

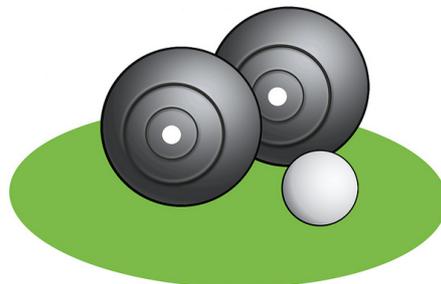


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The St Lucia Bowler



Introduction

Bowls is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself, but never your subject. It is a contest, a duel calling for courage, skill, strategy and self control. It is a test of temper, a trial of honour, a revealer of character. It affords the chance to play the man and act the gentleman. It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air and exercise. A sweeping away of mental cobwebs, a genuine reaction of the tired tissues. It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry. It includes companionship with friends, social intercourse, opportunities for courtesy, kindness, and generosity to an opponent. It promotes not only physical health, but moral force.

What is the lure to the huge numbers participating in this game of bowls? Three things probably stand out— It can be played by all age groups—people with many types of disabilities can enjoy the sport—it caters for both men and women.

Courtesy of the Coaching Panel—Royal Queensland Bowls Association

For further information and news of the Club, visit our web site www.stluciabowls.org.au

History of Bowling

The game of Lawn Bowls is one of the oldest of outdoor pastimes. Manuscripts of the 13th Century, held in the Royal Library, Windsor, show that the game was popular at that time. One of the bowling greens which has survived from those days is the Southampton Bowling Green, founded in 1299.

As the game became more popular it was banned by King and Parliament about 1360, because it might jeopardize the practice of archery. By 1541, however, bowling on private greens was permitted by licence, but only at certain times of the year.

The amount of skill demanded by the game increased considerably in the 16th Century, when biased bowls were introduced. Legend has it that bias began with the duke of Suffolk in 1522! His grace was playing bowls at Goole, Yorkshire, when he split his bowl in two. He dashed inside, sawed a wooden ball off the top of the bannister and went on with the game. Naturally the new bowl had a flat bottom and it rolled off kilter in a delightful curve. The Duke was able to get around his opponent's bowls and he won four ends in succession. Nobody could stop bias after that.

There is some foundation to the familiar story of Sir Francis Drake playing bowls at Plymouth Hoe as the Armada approached and finishing the game before tackling the Spaniards. We also find that bowls was looked upon as a pleasant pastime for Sundays. When John Knox visited Calvin in Geneva on a Sunday, he found him in a game of bowls.

In Scotland the game, which had never been banned as in England, grew in popularity and in 1841 it was the Scots who introduced a uniform code for playing the game. Further efforts to organise the game came from Australia in the latter quarter of the nineteenth century with the establishment of State Bowling Associations.

St Lucia Bowling Club

The St Lucia Bowling Club was formed in 1947 and has some 140 members. The Ladies Club was formed in 1950 and has approximately 60 members. More active participants are most welcome and free coaching is available.

It is significant that when gambling machines were introduced into Queensland, the St Lucia Bowling Club was one of the very few clubs that declined to take them up as a source of revenue. Rather, it was decided to stay with the objectives of its original charter to provide pleasure, exercise and social activity for its members.

St Lucia greens are consistently being independently judged as being amongst the best in Brisbane. Our Greenkeeper is well assisted by a strong enthusiastic band of volunteers in order to achieve this distinction.

Members find that they will get out of the game of bowls and the fellowship of the club what they put into it. We try to make our approach one of enthusiasm, friendliness and tolerance.

The Greens

Please protect the greens, particularly the ends, by standing on the bank before and after delivering your bowls when not required on the rink. Do nothing to damage the playing surface. Remember that the greenkeeper has a difficult job. He is endeavouring to grow grass and yet cut it so short that the bowls run freely. On our part we walk all over the green and place the mats without consideration for wear, expecting to play seven days a week!

Our Greens Director, who is elected by the members of the Club is empowered as Manager of the Greens Maintenance Contract. All directions by the Green's Director regarding the use of the greens must be carefully observed.

No member is allowed to play on the green unless wearing smooth soled and heel-less shoes.

All officially organised games have prior use of the greens. Club competition games have priority over practice games. No member may practice on a green being used for Bowls Queensland or BDBA organised games or Club Championship finals.

A green fee is payable by each member for an organised game of bowls. In order to even the wear on the greens, players when practicing are required to bowl in an East-West direction

Etiquette

Etiquette is defined as "the unwritten or conventional laws of courtesy". It is those little extras over and above duties that give the game its great charm. It makes the loser feel that he has not lost in vain and leads one to believe there is even a sweetness in defeat. These little extras could be:-

Giving full support to your team and your Skipper.

Handing the Jack and bowl to your opponent after the mat has been placed, unless your opponent advises otherwise.

Keeping silent and still, whether on the green or on the bank, while players are on the mat to deliver their bowls.

Commendation on a good shot.

Admitting a fluke shot when you get one and remembering it later when your opponent receives one against you!

Walking smartly up the centre of the rink and not congregating at the head so as to unduly delay the game.

Not leaving the green without the consent of the opposition and only for a brief time.

Using the litter bins provided for rubbish. Observe the non-smoking regulations

In Pennants matches, it is customary for the visitor after the game to invite his opponent in for a drink. This is your way of expressing thanks for the hospitality you received earlier. If you are a home it is expected that you accompany your opponent to afternoon tea and attend to his or her needs.

In team games, when standing at the opposite ends to the Skippers, always stand at least two metres behind the Jack, within the confines of the rink and remain still while the Skippers are delivering. If it is your skipper's turn to bowl, when changing ends, ensure that his bowl is on the mat.

Observe strict neutrality when watching a match. Barracking is bad form but applauding good shots is the usual practice.

The friendliness of Bowls is not advanced by forming cliques. Any tendency to cliquism should be suppressed.

It goes without saying that it is bad form for any player to use bad language on the greens or elsewhere

Courtesies to be observed on the Green

1. When a Lead picks up the mat, he should look at his Skip to ascertain where to place the mat and the length he wishes the jack to be rolled.
2. When placing the mat, always face the rear ditch and ensure the mat is placed on the correct line.
3. Stay on the mat until the jack comes to rest to evaluate the success of your roll.
4. A player retains possession of the rink until his bowl comes to rest and is marked if a toucher. Therefore, do not move from your position at the mat until this occurs. Only then move quickly to a position behind the mat.
5. Do not wander off to the side of the rink to follow the line of the bowl, and do not under any circumstances encroach on the adjoining rink if you do wander to the side.
6. The player delivering the last bowl has possession of the rink until his bowl stops.

Therefore do not walk up the rink to the head before this occurs. It is discourteous to proceed to the head in front of that player.

7. When crossing over do not stop and talk to your Skip unless he has something to say to you. Move as quickly as is comfortable.
8. When arriving at the head do not stop to gawk at the bowls. Have a quick look and proceed to the bank.
9. Make sure all bowls are at least 2 metres behind the mat or well to one side if the mat is on the "T"
10. Don't remain on the seat talking when it is your turn to play. Always be up, ready and aware of the situation at the head. Don't carry on a running conversation with your opponent as you get ready to play your bowl.
11. Be alert to answer questions asked by your Skip. Answer them correctly. If you don't understand—seek clarification.
12. Always check to ensure the last bowl has been delivered before you attempt to determine the result of the end.
13. Always agree with your opponent which bowls are in the count before you remove them from their position and then carefully remove them to one side in a group. Do not kick them willy-nilly away from the head. Measure quickly if there is any doubt.
14. Always be courteous, gracious when nothing goes right. Help your opponent when necessary, enjoy your game.

Your Club:

Be appreciative of the Office bearers who give generously of their time and energy so that you can enjoy the game. Be punctual, willing to abide by decisions; support all Social functions and other events organised for the good of the Club and for your enjoyment; accept your portion in maintaining the Club by supporting all revenue returning activities.

Never let the Club down. It is a Club of which you can be justly proud. Do your part to enhance its friendly and sporting reputation.

Yourself:

You will find that you will get out of the game of bowls and the fellowship of the Club what you put into it. Your approach is expected to be one of a gentleman showing enthusiasm, friendliness, co-operation and tolerance. In this way you will be quickly accepted by older members. Remember it is the calibre of individual members which combine to make a club.

Visitors:

Visitors are always welcome at the St Lucia Bowling Club. However, they must be signed in the visitors book. Members are responsible for the comfort and conduct of their visitors.

Members and visitors must be correctly dressed at all times.

Weather:

We are fortunate in Queensland to have greens available for play all the year. On rare occasions when a decision is taken by the Greens Director to advise that play will be abandoned or postponed for the day, his announcement is to be obeyed.

Advice of abandonment or postponed may be obtained by telephoning the Club on 3371 1444.

Pennants

The ultimate in lawn bowls at club level is 'Pennants'. It is the only time of the year when one steps onto the green to represent your Club, where 12 players work together as a team to win that elusive pennant. When chosen to play 'Pennants' make a commitment to your club. Represent your Club to the best of your ability.

Team selections will be displayed on the Pennant Board. Members are requested to indicate on the Notice Board their unavailability for Pennant dates. If time or other reason does not permit this action, please contact one of the selection committee at the earliest opportunity. Additional information regarding team selections and match results is available on our web site www.stluciabowls.org.au

Pennant matches commence at 1.00 p.m. Members are requested to be in attendance for practice one hour before play. Practice ceases 10 minutes before start time. No Trial Ends.

Team managers will be aware of the Conditions of Play, and the Umpire for the day. The Manager will ensure that all players names including the names of the Clubs and Division in which the sides are playing in, and the rink number on which each team is drawn. The manager will also check with the Skip of each team to ensure the score card is completed in all details and signed by his opposite number at the end of play. The Manager, when at home will then complete the Pennant Sheet.

It is the aim of the St.Lucia Bowling Club to ensure the sport of Bowls is enjoyed by all. Play to win but win or lose let the sportsmanlike attitude prevail at all times.

Good bowling and enjoy the game

Club Management

The Club is managed through a Council appointed annually at an Annual General Meeting in late May.

The Council consists of an Executive being the President, vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, supported by five Directors responsible for House, Greens, Games, Membership and Training & Development, plus our BDBA Representative and one other Councillor.

Each of the five Directors is responsible for organizing a committee of members to assist in the functioning of his office.

The responsibilities of each of the Directors is briefly as follows:-

House– Clubhouse maintenance & development and Bar operations

Greens– Greens maintenance, purchase and maintenance of greens equipment

Training & Development– Coaching and development and improvement of members bowling skills.

Games– Planning and scheduling of all Club and inter-Club bowling activities.

Membership– Welfare of all members and recruitment of new members.

Social Activities

The Club's Social Committee, which operates within the Membership group organizes a number of activities throughout the year to allow members and their partners to become better acquainted and to engender club spirit. They are always seeking new ideas to include in their programme. Newer members are particularly encouraged to participate in these activities

Policy re Hire of Club Facilities

1. The Club House may be hired for Social purposes to-

- Club members & their immediate families
- Sponsors of Club Events
- Close Associates of the Club

The Club is not available for hire to the Public generally.

2. Hiring is conditional on hirer using Club Bar facilities and paying Club Bar prices.

3. Hire not to extend beyond 11pm.

4. Cost of hire \$60 for members, plus cost of bar attendant if required. The cost for others will be by negotiation

5. The Secretary is authorised to approve hire on the above conditions.

Booking a Game

A Club member (the Disc jockey) is present 2 hours before start of play on normal bowling days to receive bookings for play on that day.

Members and visitors requiring a game must ring in to the Clubhouse (3371 1444) between the hours of 11.00am and noon (10.30 and 11.30am in winter months) in order to be assured of getting a game.

Selectors

Three selectors are appointed annually by members to be responsible for selecting and arranging players into teams .

Selectors strive to provide socially enjoyable and competitive teams for club and representative events. Whilst players may disagree with a particular selection, it is hoped they will put aside this difference of opinion and compete with a spirit of good will.

Volunteers

Other than part-time bar staff, our Club is run entirely on voluntary labour. All members are encouraged to join one or more of the many committees who handle the running of the Club such as Bar, Greens, Gardens, Clubhouse, Social Activities, Games organisation, Membership recruitment etc. If you have spare time and wish to participate in the successful functioning of the Club, please advise the Secretary.

Club Competitions

The following Club competitions are open to members annually:

“A” Singles Championship’

A knockout competition with matches 25 up. The winner becomes the Club Champion of the year

Minor Singles Championships (“B”, “C” & “Novice”)

Open to all members as described in “competition Rules” in this booklet

Club Pairs Championships

Nominated pairs with four bowls each player. All matches in knockout competition to be 21 ends

Club Triples Championships

Nominated triples. All matches in knockout competition to be 21 ends

Patron’s Triples

Club selected triples. All matches under the same conditions as the Club Triples.

Club Fours Championships.

All matches to be 21 ends.

President’s Fours.

Club selected fours. All matches under the same conditions as Club Fours.

Competition Rules (as approved by Council 22/1/03)

1. Rules.

Games shall be played under the Laws of the Game of Bowls in Australia. Only Members who are financial as at the closing date for entries are eligible to compete.

2. Notice Board Timetable

Dates for each event will be advised on the Club Notice Board by the Games Director when entries are called.

Games to be played will be listed on the Notice board at least one week before the scheduled

date of play, and will be on the basis of “Play – Substitute – or Forfeit”. Any substitution will require the approval of the appointed umpire before the scheduled starting time of the game, and any reconstitution the approval of the Games Director. All games will be called according to a calendar of play for that competition. If one player in the team is unavailable on the call, there are two options-

- The team brings in a substitute, or reconstitutes
- By mutual agreement of all players, the game is called before the following round date. (eg if called for 20th, then it must be played by 27th.)

If a team has more than one player unavailable, then The team forfeits or reconstitutes, or By mutual agreement of all players, the game is called before the following round date. The Grand Final is the only match that can be postponed to a date suitable to both teams

3. Timetable Changes

Bad weather or circumstances beyond the Club’s control may necessitate timetable changes. Games may be played before the scheduled times or dates, provided both sides agree and the Greens Director is able to make the arrangements necessary for play.

The onus is on the team seeking a change to get agreement from their opponents. In all instances it is the sole responsibility of skips to advise their team members of playing arrangements.

4. Substitutes – Eligibility

- a) To be eligible to play as a substitute in a team a player must have been a financial member of this Club at the date on which competition entries close [see Law 39A(i)]
- b) Where a player is entered in a Championship team of two separate Clubs and is called to play in both events at the same time, he must decide which event he is to contest. Should the player decide to play in the other Club’s event then he may be disqualified from the St Lucia Bowling Club event and his position declared vacant. The Games Director may allow an eligible player to take his place in the vacated position as a constituted player of the team see Law 39B(iv)]

5. Trial Ends

Before the start of any match or on the resumption of play on another day, one trial end each way may be played. This must be completed prior to the stipulated commencing time of the match concerned.

6. Starting Times/Forfeits

When any team or player has failed to be in position to commence play 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be awarded to the opponent unless the Games Director specifies otherwise [see Law 61(v)]

7. Practice

Players may practice before matches on the same green and in the same direction as the game but not on the same rink as allocated for the game

8. Allocation of Rinks

The allocation of rinks for competition shall be the decision of the Games Director or, in his absence, a member of the Games Committee. Such decision will be final. This

decision is to be made after consultation with the Greens Director as to the best rinks available.

9. Afternoon Tea.

In pairs, triples and fours matches, the Club's normal afternoon tea break will be taken unless both sides agree to play straight through, or the Games Director directs that play continue because of special circumstances (e.g. weather). In singles, there will be no afternoon tea break unless both players agree to take one.

10. Seeding and Grading of Players in Club Championship Events

(Amended 27/11/2013, further amended 26/03/2014)

In the Club Pairs, Club Triples, Club Fours events, only the previous winner and runner-up will be seeded into separate halves of the draw. If either or both the previous winner or runner-up do not nominate, then the Games Director alone, has the discretion to seed another team or teams. In the A Singles, the previous winner and runner-up plus two other entrants making a total of four are to be seeded. The Games Director alone has the discretion to seed the entrants. Other Club Championships are conducted on an open draw basis. Byes will be evenly distributed on both halves of the draw.

Members are encouraged to enter all championship singles events. All members are eligible to enter the "A" singles competition. All members are eligible to enter the "B" singles competition except members who have previously won a "B" singles competition, or an "A" singles competition.

All members are eligible to enter the "C" singles competition except members who have previously won a "C" singles competition, or an "A" or "B" singles competition.

Members who have commenced bowls within the previous two years are eligible to enter the Novice singles competition unless they have won an A,B,C or Novice singles competition.

11. Markers

All entrants in Singles events shall make themselves available as Markers during Singles championships. It is the responsibility of the nominated Marker to arrange a substitute if he is unavailable at any time

Championship singles entrants may be called to mark "B", "C", or Novice games and vice versa.

12. Green Fees

Green fees are payable for all games at the rate applicable to the day and time of play.

13. Score Cards

Score cards, duly signed by both skips, and recording the time of completion of the competition (and also the Marker in Singles games) shall be handed to the Games Director immediately on the completion of play.

14. Exemptions – Saturday morning

Exemptions from morning play will only be granted to those normally employed on Saturday mornings, and those so affected should advise the Games Director at the time of submitting their entry.

15. Duration of Games

Singles 25 up

Pairs 21 ends

Triples 21 ends

Fours 21 ends

Games will not be reduced in duration. If incomplete because of inclement weather or any other reason, they will be completed at a time set by the Games Director.

16. Games Director

The Games Director has been appointed by Council (the Controlling Body) to exercise its powers on its behalf in relation to play in all Club Competition games. A member may appeal against a decision of the Games Director and the appeal shall be heard by a Committee comprising the President or Vice President as Chairman, and any two Selectors

St Lucia Bowling Fixtures

Sunday

Special events as per notice board

Monday

Practice -Coaching by appointment after 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Club competition & social bowls 9.30am

Mixed bowls second Tuesday each month

Wednesday

Social bowls 1.00pm (12.30 in winter months)

Thursday

Twilight bowls at 3.00 (3.30pm in summer) followed by a barbecue

Friday

Western Triples 12 noon first Friday each month

Saturday

Social bowls 1.00pm (12.30 winter months), Pennant & other competitions

Practice

In addition to practice after 2.00 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, members desiring to practice may avail themselves of spare rinks with the consent of the controlling body for the day.

The direction of play for practice shall be East/West unless otherwise notified.

Casual bowling attire may be worn on the greens at any time except when an organised game is in progress. Correct bowling attire must be worn for all fixtures and official functions. No one is allowed on the greens unless wearing heel-less smooth soled shoes

Duties of a Marker (BDDBA)

Although not a participant, an efficient marker contributes a great deal to the enjoyment of the game by the players. A marker's services require a good understanding of Lawn Bowls and the applicable laws, therefore the position should only be filled by an adequately experienced person. A separate booklet on how to be a good marker is available from the Club's Secretary, and on our web site.

Coaching

Induction and remedial coaching is by appointment only. Short instruction courses may be conducted by the Club from time to time. Notice of these courses will be posted on the Notice Board.

The Club has a number of qualified coaches willing to assist members in improving their game. Please contact either John

Gooden (3162 5811) or June Edmonds (3371 8114) to arrange for this service.

A Few Tips to enhance your bowling

Work at grooving your delivery. It is easy to develop a fault without realising it, so stay in touch with your coach

Practice objectively and regularly.

Learn as much as you can about the game by reading books written by champions of the game. **THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU READ.**

Enter club competitions. You may not win many but the experience you gain is priceless.

If you are a beginner, be patient and concentrate on developing consistency in delivering the Jack to nominated lengths and drawing your bowls to within half a metre of it.

Learn how to be a good marker and volunteer your services. You will learn a lot about the game.

The Team

Team attitude is of the utmost importance for team performance.

Remember TEAM stands for Total Effort Achieves Much. Also bear in mind the three C's—Confidence, Co-operation and Comradeship.

Team practice is important to create harmony in a team and to get to know what each member of the team is capable of playing.

The Lead

1. Lays the mat
2. Rolls the Jack
3. Plays mainly draw shots to lay a good foundation for the development of the head

4. Assists Seconds and Thirds to remove bowls beyond the new mat position after the end has been declared.
5. Responsible for the mat and Jack at the end of the match.

Second

1. Introduces the opposing players
2. Should be a versatile player capable of playing a variety of shots

Third

1. The Measurer to determine shot
2. Directs the Captain in the shot to play when requested
3. Should be an experienced and versatile player who knows the Laws and tactics of the game
4. Provides encouragement to team members

Skip

1. Tosses a coin with his opponent to decide who will play first.
2. Should be an experienced and versatile player, knowing the laws and tactics of the game
3. Directs the development of the head As Captain he encourages good team work by simple leadership

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for the latest newsletter, rosters, calendars,
draws and results for competitions and
coming events