

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

CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – BRISBANE DISTRICT

Pam Richardson and Craig Francis represented SLBC on Sunday in the Mixed Pairs event at Windsor. They were defeated by the Everton Park pair who won by three shots. This means Pam and Craig won't progress to next Sunday's finals. Well done to them for playing good bowls and making us proud.

The Men's Singles competition began Monday at Enoggera. The SLBC Champion Craig Francis represented our Club but was eliminated after a strong match in which he played well.

Next week sees the Men's and Ladies' Pairs Competition running again on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at Enoggera. SLBC will be represented by Nikki Geran and Pam Salway. Go SLBC!

All competitions start at 6 pm and everyone is welcome to go and support our representatives. With a Café 63 onsite, you can have a snack while cheering our teams.

DIVISION 1 PENNANT – LADIES

The first games of the 2025 season were played on Saturday. Our ladies, who have partnered for this season with ladies from Northern Suburbs to make the "Northern Saints", started their campaign in good form overcoming Chermside 48-30. As there are only two clubs in the Division 1 Ladies, they meet Chermside again next Saturday morning at Chermside for the final battle. If the result is two wins out of two games, there will not be a final and the Northern Saints will come home with the pennant.

2025 PATRON'S MIXED TRIPLES

The Patron's Mixed Triples competition is held annually to honor the Patrons of the Club, Russ Davidson and Elsie Speight, who will be invited to attend on the day of the competition. This year, we will trial the event to be completed on the same day, Wednesday 30 July, in a different format.

The call for this competition will open on Wednesday 25 June and will close at 4 pm on Wednesday 9 July. Please register online using the same process as we use for social bowls.

The competition between club-selected teams will take place on Wednesday 30 July commencing at 12:30 pm. The format will be 2-bowl triples, comprised of two games of 14 ends each or the bell, whichever comes first. The winner will be decided on number of wins and then margins over two games.

Good luck to all teams in what should be a great afternoon of bowls.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

CHECKING IN FOR BOWLS ON WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

It would help if members **arrive at the club before noon** and pay their green fees at the DJ's office straight away. Please do not go onto the green for a practice roll-up and then try to pay just at the bell. The DJ is in the office from 10:30 onwards so there is plenty of time in which to pay. Assist the DJ and the selectors by paying your green fees **by 12 noon** at the latest.

Selectors need to know that everyone has arrived to finalise teams and prepare for calling the cards at 12:15pm. The DJ needs to finalise the receipt of fees and commence balancing the day's accounts.

Your cooperation is much appreciated. Let's be considerate of the DJs and Selectors.

WINTER STARTING TIME FOR TUESDAY BOWLS

It has been decided to start Tuesday Social Bowls one hour later during the winter months. Effective on Tuesday 8 July, bowls will commence at 10 am through to 1 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy the morning sunshine. Morning tea is at 9.15 am. Please register online before 8:45 am or phone 3371 1444 between 8:30 and 9 am.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

YOU ARE AT THE HEAD. A BOWL IS HEADING FOR THE DITCH. WHAT DO YOU DO?

NOTHING!

Your first instinct may be to stop the bowl from dropping into the ditch. Why? It may get sand on it or you may have to bend further to pick it up and put it on the bank. You know it will be dead – end of story. Wrong!

What you have done is interfere with a bowl in motion and this is against the rules. There is a penalty to be paid for this according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – 37.1.4

Briefly, the opposing skip has a choice to make – to place the bowl where they believe it would have come to rest or to declare the end dead.

In a competition game such as pennants, having the end declared dead would be a bad outcome, particularly if your team was holding several shots. Let the bowl run, finish its course and don't interfere.

The same is true for a jack. If the lead delivers it too strongly and it is headed for the ditch, don't stop it. Always let it drop into the ditch or come to a halt before the ditch. Let it run its course. If it stops before the ditch, place it on the T. If the jack drops into the ditch, pick it up and return it to let the opposition lead deliver it unless the opposition lead has already failed in their delivery. Then, it will be placed on the T and the mat replaced by the first lead. Similar penalties apply to bowls and jacks if stopped as already outlined above.

This article refers to the ditch but it also applies to the side boundaries of the rink. Wait until the bowl or jack has passed beyond the side boundaries of the rink with no hope of turning back before you stop and lift it.

[CLAIM THE DATE](#)



The Club will be holding the annual Christmas party on Friday 28 November. Please put the date in your diaries now as we would enjoy having as many members attending as possible. An early dinner event is being planned. More information will be available closer to the time.

[NEW MAJOR SPONSOR FOR SLBC](#)

St Lucia Bowls Club welcomes JT's Plumbing and Gas Fitting as our latest sponsor. They will also be the exclusive plumber to the Club for all its needs. With over 20 years of industry experience, you can trust that Josh, with the help of his team at JT's Plumbing and Gas Fitting, will be able to help with your plumbing and gas needs. JT's Plumbing and Gas Fitting strive to offer quality workmanship and superior service and solutions. Providing honest, reliable, professional and courteous service is of utmost importance.

I can personally relate to their service goals having recently had a new hot water system installed by them. They are the best tradespeople we have had in attendance at our home so their sponsorship comes with my personal endorsement.

They work to achieve results by taking the time to listen to and understand their customers' needs, keeping up to date with the latest industry knowledge and standards. Providing appropriate and up-to-date advice and solutions is what they are about. All this while keeping prices fair and competitive.

I sincerely hope that all members avail themselves of JT's Plumbing and Gas Fitting for any of their plumbing and gas needs. You will not be disappointed.

- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager

[Please scroll down to the next page to view the SLBC pennant teams playing this coming weekend.](#)

OPEN PENNANTS ROUND 1

Round 1 on Sat 5 July 2025

Div 3

Home to Windsor 12.30pm

Vaughan Thomas
Darcy Barry
Doug Buchbach
Dicky Ng

Col Bertwistle
Terry Martin
Bruce Holwell
Warren Garnham

Ken Harvey
Mark Benson
Tony Burton
Craig Francis

Manager: Craig
Francis (0402 154
346)

Div 5

Away to Toombul 12.30pm

Joanne Annan
Graham Legg
Antony Flint

Clive Hamlin
Robin Town
Lois Bradley

Peter Jordan
Bill Mills
Brian Vandersee

Manager: Graham
Legg (0419 771
954)

Div 6

Home to Enoggera 12.30pm

Frank Wark
Max Grey
Tim Salway

Don Anderson
Paul Kenny
Laurie Annan

Ian Nave
Rob Malcolm
Ian Thomas

Manager: Laurie
Annan (0466 695
690)

Umpire Divs 3&6 at home

Ian Nave

Note

Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play

TEAM MANAGERS – Can you please email a short summary of your team's pennant matches to the Editor no later than Monday evening? Our readers look forward to reading them and the Editor is always grateful for news from around the Club.