

TRIATHLON

Our happy Triathlon Club members

The 20/21 season is drawing to a close for another year. We have faced challenges that we could not have anticipated with COVID-19 restrictions and protocols put into place due to the global pandemic.

This did not discourage membership with our senior club having over 180 members, with over 70 competitors racing each week.

It's great to see our junior numbers soaring with a total of 58 under 12 years old. With the increase in junior members, a shade area was purchased as well as extra bike racks.

The club has made a very successful transition from a manual timing system to an electronic system, requiring members to wear timing chips when racing. Dave De Closey has been an integral part of the new timing system's success in the initial set up, as well as ensuring race results are posted to the website after the completion of each race.

A number of significant milestones were reached this season

by long term members Rob Gillies and Kevin Bannerman. Both completed their 600th club race which is an amazing achievement as only three members (Doug Neil, Glenn Lance and Alex Gilks) before them have achieved this number. Wendy Wise was the first female member to reach 500 races.

Safety and wellbeing of our club members is always a high priority so we were extremely grateful to receive a defibrillation machine donated from one of our members.

The last race will take place on 20 March when we hold the Club Championships event.

Thank you to all members for their participation throughout the season and their ability to adapt to changes to procedures that were essential for racing to continue. The 21/22 Triathlon Season will commence in mid-September.

For more detailed information, go to the Facebook Page or the [website](#).

RSL SUB-BRANCH

ANZAC Day 2021 cannot take place the same format as previously. Given the circumstances that prevail, the Committee is examining options to enable the commemoration of ANZAC Day in a respectful and meaningful manner. Information will be posted on the Sub-Branch website www.thc-rsl.org.au. The Annual General Meeting of the Tweed Heads & Coolangatta RSL Sub-Branch Inc. will be held at 10am Qld on Monday 29 March in the Showroom (Level 5) at Twin Towns Services Club. Further details will be posted on the Sub-Branch website. Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164. Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. It's March already! The competition results for the January weigh in is as follows: 1st Mark Small with 10 bream, 3 trevally weighing a total of 5.75kg; 2nd Garry Hawthorne with 8 luderick weighing a total of 5.2kg; 3rd Steve Lovegrove with 3 bream weighing a total of .775kg. It's a great social atmosphere at the monthly weigh-in/BBQs at our very own club house. Anytime is a good time to join. Just come along and socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. Everyone is welcome. If you need more information, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Dutchy

SENIORS SOCIAL

Until all restrictions are lifted, there will be limits on the number of people we can have at our meetings and outings in 2021. Our March meeting will be Monday 15 March. Selling at the meeting will be a trip south on Monday 22 March - a trip with a different surprise. No day trips for April due to Public Holidays, but if anyone is interested, I am looking into a three or four day trip north to Caloundra. Future trips will 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. The general meeting and selling of tickets are held on the third Monday of the month. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm; Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 07 5523 4581; Welfare Officer Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dot 07 5590 9301.

SOCIAL GOLF

Results for 24 January Single Stableford: winner Mr Fred Caspers 19 pts, runner-up Pres Porky 18. Cheers to our donor. 31 January Single Stableford: winner from across the ditch now a full-blown Aussie, Jim Benny 21 pts from our travelling Tassie devil Kevin Casey 20 pts. Cheers Rick Downes for the donation. Thanks Will for looking after the day. 7 February Monthly Medal: a new member steps right up, Steve Salter 30 nett. Well done Steve, hope it's the first of many, runner-up again Kevin Casey 34c/b. Low round of the day was Paul Dicko 41 gross. 14 February Single Stableford: winner Rob Sheppard 19pts back on top, runner-up was Porky 17 pts. Still no great consistency with numbers so if you're looking for a quick 9 holes on a Sunday morning, give Dunny a call 0410 548 404 and we will slot you in. Happy hitting.

Dunny

BRIDGE

We have settled into our new premises and our numbers are slowly increasing. Our committee members are becoming adept at booking members into our location situated at the Club Banora Tennis Club House in accordance with regulations. We still incorporate online play with physical play for those unable to come to the Club. Bridge is played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing at 12.30pm NSW. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to commencement to allow the Director of the day to determine the movement for play. For partners on the day contact Graham on 0427 242 265. Happy Bridging.

Val 02 6674 5631

MENS BOWLS

Committee has taken up the offer by the Board to postpone our annual AGM till March 2022. Welcome to Rob Tonges who has joined our committee. Thanks Rob for giving your time. Just a reminder that Wednesday PM bowls has a small jackpot prize - only \$2 to participate. We are trying to keep this bowls afternoon going. Your support would be appreciated. Terry Williams and Bill Bellair are running this year's championship competitions and have prepared events from May through to July. They propose to run singles, pairs, and triple championships. Games will be played on Saturday mornings, Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons. Shortly we will have a new stock of club shirts of various sizes. Talk to the book-in staff if you are interested.

M.C

RUNNERS & WALKERS

We are enjoying the variety of Sunday meets on both sides of the border and continue to post our program monthly on Facebook and our website. Our AGM will be held on Thursday 4 March at 7pm NSW in the Bay Room on Level 3 at Twin Towns. We meet at Greenmount Beach front opposite the Pink Motel on Tuesdays at 7pm NSW, Thursday mornings at 6.30am NSW and Sundays 7am NSW. We are following a strict COVIDSafe plan and maintain 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 ttscrunchersandwalkers.org. For enquiries contact our Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

TENNIS

Due to COVID restrictions, the Tennis AGM has been postponed until March 2022. Please make any suggestions to the present Committee who will discuss them. Depending on any COVID restrictions, we will hold a special ANZAC Day morning tea on Sunday 25 April. We will also hold a morning tea for Mother's Day on Sunday 9 May. These events will be held if restrictions to the kitchen have been lifted. Sunday morning Mixed Social has seen some really great tennis. A special welcome to all the new people who have come along to our great venue. It begins at 8am until 11.30am NSW. A reminder to all to hand sanitise and to continue signing in with the Service NSW App.

Kerry

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Six clubs contested the AIF Far North Coast Championships which we hosted on 6 February. Numbers were down, which was expected after all public pools were closed for many months in 2020. Our swimmers winning their age championship were: Guy Hawthorne Virginia Rijavec, Warwick Dredge, Jeanie McKenzie, Neil Burden, Mark Madden and Kim Hawthorne. Several other members gained points for us with their second and third placings in age championships. Linda Robertson partnered with Kim to narrowly win the brace relay. In the handicap events for all ages, Neil had another victory by taking out the 50-metre race, then three of our swimmers made it through to the final of the 30-metre event, where incredibly they made it a trifecta! Jill Mason first, Tracy Brennan second, Brent Anderson third. Our club is indebted to Sue and Bert Deegenars who worked hard and long to organise this event and to Twin Towns for their valued support of it. Our AGM is 14 March.

Bubbles

GOLF

Would you like a round of golf? Now is the time to have a go. The course is in tremendous shape, the Island House/Pro Shop is in full swing and you'll be made most welcome, so come out and play. Our match play championships are drawing to a close, congratulations to all the qualifiers and good golfing. Congratulations Paul Quinlan, 'Medal of Medals' Champion" for 20/21, with a very nice nett 68 to take out the title. Also, congratulations to Brian Springfield for his hole in one on the 7th. His fourth hole in one although his first at Banora. Most of us are still waiting for our first, anywhere! Another reminder for our AGM on the 20 March with a change to our constitution proposed and to be voted on. All details for the AGM can be found on our main notice board. See you out there.

Brent McLennan, President

MASTERS SWIMMING

At this time of year despite COVID19, when the weather is warm and fun and fitness is on our minds, we often think; "Oh, a swim would be nice" and we all know swimming keeps you fit, healthy and active. In case you didn't know, Twin Towns has a fabulous 50 metre Olympic pool at Club Banora. It's called Oasis pools and it's heated all year around. The Masters Swimming Club is affiliated with Masters Swimming Australia but most of the members just swim for enjoyment. The only bi-law we have, is that a member must be able to swim 50 metres unaided. There are a few members who compete and do very well, a few who challenge themselves in the water keeping fit with some club events, and a few plodders, who are just there to keep active and join in the social fun which is rather regular. We have regular social activities and each month we have a morning to celebrate swimmer's birthdays. We welcome new members so come and join us at the pool for a coffee. Remember, you don't have to be a star; just enjoy our club and its facilities.

David Mission, President

LADIES BOWLS

Hi to all my avid readers! Great to see more ladies trickling in for a game, emerging bravely from air-conditioned comfort only to be met with a spell of on-and-off-the-green wet weather. Our Club Championship and Competition matches are due to start this month after the AGM and entries are looking healthy. We'll be tested as 21 ends are played in most events. The AGM is set for 2pm on 2 March in the function area of Club Banora. I will attend a preparatory Cross-Border meeting on 8 March, then ask for players to sign-up for this popular triple's competition. Everyone who wants to play will be included in the roster. We're looking forward to catching up with the NSW Clubs, as well as our GCTDLBA neighbours. When possible, practice matches will be organised, with particular focus on communication with the skips. More information as it comes to hand. Cheers.

Veronica Power

EUCHRE & 500

We have recommenced our card games which are now played at Club Banora. 500 is on Tuesday nights and Euchre on Thursday nights at 7pm NSW. All players must hand sanitise each time they change tables and there is a list of other Covid requirements

to be adhered to. Although masks are not compulsory, players can choose to wear them if they wish. It is hoped that many members will return to our games after a difficult year. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members and there are prizes for placegetters as well as a Lucky Door prize. Visitors are most welcome to come along and join our happy group of players. If you come 15 minutes before our starting time, you can have a few practice hands before we commence our games. Enquiries contact Pat or Nev Lesina on 07 5534 6188.

Joker Judy

SNOOKER

2021 appears to be shaping up to be a good year for snooker. Tuesday and Thursday night competitions are attracting good numbers. Monday night invitational competition commenced 1 February running through until the end of March. Des Turner Wednesday teams' event have re-commenced with several new teams formed. The Casino visit on 14 February was another successful event with Casino being the eventual winners. John Hudson Doubles Event was held Sunday 21 February with ten teams entered. Nominations have now closed for the handicapped billiards. Matches for this event commenced on 22 February. There are plenty more events planned so we hope everyone enjoys a good year of snooker.

Paul Thomas

GARDEN

The Annual General Meeting for 2021, usually held in March, will not take place for the time being and the committee members were kindly willing to remain until that time. Please call Maria Harry if you have any questions. Maria is keen for the Club members to keep in touch and hopes to arrange morning teas or picnics where we are able to practise social distancing. Trivia from Yates Gardening: Butterflies might be more attracted to your weeds than your flowers. Colourful blooms are not the chief reason these insects love your garden, its more about the fragrance and nectar. According to the Smithsonian Institute, new cultivars of popular flowers have been bred for enhanced colour and size but have often lost their fragrance in the process. So everyday weeds, like dandelions and clovers, might actually be the most appealing things in your yard to butterflies. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

**WHY
NOT JOIN
ANOTHER
CLUB
TODAY**



Twin Towns has so many sporting and social clubs and you can be a member of as many as you like! Try something new and exciting and make some new Club friends.

Contact any of the internal clubs listed in this newsletter or call 07 5536 2277.

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