

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

Note from the Editor

This week's edition covers five pages as there is news from various parts of the Club. Please keep scrolling down and enjoy learning about what's happening around SLBC.

MEN'S SECTION

Men's C Singles



The Final of the C Singles was played on Wednesday and, as anticipated, it was an entertaining game. Peter Fairchild started strongly to lead Laurie Annan 12-2 after eight ends. The 10-point lead stayed consistent for the remainder of the game with Peter finishing victorious at 25–14. This result is another example of the importance of getting off to a good start. Congratulations to Peter as C Singles Champion and to Laurie for reaching the final.

Men's Fours

The draw for the Men's Fours is now on the website and noticeboard. Please check the draw if you have entered. Competition commences Saturday 13 April.

Men's B Singles

This competition begins on Wednesday with two games in the first round. Tim Salway faces off against Roland Baudet and yours truly is playing Ian Thomas. Good luck to all bowlers. The draw is on the noticeboard and website.

Men's Pairs

The call for the Men's Pairs is now open and will close on Saturday 20 April with play commencing Saturday 4 May. Please place nominations in the wooden box or send an e-mail to me at games@stluciabowls.org If you would like to be in this competition but don't have a partner, please put your name on the blank sheet on the noticeboard and we will make up some teams. As with all our competitions, Thursday evening bowlers are invited to join in and have a go.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants

The format of the Senior Men's Pennants is different from the other Interclub competitions run by BDBA. This event comprises three teams making up a side playing 2-bowl triples with two sets of nine ends each. A total of six points are distributed for each match with three points awarded to the team which wins the match and one point for each rink win. A tie-breaker system is used to determine the rink winner where the sides win a set each. While the overall score is recorded, it does not determine the overall result which is based on rink wins and the score used to determine for and against percentages. There are seven teams entered in Division 3.

The competition began with SLBC playing Ferny Grove at Enoggera after a last-minute change of venue due to inclement weather. SLBC enjoyed a positive start to the event winning 5-1 and an overall point score of 57-36. This was even more rewarding as the match was played on a carpet surface.

All games were fiercely contested with Craig Francis' team of John Stack (L) and Rob Hoskin (2) winning convincingly with Craig showing the way. Dicky Ng's team of Paul Kenny (L) and Peter Jordan (2) were extremely unlucky, drawing the first set and only losing the second set by a single shot. Fulvio Toniotti's team of Vaughan Thomas (L) and Bruce Holwell (2) got away to a sluggish start but hit their straps after a couple of ends and stayed in front to win both sets.

The overall victory elevated the team to the top of the ladder and they are in a strong position to defend the flag won last year. Next week's match is against Everton Park to be played at New Farm.

- Vaughan Thomas & Bruce Holwell, Team Managers

WOMEN'S SECTION

The round robin competition for the **Novice Singles** concluded today with Yo Dodgson registering the most wins. Congratulations to Yo on being our Novice Champion for 2024! We have some very enthusiastic novices which ensures future success.

In the Championship Pairs, Julie Hawley and Robyn Pang played Josie Caltabiano and Narelle Sutton. Julie and Robyn started slowly but regained momentum mid-match to win 16-14. In the other match, Pam Salway and Nikki Geran will play Pam Richardson and Rachel Chiang on Saturday and the winners will play Julie and Robyn in the final.

The nominations for the **Championship Fours** close next Tuesday 16 April and play commences on 23 April. If you wish to enter, please add your team to the notice on the board in the ladies' room.

Congratulations to our Bowls Captain Pam Salway for her selection in the 2024 Brisbane District Ladies side.

- Ros Mortensen, Acting Games Manager

AHOY THERE, MEMBERS!

If you have family or friends who are looking for a new activity that ticks all the boxes, invite them to come and try lawn bowls at our wonderful Club to meet people and learn new skills.

We are running a "Come and Try" lawn bowls program as part of the Brisbane City Council's Active & Healthy Program with the aim of attracting new bowlers.

The program commences on Sunday 14 April and runs for six consecutive weeks where we encourage those new to bowls to give it a go. The sessions run for around 1½ hours and commence at 12:30pm and finish around 2pm. Bowling equipment and tuition are provided free.

We encourage those who are interested in pursuing bowls to attend additional sessions in the weeks following their initial introduction. If participants go on to join the Club, free one-on-one coaching is provided to get the new bowlers started and later to assist them progress through the bowling ranks as they become more familiar with the game.

Registration for the program is required and those interested are asked to contact Vaughan Thomas on mobile 0419 475 763 or email membership@stluciabowls.org. The first session on Sunday 14 April is fully booked but ample spots are available for sessions commencing on Sunday 21 April through to Sunday 19 May.

ST LUCIA BOWLING CLUB INC

We are preparing for our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 25 May. Every financial member, except for the Social Members, has the right to nominate for a position on the Management Committee.

The Committee encourages members to become more involved in the Club and would like to hear from those interested in assisting the advancement of the Club. You may have experience in club work or similar associations. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have run a small business who could take on the role of Treasurer. The Club's accounting package is XERO. It is user friendly and only requires basic computer skills. Full training and continued back-up support is available.

If members are interested in any of the above positions, please contact Lloyd Edwards by phone on 0416 089 599 or by email, president@stluciabowls.org

Election of Officers and Members of Committees 2024-2025 Call for Nominations

The Club and Bowls Sections AGMs are scheduled to be held from 10.00am on Saturday 25 May 2023. Nominations, **closing at 10am**, **6 May 2024**, are invited for the election of Officers and Members of the Management Committee, Women's Bowls Section Committee and Men's Bowls Section Committee.

Office Bearers and other positions:

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	
Membership Director	Functions Director	Facilities Director	Greens Director	
Women's Section:	Women's Bowls Captai District Delegate	Chair of Selectors Selectors	Games Manager	
Men's Section:	Men's Bowls Captain District Delegate		Games Manager	
A nomination form is belo				
PLEASE EMAIL/GIVE THE <u>SIGNED</u> FORM <u>BY 6 MAY</u> TO:				
Rob Hoskin: secretary@stluciabowls.org				
Nomination for Officer, Committee Member or Selector				
I hereby nominate				
for the position of				
Proposer: Name	Signa	ature:		
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Reading A Head - Part 4

Below are two more scenarios in the series developed by Dennis O'Toole. You have the **green** bowls in each head. This is the final section.

Week 4 - Head reading education.

This is the last week for these scenarios, but if you want to test yourself even further, go to https://bdba.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/1020/2022/05/HPM-Percentage-Shots-v2.3.pdf

You have the green bowls in all scenarios

Scenario	Suggested answer	
You have the shot, what shot would you call?	 Play a positional bowl to cover the trail by your opponent. 	

You are down on the head. What shot would you call in this situation?	 Play enough weight to disturb the head without losing your bowl. If you miss, you will have a back bowl. 	

Members have enjoyed this series and have said that they are giving more thought to reading heads out on the green. Thanks go to Pam Salway, Women's Bowls Captain, who sourced and suggested the series for Club members.

CLUB BOWLS AUDIT

Peter Jordan and Ann Burton have recently updated the list of bowls held by the Club. Unfortunately, four sets of Dreamline XG bowls, the newest that we have, are missing.

They are:

Dark Blue. Size 0, Logo: Bowl and jack Red speckle, Size 1, Logo: Lotus flower

Orange and yellow, Size 1, Logo: Star and circles Black, white and red speckle, Size 3, Logo: Bird

If you have these bowls or see them being used, please contact Peter Jordan on 0418770105.

For members with bowls on loan, please be aware that the loan period is for three months by which time we hope you will have decided that you want to continue with the game. After that, you will need to purchase your own bowls. When you return the club bowls, make sure that it is noted in the loan book by Greg Bahlmann or one of the coaches and you will then receive your \$125 refund.

We have several bowls bags that we will be offering to members in exchange for a donation to the Club. Some have no wheels but you could put them on a Kmart trolley and still have a cheap bowls bag! We might put them out at the AGM but, if you want one before then, contact Ann or Peter.

- Ann Burton, Coach

MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSORSHIP MANAGER

I want to highlight some unsung heroes of the Club. Why now? Because, in difficult times, they need our support as much as we need theirs.

Sponsors are a critical part of our financial wellbeing. They help keep the Club viable and our membership fees low. For their support, they deserve our support and I will be unashamedly promoting their services at every opportunity.

They have backed us. As members, we should back them. If you want your Club to continue to attract sponsors and help in a big way with our costs, then you need to show support for them.

They are all quality organisations with exceptional people representing them. Please, when you consider a service provider, look to our sponsor list on the website first. You won't be disappointed in the return you get. Here are two you should consider.

- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager



The Kenmore Podiatry Clinic in west Brisbane provides all aspects of podiatry care to all age groups. There are a variety of reasons why you might need to see a podiatrist at the Kenmore Podiatry Clinic. Examples include regular "maintenance" of the feet, treatment of isolated or recurring problems with the feet, walking or running problems and assessment of those who are at increased risk of having problems with the feet and lower limbs (for example, people with diabetes).

Chris de Jong Electrical

Chris is a professional, hardworking and reliable electrician. He has completed many jobs for the Club and always responds in a timely manner to our requests.

He has been working with our Club, meeting our electrical needs, for several years and continues to provide ongoing sponsorship.

We ask members to consider Chris whenever they need electrical work done and to recommend his services to family and friends.