

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

WINTER BDBA PENNANTS

Division 2

The big board was looking so very sweet for most of the game. Division 2 had two rinks leading the way with the third rink doing their best to stay in the mix. However, the result at the end of play was that Division 2 lost by just two points. Here's a flavour of how the match played out.

The team skipped by Lois Bradley with Ken Harvey, Pam Richardson and Tony Burton had a very hard struggle going down 15-27. The opposition skip played particularly well. The team rallied to try to remain close, because, as we all know, there are 12 players in the Pennant team.

The team skipped by Bruce Holwell with Dicky Ng, Graham Legg, and Trevor Catt started strongly and looked unbeatable until the 16th end. Losing six shots hurts! It hurts not only because of the impact on the scoreline but also mentally. Unfortunately, another three points were lost on the next end with the final score being a loss of 19-23.

The team skipped by Pam Salway with Rachel Chiang, Suzanne Jordan and Nikki Geran played out of their socks. The front-end (Rachel and Suzanne) set up the head for the back-end players (Nikki and Pam) to add to the score. On a few occasions, a conversion was needed but all players showed determination. Even though Hamilton scored the first point on the first end, they didn't score again until the 7th end. By that time, the Saints were well ahead. Strong multiples throughout the game saw this team win 28-13.

Overall, a close afternoon on the green. Onto the next round!

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 4

The second round of the Winter Pennant Season was played at Everton Park on carpet greens which were a lot faster than our St Lucia greens. All teams took some time adjusting to the quicker pace.

Doug Buchbach's team of Col Bertwistle, Julie Hawley and Darcy Barry toughed out a real arm wrestle with the team winning two shots on the last end to run out eventual winners by one shot. The scores were close all day with some excellent bowling from Julie who was enjoying the faster greens. This was a feature of the game and contributed to the team's hard fought 17-16 win.

It was a hard day at the office for Antony Flint's team of Anne Kuhnemann, Ian Nave and Tim Salway who were up against some hot opposition and went down 13-25. The team fought bravely but found the faster greens a handful against a challenging and vocal opponent. Encouraging to see Tim, currently playing some of his best bowls, showing the way as a quality third.

Mark Benson's team of Rob Hoskin, Vaughan Thomas and Stephen James had an interesting game finishing as eventual winners with a convincing 31-17 win. After 10 ends, the team was down 3-14 and struggling to come to grips with the pace of the carpet green. However, they performed a "Lazarus" act winning 9 of the remaining 11 ends, including a great seven shots on one end. It was a strong team effort with Stephen James enjoying a good game in his first pennant outing.

The overall result was 61-58 to SLBC which cemented second spot on the ladder behind Geebung on percentages. Next week's match is home against Northern Suburbs.

- Vaughan Thomas, Team Manager

SLBC MEN'S TRIPLES

The second of the semi-finals was a very hard-fought game in which the team of Mark Benson (S), Robin Town and Ken Harvey led the whole game holding two shots coming into the last end. The team of Dicky Ng (S), Darcy Barry and Terry Martin won the last end by three shots to win overall by one. They now move into the final against the team of Trevor Catt (S), Max Grey and Paul Keane.

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **19 & 26 July 2026 – BDBA CoCC Mixed Pairs** – Chermside
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC's Patrons Triples** – Teams have been selected for this event. The teams are published on both the website and placed on the noticeboard. Please let the selectors know if you are now unavailable to play. Games will start, as usual, at 12.30 pm and finish around 4 pm. Nibbles will be provided after the games.
- **23 July – 2 August 2026 – Commonwealth Games – Glasgow.** Here is the schedule for bowls (in local Glasgow time. Note: 8.30 am in Glasgow is 5.30 pm in Brisbane). For more information about who will be playing for Australia and more, go to <https://commonwealthgames.com.au/australia-names-powerhouse-bowls-squad-for-glasgow-2026-commonwealth-games/>

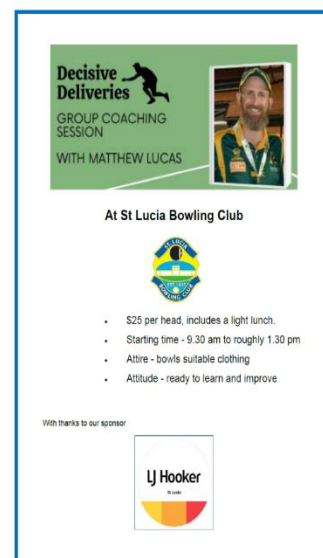
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■ Medal Session

31 July 2025 Timings are local time. Correct at the time of publication. Information remains subject to change.



- **12 August 2026 (Ekka Show Day) – Walter Taylor Shield** – vs West Toowong. Register to play by putting your name in the “Register for Bowls” page on the website. The format is likely to be 7 teams of triples, playing 3 games during the afternoon. However, we will make teams of 4 so players can sub on / off for a game and enjoy the afternoon. St Lucia won the Shield last year so let’s defend it well and bring it home again.
- **9 & 16 August 2026 (Sundays) – Coaching Clinic with Matt Lucas**
– The clinic on 9 August is full and only 3 places remain for 16 August. Grab the last spots now by going to “Register for Bowls” on the SLBC website. You must pay for the Clinic at the DJ office or over the bar as soon as possible to secure your spot. Clinics start at 9.30 am and will include a light lunch, taking 3-4 hrs incl. Cost \$25
- **10-13 August 2026 - Australian Indoor Championships** - Will run from August 10-13, 2026, at Club Tweed. Live streaming will take place on BA’s YouTube channel.
- **9-13 November 2026 - Bowls Premier League No 24 - BPL24** will be held from 9-13 November 2026 at Ocean Grove Bowling Club. It will once again be televised via Bowls Australia’s YouTube Channel and Facebook.
- **14-21 November 2026 - State Champion of Club Champions** - Will be held at North Mackay Bowls Club (Goosies Sport & Recreation Club) from 14 to 21 November 2026, with the State Pennant Finals following on 28 and 29 November 2026. This year Bowls Queensland have introduced a ‘Zone/State’ play off competition for the winners of Divisions 1, 2 and 3. We wish our Division 2 team well in trying to make the Zone and State play offs.



PENNANTS – Round 3 – Saturday 18 July 2026

Division 2 – St Lucia v Red Hill at Red Hill 1.00pm

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang
Suzanne Jordan
Nikki Geran
Pamela Salway (Skip)

Ken Harvey
Pam Richardson
Trevor Catt
Lois Bradley (Skip)

Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Tony Burton
Warren Garnham
Bruce Holwell (Skip)

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Division 4 – St Lucia v Northern Suburbs at St Lucia 1.00pm

Rob Hoskin
Brian Vandersee
Stephen James
Mark Benson (Skip)

Col Bertwistle
Julie Hawley
Darcy Barry
Doug Buchbach (Skip)

Vaughan Thomas
Graham Legg
Tim Salway
Antony Flint (Skip)

Umpire for Division 4: Graham Legg

Manager: Vaughan Thomas (0419 475 763)

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.

PATRON'S TRIPLES TEAMS

Team	SKIPS	SECONDS	LEADS
1.	A Flint	R Town	P Pollock
2.	B Holwell	S Enright	P Bailey
3.	D Barry	P Kenny	B Walker
4.	D Ng	L Edwards	A Kuhnemann
5.	D Buchbach	R Ng	F Wark
6.	P Salway	R Malcolm	R O'Hara
7.	S Jordan	J Hawley	P Keane
8.	T Catt	P Jordan	E Grey
9.	G Legg	C Hamlin	D Anderson
10.	M Benson	K Harvey	N Sutton
11.	M Grey	I Nave	C Bertwistle
12.	L Bradley	I Thomas	L Town
13.	T Salway	M Miller	R Hoskin
14.	R Wormwell	T Burton	V Thomas