

SLBC NEWS



11 March 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

MERLO COFFEE CUP

Division 1

Rain didn't stop play last Saturday even though the first 15 minutes were rather wet. The visiting team, New Farm, defeated St Lucia by a mere 4 points overall.

Pairs duo of Pam Salway and Nikki Geran (S) had a good win 22-15. Pam Richardson's team of Clive Hamlin and Trevor Catt finished with a draw but Doug Buchbach's team of Vaughan Thomas and Peter Jordan had a loss of 12-23.

Next week is the last game in the rounds against Red Hill who are second last on the ladder, just above St Lucia. Perhaps we can hope for a win to finish off the season.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 3

The Division 3 team had a successful outing to leafy Ferny Grove on Saturday coming away with the maximum 5 points.

Warren Garnham and Mark Benson (S) had a close encounter which saw them 9-all after 10 ends before they pulled away to win 20-15.

Both the triples teams had strong wins. Ken Harvey, Robin Town and Tony Burton (S) had a convincing 22-9 score, winning 14 ends. Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) also won 14 ends to run out victors 29-8.

We are now sitting second on the table behind Samford on goal difference. Hopefully the good form will continue as we play Everton Park at home on Saturday in the last of the round robin games and then it's finals time.

Despite two or three light showers, the weather didn't significantly impact Saturday's game. Ferny Grove were very hospitable offering tea and coffee prior to the game and hot dogs afterwards which were very much appreciated.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANTS 2026

The Saints have another win under their belt by defeating Red Hill at New Farm last Friday. It was a clean sweep across all three rinks, albeit two of those wins were by tie-break. St Lucia now sits on top of Section 2 with three wins out of three games. The Saints will have a bye this Friday.

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES



Congratulations to Lois Bradley, the Women's Singles Champion for 2026. She and Pam Salway battled it out last Wednesday in a match which observers commented was a good one to watch.

With her "never say die" attitude, Lois fought back from being down 14-23 to win the match 25-23. She now will go on to represent the club in the Brisbane District Champion of Club Champion event later in the year.

The men's semifinal between Craig Francis and Mark Benson was a game where Craig was always in control, winning 25-10. Craig meets Ken Harvey this Wednesday in the final.

BEGINNERS CUP (OPEN NOVICE)

It was a busy Thursday with some good bowls played in the Beginners Cup. The results were:

Bev King 25 def Vicki Grey 12
Greg Ferraro 25 def Peter Broderick 20
Patrick Bailey 25 def Bill Grey 6

Next week's games to be played on Thursday 12 March at 3.30 pm are:

Patrick Bailey vs Bev Walker (Bill Grey to mark)
Bev King vs Greg Ferraro (Peter Broderick to mark)

Good bowling everyone. Keep up the great standard.

CHAMPION OF CLUB FOURS

Nominations for this competition are slow to come in, particularly for the women's competition.

If fewer than two teams enter, preventing a competition, St Lucia Bowling Club will NOT be represented at the Brisbane District level.

St Lucia women won the Brisbane District CoC Fours in 2025 and advanced to the Group 4 playoffs, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the State Titles. It would be a real shame if no competition is held this year due to a lack of entries.

Please get your teams together and enter them into BowlsLink.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **11 March - Entries close** for the **Champion of Club Pairs** events for both men and women. Entries must be placed via BowlsLink. Competition starts around 17/18 March.
- **17/18 March** – Champion of Club Pairs events commence.
- **24/25 March – SLBC Men’s and Women’s Champion of Club Fours nominations close.** This competition will commence around 11 April. Entries must be via BowlsLink. There is a **link to BowlsLink on the SLBC’s website** in either the “Register for bowls” page, or the “Draw & Teams” page in the members portal. Teams will be 4 men or 4 women and the competitions are open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club. If you have problems entering, see either Darcy Barry or Pam Salway.
- **10 April – BDBA Men’s Senior Pennant** competition commences. St Lucia will field a side in Division 3. Teams will be published on the SLBC website.
- **11 April (approx.) – CoC Fours** commence.
- **Coming up**Nominations will be taken in April for the Champion of Club Mixed Pairs with the competition to run in May. Get your teams together!

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

MERLO CUP ROUND 7 – SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

Division 1 – Away at Red Hill at 9.00am

Pairs

Pamela Salway
Nikki Geran (Skip)

Triples

Trevor Catt
Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Craig Francis (Skip)

Triples

Clive Hamlin
Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Pamela Richardson (Skip)

Manager:

Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Division 3 – Home to Everton Park at 9.00am

Pairs

Warren Garnham
Mark Benson (Skip)

Triples

Ken Harvey
Robin Town
Anthony Burton (Skip)

Triples

Graham Legg
Terry Martin
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Manager:

Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

Notes:

1. Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.

FUNDRAISING BOWLS ON SUNDAY 22 MARCH

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WEST TOOWONG BOWLS CLUB

Members of St Lucia Bowls Club are invited to join our neighbour bowlers at their club at West Toowong for an entertaining afternoon to support fundraising for Epilepsy Queensland. Millie suffers from severe epilepsy with daily seizures. This is the fourth year that Millie's family have organised this event and they would welcome bowlers from St Lucia to join them at WTBC. Come along and enjoy the activities!

**MAKE MARCH
PURPLE
FOR EPILEPSY
BOWLING
FOR MILLIE**

**Sunday March 22
West Toowong Bowls Club**

12 noon - 5pm
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Free entry to all

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