

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

MERLO COFFEE CUP DIVISION 3 WINNERS



Congratulations to Saint Lucia on winning the Division 3 Merlo Cup competition on Saturday. In a clash between two undefeated teams which was always going to be close, we triumphed in an absolute nail-biter.

Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) had a comfortable 27-15 win after getting off to an absolute flyer being 22-3 ahead after 13 ends. The opposition came back strongly over the last 7 ends but we hung on for the win. Special mention for Lois's exceptional skip's bowling particularly at the start.

It was a tougher day at the office in the other triples game where Ken Harvey, Robin Town and Tony Burton (S) went down 16-26 despite being ahead 11-10 after 11 ends and winning 10 ends overall. So, after the triples games we had one rink win, a rink loss and were leading on accumulated scores by 2 points. All eyes were on the pairs decider.

For us to win overall, the pairs had to win or not lose by more than 2 points. Ahead 10-5 after 11 ends, Warren Garnham and Mark Benson (S) were in the hot seat at 15-17 down after 19 ends having given away a 4! Warren and Mark managed to steady the ship and win the remaining two ends to level the game 17-all and get us over the line. Talk about pressure! One rink win, one rink loss and a drawn rink with an accumulated score differential of plus 2. They did say it was going to be close!

In addition to the players in the final, the Division 3 team also included Peter Jordan, Paul Kenny, Darcy Barry, Tim Salway and Bruce Holwell who all helped to get us there during the competition.

Thanks to many supporters who came along and encouraged us on the day. It was much appreciated.

Thanks also to the B.D.B.A and sponsors for managing the event and providing the prizemoney.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

Editor's Note: The winning team was comprised of five winners of SLBC Singles Championships and three winners of SLBC B Singles, all with experience of playing under pressure. Well done!

COC WOMEN'S PAIRS



Congratulations go to Lois Bradley and Suzanne Jordan for winning the title for 2026. They competed against Pam Richardson and Rachel Chiang last Wednesday and produced some excellent bowls.

They can now go on to represent the club later in the year at the Brisbane District Champion of Club Champion event.

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANT

Last Friday was a blustery day and, with wind swirling about Toombul Bowls Club from all sides, conditions were not easy to manage. However, the Saints were victorious in the semifinal against Ferny Grove. Two rinks won - Lois Bradley (S), Linda Bird, Suzanne Jordan and Pam Richardson (S), Margaret Miller, Rachel Chiang. One rink lost - Pam Salway (S), Nikki Geran - but a win is a win and the Saints are now through to the final where they will meet Windsor. The final will be played on Friday 10 April at 10 am at Toombul. We would appreciate your support in cheering the ladies through the match.

COC MEN'S PAIRS

The men's competition was closely fought last Wednesday on all four rinks. Results can be found on BowlsLink and the SLBC website but suffice to say that the semifinal games are below:

Pat Davis / Rob Wormwell vs Darcy Barry / Col Bertwistle
Clive Hamlin / Ken Harvey vs Vaughan Thomas / Mark Benson

These games are scheduled to be played on Wednesday 1 April at 12:30 pm.

COC FOURS

The draw for the Men's Champion of Club Fours competition is complete and available on BowlsLink, SLBC's website and the noticeboard. Players have been notified of their first scheduled game on 11 April.

The Women's competition is slightly different with only two teams competing so the grand final will be played on Saturday 11 April at 12:30 pm.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **10 April – BDBA Men's Senior Pennant** first game. St Lucia is in Division 3 and will host a round of this competition on Friday 1 May. Selectors are working on putting the squad together but, if you need to know anything, Vaughan Thomas is the contact point for this one.
- **11 April – CoC Fours commence.** The Draw has been published for the Men and the Women's final will be played on 11 April.

- **25 April - Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** - Nominations close 5 pm
- **25 April – Anzac Day** – A short ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day will be held at the Club prior to social bowls on Saturday 25 April. It is planned to start at 11:45 am. Thanks to Rob Malcolm for supplying the rosemary sprigs.
- **26 April – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Women.** 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.
- **2 May – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition commences. Please note that more time will be allowed between scheduled matches for this competition due to May's calendar being crammed with District and State events which some members may be committed to.
- **2/3 May – BDBA Women's District Fours** competition being held at Ferny Grove. Nominations are being taken by BowlsLink.
- **6-10 May – State District Sides** – A competition between all the regions of Queensland hosted by the Gold Coast. The women's Brisbane team will be playing at Mermaid Beach and the men's Brisbane team will be playing at Helensvale. **Congratulations to both Nikki Geran and Pam Salway** for being selected into the Brisbane District Team to compete in the State Sides. Get along and support our ladies, our region and watch some games of a high standard. It's free to watch.
- **11-24 May – Queensland State Championships** – All disciplines (fours, pairs, mixed, singles) being played on the Gold Coast. More information in BowlsLink.
- **25 May – St Lucia's "The Village Yeronga" Fours** – This is a competition where we invite and encourage visiting clubs to enter to play for prize money. The event is kindly sponsored by "The Village Yeronga". For the entry fee of \$100 for a team, you get a friendly game of bowls, morning tea and lunch plus great company. Please spread the word to your fellow bowlers.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

[ACKNOWLEDGING OUR VALUED SPONSORS](#)

With our annual sponsorship renewals approaching on 1 April, it is an appropriate time to recognize the vital financial support these partners provide to our Club. Sponsorship contributions represent a significant revenue stream that helps manage our operational costs and keeps membership fees affordable.

During these challenging times, I encourage you to visit our website and review our list of sponsors.

<https://www.stluciabowls.org.au/sponsors>

Please consider whether you have recently utilized their services or reached out to these providers. Our sponsors include professionals across many fields, such as a dentist, bottle shop, butcher, pest control, plumber, electrician, smoke alarm specialist, cafe, funeral director, real estate agent, podiatrist, eye specialist and dermatologist just to name a few. They provide high-quality service and supporting them is a direct way to support our Club.

I ask that you please keep them in mind for your future needs. – Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager

NOT ONLY OUR BOWLERS WEAR WHITE ON OUR GREENS!



Last weekend was huge for functions at our Club. On Saturday night, the Club was transformed into a glittering venue for a black tie 21st birthday party with clever styling by the family (who happen to be related to Don Anderson). Mr and Mrs Providore (aka Rob and Wendy Hoskin) excelled themselves as cocktail mixologists serving up Mimosas and a new Roseberry Bliss cocktail.

On Sunday, a gorgeous young couple had their wedding and reception at the Club. The bride came up the 'aisle' lined with stunning petunias and tall white frangipani thanks to the tireless efforts of Ken Harvey. Everybody, including the bride and groom, got into the spirit and enjoyed bowls in perfect weather. The reception was held in our colourful, flower-filled main room with artfully decorated tables full of quirky details. It was a truly joyous occasion which showcased the Club in all its glory. So many people remarked to me how beautiful the Club was and what a wonderful venue it is.

Message from the bride – “Thank you from the bottom of my heart to you and all the club. You and the members are truly so kind and made our day unforgettable.”

Thanks to all the Club members who helped make both occasions memorable!

- Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director

