**

***Get your team together and join us for
a great afternoon of bowls and fun!***