

# 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)

## LADIES B SINGLES

The first game of Ladies B Singles was played Tuesday last week between Anne Kuhnemann and Robyn Pang. Robyn was in the lead most of the game but Anne rallied and took the lead at 19-18. The final points were fiercely contested with Robyn finishing ahead 25-22 after winning the final four ends.

The game between Anne Kuhnemann and Narelle Sutton today was a very close contest all the way with Anne eventually pulling ahead to win 25-22.

- Robyn Pang, Games Manager

## MEN'S B SINGLES

The first round of this competition is now under way. Red O'Hara was off to a flying start with a convincing 25-10 win over Tim Salway last Wednesday. Red will now play Patrick Bailey in the second round. The other first round game this week should be a close game between the C Singles winner, Laurie Annan and Stephen James. Good luck to both players.

## MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

The first round of this competition will start on this coming Saturday 6 September. Please check the draw on the noticeboard and website to see whom you are playing. Stay tuned for some great games and good luck to all teams.

## OPEN CONSISTENCY COMPETITION

Nominations for this competition have now closed and games start on Tuesday 9 September. The draw will be on the noticeboard and website later this week.

## SPECIAL EVENT - PRESIDENT'S FOURS

On Saturday 11 October, the Club will hold the Special Event – The President's Fours competition. This event is generously sponsored by Alex Gow Funerals. Our Club President, Max Grey, invites all members to nominate.

The President's Fours is an afternoon round-robin event with two games of 10 ends each. Teams will be club-selected. Prize money per team is First prize \$160 and Second prize \$80. Please nominate online using the designated button on our club website.

**Important** - The nature of the competition requires an even number of teams. Nominate early to secure your place in a team.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## RUB OF THE GREEN

I have been asked about our new roller and the effect of rolling on the green. Speaking with our green-keeper, Steve, about the goals he is aiming to produce for the Club, I have attempted to set out what he and I, on behalf of the Management Committee, are looking for in greens preparation.

My apologies to Steve in advance if I have reflected his comments poorly. I am still learning and sometimes get a bit overloaded by the technicalities of the science of greenkeeping.

To understand rolling with our new roller, we need to reflect on what we are seeking regarding speed of the greens over the period of the year and through various weather conditions.

**The first objective we have is to produce greens conducive to providing the best bowling for members and this relates to speed and flatness of the green.**

To remind members and especially new members, I will start with how speed is measured. The speed of a green is measured in seconds – specifically, how long it takes a bowl to travel 27 metres from mat to jack on a smooth, level surface when delivered with a standard action. This is called the green speed. That definition is taken from the Bowls Rule Book. To understand exactly how that relates in practice, you need to speak with one of our more experienced members as I have had difficulty getting my head around how it is measured on the day.

The Management Committee is seeking the following:

- Club general play around 12–14 seconds
- Competition play around 14–16 seconds

In practice, rolling should aim to maintain our green in the 13–16 second range. Rolling compacts the surface, smooths imperfections and so increases speed.

- Over-rolling can stress the turf and reduce grass health.
- The balance is to roll enough for bowls speed but not so much that you damage the grass roots.
- Consideration is also given to the speed of the rolling. Too slow and we compact the grass and root system. Too fast and it just polishes the surface.
- Remember grass also grows during the day so it will raise up during the day and the blades will follow the sun.

Steve assesses required frequency of rolling and this will vary with weather conditions with consideration to the surface, etc. During the growing season and heavy competition periods, the green will be rolled more regularly.

The timing of rolling is generally after mowing and normally in the morning. Steve avoids rolling when the soil is very wet because of the risk of compaction which causes root stress.

Our new roller is slightly heavier than the old one. It has three speed settings. Currently, we are rolling at the lowest speed and will review that over the next period.

I hope this provides some more information for members to understand the many considerations that are undertaken each week about green preparation.

- Ian Thomas, Greens Director

# Captain's Corner

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **3 September – BDBA Senior Open Pairs** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 3 October, competition is played 17 and 24 Oct at Chermshire. More details and entry can be found in BowlsLink.
- **6 September – SLBC Mixed President's Fours** – Nominations open for this one-day event which will be held on 11 October (Saturday). There will be a button on the website, plus a sheet on the noticeboard. Club Selectors will be placing those who entered the competition into teams and it should be noted that entries will be taken as first in, first in a team. Let's call it a FIFIAT.
- **9 September – SLBC Consistency** – Games to commence in this competition.
- **12 September – Nominations close for the BDBA District Pairs & Fours Men and Women -**  
The Ladies Pairs and Men's Fours will be played at Toombul Bowls Club 20-21 September. The Men's Pairs and Ladies Fours will be played at Geebung Bowls Club over 27-28 September. More info and entry through BowlsLink.
- **17 September – BDBA Singles (Men & Women)** – Nominations are open for these events. Nominations close 17 October with games played on 25-26 Oct and 8-9 Nov at Red Hill and Geebung. More details and entry are through BowlsLink.
- **3 October – St Lucia Bowls Club Fashion Parade** – There's a flyer on the noticeboard and tickets can be purchased over the bar.
- **6 October – BDBA Senior Mixed Fours** – Nominations are open for this event. Nominations close 6 November with competition played 14 and 21 November at Chermshire. More details and entry are through BowlsLink. (St Lucia is the defending champion in this event).
- **7 October – BDBA Novice Singles** – Nominations open for this event. Nominations close 7 November and the competition is played 15-16 and 23 November at Enoggera. More details and entry are through BowlsLink.
- **11 October – SLBC Mixed President's Fours sponsored by Alex Gow Funerals** – This is a one-day event (see above) and is open to all members. Nibbles and presentations will be after the games. Join in the fun.

## **TIP OF THE DAY**

Mindfulness and Relaxation Techniques: Incorporate mindfulness and relaxation techniques into your routine to manage stress and anxiety. Deep breathing exercises, progressive muscle relaxation and visualization can help calm your nerves and maintain focus during the game.

(<https://calgarylawnbowlingclub.ca/> )

- Pam Salway, SLBC Bowls Captain

## RESULTS OF MONSTER RAFFLE

I take great pleasure in advising the lucky winners in the Club's first Monster Raffle where we showcase the kind generosity of our sponsors. I would also like to thank the Club members for their support. The Committee is always on the lookout for ways they can enrich members' enjoyment not only on the greens but socially as well to the benefit of all.

So, the lucky prize winners are:

1st Prize: One voucher each for an 'experience' at Qi Flow Wellness - Paul Keane and Linda Bird

2nd Prize: A voucher each at Common Ground Cellars - Bernadette Penrose and F68 (purple ticket unnamed to be claimed by next Saturday 6 September)

3rd Prize: A voucher each for sixpack of beers of your choice - Bernadette Penrose and Tony Burton

4th Prize: A Domino's Pizza Voucher each (redeemable via the brochure now, not using the app) - Ros Mortensen and Peter Broderick

All the best for next time!

- Pam Richardson, Treasurer

## VALE BERYL GREEN

Life Member, Beryl Green, passed away on 26 August. Beryl was a major contributor to our Club over many years, being a member since 1986, first in the St Lucia Ladies Bowling Club and then in the amalgamated St Lucia Bowls Club (39 years total).

In the Ladies Club, Beryl served as:

President - 2 years

Assistant Games Director - 4 years

Treasurer - 4 years

Games Director – 5 years

Secretary - 3 years

Beryl won the A and B Singles and was a member of winning Championship Pairs and Fours Teams as well as Triples Teams. An enthusiastic player, she was part of the successful Pennant Teams from 2006 when the ladies brought five pennants in a row back to the Club after they returned to competing in the District events.

During the men's Pennant seasons over the years, Beryl was part of the team who produced the delicious ham and salad rolls for the break. She was always on hand to volunteer with events such as fashion parades and other special days. Her Melbourne Cup sweeps were legendary.

After ceasing to bowl, Beryl would don the uniform and come each Tuesday morning to be Disc Jockey. She even coped when the manual system changed to a computer program, a great achievement for someone in their nineties. After bowls, she would join players to have coffee at Forages, enjoying this social gathering.

Beryl was made a Life Member in 2001. Throughout her association with the St Lucia Bowls Club, she supported the Club with financial donations and volunteer hours. She will be greatly missed.

Beryl will be farewelled at the Lakeview Chapel, Albany Creek, on Thursday 4 September at 11am.



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## Fashion *Parade*

Friday  
3rd October 2025  
From 11:30am



\$30 includes a Glass of Champagne, Lunch and Lucky Door Ticket

Raffles available

Tickets on sale at Club Bar

Lucky Door Prize \$50 Portofino Gift Voucher

Enjoy a Day of Fashion, Friendship and Great Shopping

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