

Important update for internal club members

Internal Club memberships were recently extended for three months at no cost, due to the Coronavirus shut down. As a result, many members have found their internal club membership expiry date no longer aligns with the same month as their main Twin Towns membership. If this affects you and you would prefer your membership dates to align, there is now a 9-month renewal option as an alternative to the standard 12-month renewal. This option will be available until the end of 2021. Your renewal notice will continue to only show the rate for a 12-month renewal, however, if you choose to pay nine months only, please pay at any of the three Clubs. If you have any questions, email membership@twintowns.com.au

GOLF

What happened?

Wow, what a year we've had so far with drought, fire, floods and pestilence. We started the year with fires just about everywhere in Australia, which were exacerbated by the drought we were in. Remember the smoke and ash we whinged about.

In February, it poured rain. We had more rain in one month than we'd had in the previous twelve. The course was flooded, no golf for weeks. When we did get back, the course was soft and the rough was devastated by the flood waters.

Then along came March and COVID. Who would have thought things could get much worse than what we'd already been through? Those few months of isolation and no golf felt interminable.

Many thanks go to the Board and Executive of Twin Towns who were always available for consultation over that trying period. Thanks also to the Golf club committee who worked tirelessly to find a way to get us back on course as soon as possible and keep the members informed of any progress. Rodger and his staff on course and Barry and Tim in the Pro Shop kept everything going so that when we received the green light, we were good to go.

Life Member Pauline Ryan

On behalf of all golfers, a sincere congratulations to Pauline Ryan on her award of Life Membership for her services to golf and the Twin Towns community.

It's great to be back

In order to stay back, we must maintain the COVID restrictions that allow us to play.

Time to step up

Your Club has two positions on the committee that must be filled in order for us to operate correctly. We urgently need a Secretary and a Ladies Representative. Now is the time to show your club spirit and take up a position.

The Future

As COVID is creating some restrictions at present, we are attempting to program the Honour Board events into the golfing calendar for the latter part of the year. In the meantime, enjoy your golf, your course, your companions and your freedom.

Brent McLennan, President

GARDEN

*Together in spirit, us gardeners found the silver lining
And tended to our precious pets, our plants, ever faithfully showing
their strength*

*To rise above the earth to bless us with their shining happy faces.
If plants can struggle and reach for the sky, so must we and not lie
pining for*

We are still alive to share the joy of our garden and its many graces.

In COVID-19 times and limits on our meetings, when they said 20, a few of us had a get together on the balcony at President Maria's lovely home. Maria was awarded Life Membership earlier this year.

Maria has boundless energy to keep the club running for members' enjoyment. Garden Club meetings are held at Club Banora, Leisure Drive, Banora Point. The regular format of meetings is to welcome new members and enjoy a guest speaker and morning tea together.

During this time members can inspect the gorgeous floral entries and vote for their favourite. All for fun and then there is the raffle; you'd think it was 'gold' by the excited whoops of glee from the winners. All prizes are plants; gardeners can always find a space for one more.

Donated garden-related goods/materials: members are invited to bring in useful garden material – cuttings, slips, seeds, pots and books to share with members. Please place your goods on the table provided in our meeting room. Members are requested to peruse the table and take what they like during the morning tea break. Unclaimed items will be disposed in the most practical manner at the end of our meeting.

Members are indebted to our sponsors. The assistance they give us is always appreciated and we encourage members to support them: On the Rocks Jewellers, Rocky Point Mulching, Big W Garden Centre, Tweed Pet Kingdom, United Discount Chemist, Tweed Landscape Supplies and Bunnings.

Bougainvillea: Training a plant can be done in a number of ways. Espalier as a shrub, on a pergola, over an old tree, as a standard, weeping standard, as a hedge, over an arch, in a hanging basket or even as bonsai specimen.

Next meeting will be held 8 September at 9.45am. Guest speakers, morning tea, benching, and raffles. Visitors welcome for a fun morning. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.



RSL SUB-BRANCH

The Sub-Branch office remains closed for all physical access until further notice, except for those with compensation or welfare appointments. The monthly Member's meeting due to be held on Monday 31 August is cancelled. All regular meetings and morning teas held in the ANZAC Room are cancelled until further notice due to NSW Government regulations regarding COVID-19 and the safety of our veteran community. Diary dates: (tentative only) Monday 30 September: Members Luncheon, 12pm at Twin Towns Services Club. Office Hours are Monday to Friday, 9am-12pm. Advocates available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-3pm. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au
Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

SENIORS SOCIAL

The lockdown has certainly affected Seniors Social Clubs meetings and trips. As social distancing is our main priority, this, and the border closure, makes it impossible to make any arrangements at this time. All we can hope for is in the near future, things will ease to allow us to get together again soon. Until then, keep well and stay safe, hope to see you all soon. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 07 5523 4581; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dot 07 5590 9301.

BRIDGE

Well lockdown has kept us all away from playing but thanks to the forward thinking of our President Graham, bridge members play online three days a week on our usual Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This has turned out to be very effective and has kept our skills up to date. At this stage, we do not know when we will get back to playing physically and the committee is in the process of trying to get a venue on ground level for when we go back. Some of us have arranged to play at each other's homes which has also been effective. All members will be notified if and when we can attend and where. If there are any members' acquaintances who wish to learn bridge, please let the committee know. Happy Bridging.
Valerie 02 6674 5631

MENS BOWLS

Welcome back to social bowls. Please continue to provide your contact number when paying and observe COVID-19 health requirements. Wednesday morning bowls is proving popular with good participation. Commencement time is now 9.30am. Wednesday afternoon bowls is lacking players, however, still proceeding for the time being. The committee is trying to gauge future numbers and request those interested to record their names on the notice board. Saturday bowls is as per normal. Welcome to two new Saturday bowlers, Ray Thompson and Rodger Evans. Club singles championship commenced 1 August, starting time 9.30am. Check the notice board and arrange with your opposition for a marker. At each competition bowls session, we draw a winning and losing rink, plus a raffle prize. These prizes are added to your points on your Twin Towns membership card. The winners will be listed on the notice board.
M.C

LADIES BOWLS

How happy we were to get back on the greens and catch up with friends? It really showed the most important feature of lawn bowls for us is to have that friendship and support while enjoying a social game out in the (sometimes very) fresh air. Twin Towns' management was so helpful, providing sanitising equipment and

working with us to put a COVID plan in place. Unfortunately, it wasn't possible to run our championships in the time left in this season, and Pennants became an issue with border crossing problems and social distancing in cars when travelling up the Coast. Our neighbouring clubs also had to withdraw. Functions are uncertain because of Twin Towns own restrictions, but we are hopeful for Patron Marie's morning tea in September and another for Past President Julie Johnston. Both of these would include all members. Good line and length.

Veronica

FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Our 'Out of Comp Competition' is well underway, and the board is filling up. We now have eight species registered. So, the challenge is out there to get a bigger and better fish than previously. We put together a COVID plan which was approved by TTSC. It is working well, allowing us to have our monthly comps. Good to be back. The competition results for the month of July weigh-in are as follows: 1st Dario Rombo with 10 bream weighing a total of 3.25kg; 2nd Steve Lovegrove with 8 bream weighing a total of 2.95kg; 3rd John Watkins with 1 bream, 3 flathead and 1 flounder, weighing a total of 2.5kg.

Our club calendar is available for any interested fisho's who would like to join. Only \$15 for the year is great value, as there are three club boats available for member use. We fish 11 months of the year and have a weigh-in comp once a month. If you need more information, please call. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Since the closure of the pool in March, many members have been itching for a swim with some turning to a workout in the ocean. Therefore, with Oasis Pools at Club Banora re-opening recently, we have been able to recommence our Sunday morning races under several conditions. These include restrictions on refreshments so if you would like tea or coffee, it should be brought with you in a thermos with your own cup or purchased from the kiosk. You may bring food for yourself but it must not be shared. Please don't jeopardise our standing by flouting the rules. Our annual lunch for the summer competition awards had to be postponed and will now be incorporated with the Christmas party in December.

Bubbles

TENNIS

COVID-19, like everywhere, has had an impact on Club Banora Tennis. Fortunately, tennis and coaching has resumed, although very differently to what we were used to. Court closures, social distancing, hand sanitising, recording of contact tracing of names and phone numbers and court etiquette are some of the major changes that Government has brought in. Bringing our own water and food and not being able to enter the Club House are another couple of rules to keep us all safe.



Joan and Don Leary

Sadly, one of our honorary members, Joan Lean, passed away recently. She was a very active supporter of the Club and her family supported the Tweed Juniors and played for Club Banora. Her partner Don, the Tennis Club's Treasurer for over twenty years, has now understandingly resigned.

Don's passionate commitment to the Club for the running of Wednesday and Sunday Social mornings will be sadly missed. Algis Budzinauskas has taken over as Treasurer until the next AGM.

John Evans, our Vice President for four years and Don's helper on Social mornings, has also resigned due to personal reasons. He too will be missed and we thank him for his tireless service.

Kerry

SNOOKER

Our first Tuesday/Thursday mid-week competitions since the start of COVID re-commenced on Tuesday 21 July with a field of 15 players. Winner was Des Turner and the runner-up was Rod Smith. Thursday night winner was Chris Wainwright, runner-up was John Themelkos. Due to everchanging restrictions being introduced, the numbers for further mid-week competitions must now be capped at 10 players. The committee and main club greatly appreciate the members' support in adhering to restrictions imposed regarding the use of the snooker room. The committee will keep members updated about any further restrictions. Hopefully, we will return to some sort of normality in the very near future.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

SOCIAL GOLF

Welcome back to all members and to those members unable to because of restrictions. We hope you are doing well and look forward to seeing you soon. We have been back for the past six weeks now with members showing their support by turning out in regular numbers. We are always hoping to build our members, so even if you are not a week-in-week-out social golfer, instead just wanting to improve and have some fun, come along on a Sunday morning for a hit. We start at 6.30am with our morning over by around 10am. If you're keen, ring Clint on 0410 548 404. Results - Byron Bay winner Justin Hayes; June Medal winner Woody; July Medal winner Steve Teague. Other winners were Fred Caspers and Rick Chong and in the 2 man, Porky and Dunny. On a sad note, we lost our Club's last foundation member, Howard Boyle. Howie was a well-respected member, always giving advice to all that played alongside him. Our best wishes go to his family and his memory will live on with a memorial golf day. Happy hitting.

MASTERS SWIMMING

We were so lucky to hold our AGM before the serious COVID-19 restrictions were announced. Great to have David Misson voted in to be our President again this year. This will be his tenth year as President, and prior to being President, he spent sixteen years on the committee. We must all thank him for his contribution to helping our Club to be the best Masters Club on the coast (well, we think so anyway).

At the AGM, many trophies were presented: The Mary Maina for the most improved swimmer was David Misson, Tricia Liddy Memorial Trophy for overall Endurance Points was Toni Cameron, John Scarr 1000 metre Memorial Trophy went to Paul Mayberry and Pat Scott Glassock, 100 metre Memorial Trophy was won by Paul Mayberry. Presidents versus Captains Relay was won by the Captains' team.

At last, our pool is open, making those who have been swimming in Cudgen Creek, Jack Evans Boat Harbour and Kingscliff Pool

very happy. Our pool is nicely heated again so come join us for fun, friendship, and best of all fitness.

Ding Dong

RUNNERS & WALKERS

Our AGM was held in March. The new Committee is as follows: President Greg Butler, Vice President David Wyatt, Secretary Tracy Moschogianis, Treasurer Francis Hawkes, Committee Annette Jebbink, Roslynn Aberhart, Sarah Stoneman and Sue Lindsay. A big thank you to retiring President Tony Kean and Committee Member Annette Guy for their wonderful contribution to the club over many years. Due to COVID-19, our Club has not met since the end of March. Restrictions of 20 people at outside gatherings mean that we are still not operating. However, we are still running/walking with fellow members, just in smaller groups and practising social distancing. We are not wearing our Club uniforms until we can meet as a full group again. Stay safe and look out for each other. Enquiries Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

TRIATHLON

It is with great sadness that Twin Towns Triathlon club advise of the loss of our dedicated and much-loved founding member, Doug Neil, who passed away due to unforeseen health complications.

Doug was not only a founding member, but also a life member of the Twin Towns Triathlon Club which commenced back in the winter of 1989. Doug was the driving force behind establishing the club when triathlon as a sport was in its infancy. His contribution to our club and its members was invaluable, as both a competitor and a long-standing committee member.

As the Time Keeper/ Recorder for many years, he was dedicated and meticulous in his hand-written records. Following the race each Saturday, he'd manually adjust members' times to ensure the handicap system was accurate. The innovative handicap system that Doug designed and introduced is still being used at the club today and is vital to the camaraderie that is the hallmark of our club.

Doug's passion and knowledge led him to document the history of our club which can be found on our website. He will be forever remembered for his contribution to our club and the sport of triathlon. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go to Denise and the family.



Doug Neil