

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.miller 1@bigpond.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As the festive season is rapidly approaching, on behalf of the Management Committee of the St Lucia Bowling Club, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members, their families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2025 has been a good year for the Club in all aspects of our activities. Our women have shown the way on the greens with their achievements in numerous District and State events, being competitive at all levels. Our men have also succeeded at District level. Many thanks to our Bowls Captain, Pam Salway, for her unceasing efforts in assisting with this level of engagement and accomplishment for our members.

Our Monday Morning Crew continues to keep the club grounds and facilities in pristine order for the enjoyment of the members and guests of the Club. All members participate at every level of our revenue-raising activities which see the Club in a strong financial position for the year. Continued support from members is very much appreciated by the Management Committee. The Club's volunteer model is working well due to the assistance of willing members.

We are also grateful to our sponsors for their backing throughout each year and the continued involvement of the Brisbane City Council with our Club. On behalf of the Club, I also wish these firms the very best for the New Year. They are an important element of our Club.

Finally, much appreciation to the members of the Management Committee for your hard work and dedication to the successful running of the Club. We look forward to seeing it continue to flourish in 2026 with the continued involvement and enjoyment of all members.

- Max Grey, President

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES

Last Saturday saw the final round of the Birdies. Well done to the Wagtails for winning the competition for this year. Doug Buchbach, Suzanne Jordan, Ian Nave, Rob Malcolm and Paul Keane put on a very consistent performance over the length of the competition only losing one game. They finished on top of the table with 14 of a possible 16 points, also securing the best for/against percentage.

Amazingly, unlike the water-birdies of last year where multiple rounds were abandoned due to rain, we had no rained-out games this year.

The prizemoney of \$500 for the winning team will be presented on Wednesday. The prizemoney has again been donated by St Lucia Dental and their continued support of the Club is very much appreciated.

Thanks to the selectors for compiling the teams and to the team managers for organising the teams each week.

<u>Thanks</u> As this is my last competition as Games Manager, I would like to thank members for their support over the last two and a half years. Your assistance and engagement have helped make the role enjoyable (mostly) and rewarding. See you on the greens.

- Graham Legg

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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.
- 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 via the SLBC's website "Register for Bowls" page.