

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 SECTION

Men's B Singles

A cursory glance at the draw for the Men's B Singles competition revealed that there would be no easy games. This was certainly the case for the two first round games played on Wednesday. The match between Roland Baudet and Tim Salway was an absolute nailbiter with Roland finally coming out on top 25–23 after 28 ends. The score was locked at 21-all after 25 ends in a game that was very close with the players mostly separated by no more than two points. Roland will now meet Fulvio Toniotti in the second round.

The other game played was between Ian Thomas and me. This very competitive match was decided in my favour 25-17 after 26 ends. I managed to pull away 16-8 after 16 ends, only for Ian to win five ends in a row to draw level. The game was decided with Ian getting an unlucky toucher that ended with a two to me. Had the jack gone the other way, he could have scored three shots. Such is bowls! All in all, a very enjoyable game after which we agreed that we had played good quality bowls. My next opponent is the newly crowned C Singles champion, Peter Fairchild.

If you are in this competition, please check the website or noticeboard for your game on Wednesday.

Men's Pairs

The call for the Men's Pairs is now open and will close on Saturday 20 April with play commencing Saturday 4 May. Please place nominations in the wooden box or send an e-mail to me at games@stluciabowls.org If you would like to be in this competition but don't have a partner, please put your name on the blank sheet on the noticeboard and we will put teams together. As with all our competitions, Thursday evening bowlers are invited to join in and register for this competition.

Men's Fours

The first round of this competition was held on Saturday.

The team of Doug Buchbach (S), Ken Harvey, Bruce Holwell and Vaughan Thomas would, on paper, have been the firm favourites against Tim Salway (S), John Stack, Roland Baudet and Max Grey. Proving once again that, in bowls, anything can happen on the day, Tim's team had an absolute blinder leading from start to finish to notch up a convincing 32–13 victory. Tim's four began strongly to lead 14-3 after seven ends and never looked back. On that form, the semi-final game this coming weekend against Robin Town's team should be a beauty.

The second game was less dramatic but just as engrossing. The team of Lloyd Edwards (S), Stephen James, Peter Fairchild and Tom Hayes took on Ian Thomas (S), Graham Legg, Rob Malcolm and Doug Phipps. Despite giving away a five on the third end and a four later in the game, Ian's team kept plugging away with ones and twos and managed to win 19-18 after being tied at 18-all on the 20th end. A highlight of the game was the consistent quality bowling of both Tom Hayes and Stephen James who kept the opposition under pressure throughout. Ian's team will play Craig Francis' team in the semi-final.
- Graham Legg, Games Manager

Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants

Maximum points Friday for our Senior Men's Pennant side! All teams won both sets. Craig Francis' team with Ken Harvey and Tony Burton won 29-7. Peter Jordan (S) with Max Grey and Dicky Ng won 32-6. Fulvio Toniotti's team with Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell won 20-8. The three teams combined well and were expertly led by their skips. A great day!
- Bruce Holwell, Team Manager

WOMEN'S SECTION

BDBA Autumn Pennants

It was a brilliant morning at Toombul Bowls Club. The sky was clear, the morning tea was delicious, all the players were present and accounted for, plus we won the toss. What more could we wish for? We were looking for a win in the semi-final of the Ladies Autumn Pennants against Chermside Gold.

All three SLBC teams scored good wins in the first set so things were looking on track. However, only Pam Richardson's team of Rachel Chiang and Julie Hawley secured a win in the second set. With one rink under our belt, it was down to a sudden death tie-break end for both Lois Bradley's team of Robyn Pang and Suzanne Jordan and Pam Salway's team of Margaret Miller and Josie Caltabiano. Both teams convincingly won the tie-breaks, making the final score three rinks to the Saints and zero to Chermside Gold.

Next week is finals week where SLBC will take on the other Chermside team, "Chermside Blue", at host club, Everton Park. The final will start at 10am so all cheer squad members are requested to assemble at Everton Park armed with their best cheering regalia.

- Pam Salway, Women's Bowls Captain

The semi-final of the Ladies Pairs Championship last Saturday was a game of two halves. Pam Richardson and Rachel Chiang played brilliantly getting off to a very strong start. They steadily climbed to a 14-4 lead by end 11. Nikki Geran and Pam Salway managed to turn it around on end 12, winning the next 9 out of 10 ends, finishing the contest with a win, 18-15. Pam and Nikki go on to meet Julie Hawley and Robyn Pang in the final to be played on Saturday.

Play in the Ladies Fours Championship will begin next Tuesday.

- Linda Bird, Games Manager

THURSDAY TWILIGHT BOWLS

Bowls last Thursday night was very successful with 31 registered players for the afternoon/evening. We were able to welcome back three of our long-time members who have been absent and it was great to have them rejoin us.

If anyone is considering joining the Thursday group, you are always very welcome. Registration is via the phone only between 2pm and 2:30pm with play starting at 3pm finishing around 5pm when we gather for a cold drink and our barbeque.
- Greg Bahlmann

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL ACTIVE & HEALTHY PROGRAM



This program commenced on Sunday 14 April to encourage participants new to bowls to have a go. The program runs for a further five consecutive weeks on Sundays and takes around 1½ hours, commencing at 12:30pm and winding up around 2pm.

Last week, 14 people participated in the program and registered for next Sunday to build on the skills obtained. This is a promising start to the program with positive feedback from all who attended. A big thank you to our volunteers - Robin Town, Craig Francis and Bruce Holwell.

To maintain momentum, we are asking members who have family, friends or neighbours who may be looking for a new activity that ticks all the boxes, please invite them to come and join the program. They will have a lot of fun, meet new people and learn new skills. Ask Paul Pollock who brought along two of his neighbours who had a wonderful day. Thanks, Paul.

Registration for the program is required and those interested are asked to contact Vaughan Thomas on mobile 0419 475 763 or email membership@stluciabowls.org.

- Vaughan Thomas, Membership Director

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE



Isn't this a sight to delight the eyes of both the Greens Director and the Facilities Director? This marvel of engineering is a brand-new pump which has been supplied to SLBC as part of the Brisbane City Council's Flood Resilience Program.

It looks like it will have enough pressure to water all parts of both greens evenly so growth will be better controlled. We can expect to see further improvement in the condition of our greens.

ANNOUNCING TWO NEW SPONSORS OF SLBC

We welcome two new sponsors to our Club – UltraTune Indooroopilly and Ironside Sports and Physiotherapy.

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- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager



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