

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

CHANGE OF STARTING TIME FOR BOWLS ON TUESDAYS

Team Tuesday is trialling an **8:45am** start on the green to play games instead of 9am. As Spring came and went in the blink of an eye, these few extra minutes when it's a tad cooler, should be a bonus at the other end of play. There's no need to arrive any earlier. The meeting and morning tea will begin just before 8:30am and then we're out to **play** at **8:45!!**

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES

A reminder that the call for the St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples is now open. **Register online by 1 November.** Games start on Saturday 15 November and will be held over several weeks. Remember you do not have to be available for every game to enter. Teams of five are club-selected and, each week, the team manager will select the triples team for the next game.

This competition is again being generously supported by St Lucia Dental and includes the provision of prizemoney.

Go the Birdies!

– Graham Legg, Games Manager

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS

MERLO COFFEE CUP SUMMER COMPETITION

With nomination deadlines looming and to assist us in deciding the number of entries SLBC may make, your expression of willingness to be considered for selection into teams to represent the club in the above competition is needed.

With Divisions 1 to 4 likely being offered, the competition will run from 31 January through to the end of March and will be against teams within the Brisbane District only. Games are likely to be played on Saturday mornings. The composition of teams will be one 3-bowl pairs and two x 2-bowl triples.

To register your interest, go to the **"Register for Bowls" page of SLBC's website** and click on the button. Please enter your name and any short comment you wish to make. Please register as soon as possible and preferably before 31 October so we have a good indication of interest.

Thank you for representing St Lucia Bowling Club. We strive to offer our members competitive competition while remaining the friendly club that we are.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

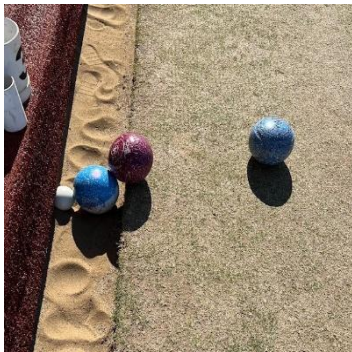
DISTRICT SENIOR OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Last Friday, I played with my friend, Dean Merlo from New Farm Division 1 side in the District Senior Open Pairs Championship being held at Chermside.

What a gruelling day! Three games of Pairs from 8:30am to 5:00pm consisting of 54 ends and 216 bowls. That is more bowls than playing five games of Pennants in one day!! It goes without saying that my feet ached and I was early to bed that night.

Dean and I won our section undefeated with victories over Chermside 20-7, New Farm 27-10 and Northern Suburbs 17-15, for an overall score of 6 + 32.

Next Friday, we play our semifinal at 8:30am at Chermside and, hopefully, the final at 1:00pm.



Here is an interesting photograph of an end in our second match. Our opponents had a toucher near the ditch and Dean asked me to try to trail the jack into the ditch which I was lucky enough to do. To beat us, our opponents tried to knock their toucher into the ditch to be closer to the jack than my bowl which was already in the ditch. The result was something I have never seen before – jack in the ditch with my bowl touching it and the opponent's toucher nestled against my bowl and overhanging the ditch. One shot to the good guys!!

- Craig Francis, Keen but Weary Bowler

CARE OF YOUR BOWLS AND YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH

Let's ask ourselves a brutal question – When was the last time you cleaned your bowls? Think about where they have been. Yes, running up and down the greens, picking up residue from fertiliser and pesticides as well as dried remains of duck poo. Yuck! The sticky cream on your hands makes extra sure that stuff will cling to your bowls.

That's a very good reason for washing your hands when you leave the green for afternoon tea or post-match drinks. Meanwhile, your bowls sit quietly in your bag waiting for their next outing when you'll put them on the rink to work your magic. Your hands will be touching whatever remained on their surface from their last outing. It isn't enough to give them a quick wipe with your dry bowls cloth. Why not consider giving them a good wash at home occasionally to remove unseen residue with associated bacteria? No need to become paranoid about it but a thorough cleanse on a regular basis would not go amiss.

WHO CHANGES THE SCOREBOARD DURING A GAME?

Players who are in the position of skip should know this small but necessary duty which they need to perform.

The skip who has just lost that end is the person who changes the scoreboard. The winning skip is standing down on the green along the centre line showing their lead where they would like to have the jack rolled for the next end.

REPORT ON OUR GREENS

Blue Green Renovation

The renovation of the Blue Green is progressing well although we are in urgent need of rain. Only 2mm was recorded on Saturday. We've observed some areas of blue couch coming through which will be spot-sprayed in the coming days. Additionally, where ground pearl previously affected growth, we're seeing slow regrowth. To address this, plugs will be taken from the sides of the green this week and inserted into the worst-affected areas. We anticipate a very light mow later this week. If conditions remain dry, the green will also be lightly rolled. Rolling can only occur if the ground is completely dry, as even slight dampness would cause the roller to pick up fertiliser and create an uneven surface. Finally, a light fertiliser application will be reapplied.

Red Green Maintenance

Mites are beginning to appear on the edges of the Red Green and spraying will be conducted to manage them. This green will also receive a light fertilising. Mowing of the edges will be very light to assist in growth. Steve is pleased with how the Red Green is performing especially given the heavy usage and ongoing lack of rain.

- Ian Thomas, Greens Director

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Get ready to celebrate a great year! Our Club's **Annual Presentation Dinner and Christmas Party** is scheduled for **Friday 28 November**. We've moved the date a week early to ensure it doesn't clash with the District Presentation evening so please note the change.

This year, we're teaming up with the **Brisbane Oxley Sherwood Lions Club**! This exciting collaboration means we can offer our members fantastic value while providing important administrative funds for the Lions Club to continue their community work.

For just **\$50 per person**, you'll enjoy a fantastic and generous meal, including:

- **Happy Hour:** When drinks will be free.
- **Start Your Evening:** Dips, fresh breads and vegetable sticks served during the happy hour.
- **The Main Event (Smorgasbord):** A great selection of cold meats paired with 4–5 different, fresh salads.
- **Sweet Endings:** Choose between traditional plum pudding or light and airy pavlova.
- **To Conclude:** A delicious selection of cheese platters.

We guarantee you'll leave replete and happy! More details will follow. Date in your diary now!

LAST CALL - NAME BADGES FOR MEMBERS

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. The badges make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. Send your preferred name and type of badge to the Providore at providore@stluciabowls.org **The list will close this week.**

The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip. New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join.

- Laurie Annan, Providore

Captain's Corner



Click on this link <https://campaigns.memberpoint.com.au/h/t/7C388E280DB97A52> and add your name to the growing community to lobby for bowls in the Olympics.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **25-26 October - BDBA Singles (Men and Women)** – Nominations have closed but see all the action either at Red Hill (women) or Geebung (men) on 25/26 October. Finals will be the following weekend.
- **Bowls Premier League (BPL) - BPL22** runs from October 27-31, 2025, at Club Pine Rivers with live streaming on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel, as well as live broadcasts from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 10pm AEDT on Fox, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.
- **1-2 November – Bowls Queensland State Final Div 1 Pennant – Women** – the Northern Saints (combo team from St Lucia and Northern Suburbs) are off to the State finals. Games to be played at Club Tweed Heads on 1st & 2nd November. All welcome to support our women's team.
- **15 November - St Lucia Dental Birdie Triples** – Play will commence on 15 November. Enter via the website registration by 1 November.
- **14 November – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations close 6 November, with the comp played at Chermside. More details and entry is through BowlsLink. (St Lucia is the defending champion in this event).
- **15-16 November – BDBA Novice Singles** – Nominations are open for this event. If you've played for 4 or less years you are eligible to enter. Nominations close 7 November, comp is played 15-16 & 23 November at Enoggera. More details and entry is through BowlsLink.
- **28 November – St Lucia Bowling Club's Annual Presentation Night & Christmas Party.**
- **2026 World Bowls from Potters Resort UK** - From 9 to 25 January 2026 – watch it on YouTube.



TIP OF THE DAY

(Credit – Kelvin Kerkow, OAM)

Practice your weaknesses, not your strengths when rolling up and you decide to have a practice session. I have always worked on **Concentration & Correction gives Consistency.**