

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 A Singles Championship

The final of this competition was played on Saturday between Peter Fairchild and Mark Benson with Peter winning 25-13 over 22 ends. Peter led from start to finish in what was a great display of focussed and consistent bowling. Peter found his line and length early, racing to an 8-0 lead after four ends. Mark fought back to be down 11-19 after 17 ends before Peter won all but one of the remaining ends.

As far as I'm aware, this is the first time a player has won the A, B and C Men's Singles treble at SLBC so we offer Peter a special acknowledgement for his achievement.

Thanks to all players who took part and congratulations to Mark for having made the final.

We wish Peter all the very best in the District Champion of Champions event.

District Champions of Champions – Women's Fours

Hot on the heels and in similar circumstances to the men's competition, Pam Salway led her team of Rachel Chiang, Pam Richardson and Nikki Geran against Ferny Grove on Saturday at Northern Suburbs Bowls Club.

The early ends saw scores closely tied with only one-point margins either way. An unfortunate four then a further five against SLBC seemed to hint at the writing on the wall. However, some brilliant shots, especially from the skip, and subsequent straight wins during the second-half ends, put SLBC back in front by one point. Rachel was, as ever, solid on the mat, controlling the jack and putting pressure on the opposing lead. Pam had a couple of shots that helped turn the tide. Nikki added to the change in tempo with some exciting turnaround shots and Pam Salway was masterful in delivering crucial winners.

The 20th end saw Ferny Grove equalise and finally prevail on the last end by two.

Credit must be given to a determined SLBC team who, while nine down at one stage, turned the game completely around. It was expected to be a tough match. Ferny Grove, always a formidable opponent, played well and, with luck, secured a place in the second round on the final end.

Patron's Mixed Triples

The club selected teams have been decided and the draw will be on the web site and noticeboard this week. Please check to see your team. The games start on Wednesday 10 July. Good luck to all.

Women's Consistency Competition

Due to the bleak conditions on Tuesday, the first games of this competition have been postponed until next week.

Midweek Pennant Competition

As above, the first round of the Midweek Pennants did not take place.

- Graham Legg, Men's Section Games Manager
- Linda Bird, Women's Section Games Manager
- Pam Richardson, Fours Team Member

BCC ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

The EOFY has come and gone and the BCC Accessibility Project will continue into the second half of 2024.

The three new sets of stairs are yet to be completed so work will continue until they are installed, The current ramp will remain in place and accessible while the stairs are being constructed.

Other work to be done shortly includes pressure washing and acid washing the concrete before applying a protective coating as well as further work installing the lighting bollards.

We continue to liaise closely with BCC to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

- Pam Salway, MC Member

"LET THERE BE LIGHT!"

The Club has applied to the Queensland Government for a grant to erect lights on the Red Green.

To get this done, we had to apply to the BCC Community Facilities Operations Team as owners of the land for permission to install the lights. An Application for Works was sent to the BCC (with the help of Vaughan Thomas) a month ago.

Thanks to all this hard work, the BCC has granted the club permission to install the lights and this will be valid for the next two years. We now wait for the outcome of the Government grant on or before September 1.

- Bruce Holwell, Facilities Director

NEW DISC JOCKEY PROCESS

As most members playing social bowls over the past couple of weeks will have experienced, the DJs are trialing a new procedure for player registration, collection of green fees and raffle, etc. This involves utilising the POS computer system in the DJ Office to automate the previous manual process.

By way of background, a team of three Key Users comprising Greg Bahlmann (Treasurer), Bruce Holwell (Bar) and Vaughan Thomas (DJ) was established to drive this project. Basically, the aim is to automate and enhance the manual systems used by the DJs in registering bowlers, the receipt of eftpos/cash and transaction reporting on the designated playing days. Future development will see the scope extended to cater for the registration and payment processes for member functions and other receipts including member subscriptions. Also included in the trial is the linking of the POS system in the Bar and DJ Office to provide backup if one system goes down.

On-site training is being provided to the DJs to help them navigate their way through the new processes. It is pleasing to see and is appreciated by the DJs the members' support and patience as the new processes are being embedded.

- Vaughan Thomas, Greg Bahlmann and Bruce Holwell

MOVING THE MAT

The lead of Team A rolls the jack into the ditch. The jack is then returned to the lead of Team B who picks up the mat and places it in a different position on the centre line. The lead of Team A objects to this. Who is right?

The lead of Team B. See p.25, Law 10.2 and 10.3. The lead of Team B should check with their skip to see where the skip would like the mat to be placed. They then re-deliver the jack which, if it is in bounds, is placed on the centre line. However, the lead of Team A must bowl first.

If both leads deliver the jack incorrectly, the jack is then placed by the skips on the T and the mat is placed by the lead of Team A on the centre line where their skip directs. Team A delivers the first bowl and play resumes normally.

After the start of play in any end, the mat must NOT be moved from its original position except in the following circumstances – See p.22, Rule 6.2. Most of these refer to the mat being moved a bit off-line except the one which could apply to most of us. That situation would be if the mat was picked up before the end was completed.

In that case, the mat should be replaced by the opposing player in its original position. Law 6.2.4

As an aside, when the skip positions the jack on the T, where exactly should the jack be placed?

The jack should be placed ON the T just as though it would be sitting ON a table. It is not to be placed on the cross part of the T where the vertical line meets the horizontal line.