

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

CLUB BOWLING NEWS

St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples

The final round of the Birdies was played on Saturday, not without the usual rain delay, of course. Congratulations to the Lorikeets team of Pam Salway, Erin Grey, Frank Wark, Vaughan Thomas and Terry Martin for winning this competition. The Lorikeets were the only team to be undefeated, winning a maximum 10 points over the 5 rounds.

Prizemoney generously donated by St Lucia Dental will be presented to the winners this Wednesday.

Going into the last round, four teams were vying for second place which gives a good indication of how close the competition was. Second place eventually went to the Koels (Lois Bradley, Robyn Pang, Rob Hoskin, Doug Phipps, Antony Flint) on 7.5 points, closely followed by the Hawks (Suzanne Jordan, Anne Kuhnemann, Julie Hawley, Rob Malcolm, Graham Legg) also on 7.5 points.

The final scores table is available on the website and noticeboard.

Round 5

The highlights were:

The top of the table clash between the Lorikeets (Terry Martin (S), Frank Wark, Vaughan Thomas) and the Wagtails (Dicky Ng (S), Joanne Annan, Peter Jordan) saw an incredible comeback by the Wagtails after the rain delay. Down 19-1, they stormed back to go down by four shots, 28-24.

The tight tussle between the Hawks (Suzanne Jordan (S), Anne Kuhnemann, Julie Hawley) and the Plovers (Peter Morrill (S), Josie Caltabiano, Rachel Chiang). The Hawks were eventual winners 19-18 after scores were locked at 14-all after 15 ends. Thanks to John Stack for stepping in at short notice to take Peter's place early in the game.

One point also separated the Koels (Rob Hoskin (S), Doug Phipps, Antony Flint) and the Curlews (Mark Benson (S), Shane Curran, Max Grey) with the Koels coming out on top 17-16.

A strong performance was required by the Finches (Doug Buchbach (S), Laurie Annan, Paul Keane) to defeat the Wrens (Ken Harvey (S), Narelle Sutton, Paul Pollock) by 22-16.

Round 4

Due to rain the previous Saturday, Round 4 was played last Wednesday. Highlights were:

A solid win by the Hawks 22 over the Curlews 13. This game included a masterclass by Anne Kuhnemann on the underrated skill of rolling the jack.

A big win by the Koels 35-15 over the Finches which allowed them to secure eventual second place for the competition on for and against difference.

A strong performance by the Wagtails to defeat the Plovers 20-12.

An absolute nailbiter in the Lorikeets v Owls game. The Lorikeets needed to win this game to wrap up the competition with a game to go. The Owls led over the first 10 ends, only to eventually go down 22-21 after a tie breaker end. If the result had gone the other way, the whole competition would have been blown wide open going into the last round.

I would like to especially thank all the team managers for organising their teams each week and keeping me informed of who was playing and when. Congratulations to all players who competed in the competition in such a positive spirit.

COC Men's Singles (previously Men's A Singles)

The call for this competition is now open. Nominations close on Wednesday 29 January with games starting on Wednesday 5 February. Please place nominations in the box or send to me at games@stluciabowls.org

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

Merlo Coffee Cup – BDBA Summer Competition 2025

SLBC Div 2 Gold

Clive Hamlin	Rob Hoskin	Ken Harvey	
Mark Benson	Suzanne Jordan	Lois Bradley	Manager: Peter Jordan
	Peter Jordan	Bruce Holwell	

SLBC Div 3 Gold

Julie Hawley	Paul Keane	Frank Wark	
Antony Flint	Robyn Pang	Josie Caltabiano	Manager: Tim Salway
	John Stack	Tim Salway	

- Peter Jordan, Chair of Selectors

Members' SLBC Shirts

Members requiring new SLBC shirts, please put your name and preferred size onto the ordering sheet placed on the noticeboard and, in order to receive your shirt by the end of March, details must be received no later than Monday 17 March. We do have existing stock for anyone with immediate needs however some sizes are in short supply. Should you prefer, you may email your requirements to providore@stluciabowls.org

- Fulvio Toniotti, Providore

Ladies Singles Championship

A nomination form for the SLBC Singles Championship 2025 has been posted to the noticeboard in the ladies' room at the Club. Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 28 January. The Club will be closed on Tuesday 4 February.

- Linda Bird, Games Manager

Bowls on Tuesday Afternoon Trial

We trialled the switch of Tuesday bowls to an afternoon event but the consensus of those who came along is that it's cooler to play in the mornings. Next Tuesday, 28 January, will revert to a 9 am start time.

All bowlers are welcome.

- Pam Salway, Ladies' Bowls Captain

Club Closure in February for Path Painting

The Brisbane City Council advised us that they are planning to complete the painting of the paths at the Club on Monday and Tuesday, 3-4 February 2025, subject to the weather (for the third time).

That means that the Club will be closed for both days. Let's hope that the weather gods are smiling on us this time.

- Max Grey, Vice President

DUCHESNE DAY - SUNDAY 2 MARCH from 2pm – 6pm



This is the biggest day in our functions calendar. Five hundred young people descend on the Club for an afternoon of fun on and off the greens. We need "all hands on deck" for this special day, particularly to help with supervising the bowls. It's good fun and we get to enjoy the great vibe.

Mark the date on your calendar. Lists for volunteers will be on the noticeboards soon.