

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

MERLO COFFEE CUP

Division 1

The Division 1 side is having a tough competition with the Saints always being "around about" but not quite bringing home the bacon. This week's game, played at home against Ferny Grove, started off on a positive note on two of the rinks, with the third rink behind most of the way.

For the triples team of Vaughan Thomas, Rachel Chiang and Doug Buchbach (S), a draw was a good outcome. They led right up until the 19th end when Ferny Grove caught up and then pulled ahead by 1 shot on the 20th end. Scoring 1 on the last end (21st end), the Saints levelled the game at 16-all.

The 3-bowl pairs team of Pam Salway and Nikki Geran (S) were off to a flying start leading 10-1 on the 5th end but Ferny Grove found their pace and pegged back those shots to be 10-all on the 10th end. It was neck and neck during the second part of the game but Ferny Grove got the better of the Saints duo by four shots. Final score 16-20.

The second triples team of Clive Hamlin, Dicky Ng and Pam Richardson (S) started slowly being 5-20 down by the 12th end. They then started "feeling it" and pegged back the score gradually to lose the game 14-26.

Next week is another game on home turf but, with only two games to go, a finals berth looks out of reach for the Division 1 Saints.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 3

The Division 3 team had a successful visit to Red Hill on Saturday coming away with the maximum five points which now sees them second on the table.

Peter Jordan and Mark Benson (S) had a convincing 25-11 win in the pairs, winning 14 of the 21 ends.

Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) had a comfortable 21-12 win in the triples, winning 13 of the 21 ends. Quality skip bowling by Lois was a feature of the game.

The second triples game saw Ken Harvey, Robin Town and Tony Burton (S) win 26-15, winning 12 of the 21 ends.

We now take the show on the road to Ferny Grove on Saturday.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Ken Harvey won his way through to the grand final last Saturday after defeating Dicky Ng 25-9. He waits to see who his opponent will be in the final. That match between Craig Francis and Mark Benson was rained off last Friday and has been rescheduled to Wednesday afternoon 4 March. The Grand Final will be played on Wednesday afternoon 11 March commencing at 12.30 pm.

Also on Wednesday afternoon 11 March, the Women's Grand Final will take place between Lois Bradley and Pam Salway.

WOMEN'S AUTUMN PENNANTS 2026

The second-round match for the Saints meant a trip to the host club, Red Hill, to compete against the Windsor side. Windsor appeared very strong on paper but our ladies were determined to keep the winning streak going.

Pam Richardson's team of Rachel Chiang and Margaret Miller was the only team needing a tie-break end after losing the first set 9-11 but winning the second set 11-10 due to Pam's playing a 'last bowl blinder' to take the jack into the ditch and score three.

Lois Bradley's team, consisting of Suzanne Jordan and Linda Bird, drew the first set then blitzed the second set winning 10-1.

Pam Salway's team of Julie Hawley and Judy Beal played steadily all match, winning the first set 9-7 and the second set 11-8.

The Saints will take on Red Hill in Round 3 and play at New Farm. Keep it going, team!

BEGINNERS CUP (OPEN NOVICE)

One game in the first round was played last Thursday evening with Bev Walker successful over Margot Henry.

With the evening darkness creeping ever earlier, Beginners Cup games played on Thursday evenings will commence at 3:30 pm. One game will be played this week and three games will be played this Thursday.

Tuesday 3:30 pm - Kellie Broderick vs Bev Walker (marker Margot Henry)

Thursday 3:30 pm - Bill Gray vs Patrick Bailey (marker Paul Pollock)

Greg Ferrero vs Peter Broderick (marker Tim Salway)

Vicki Gray vs Bev King (marker Pam Salway)

MORETON BAY CHALLENGE - WOMEN

Congratulations to Kellie Broderick who has been selected in the Brisbane Novice team to play in the Moreton Bay Challenge match on Sunday 8 March at Chermside. The experience will be invaluable to Kellie as she progresses her bowls journey.

Nikki Geran and Pam Salway have also been selected in the more experienced representative teams for this Challenge.

Enjoy your games!

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **11 March - Entries close** for the **Champion of Club Pairs** events for both men and women. Entries must be placed via BowlsLink. Competition starts around 17/18 March.
- **17/18 March** – Champion of Club Pairs events commence.
- **24/25 March – SLBC Men’s and Women’s Champion of Club Fours nominations close.** This competition will commence around 11 April. Entries must be via BowlsLink. There is a **link to BowlsLink on the SLBC’s website** in either the “Register for bowls” page, or the “Draw & Teams” page in the members portal. Teams will be 4 men or 4 women and the competitions are open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club. If you have problems entering, see either Darcy Barry or Pam Salway.
- **10 April – BDBA Men’s Senior Pennant** competition commences. St Lucia will field a side in Division 3. Teams will be published on the SLBC website.
- **11 April (approx.) – CoC Fours** commence.
- **Coming up**Nominations will be taken in April for the Champion of Club Mixed Pairs with the competition to run in May. Get your teams together!

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

MERLO CUP ROUND 6 – SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026

Div 1 – Home to New Farm at 9.00am

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| <u>Pairs</u> | <u>Triples</u> | <u>Triples</u> |
| Pamela Salway | Vaughan Thomas | Clive Hamlin |
| Nikki Geran (Skip) | Peter Jordan | Antony Flint |
| | Doug Buchbach (Skip) | Pamela Richardson (Skip) |

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)

Umpire for Div 1: Pamela Salway

Div 3 – Away at Ferny Grove at 9.00am

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| <u>Pairs</u> | <u>Triples</u> | <u>Triples</u> |
| Warren Garnham | Ken Harvey | Graham Legg |
| Mark Benson (Skip) | Robin Town | Terry Martin |
| | Anthony Burton (Skip) | Lois Bradley (Skip) |

Manager: Graham Legg (0419 771 954)

Notes:

1. Please contact your Skip ASAP if you are unavailable to play.
2. All players are to pay their green fees in cash to their Skip prior to the start of the game.



DUCHESNE DAY BOWLS EVENT

From President Max Grey –

Congratulations to Anne Kuhnemann and her team plus the many members who assisted with the Duchesne Day for such a successful event of bowling and fellowship enjoyed by all. It was great to see so many of our members attending to assist with the bowling and the running of the event.

We were lucky with the weather, experiencing only a couple of short bursts of heavy rain. Special mention goes to Antony Flint who worked tirelessly all day arranging the facilities and keeping the whole area tidy (look carefully at the photo) as well as

Clive Hamlin and Ian Thomas for their assistance in setting up and running the mobile beer bars.

These were very popular with the students who emptied all but one of the kegs. The lemon and ginger beers were the trendiest with both the girls and the boys. The staff working in the clubhouse serving mainly Mimosas were also very busy. Thanks to Rob and Wendy Hoskin for their efforts in maintaining a flow of beverages.

From Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director –

Duchesne Day is certainly a big day in the SLBC calendar with over 500 UQ students descending on our grounds. From 2-6pm, an army of Club volunteers entertained the students on the greens, provided a brisk bar service in three locations and managed queues and crowds, especially during periods of light rain when hundreds of students surged towards the shelter of the clubhouse. It was a huge day for everyone involved. A warm thankyou from me to all of you who worked so hard to make it a success. It really was a community effort!

ANOTHER NEW SPONSOR – MELANIE KING, PERSONAL TRAVEL AGENT

As a Brisbane-based travel advisor, I'm passionate about helping people explore the world with confidence and ease. With over two decades working in travel and hospitality, I specialise in cruises, escorted journeys and personalised holidays that allow you to relax and truly enjoy the experience. From exploring the Kimberley coast to cruising the Mediterranean or discovering Australia's own backyard, I take care of the details so you can focus on the moments that matter most.

My services don't cost you anything extra — just the added benefit of having someone in your corner, supporting you before, during and after your trip.

Travel isn't just about where you go. It's about how it makes you feel, the experiences you share and the stories that stay with you long after you return home. If you'd like to chat about your next getaway, feel free to get in touch. Whether it's a quick call, an email or a coffee, I'd love to help you start planning.

I'm delighted to support the St Lucia Bowling Club community and look forward to helping members create their next unforgettable adventure.

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