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

2026 BRISBANE DISTRICT SENIOR MIXED FOURS COMPETITION

Last Friday, three of our intrepid senior bowlers (Pam Salway, Lois Bradley and Craig Francis) and Dean Merlo from New Farm ventured out into the wet weather for the 2026 Brisbane District Senior Mixed Fours competition at Windsor. After a 30-minute rain delay, it was decided to move the event to the covered carpet greens at Enoggera.

Our team won all three of its 18-end games against Ferny Grove (23-12), New Farm (20-16) and Windsor (17-15). This resulted in our winning our section and moving straight to the final against Chermside next Friday.

It was a good team effort but we could not play our best bowls in each game. In the first game, Pam was outstanding (of course), Lois played like a champion in the second game (no surprise there), and Craig finally remembered how to bowl in the third game. We're confident we shall all play well in the final.

So, if you would like to watch good bowls next Friday 30 October, we would love you to come out to Windsor at 8:30am to cheer us on for what we anticipate will be a very competitive match against Chermside.

- Craig Francis

BDBA WOMEN'S SINGLES

Susanne Enright and Pam Salway represented the club in the District Ladies Singles competition last Sunday. Susanne had an excellent experience as it was her first entry into the District competition. Whilst neither won their section so won't progress to the final, it was great to see a new bowler represent the club.

SLBC CHAMPION OF CLUB PAIRS - MEN AND WOMEN

The draw was randomly conducted by BowlsLink after the closure of entries. The full draws are available in BowlsLink, the noticeboard and on the Club's website.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

MEN'S C.O.C PAIRS start on the 7/11/26 Round 1 as follows

C.Francis / K.Anderton vs V.Thomas /B.Holwell

D.Barry/D.Ng vs K.Harvey/C.Hamlin

P.Kenny / R.Wormwell vs P.Jordan/T.Catt

All other teams have a bye.

WOMEN'S C.O.C PAIRS start on 7/11/26

P.Salway/N.Geran vs B.Walker/S.Enright S.Jordan/L.Bradley have a bye.

CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

One game was completed this week with G.Legg 102 defeating A.Flint 88.

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

OCTOBER OPEN PAIRS - A GREAT SUCCESS!

At 6 am on Monday morning, the skies opened once again and poured rain down upon us. If not for Ian Thomas' calm and rational response to my hysterical phone call wanting to call the whole day off, the successful October Open Pairs wouldn't have taken place. Three one-hour games were all but completed until a storm put a stop to play a mere 20 minutes before time was called.

Twenty-four teams competed from various clubs including Corinda, Red Hill, Samford, Graceville, Kallangur and West Toowong. From all reports, all players had a good time even if they weren't winning or their bowls weren't behaving.

The highest winning margin was taken home by a team from West Toowong with other prizes being presented by our sponsor, Darren Cosgrove from The Village Yeronga.

Thanks to everyone who helped with making the day the success it was. It really does take a team effort to pull it off. Thanks to the sponsor 'The Village Yeronga' and thanks to the SLBC Management Committee for supporting this idea.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

POSITION OF EDITOR AVAILABLE AT SLBC

Have you ever thought about stepping into a service job (work from home too) where you can use your basic word processing skills, love of bowls and ability to communicate news from around the Club to your fellow members? Robin Town would enjoy talking with you as the position of Editor has become vacant with the imminent retirement of Pamela Miller.



Eight SLBC members had the pleasure of an official guided tour of the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens on Friday conducted by another SLBC member, Margot Henry.

- Tony Wild

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!

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. Games to be played Friday 6 November.**

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.



- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Captain's Corner

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

- **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. 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.

- **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. 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

Scan here for Men

Scan here for Women

code.

- **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. More info soon.

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