

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

CLUB BOWLING NEWS

Men's Triples Competition

The semi-finals of the Men's Triples Championship were played on Saturday.

The team of Ken Harvey, Bruce Holwell and Doug Buchbach (S) trailed their opposing team from the third end to go down 24-11. Now, the team of Peter Fairchild, Tony Burton and Craig Francis (S) will progress to the Grand Final.

Two late withdrawals from the original self-selected team saw John Stack and Rob Hoskin join Ian Thomas to make a cobbled together team. They faced Col Bertwistle, Robin Town and Stephen O'Shanassy (S) but, led by Rob Hoskin, the new team were never headed, prevailing 21-17.

The AFL have refused to move their Grand Final from Saturday 28 September citing ticket sales and travel commitment conflicts. In a conciliatory gesture, SLBC has agreed to move the Men's Triples Grand Final to 5 October to avoid a clash. Bring it on!

Mixed President's Club Selected Fours

Nominations for the Mixed President's Club-Selected Fours opens on 21 September 2024.

John Stack, Acting Games Manager

Consistency Final & Ladies B Singles Competition

Pam Richardson is the 2024 Consistency Champion with a win over Ros Mortensen. In the B Singles, Anne Kuhnemann moves into the next round after overcoming Linda Bird.

- Linda Bird, Women's Games Manager

CLUB MANAGEMENT

At the September Management Committee meeting, following an observation that few members were accessing the Minutes of the monthly meetings online, it was decided to trial publishing a summary of these once a month in the *SLBC News*. It is hoped that members will appreciate more of the background which goes into running the Club well and be better informed of actions and direction taken. Below is the first of the Mini-Minutes.

SLBC Mini Minutes - August /September News

- The MC welcomed Stephen O'Shanassy to his first meeting as Treasurer
- Our Gaming Grant application for lights to the Red Green was declined. In their words, "a meritorious application for an oversubscribed grant". We will have another chance with the BCC Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grants.
- Revenue from green fees was down \$2240, possibly due to rain and external competitions. Realistically, this equates to between four and five players a week. (We can see how vital playing members are to the financial success of our Club so come out to play, enjoy the fresh air, the company and the applause and laughter we share on the greens.)
- Pam Salway proposed we engage Barrie Lester (former Commonwealth Games Medal Winner) to run a coaching clinic at the Club. Seeing this as a worthwhile exercise, Pam is in the process of securing a date.
- Membership stands at 198 to the end of August.
- September 1 saw the first round of the BCC Active and Healthy Initiative. There were five novices and one experienced player who attended. Thanks to the coaches who have pledged assistance in making this program a success.
- We had four external functions last month which yielded \$6014 nett surplus. Anne Kuhnemann has received 16 new enquiries over the last month
- Over the last two weeks, our Club veranda was sanded and revarnished. The carpets had their yearly clean last Friday. Thanks to Bruce for looking after our facilities and the Club members who were present to clear the area of furniture on Wednesday and then replace it all on Saturday.
- We are again entering a team in the GR8 Competition. We were quite successful last year with a team making the final weekend up at Coolum.
- Robin Town was thanked by the Management Committee for his efforts in liaising with McNab over the last few years, securing almost \$100 000 in rent for the Club.

- Rob Hoskin, Secretary

Who Lifts The Mat To The Bank and Who Changes The Scoreboard?

For bowlers who are playing as a skip, these are two important duties.

The skip who has bowled the second last bowl is the one who is responsible for lifting the mat and putting it on the bank. This is logical as the skip who has sent down the final bowl is entitled to stand and watch their bowl reach the head.

Changing the scoreboard is the duty of the skip who has just lost the end. The skip whose team has won the end will be on the green, standing where they wish their lead to roll the jack. The losing skip checks the score with the opposition and then changes the numbers on the board.

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Day 1. Sun 23 March: Brisbane - Sydney - Rouse Hill

Lunch & Dinner

Flight VA0924 Brisbane - Sydney 0805/1040

On our arrival into Sydney, we are met by our experienced coach captain and begin our drive across through the Western Sydney suburbs to Luddenham. After our lunch stop we call into the **Western Sydney International Airport Experience Centre**, designed to showcase the exciting developments of Western Sydney International Airport, Australia's first smart airport. Following our visit we stop by the **Warragamba Dam Lookout** before heading up to the Mercure Rouse Hill for check-in, with some time to relax before enjoying dinner in the **Fiddlers Restaurant**.

Overnight Rouse Hill: Mercure Rouse Hill

Day 2. Mon 24 March: Canoelands - Tizzana Winery

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, we begin our touring of the Hawkesbury Region, with a visit to the **Canoelands Orchard** to enjoy a **'Hive Honey Tour'**. A family run business that was established in 1923, the Christie family started the farm with passionfruit, oranges and lemons. Now, as well as honey, they are producing handmade jewellery, beeswax candles, jams, chutney and stone fruits. After morning tea and our guided tour we continue our journey to the historic **Tizzana Winery**. Established in 1889 by Dr Thomas Fiaschi, the vineyards were planted with imported French and Italian vine cuttings, the fruits of which created prize-winning wines under the skilled direction of Dr Fiaschi. We enjoy **tastings** with an informative tutorial by the winemaker, followed by a **light lunch**. After lunch we travel onto the **Ebenezer Church**, enjoying a **guided tour** through the oldest existing church in Australia. Our last stop for the day is at the **Australiana Pioneer Village** which has been preserved for our future generations to see and experience an almost forgotten era. Our day is then complete as we return to our hotel to freshen up before dinner.

Overnight Rouse Hill: Mercure Rouse Hill

Day 3. Tues 25 March: The Secret River & Riverboat Postman - Broken Bay Pearl Farm

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we visit the setting for Kate Grenville's renowned historical novel **"The Secret River"**, as we arrive at **Brooklyn on Broken Bay**, at the mouth of the Hawkesbury River. The first Englishman to see Broken Bay was Captain Cook on 7 May 1770. The next Explorer to sight the bay was our first Governor, Arthur Phillip on 22 August 1778. **The Riverboat Postman** is Australia's last operating mail boat and a great way to get a feel for the Hawkesbury River as she chugs 40kms up the river from Brooklyn to as far as Marlow delivering mail and other essentials to the river access only settlements. Be entertained by stories of the river whilst cruising in comfort up this spectacular waterway, enjoying **morning tea** and **lunch** on our 3hr journey. After our cruise, we disembark back at Brooklyn Wharf, before making our way to **Broken Bay Pearl Farm's Shellar Door**. Here we learn the **'Secrets of Pearlaring'** and **'Pearl Grading'** before a guided **tasting and shucking demonstration**. After this unique experience, we make our way back to the hotel to freshen up before dinner.

Overnight Rouse Hill: Mercure Rouse Hill

Day 4. Wed 26 March: Nepean River Gorge Cruise

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we head across to Penrith, home to another of our great rivers. After an intriguing world of fire and firefighting tour through **The Museum of Fire**, we board the **Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler** for our **Scenic Lunch Cruise**. Relax and unwind as we meander through the **spectacular Nepean Gorge**, there's nothing quite like the stunning rock formations carved out by the Nepean River, one of Australia's most beautiful and largely unknown, natural archaeological splendours at the base of the Heritage Listed, Blue Mountains National Park. Following our cruise we make our way up to the **Weir Reserve** where we can talk a **stroll across the spectacular Yandhai Nepean Crossing, 'Green Bridge'**, the **longest single clear-span footbridge in Australia**. Its then time to head back to our hotel to relax before our farewell dinner.

Overnight Rouse Hill: Mercure Rouse Hill

Day 5. Thurs 27 March: Parramatta - Brisbane

Breakfast & Lunch

After breakfast and checkout we travel to the historic suburb of Parramatta to meet up with our local historian, author and guide **Judith Dunn**. Under her guidance we tour in and around the major **historic sites of Parramatta** concluding at **Old Government House**. Today, this elegant Georgian house stands in 200 acres of parkland, overlooking the Parramatta River and is home to the National Trust's premier colonial furniture collection, early textiles and significant homewares from the time of the Governors. Old Government House is the oldest surviving public building in Australia and one of 11 recognised convict sites that tell the story of Australia's forced convict migration. Following our tour and lunch we take in some major sights of Sydney including the iconic **Opera House**, as we pass over the Sydney Harbor Bridge and transfer down to the **Sydney Airport** for check in and our return flight home. We arrive home after a delightful time away in the beautiful Hawkesbury and Nepean Region with **St Lucia Bowls Club and Trade Travel**.

Flight VA0965 Sydney - Brisbane 1700/1730

Tour Highlights & Inclusions



Tour Highlights: Western Sydney International Airport Experience Centre; Warragamba Dam; Canoelands Orchard; Tizzana Winery Cellar Door, Ebenezer Church; Australiana Pioneer Village; River Boat Postman Cruise; Broken Bay Pearl Farm's Shellar Door - 'Secrets of Pearl' & 'Pearl Grading', Guided Tasting & Shucking Demonstration; Museum Of Fire; Nepean Belle Scenic River Gorge Lunch Cruise; The Green Bridge; Parramatta Historical Sites Tour; Old Government House; Sydney Highlights + much more!

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return group Brisbane airport transfers
- Return flights Brisbane/Sydney/Brisbane
- Quality coach travel
- 4 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (13 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Tour Cost: \$2698.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$450.00)

A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

The tour prices are valid for travel in 2025. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Deposit: A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form.

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 22 November, 2024.**

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