

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

BDBA MEN'S SENIOR PENNANT – Final



The Saints Go Marching In

Last Friday, the Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants side won their Final against West Toowong at Windsor. The atmosphere was fantastic with all three Divisions playing their respective Finals at the one venue. There was quite a crowd present but, of course, the best and most vociferous supporters came from St Lucia. The Final was a very close affair with every rink going to a tiebreaker and the Saints won two of those tiebreakers to gain the coveted Pennant.

The first team to finish was Bruce's team (Brian Vandeersee, Trevor Catt and Bruce Holwell). They led all the way in the first set until the last end when they dropped a 5 to lose the set 7-10. Undeterred, they won the second set 8-3 to force the tiebreaker on which they scored two shots. We now only needed to add one more rink win to take the Pennant.

Mark's team (Dicky Ng, Warren Garnham and Mark Benson) finished next and had a most interesting match. In the first set, the teams exchanged scores of 5 shots each on the first two ends. Things then settled down with Mark's team winning the first set 16-8. The second set started just as wildly with West Toowong scoring five, five and four on the first three ends. to then take the second set 17-8. The tiebreaker was close but the Saints won. The Pennant was now ours.

Craig's team (Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis) was the last team to finish. They won the first set comfortably 10-5 but lost the second set 6-8. The Saints held the shot throughout the entire tiebreaker until the very last bowl when the West Toowong skip delivered a great bowl to win the end following a measure.

It was a good tough competition this year which brought out the best in every player. Congratulations to all those who participated during the season to help us win the competition – Darcy Barry, Mark Benson, Doug Buchbach, Tony Burton, Trevor Catt, Antony Flint, Craig Francis, Warren Garnham, Clive Hamlin, Ken Harvey, Bruce Holwell, Peter Jordan, Dicky Ng, Tim Salway, Vaughan Thomas, Robin Town and Brian Vandersee.

And a very special thankyou to all our supporters and well-wishers who cheered us so loudly and believed in us.

- Craig Francis, Team Manager

MEN'S TRIPLES

One game of triples was played Saturday. Ken Harvey, Robin Town and Mark Benson (S) defeated Red O'Hara, Peter Jordan and Stephen James (S) 21-7.

- Darcy Barry, Games Manager

PATRON'S TRIPLES

This annual one-day competition is scheduled for Wednesday 22 July. As this is a club-selected event, all members are invited to register via the "Register for Bowls" page on the SLBC website. The selectors will announce the teams closer to the date. Nibbles will be provided after the games.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

PENNANTS NEWS

I have prepared a list of Pennant players and their availability which is on the noticeboard. Would everyone who has put their name down for Pennants (or might still like to do so) please ensure that their details on the list are accurate or otherwise write in any changes?

Thank you to all the bowlers who participated in the "Drills" session last Saturday morning. It was a great success and everyone seemed to come away pleased that they had taken part. It is hoped that we will have another "Drills" session at 11:00am on Saturday 27 June 2026.

Due to Pam Salway's success in the Australian Open Singles, her first Theory session had to be postponed. Pam is involved in COC Fours and District representative duties next weekend and will advise when she can host her next Theory session.

It is still proposed that some Pennants trial games will be played on Saturday 27 June 2026 when, hopefully, all Pennant players will be available after having finished their Competition and District representative commitments.

In the meantime, it is intended that competitive social games will be arranged each Wednesday and Saturday to include the Pennant players. Of course, the remaining non-Pennant players will also be provided competitive games as usual.

- Craig Francis, On behalf of our Bowls Captain, Coaches and Selectors

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **17 June – 4 July – Pennant Practice & Trial Games** - Selectors will be running trial games on Wednesday and Saturday (where appropriate) for those players who have declared their interest in playing in the Pennant season. Normal “Random Wednesdays” will return after then.
- **20 June 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Fours (Day 1)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women. Both the SLBC men’s and women’s champions have entered.
- **21 June 2026 – Senior Quad Challenge** – Craig Francis and Pam Salway will be part of the Brisbane team. Four districts competing – Brisbane, Cunningham, Gold Coast, Gateway. Games at Paradise Point Bowls Club.
- **27/28 June 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Pairs** - Both at Windsor. SLBC women’s champions have entered.
- **30 June 2026 – BDBA General Meeting** – SLBC delegates will attend. Venue Windsor, 9.30 am
- **4 July 2026 to 29 August 2026 – Pennant Season** – SLBC is entered into Divisions 2 and 4. The format of play is Divisions 2 and 4 are three rinks of fours.
- **5 July 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Singles (Day 1)** - Both at Chermside. Wish Lois Bradley “good luck” as the SLBC representative.
- **12 July 2026 – BDBA Men’s & Women’s CoCC Fours (Day 2)** – Ferny Grove for the men and Windsor for the women.
- **19 & 26 July 2026 – BDBA CoCC Mixed Pairs** – Chermside
- **22 July 2026 – SLBC’s Patrons Triples** – Indicate your interest to be placed in a team by registering on the SLBC’s website, “Register for Bowls” page. Scroll down to the bottom of that page to find the button.
- **23 July – 2 August 2026 – Commonwealth Games – Glasgow.**
- **12 August 2026 (Ekka Show Day) – Walter Taylor Shield** – vs West Toowong. More information coming soon.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain