

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 1

The eight players selected for the Division 1 team travelled to Chermerside last Saturday. It is fair to say all players found the green certainly slower than St Lucia's blue green, meaning that it took a while to adjust to the slow pace. Doug Buchbach's team with Trevor Catt and Rachel Chiang at the front end played well, coming away with a victory on that rink 24-21. The other triples team of Dicky Ng, Vaughan Thomas and Tim Salway just didn't find their rhythm, losing 8-26. It wasn't to be a victory for the pairs team either with Nikki Geran and Pam Salway finding the opponents just too strong on the day, going down 16-26.

Next week Division 1 is at home against Ferny Grove. Good luck to those players selected.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 3

The Division 3 team continued its winning way taking 4 of the possible 5 points on offer at home against New Farm on Saturday.

Warren Garnham and Mark Benson (S) were too strong for their opposition winning 26-6 after a slow start that saw them behind 2-4 after four ends. However, from the fifth end, Warren and Mark really raced ahead to win all but two of the remaining ends. Warren's accurate lead bowling was a feature of the game.

Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) had a comfortable 20-13 win having led from the third end, winning 13 of the 21 ends. The game was characterised by some 'creative' jack rolling, the opposition skip bowling well despite not being able to find his glasses and some entertaining banter on the rink.

Every good story needs a twist and the second triples game certainly delivered. Ken Harvey, Paul Kenny and Tony Burton (S) led from the fifth end and were ahead 14-7 after 10 ends then 21-17 after 19 ends. However, the last two ends were decisive and saw them go down in a narrow loss 21-23, having won 10 of the 21 ends.

Well done to all players! We are sitting in second place going into the next round and bowling well as a team.

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of the New Farm team who were kind enough to bring along sandwiches and cake for us to enjoy after the game. It was a nice way to end what had been a very enjoyable game played in good spirit.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

It was a busy week of play in the CoC Singles for both men and women. Firstly, the results of the two women's games played saw Lois Bradley defeat Judy Beal in a game played on a slow green on Tuesday. The second result saw the two Pams play each other. Pam Salway defeated Pam Richardson in a game which was unfortunately cut short because of illness.

Results in the men's games were:

A first-round match between Craig Francis and Antony Flint proved to be a close tussle with Craig victorious 25-16. Craig then played a further catch-up game this week against Warren Garnham. The result of that game played last Friday was in favour of Craig 25-16.

Mark Benson defeated Peter Fairchild 26-17. Mark goes on to the semifinal to play Craig Francis.

Ken Harvey, who has made more comebacks than the Rolling Stones, defeated Graham Legg 25-17. Ken will next meet Dicky Ng who is waiting for him in the semifinal.

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANTS 2026

The season started off with St Lucia hosting the first round of Section 2 which means four clubs played at St Lucia last week. It is always quite a social event with morning tea provided by the host club. This week, we had an added tray of sandwiches donated by club member Dympna Maher which went towards all players enjoying a drink and a sandwich after the games. We will forgive Dympna for playing for her primary club (New Farm) in this competition because the sandwiches were scrumptious. Thanks to those who donated food for the morning. The result for our St Lucia outfit was favourable, winning on 2 rinks out of 3.

Next week sees a visit to host club Red Hill to play against the Windsor team.

BEGINNERS CUP (OPEN NOVICE)

The first games of the Beginners Cup will be played this Thursday between Margot Henry and Bev Walker with Patrick Bailey marking. Good luck players taking part in this competition.

Stay up to date with the results in the Draws and Teams page in the Members Portal on the SLBC website.

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. However, there is a link to BowlsLink on the SLBC's website in either the "register for bowls" page, or the "draw & teams" page in the members portal. Teams will be 2 men or 2 women and the competitions are open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club. If you have problems entering, see either Darcy Barry or Pam Salway. Competition starts around 17/18 March.

- **Now** - BDBA Men's Senior Pennant competition. We will be entering a team into Division 3. If you are interested in making yourself available for selection, please register your interest on-line 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. Players must be fully accredited bowlers and be at least 60 years of age at the commencement of the competition.
- **25 February 2026** – "Beginners Cup" novice event games have commenced.
- **27 February 2026** – BDBA Annual General Meeting – 1.30 pm Ferny Grove. The General Meeting / Delegates Meeting will follow. Margaret Miller and Robin Town represent SLBC.
- **24/25 March** – SLBC Men's and Women's Champion of Club Fours nominations close. This competition will commence around 11 April. Entries must be via BowlsLink. There is a link to BowlsLink on the SLBC's website in either the "register for bowls" page or the "Draw & Teams" page in the members portal. Teams will be 4 men or 4 women and the competitions are open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club. If you have problems entering, see either Darcy Barry or Pam Salway.
- **11 April (approx.)** – CoC Fours commence.
- **Coming up**Nominations will be taken in April for the Champion of Club Mixed Pairs with the competition to run in May. Get your teams together!

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

DUCHESNE COLLEGE EVENT



Sunday 1 March from 2-6pm

Our biggest and most important fundraising day of the SLBC year is on this Sunday. All members are invited to attend to assist with the many jobs that must be done to ensure that the day is the success we want it to be. Anne Kuhnemann and her team have made a mighty effort in planning and organizing and the involvement of our members is so important to having a successful day.

Regardless of your situation, there are plenty of things for everybody to do so that each person can be given a rest during the day. Not all jobs are on the greens. If you are a new member, you will also be able to help, enjoy the day and the company of our student friends.

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

- Max Grey, President

CLUB BOWLING ARMS

There is **ONE borrowed bowling arm** from the Club which is still missing. This **equipment belongs to the Club**. Please contact Peter Jordan.

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.

SPONSOR'S CORNER

Stephens Pest Control are one of the newest sponsors of our club. As a proud family-owned business, they share many of the same values that make our bowls community special — trust, reliability and looking after one another. They understand how important the home is as the centre of family life and are committed to providing prompt, caring service that gives families peace of mind. By listening to their customers and tailoring solutions to individual needs, they work hard to deliver service that reflects genuine community spirit.

Stephens Pest Control has earned a strong reputation for being professional, knowledgeable and friendly, with many loyal clients appreciating their punctuality and consistent service over the years. Supporting local businesses like **Stephens** helps strengthen the community we all enjoy and, in turn, their sponsorship helps our club continue to thrive. **We encourage all members to please support our sponsors whenever possible and encourage members to use the services of Stephens Pest Control.**

MERLO CUP ROUND 5 – SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Div 1 – Home to Ferny Grove at 9.00am

Pairs

Pamela Salway
Nikki Geran (Skip)

Triples

Vaughan Thomas
Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Triples

Clive Hamlin
Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Pamela Richardson (Skip)

Manager:

Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Umpire for Div 1:

Pamela Salway

Div 3 – Away at Red Hill at 9.00am

Pairs

Peter Jordan
Mark Benson (Skip)

Triples

Ken Harvey
Robin Town
Anthony Burton (Skip)

Triples

Graham Legg
Terry Martin
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Manager:

Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

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.

NEWS FROM THE MONDAY CREW

While we were repairing the top of a shade stanchion beside the green, water was seen in the base. It was decided to drill a hole in the bottom and out spurted the water. Of course, all the shade stanchions then had to be drilled. Sometimes the water was clear and sometimes it was rusty. This must have collected over years but has now been drained.

For those of you who haven't noticed, we have a lovely resident water dragon called Henry who reigns over the green dump at the end of the top car park. We now think he has a queen in waiting. Anyone want to suggest a name?

The Club's deck just had its biannual paint job. The railings were sanded and repainted with two coats of exterior gloss varnish. The main deck was water blasted and coated with Feast & Watson Natural Timber Oil. All thanks to the Monday Morning Crew.

- Bruce Holwell and Mark Benson



C.O.C. Men's Singles Draw 2026

	Round 1	Round 2	Semi Final	FINAL
Games Scheduled to be played	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	4-Mar
Games to be completed before (refer notes below)	18-Feb	25-Feb	4-Mar	

