

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

INTERCLUB BOWLING NEWS

BDBA Men's Senior Pennants 2025

Rain, rain, go away! It did not last Thursday. St Lucia was host to the MSP Division 3 catch-up round that was washed out on 25 March. In trying conditions, SLBC came away with a win over Northern Suburbs. Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) won both games 28-12. Vaughan Thomas, Dicky Ng and Bruce Holwell (S) won both games 28-3. Conditions became worse as the morning play continued. Peter Jordan, Terry Martin and Doug Buchbach (S) fought hard as the rain came down but went down 9-15 losing both games. In the end, other teams had to abandon play due a heavy downpour leaving the Red Green only suitable for ducks. The win puts SLBC in second place by one point. Special thanks to Peter Morrill who braved the elements to be the umpire for the morning.

Bruce Holwell, Team Manager

Teams for the away match against Ferny Grove on Friday 2 May at 10am:

Ken Harvey	Tim Salway	Vaughan Thomas
Terry Martin	Robin Town	Dicky Ng
Craig Francis	Doug Buchbach	Bruce Holwell (Manager)

CLUB COMPETITIONS UPDATE

CoC Men's Fours 2025

The second semifinal of this competition was played on Saturday. Col Bertwistle, Warren Garnham, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) had a convincing 30-12 win over Lloyd Edwards, Max Grey, Robin Town and Peter Fairchild (S). Craig's team led from start to finish, being 10-2 after 8 ends, then strongly winning five of the last six ends.

The final will be between Craig's team and the other semi-finalists - Peter Jordan, Terry Martin, Antony Flint and Dicky Ng (S). The actual date of the final has yet to be determined due to availability of players so stay tuned.

Open C Singles

The draw for the Open C Singles has been done and is available on the website and noticeboard.

Eleven players entered the competition which promises some good matchups. Games start this Saturday. Good luck to all players.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

CoC Women's Pairs 2025



The Champion of Club Ladies Pairs final was played last Saturday afternoon between the duo of Lois Bradley (S) partnered with Suzanne Jordan and the daughter and mother team of Nikki Geran (S) and Pam Salway.

All four bowlers played quality shots with Suzanne and Pam battling it out in the lead positions. Lois played some absolute 'bombs' and was consistently in the head whilst Nikki played a strong skip's role in adding to and converting the head when needed. It was a game played in the right spirit and made for a very enjoyable finals event.

There can only be one winning team so congratulations go to Nikki and Pam for back-to-back wins, defending their title for another year.



BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL'S ACTIVE & HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM

The program commenced on Sunday 27 April and was well attended on a perfect autumn day. Club coaches Craig Francis, Peter Jordan and Robin Town provided instructions to an enthusiastic audience.

The program runs for six consecutive weeks where those new to bowls are encouraged to give it a go. The sessions run for approximately 1 ½ hours and commence at 11am, winding up around 12:30pm. Bowling equipment and tuition are provided free.

If you have family or friends who are looking for a new activity that ticks all the boxes, please ask them to contact Vaughan Thomas on mobile 0419 475 763 or email <u>vpthomas@bigpond.net.au</u>

Around the Clubhouse

The club requires two ride-on mowers for general operations. The older mower was used for towing a trailer, shifting topsoil, tree branches and grass clippings until the engine blew up three months ago. As the club was unsuccessful in gaining a grant to replace the old mower, the Management Committee voted to purchase a new Husqvarna Ride-on Mower, the same brand as our current machine. The new mower was delivered to the club on Monday 28 April.

- Bruce Holwell, Facilities Director