

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

BRISBANE DISTRICT CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – WOMEN'S PAIRS

It's often said that Bowls is a cruel sport! I wasn't totally convinced but please do read on.

Wednesday night saw Pam Salway and Nikki Geran representing SLBC take on the Windsor pair in the semi-final match. Going into the last end, it was 16-16. The exciting game couldn't have been any closer throughout with all players delivering good consistent bowls. Spectators were riding every delivery.

SLBC held four shots on the 21st and last end with one bowl left to be delivered by the opposition. There was nothing more Nikki and Pam could do and they thought it was all over. BUT NO! The Windsor skip delivered. The murmur was "It's narrow". Now, on the Enoggera synthetic track, anything can happen and it did. Running on a line to hit their previously delivered short bowl, it magically missed, travelled through a hole between two other short bowls, hit the shot bowl on the side, then flopped back in to take shot. Windsor wins and is through to the final by one shot, 16-17. Ughhh! Congratulations go to Windsor who now take on Everton Park in the final.

However, I am now convinced - **BOWLS REALLY IS A CRUEL SPORT!**

WINTER EIGHTS DIVISION 1 - WEEK 2

Last Tuesday's game played at home against the Chermside team saw a good win for the Saints, 43-31. This week, the Division 1 team has a bye but will be back for revenge against Northern Suburbs the following week at Northern Suburbs.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 3

The second round of the Division 3 Open Pennants season saw us playing at Geebung on a good green which was relatively quick.

Pam's team (Rachel Chiang, Darcy Barry, Nikki Geran and Pam Salway) enjoyed the fast green and had a splendid 25-14 win. Every player had a fine game and contributed to the win. We certainly enjoyed having our champion ladies back with us.

Warren's team (Col Bertwistle, Terry Martin, Bruce Howell and Warren Garnham) struggled with the fast green and their opponents who got louder as the game progressed, losing 12-31. We are confident that this team of very fine bowlers will regroup and put in a big game next week.

Craig's team (Vaughan Thomas, Doug Buchbach, Dicky Ng and Craig Francis) had the opportunity to give St Lucia an overall win if they could win by 9 or more shots. They led by 6 shots with 2 ends to go but unfortunately, in chasing shots, dropped 8 shots in the last 2 ends to lose 19-21.

Regrettably, this was a game that got away from us and we now need to win most of our remaining games to finish in serious contention for the Finals.

- Craig Francis, Manager

PENNANTS – OPEN DIVISION 5

The local derby against our rivals from West Toowong was held on Saturday. In a game played in great spirit, St Lucia managed to win on all rinks and take home the full 8 points.

Clive Hamlin, Robin Town and Lois Bradley (S) continued their fine form from Week 1 to have a convincing 32-12 victory. Mention was made after the game of the particularly good lead bowling by Clive.

Ken Harvey, Graham Legg and Antony Flint (S) managed a 25-9 win in a game that left some room for improvement as far as consistent bowls was concerned. Some ends were tight, some not so - a pattern most of us can recognise.

Peter Jordan, Bill Mills and Mark Benson (S) completed the clean sweep with a hard fought 22-16 victory. Mark was back to fine form turning over several ends as skip. This game was 7-5 after eight ends and 18-14 after 17 ends which was an accurate indication of the contest.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

PENNANTS – DIVISION 6

We had many new faces for Round 2 of the Division 6 Pennants at Gaythorne Bowls Club. The greens looked more like chipboard than green tops and they were quite fast compared with St Lucia's greens. While we started off reasonably well against the opponents, their knowledge of their own greens started to show through after the first six or so ends. Each of the Gaythorne skips knew exactly where to put their bowls.

Again, we were humbled by better sides and, alas, we stand at the bottom of the table with nothing to show so far. All three of the skips acknowledged that their teams were outplayed and we struggled with the fast surface. The only way is up and that is where we will go next week.

Scores:

Peter Broderick - Josie Caltabiano- Max Grey (S)	18-25
Rijn Camphorst - Laurie Annan - Ian Thomas (S)	11-32
Kellie Broderick - Anne Kuhnemann - Tim Salway (S)	12-22

- Laurie Annan, Team Manager

PATRONS' MIXED TRIPLES

Thanks to everyone for a great response to this competition. 45 people nominated and selectors are presently putting the teams together. Teams will be posted on the noticeboard and website in the next week. The competition is being held on Wednesday 30 July. If you have nominated and your availability for that day changes, please let me know as soon as possible.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

WET WEATHER DURING PLAY - CREDIT FOR GREEN FEES

At the Management Committee meeting held last Wednesday, an agreement was reached concerning the cancellation of bowls due to wet weather after commencement of the games.

It was agreed that, once bowling has commenced and players have paid their green fees but bad weather causes games to be abandoned, if the game has reached more than 10 ends having been played, no credit will be provided. If the game has reached 10 ends or less, players will receive a credit for bowling during the **following week**. If they do not bowl during the following week, that credit will lapse.

PROTECTION OF GREENS – DIRECTION OF PRACTICE ROLLUPS

To ensure our greens remain in good condition, any practice rollups on the greens should be conducted in the East-West direction which is away from and towards the clubhouse.

Wednesday Social Bowls will now run in both directions. The first half will be in the East-West direction, then will switch following afternoon tea to the North-South direction. Members are requested to assist in moving mats and jacks to the North-South configuration before going in for afternoon tea.

RECENT FUNCTION HELD AT THE CLUB



Isn't this a glamorous transformation of the clubhouse bar and deck area? The client and her friends prepared for her 21st birthday celebrations while members played bowls on a recent Saturday afternoon. The addition of balloons and soft lighting gave an extra dimension to the lovely atmosphere in the evening.

Another successful function held at our Club!

- Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director

SLBC LIBRARY

Yes, your Club does have one. It's located in the tall cupboard at the western end of the long bar. There is no limit on the number of books able to be taken home to read, no card required to borrow books and no fines if they are not returned quickly or even not at all.

There is a huge variety of books available but you won't find them in any particular order. Take your time to browse through the selection and, above all, make use of another free aspect of the Club you can enjoy.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – MINI MINUTES, JULY 2025

1. UQ emailed the Club with a call for volunteers to participate in a study into Back Research via an app with \$100 enticement to each person. If interested, Rob Hoskin can send you the details.
2. Our new Grants Officer, Tim Salway, has lodged an application for the purchase and installation of lights on our Red green.
3. Notice to members that some membership subscriptions are now overdue.
4. Pam Richardson, Treasurer, informed the MC that bar staff wages are up 3.5% but the good news from the report is that electricity costs were down 30% on last month.
5. Members participating on bowls days in June were down from 560 in 2025 to 485 this year with the obvious bad weather being the major culprit.
6. Peter Jordan was praised by the MC for taking on the roster duties for social selections for both Saturdays and Wednesdays.
7. The club will allocate \$300 to the Walter Taylor event. The purchase of prizes to support some of our sponsors was discussed rather than relying on member donations. Raffle prizes such as meat and breakfast trays should be popular. Yeronga Village, one of our major sponsors, as well as Councillor Penny Wolff, will be invited to attend.
8. Between now and Christmas, there are already 12 confirmed function bookings with the support of members who are also encouraged to help on Friday 1 August when 200 students from Emmanuel College join us for a fun afternoon.
9. Ian Thomas has discussed the current fungus problem on the greens with Steve, our greenkeeper. Unfortunately, until we get some extended warmer days, it is extremely difficult to eradicate. Pitting will then need to be managed for which Steve and his team have planned.
10. In consultation with Bowls Captain Pam Salway and the Committee, it was agreed that, as much as possible, to take pressure off the area between the T's and the ditch, that we play East-West when practicing and on social playing days.
11. Bruce Holwell has been busy organising material to carry out work in the ladies' toilets starting with replacement of the laminex on the cubicle doors. Quotes are being organised to repaint both toilets and the kitchen.
12. The club now has two working greens rollers thanks to the efforts of the Monday Morning Crew.
13. Finally, Max reiterated that our Bowls Club is financially sound with a solid membership base. Our success is undeniably due to our club being 'Volunteer Driven'.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary

Please continue to scroll down to the following page for the list of pennant teams for the coming week.

OPEN PENNANTS ROUND 3 – Saturday 19 July 2025

Div 3 – Home to Chermside at 1.00pm

Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang	Col Bertwistle	Doug Buchbach
John (Darcy) Barry	Terry Martin	Pamela Richardson
Nikki Geran	Bruce Holwell	Anthony Burton
Pamela Salway	Warren Garnham	Craig Francis

Manager: Craig Francis (0402 154 346)

Div 5 – Home to Samford at 1.00pm

Ken Harvey	Clive Hamlin	Vaughan Thomas
Graham Legg	Robin Town	Siu Hong (Dicky) Ng
Antony Flint	Lois Bradley	Mark Benson

Manager: Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

Div 6 – Away at Red Hill at 1.00pm

Anne Kuhnemann	Narelle Sutton	Ian Nave
Peter Jordan	Rijn Camphorst	John Stack
Tim Salway	Bill Mills	Max Grey

Manager: Tim Salway (0413 748 666)

Umpire for Divs 3 and 5 – Graham Legg

Notes:

1. Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. The Selectors are rotating some players in order to qualify as many players as possible for Finals.