

# 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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Qualifying Final

Last Friday, the Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side played against Northern Suburbs at Windsor. Despite a week of consistent rain, the skies cleared and the green played true.

Bruce's team (Brian Vandersee, Doug Buchbach and Bruce Holwell) made sure the qualifying final was off to a great start by winning in straight sets 11-8 and 14-6. The other two games weren't so straightforward.

Tony's team (Robin Town, Trevor Catt and Tony Burton) had a terrific first set winning 7 of the 9 ends and finished in front 16-3. The second set saw their opposing lead play almost faultless bowls and Tony's team went down 5-10. Unfortunately, the tie breaker was lost 0-1.

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Dicky Ng and Craig Francis) were off to a flyer leading 6-0 after three ends then fell asleep to lose the first set 7-9. Stung into action, they regrouped and easily won the second set 14-5 which included a maximum six shots on the second last end. Needing to win the tie breaker to take the match overall, the Saints prevailed 1-0.

The Saints now advance to play Windsor in the semi-finals at Ferny Grove at 10:00am this Friday. Hopefully, our players will adjust to the quicker greens at Ferny Grove to secure a win and a passage to the final.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

## MEN'S TRIPLES

Just a reminder that this competition is 3-bowl triples of 25 ends. The bell will ring at 4:15 pm and the end being played at that time will be the last, regardless of whether 25 ends have been concluded. This is to deter slow play.

The next round of games scheduled to be played on Saturday 6 June are:

T Salway/R Wormwell/P Kenny vs C Francis/T Burton/ C Bertwistle  
D Buchbach/B Holwell/P Bailey vs P Keane/M Grey/T Catt  
D Ng/D Barry/T Martin vs A Flint/P Fairchild/R Malcolm  
S James/P Jordan/R O'Hara vs M Benson/R Town/K Harvey

Remember - If you reschedule your game, please advise Darcy Barry.

## **BDBA PAIRS MEN & WOMEN**

The District Pairs events for both men and women were held during the last weekend. Craig Francis partnered with former SLBC member Stephen O'Shanassy, playing at Toombul. They won their section and progressed to the post-sectional play. The next game proved to be a stumbling block but we congratulate them for making it to the post-sectional matches.

Nikki Geran and Pam Salway represented SLBC in the women's competition. They didn't win their section, meaning they didn't progress to the post-sectional play.

It was great to have the SLBC uniform and Club represented in both competitions.

## **SENIOR QUAD CHALLENGE**

SLBC is pleased to congratulate Craig Francis and Pam Salway on their selection to represent Brisbane District in the Senior Quad Challenge to be played this month on the Gold Coast. The competition is between four districts - Brisbane, Cunningham, Gateway and Gold Coast – and the matches will be at Paradise Point on 21 June.

## **PENNANT SEASON 2026**

A meeting of the selectors was held recently to review the numbers of members interested in playing in the 2026 Pennant Season. A decision was taken to withdraw SLBC's Division 6 entry from the competition. It was clear that participation numbers were too low to ensure the selectors could comfortably field a team in each division every week. SLBC will play in two divisions this season.

# **Captain's Corner**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **5 June 2026 – Australian Open commences** – On the Gold Coast.
- **20 June 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Fours (Day 1)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women. Both the SLBC men's and women's champions have entered.
- **27/28 June 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Pairs** - Both at Windsor. The SLBC women's champions have entered.
- **4 July 2026 to mid-September (TBC) – Pennant Season** – SLBC is entered into Divisions 2 and 4. The format of play in Divisions 2 and 4 are three rinks of fours.
- **5 July 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Singles (Day 1)** - Both at Chermside.
- **12 July 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Fours (Day 2)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women.
- **19 & 26 July 2026 – BDBA CoCC Mixed Pairs** – Chermside.
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC's Patrons Triples**
- **23 July – 2 August 2026 – Commonwealth Games – Glasgow**

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

## **MEN'S SENIOR PENNANTS – SEMIFINAL**

### **Friday 5 June 2026**

#### **Division 3 – “Home” at Ferny Grove against Windsor at 10.00am**

##### Team 1

Ken Harvey  
Tony Burton  
Craig Francis (Skip)

##### Team 2

Dicky Ng  
Warren Garnham  
Mark Benson (Skip)

##### Team 3

Brian Vandersee  
Trevor Catt  
Bruce Howell (Skip)

**Manager:** Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

##### **Notes:**

1. The greens at Ferny Grove are quicker than the greens at St Lucia so be prepared.
2. Please contact the Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
3. All players are to pay their green fees (\$20) in cash to their Skip prior to the game.

#### **ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR THE MONDAY MORNING CREW**



It's not all mowing and gardening for the volunteers on Monday mornings. They must be able to turn their hands and minds to anything and solving the problem of flooding in the lower carpark required action.

The photo shows the result of what happens when old drainpipes fall victim to tree roots searching for moisture – massive blockage. The size relative to the nozzle on a garden hose is huge.

More work may be needed but this is a start to turning back the tide of water in the lower carpark. Thanks to those willing hands who come on Mondays!

#### **JOIN US TO BOWL ON TUESDAY MORNINGS**



A very exciting head which required measuring for shots!

The rain has stopped and cool days have arrived, making Tuesday mornings crisp and ideal for bowling. You can enjoy friendly competition in a beautiful setting.

Register online not later than 7:45 am. Phone 3371 1444 between 7:30-8am. Morning tea at 8:15am. Play commences at 9 am.

## NEWS ON FUNCTIONS HELD AT SLBC

May was a busy month for functions at the Club. We welcomed five groups, all different, showcasing the wide appeal of the club:

- A very stylish 70th birthday party with bowls.
- An Old Boys' Association gathering of over 100 people.
- A French spirits tasting and Masterclass (which I determined needed my special expertise to host!)
- A beautiful Celebration of Life for well over 100 people.
- A fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Brisbane River which raised funds for Zig Zag which is a service for young women in need.

At this fundraiser, our wonderful bowls volunteers ensured everyone had a great time on the greens. A highlight of the day was the Greek souvlaki BBQ where Paul Pollock excelled himself, ably assisted by Jose Caltabiano. They spent the afternoon cooking chicken and lamb souvlaki and haloumi to perfection then served on warmed pita bread with salad and tzatziki. Paul can now add Greek cuisine to his BBQ repertoire!

