

# 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

Thanks to the pairs team of Warren Garnham and Craig Francis, our St Lucia Great 8's Alpha Mixed team remains on top of the ladder. They won 3 rink points to keep St Lucia ahead in their section. Unfortunately, the other pair and the fours team were defeated last Saturday, by a strong Algester unit.

With the greens running at roughly 15 seconds and in hot, oppressive humidity, Warren and Craig held firm with their opposition before slowly gaining the lead. Interestingly, (and what are the odds?), the lead in the Algester team was Francis Craig. Final score 22-17.

It was a different story for the pairs team of Nikki Geran and Pam Salway. Algester came out of the blocks with great bowling accuracy, racking up 16 points before we scored. However, once in the groove, Nikki and Pam stayed even with the opposition but couldn't manage to eat into that initial lead. The final score difference was, in fact, the first 16 points, 17-33.

The fours group kept in touch with their opposition throughout their game but never really had the lead. Rachel Chiang, returning from holiday, was a new addition to the team with Col Bertwistle, Darcy Barry and Pam Richardson. The team was without a holidaying Peter Fairchild who will return in time for the final two round games. Final score, 20-24.

Tony Burton once again did an impeccable job as the substitute, supporter and mentor.

Next week, the teams will remain the same for what is the start of the second round of the competition. It is a home game against Darra, Saturday 22 February, commencing at 1 pm.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

### Merlo Coffee Cup – Round 3

SLBC Division 2 Gold had a 51-57 loss to Ferny Grove who are on the top of the table. The pairs team of Dicky Ng and Peter Jordan (S) were outplayed in a 6-24 loss. The triples team of Ken Harvey, Robin Town and Lois Bradley (S) performed well to win their match by 13 shots.

Mark Benson's team of Fulvio Toniotti and Bruce Holwell were competitive throughout their match. They were level on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> ends but dropped a 2 on the 20<sup>th</sup>, winning one shot on the final but it was a loss by just one shot.

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

SLBC Division 3 Gold had a bye.

## COC Men's Singles

Ken Harvey couldn't reproduce the red-hot form from his previous game and went down to Robin Town 25-13 over 23 ends. The game was neck and neck with Robin ahead 13-12 after 17 ends, however consecutive 3's saw Robin pull away to 19-12 after 19 ends and he was never headed from there.

Mark Benson put in a strong performance to defeat Tim Salway 26-13 over 19 ends. Mark led from start to finish although Tim remained competitive, scoring five shots over ends 17 and 18.

Peter Jordan had a convincing 27-14 win over Doug Buchbach. Peter led throughout with very consistent bowling but well done to Doug who has not played much bowls over the last month.

Craig Francis played with great skill to defeat Darcy Barry 25-7. The semifinals should produce some very close matches.

## COC Women's Singles Championship 2025

One game of the singles was played today in which Robyn Pang finally prevailed over Ros Mortensen in a close match.

- Linda Bird, Games Manager

## SLBC TEAMS FOR 22 FEBRUARY

### Merlo Coffee Cup

**Division 2 Gold** – Northern Suburbs @ Northern Suburbs 9am

Suzanne Jordan	Ken Harvey	Rob Hoskin
Peter Jordan	Robin Town	Dicky Ng
	Lois Bradley	Mark Benson

**Division 3 Gold** – Chermside @ SLBC 9am

Julie Hawley	Vaughan Thomas	Joanne Annan
Antony Flint	Brian Vandersee	Josie Caltabiano
	John Stack	Tim Salway

**Great 8's Mixed Alpha** - Darra @ SLBC 1pm

Warren Garnham	Pam Salway	Rachel Chiang
Craig Francis	Nikki Geran	Col Bertwistle
		Darcy Barry
Reserve: Tony Burton		Pam Richardson

## 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

## Mini-Minutes of Management Committee Meeting

### Wednesday 12 February

- Two grant applications were completed for a new roller for the greens and solar batteries. Unfortunately, our BCC grant application for lighting of our greens was unsuccessful.
- Pam Richardson will fill the position of Treasurer replacing Stephen O'Shanassy. Tim Salway will take over as Grants Officer and Peter Fairchild will be the new Membership Director.
- Bruce Holwell and Ken Harvey have been researching the purchase of a new ride-on mower. The engine of one blew up recently. The other mower is eight years old and is no longer reliable. Tim has been advised and our first course of action is to apply for a grant for a new ride-on mower for \$7000.
- Ambrose Treacy College students have begun their bowls lessons at the Club. Thanks to Ann Burton and the volunteers who give their time to coach the students.
- An updated Contact List has been uploaded to the website thanks to Pam Richardson and Pam Salway.
- "Containers for Change" has returned \$1553 to the Club in the last year. Thank you to Royce Allan who has overseen this enterprise for nearly two years.
- The Village Yeronga will again sponsor our St Lucia Fours Event on 19 May.
- The second block of the BCC Active and Healthy Living Initiative 2024/25 programme commences on Sunday 27 April and runs for six weeks. The activity commences at the new time of 11am and runs for 1 ½ hours. Well done, Vaughan, for your work on this program.
- Since the last Management Committee report, there were nine functions in December with a welcome surplus.
- "We had a lovely time and everyone from the Club were attentive and kind. It was a perfect day due to the way the Club looked after us. Thank you, Anne, for bookings and Ann who looked after us. They were wonderful. THANK YOU AGAIN."

**Just one of the comments left by a satisfied Guest on our 'Functions Feedback' sheet which has been uploaded to our website.**

### Editor is on Leave

Please send all items for publication in the *SLBC News* to Pam Salway [admin@stluciabowls.org.au](mailto:admin@stluciabowls.org.au) until Thursday 20 March. After that, please revert to me.

- Pamela Miller, Editor



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It all starts TODAY!!! Make sure you're tuning into all of the BPL21 action from Moama at 1pm AEDT.

**#BPL21**

**0** DAYS TO GO

17-21 February

**BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE**

**MOAMA**  
www.moamabowlingclub.com.au

**BOWLS AUSTRALIA**

Four bowlers in blue and white uniforms with medals around their necks are posing and waving. The background is a light blue and green gradient with various logos and text.