

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

PRESIDENT'S FOURS GALA DAY



Winners – Graham Legg (S), Rachel Chiang
Erin Grey/Pamela Miller, Clive Hamlin



Runners Up – Robin Town (S), Rob Malcolm,
Josie Caltabiano, Patrick Bailey



President Max Grey welcomed all the bowlers while thanking our sponsor, Alex Gow Funerals, for their long-standing support for our Club.

A great day was had by all in the President's Fours competition on Saturday. A hot Brisbane afternoon saw 41 bowlers in 10 teams play two games of ten ends each but the steady breeze helped to take the sting out of the sun. All took place in a friendly, competitive environment and really was a great advertisement for what is so good about our Club. Once again, the selectors did an excellent job choosing the teams as indicated by the closeness of the results. Only two teams had two wins on the day and the winning margin was just plus 13 overall.

This is the only club-selected fours competition we have and it was a great opportunity to compete with a range of bowlers having different skills.

The event was generously sponsored by Alex Gow Funerals, including prizes for first and second teams and a lucky draw. All members also had the opportunity to take home a funeral planning sample bag. I'm too scared to open mine! (Actually, they are a wonderful tool to help families plan ahead for the inevitable.) Our thanks to Alex Gow Funerals for their continued support.

Thanks also to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

CHANGE OF STARTING TIME FOR BOWLS ON TUESDAYS

Beginning next **Tuesday 21 October**, Team Tuesday is trialling an **8:45am** start on the green to play games instead of 9am. As Spring came and went in the blink of an eye, these few extra minutes, when it's a tad cooler, should be a bonus at the other end of play.

There's no need to arrive any earlier. The meeting will begin just before 8:30am and then we're out to **play at 8:45!!**

ST LUCIA DENTAL BIRDIE TRIPLES

A reminder that the call for the St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples is now open. Register online by 1 November. Games start on Saturday 15 November and will be held over several weeks. Remember you do not have to be available for every game to enter. Teams of five are club-selected and, each week, the team manager will select the triples team for the next game.

This competition is again being generously supported by St Lucia Dental and includes the provision of prizemoney.

Go the Birdies!

– Graham Legg, Games Manager

DRONES ON THE GREEN – A NEW EVENT FOR FUNCTIONS



Last Saturday, we did our first hosting gig for the Club. The event was a dinner and drone competition for the Australian Drone Racing Nationals (Open Division). It was a fun night and we enjoyed seeing the bowling green used in a very different way.

An illuminated obstacle course was in place for the timed races, with the mini drones being controlled via virtual reality headsets and control panels from the pilots on the sides of the green.

It was an entertaining night spent with a lovely group of people who were very passionate about their hobby. Thanks to Anne for her great support to get us ready to host this event.

If you'd like to view a video of the drone competition, ask us to show you.

- Peter & Kellie Broderick

NAME BADGES FOR MEMBERS

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. The badges make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. Send your preferred name and type of badge to the Providore at providore@stluciabowls.org The list will be open for a week or two.

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

- Laurie Annan, Providore

SPREADING THE WEAR ON THE GREENS

It is up to us, those playing bowls, to make an effort to spread the wear on the greens, to minimise trekking down the same paths, putting the mats in the same position every end and kicking back bowls to the same position. Change things around so the same parts of the greens aren't overused and those which need care can recover.

Crossing over on the rink is one area which needs more thought by bowlers. **Walk down the middle of the rink!** When you think about it, our bowls travel in an arc wide to the edges so walking wide on the rink as well as having the bowls track that way wears out the grass more towards the sides. Walking down the middle is the best choice and you are also out of the line of sight of bowlers on adjacent rinks who don't have to wait while you wander up while crossing over along the side edge of your rink.

Coming down to the club for a **PRACTICE ROLL-UP?** **ALWAYS PLAY EAST-WEST**. Because we generally play North-South so the late afternoon sun is not in our eyes, the North-South direction gets more wear. Help the greens to recover by practicing East-West, that is, towards the University and, if possible, play on the middle rinks 3, 4 and 5.

HAVING A SENSE OF PURPOSE IN LIFE HELPS US TO AGE BETTER

The link below comes from the monthly newsletter distributed by National Seniors Australia. The benefits of living a life with purpose are highlighted. This is something that we can identify with as we are members of a sporting group, the St Lucia Bowling Club, run by volunteers who give of their time and energy to enable players to enjoy the companionship along with the exercise benefits of playing bowls. Join with these members to volunteer around the Club and find yourself with an increased sense of purpose and enjoyment of life.

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/members/our-generation/member-matters/growing-older-with-purpose-how-meaning-shapes-healthy-ageing>