

# 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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

The Brisbane District Champion of Champions competitions will start in a couple of weeks. St Lucia is proud that we will have players competing in different sections – Men's Singles, Mixed Pairs and Men's Fours and also Women's Singles, Pairs and Fours. Several members have made the journey to the Enoggera greens to gain practice on their surface. Play begins on Monday evening. We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their success.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS UPDATE

### Men's Triples Final

The delayed and much anticipated final of the Men's Triples competition is set for this Wednesday. Vaughan Thomas, Ken Harvey and Bruce Holwell (S) will take on Patrick Bailey, Paul Kenny and Dicky Ng (S) in what promises to be a very entertaining match. Both teams are playing quality bowls and have defeated strong opposition on the way to the final. The game will commence at 12 noon.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## PENNANT SEASON BEGINS 1 JULY

The Pennant season is fast approaching and begins on Tuesday 1 July 2025 (Winter Eights) and Saturday 5 July 2025 (Open).

The Selectors are organising trial games for the Saturdays before the season starts and have requested that all members who have nominated to play Pennants make themselves available to play in these trial games. There was a great turnout of prospective players last Saturday and we look forward to seeing them all again this week.

Thank you for your co-operation.

- Craig Francis, Selector

## Roles of Players in a Fours Game

These role descriptions below could be helpful for those playing in fours pennant games. They are also useful for new bowlers who may need guidance on what is required to be a good lead and/or second in any game.

The requirements of the thirds and skips will be covered in next week's SLBC News. Stay tuned!

## Lead

1. This player wants to be a specialist and is happy in the position.
2. The lead is guided by the skip in where to place the mat and should then roll the jack to where the skip is standing on the centre line.
3. Accurate jack rolling and consistent good drawing are the two major skills required. A toucher in front of the jack and the other bowl just behind the jack is a valuable format for the lead to achieve. Getting the two bowls within a mat length of the jack is an excellent result. A good start from the lead is inspirational for the team.
4. Be completely absorbed in the process being performed but also very aware of what is going on around you.
5. Make your positive contribution to team morale.
6. Use relaxation strategies to occupy your waiting time and follow what's happening in the game.
7. Leads do not stay on the rink after they have finished delivering their bowls
8. Leads do not remain on the rink when the team has crossed to allow the skip to deliver their bowls.
9. Leads do not participate in counting the shots at the finish of the end. That is the responsibility of the thirds.
10. Do not voice any suggestions for team tactics. Others have that role.

## Second

1. This player is capable of delivering a bowl both forehand and backhand.
2. They stand behind the mat, relaxing and awaiting instructions from the skip. They do not pre-empt any shot required but have an open mind to the skip's instruction.
3. Seconds need a high degree of self-discipline.
4. Numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7 (seconds) from above also apply here.
5. Seconds do not remain on the rink while the skip delivers their bowls.
6. They do not participate in counting the shots at the completion of the end. That is the responsibility of the thirds.

A good strategy for team members is that you follow the skip's instructions. Don't argue with the skip. They have that responsibility due to their experience and, as they are standing right at the head, they have the best view of what the situation is and can advise you how to play your bowl for the result which will benefit your team.

## Another successful function at the Club!

We recently received the following feedback from a happy client -

*I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire team at the St Lucia Bowling Club for the warm hospitality extended during the BBQ and bowls day last Thursday. The event was a great success and we are truly grateful for the effort and enthusiasm shown by all involved.*

*Please pass on our heartfelt appreciation to Lyndell, David, Paul, Tim and the wonderful volunteers who helped make the day so enjoyable. Their generosity, good humour and patience were deeply appreciated.*

Following this positive experience, the group from the University of Queensland is booking the Club for three more functions this year.

- Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director