

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

BRISBANE DISTRICT SENIOR OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP - WINNERS



Last Friday, Dean Merlo and I continued our journey in the District Senior Open Pairs Championship at Chermside.

In the semi-final, we were down to a Chermside team by 8-12 after 11 ends. Something then “clicked” and we roared on to win the next 10 ends and 18 shots to come out 26-12 winners.

The final was against a Ferny Grove team who was also undefeated in the competition. We had a great start and comfortably led by 10 shots until the wind changed and we struggled. Fortunately, we held on to win the final by two shots, 18-16. The day was only slightly less gruelling than the previous Friday. This time only two games from 8:30am to 4:30pm consisting of 42 ends and 168 bowls each.

I have two big takeaways from the competition. Firstly, when you are behind, never give up and always back your own ability and that of your teammates. Secondly, don't hesitate to ask a better bowler to play with you. Who knows? They may say “yes” and you will certainly benefit from the experience as I did!!

A big thankyou to all our members who sent me kind messages and especially to Tim and Pam Salway who came out to watch the semi-final. By the way, Pam, I am happy to have those jack rolling lessons anytime soon (but that is a story for another time). 😊 - Craig Francis

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS

MERLO COFFEE CUP SUMMER COMPETITION

To assist us in deciding the number of entries SLBC may make, your expression of willingness to be considered for selection into teams to represent the club in the above competition is needed.

With Divisions 1 to 4 likely to be offered, the competition will run from 31 January through to the end of March and will be against teams within the Brisbane District only. Games are likely to be played on Saturday mornings. The composition of teams will be one 3-bowl pairs and two 2-bowl triples.

To register your interest, go to the **"Register for Bowls" page of SLBC's website** and click on the button. Please enter your name and any short comment you wish to make. Please register as soon as possible and preferably before 31 October so we have a good indication of interest.

Thank you for representing St Lucia Bowling Club. We strive to offer our members competitive competition while remaining the friendly club that we are.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

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 the competition will run 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



❄️ Let's Celebrate the Year! ❄️ Annual Presentation Night & Christmas Dinner

Get ready for an evening of awards, celebration and great food!

Date: Friday, November 28, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

- **Happy Hour!** Kick off the night with drinks on us from **5-6 PM**.
- **Feast:** Enjoy a huge **help-yourself smorgasbord**. We guarantee you won't leave hungry!

Cost: \$50 per head

- **RSVP:** You must register **ONLINE ONLY** by **Friday 21 November**.
- **Payment:** Payment can be made at the bar from now until prior to the night, not on the night.
- **CRITICAL:** When paying, ask for a receipt with your name on it to be left at the bar. This is your entry ticket! For two or more people, leave all names.
- **Dietary Needs:** If you have any dietary restrictions, please message Bev King on the number below.

Any Questions? Contact Bev King at 0417 745 448

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Bowls Premier League (BPL)** - BPL22 has started and runs to 31 October 2025 at Club Pine Rivers with live streaming on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel as well as live broadcasts from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 10pm AEDT on Fox, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.
- **Bowls For Brisbane – 29 October – At Pine Rivers** - As the sport strives to join the limelight at the Brisbane 2032 Olympics, this match between New Zealand's Selina Goddard's team of Gary Kelly, Kelly McKerihien and Julie O'Connell against the Karen Murphy AM coached Jackaroos of Aaron Wilson, Ellen Fife and Damien Delgado is poised to be one of the biggest nights in the history of bowls.
The Bowls for Brisbane 2032 showcase will take place at Club Pine Rivers at 9pm AEST on October 29 2025 and will be live on Fox Sports, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ.
- **1-2 November – Bowls Queensland State Final Div 1 Pennant – Women** – The Northern Saints (combo team from St Lucia and Northern Suburbs) are off to the State finals. Games to be played at Club Tweed Heads on 1st & 2nd November. All welcome to support our women's team.
- **14 November – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations close 6 November, with the competition being played at Chermside. More details and entry are through BowlsLink. (St Lucia is the defending champion in this event).
- **15 November - St Lucia Dental Birdie Triples – Play** will commence Saturday. Enter via the website registration before 1 November.
- **28 November – St Lucia Bowling Club's Annual Presentation Night & Christmas Party.** Save your place to attend by clicking on the button in "Register for Bowls" page of SLBC's website. Bring your family and friends. \$50 per ticket. See details in this newsletter.
- **2026 World Bowls from Potters Resort UK** - From 9-25 January 2026 – watch it on YouTube.

TIP OF THE DAY

(Extract from "Winning Becomes You in Lawn Bowls" by Lachlan Tighe)

Winning is what all bowlers are about. Practising habits is a must in training. Simply stated, we react as we have been prepared to react. In order to learn best, we have to train by repetition.

Three simple tactical approaches which I take into coaching/training and playing are:

- **Know when and how to attack and defend.**
- **Be disciplined to keep losses per end to a minimum.**
- **Control of the game is initiated by the length that is set by your jack delivery.**



DAMAGE FROM SUNDAY'S BIG STORM AT THE CLUB

Despite much destruction in the Western Suburbs area of Brisbane, the Monday Crew are happy to report that the clubhouse and surrounds were not badly affected.

There was a tree belonging to the property next door in the southwest corner of the grounds which had blown down. The Crew chopped branches as best as possible but the owner will be getting a tree lopper in to complete the job.

There were also several sunshade covers around the Blue Green which were blown off. They have all been repaired.

Many small branches around the grounds were removed. No doubt, the silky oak tree by the lower carpark entrance shed more than its usual quota of dead leaves over that area.

Our thanks go once again to the Monday Crew for all the time, care and attention they give to our club to maintain the beautiful surroundings we enjoy so much.

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