

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

MEN'S B SINGLES FINAL



It was a thrilling final where the lead shifted several times to be 21-all prior to the sprint to the finish line at 25. Graham Legg pulled away from Vaughan Thomas to win the Men's B Singles title, 25-21.

We saw an exhibition of great draw bowling from both men who gave the impression of being so calm and steady in their demeanour while no doubt quelling the butterflies in their tummies.

Vaughan went to the front 6-0 after the first four ends then Graham won the next five ends to lead 7-6. It was 11-all after 15 ends but Vaughan edged ahead to be 17-11 before Graham bore down to even the score at 17-all. Vaughan was first to 21 before a maximum four shots by Graham equalised the match.

The tension escalated among players and spectators (including Graham's supportive wife, Janet). Graham then showed the form which has seen him progress to the final of the Open Consistency competition by placing three bowls nearest the jack on the next end to reach 24. The tension reached a peak when the following end had to be decided by a close measure to award shot and the title to Graham.

Congratulations to both players for their display of bowling skill and sportsmanship during an excellent final. We look forward to their continued success in future competitions.

OPEN CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

The final between Lois Bradley and Graham Legg will be held on Tuesday 7 October starting at 9am. It should be a great match and spectators are welcome.

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

After the dramatic events of the first semifinal last Saturday, the scene was set for more drama in the second semi held last Thursday. As expected, the game between Tim and Pam Salway (S) and Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S) featured some top-quality bowls and was a very close event. Scores were drawn at 10-all after 13 ends from which Tim and Pam opened up a four-point lead to be ahead 15-11 after 18 ends.

Amazingly, as in the first semifinal, the eventual winners were behind after 18 ends and managed to win the last three ends to take the lead and win the game. Pam and Craig were the eventual winners 19-15 largely due to having conceded no more than a two on any end. The final between Pam and Craig and Rachel Chiang and Dicky Ng on Wednesday should be a hard-fought affair. Good luck to both teams.

– Graham Legg, Games Manager

BDBA DISTRICT WOMEN'S FOURS



St Lucia Bowling Club was well represented in the BDBA District Women's Fours event held at Northern Suburbs Bowls Club last weekend.

SLBC's team, skipped by Pam Salway along with Rachel Chiang, Robyn Pang and Nikki Geran played well on Saturday on the outdoor synthetic surface. With three sections of four teams in the event, even though SLBC lost their third game to the ultimate winners, they managed to earn their passage into the semifinals as next best performed. Their two earlier significant wins and one small loss, scored 4 +26, thereby making them the fourth semi-finalist.

Sunday's semifinal saw our ladies pitted against the home team from Northern Suburbs. In fact, six out of the eight players on that rink formed the Division 1 Pennant winning combination of Northern Saints who will play in the Group 4 playoffs this coming Sunday at Ferny Grove. It certainly was an entertaining, challenging match however Northern Suburbs were the victors by three shots.

Well done to Robyn Pang in her first outing at this level. She played good shots and the experience gained will stand her in good stead.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

NAME BADGES FOR MEMBERS

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. The badges make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. Send your preferred name and type of badge to the Providore at providore@stluciabowls.org The list will be open for a week or two.

The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip. New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join



Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **3 October - St Lucia Fashion Parade** – Tickets on sale at the bar. \$30 for lunch and fashion parade by models you may recognise.
- **5 October – Group 4 Pennant Division 1 Playoffs** - This Sunday at Ferny Grove – Support our Division 1 Pennant winning team as they play off to see if they go to the State Pennant Finals. They will play the winner of the earlier game between Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast. Start time of our women's game should be roughly around 1 pm. The Division 1 Men's winners, Red Hill, will be playing at the same time. All are welcome!
- **6 October – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations are open. Nominations close 6 November, comp is played 14 & 21 November at Chermside. More details are available and entry is through BowlsLink. St Lucia is the defending champion in this event.
- **7 October – BDBA Novice Singles** – Nominations are open for this event. If you've played for 4 years or less, you are eligible to enter. Nominations close 7 November and the competition is played 15/16 & 23 November at Enoggera. More details are available and entry is through BowlsLink.
- **11 October - SLBC President's Fours** - The club-selected teams are now published on the website. Remember to stay after the games for nibbles and presentations.
- **25/26 October - BDBA Singles (Men and Women)** – nominations are open Nominations close 17 October, comp is played 25/26 October and 8/9 November at Red Hill (W) and Geebung (M). More details are available and entry is through BowlsLink.
- **8 November - St Lucia Dental Birdie Triples** – Play will commence on 8 November. Watch this space to find out how to enter.
- **Bowls Premier League (BPL)** - BPL22 runs from October 27-31 at Club Pine Rivers with live streaming on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel, as well as live broadcasts from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 10pm AEDT on Fox, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.
- **2026 World Bowls from Potters Resort UK** - 9 to 25 January 2026 – See it on YouTube.

Tip of the Day

Mental Toughness

"I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something but I can't accept not trying." – *Michael Jordan*.

"There's no way around hard work. Embrace it. You have to put in the hours because there is always something you can improve on." - *Roger Federer*

See the following page for the draw for the Open President's Fours Competition.

OPEN PRESIDENT'S FOURS
12.30pm on Saturday 11 October 2025

10 TEAMS – 2 GAMES OF 10 ENDS EACH

TEAM 1 Narelle Sutton Don Anderson Red O'Hara Pam Salway (S)	TEAM 2 Anne Kuhnemann Peter Jordan Lloyd Edwards Bruce Holwell (S)	TEAM 3 Marj Johnson Greg Ferrero Tim Salway Craig Francis (S)
TEAM 4 Doug Phipps Paul Keane Roland Baudet Dicky Ng (S)	TEAM 5 Frank Wark Paul Pollock Rijn Camphorst Doug Buchbach (S)	TEAM 6 Patrick Bailey Josie Caltabiano Rob Malcolm Robin Town (S)
TEAM 7 Vaughan Thomas Peter Broderick Max Grey Peter Fairchild (S)	TEAM 8 Rachel Chiang Erin Grey John Stack Graham Legg (S)	TEAM 9 Col Bertwistle Bev Walker Brian Vandersee Ken Harvey (S)
TEAM 10 Stephen James Kellie Broderick Ian Thomas Pam Richardson (S)		

NOTES

1. **As there will only be one green available for play because the other is being renovated, there will be no Social Bowls played on Saturday 11 October 2025.**
2. The opponents for both games will be determined prior to play.
3. The winning team will be the team with the greatest number of wins and, if more than one team, then by the highest margin over the two games. If still tied, then by the highest win/loss percentage.