

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

ST LUCIA PLAYERS WIN 2025 BDBA WOMEN'S PAIRS



Congratulations to our SLBC mother-daughter combination of Pam Salway and Nikki Geran!

Last Sunday, they won the final of the 2025 BDBA Women's Pairs competition against the Champion Pairs from Clubs in the Brisbane District.

What a super trophy too!

OPEN CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

The last Round 2 game on Thursday saw Lois Bradley score a convincing 101-59 win over Ros Mortensen. Lois led from the second end with very positive bowls including a 10 on the 16th end. In the semifinal played today, Lois finished ahead of Margaret Miller 105-75, scoring 35 points over the last five ends which included a maximum 10 on the 17th end.

The second semifinal was held on Saturday. Graham Legg and Terry Martin had an epic battle over 21 ends which saw Graham be the eventual winner 104-101. This game was close throughout with scores locked at 93-92 in Terry's favour at the break after Graham had conceded a 10 on the previous end. Resuming after refreshments, both players scored five shots each on the next end. Graham then managed to score seven shots to Terry's three to take the game. An absolute cliffhanger worthy of a semifinal!

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

The highly fancied defending champions Rachel Chiang and Dicky Ng (S) took on Stephen James and Lois Bradley (S) in the first semifinal on Saturday. What a game! Showing no fear, Stephen and Lois led for the entire game until the 20th end when scores were drawn at 16-all. Rachel and Dicky managed to score two shots on the final end to take the game. Some amazing statistics include the following: Stephen and Lois led 8-2 after 9 ends. They also led 16-8 after 18 ends but conceded seven shots on the 19th end.

A fantastic game and well done to all players for putting on a great bowls performance which saw many social bowlers staying back to almost 5pm to view the conclusion.

The second semi-final between Tim and Pam Salway (S) and Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S) is scheduled for this Thursday at 12:30pm and should be another beauty. Spectators most welcome.

MEN'S B SINGLES COMPETITION

Two semifinal games took place in this competition during the week. Vaughan Thomas and Patrick Bailey played an interrupted game which concluded this Tuesday with Vaughan's qualifying for the final by edging ahead to be 25-18 in a well-contested match where the scores were only ones and twos.

Graham Legg and Laurie Annan had a very close match that saw Graham eventually prevail 25-19 over 29 ends. Although Graham led for the entire game, the final margin of six shots was the widest and indicates how close the struggle was.

The final will be played on Wednesday.

– Graham Legg, Games Manager

WOMEN'S B SINGLES COMPETITION

After a very tight round robin competition with all three participants winning a game, the result has been decided on a countback of the scorecards. Congratulations to Anne Kuhnemann, the 2025 Women's B Singles winner!

- Robyn Pang, Games Manager

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **SLBC Mixed President's Fours** - will be held on **11 October (Saturday)**. The teams will be worked out shortly. Watch this space.
- **27 September – BDBA Women's Fours & Men's Pairs** – This competition will be played at Northern Suburbs (Women's Fours) and Geebung (Men's Pairs). St Lucia has a team in the Women's Fours competition so go along and cheer them on. (A St Lucia team won this last year).
- **3 October - St Lucia Fashion Parade** – There's a flyer on the noticeboard and tickets can be purchased over the bar.
- **5 October – Group 4 Pennant Division 1 Playoffs** - Winners of the Division 1 Pennant competitions in the three districts of Brisbane, Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast will play off to see who goes through to the State Pennant event. Brisbane ladies will be represented by the combined team of St Lucia & Northern Suburbs. Good luck ladies.
- **6 October – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations are open. Nominations close 6 November and the competition is played 14 & 21 November at Chermside. More details available and entry is through BowlsLink. (St Lucia is the defending champion in this event).
- **7 October – BDBA Novice Singles** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 7 November. The competition is played 15/16 & 23 November at Enoggera. More details available and entry is through BowlsLink.

- **11 October - SLBC Mixed President's Fours** - The teams will be worked out shortly. Watch this space.
- **25/26 October - BDBA Singles (Men and Women)** – Nominations are open now and close 17 October. The competition is played 25/26 October and 8/9 November at Red Hill (W) and Geebung (M). More details available and entry is through BowlsLink.
- **Bowls Premier League (BPL)** - BPL22 runs from October 27-31 at Club Pine Rivers with live streaming on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel, as well as live broadcasts from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 10pm AEDT on Fox, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.
- **2026 World Bowls from Potters Resort UK** – To be played 9-25 January 2026. Watch it on YouTube.

TIP OF THE DAY

PLAY STRATEGICALLY

Trying to get 'the' shot every time with every bowl is not necessarily the key to winning. Strategic play is positioning bowls, the jack and the mat to gain an advantage over your opponent. This advantage gained bowl after bowl will ultimately lead to multiple shots scored and minimal shots conceded.

(Credit: The Bowls Academy)

WORLD BOWLS

World Bowls Champion of Champions games are on the World Bowls YouTube channel. You can watch live games or see what's already been played at Club Barham in NSW.