

SLBC NEWS



21 October 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

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES 2026

The last round to be played on Wednesday.

Hawks vs Owls
Lorikeets vs Koels
Curlews vs Plovers

OPEN B SINGLES COMPETITION

Three games were played on Saturday.

T.Catt, D.Ng and A.Flint progressed to the semifinals which are:

A.Flint vs N.Sutton marker C.Hamlin
D.Ng vs T.Catt marker P.Bailey

CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

Tuesday winners –

M.Miller 101 defeated J.Hawley 67
L.Bradley won on a forfeit from P.Bailey
G.Legg 102 defeated C.Francis 98

Semifinals to be played on Tuesday –

M.Miller vs L.Bradley marker P.Bailey
G.Legg vs A.Flint marker R.Wormwell

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

MEMBERS SUGGESTION BOX (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER)

Two reviews of the suggestion submissions have been conducted. The following ideas which were received to date have been shared with the Management Committee for consideration. Thank you for those submitted ideas.

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1.	Play east-west more often to share the wear and relieve fungus
2.	Install drink and/or snack vending machine
3.	Hanging flower baskets on the veranda

MEMBER VOLUNTEERING – REMINDER

SLBC is run entirely by volunteers and people like you are truly the heart of our club. To make volunteering easier, more social and less of a heavy lift for everyone, we would like to take this opportunity to remind members of our team system which is in place for assisting with functions which include bowls. All members have been assigned to a team which will be managed by your Team Captain.

How it works:

- **No massive commitments:** You won't be expected to help at every single event.
- **When we need a hand:** When a function or club event is booked, your Team Captain will reach out to see who is available to fill the required spots.
- **Flexibility:** If you are free, we would love to have you. If you are busy, no worries at all as there will always be next time.

Volunteering is the absolute best way to meet new people, pick up some handy new skills and make a massive difference to our Club community.

- Kellie Broderick, Membership Director

MINI MINUTES OCTOBER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- Letter to be sent to Bowls Australia requesting a response on how they are putting safeguards in place to negate cyber threats.
- Budget on track with functions for the year in a positive situation.
- 'Containers for Change' are now operating at the club with five collection bins delivered. They will pick up when we have three full bins, count the containers and deposit money into our club account. We appreciate the past work of Royce Allan who began this process.
- Player numbers need to be around 500 a month for the club to break even. Last month, there were 458. The break-even point considers afternoon tea costs, bar wages, bar sales and all operating costs. Does not include functions which, as mentioned, keep us firmly in the black.
- There are currently 182 club members - 83 ladies and 99 men.
- Management is looking for someone to manage the 'BCC Active and Healthy Living Program' starting in April 2027. Vaughan Thomas is taking a well-deserved break but said he will be on hand to mentor the process.
- Looking to re-introduce the 'buddy' system which we feel was successful in retaining new members.
- There are eight function enquiries for October with four confirmed.
- Matt will be leaving us in the new year as he is completing his studies at UQ. He has been doing a great job as Bar Staff Manager.
- An 8.5 metre boundary fence on the northwestern edge of our property has rotted through and fallen. A repair quote of \$2570 has been accepted with the neighbour paying half.
- Our amazing Editor, Pamela Miller, is stepping down from this role to pursue other volunteer interests. We thank Pamela for her efforts to get this line of club communication up and running, doing it in fine style for many years. It is more than just a proof-reading exercise. Pamela is keen to see the newsletter continue and is happy to coach the next Editor. Please consider whether this is something you could be involved in and contact Robin Town.
- Top carpark is set for 15 spaces being leased on 1 November.

Mini Minutes MC Meeting October (continued)

- Random thoughts around the table re the installation of lights –
 - Food on offer for members who play for extended hours.
 - Play night games starting from late afternoon.
 - UQ Sports have been contacted re their involvement using lights on green.
 - Get to a stage where UQ competitions are self-run with a host member on site.
 - Put in night Club competitions that could also help to complete fixtures on time.
 - Thursday players might consider looking to start a little later to play more bowls.
 - Could be better with a buddy system operating in the evening.
 - Buddies needed to match bowling times of new players.
 - Target next April to buddy up after the BCC Active program.
 - Food trucks if we get a barefoot night up and running. Flyers to the community to encourage people to come to the Club on specific nights.
 - A launch night when we invite Cr Penny Wolff and key UQ figures to come to our 'Lights On' celebration.
 - Reduced rate for students as a 'Come and Try Promo' to attempt to get a competition going with the Inter-College games.
 - Target O-week, faculties and staff clubs.
 - Don't see functions changing much but special volunteers will be required to run night bowls for no more than 1 ½ hours.
 - Social bowls using lights for members with barbeque.
 - Marketing needed through Facebook and Brisbane City Council to promote.
 - Lights out 9:30pm promptly.
 - Proceed slowly to test the water and not be a burden on our volunteers.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary

★ *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.**

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TRI-SERIES TRIPLES COMPETITION BETWEEN ST LUCIA, CORINDA AND GRACEVILLE BOWLS CLUBS

Selectors will be nominating specific players to play in this event but all SLBC members and their partners are invited to attend to support the St Lucia team and enjoy the hospitality of The Village Yeronga.

A list will be placed on the noticeboard so you can indicate your interest in attending and how many people will accompany you. Drinks, lunch and a tour of The Village Yeronga are included and you can cheer for the St Lucia team in their endeavour to win the event along with the significant prize money attached to the win.

Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated as The Village Yeronga has been a longtime sponsor of our Club. This is a way we can show our gratitude for their continued support of SLBC.

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TRIPLES

A friendly, free triples tournament,
open to Corinda, Graceville and
St Lucia bowls clubs

Come see our green in action

DATE:
Friday 6 November

TIME:
9.15am for trial ends, play from 9.30am

COST:
Free entry

PRIZES:
Major prize for 1st place
\$1,000 for your club

REGISTER:
With your club by
Wednesday 28 October

IT'S AN OPEN EVENT!
Full round robin, with lunch and drinks
to follow.
Come and put your bowls to the test on our
state-of-the-art green, then stick around for
lunch and a look through the clubhouse and
grounds. Whether you take home the trophy
or just a good feed, we reckon you'll want to
come back.

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- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up for the rest of the year :

- **7 OCTOBER – OPEN “B” SINGLES –** Competition commences. Draw is on the website and noticeboard.
 - **23 & 30 OCTOBER 2026 – BDBA SENIOR FOURS –** being played at Windsor. Entries are open via BowlsLink. Entries close 16 Oct.
 - **24 & 31 OCTOBER 2026 – BDBA MEN’S & WOMEN’S SINGLES –** being played at Chermside. Entries are via BowlsLink and close 16 Oct.
 - **26 OCTOBER 2026 – SLBC OPEN PAIRS –** This event is a one-day sponsored by The Village Yeronga.
 - **26 OCTOBER 2026 - SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL OPEN -** takes place from October 26 to October 29, 2026, at the West Lothian Indoor Bowling Club. Watch the action on YouTube.
 - **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. An 8 person representative squad will be selected soon to play, but all club members are welcome to attend to enjoy the hospitality of The Village Yeronga. More info later.
 - **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. Entries are open via BowlsLink. Simply scan the relevant QR code below.
- Scan here for Men


Scan here for Women

- **7-8 NOVEMBER 2026 – BDBA OPEN NOVICE SINGLES –** being played at Enoggera. Entries are open via BowlsLink- entries close 30 October.
 - **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.
 - **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.
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- **7-10 DECEMBER 2026 – ULTIMATE BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS –** from Deer Park Bowls Club. Watch via YouTube
 - **8-24 JANUARY 2027 - THE AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS -** will take place at Potters Resorts Hopton-on-Sea. Watch on YouTube.