

# 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)

## BOWLING NEWS

### Great 8's Mixed Alpha

Last Saturday saw the Great 8 team take on Wellington Point in their second game. It was played in good bowling conditions on our home green at St Lucia. Our 8-person troop went into the game wanting to verify that their first win wasn't a fluke in this high standard competition. Wellington Point, also with a first game win, wanted to prove the same thing. The stakes were high.

With the team unchanged from the previous week, the pair of Warren Garnham and Craig Francis (S) took ascendancy in the 10<sup>th</sup> end with a mighty six. It was a tussle for the remaining eleven ends but another four to SLBC on the 19<sup>th</sup> end made the finishing line look much sweeter. Final score 23-21.

The pairs duo of Pam Salway and Nikki Geran (S) never looked challenged. After scoring a four on the first end, they powered their way to a convincing win. Final score 31-14.

The fours combination of Col Bertwistle, Peter Fairchild, Darcy Barry and Pam Richardson (S) found it tough going. It was once again a slow start to the match with Wellington Point leading 5-1 by the 5<sup>th</sup> end. SLBC's four kept in touch but never really recovered from the slow start and, with a six on the 20<sup>th</sup> end scored by Wellington Point, they sealed their win. Final score 15-27.

Overall, it was a hard-fought win for SLBC's Gr8's scoring 69-62 and earning 2 rink wins (6 points) and 1 point for the big scoreboard win. Many thanks to Peter Morrell for acting as Umpire for the match.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

### Merlo Coffee Cup – Round 2

SLBC Division 3 Gold won on two triples rinks and had a draw in the pairs against Red Hill at Red Hill. Total shot score was 63-38, securing 4.5 out of 5 points.

The pairs team of Julie Hawley and Antony Flint (S) had a draw at 16-16. It was an exciting match in which they led for the first half and then back and forth in the second half. In the final end with St Lucia holding one shot, it was decided to be too risky to play the last bowl so taking that single shot for a draw was a good call.

The triples team of Brian Vandersee, Robyn Pang and John Stack (S) had a comfortable lead from start to finish, romping home with a 30-9 win.

The triples team of Frank Wark, Josie Caltabiano and Tim Salway (S) had a good game, leading 16-6 at the 16<sup>th</sup> end after which the opponents won 7-1 shots in the last five ends. We held onto the lead to win 17-13.

- Tim Salway, Team Manager

[SLBC Division 2 Gold](#) had a very good win on Saturday on all three rinks. Mark Benson's team of Bruce Holwell and Fulvio Toniotti began slowly but levelled after 12 ends. They were tied again at the 19<sup>th</sup> end and scored two on the 20<sup>th</sup> but dropped a shot on the last to hold onto a one-shot win.

Lois Bradley's team of Ken Harvey and Robin Town led by 11 shots after 9 ends and held on to win by four shots.

The pairs (Peter and Suzanne Jordan) led from the start and, although Windsor came to within four at the 17<sup>th</sup> end, three shots on the 18<sup>th</sup> end increased our margin to seven and we held the lead to the finish.

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

### [COC Men's Singles](#)

The first round of this competition was held last week. The standout game of the round was an absolute wrestle between Mark Benson and Bruce Holwell. Played over 32 ends, the scores were drawn at 24-all going into the last end. Legend has it that Bruce was holding one shot with Mark having one bowl left to play. Mark knocked Bruce's shot bowl out to score 3 and win 27-24. Mark now progresses to play Tim Salway in the next round.

Tim Salway had a solid win over Paul Keane to the tune of 25-14 over 25 ends having led all the way. Tim raced to a 15-3 lead after 10 ends before Paul fought back well outscoring Tim 7-5 over the last 10 ends. The other quarter final in that half of the draw will be between Craig Francis who progressed after Warren Garnham unfortunately had to withdraw and Darcy Barry who had a bye in the first round.

The other half of the draw saw Ken Harvey progress with an impressive 25-6 victory over Fulvio Toniotti in 18 ends. On that performance, Ken will be hard to beat in the next round where he takes on Robin Town who had a bye in the first round.

Peter Jordan and Antony Flint played a competitive game with scores close at 14-9 in Peter's favour after 16 ends. Four shots on the 18<sup>th</sup> end seemed to change the flow of the game in Peter's favour and he finished strongly to win 27-13 over 26 ends. Peter now plays Doug Buchbach in the next round after Clive Hamlin had to withdraw.

Most of the games will be played at the usual time this Wednesday afternoon as the red green is back in play. The exception will be Craig and Darcy who have scheduled a Valentine's Day shootout on Friday at 9:30am.

I am going on leave for three weeks and Mark Benson has kindly agreed to fill the Games Manager's role in my absence.

### [SLBC Ladies' Singles Championship 2025](#)

In last week's match, Robyn Pang defeated Josie Caltabiano. This week, Lois Bradley defeated Julie Hawley, Ros Mortensen defeated Pam Salway, Judy Beal defeated Pam Richardson, Linda Bird defeated Narelle Sutton and Robyn Pang defeated Gil Gilbert. Dot Slater forfeited her game with Nikki Geran.

- Linda Bird, Games Manager

## [Open Novice Singles Competition 2025](#)

Nominations for the Open Novice Competition close on 15 February. Competition starts on Wednesday 26 February. Please note that, as with all club competitions, playing days are flexible with agreement between you, your opponent and the marker.

Thursday afternoon bowlers are particularly encouraged to enter this competition which is open to all bowlers who have bowled for less than three years. If your opponent is also a Thursday bowler, you can play your games at that time. Give it a go and you might be surprised by what you can do!

Entries to be placed in the Competition Box or by email to the Games Manager [games@stluciabowls.org](mailto:games@stluciabowls.org)

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

## [CERTIFICATE FOR SPONSORS](#)

I am in the process of delivering the Certificate shown below to all our sponsors and talking with them on how we can improve on their involvement with the Club. I encourage all members to comment on the Certificate if they see it displayed as it reinforces the message that members are appreciative of their support of our Club.



What I would like to hear are some stories to share about your experiences with our sponsors.

My family really did enjoy the Christmas ham from Clancy James (we also love their lamb sausages), our pizzas from Dominos and the lunches we have enjoyed at Forages. Here's a tip - Forages is BYO so enjoy a nice wine with your meal at no extra cost.

We get our medicines from Khiem and Jess at Hawken Drive pharmacy. They are such nice people who care about you.

Our dental health is looked after by Dr Angus Quinn (such a great supporter) at St Lucia Dental and he now takes care of other family members.

Like many members, I enjoy UQ Healthy Living and you will see me at their gym most morning five days a week at 7am.

I can't go past the beer, wine and alcoholic ginger beer from Common Ground Cellars and the occasional lunch at their Milton Brewery site.

Let me know what experiences you have had with our sponsors and I will share some of them through this newsletter with your permission but, more importantly, allow me to discuss them with the sponsors as a way of showing our support.

- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager

**SLBC TEAMS FOR 15 FEBRUARY**

**Merlo Coffee Cup**

Division 2 Gold – Ferny Grove @ SLBC 9am

Dicky Ng  
Peter Jordan

Ken Harvey  
Robin Town  
Lois Bradley

Bruce Holwell  
Fulvio Toniotti  
Mark Benson

Division 3 Gold – BYE

**Great 8's Mixed Alpha**

Against Algester @ Algester 1pm

Warren Garnham  
Craig Francis

Pam Salway  
Nikki Geran

Rachel Chiang  
Col Bertwistle  
Darcy Barry  
Pam Richardson

Reserve: Tony Burton

**Autumn Pennants**

Against Samford @ Samford on Friday 21 February 10am

Pam Salway (S), Josie Caltabiano, Margaret Miller  
Pam Richardson (S), Judy Beal, Rachel Chiang  
Lois Bradley (S), Suzanne Jordan, Robyn Pang

Reserves: Linda Bird, Ros Mortenson

**ABSENCE OF EDITOR**

Vacation calling! Western Australia is waiting to be explored followed by the once-in-a lifetime experience of crossing the Nullarbor Plain by train back to the east coast. While I'm away, Pam Salway has kindly offered to take over editing the weekly editions of the *SLBC News*.

All *SLBC News* contributors, I will be receiving your match summaries and other news items through **Tuesday 18 February**. After that, please send your emails to Pam Salway at [admin@stluciabowls.org](mailto:admin@stluciabowls.org) who will be producing the newsletter until my return Thursday 20 March.

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On a lighter note, for those of you who haven't already made arrangements or selected a gift for Valentine's Day, here is some inspiration.

**SPOIL HER WITH SOMETHING EXPENSIVE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY**

