

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ST LUCIA BOWLING CLUB AGM – 24 MAY 2025



The incoming President, Max Grey, exchanged badges with the Immediate Past Present Lloyd Edwards and Lloyd congratulated Ann Burton upon receiving her Life Membership of our Club.

The AGMs of the Men's and Women's Sections were held concurrently and members were advised of the move towards Open competitions within Bowls Qld. Pam Salway was appointed Bowls Captain. District Delegates to the BDBA are Robin Town and Margaret Miller.

Annual Reports were presented and discussed. Despite the adverse weather conditions this year, the Club remains financially sound, the standard of bowls is good, membership is strong and the clubhouse and grounds are well maintained.

The Management Committee for the 2025-26 year is:

President – Max Grey
Vice President – Robin Town
Secretary – Rob Hoskin
Treasurer – Pam Richardson
Bowls Captain – Pam Salway

Greens Director – Ian Thomas
Facilities Director – Bruce Holwell
Functions Director – Anne Kuhnemann
Membership Director – Peter Fairchild

A delicious sandwich lunch from Forages (a valued sponsor) was available at the close of the AGM.

The full Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be available soon on the Club's website in the Members Only section.

INTERCLUB BOWLING NEWS

BDBA Men's Senior Pennants 2025

The SLBC team finished on top of the ladder with a win on all rinks against Everton Park on a rough, soft green used for barefoot bowls and croquet with holes in the surface for croquet hoops. Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) won 28-9.

Vaughan Thomas, Dicky Ng and Bruce Holwell (S) won 30-7. Robin Town, Darcy Barry and Doug Buchbach (S) won 28-7. All matches for the first semifinal will be played at St Lucia on Friday 30 May at 10am. The club has seven out of the top eight players in this year's competition. A great effort!

- Bruce Holwell, Team Manager

Teams for the competition's quarterfinal against New Farm at St Lucia on Friday 30 May at 10am:

Ken Harvey	Robin Town	Vaughan Thomas
Tony Burton	Darcy Barry	Dicky Ng
Craig Francis	Doug Buchbach	Bruce Holwell (Manager)

CLUB COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Open C Singles



Perfect bowling weather set the stage for an absorbing final between Laurie Annan and Antony Flint on Wednesday. Laurie flew out of the blocks with a four-shot start to be ahead 13-4 after eight ends but Antony determinedly settled down to peg back Laurie's lead to be within one shot at 17-18 after 20 ends.

Equally focussed, Laurie proceeded to take the next six ends to become the first winner of the Open C Singles title. With the score at 24-17 and needing one shot for the win, Laurie closed the match with a flourish with two bowls resting on the jack, taking the score to a hard-fought 26-17. The bowling future looks bright for these two competitors at SLBC.

- Pamela Miller, Marker

Women's Fours



The final for the Champion of Club Ladies Fours competition was played on Sunday under a blue and sunny sky. The club was very busy last Sunday with the BCC Healthy Living attendees receiving coaching on one green and the St Lucia local's "Come 'n Try" organised by Robin and Tony were finishing off the day. The eight ladies weren't alone in enjoying the greens.

Linda Bird's team of Gill Gilbert, Margaret Miller, Ros Mortenson were up against Pam Salway's team of Rachel Chiang, Pam Richardson, and Nikki Geran. Pam's team were the champions from 2024 but didn't have it all their own way in successfully defending their title. They will now go on to represent St Lucia in the Brisbane District Champion of Club Champion Fours event later in June.

Good bowls from all participants made for an entertaining match played in good company and spirit.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Men's Triples

Next week's edition of the SLBS News will provide a double update of the matches in this competition. Last Saturday saw some excellent bowls with one match being completed in fading light just after sunset. The Games Manager will return to Brisbane mid-week and will be overseeing the matches due to be played on Saturday.

Twilight Bowling Group

After missing a few games because of wet weather, Twilight Bowls has been on again in earnest. Last Thursday, 25 bowlers appeared for a game. (From a DJ perspective, why can't bowlers be like Noah's animals and come two by two?). With a bit of job sharing, we managed to put together four triple games.

Obviously, four teams won and four teams lost but who remembers? Winning is not terribly important on Thursdays (apart from the occasional bragging rights). Social interaction is the main drawcard. It is also a good opportunity to practice for an upcoming competition game.

After the game and the round of penalty drinks, about 18 stayed for dinner. We had yet another expert barbecue, cooked by our very own chef Paul Pollock, ably assisted by Laurie Annan. Everybody received the meal they brought (or they think they did) and we all enjoyed the salads provided by the volunteers.

- David Cowper

WATCH YOUR BOWL!!

Don't take your eyes off your bowl until it stops at the end of its run up the rink. It's telling you something with every roll. You need to imprint the pattern of its entire run on your mind so you know what your bowl will be doing during the game.

Each day on the green is different. Your bowls will run in a slightly different way each day depending on the speed of the green, direction of wind, sunny or overcast conditions. Observe all these things that can affect your bowl and make the adjustments.

Generally, your bowl will run differently on each side of the rink, mainly due to wind – wider into the direction the wind is blowing and narrower against the wind. When you watch your bowl all the way, you can see what the wind is doing to it and adjust your next bowl.

Many people deliver their bowl then turn away immediately to find their next bowl and pick it up without watching what's happening to the one they just delivered. You can also miss the satisfaction of seeing your bowl occasionally finish near the jack.

You are entitled to stand on the mat and watch your bowl run the entire distance. You have possession of the rink until your bowl stops. There is plenty of time to get ready with your next bowl while your opponent is bowling. You don't need to watch their bowl's run, just its finish. Don't muddle your mind with the imprint of their bowl but concentrate on what your bowl is doing.

Your bowl is always telling you something but, without a voice, you'll have to watch it so it can show you what you need to do with the next one.

CLUB NAME BADGES

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. A list will be on the noticeboard in the main room to add your preferred name, type of badge and or email the Providore at providore@stluciabowls.org. The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip. New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join.

SOCIAL SELECTORS MEETING

A meeting has been called for Social Selectors, Club Selectors and other interested members for Saturday 31 May at 11 am sharp. Discussion points will include:

- Recruiting more volunteers for social selecting
- Reinforcement of Wednesday and Saturday's social selection processes
- Social Selectors Roster - managing this roster
- Training for new selectors

USEFUL RESOURCES

Did you know that the St Lucia Bowling Club's website has an abundance of information for players? It covers aspects essential for your game, such as purposeful practice, marking and stretching. The link to this area of the website can be found here: www.stluciabowls.org.au/bowls-resources

All members should become familiar with "How to Mark". Please read the articles as this is an important aspect of any singles match. An efficient, decisive, on-the-ball marker, one who has a good understanding of the rules of bowls is essential in any singles game.

Bowls Australia offer more information on being involved in the sport by way of marking, measuring, umpiring, and can be found here: <https://bowls.com.au/get-involved/officiating-laws>

Check it out.

- Pam Salway – Bowls Captain

SLBC PENNANTS - WINTER 2025

The winter Pennants season for 2025 will commence in early July and will comprise three separate competitions:

1. Open Pennants – Saturday afternoon – Fours (teams of 12 in Divisions 1 to 4) and 2-bowl Triples (teams of 9 in Divisions 5 to 7 – still to be confirmed).
2. Ladies Pennants – Saturday morning – Fours (teams of 8).
3. Open Mid-week Pennants – Fours (teams of 8).

At this stage, SLBC is likely to field three teams in the Open Pennants (probably in Divisions 3, 5 and 6), one team (combined with Northern Suburbs) in the Ladies Pennants Division One, and two teams in the Mid-week Pennants. Members interested in playing Pennants should put their names on the list on the club noticeboard.

- Robin Town, SLBC Vice President