

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 23 MAY - 2026 MINI MINUTES



- 48 members attended the AGM. All elected positions were filled.
- President Max Grey thanked all volunteers for their involvement with the club.
- Pam Salway received a warm thanks for the improvement in members' involvement, overseeing our bowling program, club administration and social media.
- Pam Richardson thanked everyone for their support for our fiscal success. Special mention that functions, under the leadership of Anne Kuhnemann, help to keep the club operating.
- There were 111 function enquiries this financial year which converted to 44 compared with 34 last year.
- Ian Thomas was thanked for his efforts to obtain great sponsors while handling the challenging position of Greens Director.
- Vaughan Thomas received a special mention for his diligence in getting our operating systems up to speed.
- Three motions proposed during the meeting:
 1. Allen Audit & Advisory Pty Ltd be appointed as auditors for the year 2026-2027.
 2. That there be no increase in membership subscription fees for the year 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027.
 3. That the Management Committee is given the authority to negotiate the greenkeeper's contract due in August.
- Many others, including Bruce Holwell (Facilities Director) were individually mentioned.
- Ian Thomas concluded that our greens have faced real challenges with fungal disease, subsidence and prevention of turf stress but, with careful management, they are providing good playing surfaces.
- Max finished by saying that the new year will bring further challenges in regard to continued cost increases, etc but he has confidence that our club model will ensure ongoing success.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary

THE VILLAGE YERONGA ST LUCIA FOURS



It was another successful “The Village Yeronga St Lucia Fours” event. Thanks to all the teams from far and wide who supported this annual event. The greens were full, the company was great and good bowls were played. Everyone had a most enjoyable day.

Of course, these days don’t happen magically and thanks must go to all members who volunteered their time to contribute to the day’s success. You know who you are **THANKYOU!**

Once again, the major sponsor “The Village Yeronga” supported our Club. Supporters of our raffles which are a big part of the day were MTA Travel, Qi Flow Wellness, Councillor Penny Wolff, St Lucia Pharmacy, Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP, Michael Berkman MP, Forages, Common Ground Cellars, Dominos, plus countless donations by members. Again – **THANKYOU!**

Here’s a teaser – Watch this space for another “special event” being held on Monday 26 October. If you enjoyed “The Village Yeronga St Lucia Fours”, you’ll love the “St Lucia October Open Pairs”, an event also being sponsored by The Village Yeronga. More information about that later.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Round 7

Last Friday, the Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side played its final round robin game against Everton Park at New Farm. Despite the gusty wind, the green ran well and was conducive to good draw bowling.

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Dicky Ng and Craig Francis) all played very well to record a comprehensive 13-2, 19-4 straight sets win. The opposing skip described Ken as a "machine" because of the way he was repeatedly on or near the jack. 😊

Bruce's team (Peter Jordan, Antony Flint and Bruce Holwell) had a tougher game, winning the first set 7-3 then tying the second set 6-6 for a win. Thanks to Antony for filling in for Darcy at short notice and all the best to Darcy for a speedy recovery from his troublesome hamstring. If he were a horse, then ...

Tony's team (Robin Town, Trevor Catt and Tony Burton) had the easiest win of all as they received a forfeit (plus an 18-shot winning margin) when the opponents were unable to field a third team.

With this win, the Saints finished third on the ladder, only one point off second. Out of interest, the competition records individual player's results over the round robin. I am pleased to say that, out of a total of 125 players in the competition, we had four within the top 11 players and three of those topped the table with a shot difference percentage of more than 200%.

Next Friday sees the top six teams compete in the qualifying finals to be played at Windsor at 10:00am. St Lucia plays Northern Suburbs and a win will see us proceed to the semi-finals the following week.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

CHAMPION OF CLUB MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

Two semi-finalists are locked and loaded. President Max Grey and his wife Erin will take on Leslee Mackay and Antony Flint who won their game last Saturday 17-14 against Doug Buchbach and Narelle Sutton.

The other semi-finalists will be decided on Wednesday when the team of Craig Francis and Pam Richardson play Lois Bradley and Rob Hoskin and, in the other decider, the other couple remaining in the competition, Peter and Suzanne Jordan, will play Bev King and Rob Wormwell.

The semifinals are scheduled to be played on 13 June. Good luck to all.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

MEN'S TRIPLES

P.Kenny/R.Wormwell/T.Salway defeated D.Anderson/P.Pollock/L.Edwards

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

A CHANGE TO THE SLBC CALENDAR

It has been decided that the dates for the B singles and C singles will be swapped in the previously published calendar. This has been done to enable the winner of the C singles to progress and contest in the B singles should they wish to do so. For the playing calendar, go to the SLBC website in the Member's Portal.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now – SLBC Men's Triples** - All players have been advised of their draw. The draw is on the noticeboard and is on the SLBC website.
- **Now – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition continues. If you reschedule your game, don't forget to advise the Games Manager (Darcy Barry) and Bowls Captain (Pam Salway).
- **30-31 May - BDBA Men's and Women's District Pairs.** The Women's competition is at Enoggera with the Men's competition being held at Toombul. SLBC will be represented by Pam Salway and Nikki Geran in the women's event with Craig Francis playing with former SLBC member, Stephen O'Shanassy, in the men's. Good luck to all.
- **30-31 May – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Men.** Being held at Club Tweed, this tournament offers players a pathway to the Australian Indoor Singles Championships to be held in August. Should be some good bowls played and it's free to watch.
- **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.
- **27/28 June 2026 – BDBA Men's & Women's CoCC Pairs** - Both at Windsor
- **4 July 2026 to mid-September (TBA) – Pennant Season** – SLBC is entered into Divisions 2, 4 and 6. The format of play is Divisions 2 and 4 are 3 rinks of 4's, with Division 6 being 3 rinks of triples. If you haven't placed your name on the list yet, please do ASAP so that the selectors know that you are interested in being selected.
- **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

MENS SENIOR PENNANTS – PRELIMINARY FINAL

Friday 29 May 2026

Div 3 – “Home” at Windsor against Northern Suburbs at 10.00am

Team 1

Ken Harvey

Dicky Ng

Craig Francis (Skip)

Team 2

Robin Town

Trevor Catt

Tony Burton (Skip)

Team 3

Brian Vandersee

Doug Buchbach

Bruce Howell (Skip)

Manager: Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

Notes:

1. Please contact the Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees (\$20.00) in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.

NAME BADGES FOR MEMBERS

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. The badges make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. Send your preferred name and type of badge to the Membership Director at membership@stluciabowls.org The list will close on Friday 29 May.

The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip. New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join.

