

# 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)

## COC FOURS

Two semifinals were completed last Saturday. The team of Vaughan Thomas, Ken Harvey, Clive Hamlin and skipped by Mark Benson, were up against in-form players of Rob Wormwell, Paul Keane and Max Grey with Pat Davis as skip.

Team Davis was off to a flying start, scoring a run of multiples from the fourth to the tenth end. This meant they were leading 19-2 going into the eleventh end. Scoring then slowed as Mark's team fought back, bringing the final score to 27-17 in favour of Team Davis.

In the other semifinal, the team skipped by Craig Francis with Col Bertwistle, Graham Legg and Tony Burton, found their rhythm early against the Antony Flint skipped team of Rob Malcolm, Red O'Hara and Peter Fairchild. It appears a quick start out of the blocks is essential in bowls although scoring two 4s in quick succession mid-game helped to achieve a win for Team Francis, 23-13.

The final match, scheduled for this coming Saturday, is likely to be an exciting finish to the competition.

## THE VILLAGE YERONGA - ST LUCIA FOURS

Spots for this annual event on 25 May are now filling quite quickly. If you want to enter a team (maximum of two men with female skip), please let Pam Salway know as soon as possible.

If you don't have a team, put your name on the sheet on the noticeboard so we can place you on a team if there is space. For details, see the flyer on the noticeboard or on the SLBC website.

## PENNANT SEASON

The Pennant season is approaching. If you are interested in being selected to play, please add your name to the list if you haven't already. We need to know how many are interested before nominating teams. The list is available on the "Register for bowls" page on the SLBC website.

## ANZAC DAY

Social bowls will be played as normal on Saturday 25 April beginning at 12:30 pm.

The Club will hold a short commemorative ceremony for Anzac Day which will commence at 11:45 am in front of the entrance steps to the clubhouse. Please be prompt if you intend to join in the ceremony.

Scroll down to the flyer in this newsletter which gives you more details on what will be taking place at the Club on this important day for Australia.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

## BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Round 2

Last Friday morning saw our Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side play under hot and sunny skies against West Toowong at Northern Suburbs.

As none of Warren's winning team from the last round was available, Doug's team (Brian Vandersee, Antony Flint and Doug Buchbach) stepped in and had a tremendous win in straight sets, 9-6 and 10-6. All played well on a green which was a few seconds quicker than what we are used to at SLBC.

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis) played good consistent bowls throughout to be untroubled also winning in straight sets, 13-6 and 17-6. This is their first win of the season with hopefully many more to come.

Clive's team (Peter Jordan, Robin Town and Clive Hamlin) tried hard to pull off the "clean sweep" but were narrowly beaten in straight sets, 5-10 and 7-8. It was a good effort against a strong team.

The overall 5-1 win takes the Saints to equal fourth and a win against third-placed Windsor next Friday will see us move up the ladder.

On behalf of all of us, I want to wish Warren Garnham a speedy recovery from his shoulder injury and we hope to have him back on the green again before too long.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

## Captain's Corner

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now – SLBC Men's Triples** - Get your team together and nominate on the SLBC's website. Nominations close 13 May and play commences 23 May.
- **25 April - Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** nominations close 5 pm. Enter via BowlsLink
- **25 April – Anzac Day** – A short ceremony commencing at 11.45 am to commemorate Anzac Day will be held at the club prior to social bowls on Saturday 25 April. Games will run straight through the afternoon (i.e. no afternoon tea), finishing at 3 pm. Come along for a game of bowls and sausage sizzle. See the flyer in the newsletter.
- **26 April – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Women.** Being held at Club Tweed. This tournament offers players a pathway to the Australian Indoor Singles Championships to be held in August. Should be some good bowls played and it's free to watch.
- **2 May – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition commences. Get your teams in now. 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 where some members may be involved.

- **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. **Congratulations to both Nikki Geran and Pam Salway** for being selected into the Brisbane District Team to compete in the State Sides. Get along and support our ladies, our region and watch some games of a high standard. It’s free to watch.
- **13 May – SLBC Men’s Triples** nominations close 5 pm.
- **11-24 May – Queensland State Championships** - All disciplines (fours, pairs, mixed, singles) being played on the Gold Coast. More information in BowlsLink.
- **23 May – SLBC Men’s Triples** competition starts.
- **25 May – St Lucia’s “The Village Yeronga” Fours** – This is a competition where we invite and encourage visiting clubs to enter to play for prize money, kindly sponsored by “The Village Yeronga”. For the entry fee of \$100, you will enjoy a friendly game of bowls, morning tea and lunch plus great company. Please spread the word to your fellow bowlers.
- **30/31 May - BDBA Men’s and Women’s District Pairs.** Both competitions are open for nominations through BowlsLink. The Women’s competition is at Enoggera with the Men’s competition being held at Toombul.
- **30/31 May – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Men.** Being held at Club Tweed, this tournament offers players a pathway to the Australian Indoor Singles Championships to be held in August. Should be some good bowls played and it’s free to watch.
- **5 June 2026 – Australian Open commences.**

## MENS SENIOR PENNANTS – WEEK 3 – Friday 24 April 2026

### **Div 3 – Away at Everton Park against Windsor at 10.00am**

#### Team 1

Ken Harvey  
Tony Burton  
Craig Francis (Skip)

#### Team 2

Vaughan Thomas  
Antony Flint  
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

#### Team 3

Peter Jordan  
Robin Town  
Mark Benson (Skip)

**Manager:** Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

#### **Notes:**

1. Please contact the Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees (\$20.00) in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.



## ST LUCIA BOWLING CLUB

### ANZAC DAY – 25th April 2026



- 11:45 am – Anzac Day Ceremony
- 12:00 pm – Raising of the Flags
- 12:30 pm – Social Bowls
- 3:00 pm – Sausage Sizzle

Members are warmly invited to attend the commemorative Anzac Day Ceremony at **11:45 am**.

Following the ceremony, enjoy an *après-bowls* social afternoon with a sausage sizzle, great conversation, and a drink or two.

#### Please remember:

- Register for bowls as usual
- No afternoon tea break



- Bring your \$2 coins. Enjoy a game of Two-up
- Tap beer on sale for \$2 a glass

