

# 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](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## BOWLING NEWS

### CoC Men's Pairs

Boilover alert! The second round of this competition saw a major upset when Max Grey and Antony Flint (S) defeated one of the fancied teams of Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) to the tune of 21-18. Tony and Craig led all the way until the 11<sup>th</sup> end where they were leading 12-7, only to give away seven shots over the next three ends. The remainder of the game was very close with no more than two or three points separating the teams.

Defending champions Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell (S) defeated Rob Hoskin and John Stack (S) 24-15 to earn a spot in the next round. Their opponents in what promises to be a tough game will be Col Bertwistle and Robin Town (S) who defeated Patrick Bailey and Terry Martin (S) 24-11. That game is scheduled for this Wednesday.

Peter Jordan and Fulvio Toniotti (S) progressed to the next round after a nail-biting 18-17 victory over Paul Kenny and Bill Mills (S). With scores tied 17-all after 21 ends, a tie breaker was needed to separate the teams. Peter and Fulvio led all the way and were 9-2 ahead after five ends, however Paul and Bill kept plugging away and took the game down to the wire. Peter and Fulvio now play Clive Hamlin and Ken Harvey in the next round this Saturday after their first-round bye.

Doug Phipps and Doug Buchbach (S) had a marathon game against Paul Keane and Tim Salway (S) to run out eventual winners 29-24. With scores locked at 15-all after 12 ends the game was perhaps decided over the next three ends where the two Dougs scored 11 points to lead 26-15 after 15 ends. They will now play Peter Fairchild and Dicky Ng (S) in the next round this Saturday in another game which promises to be very competitive.

### CoC Mixed Pairs

Due to time constraints and the need to qualify teams for District competitions, this competition was held on Sundays. with the final scheduled. Next Sunday's final at 10am will be between Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S) taking on Joanne and Laurie Annan (S).

Joanne and Laurie earned a place in the final after a hard fought first round victory 18-16 over Lois Bradley and Rob Hoskin (S). Unfortunately, their opponents in the second round Erin Grey and Antony Flint (S) had to withdraw after having won their first-round game against Narelle Sutton and Roland Baudet (S) 20-16

The other half of the draw saw Anne Kuhnemann and Paul Keane (S) give the firm favourites Nikki Geran and Bill Mills (S) a run for their money, eventually narrowly going down 24-19. Anne and Paul got off to a flying 9-0 start after three ends. Scores were locked at 10-all after seven ends, and 16-all after 14 ends in what was clearly a very competitive game.

Pam and Tim Salway (S) came up against an in-form Pam Richardson and Craig Francis (S) combination going down 12-30 in the first round. Pam and Craig then met Nikki Geran and Bill Mills (S) in the semi-final running out winners 26-17.

The final will be held on Sunday 30 March at 10am. Good luck to both teams. Come on down and enjoy what is sure to be an entertaining game.

### Open Novice Competition

The inaugural Open Novice competition has been a great success this year with 13 entrants. It's the first year that men and women have played in the same novice competition and it resulted in some very close games. It was great to see many of the Thursday evening bowlers taking part. Bernadette Penrose reached the final by defeating Bev King in the semi-final and Patrick Bailey won through to the final by defeating Bev Walker. Congratulations to Bernadette and Patrick for reaching the final and well done to all other entrants for competing.

The final will be held this Thursday from 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch the final on Thursday afternoon, have a roll up and enjoy some fellowship after the game.

### CoC Men's Fours

The call for this competition is now open and will close at 4pm on Wednesday 26 March.

Please nominate your team by putting your team names in the box or by sending them to me at [games@stluciabowls.org](mailto:games@stluciabowls.org) There are no club selected teams for this competition. Competition play will commence the week beginning 14 April.

Because of the number of competitions happening at present, please make sure to keep an eye on the noticeboard and website for up-to-date progress of the various events.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

### Ladies Autumn Pennants

St Lucia Saints' last round game was played last Friday. The Saints went into the game sitting on top of the table in Section 2 and a win against second-placed Ferny Grove Falcons secured their spot in the final even though the Saints have a bye next week. With 4 wins out of 5 games, the Saints cannot be beaten and expect to go into the finals in a fortnight's time.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

### CoC Women's Pairs

This competition has begun in the form of a Round Robin.

### CoC Women's Fours

This is a reminder that the Champion of Club Ladies Fours nominations close at 5 pm on 25 March. The winner of this competition can go on to represent the St Lucia club at the CoC District event.

Linda Bird is happy to receive your email if you'd like to play in this competition but you are not able to place your name on the sheet at the Club.

### SLBC Dress Regulations

Will all players please note that, when playing in our Club's Championship competitions, the full regular uniform should be worn. This also applies to markers in Singles competitions.

### EVENT COMING UP SOON

#### The Village Yeronga Fours

If you are interested in getting a team together for this event, please email Pam Salway on [pmsalw@gmail.com](mailto:pmsalw@gmail.com) This could be your preferred entry option as you get to play in a four of your choice. However, if you are an individual who would like to play but don't know whom to ask, then a sheet will be placed on the noticeboard for you to enter your name and teams will be formed by the selectors.

### **VALE GWENYTH ROGERS**

Gwenyth Rogers passed away Saturday 15 March. Gwenyth was a Life Member of SLBC and leaves a legacy that continues today. Her funeral will take place on Friday 28 March at 1pm at Christ Church, corner of Central and Ninth Avenues, St Lucia and will be followed by a wake at St Lucia Bowls Club.

### MINI-MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 MARCH

- Club Credit Card issued to Bruce Holwell for purchase of machinery shed equipment, etc. Bruce has activated that card with the purchase of a much-needed Gerni for cleaning.
- Recent grant applications for solar battery and green's roller were unsuccessful.
- Bowls Qld executive has been invited to a meeting with MC to discuss affiliation fees to BQ.
- Bruce Holwell reported that there was no evidence of any damage after recent winds.
- The clubhouse is to get a facelift with professional cleaners to wash the exterior of the building.
- A changing of the guard with Laurie Annan taking over from Fulvio as Providore of the Club. A vote of thanks to Fulvio was proposed and passed.
- Club revenue was up in December/January compared with 2024.
- The SLBC AGM is scheduled for the 24 May with nominations for MC positions being called in late April.
- Position of Greens Director remains vacant.
- Duchesne Day Review was carried out. Some minor changes were tweaked. All agreed our volunteers did an amazing job and there has been nothing but praise coming in from all participants.
- Thanks to those filling in while we have members on holidays: Clive Hamlin, Bev King, Pam Salway and Lois Bradley.

- Rob Hoskin, Club Secretary