

# 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)

## PENNANTS ARE OPEN COMPETITIONS IN 2024

Many thanks to those who have already registered for the Pennant competitions which begin in July. More full members (both men and women) are needed to fill the teams listed below. The Club has entered at least two teams in each of these competitions.

**Midweek Competition** (previously Ladies) and **Saturday Competition** (previously Men)

- **MIDWEEK - Mainly Tuesday mornings 2 July to 2 August**
- **SATURDAYS 6 July to 31 August**

**Please notify your interest to LOIS BRADLEY 0468306090 or PETER JORDAN 0418770105** or print your name on lists at the Club **as soon as possible**. We need to work out gradings and teams.

- Lois Bradley and Peter Jordan, Selectors for Pennants

## MEN'S SECTION

### Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants

Unfortunately, SLBC lost the 2024 final to Toombul. The games were fiercely contested with all three teams losing narrowly although two matches were decided by tiebreaker ends. This time, the Club came away with the Plate which does add to the silverware on display in our clubhouse and we are proud of their efforts during the season.

Many Club members came along to support and cheer on the players which they did appreciate.

The games were played at Red Hill with Craig Francis' team of Ken Harvey and Terry Martin losing in a hard-fought tiebreaker. Dicky Ng's team of Fulvio Toniotti and Robin Town also lost in a tiebreaker. Doug Buchbach's team of Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell lost both sets after a promising start. Overall, our score was 38-57 to the winning Toombul side.

The series was strongly contested and very competitive throughout. It was a successful campaign with many highlights for the team to appreciate. Narrowly missing bringing home the flag was the only disappointment which will make us more determined to go one better next year.

- Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell, Team Managers



[Division 3 Plate Winners](#)

### [Men's A Singles Championship](#)

The delayed competition began on Saturday with four first round games played. In the top half of the draw, Fulvio Toniotti defeated Ken Harvey 25-11 in 20 ends. Fulvio led all the way with very consistent bowls. The game between Peter Fairchild and Peter Longland was delayed until 9am this Wednesday. The winner will go on to play Fulvio in the afternoon. Bruce Holwell will match up against Doug Buchbach in round 2.

In the other half of the draw, Antony Flint had a bye and will face Dicky Ng after his win over Clive Hamlin 25-17. Having marked this game with Greg Bahlmann, I can attest to the high level of bowls and positive competitive spirit of the players. Dicky started strongly to lead 19-9 after 16 ends only to have Clive win the next four ends to climb back to 16-19 after 20 ends in a very entertaining game,

Robin Town and Criag Francis played a predictably close match with Craig eventually the winner 26-20. Most of the ends had scores of one or two shots with the lead changing hands several times in the first half of the game. Craig finished stronger after the break.

Mark Benson had a dominant performance in the remaining round game defeating Peter Morrill 25-7. Mark led from the third end in a strong performance despite not having played a lot of bowls recently and will go on to meet Craig in the next round.

Please check the website and noticeboard for the updated draw. Good luck to all bowlers!

### [Patron's Mixed Triples](#)

The call is now open for all Club members who wish to compete in the Patron's Mixed Triples. This is a Club-selected event which means that the Club Selectors will be making up the teams from people who nominate. To enter, please put your name on the nomination sheet on the noticeboard or let me know at [games@stluciabowls.org](mailto:games@stluciabowls.org) All members are invited to compete in what is always a good competition. Nominations close on Wednesday 26 June with games commencing on Wednesday 10 July.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## TWILIGHT BOWLS

The last couple of Sundays have been very successful with 26 and 28 twilight bowlers respectively. All were enjoying the friendly competition, fellowship, bar and BBQ.

As progress with construction has been made around the rinks and grounds, we will be changing back to **Thursday** Twilight Bowls from this Thursday 13 June at 3:00pm. Registration is between 1:45pm and 2:15pm either by phone or in person.

– Greg Bahlmann

## VALE ROSS HUMPHREYS

Ross passed away on May 28 at the grand age of 96. During his bowling career, Ross served the Club as President and was on the Committee, also being a member of the winning 2001 President's Fours team. Those who knew Ross in his later bowling years will recall fondly his elegant Panama hat worn during the summer months and the flair of a warm poncho flung over his shoulders during winter. Post-match conversations over a drink in the bar were always delightful. We are glad to have known him.

## WOMEN'S SECTION

### Consistency Competition

This competition will begin shortly. Please write your nomination on the list on the noticeboard as soon as possible.

- Linda Bird, Games Manager

## What is the Speed of the Green?

When bowlers are playing, you can hear players say, "The green is running fast today" or "The green is running slow today". You may often hear a figure mentioned such as "It's running at 14". Where does this number come from and why is it important?

To be technically correct, this measurement can be found on p.12 of the Rule Book, C.26 Pace of the Green. It is calculated by the number of seconds taken by a bowl from its delivery to the moment it comes to rest at approximately 27 metres from the front of the mat. The higher the number of seconds taken, the faster the pace of the green.

This may seem contradictory but, when you realise that a bowl must be delivered on a wider bias on a fast green to allow it to curve back to the jack, it does have to travel further and will take longer to cover that distance. On a slow green, the bowl will be delivered with more pace and on a narrower line so it will take less time to arrive at the head.

The pace of the green is one of the factors to be considered when delivering a bowl and players must adjust accordingly. The pace of the green can be affected by wet or dry conditions, wind, sunshine or shade. For example, bowling through shade will require more weight in the delivery as the green slows down so a green which has been running fast at the start of the afternoon's play may be much slower towards the end of the match, particularly in winter.