

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

BOWLING NEWS

Great 8's Mixed Alpha

The Great 8's Mixed Alpha team headed off to Darra for their first game in the season last Saturday. As expected, they met tough competition and all three teams (two pairs and one fours) had slow starts on the unexpectedly sluggish green, losing the first few ends and providing their opposition with a lead which needed reining in. And rein it in, they did!

Looking across at the scoreboards around the 10th, 11th or 12th ends, all teams were level with the opposition. The fours team, skipped by Pam Richardson and well supported by Col Bertwistle, Peter Fairchild and Darcy Barry, kept in touch with Darra's team, but a 5 on the 20th end ensured they were ahead by 2 going into the last end. Final score 20-17.

The pairs team of Craig Francis (S) and Warren Garnham were slow to start but a 4 on the 8th end put them within two shots of the Darra pair. Steady play by both Craig and Warren saw them hit the lead on end 14. They maintained their lead to win 18-15.

The pairs team of daughter and mum, Nikki Geran (S) and Pam Salway had the classic game of two halves. Coming from behind up until the 11th end when it was 9-all and steadily scoring each end after that, their lead did not falter with a final win of 28-11.

Overall, the SLBC team's final score totalled 66-43 and they came away with a grand total of 10 points, for 3 rink wins plus 1 point for most points.

Next week sees the Gr8's team playing at SLBC against Wellington Point who narrowly defeated Algester in their first game. The game start time is 1 pm on Saturday 8 February.

- Pam Salway, Team Manager

Merlo Coffee Cup – Round 1

SLBC Division 3 Gold had a two-rink win over Merthyr in Round 1, 59-45, securing 4 out of 5 available points.

The Pair's team of Julie Hawley and Antony Flint (S) had a convincing win leading throughout the match to finish ahead 25-12.

The Triples team of Paul Keane, Robyn Pang and John Stack (S) had a closer match and similarly led all the way with a final score of 17-13.

The Triples team of Frank Wark, Josie Caltabiano and Tim Salway (S) had a slow start, down 2-6 after five ends. They picked up the pace to be tied 17-all at 19 ends but Merthyr took control, playing long ends resulting in a SLBC loss, 17-20.

- Tim Salway, Team Manager

[SLBC Division 2 Gold](#) hosted New Farm at St Lucia and they outplayed us. Our pairs team struggled and were behind by 13 shots at the halfway point. They held their own over the second half to go down by 13. Lois's side were only two behind after 12 ends but they were overrun by the in the second half to win only two of the last nine ends. Peter's side was competitive up until the 15th end but went down by three shots at the finish although they scored 2-10 over the last six ends. A tale of what could have been.

- Peter Jordan, Team Manager

[COC Men's Singles](#)

The draw for this competition has now been done and is available on the website and noticeboard. Some of the games will be held on Wednesday however games will also be held at various times over the coming week as we only have one green in operation and we need to leave rinks for social bowls. Thanks to bowlers for their flexibility regarding playing times. If you are able to be a marker for a game, please let me know as we particularly need markers for the first round.

[Open Novice Singles Competition 2025](#)

Entries Open 1 February Entries Close 15 February Play Commences 26 February 2025 (Wed)

This competition is open to **all members** who have played for three years or less and who have not previously won a Novice Singles or higher-level singles event. This is an open event, providing an opportunity for all bowlers to participate.

Entries to be placed in the Competition Box or by email to the Games Manager games@stluciabowls.org

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

[St Lucia Fours Planning Meeting for May 2025](#)

For the bowlers who play on Tuesdays, it is a tradition that the second Tuesday in each month is "Sandwich Tuesday". This means you can stay on after bowls for a drink and your pre-ordered sandwiches. The first "Sandwich Tuesday" for this year is on 11 February. Everyone is invited to come along to enjoy bowls and the camaraderie afterwards.

It's also timely to have an initial meeting of those interested in helping organise the St Lucia Fours Event for May 2025. This open event raises money for our Club. We are working on a major 'naming' sponsor for this year. This event is always a fun day playing against teams from other clubs, some within our district and some from other districts. More information about how to enter will be published later so watch this space.

In 2025, our event will be held on Monday 19 May. We will need numerous volunteers to assist both in the organisation prior both up to and on the day of the event so an initial planning meeting will take place after we've enjoyed our sandwiches on 11 February. I anticipate the meeting will take only 30-40 minutes of your time and we would like to see as many as possible helpers (men and women) come to the meeting, keen to participate.

- Pam Salway, Women's Bowls Captain

YOGHURT CONTAINERS FOR SEEDLINGS

We hope everyone has been eating very healthily this week and they remember to bring along the clean, empty containers to fill the box on the veranda. Ken needs as many as possible so there will be plenty of seedlings for the next season's flower display.

SLBC Teams for 8 February

Merlo Coffee Cup

Division 2 Gold – Windsor @ Windsor 9am

Suzanne Jordan
Peter Jordan

Ken Harvey
Robin Town
Lois Bradley

Bruce Holwell
Fulvio Toniotti
Mark Benson

Division 3 Gold – Red Hill @ Red Hill 9am

Julie Hawley
Antony Flint

Brian Vandersee
Robyn Pang
John Stack

Frank Wark
Josie Caltabiano
Tim Salway

Great 8's Mixed Alpha

Against Wellington Point @ SLBC 1pm

Warren Garnham
Craig Francis

Pam Salway
Nikki Geran

Col Bertwistle
Darcy Barry
Peter Fairchild
Pam Richardson

Reserve: Tony Burton

Path Painting Completed

With the cooperation of the weather, the Brisbane City Council has been able to complete all the painting of paths around the Club.

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