

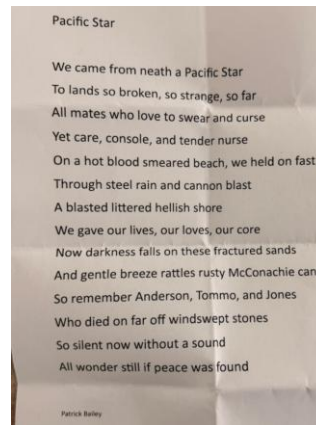
SLBC NEWS



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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

ANZAC DAY



Despite the weather not cooperating quite as well as we would have liked, a pleasing number of members attended the commemoration held indoors.

A special mention of Patrick Bailey is appropriate as he contributed a poem he had written for the occasion. Vice President, Robin Town, read the moving “In Flanders Fields” ode (written in 1915) to honour those who fought and lost their lives.

It is too hard to name everyone who contributed to the success of the day so let's say that it was truly a Club effort. Thank you!

Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

THE VILLAGE YERONGA - ST LUCIA FOURS

This competition, which is being run on Monday 25 May, is now full. There has been a good response from outside clubs as well as teams from SLBC. A list of those SLBC members participating in this competition showing which team they are in is on the noticeboard.

Ros Mortensen and her band of workers have been busy organising the event, assisted by our Sponsorship Manager, Ian Thomas, who has sourced great raffle prizes. The day promises to be another success.

BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Round 4

Last Friday, the Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side played at Everton Park against Windsor who were one level higher on the ladder. We played on the grass green rather than the carpet. I have tried to think of something positive to say about the green but failed. Honestly, it was a dreadful, spongy, slow surface that ran at about 11.5 seconds and should not be used for competition bowls. Despite this, the Saints dug deep and found a way to secure a convincing overall 5-1 win to put us third on the ladder.

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis) played very good bowls all morning to win easily 16-3 and 11-4.

Mark Benson's team (Peter Jordan, Robin Town and Mark Benson) had a close 9-8 win in their first set and improved to win the second set by 11-6.

Doug's team (Vaughan Thomas, Antony Flint and Doug Buchbach) almost pulled off the clean sweep but narrowly lost 6-12 and 5-5, just missing out on pushing their game into a tiebreaker.

This coming Friday, St Lucia hosts all 8 teams and it will be good to see both greens almost full. If you are at a loose end, come out and enjoy watching what promises to be a good morning of bowls.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

CHAMPION OF CLUB (COC) MIXED PAIRS

The draw has been completed and has been published on the SLBC website and in BowlsLink, along with each competitor being advised. Due to external commitments of a few participants, it is expected that some games will need to be rescheduled. Time has been allowed in the draw to cater for this. The participants are to take care of the rescheduling and must advise Darcy Barry, Games Manager, and Pam Salway, Bowls Captain, about the rescheduled times of matches.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now – SLBC Men's Triples** - We are still open for nominations. Please do so on the SLBC's website. A list is on the noticeboard showing who has already entered. Nominations close 13 May and play commences 23 May.
- **2 May – Champion of Club Mixed Pairs** competition starts. The draw is on BowlsLink and is on the SLBC's website. It will be put on the noticeboard. All participants have been advised of the draw.
- **2/3 May – BDBA Women's District Fours** competition being held at Ferny Grove. The draw has been published and St Lucia will be represented by Rachel Chiang, Pam Richardson and Pam Salway. Good luck, ladies.

- **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.
- **13 May – SLBC Men’s Triples** nominations close 5 pm.
- **11-24 May – Queensland State Championships** - all disciplines (fours, pairs, mixed, singles) being played on the Gold Coast. More information in BowlsLink.
- **23 May – SLBC Men’s Triples** competition starts.
- **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, kindly sponsored by “The Village Yeronga”. This competition is now full. A list of SLBC members who are in teams is on the noticeboard so you can check where you are playing.
- **30/31 May - BDBA Men’s and Women’s District Pairs.** Both competitions are open for nominations through BowlsLink. The Women’s competition is at Enoggera and the Men’s competition is being held at Toombul.
- **30/31 May – Australian Indoor Qld Qualifier – Men.** 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.
- **5 June 2026 – Australian Open commences.**

MENS SENIOR PENNANTS – WEEK 4 – Friday 1 May 2026

Division 3 – Home at St Lucia against Northern Suburbs at 10:00am

Team 1

Ken Harvey
Tony Burton
Craig Francis (Skip)

Team 2

Brian Vandersee
Doug Buchbach
Clive Hamlin (Skip)

Team 3

Peter Jordan
Robin Town
Darcy Barry (Skip)

Manager:

Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

Umpire:

Graham Legg

Notes:

1. Please contact the Manager ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees (\$20.00) in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.