SLBC NEWS

4 November 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……..

2026 BRISBANE DISTRICT SENIOR MIXED FOURS COMPETITION



Last Friday morning, Lois Bradley, Craig Francis and Pam Salway teamed up with Dean Merlo from New Farm to play in the Brisbane District Senior Mixed Fours Competition Final against Chermside at Windsor in difficult windy conditions.

Down 2-4 after three ends, the teams traded shots to be 10-all after 13 ends. Then came the end that turned the game on its head. The Saints scored a 7 and went on strongly to win 25-13.

Craig and Lois bowled well to give the team a solid start and Dean played the shots when required. The real standout was Pam playing as third. I've played with and seen Pam quite a bit over the years but I have never seen her bowl so well. A bold prediction - I think she has a bright future. 😄

This was another opportunity to show that St Lucia is a club to be reckoned with and it is to our credit that all other participating clubs were Division 1 level.

Many thanks to Tim Salway who again was our most vocal supporter.

We've secured Dean for next year with the hope of making it two in a row.

- Craig Francis

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES

It was an exciting finish to this competition last Saturday. The Koels and Hawks had to take to the green for one shoot-out end because of their draw in the previous round. With the Hawks winning that end, the table opened wide for them. They just needed another win to catch up with the table leader, the Koels. The Koels' last game provided an easy 2 match points for them, due to Lorikeets' forfeiting.

A loss by the Hawks to the Owls saw them slip to third place. The Curlews win over the Plovers brought them up to second.

Presentations will take place on Wednesday 4 November.



St Lucia Dental Birdie Triples 2026 Results



	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5				
	For	Ag	For	Ag	For	Ag	For	Ag	For	Ag	Points	Percentag	Position
Koels	24	19	26	21	21	18	27	29	1	0	8	113.8	1
Curlews	23	25	21	26	29	12	25	19	21	17	6	120.2	2
Hawks	25	23	17	20	29	19	29	27	18	27	6	101.7	3
Owls	19	24	20	15	12	29	25	17	27	18	6	100.0	4
Plovers	27	11	20	17	18	21	17	25	17	21	4	104.2	5
Lorikeets	11	27	15	20	19	29	25	19	0	1	2	72.9	6

2 points for a win

2nd		1st	
Curlews	Trevor Catt Ken Harvey Peter Jordan Rijn Camphorst Frank Wark Erin Grey	Koels	Suzanne Jordan Rachel Chiang David Cowper Vaughan Thomas Marj Johnson

GREENS AT SLBC

The rinks available will be limited over the next two months for a few reasons. Firstly, the installation of lights plus the renovation of each green will occur. Players entered in the Champion of Club Pairs events have been notified that games are now scheduled to be played on Saturday mornings commencing at 8.45 am, effective Saturday 7 November.

If you cannot play on Saturday morning, it is important that you advise Darcy Barry should you reschedule a game. It may not be possible for a rescheduled game to be played during social bowls times due to the restriction on rinks available.

The renovation work on the Red green will start Tuesday 3 November. It will be scarified and drilled over the next two weeks, fertilized and have calcium added to assist with drainage. Since it isn't a full renovation, weather permitting, it will return to full use sooner rather than later.

THE VILLAGE YERONGA TRIPLES COMPETITION

This Friday, eight players have been selected to make two teams of triples plus reserves.
They will represent St Lucia in the inaugural The Village Yeronga Triples event, which features three competing clubs: St Lucia, Graceville and Corinda. They are Pam Salway, Lois Bradley, Julie Hawley, Bruce Holwell, Craig Francis, Ken Anderton, Tim Salway and Tony Burton.

All members are welcome to join the festivities at The Village Yeronga, 15 Cansdale St, Yeronga. The festivities will start along with the game at 9.30 am. Food and drink plus a tour of the venue are all on offer, free of charge.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

LETTER FROM THE RETIRING EDITOR

This is my final newsletter as Editor of the SLBC News. After many years, the time is appropriate for me to retire from the position and hand over to another enthusiastic Club member. As I approach surgery followed by rehab and the onset of summer heat, I cannot see myself actively participating in Club events for a few months.

It has been a privilege to observe the SLBC News develop into an effective means of communication throughout the Club. We are, first and foremost, a bowls club and it's been great to give due recognition to our players. Many of us took up the sport late in life and can be proud of the level of skill we achieved along the way.

The newsletter acknowledges members' proficiency with their success in interclub and District competitions which has seen SLBC teams become a recognised force. We can also acknowledge those who play within the Club, competitively and socially, and enjoy the high level of great companionship they derive from their participation.

In addition, the newsletter has been able to give due recognition to the many members who keep the Club running smoothly from management to Monday Crew, DJs and lockup people, volunteers who supervise functions and bowls, umpires, coaches and other activities such as maintenance. Members have been informed about what's taking place in their Club promptly.

This requires reporting and I've always been most grateful to members who contribute articles and I trust they will continue to do so. Such fun to read the summaries of pennant and other interclub matches as well as hard-fought games in our internal competitions and I thank all the team managers and participants who wrote and emailed these to me. The support of Pam Salway as Bowls Captain has been most appreciated. Her driving force in raising the competitive level of bowls in SLBC reflects her encouragement and enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to work alongside her to assist in getting the message across.

It is my hope that a Club member will come forward and offer to fill the position of Editor to keep the communication around the Club flowing and contribute to raising the wellbeing and mental health of the community.

The past months have seen me become more involved with activities supporting different wards in The Wesley Hospital and these interests are giving me immense satisfaction. I look forward to being able to contribute more towards those in the future. Meanwhile, I leave the SLBC News to continue its mission.

- Pamela Miller

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Coming up for the rest of the year :

- **6 NOVEMBER 2026 – THE VILLAGE YERONGA TRIPLES DAY** - A Tri Series competition between 3 bowls clubs - Corinda, Graceville and St Lucia, sponsored by The Village Yeronga will be held at The Village Yeronga. All club members are welcome to attend to enjoy the hospitality of The Village Yeronga.

- **7 NOVEMBER 2026 – SLBC'S 2027 CHAMPION OF CLUB PAIRS (MEN AND WOMEN) –** These events will commence on Saturday 7th November. Entries have now closed.

- **9 NOVEMBER 2026 – BOWLSLINK TRAINING SESSION –** The Brisbane District has arranged for a training session to be conducted at the offices of Bowls Queensland, commencing at 9.30 am. Interested people can let Pam Salway know they would like to attend, before 6 November.

- **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 5 pm. Tickets can be reserved via the SLBC Website.

- **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. Entries are open via BowlsLink. Simply scan the relevant QR code.

Scan here for Men

Scan here for Wome

- **7-10 DECEMBER 2026 – ULTIMATE BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS –** from Deer Park Bowls Club. Watch via YouTube

- **30 DECEMBER 2026 - BEGINNERS CUP NOMATIONS OPEN.** Nominations close 21 January with play to commence 4 February 2027.

- **8-24 JANUARY 2027 - THE AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS -** will take place at Potters Resorts Hopton-on-Sea. Watch on YouTube.

- **30 JANUARY 2027 – COMMENCEMENT OF TAYLOR BOWLS CHALLENGE** – SLBC has entered this competition in the Bronze section.

- **30 JANUARY 2027 – COMMENCEMENT OF MERLO COFFEE CUP -** SLBC will be entering teams in this competition. If you are interested in playing, go to "Register for Bowls" page of SLBC's website.

- **15-27 FEBRUARY 2027 – BPL AT CLUB HELENSVALE.** – watch on YouTube or go in person – it's free

Let's Celebrate the Year!

Annual Presentation Night & Christmas Dinner

Get ready for an evening of awards, celebration, and great food!

Date:
Friday, November 27, 2026

Time:
5:00 PM

FREE Happy Hour!
Kick off the night with drinks on us from **5:00 PM – 6:00 PM.**

Feast: Enjoy a huge **help-yourself smorgasbord** we guarantee you won't leave hungry!

Cost: **$50 per head.**

RSVP: You must register **ONLINE ONLY** by **Friday, November 20, 2026.**

Payment: Payment is due at the bar prior to the night.
CRITICAL: When paying, ask for a receipt with your name on it to be kept at the bar: this is your entry ticket!

Dietary Needs: If you have any dietary restrictions, please message Bev King on the number below.

Questions? Contact Bev King at **0417 745 448.**

Good Food • Great Company • A Year to Celebrate!