

MASTERS SWIMMING



Queensland Masters (Warriors) award winners.

Well, what a year for Masters Swimming, we will always remember 2020. Our pool closed in March and re-opened in July with restrictions. No carnivals and after swimming, no more tea and coffee and no cakes or bikkies for morning tea. But we followed the rules, much to our frustration.

We got through the year with a few notable swimming efforts. Toni Cameron accepted the Postal Challenge set by Masters Swimming Queensland which included 15 events ranging from 50 metres to 1500 metres. Toni did wonderfully well with 13 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third place.

We managed to keep the PSG going. Those keeping closest to their 100-metre

nominated time will win the PSG Trophy at our AGM. A popular event.

Two swimmers, Graham Matthews and Lyn May completed their Million Metre Challenge and are waiting for their MSA awards.

In March we have our AGM and there will be a few changes to our committee. We can be thankful to know from Leonie that we now have 40 members, which is pretty good.

We are a happy lot, and of course our motto is fun, friendship and fitness. Come join us.

Wishing everyone a better 2021 and let us all be obedient to the COVID rules.

Ding Dong



From left, Masters Swimmers Libby Fox, Barbara Maynard and Suzanne Mission enjoy birthday month celebrations.

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The members meeting in February is cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions. Please check our website www.thc-rsl.org.au for the latest information as the situation changes. Membership Renewal Reminder – RSL Qld membership can only be renewed between 1 December and 28 February. Payments made after that period may be treated as a re-join and risk loss of continuity of membership. Payment can be made online or over the phone. The Sub-Branch Office is open for compensation or welfare appointments only. Advocates are available Tuesday to Thursday 9am-3pm Qld by appointment. Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

BRIDGE

We are now back to physical play at our new premises - the Tennis Club House at Club Banora. With a few initial hiccups, which have been ironed out by a lot of work by the President Graham and his sidekick Denis, who have integrated physical with on-line play for those who can't physically attend. This is working very well. Our AGM will be deferred until 2022. Bridge is played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing at 12.30pm NSW. Players are asked to attend by 12pm NSW to allow the Director of the day to determine the movement for play. For partners on the day, please call Graham on 0427 242 265. Happy Bridging.

Val 0266 745 631

GOLF

The course is currently playing magnificently. Many thanks to our ground staff, Rodger Scott and his crew. A big thank you to Ken Culpitt and the Twin Towns IT staff for getting our new website up and running. This is all now available through the Twin Towns site. Congratulations to our Captain Kevin Haddrick for the organisation and implementation of the Season Open Day (Christmas in January). This very successful day was enjoyed by all. A reminder that our AGM will be held in the Island House on 20 March. This will be held following a shot gun start game. Keep your eyes open for the time sheet. Once again, you would be welcomed to take on a role within a great committee. Nomination forms are available from the Golf Office. So, why not have a go? See you out there.

Brent McLennan

LADIES BOWLS

Back at Bowls at last! Hopefully, we've all been keeping active and doing our stretches to avoid any injuries to knees, backs and shoulders. The greens have had time to be renewed but a bit on the slow side with the ongoing showers. The only upcoming event of note will be our AGM on Tuesday 2 March at 2pm NSW. Anyone wishing to be nominated for office on the Committee, see me. PS I've only seen one player since Christmas so name badges could be necessary.

Veronica

SNOOKER

Our end of year competition on Saturday 19 December saw 25 entrants with Darren Harris defeating Brian Green and Graham Wilson defeated Rod Marquardt in the Consolation. Tuesday and Thursdays are back underway with good numbers attending. Winners so far are Phil Towle and Mitch Gorrick; consolation winners are Paul Chappell and Steve Reynolds. Nominations are now being taken for the Teams Event and our Doubles Championship, with both events running in February. A few new members have joined recently and we are pleased to see them winning some matches already. Our AGM is on Monday 15 March at 7pm NSW. Nominations for the committee and motions must be received by the secretary prior to close of business Friday 12 February. Forms are available in the snooker room. We have a busy snooker calendar this year so hopefully everyone's needs are catered for. We hope to see you at the tables soon.

Paul Thomas
Committee Member

MENS BOWLS

Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon bowls are back in full swing. Wednesday afternoon bowls have not commenced so if members wish for this event to continue, please support it. We have noticed a few new faces on the green; you are most welcome. At our Christmas function, we farewelled long time member and Vice-President Alf Bailey who has moved to Adelaide. We wish Alf and his wife all the best. Quite a few members are on the sick list/hospital. Our members wish all a speedy recovery. Saturday 16 January winners were Rink 9, Frank London, Trevor Plant, Steve Leckey and Gordon Carr; runners-up Rink 10, Mick Bartulovich, Max Nelson and Kevin Battistuzzi.

M.C

SENIORS SOCIAL

Until all restrictions are lifted, the number of people we can have at our meetings and outings will be limited in 2021. Our February meeting will be Monday 22 February. Future trips to be advised once we have a better understanding of venues and numbers we can have. Trips are on the first and fourth Mondays of the month and general meetings are on the third Monday. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 07 5523 4581; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dot 07 5590 9301.

GARDEN

Our club has not yet started its meetings but we still look forward to that day. The break is an opportunity to occupy ourselves in our own patch by deadheading summer flowers and collecting tip cuttings. Propagate healthy shrubs by cutting a stem about 10cm long and trim off leaves leaving three or four at the top. Trim the cutting base just below a leaf node and plant a few in a pot using a very open mix. Who knows, first meeting back we may all bring cuttings to share while discussing our activities over a beautiful morning tea. Yay - free plants! Not to forget the weeding and mulching. Deep mulch holds the moisture for the plants roots while smothering the weeds. Keep well and think about preparing beds for winter flowers e.g. pansies. Meanwhile, marigolds and petunias can be used to lengthen summer garden colour. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Services Fishing Club. We have just had our first competition for the year. Results will be in the next newsletter. This year, our comp is on the 3rd weekend of the month and our 'Out of Comp' Competition is well underway with a couple of fish already entered. The challenge is out there so come on and enter some fish. We have a Covid plan in place allowing us to have our monthly comps. Look forward to seeing everybody at the barbeque/weigh-in. Our club calendar is available for interested fisho's who would like to join; \$15 for the year is good value. There are three club boats available for members' use, seven days a week. We fish 11 months of the year and have a weigh-in comp once a month. There are no other commitments. Great social atmosphere at the weigh-in BBQ at our very own clubhouse every month. Anytime is a good time to join as the 'Out of Comp' Competition is there to fish for or just come along and socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. All welcome. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

DIGGERS SWIMMING

We recently combined two events into one, as both had been postponed because of Covid-19. They were the presentation of prizes to top point scorers in the 2019-2020 swim season and our Christmas party. Brent Anderson won the most points for the 50 metres event, Guy Hawthorne took the honours in not only the 30 metre races but the brace relay event as well. Toni Cameron was chuffed to win the 100 metres prize as it's a perpetual trophy named after her father, Jack Evans, who was our first president in 1969. Our club is hosting the FNC carnival on 6 February and Bert and Sue Deegenars have been putting many hours into its organisation, made more difficult by Covid restrictions. At the time of writing, plans to hold the Nationals at Southport on 6 March are still in place but this may change.

Bubbles

RUNNERS & WALKERS

We are enjoying the variety of Sunday meets on both sides of the border and continue to post our program monthly on FB and our webpage. Our Australian Day Picnic and games was a fun day though we did miss not having awards presentations this year. Let's hope we get a full year of activity in 2021. We meet at Greenmount Beachfront opposite the Pink Motel, Tuesday 7pm NSW, Thursday mornings at 6.30am NSW and Sundays 7am NSW. We are following a strict Covid safety plan and maintaining social distancing. We are a friendly group of runners and walkers and new members are always welcome. We meet three times a week and cater for all ages and levels of fitness. Come run or walk with us for up to three times before you need to commit. We also enjoy social interaction outside the meets. Check us out on Facebook or our website ttsrunnersandwalkers.org. For enquiries contact our Secretary Tracy Mo on 0414 590 940.

SOCIAL GOLF

A sad finish to a strange year with the course closed for a couple of weeks. We kicked off again with foursomes on 3 January, Will Salter and Watto alias Bill and Ben taking out first prize. Cheers to Chris for his trophy for the event. 10 January Monthly Medal: Dave Kammer taking the prize 33 nett with Leigh Bradley making a return runner-up 37. On 17 January we held our postponed Christmas Day. Thanks to everyone for their patience. It's a wonder some didn't end up as our winners of the 4 ball Ambrose, where Porky, Leigh, Rick and Chris were big winners. Thanks to our donors Coles/Murwillumbah and Tweed Landscapes. We have one new member. Welcome to John something something Mulligan. This month we have our game against Murwillumbah at home hopefully the rain stays away and our best golf comes out. Happy hitting.

Dunny

TENNIS

Due to COVIDSafe restrictions, like all other Internal Clubs, we were limited in what we could do for our members and guests during 2020. Our Christmas celebrations were low key and held in two stages at Slice & Fork, while observing the strict rules and guidelines. Both events were very well catered for and enjoyed by all who attended. Our best wishes to all our members and guests for 2021. Let us all hope it is a fantastic one. The Ladies Summer Competition commences on 2 February. Club Banora has two teams entered in Division 2. Our AGM for 2021 will be deferred until March 2022. The current Office Bearers are happy to remain. We wish you all good health and happiness for 2021. Looking forward to seeing you all on the tennis court.

Stephanie