

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

STATE DIVISION 1 PENNANT FINALS



What a weekend we experienced! Four SLBC ladies (Nikki Geran, Suzanne Jordan, Rachel Chiang and Pam Salway), along with the Northern Suburbs ladies who formed the Northern Saints Division 1 winning Pennant team, travelled to Tweed Heads to compete in the Bowls Queensland State Division 1 Finals. The State Division 1 Pennant Finals is a prestige event held over two days where the winners of the eight zones in Queensland competed for the State Title. Northern Saints had previously earned the right to compete in the State Titles as the Group 4 winners.

The players were very appreciative of the assistance St Lucia Bowls Club provided to them to offset their expenses for accommodation, travel and food. It was very generous of the club.

All four St Lucia players certainly realise they could not have achieved what they did without their fifth team-mate, Pam Richardson, who couldn't make the trip to Tweed Heads due to her mother's 100th birthday. Her contribution was invaluable in earlier games and helped in getting to the finals.

Thanks go to those who sent messages wishing us good luck and to the Ng family and Peter Jordan who were cheering us on from the sideline. I'm sure "Saint Ellie" our team's mascot, also helped (see the photo of Saint Ellie wearing St Lucia's uniform).

Even though the Northern Saints won 1 out of 3 games at Tweed Heads, it was an experience second to none. The atmosphere, the level of play needed to compete in such an event and the standard of skill performed by our ladies will surely benefit St Lucia Bowling Club in the future.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES

Games start on Saturday 15 November and the competition will run over several weeks. Remember you do not have to be available for every game to enter. Teams of five are club-selected and, each week, the team manager will select the triples team for the next game. The Club Selectors will be in action this week so check the website to see who is in your team.

This competition is again being generously supported by St Lucia Dental and includes the provision of prizemoney.

Go the Birdies!

– Graham Legg, Games Manager



❄️ Let's Celebrate the Year! ❄️ Annual Presentation Night & Christmas Dinner

Get ready for an evening of awards, celebration and great food!

Date: Friday, November 28, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

- **Happy Hour!** Kick off the night with drinks on us from **5-6 PM**.
- **Feast:** Enjoy a huge **help-yourself smorgasbord**. We guarantee you won't leave hungry!

Cost: \$50 per head

- **RSVP:** You must register **ONLINE ONLY** by **Friday 21 November**.
- **Payment:** Payment can be made at the bar from now until prior to the night but not on the night.
- **CRITICAL:** When paying, ask for a receipt with your name on it to be left at the bar. This is your entry ticket! For two or more people, leave all names.
- **Dietary Needs:** If you have any dietary restrictions, please message Bev King on the number below.

Any Questions? Contact Bev King at 0417 745 448

WEEKEND STORM DAMAGE AT THE CLUB

Given the severity of the storms over the recent weekends, we are grateful that we haven't been in the main path of the destruction which has taken place around southeast Queensland. Yes, we have received much needed soaking rain for the greens and our water tanks have been refilled. However, we haven't escaped damage entirely.

The compressor for the cold room was knocked out by a voltage surge on Saturday – a severe blow to the lifeline sustaining the Club. With a function scheduled for that evening, quick action was required. Robin and Lyndell Town came to the rescue, filling bins with ice and drinks. Melting ice and leaking bins created a challenge but the function went ahead and no doubt the broken bins have ended up being recycled already. Thanks so much to Robin and Lyndell for their efforts.

Despite all his attempts to find someone to repair our unit, Bruce Holwell had to wait until Monday morning to finally locate a firm which answered his plea within an hour of his call. Specialised Refrigeration Company are now our Club's preferred repairer and Bruce's best friends. The cold room is back up running and humming along steadily.

Our in-house expert, Clive Hamlin, is undertaking enquiries about lodging an insurance claim. The Club thanks all those involved in rescuing us from a difficult situation and those who have assisted in the recovery phase.

It seems like it's going to be a summer season punctuated by storms of varying destructive potential. SLBC is fortunate to have on hand members with the skills, interest and enthusiasm to deal with whatever could arise.

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