

# 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)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 25 MAY 2024

Following the earlier meetings of the Men's and Women's Bowls Sections, members joined in the main room for the SLBC AGM.

President Lloyd Edwards summarised his report beginning with thanks for the excellent support which SLBC is given by the members in all areas of volunteering and participation. The Club has a growing membership and the partnership with the Brisbane City Council's Active and Healthy program has resulted in enthusiastic bowlers joining. The Thursday night bowls session is producing good bowlers who are being encouraged to participate on other bowling days as well.

Less than \$50 000 was spent on a new cold-room and solar panels, both being good investments for the future. The Club is grateful for the income produced by the external functions (around \$55 000) with the biggest yearly function continuing to be Duchesne Day.

The Club won three BDBA flags this past year, a feat unequalled in our history – Men's Seniors, Mixed Pennants and Ladies Midweek Pennants. Three teams reached the finals in the BDBA Summer Competition.

Our landlord, the Brisbane City Council has contributed to facilities around the Club through both their Flood Resilience and Accessibility programs.

Treasurer Greg Bahlmann noted that the \$46 000 deficit includes capital costs which have been written off, not depreciated. While the Club is grateful for the revenue generated through leasing part of the grounds to McNab Construction for the past 3 ½ years, the cessation of that in June required an increase in green fees to break even in the near future. The membership fees will remain the same this year.

The Membership Director, Vaughan Thomas, spoke about upgrading the confidentiality and privacy aspects of the computerised membership details. The category of Student Membership will be added.

Robin Town, Men's Bowls Captain, informed members that our greens were now level but improvement can be achieved through more rolling and preparation time to reach desired speeds of around 15 seconds. Approval was given to negotiate a new contract with the greenkeeper for roughly thirty hours of work each week.

A new Management Committee was elected to the following positions for the upcoming year:  
President – Lloyd Edwards, Vice President – Max Grey, Treasurer – Greg Bahlmann  
Secretary – Rob Hoskin, Facilities Director – Bruce Holwell, Functions Director – Anne Kuhnemann,  
Membership Director – Pam Richardson, Greens Director – Ken Harvey  
Bowls Captains – Robin Town and Pam Salway

Appreciation was expressed for the previous Management Committee for the fine work done during the past year and the AGM closed, followed by lunch and afternoon bowls.

### [Temporary Closures due to BCC Accessibility Construction Work](#)

The St Lucia Bowling Club, both clubhouse and greens, will be closed to members from Monday 27 May to allow the Brisbane City Council to begin work on improving the disability access around our grounds. Due to a later start than originally planned, the BCC will be working through this weekend, 1-2 June. From Monday 3 June, there will be no bowls on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but normal bowls will be played on Saturday 8 June.

The Thursday Twilight Bowls session will be held on Sundays during the construction, beginning this weekend, Sunday 2 June. Registration is between 2:00pm and 2:30pm with bowls commencing at 3:00pm, followed by drinks and a BBQ. For those wishing to stay for the BBQ, please bring your own meat but salads are provided. If the BBQ area is out of bounds, we will be ordering pizza to have with the salads which are brought by some of the bowlers.

Vaughan Thomas has arranged with Enoggera for SLBC members to join their normal bowls days on the next two Wednesdays – 29 May and 5 June. All our members are eligible to play bowls at other Clubs as Visitors. Check their websites and phone at the times suggested, telling them that you are a member of SLBC. You will be welcomed to play.

As updates on the progress of the BCC works become available, SLBC members will be notified.

## [MEN'S SECTION](#)

### [Men's A Singles Championship](#)

These games have been deferred due to the BCC construction and Club closure and will now commence on Saturday 8 June. Please refer to the "Members Portal" on SLBC's website for updates on this.

### [Men's Championship Pairs](#)



Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell (S) had a great start in the pairs final against Stephen James and Roland Baudet (S). Up 11-0 after four ends, Vaughan and Bruce led all the way for a convincing 27-18 win. In a game which saw a wide range of shot selections, the bowls gods were being asked for guidance and spectators were being asked for their suggestions (unsuccessfully). One of the more interesting statistics is that, despite losing the match, Stephen and Roland scored more points over the last 17 ends. Again, we are reminded of the importance of getting off to a good start, particularly against strong opposition. As in their semi-final, one of the game's highlights was the quality of Vaughan's lead bowls. Well done to Stephen and Roland for reaching the final!

Vaughan and Bruce now have the opportunity to represent the Club at the District Championships later in the year. We wish them every success.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

### Division 3 Men's Senior Pennants

After finishing on top of the ladder following the preliminary rounds of the Senior Men's Pennants, SLBC was competing against New Farm at home for a place in the semifinal. We were keen to come away with a win and our three teams achieved that.

All games were strongly contested with the Craig Francis' team of Ken Harvey and Terry Martin winning in a tie break, 16-12. Dicky Ng's team of Robin Town and Tony Burton won both sets convincingly, 33-10. Doug Buchbach's team of Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell also won both sets strongly, 23-9. Overall, the team won 72-31.

This win sees SLBC facing off against Northern Suburbs at their home ground for a place in the final. It will be much stronger competition this week made even the more challenging by having to play on the competitors' home ground of carpet greens. Fingers crossed for a win and chance to defend the title we won last year!

- Vaughan Thomas and Bruce Holwell, Team Managers

### Are You Interested in Playing Midweek Pennants?

With the Club being closed and, as the Midweek Pennants begin in July, we are looking now for expressions of interest from both women and men. Please send your responses as advised below.

Midweek Pennants will be played on Tuesdays and the Club has entered teams in Divisions 3 and 4. If you would like to play, please email your name to [loisbradley9@gmail.com](mailto:loisbradley9@gmail.com).

- Lois Bradley, Chair of Selectors for Midweek Pennants

### ANOTHER NEW SPONSOR FOR SLBC

Welcome to Common Ground Cellars and Milton Common Ground Brewery as sponsors of our Club!

Acting as both a Bottle Shop and Cellar Door, Common Ground Cellars is your one-stop shop for carefully curated wine, craft beer and spirits. Located at 191 Sir Fred Schonell Drive, Common Ground Cellars offers a deluxe selection of drinks, including Common Ground Brewing beer and spirit range.

Each month, they will be providing a drinks voucher for us to raffle and/or both a Bar and Food Tab at the brewery located on Railway Terrace, Milton. Over time, working in conjunction with our Providore, Bruce Holwell, a range of beers, etc will be introduced to our bar for members to purchase and enjoy.

I encourage members to call in at the Bottle Shop and introduce themselves to Andrew who will assist with any purchases.

- Ian Thomas,  
Sponsorship Manager



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## Editor Returns

I would like to express my gratitude to Pam Salway who cheerfully edited the most recent editions of the SLBC News during my absence. In addition to her Club responsibilities as Women's Bowls Captain and her bowling skill which required her to compete in external competitions, Pam did not hesitate to assist with gathering Club news to share with members. Many thanks!

- Pamela Miller, Editor



# St Lucia Bowling Club Inc COMMITTEES 2024-25

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

**President:** Lloyd Edwards

**Vice President:** Max Grey

**Secretary:** Rob Hoskin

**Treasurer:** Greg Bahlmann

**Women's Bowls Captain:** Pam Salway    **Men's Bowls Captain:** Robin Town

**Facilities Director:** Bruce Holwell    **Greens Director:** Ken Harvey

**Membership Director:** Pamela Richardson

**Functions Director:** Anne Kuhnemann

**(Executive:** L. Edwards, M Grey, R. Hoskin, G. Bahlmann, P Salway)

## WOMEN'S BOWLS SECTION COMMITTEE

**Captain:** Pam Salway

**Chair of Selectors:** Lois Bradley

**Selectors:** Margaret Miller, Pam Salway

**Games Manager:** Linda Bird

**Training & Development Manager:** Ann Burton

**BDBA Ladies' Delegate:** Margaret Miller

## MEN'S BOWLS SECTION COMMITTEE

**Captain:** Robin Town

**Chairman of Selectors:** Peter Jordan

**Selectors:** Tony Burton, Stephen O'Shanassy

**Games Manager:** Graham Legg

**Training & Development Manager:** Ann Burton

**BDBA Men's Delegate:** Robin Town