

**RUNNERS & WALKERS**

Twin Towns Runners &amp; Walkers Club

What a challenging year 2020 was but 2021 is promising to offer lots of fun events again.

Now the weather has started to cool down, we have commenced increasing our distances in readiness for events coming up over the winter months.

A lot of runners and walkers are in training for the Mother's Day Classic, our Warwick Pentathrun weekend away in May, the GC Marathon in July, and the Interclub Relay in August.

We will continue to enjoy Sunday breakfasts at various cafes or BYO to socialise afterwards following COVIDSafe guidelines.

Now Daylight Saving Time has ended, we are all in the same time zone which does make things easier for us all.

We will continue to update the Sunday calendar monthly.

Our AGM was held on 4 March and the full committee is listed on our website.

We meet at Greenmount carpark opposite McDonald's on Tuesday evenings at 6pm and Thursday mornings at 6am. Visitors are always welcome, just ensure you provide your contact details on our attendance register.

Sunday locations are pinned on our Facebook page Twin Towns Social Runners and Walkers Club and on our website [www.ttscrunchersandwalkers.org](http://www.ttscrunchersandwalkers.org)

Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

**RSL SUB-BRANCH**

ANZAC Day 2021 has been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and normal commemorations such as the street march and large commemoration in Chris Cunningham Park are not possible in NSW. It looked like everything would have to be cancelled but recent changes to Queensland regulations will now permit a scaled down event in Queen Elizabeth II Park in Coolangatta at 11am on Sunday 25 April. Unfortunately, the large school participation will not be possible this year. Planning is currently underway and details will be posted on the Sub-Branch [website](#). The Sub-Branch Committee is working through the ever-changing COVID-19 regulations to reopen the ANZAC Room in a safe and compliant manner as soon as possible. For now, COVIDSafe practices are required in the Sub-Branch office. Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm. Phone 07 5536 1164.

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

**FISHING**

Do you like to fish, do you like socialising? Well, we have the club for you. Welcome to Twin Towns Services Fishing Club. Here are the competition results for the February weigh-in: 1st Mark Small with 10 x bream, 2 flathead, weighing 4.25kg; 2nd Steve Lovegrove with 10 x bream, weighing 4kg; 3rd Garth Poulter with 1 x bream weighing .375kg. Members don't forget our away comp in May at Evans Heads. It is time to book your accommodation. A great time will be had with good company, and better fishing. There is a real homely social atmosphere at the monthly weigh-in BBQs at our very own club house. Anytime is a good time to join, just come along, socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. All welcome. If you need more information, please call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

## EUCHRE & 500

Our AGM was held at Club Banora on 11 March with several representatives of Twin Towns and our members in attendance. The current Committee was re-elected unopposed and they are Jim Creek President, Pat Lesina Vice President, Barbara Lewis Secretary, Nev Lesina Treasurer with Committee members Elaine Denman, Judy Kenny and Steve Huxstep. The main topic of conversation was to decide whether to transfer our 500 and Euchre games to the afternoons instead of evenings. Many of our members are elderly and some are not keen on driving at night. Our Secretary has forwarded a request to the Twin Towns Board of Directors to obtain permission to have a one month trial on Tuesday afternoons for 500 and Thursday afternoons for Euchre from 2.30pm to 5pm at Club Banora. If this permission is granted our Club can then gauge its popularity. All members will be contacted with a view to deciding whether or not to change the nights to afternoons. Meanwhile, 500 will be played on Tuesday nights and Euchre on Thursday nights, with both commencing at 7pm. Fees are \$3 for members and \$4 non-members. Enquiries contact Jim Creek on 0417 275 061.

Joker Judy

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Our April meeting will be held Monday 19 April at 9.30am in the Visions room. Selling at the meeting is a trip south with an early start on Monday 3 May to Evans Head. No day trips for April due to public holidays, but if anyone is interested, I am looking into a 4-day trip north to Caloundra from 27 to 30 April. Future trips to be advised until we have a better understanding of venues and numbers we can have. Trips are on the first and fourth Mondays of the month and our general meeting is held on the third Monday, along with selling of trip tickets. 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.

## MENS BOWLS

Nominations for the Social Bowls Single Championship are now open. These will commence on Saturday morning 8 May and run over four weeks. Players are required to arrange own markers. Entry sheet is on the notice board, mat fee plus \$2 entry fee on the first game. Finally, the bus trips have recommenced with a recent trip to East Lismore and to Cherry Street Ballina. Thanks to Brian Spanner and Tom Williams for organising. Winners for Wednesday morning 10 March; Terry Deecke, Paul Fisher, George Vincent, Barry Ahrens, Peter Tindale and Sam Saunders; runners up Brian Thompson, Tom Williams and Greg Ash. Winners Saturday 13 March Pairs Game: Matti Jarvinen, Colin Campbell, Mike Constable, Jim Sonson and Terry Williams; runners-up Bill Bellair, Barry Robbs, John Hutchinson. Winners and runners-up receive points on their card.

M.C.

## GOLF

We are well into Autumn. The greens have been renovated and with some nice weather, the course will be in magnificent shape right up to Spring. Congratulations to our new mens match play champion, Brian Springfield. The match wasn't decided until the 18th hole. Well done also to Jared Brown who was runner-up. You both played a great game. Thank you, members, for your attendance at the March AGM. We have a great committee so barring another year like 2020, I know we'll keep Club Banora

Golf Club progressing and it will be the great club we all know and expect. Many thanks to Twin Towns Services Club who have given us great support, advice and leadership through the tough times of the past year. I trust 2021 will get us back to meeting with old friends and new, on and off the course. See you out there.

Brent McLennan

## LADIES BOWLS

Championships have begun with the final fours match played and the pairs following on. These games are vital practice for the Cross-border Shield starting on Monday 12 April. The first match will be played at the Tweed Heads Club. Our members enjoy this competition as it is graded fairly and played only by clubs from Pottsville to Tugun. Our minor events Easter Bowls was held on Tuesday 30 March with a raffle and hat parade the feature. Coming up is ANZAC Day Bowls on Friday 23 April. ANZAC Day Bowls will have novelty games and appropriate prizes. The 2020 Covid refund to affiliated members will be arranged as soon as the GCTDLBA sends us its invoice and we calculate your amount. Bowls Queensland conveniently transferred our refund (without notifying us) last September to the Men's Club, without telling them where it came from. We are sorting it out between us as we have no faith in the BQ finance office.

Veronica Power

## MASTERS SWIMMING

Last month we conducted our annual President vs Captain relay event resulting in a win for the President's team consisting of David Misson who swam twice, Libby Fox, Toni Cameron, Kaye Turner and Peter Blaxland. Second place went to the Captain's team consisting of Lee-Ann Martin, Leonie Crompton, Joan Neal, Paul Mayberry, Kate McKenzie and Judy Sharp. Our AGM was held Saturday 13 March followed by a sausage sizzle. David Misson was awarded Honorary Member of our Club and Sue Misson was given a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work she has done over the years. Lane warrior prizes were handed out to all competitors who received a certificate and a pair of goggles. Masters Swimming Queensland set a postal challenge which included 15 events ranging from 50m to 1,500m in a choice of strokes. Toni Cameron completed the challenge with 13 first places and two minor places. A great achievement Toni.

Kaye T

## TENNIS

This Saturday the Committee will be having a clean-up in the gardens around the Tennis Courts. With all this rain, plants are growing wild. A special thankyou to Twin Towns for repairing the net post on Court 4 and other work that was done around the courts. A special welcome to all new members who have recently joined Banora Tennis Club. I hope you have booked your three complimentary half hour tennis lessons or improving skills or techniques with Scott Styman our Club Coach from 'No Limits Tennis Coaching' Service. The voucher must be used within a reasonable time frame of three months. Vouchers must be signed by a member of the executive but only after the Membership and Signed Waiver has been confirmed with TTSC membership office. To book your lesson please contact Scott Styman on 0418 737 644. See you on the courts soon.

Kerry

## SNOOKER

Our AGM was well attended with many of the Twin Towns Board of Directors joining us. We thank them for their attendance and continued support. Our elected committee has only one change from last year. Welcome to Nev Robinson. The John Hudson Doubles Championship was won by Ray Wilcher and Jessica Woods, runners-up Phil Towle and Peter Watt. Great to see Peter and Phil back playing again. We lost our away interclub match by 15-10 against Southport. Winners of our midweek competitions were Phil Towle (2), Dave Jones and Ray Gocke, runners-up were Des Turner (2), Darren Harris and Rod Ross. Our Sponsored Sunday Tournament had 17 players. Rod Marquardt kindly donated \$50 to the prize pool and then went on to win it back in a close final with Terry Malone.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

This year's Australian Championships were held at The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and although we only had a small team of 10 compete, we did very well. Our club boasts three winners in their age group divisions. Warwick Dredge not only won the male 75 - 79 years, 50 metres race, he created a new National Record with his time of 35.41. Great effort! Jeanie McKenzie won her age group of 65 - 69 years and Toni Cameron was the winner for the female 75-79 years. Linda Robertson finished second in her 55-59 championship, Toni placed second in the over 60s butterfly and Neil Burden also scored a second in the over 60 years breaststroke. The huge Tobruk Shield is awarded for the four-person relay with the closest to nominated time and our team of Brenda Twomey, Margaret Lawson, Jeanie McKenzie and Guy Hawthorne were the victors by being a mere .57 out.

Bubbles

## SOCIAL GOLF

Welcome to another month of over the moon winners of our Social Golf games. 21 February results: Single Stableford winner was Mick B Byrne with 19pts from Jungle, which is not a reference to where he plays his golf. 28 February: Single Stableford and a very popular winner Mr Will Salter VC 19pts from part time treasurer Rick Downes 16 (really). 7 March Monthly Medal winner Paul (hear all about it), Dicko 31 nett/39 gross from a fast finishing Wazza 34 nett. 14 March: a small field due to the wet weather; Single Stableford winner Steve Teague 17c/b from Frank (I'm on my way) Watego 17pts. Our AGM has been run and won, back to it for another 12 months look forward to possible new faces turning out for a social game. Remember all are welcome, 6.30am Sunday mornings, fully organised, sort of. Happy hitting.

Dunny

## BRIDGE

We have a nice group of loyal club members keeping our club going, even though we have had some of our members unable to attend due to health and/or other reasons. We hope to see you all back in the near future. Our President is working hard to find partners and when unable to do, sets us up on the computer so we can still join in with physical play. We are now used to playing at our new premises and set up play and tidy up is getting quicker. Bridge is played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing at 12.30pm. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to commencement to enable the Director of the day to determine the movement for play. For partners on the day contact Graham on 0427 242 265. Happy Bridging.

Valerie 0266 745 631

## GARDEN

Great news! There will be an opportunity to catch up and have a cuppa at our next meeting on Tuesday 27 April at 10am in the Visions Room on the Mantra side of Twin Towns. The Garden Club will be back to having regular meetings at Club Banora from 1 June. A couple of dates for your interest: 10-11 April, A Garden A- Fair 2021, BBG Mt Coot-tha \$3; 17-18 April, Woodall Autumn Garden Expo [www.wondaigardenexpo.com](http://www.wondaigardenexpo.com). Check out the colourful shrubs in your neighbourhood to inspire you as to what to introduce into your garden. Tibouchina is certainly a bright purple or pink display, abelias with white tubular flowers and reddish foliage and chrysanthemums, easy to grow with white yellow or pink flowers. Greek Proverb: A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

## TRIATHLON

Over the past month it has been great to see the return of regular races on the triathlon scene in various locations. Quite a few of our members took the journey to Goondiwindi to compete in the Hell of the West Triathlon. This race involved a 2km swim, 80km cycle and a 20km run. Closer to home was the Pottsville Endura which was supported by a large number of Twin Towns members. This event involved a range of distances including Half Ironman, Standard Distance, Sprint Distance and Aqua Bike. The Mooloolaba Triathlon was also well supported by our members and this race was the Australian Championships. Congratulations to all our members for competing and also to those who made the podium. As we approach the off-season for the Triathlon Club, the Committee would like to thank all members for supporting the club throughout the season and for adapting to the changes put in place to ensure we followed COVID safe practices so our races could continue to go ahead. We look forward to beginning our next season and welcoming new members in September. To find out more about the Triathlon club, go to our [website](#)

**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.

