

SLBC NEWS



4 February 2026

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 Merlo Coffee Cup competition started last Saturday and it wasn't an easy task for our Division 1 team against a strong Everton Park contingent on their home synthetic green.

The pairs combo (Nikki Geran (S) and Pam Salway) and the triples team (Dicky Ng (S), Pam Richardson and Vaughan Thomas) went down by 8 shots each, both keeping in touch with the opposition. Unfortunately, the second triples team (Doug Buchbach (S), Antony Flint and Rachel Chiang) found the tough Everton Park trio too strong. Home-ground advantage was obviously on show. It should be a different story this Saturday when we play at home, taking on a visiting Enoggera outfit.

Pam Salway, Team Manager

Division 3

We played the first round of the Merlo Coffee Cup at home to Hamilton on Saturday and got off to an espresso start winning 4 of the 5 points on offer.

Ken Harvey, Tony Burton and Bruce Holwell (S) played consistent bowls in a game that saw the score tied at 5-all after six ends. A three on the next end saw Bruce's team hit the lead which they maintained for the rest of the game to finish with a comfortable 23-12 victory, having won 12 of the 21 ends.

Graham Legg, Terry Martin and Lois Bradley (S) also took home the money with a convincing 28-13 win after racing to a 16-1 lead after seven ends. Losing the next five ends brought the score back to 16-8 before Lois' team rediscovered their mojo to win all but two of the remaining ends.

A look at the cards for the two triples games shows very consistent bowls with only one three conceded and other lost ends being just ones or twos. Thanks to Tony Burton for standing in as the super sub at short notice and we wish Robin Town a quick recovery and return to the team.

Darcy Barry and Mark Benson (S) had a tough day in the pairs match going down 10-24 to quality opposition. After being behind 1-10 after seven ends, Darcy and Mark rallied strongly to be much more competitive over the remaining 14 ends winning seven of them to the tune of 14-9.

Well done to all players for a good start to the Competition. As always, thanks to the selectors for putting the teams together.

- Graham Legg, Team Manager

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES – MEN AND WOMEN

The Draw and An Important Note

The draws have been done for both the Champion of Club Singles events for men and women. The draws are available on the noticeboard and on the website. They have also been distributed to all Club members.

In CoC events (and other events moving forward), you will notice that more flexibility has been captured in the scheduling of games. In the past, games have often been scheduled for a weekday and, right now, that is still the case. However, even though a game is technically scheduled for a particular day, participants are allowed to reschedule their game at a time convenient for them and their marker provided it is played prior to the next ‘round’ match scheduled date.

This flexibility is to allow those who don’t usually or can’t play on a certain day to still be able to take part in the competition. This flexibility particularly allows those who don’t play during the week, i.e. workers and students, to enter and play in these competitions.

Without this flexibility, our Club will continue to attract only aged/retired members and will not attract younger bowlers as they simply will not be able to play in competitive club events.

Each draw has a note at the bottom with the words “players are expected to **fully cooperate** to reschedule the game”. It is hoped everyone will do just that.

For further information, refer to the Club’s Conditions of Play Clauses 5 and 6 which set out the rules for flexibility. Advice of any rescheduled games should be forwarded to the Games Manager and/or the Bowls Captain.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

SOCIAL BOWLS DAYS AT THE CLUB

The Club has welcomed new members recently so it is timely to remind everyone that the Club operates on numerous days of the week:

Tuesdays –	Morning bowls commencing 8:45 am - \$20 Everyone welcome – friendly social atmosphere, popular with early birds. Morning tea is provided prior to play. Beginners also welcome.
Wednesdays –	Afternoon bowls commencing 12:30 pm - \$20 Random selection of teams Wednesdays with prize for winners
Thursdays –	Twilight bowls and BYO bbq meat commencing 4 pm - \$15 Social occasion, ideal for beginners
Saturdays –	Afternoon bowls commencing 12:30 pm - \$20 Competition and social bowls.

Booking must be made in advance. See the SLBC website.

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **Now** - Expressions of Interest are now open for the **Men's Senior Pennant** competition. If you are interested in making yourself available for selection, please register your interest online through the SLBC's website. **Simply click on the “eye” to register your interest.** The competition starts on 10 April and is played each Friday morning. The grand final will be played on 12 June. Players must be full competition bowlers and be at least 60 years of age at the commencement of the competition.
- **14 February 2026** – Nominations close for the **“Beginners Cup”** novice event. This event is for the beginners in our sport. You need to have been playing for 3 years or less to enter. It is an open event and will run during February/March. Please your entries via the SLBC website. A button is on the “Register for Bowls” page.
- **16-20 February 2026 – Bowls Premier League** will be played at Moama Bowling Club. The BPL is the sport’s made-for-television showpiece event. Watch on Bowls Australia’s YouTube channel or Fox Sports / Kayo.
- **20 February to end March 2026 – Ladies/Women’s Autumn Pennant** will be played. Selectors will advise who will be representing the Club soon.
- **24 February** – Nominations will open for the **Champion of Club Pairs** events for both men and women. Entries must be placed via BowlsLink. Games will commence 17/18 March. Teams will be two men or two women and the competition is open to Competition Bowlers (full members) with SLBC as their Primary Club.
- **March – SLBC Men’s and Women’s CoC Fours** nominations open. More info later.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

NAME BADGES FOR MEMBERS

Orders are being taken for members who would like to have new badges. Perhaps you may have lost your name badge or it has been broken. The badges make it easier for all members to greet each other by name instead of relying on their memories. Send your preferred name and type of badge to the Secretary at secretary@stluciabowls.org The list will be open for a week or two.

The cost of a replacement badge is \$15 for the combination clip or \$16 for the magnetic clip. New members receive their badges free as part of their welcome to the Club when they join.



MERLO CUP ROUND 2 – Saturday 7 February 2026

Div 1 – Home to Enoggera at 9.00am

<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Triples</u>	<u>Triples</u>
Pamela Salway	Sau Yin (Rachel) Chiang	Vaughan Thomas
Nikki Geran (Skip)	Antony Flint	Pamela Richardson

Manager: Pamela Salway (0414 381 427)
Umpire for Div 1: Pamela Salway

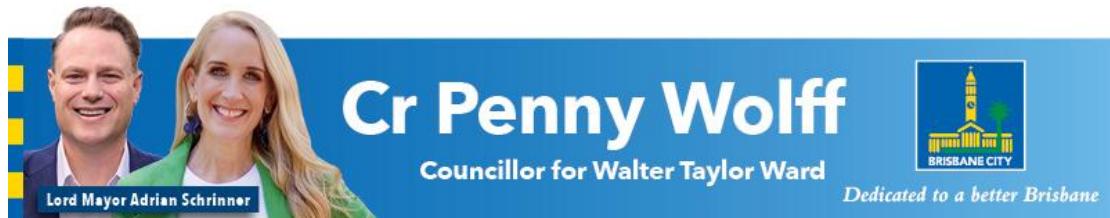
Div 3 – Away at Chermside at 9.00am

<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Triples</u>	<u>Triples</u>
Darcy Barry	Ken Harvey	Graham Legg
Mark Benson (Skip)	Anthony Burton	Terry Martin

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.



The Workshed Inner West Inc is a non-profit community initiative based in St Lucia. We offer a welcoming, safe and empowering space for women aged 18 and over. We are focused on inclusion, wellbeing, creativity and connection. Our programs aim to reduce social isolation, to boost resilience and to support mental, physical and emotional health.

✿ Creative & Skills

Woodworking, art, sewing, writing and microbusiness workshops.

⌚ Support & Wellbeing

Women's Circles, guest speakers, wellness groups.

☛ Connection & Movement

Nature walks and outdoor events, yoga, social outings, dancing classes.

🤝 Clubs & Groups

Young Women's Leadership Circle, book clubs, language classes (Italian, Spanish etc.).

✉ Project Collaboration

Women's Stories & Guest Talks, volunteering opportunities.

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