

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

CLUB BOWLING NEWS

St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples

The Lorikeets - Erin Grey, Terry Martin and Pam Salway (s) - were off to a strong start with a convincing win 21-13 over the Hawks represented by Julie Hawley, Graham Legg and Suzanne Jordan (s). The first half was all the Lorikeets who led 19-3 after 12 ends. After the break, it was a different game with the Hawks winning seven of the remaining eight ends to make the score a little more respectable. Some inspired bowling by both skips and the fluctuating nature of the game made for an entertaining competition.

The Finches - Katy Gore, Laurie Annan and Pam Richardson (s) - had a convincing 25-11 win over the Owls - Wendy Hoskin, Ian Thomas and Nikki Geran (s). The Finches led from start to finish and were ahead 12-2 after nine ends. The Owls kept fighting right to the final end where they scored four shots. According to some of the players, great bowling by Pam Richardson as skip was one of the features of the game.

The Curlews - Don Anderson, Annette Hall and Mark Benson (s) - defeated the Wrens - Narelle Sutton, Paul Pollock and Ken Harvey (s) - to the tune of 26-17. As with the other two games, the winners led from start to finish and were well ahead near the break 14-5 after 10 ends. The Wrens managed to secure six shots on the last end to finish on a positive note.

The final game of the round was between Doug Phipps, Rob Hoskin and Lois Bradley (s) of the Koels who defeated Peter Morrill, Josie Caltabiano and Robin Town (s) of the Plovers by 22-16. The Plovers, while being cheered on by some of the local bird life, benefited greatly from scoring fours on ends 15 and 18 but couldn't make up for the opposition's strong early lead.

Next week sees Dicky Ng's Wagtails enter the competition while the Hawks have a bye.

Please check the noticeboard for games and will Team Managers please have their teams to me by Friday.

The score table will be on the noticeboard and website. Good luck to all players in the next round.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager



The [SLBC Christmas Party](#) will be held on Friday 6 December from 4:30pm. The full notice, including the menu, was sent to all members last week.

\$45 per person (same price as last year) includes canapes, hot ham rolls with salad, cheese and fruit platters, Christmas treats, tea and coffee PLUS a welcome drink and raffles. Details are on the social noticeboard in the main room.

Seating will be flexible so you can mix and mingle as you wish.

You can register online (same as for bowls) or you can put your name/s on the list on the noticeboard. Please purchase your tickets at the bar before Friday 6 December and ensure that a receipt with your name/s on it is put in the drawer at the bar.

The Club Championship presentations will be made during the party. Generous sponsors have also donated various hampers and prizes for raffles.

[Let's Play MORE Bowls!](#)

No, that doesn't necessarily mean coming out to play on another day. What it means is that we should be playing more ends in a session. The Club is seeing more slow play than ever before where some rinks are falling well behind in the number of ends played compared with those around them.

OK, one "excuse" may be that we are getting older and not moving quite as fast. Several coaches have observed what's happening and have concluded that is not the only cause. The main reason is that players aren't paying attention to the game and aren't ready to bowl.

Let's try one area. Be ready to bowl when you are ON the green. That could include having your bowl in your hand and being ready to step onto the mat. By then, you have already thought out your line and don't need to waste further time thinking about that. Deliver the bowl! No need to have a nice little chat with fellow players before you deliver the jack. Deliver the jack and be ready to deliver your bowl when your skip has centred the jack on the line.

By paying attention to the game, you will be ready to step onto the green when it is your turn. Your team won't have to call you to play. Maybe you are moving a little more slowly these days but you can compensate for that, again by paying attention to the game. In triples, when your second is delivering their last bowl, you should be standing ready to step onto the green to cross over. Don't stay sitting on the bench until the bowl has stopped. You should be taking your first few steps up the green by then.

Walk purposefully up the middle of the green. When you get to the head, don't stop to see what has happened there. Walk straight up onto the bank where you will get a good view of the head without holding up your skip who is waiting to bowl.

Try these few tips and see what a difference it can make to everyone's enjoyment of the day.