

# 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, email them to the Editor, Pamela Miller – [pamela.miller1@bigpond.com](mailto:pamela.miller1@bigpond.com)

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Men's Section

#### Pennants – Division 4 Semi-Final

St Lucia played Ferny Grove in the Semi-Final of the Division 4 Pennants. The weather was fine and sunny as we commenced and the green was fast - extremely fast. Ferny Grove soon established dominance as most of our players struggled with the speed of the green. At the end, Ferny Grove had an easy victory, winning on all three rinks.

Congratulations to everyone who played Div 4 during the season for enabling St Lucia to finish third on the ladder to reach the Semi-Finals.

#### Patrons' Triples Final

Mark Benson (skip), Margaret Miller and Col Bertwistle are the 2022 Patron's Triples Winners of a final that was closely fought until the 19<sup>th</sup> end when they recorded a 5 against Tim Salway, Rijn Camphorst and Pam Salway (skip). That score put the win effectively out of reach with the total being 25-16 after the 21<sup>st</sup> end. Well played to both teams!

#### 2022 Men's Triples Competition

- Entries open 20 August and close this Saturday, 3 September
- Round 1 to start on Saturday 17 September
- Eligibility – Full and Non-Affiliated men
- Self-selected team entry by envelope in Competition Box by 3 September
- Sheet on noticeboard for members who'd like to play and be placed in a team

### Women's Section

The B Singles competition began in earnest with identical scores on both rinks. Erin Grey reached 25 ahead of Linda Bird on 20 while Gil Gilbert repeated the score of 25-20 against Wendy Hoskin.

Congratulations to all players! A casual glance across saw great concentration and tight heads. It bodes well for a close competition.

## **Fashion Parade**

The St Lucia Bowls Club Fashion Parade is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 10am. Enjoy the morning with friends, food and fashion – and a glass of bubbly. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale from the club bar or contact Anne Kuhnemann - 0477 107 594.

## **SLBC Library**

Yes, we do have one! It's located in the tall cabinet to the left of the bar and it's free with no lending deadline. Right now, there are far too many books to be stored safely so they must be culled. The UQ Alumni Association has a Book Fair every year from which proceeds go towards student scholarships. They will be happy to take our excess stock.

Volunteers are needed to help sort the books and pack boxes with the ones not required. The proposed date for this is Monday 19 September from 9am. If you can be there, please email Bruce Holwell, Facilities Director – [facilities@stluciabowls.org](mailto:facilities@stluciabowls.org) or send a note to the Editor.

## **Musings on the History of Bowls**

Bowls in its different forms has been around for thousands of years. Archaeologists have found biased stone bowls from 5000 BC. Engravings on ancient pottery show people bowling. The Italian form of the game “bocce” was likely spread by the Roman legions during their conquest of Europe and Britain.

In 1299, the Southampton Old Bowling Green Club was established and is still functioning. The game became so popular that it was prohibited in 1319 for the common people in France and also in England in 1361. Why? Archery, necessary for national armies, was being neglected. Sounds similar to what happened to golf around that time.

Mark Benson sent an article from England which said that bowls were being made from the hardwood of old railway sleepers back in the Victorian era. There is the story of Sir Francis Drake who delayed leaving to accost the Spanish Armada in 1588 in order to finish a game or was he waiting for the tide to change?

Today, we can order bowls to our preferences for size, colours, bias and logo, being sure that the set of four will match with precision engineering. However, (and there's always a catch), their performance on the green is eventually up to us.

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