

# 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)

## CLUB BOWLING NEWS

### St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples



Yet another round called off (never mind the opening day of the Gabba Test) due to around two inches of rain on Saturday. Antony Flint to the rescue! The lone figure retrieving all the mats, jacks and flags from the wading pools certainly deserved the thanks along with the support of those dry onlookers in the clubhouse.

Round Four has been scheduled for this Saturday (weather permitting). The final round will be played in January. The score table will be on the noticeboard later this week and on the website. Team managers, please have teams to me by Friday.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

### From the Ladies' Bowls Captain

#### Autumn Pennants - Ladies

Nominations have been called for clubs to enter the 2025 BDBA Ladies Autumn Pennants. SLBC intends to participate in this competition and defend their title won in 2024. Competition starts on 21 February 2025 and is played on Friday mornings at various venues across the district. The length of the competition will depend on the number of entries.

If any ladies are interested in being eligible for selection into teams playing in this competition, please indicate by placing **your name on the list on the noticeboard** in the ladies' lounge.

## Tuesday Bowls

Last Tuesday saw the Tuesday bowlers celebrate the Festive Season with a fun game of Scroungers. Chocolates and Scratchie prizes were involved. Who doesn't love chocolate! Most players stayed for sandwiches and a celebratory drink afterwards. Thanks to Rob Hoskin for manning the bar.

As it turns out, that was the last Tuesday bowls for 2024. With work taking place at the club next week, followed by Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, **no Tuesday bowls will be held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> December.** We look forward to welcoming players back on January 7 2025.

- Pam Salway, Ladies' Bowls Captain

## Emergency Contacts

Recent events have highlighted the desirability of members advising the Club of their emergency contact. An emergency contact allows the Club to notify the nominated person quickly in the event of an accident or medical issue. How can you do this?

BowlsLink has provision for members to add an emergency contact to their profile. To action this, members can either log onto their account in BowlsLink and update their profile or, alternatively, send Pam Richardson or Vaughan Thomas your emergency contact's name and mobile number. On receipt, they will happily update BowlsLink accordingly.

The simple step of adding your emergency contact provides peace of mind, especially if you live alone or have medical conditions.

## A Word from our SLBC Sponsorship Manager

Thank you to all those members who have supported our sponsors through the last year. Sponsors provide an important income stream to our Club every year and do not expect great returns for their contributions. They believe in the Club and its members and want to demonstrate their community support.

What is often forgotten by members is the cumulative effect of what sponsors' contributions look like over time. When you add it up year by year (let alone in one year), it is very significant. Just to bring that into perspective - one sponsor has contributed over \$6,000 in the last two years. A smaller services provider has contributed \$3,500 over the last five years.

Members need to access sponsor services and products at every opportunity because it is the right thing to do and demonstrates our support of them in a real way.

**When did you last look at or have you ever looked at the sponsors' page on our website to see what services might be available to you?**

Quite often, the sponsor will offer a discount on service or product if you identify that you are a member. Sponsors won't continue to support us if we don't consider them in our purchases when in a position to do so. I personally have engaged many as the opportunity presents. I must say that I have never been disappointed and, in fact, quite the opposite.

When talking with potential sponsors, I am always conscious of how they fit with our Club and its members. You can be assured that due diligence is done and sponsorship is not just a grab for money.

I would like members to read some of the comments from local students under our Christmas tree with cards proudly supplied by our sponsor, Home Instead. Our future is in good hands.

- Ian Thomas, Sponsorship Manager

And here's something for your festive meal from our sponsor, Clancy James, at the Fiveways, Taringa.



*Christmas*  
PRICE LIST

*HAM (Traditional Wood-Smoked)*

- Full Leg bone in (approx. 9kg - 12kg) \$19.99/kg
- Half Leg bone in (approx. 4kg - 6.5kg) \$21.99/kg
- Easy Carve boneless (approx. 2kg - 8kg) \$28.99/kg

*TURKEY*

- Turkey Whole (approx. 4kg - 8kg) \$19.99/kg
- Turkey Breast (approx. 2kg - 4kg) \$36.99/kg

CLANCY JAMES

### [December Management Committee Meeting - Mini Minutes](#)

- Bruce Holwell has installed a new Wi-Fi water controller to minimise water usage.
- A new Raffle Number generator to be sourced early 2025.
- The Management Committee commended the work carried out by Vaughan Thomas in training our DJ volunteers and writing a policy outlining its use.
- A plaque has been mounted on a seat paying tribute to Graham Walsh (more on the unveiling in the future).
- Report from Vaughan Thomas re the success of the BCC Active and Healthy Living feedback.
- Thanks to Peter Fairchild who has put his hand up to take over the role of applying for grants.
- Penny Wolff, our local Councillor, has presented the newly engraved Walter Taylor Shield to this year's winners - St Lucia.
- The Club received a bequest from the estate of Ross Humphreys.
- The Committee acknowledged the vital work of our function hosts and bowls volunteers to keep the Club viable as there were seven external events held in November generating a significant surplus for the Club.
- Nikki Geran and Pam Salway participated in the District Singles event with Pam making it through to the semi-final, losing to the eventual winner.
- St Lucia has nominated one team in the mixed Alpha division of the Great Eights summer competition. We have also nominated two teams in the Merlo Coffee Cup summer competition (Divisions 2 and 3). Both competitions commence in early February.
- Club numbers are up to 210 with three new members joining in November
- 79 people attended the Club Christmas Party on Friday 6 December. Feedback on the event is welcomed.
- The kitchen refrigerator has been replaced thanks to Bruce Holwell due to spare parts for the old refrigerator not being available.
- No bowls are scheduled for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- The Committee wishes all our Club members and their families a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.