

# SLBC NEWS



## CHRISTMAS DAY 2024

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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

### CLUB BOWLING NEWS



#### Thursday Twilight Bowls Christmas Breakup 2024

After days of rain last week, 34 Twilight Bowlers were delighted to have a perfect afternoon for their final game of the year. As usual, there were many great bowls despite, at times, the attraction of the ditch! Friendly rivalry persisted until drinks, followed by the regular BBQ, plus “treats”.

The “treats” involved all members bringing a plate of Christmas goodies to share. Too much great food was enjoyed and many stories (old and new) were told. A few additional members joined us for the festivities with a total of 38 for dinner. It was great to see Greg Bahlmann and his grand-daughter Georgia among them.

A special “thank you” went to those who cook each week – Head Chef Paul Pollock, ably assisted by Laurie Annan and often supported by Bruce McBryde and Vernon Hill. It’s amazing how they remember who brought what meat once it’s on the BBQ.

Another special “thank you” needs to go to Bev King and Joanne Annan for organizing the salad roster for each week and general help to the bar staff in the kitchen. We’re most grateful for their providing desserts for our Christmas festivities too.

David Cowper and John Davey were thanked for their ongoing DJ duties and their “inherited” duty to organise Thursday bowling activities.

We would like to thank everyone who played and came to eat for their contributions on the night and, of course, throughout the year. We are lucky to have such a wonderful community of Twilight Bowlers and to be members of a great Bowling Club. We very much appreciate the ongoing support we get from other members of the Club and wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2025.

- John Davey, Twilight Bowler

## St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples

Rounds Four and Five have been scheduled for January.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## From the Ladies' Bowls Captain

### Autumn Pennants - Ladies

Nominations have been called for clubs to enter the 2025 BDBA Ladies Autumn Pennants. SLBC intends to participate in this competition and defend their title won in 2024. Competition starts on 21 February 2025 and is played on Friday mornings at various venues across the district. The length of the competition will depend on the number of entries.

If any ladies are interested in being eligible for selection into teams playing in this competition, please indicate by placing **your name on the list on the noticeboard** in the ladies' lounge.

### Tuesday Bowls

We look forward to welcoming players back on 7 January 2025.

- Pam Salway, Ladies' Bowls Captain

## Emergency Contacts

Recent events have highlighted the desirability of members advising the Club of their emergency contact. **An emergency contact allows the Club to notify the nominated person quickly in the event of an accident or medical issue.** How can you do this?

BowlsLink has provision for members to add an emergency contact to their profile. To action this, members can either log onto their account in BowlsLink and update their profile or, **alternatively, send Pam Richardson or Vaughan Thomas your emergency contact's name and mobile number.** On receipt, they will happily update BowlsLink accordingly.

The simple step of adding your emergency contact provides peace of mind, especially if you live alone or have medical conditions.

## Bar Price Increases in 2025

The Management Committee of the St Lucia Bowls Club has carefully considered the present bar prices against the wholesale cost increases throughout 2023 and 2024 which the Club has been able to absorb until now. We have decided to raise the price of many alcoholic beverages beginning January 2025 to reflect the present conditions.

We trust that your continued support and enthusiasm within our Club will continue into the New Year. Be assured that your Committee's decisions always consider the members' interests as we move forward.

- Fulvio Toniotti, Providore



And, if you were wondering what Santa's elves to do fill in the time before loading up the sleigh.....

*Best wishes to all for the holiday season and on into 2025!*

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