

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



2024 Brisbane District Senior Mixed Fours Champions

Warren Garnham, Pam Salway (S), Craig Francis, Pam Richardson

SLBC has success in the BDBA Senior Mixed Fours

A team for the BDBA Senior Mixed Fours was put together one Saturday afternoon. There may have been a couple of drinks involved but I don't remember. Warren Garnham, Craig Francis and Pam Richardson and I started talking and then entered the Brisbane District Senior Mixed Fours event. Fortunately (or is it unfortunately), all qualified under the age criteria of being over 60 years old - just. The first game, played on Friday 15 November at the Toombul Bowls Club, proved the sticking point and the most challenging of the Sectional Play with the mighty SLBC team losing narrowly to a composite team from Chermside/Geebung. In analysing that game over lunch, all four players agreed that we could only improve from the performances in that first game. So, channelling our positive thoughts and digging deep, we went to the next game and did improve.

The second sectional game resulted in a large win over a team from Ferny Grove. From there, it was a matter of waiting to see the result of the third round of games in which we were not a participant, having already played our two games. Our destiny was out of our control.

Interestingly, the Ferny Grove team defeated the first team of Chermside/Geebung. So, it was a matter of win/loss percentages to see who progressed through to the knockout phase. SLBC DID BY 0.77%. The semi-final was played last Friday 22 November. It was not possible to play at the Toombul Club because of heavy rain during the week so matches were transferred to Northern Suburbs under cover.

Whilst this might have been a worrying scenario, all players transitioned to the faster synthetic greens well. It was a shaky start but, once we realised the opposition couldn't play short ends well, SLBC started scoring in successive ends, winning their semi-final game against a composite Windsor/Hamilton team by two shots. That game proved to be a terrific confidence booster because, in the final game against a Windsor team, SLBC didn't falter, winning the final 29-10.

Thanks to our cheer squad (Tim Salway) for coming along and supporting us and thanks to all who sent messages of support and congratulations. Those messages really mean so much. Congratulations to my fellow teammates who all contributed by playing well when it was needed to ensure the team's success. We proved that SLBC really punches above its weight and should not be taken lightly. Well done!

- Pam Salway (S)

St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples

Last Saturday saw the second round of the Birdie Triples which had been delayed due to rain. The Lorikeets are now on top of the table with four points from two wins, marginally ahead of the Finches (by for and against) who are also on four points. The other end of the table sees the mighty Hawks and the Plovers squabbling over last spot.

Round 2 saw some predictably tight battles and one or two surprises.

The Wagtails represented by Dicky Ng, in the unusual position of lead, Judith Beale and Peter Jordan (S) went down 15-17 in a tight contest against the Finches - Katy Gore, Doug Buchbach and Pam Richardson (S). The first half went to the Wagtails with Peter Jordan's team winning seven of the first ten ends to be 8-6 ahead. After the break, the Finches fought back to win seven of the remaining 11 ends, including shots on each of the last four ends to seal the game.

The Curlews - Shane Curran, Max Grey and Mark Benson (S) and the Owls - Maryann Devery, Ian Thomas and Tim Salway (S) had a similarly hard-fought affair. The Owls eventually won 19-14, aided significantly by a six on the sixth end which put them 9-4 ahead at that point. Every other end was decided by only one or two shots.

The Koels versus Lorikeets game saw a somewhat surprising result. Frank Wark, Vaughan Thomas and Pam Salway (S) of the Lorikeets led all the way to win 25-9 over the Koels - Rob Hoskin, Antony Flint and Lois Bradley (S). Looking at the team lineups, a much closer game may have been expected but it's all about what happens on the day.

The final game of the round saw Bev Walker, Ken Harvey and Bruce Holwell (S) of the Wrens have a convincing victory over the Plovers - Peter Morrill, John Stack and Robin Town (S) - by 20-10. The Wrens led all the way being ahead 9-1 after six ends. The Plovers managed to pull the lead back to 9-7 after 10 ends however the Wrens won seven of the remaining ends to take the points.

Next Saturday is Round 3 of the competition. Please check the noticeboard and website for games and check with team managers regarding selections. The Koels have a bye this week.

Good luck to all teams as the Birdies competition approaches the finish line.

- Graham Legg, Games Manager



The [SLBC Christmas Party](#) will be held on **Friday 6 December** from 4:30pm.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTERING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER.

You can register online (same as for bowls) or you can put your name/s on the list on the noticeboard. The Christmas Party is a good opportunity for all members to reconnect even if you've been unable to come to play for a while.

Please purchase your tickets at the bar and **ensure that a receipt with your name/s on it is put in the drawer at the bar. LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT IS SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER.** That is **this coming Saturday** so don't be late.

The Club Championship presentations will be made during the party. Generous sponsors have also donated various hampers and prizes for raffles.

[SLBC GRANTS OFFICER](#)

I am pleased to advise that Peter Fairchild has accepted the position of Grants Officer for the Club. I'm sure that Peter will continue the excellent work which has been done by the previous Officers in this important role for our Club.

- Max Grey, Vice President

[Safety around the Club](#)

The new steps leading up to the veranda and the deck are wonderful improvements with better width, a lower rise and solid railings. We are mindful of the necessity of having good railings to assist with going up and down stairs to eliminate the possibility of falling and injury.

People need to be able to access these railings easily from the bottom of the steps to the top. Members are asked to make sure that they leave their bowls bags well away from the steps so the bags are not blocking a clear path to the steps and railings.

[SLBC Library](#)

Yes, your Club does have a library. Where is it? Against the west wall of the bar in a tall wooden cupboard. It really is the best kind of library. It's free, nobody asks you to check out books or will fine you if you don't finish them in a short time. Return them at your leisure. If you have books at home which you think that members would enjoy reading, you can bring them to the Club to share.



UPDATING THE SLBS MEMBERSHIP LIST

Thank goodness the SLBC Membership List is not kept in a book and updated by hand. Pam Richardson, our Membership Director, keeps track of SLBC membership contact information through a computer. She needs your help to make sure that all details are current and correct.

Have you completed any of these actions in the past 12 months?

- Moved home or changed your residential address?
- Bought a new phone, changed your number or disconnected your landline?
- Changed your email address?
- Changed your membership number?

Please log onto the Club's website – www.stluciabowls.org.au Then, visit the Members Only section to check out the List of Members. Go to your name and make sure that all your details there are correct and up to date.

If the details are not correct or you have changed some items, please make a note of the required alterations and email them to Pam at membership@stluciabowls.org.au

Painting of Paths around the Clubhouse

The BCC has advised that painting of the paths will take place on 16 and 17 December. The Club will be closed during those two days to allow completion of the work.

DJs and Selectors Information

You will be able to find all the instructions you require in the binders which are located on the western wall of the DJ Office. Read through and browse the contents for information. When you have finished with the binder, please return it to the holder on the wall.

2024 World Bowls Champion of Champions 26-30 November @ Browns Bay Bowling Club, Auckland, NZ

It's a little late to pop over to NZ to watch this in person but it can be seen on the New Zealand Lawn Bowls YouTube channel.