

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Club member Peter Fairchild has resigned from the position of Membership Director due to his upcoming studies at UQ in 2026. The Management Committee thanks Peter for the good work he has done while Membership Director and, on behalf of the Club, I wish him the best for 2026.

I would also like to announce that Vaughan Thomas has assumed the position of Membership Director effective 1 December 2025. Kellie Broderick has been appointed Deputy Membership Director. Kellie began her training on 1 December with a plan for her to take over the role of Director following a period of guidance with Vaughan and, at an appropriate time, to be confirmed as the Director by the Management Committee.

Thank you to all the members who participated in the preparation and running of the Club Christmas Party and Presentation night. A good time was had by everyone. Thanks also to the Lions Club for a great meal and to Pam Salway for her wonderful work as organiser and MC for the evening.

Also, a big 'shout out' to all our volunteers for their help at this busy time of the year for the Club both as helpers on the greens for bowling or hosting the functions. As advised at the Christmas party, 50% of our income is generated from these and other external events which are pivotal to the financial success of our Club.

- Max Grey, President

BRISBANE DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION – LADIES PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2025



SLBC is very proud to announce to members that our Bowls Captain, Pam Salway, has been awarded the unique honour of becoming the BDBA Ladies Player of the Year for 2025.

The award is recognition for the number of District events where Pam participated successfully, in particular winning the Ladies District Pairs with Nikki Geran. She has also led winning teams and pays tribute to fellow players from SLBC – Pam Richardson, Rachel Chiang, Suzanne Jordan and Robyn Pang.

Our Club is also most grateful for her work throughout the year in developing a competitive bowls culture within the Club which has resulted in the many successes which were listed at the Presentation Night and in last week's edition of the SLBC News. Pam has been tireless in her encouragement of all players and active behind the scenes such as general administration, Management Committee and website maintenance. It has been a busy year for her and the Club appreciates her enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication to our sport.

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES

Five games were played over three days this week including a catch-up game from a previous round. Here's a round-up of Saturday's games.

Coming off a convincing win against the Plovers in a game played on Thursday and the game from a previous round as mentioned, the Hawks narrowly lost to the Finches on Saturday 23-25. On the 22nd end, it was 21-all so a close tussle throughout.

Koels played Curlews and once the Curlews scored a 4 on the 13th end, they never looked like losing. Koels 16-Curlews 33.

The Lorikeets played the Owls and the difference in that match was the Owls scoring eight points in the last five ends.

The Plovers' second game for the week proved a closer battle when playing the Wrens. The lead changed often culminating in a last end playoff. The final score was Wrens 25-Plovers 23.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **10-12 December 2025 – World Bowls Series Finals** – watch on Fox Sports (Australia) or World Bowls TV (international)
- **23 December 2025 – Tuesday bowls** – no bowls.
- **24 December 2025 – Christmas Eve** – Wednesday bowls on as usual (although no staff rostered).
- **25 December 2025 – Christmas Day** – no bowls.
- **30 December 2025 – Tuesday bowls** - no bowls
- **31 December 2025 – New Year's Eve** – no bowls.
- **9 January 2026 - World Bowls from Potters Resort UK** - 9 to 25 January 2026 – See the World Bowls Tour's 16 top ranked players in action. Watch it on YouTube.
- **13 January 2026 – Nominations open for the Champion of Club Singles** events for both men and women. Games will be played during February. Watch this space for more information
- **31 January 2026 – Merlo Coffee Cup commences.** You can still register your interest in selection to play in this competition which runs until 28 March 2026. Place your name via SLBC's website "Register for Bowls".
- **31 January 2026 – Nominations open for the "Beginners Cup"** Novice event. You need to have been playing for 3 years or less to enter. It is an open event. This competition will run early in February. Watch this space for more information.
- **20 February to end March 2026 – Ladies/Women's Autumn Pennant.** SLBC is hoping to go one better than in 2025 by winning the Pennant. So, if you are interested in playing and are a female, please register your interest in selection via the SLBC's website "Register for Bowls" page.