

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 CITY COUNCIL ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM UPDATE

It has been confirmed that the project will start on 21 May, therefore the club will close mid week from then for possibly 3 weeks. *Watch this space for more information.* This closure will NOT affect Saturday games, nor the holding of the AGM.

Members may have already noticed that work has already started on the removal of the garden beds in readiness for the removal of the stairs

Some functions will take place during the construction period, so income to the club will continue. Larger functions are booked to take place at the end of June so hopefully the works will only be a minor interference.

MEN'S SECTION

Men's A Singles Championship

Men's A Singles Call will close on Saturday 18 May. Please put your name in the box or Graham Legg, the Men's Games Manager, an e-mail to games@stluciabowls.org. Remember all men are eligible to play in this competition, and as last weekend's pairs games showed, anything can happen on the day. Men who play on Thursday afternoons are particularly encouraged to enter. The competition starts on Saturday 1 June.

Men's Pairs Championship

There were four games played in Round 2 of the men's pairs on Saturday. The two seeded teams were beaten but not disgraced. Tony Burton and Craig Francis were beaten by 5 shots by Doug Phipps and Doug Buchbach. The two Doug's took the lead early and were never caught.

Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell defeated Dicky Ng and Peter Longland in a cliff-hanger. After 17 ends, Bruce and Vaughan led by 18 shots to 11. Peter and Dicky fought back to be 18 all after 21 ends. Playing the extra end, Peter and Dicky held 2 shots until Bruce, with his last bowl, drew the winning shot between those two opposing bowls. Well played to all four players.

Roland Baudet and Stephen James defeated John Stack and Mark Benson in a close encounter. Roland and Stephen started slowly but then powered back to lead 14 to 8 on end 12. By end 16 it was 14 to 12 for Roland and Stephen. They then won four of the last five ends to win 18 points to 13. In the words of Mark "They both played very well all day and deserved their win".

Max Grey subbing for Graham Legg and Peter Fairchild defeated Lloyd Edwards and Ian Thomas. Max and Peter played very well while Lloyd and Ian tried very hard but were beaten by a better team on the day.

Good luck to all four winners in the semi-finals next Saturday.

Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants

St Lucia were beaten two rinks to one with the two losing rinks going down in very close results. This enabled Northern Suburbs to make the top of the table but they have a bye this week so will get no more points. The situation is Northern Suburbs are on 26 points, St Lucia are on 23 points and this week's opponents Toombul are on 18 points. St Lucia are well ahead of all clubs on for and against if that is needed to decide placings.

It is important that we win at least two rinks against Toombul this Friday to ensure we finish top of the table. After that there are a series of quarter final, semi final and final. Good luck to all the selected players.

Tony Burton - Selector

WOMEN'S SECTION

State District Sides 2024

I am writing this as a proud husband and because Pam was too modest to write something for the newsletter. Pam has played in various District competitions since 2016 and last week competed in the Queensland State District Sides competition held at the Gold Coast from Wednesday to Saturday.

Pam played lead in one of 3 teams of fours representing the Brisbane District. The first 3 days involved 3 matches per day at Helensvale to decide who went into the various divisions ranging from 1 to 5, for the finals. In these preliminary rounds, Brisbane District only lost 3 of the 9 matches, meaning they were placed into Division 2 to play off for the pennant at Broadbeach Bowls Club.

Playing on Saturday, Brisbane District Ladies won the Division 2 Pennant, which included defeating Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast, both teams to which they had lost in the preliminary rounds. It was a fantastic result given that more than 550 ladies were in the competition from all over Queensland.

Pam also won the most valuable player award for the Brisbane District Ladies squad (she also won that in 2023 but sharing then with another player Sue O'Toole).



Well done Pam,

Tim Salway

Ladies Championship 4's



With the last game of the round robin being finished in fine weather on Tuesday, the final results are available.

The team of Pam Salway (S), Nikki Geran, Pam Richardson and Rachel Chiang are the undefeated winners. They'll go on to represent St Lucia Bowling Club in the BDBA District Champion of Champion 4s event at the end of June.

Linda Bird – Games Manager

RAFFLE

Why not buy a ticket to win a bottle of **SCAPA "the ORCADIAN" Single Malt Scotch Whisky** from the Islands of Orkney.

This highly valued bottle has been kindly donated by a member and is being raffled with all proceeds going to the club.

Tickets are \$10 each – with the winner drawn on Monday 20 May.

Tickets will be on sale on Wednesday, 15 May and Monday 20 May, or let Pam Salway know on pmsalw@gmail.com, or 0414381427, and she can reserve your tickets for you.

