

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

ALL BOWLERS PLEASE NOTE THE FORMAT BELOW

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST (EKKA DAY)

Social bowls will start at 12 noon, at the same time as the Walter Taylor Shield competition. All players playing on the day, whether in the WTS competition or social, should register, preferably online, before 10:30am. Those rostered on as the DJ or selector, please also note the early start time. Social bowls will follow a similar format to the WTS competition. **All games are 2-bowl triples.**

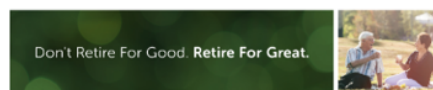
Everyone needs to be at the club and paid their green fees by no later than 11:30. This helps the organisers and, particularly, the DJ. Also, will members please pay their green fees and register before going for a roll up.

The schedule for the day will be:

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

11.00 – 11.45 am	Player registration and green fee payment Scorecard distribution based on a random match and rink allocation
11.45 – 12 noon	Rollups
12.00-1.00 pm	Round 1 Matches
1.00 – 1.30 pm	Afternoon Tea (Biscuits and snacks)
1.30 -2.30 pm	Round 2 Matches
2.30 – 2.45 pm	Drinks break
2.45 – 3.45 pm	Round 3 Matches
3.45 – 5 pm	Sausage sizzle after game
4.15 – 5 pm	Shield presentation, prize announcements & raffle draws (sponsored by The Village Yeronga)

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PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 3

The fifth round of the season was played in chilly and windy conditions last Saturday at St Lucia. Although our side was missing three regular players, the Saints overcame the conditions and won on all three rinks, winning 61-52 overall.

Pam's team (Rachel Chiang, Tim Salway, Darcy Barry and Pam Salway) had another good win. Despite dropping a five on the first end, they fought back strongly and won the last five ends to win 22-16.

Craig's team (Doug Buchbach, Bruce Holwell, Pam Richardson and Craig Francis) and their opponents had a tight tussle all day. The team was down by 3 with 5 ends to play but went on to win 4 of the last 5 ends to be victorious by 16-15, including the winning shot coming from the last bowl of the match.

Nikki's team (Col Bertwistle, Brian Vandersee, Mark Benson and Nikki Geran) had a very interesting game indeed. They were down 0-7 after three ends but fought back to lead by 9 shots with 8 ends to play. They then withstood the strong comeback by their opponents to prevail by 23-21.

Congratulations to all players who each played well and combined wonderfully within their teams. Special thanks to Nikki for so skilfully filling in for Warren and to Brian and Mark for so ably replacing the other vacancies.

Next Saturday, we are away to West Toowong and a win will keep our finals chance alive (at least mathematically).

- Craig Francis, Manager

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 5

SLBC were at home to Chermside on Saturday. With Chermside sitting on top of the table and SLBC lying second, it was an important game. We won two of the three rinks but unfortunately went down overall 58-64.

Joanne Annan, Robin Town and Lois Bradley (S) had a solid 23-16 win after a slow start, eventually hitting the lead on the ninth end. Solid bowls saw them lead on all but one of the ends from there. Joanne's lead bowling where she bullied the jack on most ends was a feature of the game.

Vaughan Thomas, Bill Mills and Dicky Ng also had a convincing 23-15 win, having led on all but one end. Dicky's team won 12 of the 21 ends and finished strongly, scoring 7 points over the last 4 ends.

Unfortunately, Ken Harvey, Graham Legg and Antony Flint (S) didn't get the memo, going down 12-33. Apart from leading after the first end, they were simply outplayed on the day. The game reinforced the importance of the basics of consistent bowling and building the head - good learnings for next time.

Positives from the game were that, as a team we won on two of the three rinks, with the losing rink having won its previous four games. Considering we were playing the top team, I think this reflects well on our finals' chances. When we're firing on all cylinders, we'll be a hard team to beat.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

PENNANTS – DIVISION 6

We arrived at Northern Suburbs greens in a positive mood but it was very cold and gusty while we were rolling up. From the outset, the matches were reasonably close for the first six or so ends but the opposition started to get comfortable with their green and took the lead. Finally, we finished 39-70. Ian Thomas's team fared quite well only going down in the last two ends, 14-16.

- Laurie Annan, Team Manager

WINTER EIGHTS DIVISION 1

It wasn't the result we were looking for last Thursday at Chermside when we were beaten 35-46. With a bye in Round 6, the Saints' fate is out of our hands whilst we await the result of next Thursday's game when Northern Suburbs take on Chermside to see if we are into the final. Fingers crossed.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

PATRONS' MIXED TRIPLES

Last Wednesday, we held the annual Patron's Mixed Triples event which was a great success. This year was slightly different in that it was held on one day rather than over several weeks, a revised format that clearly worked very well with 16 teams and 48 players taking part. Adding four social bowlers, we had 52 players on our greens. What a great afternoon!

Thanks to the selectors for compiling the teams and to Pam Salway for managing the allocation of rinks. Special mention to Robin Town, our very busy DJ on the day.

Congratulations to this year's worthy winners - Anne Kuhnemann, Roland Baudet and Rachel Chiang.

MEN'S B SINGLES COMPETITION

The call for this competition will open this Wednesday 6 August and close on 20 August. Play commences Wednesday 3 September. The competition is open to all male affiliated members of SLBC who have not won this competition or a higher-level competition previously. Please nominate online using the 'button' on the website.

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

The call for this competition opens on 9 August and closes on 23 August. Play commences on Saturday 6 September. The competition is open to all affiliated members. Please nominate using the list on the noticeboard.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergencies are never planned but being prepared can make all the difference. We hope it never happens but, if you were to have a fall, feel unwell or have an accident at the Club, would we know whom to contact? It's very important that we have up-to-date emergency contact details for our members. Someone we can call – a partner, family member, friend – if something unexpected happens.

If you haven't given us a name and number or, if your contact details have changed, please let Vaughan Thomas (0419 475 763) or Peter Fairchild (0407 500 818) know so they can update the membership records. Alternatively, those who have access to Bowslink can log on to their member account and update their contact details. It only takes a minute and it could make a big difference.

Thanks for helping us keep the Club a safer place for everyone.

– Vaughan Thomas

TO THE RESCUE!



Here is an extraordinary group of SLBC members/volunteers at the completion of their three-and-a-half-hour course for recertification in CPR and first aid training.

Not only can Rachel Chiang, Dicky Ng, Vaughan Thomas and Mark Benson deliver babies, maintain law and order, navigate to safety through a dark and stormy night and read radiology charts and X-rays but they can save lives at our Club if required.

We know we'd prefer not to see them in action but it is comforting to realise that they are there on hand should an emergency arise.

WELFARE OFFICER

For many years, our Club has had a Welfare Officer but, more recently, this important position has not been filled since Ian Newsom was the Officer.

Given the aging demographic of our Club, it is important that we keep in touch with our fellow members when they are injured or are not in good health.

I recently asked at one of our afternoon teas if there was anyone who would be prepared to take up this very important position but, to date, I have had no one contact me to offer their services.

The role of the Welfare Officer is to keep an 'ear out' regarding any member who is unable to attend the Club regularly due to an accident or an illness. A few phone calls each month by the Welfare Officer can keep the rest of the members aware of the progress of any indisposed member and when they may return to bowling.

I now cast my request to all members of the Club in hope that someone, male or female, will at least 'give it a go'. If you want to know more about the position, do not hesitate to contact me for more information. I'm sure the right person is already a member.

- Max Grey, President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Dates For Your Diary

- **First week August – “B” Singles and “Club Mixed Pairs”**- Nominations open this week for both the Men and Women's B Singles competitions and the Club Mixed Pairs competition. More information is on the noticeboard. Please note that the men's competition, as a trial, will be conducted through the BowlsLink Portal.
- **BDBA District Pairs & Fours Men and Women** - *Nominations have opened.* See below for closing date and more information
- **10 August (Sunday) - 2025 BQ Group 4 Champ of Club Champions Fours – Ladies** – *Come and support your team.* The St Lucia team will play at 1 pm at Red Hill with the winner going through to the State CoCC Fours event later in the year. Your support at Red Hill would be most welcome.
- **13 August (Wednesday) - Walter Taylor Shield.** *Expressions of interest to be selected have now closed. Teams are now published (see this newsletter and online).* The day promises to be a fun day. Raffles, drinks and a sausage sizzle, will all be on offer. **All players in both Walter Taylor Shield and social bowls should register online in the usual manner.** Social bowlers will join in all the after-game festivities.
- **12 September – Nominations close for the BDBA District Pairs & Fours Men and Women** - *nominations are now open* for these District Competitions. The Ladies Pairs and Men's Fours will be played at Toombul Bowls Club on 20-21 September. The Men's Pairs and Ladies Fours will be played at Geebung Bowls Club over 27 & 28 September. If you wish to nominate, please log onto your BowlsLink app and enter. If you need assistance, please ask Pam Salway. All the information is available in BowlsLink plus a notice is pinned on the noticeboard.

TIP OF THE DAY -

A good rule of thumb for a perfect practice random session: No more than two bowls to any one jack.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SPONSOR - QI FLOW WELLNESS

To understand what the business name means, I encourage members to visit the website to understand the philosophy of the company. www.qiflowwellness.com.au Located at 218 Hawken Drive, St Lucia.

The services they will provide to members fall into the following categories:

TCM Massage (Tui Na)

Our skilled therapists combine ancient Chinese techniques with modern approaches to release tension, improve circulation and restore your body's natural energy flow.

TCM Acupuncture

Experience the gentle power of acupuncture as our registered practitioners precisely target energy pathways to alleviate pain, reduce stress and enhance overall wellbeing.

Reflexology

Targeted pressure applied to specific points on the feet connects with corresponding organs and systems, promoting balance throughout your entire body.

Moxibustion

This warming therapy uses dried mugwort to stimulate acupoints, strengthening immunity, improving circulation and addressing chronic conditions through gentle heat application.

Cupping

Ancient vacuum therapy which creates gentle suction on the skin, releasing fascial restrictions, reducing inflammation and promoting deep tissue healing.

Head & Shoulder Massage

Perfect for stress relief and tension release, our specialised technique targets common problem areas affected by modern lifestyles and screen use.

Currently, they offer a 20% discount for treatments so take advantage of this while you can. Some services are covered by health funds.

The company will be a regular contributor to the Club's finances and I will advise more about that shortly.

- Ian Thomas Sponsorship Manager



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WALTER TAYLOR SHIELD v WEST TOOWONG

12.00 Noon on Wednesday 13 August 2025 (Ekka Day) at SLBC

SEVEN TRIPLES TEAMS – 3 GAMES OF 9 ENDS EACH

Ken Harvey
Suzanne Jordan
Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng (S)

Stephen James
Peter Jordan
Mark Benson (S)

Leslee Mackay
Clive Hamlin
Antony Flint (S)

Patrick Bailey
Graham Legg
Robin Town (S)

Joanne Annan
Ian Thomas
Bruce Holwell (S)

Col Bertwistle
Ian Nave
Nikki Geran (S)

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Rob Malcolm
Lois Bradley (S)

To assist the DJ and selectors on the day, all players (including social bowlers and those who have their names down for the Shield) should register for bowls on the day in the usual way online or by phone before 10:30am.

Please continue to scroll down to the following pages for the list of pennant teams for the coming week.

OPEN PENNANTS ROUND 6 – Saturday 9 August 2025

Div 3 – Away at West Toowong at 1.00pm

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang	Colin Bertwistle	Doug Buchbach
John (Darcy) Barry	Brian Vandersee	Bruce Holwell
Nikki Geran	Terence Martin	Pamela Richardson
Pamela Salway	Warren Garnham	Craig Francis
Manager: Craig Francis (0402 154 346)		

Div 5 – Away at Northern Suburbs at 1.00pm

Ken Harvey	Joanne Annan	Vaughan Thomas
Graham Legg	Robin Town	Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Clive Hamlin	Lois Bradley	Mark Benson
Manager: Graham Legg (0419 771 954)		

Div 6 – Home to New Farm at 1.00pm

Narelle Sutton	Anne Kuhnemann	Don Anderson
Peter Jordan	Max Grey	Rijn Camphorst
Timothy Salway	Bill Mills	Ian Thomas
Manager: Tim Salway (0413 748 666)		
Umpire for Div 6 – Rijn Camphorst		

Note: Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.