

SLBC NEWS



12 August 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

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS

Division 2

While it was a bright sunny winter's day, it wasn't all roses for our Division 2 side on Saturday. With the game being played at home, it was a comfortable start on familiar greens for the Lois Bradley skipped side of Ian Nave, Rob Malcolm and Dicky Ng. With a 14-3 lead at the eleventh end, everyone started to relax. That's when the wheels fell off. Scoring only on two more ends for the rest of the game, this team lost 18-20.

Losing a five on just the second end of a match doesn't help a team develop their rhythm. It happened to the team skipped by Craig Francis. With Trevor Catt leading, Pam Richardson and Tony Burton, they were behind and played catch-up all through the game, eventually losing 14-22.

It looked like the team skipped by Pam Salway with Susanne Enright, Rachel Chiang and Nikki Geran were in for a tough battle when they too lost five shots on the eleventh end. They managed to claw back those shots over the next few ends with a final win of 22-15.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 4

The sixth round saw SLBC heading off to do battle with Samford. The Samford side were very welcoming and the game was played in good spirit. However, SLBC ran up against the home side's more highly rated group who understood the vagaries of their carpet green and ran out easy winners 95-32. The win avenged Samford's narrow Merlo Cup loss against our top team earlier in the season.

It was a tough day at the office for Antony Flint's four of Vaughan Thomas, Graham Legg and Tim Salway who fought hard all day but found the faster greens a handful and went down 9-36. The teams were even after six ends but, after dropping a four on the seventh end, the home side took control and kept adding to their total with multi-shot scores on numerous ends. The rollercoaster ride continues in what has been a very up and down season for us.

Robin Town's team of Rob Hoskin, Paul Pollock and Clive Hamlin also endured a difficult day going down 7-34. The team struggled on the carpet green and were up against skilled opponents. Rob was the team standout with a strong game. Despite a tough initiation, Paul also enjoyed a good game in his first pennant outing for the season.

Doug Buchbach's team of Col Bertwistle, Julie Hawley and Darcy Barry fared the best of our teams going down 16-25 in a hard-fought match. Being down eight shots after four ends made the recovery task difficult but the team finished up strongly winning four of the last six ends. Some excellent bowling came from Julie who adapted best to the fast and variable turn of the unique Samford carpet.

SLBC remains in second place on the ladder, a game behind Geebung and ahead of the chasing pack on percentages. Next week's match is at home against the top side, Geebung.

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

SOCIAL BOWLS - 12 AUGUST (EKKA DAY)

Social bowls will be available on Wednesday 12 August. Because of the Walter Taylor Shield being played at West Toowong, no staff will be rostered at SLBC. If you would like a social game, there will be at least 15 people playing. We won't be employing anyone to run the bar so it has been decided that the game will be free for all players. If you don't normally play on Wednesdays, this is a good opportunity to mix with different club members. Please go online and register as normal. Clive will be there to organise teams and will operate the bar for some good Show Day camaraderie.

COACHING CLINIC - Sunday 16 August

Attendees should note the start time for this clinic is 9 am. This is because the club has a large function in the afternoon.

SLBC OPEN "C" SINGLES

Entry to this competition is now open. To be eligible to enter, players must be a Full and Financial member of the club and must not have previously won a "C", "B" or "A" Championship at St Lucia or any other club. It is open to both men and women. Place your entry via the button on the "Register for Bowls" page on SLBC's website. Entries close Wednesday 19 August at 5 pm. Play commences 2 September.

PRESIDENT'S FOURS

A change of date - Now 12 September 2026. All financial members are invited to play in this one-day event. It is a fun afternoon with prizes awarded to the winners. The button is now on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page. Teams are club-selected. Make sure your entry is in promptly as an even number of teams are needed. Entries close 29 August.

WALTER TAYLOR SHIELD @ WEST TOOWONG - 12 AUGUST

Game start time is 11:45am at West Toowong Bowls Club. Players are requested to be at West Toowong at 11am to pay green fees to your skip who will then give the team's fees to Pam Salway. The day will conclude around 4:15 pm.

Program for the day is as follows:

PROGRAM

11.00am – 11.30am	Player registration, scorecards, green fee payment, player rollups
11.30am – 11.45pm	Player briefing
11.45am – 12.45am	Round 1 Matches
12.45pm – 1.05pm	Afternoon Tea (Biscuits and snacks)
1.05pm – 2.05pm	Round 2 Matches
2.05pm – 2.20pm	Drinks break
2.20pm – 3.20pm	Round 3 Matches
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Food will be provided after game
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Shield presentation and prize announcements
4.00pm – 4.15pm	Raffle draws

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

HELP WANTED – SPECIAL SECTION

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BOWLING FUNCTION 16 August – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

There is a big function for St John's College on Sunday 16 August from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. The organizers advise that there will be 250 attendees on the day. They will be bowling so we need many helpers on the greens as well as back-up people to support, ensuring the group will have a memorable day.

Some of you already have been asked to carry out set duties on the day and I thank you for that. We will need 15-20 supervisors for our greens. It is only for a few hours so we hope as many members as possible will give their time to help. Bev King has done a great job organizing this event on very short notice and requires the support of our members to make it a success.

- Max Grey, President

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – DJ FOR WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

The situation is dire with no spares available for vacant slots. Full training on the procedure is given by Vaughan Thomas. Men and women members are invited to consider serving their Club in this vital position. Please email Rob Hoskin ASAP if you can help. secretary@stluciabowls.org

PRIVATE BUILDING CERTIFIER REQUIRED BY CLUB

Does anyone know of a private building certifier in their network – family, friends, renovations or construction? As part of the installation of the lights on the green, the Brisbane City Council requires certification of the work performed. As this is a relatively minor project, the Management Committee hopes to use the services of a small firm. If you know of one, please contact our Facilities Director, Bruce Holwell, on 0490 311 924 or email him at facilities@stluciabowls.org

PRE-LOVED SEWING MACHINE FOR CHARITY GROUP

Is there an unused sewing machine taking up space in your cupboard as well as leftover fabrics? The Choices Cancer Support Centre at Wesley Hospital includes a Craft Group of volunteers who sew articles used by the hospital and many items which form the basis of fund-raising stalls held at Wesley during the year. Proceeds provide services which are free for cancer patients such as special yoga, tai chi, wigs, book library, counselling and other needed therapies. For more information, please contact Pamela Miller pamela.miller1@bigpond.com

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up for the rest of the year:

- 16 August 2026 (Sunday) – Coaching Clinic with Matt Lucas – The second clinic will run this Sunday. Clinic starts at 9 am, will include a light lunch and take 4 hrs incl. Cost \$25
- 19 August 2026 - Open “C” Singles - Nominations close – This open event (i.e. men and women) will commence on 2 September (Wednesday). Nominations have opened. 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.

- 11 September – Fashion Parade – Tickets are on sale now for the Portofino Fashion Parade at St Lucia Bowling Club. Buy tickets at the DJ's office or over the bar.
- 12 September 2026 - Mixed President's Fours - A change of date. All financial members are invited to play in this one-day event. It is a fun afternoon with prizes awarded to the winners. The button is now on the SLBC website's "Register for Bowls" page. Teams are club selected. Make sure your entry is in promptly as an even number of teams are needed. Entries close 29 August.
- 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 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.
- 26 October 2026 – SLBC Open Pairs – This event is a one-day sponsored by The Village Yeronga. Entries are now open. Entries from other clubs are accepted. Please contact Pam Salway on admin@stluciabowls.org if you wish to enter a team.
- 7 November 2026 – SLBC's 2027 Champion of Club Pairs (Men and Women) – These events will commence on Saturday 7th November. Closing date for nominations is 24 October. Entry will be via BowlsLink.
- 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.
- 27 November 2026 – SLBC's Presentation Night / Christmas Party – Save the date. Celebrations kick off from 4 pm.
- 5 December 2026 – SLBC's 2027 Champion of Club Fours (Men and Women) - These events will commence on Saturday 5 December. Closing date for nominations is 21 November. Entry will be via BowlsLink

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

PENNANTS – Round 7 – Saturday 15 August 2026

Division 2 – St Lucia v Geebung at Geebung 1:00pm

Rachel Chiang
Suzanne Jordan
Nikki Geran
Pamela Salway (Skip)

Trevor Catt
Pam Richardson
Tony Burton
Craig Francis (Skip)

Susanne Enright
Brian Vandersee
Dicky Ng
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Division 4 – St Lucia v Geebung at St Lucia at 1:00pm

Rob Hoskin
Vaughan Thomas
Robin Town
Clive Hamlin (Skip)

Col Bertwistle
Julie Hawley
Max Grey
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Anne Kuhnemann
Graham Legg
Tim Salway
Antony Flint (Skip)

Manager: Vaughan Thomas (0419 475 763)

Umpire for Division 4: Graham Legg

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.

ATTENDEES FROM FIRST COACHING CLINIC – Matt Lucas, Decisive Deliveries



AHOY THERE, MEMBERS! – LEARN TO BOWL PROGRAM

Our popular Come and Try Lawn Bowls program, proudly supported through Brisbane City Council's Active & Healthy Program, gets underway soon.

The seven-week program commences on Sunday 30 August, followed by sessions on 6, 13 and 20 September. After a short break for the school holidays, the program resumes on 11, 18 and 25 October.

Each session runs from 10:30 am to approximately 12:00 noon. All bowls, equipment and expert coaching are provided free of charge. Participants simply need to wear comfortable clothing, a hat and flat-soled shoes.

Whether you're looking for a new hobby, a fun way to stay active or an opportunity to meet new people, bowls offers something for everyone. No experience is necessary. Come along, have some fun and discover why so many people enjoy the game and the welcoming atmosphere at our Club.

You can help make the program a success. If you have family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues looking for a new activity that combines gentle exercise, friendship and fun, please encourage them to register. They may just discover a lifelong pastime and become part of our growing bowling community.

Registration is essential. To book a place or obtain further information, please text Vaughan Thomas on 0419 475 763 or email him at vpthomas100@gmail.com

There are plenty of places available. Spread the word and invite someone to experience the enjoyment and camaraderie of lawn bowls at our wonderful Club.



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**Held Over
Seven Sundays...** 30 August 06, 13 & 20 September
10:30am to 12:00noon 11, 18 & 25 October

Bookings essential...
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This activity has been funded by
Brisbane City Council as part of
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It is nearly that time of the year again when the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties return to Brisbane City Hall from Monday 7 to Saturday 12 December 2026. These events provide an opportunity to celebrate the festive season with friends under the glittering dome of Brisbane City Hall's Main Auditorium.

Councillor Wolff has been given an allocation of tickets for the Walter Taylor Ward. Should you wish to reserve your **free tickets**, please email me with the following information:

1. How many people are you booking for (number of tickets)?
2. First date preference and show you would like to attend (e.g. 7/12/26 morning show).
3. Second date preference and show you would like to attend.
4. Name of organisation or community group.
5. Contact number (a number who can be contacted on the day).
6. Please specify if guests have any mobility or accessibility needs and require seating on the ground floor.
7. Please specify any dietary requirements.

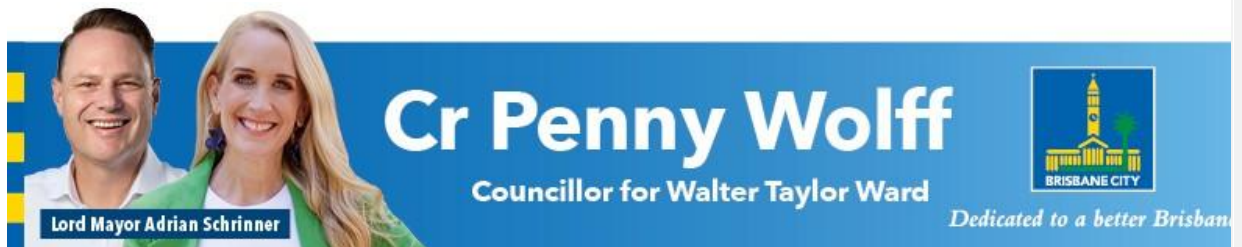
There will be two daytime shows each day Monday through Saturday and three evening shows on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this year.

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	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Doors open	9am	1pm	5pm
Refreshments served	9.15am	1.15pm	5.15pm
Show starts	10am	2pm	6pm
Show finishes	11.15am	3.15pm	7.15pm

Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions or concerns.

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