

SLBC NEWS



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This weekly update is sent to members of the St Lucia Bowls 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

Due to the welcome rainfall over the past few days, all play in the Merlo Coffee Cup was cancelled. The points on offer will be split between opposing teams. Let's hope for fine weather this weekend.

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Several games were played last week in the men's Champion of Club Singles competition along with a single game in the women's Champion of Club Singles competition. Results were:

Peter Fairchild def Doug Buchbach 25-23.

Warren Garnham def Max Grey 25-8

Ken Harvey def Peter Jordan 25-22

Graham Legg def Paul Keane 25-8

Dicky Ng def Tim Salway (2nd round match) 25-18

Lois Bradley def Nikki Geran 25-20

Lois Bradley will take on Judith Beal in the next round of the women's competition and Pam Salway and Pam Richardson will battle it out on Wednesday afternoon.

For further information on games to be played, please refer to the draw which is on the website and noticeboard.

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANTS 2026

The first game of this competition is on Friday and St Lucia is hosting the section. The games start at 10am so, if you are in the neighbourhood, drop in and cheer on our women's team as they take on the New Farm outfit.

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS 2026 – MEN AND WOMEN

Nominations are now called for the Champion of Club Men's Pairs and the Champion of Club Women's Pairs competitions. Entry must be done through BowlsLink, so get yourself a partner and enter. Winners of this competition will go through to represent the club in the Brisbane CoC Pairs competition later in the year. Games will commence around 17/18 March 2026 (depending on entries received).

BEGINNERS CUP (OPEN NOVICE)

The draw has been done for this competition and looks like being a closely contested event. Details can be found on the website and the noticeboard.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now** – Nominations are open for the Champion of Club Pairs events for both men and women. Entries must be placed via BowlsLink. Teams will be 2 men or 2 women and the competitions are open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club.
- **Now** - BDBA Men's Senior Pennant competition. If you are interested in making yourself available for selection, please register your interest online by the SLBC's website. Simply click on the "eye" to register your interest. The competition starts 10 April and is played each Friday morning. The grand final will be played on 12 June. Players must be full competition bowlers and be at least 60 years of age at the commencement of the competition. With only nine players required each week, the number of teams SLBC will enter depends on the amount of interest expressed on the website.
- **25 February 2026** – "Beginners Cup" novice event games commence. The draw has been completed and is on the website and the noticeboard at the club. Good luck everyone.
- **17/18 March** – Champion of Club Pairs games commence. Get your entries in now (see above).
- **March** – SLBC Men's and Women's CoC Fours nominations open. More info later.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

DUCESNE COLLEGE EVENT



Duchesne Day is nearly here - **Sunday 1 March from 2-6pm** will see 550 students from Duchesne and other UQ Colleges descend on the club for an afternoon of bowls and partying. It's a big event for our Club and we will need all hands on deck to help. We require many members to supervise bowls on the greens so please come if you can. With good numbers to help, it's possible for people to be able to pop inside for a cup of tea and rotate greens duties. If you haven't been before, it is a fun day and certainly an important boost to our revenue.

Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard or email admin@stluciabowls.org

UNION COLLEGE ORIENTATION EVENT

On Monday, SLBC again hosted 170 first-year students from Union College who played bowls as part of their orientation activities. This has been part of the Union College's welcome to their new students for many years and the Club appreciates the fact that they value our role in their welcome.

Thanks to the teams led by Rob Malcolm and Mark Benson and the last-minute volunteers who assisted with the on-green bowling, making this event such a success.

- Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO ASSIST FINDING POSSIBLE SPONSORS

What better way to introduce firms as sponsors for SLBC than through fellow members who have had good experiences when using the services of various businesses!

There are fliers in the clubhouse available to members to let them know how to share the names of firms who have pleased them with other members who may need similar skills or assistance.

Talk with Ian Thomas, SLBC Sponsorship Manager, if you have any recommendations.

CLUB BOWLING ARMS

Will members who have **borrowed bowling arms** from the Club to try them out please contact Peter Jordan? This **equipment does belong to the Club** and there seem to be several items missing.

MERLO CUP ROUND 4 – SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026

Div 1 – Away at Chermside at 9.00am

<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Triples</u>	<u>Triples</u>
Pamela Salway	Trevor Catt	Vaughan Thomas
Nikki Geran (Skip)	Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang	Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
	Doug Buchbach (Skip)	Pamela Richardson (Skip)
Manager:	Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)	

Div 3 – Home to New Farm at 9.00am

<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Triples</u>	<u>Triples</u>
Warren Garnham	Ken Harvey	Graham Legg
Mark Benson (Skip)	Paul Kenny	Terry Martin
	Anthony Burton (Skip)	Lois Bradley (Skip)
Manager:	Graham Legg (0419 771 954)	
Umpire for Div 3:	Graham Legg	

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.