



Tennis Club members enjoy a social get-together in Breezes at Twin Towns

**TENNIS**

What a year 2020 has been! At least by June 2021, the Banora Tennis Club is lucky to be still going strong.

With special thanks to Twin Towns and Club Banora's management and staff, another year has passed. Our members pulled together and joined in with regularly Covid signing in, hand-sanitising and wiping down of furniture.

We were fortunate that tennis is an outdoor activity and we could maintain our distancing. It has also seen members social distancing and viewing matches outside the Clubhouse, with Committee inside, putting sets on and off the courts. Everyone has shown respect for the Covid situation.

The Tennis Club's 2021 AGM was postponed until next year. A number of Committee changes have occurred with the most notable being that our Treasurer for nearly 20 years, Don Lean, resigned. We sometimes see his smiling face around the Club.

Algis Budzinauskas took over from Don until the next AGM. Our Vice President, John Evans, who also helped Don run Sunday Social, also resigned. His position will be replaced next AGM. Linda Beashel

joined the Committee but resigned due to personal reasons. Her position was immediately filled by Melissa Morgan who has brought some fresh ideas.

Our reputation as a social club has been evident with lots of tennis still being played on different days. A few new players have joined and have come along to our other social activities.

As Covid restrictions are lifted, a Barefoot Bowls Day for August /September are in the pipeline. A return of the Ballina Tennis Club is still on stand-by and we will let you know when the date has been confirmed. A Games Night and expressions of interest for a Saturday tennis afternoon have also been suggested. Any Club member who can help out in any way is always welcomed.

Twenty-five juniors from six to sixteen years old attended a three-day coaching clinic with our Club Coach, Scott Styman. The children enjoyed the sessions and learnt many new tennis and fitness skills. Many children are now participating in the In-House Thursday competition as well as the Wednesday afternoon singles sessions. Saturday morning also sees two teams entering the Tweed District Competition in Divisions 1 and 2.

Good luck to our Banora Tuesday Ladies' teams who are going well. Some new faces have joined and finals are coming up soon. Think about joining the Club as new members could join a team or put in one of their own.



Tennis Coach Scott Styman and junior player Finn Hynes

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

The Committee is pleased to announce the re-opening of the ANZAC room for members meetings and other Ex-Service organisation meetings. Next members monthly meeting: Monday 28 June at 12pm in the Sub-Branch ANZAC Room. The bar will be operating but no food served. CovidSafe sign-in is required. War Widows and Legacy Laurel meetings have also resumed, commencing first week of June. Advocates available Tuesday to Thursday by appointment. Office hours Monday to Friday 9am -12pm. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email [admin@thc-rsl.org.au](mailto:admin@thc-rsl.org.au)

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next meeting will be Monday 21 June at 9am in the Visions room on the Mantra side of Twin Towns. Selling at the meeting is a day trip on Monday 28 June south to the Howard Hotel and a tour of the local area. Also selling is a day trip on 5 July to Ipswich. We will also have information on our next extended trip to Stanthorpe in August-September 2021. Our trips have now started to run smoothly and we have a better understanding of venues and the numbers we can have. Trips are on the first and fourth Monday of the month and meetings and trip ticket sales held the third Monday of the month. 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

The Committee agreed to give members who play a minimum of six games per month a \$20 meal voucher. We had our first evening on the first Friday in May with a total of 14 at Club Banora. Two of our members, Gerald and Therese, attended the Stanthorpe Congress and won the B section. Congratulations on the win. Another member Mike is recovering and back at Bridge after a hip replacement. Good to see you back! Bridge is played at the Club Banora Tennis Club House on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.30pm. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to commencement of play 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.

Valerie 02 6674 5631

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

Congratulations to all members who participated in the Warwick Pentathrun weekend event held in May. A great time was had by all. We are now in training for the Gold Coast Marathon weekend to be held in the first weekend of July. Great to see members' distances and fitness improving. Our Sunday programs continue to be released monthly though now we are trying to extend to six weeks. Reminder to check when your membership is due - see Fran or Tracy if unsure. 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.

## GARDEN

A grand welcome back to our Garden Club's first meeting on 1 June. A low-key meeting was held on 27 April at Twin Towns; the only plants present were a table full of raffle prizes, so this was fun as usual. Guest speaker Bruce Ham gave members great pointers on growing organic vegetables and herbs in small spaces, such as kale, parsley and tarragon in a wheelbarrow. Familiar easy plants for beginners are shallots, spring onions, parsley, mint, sage, basil, kale, oregano, thyme and lemongrass. Watch for soil fertility being depleted from clogged drainage or a drained reservoir. It's time to heavily prune your roses and to treat yourself to a new perfumed rose specimen to grow on your balcony. Bring along your plants to display and cuttings to give away at our meetings. See you soon. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

## GOLF

Well, this makes half the year done. If we can stop getting the rain we've had in the first half of this year, the course will be in perfect shape and the golfers will be a lot happier for the second half. With the rain we've had, the course is soft. Therefore, divots are easy to take. Please fill them if you have created them and if you are in a bunker, give it a good rake while you're there. This is a great course and with a little help, it will remain something we can all be proud of. The current plans are for the mixed foursomes to be played on 4 July. So, start organising your partners and prepare for the battle on American Independence Day. Good golfing to all contenders. Good course, good weather, good golf, see you out there.

Brent McLennan, President

## EUCHRE & 500

Our games are held at Club Banora in the northern area of the dining section. 500 is on Tuesdays and Euchre on Thursdays and at present time are held from 2.30pm to 5pm. A decision will be made at our next Committee meeting whether to keep to the daytime sessions or return to night sessions for both. The daytime session for 500 seems to be more popular than night-time choice. The winner for 500 for April was Gay Matters with Denise Monaghan 2nd. In Euchre, there was a tie for 1st between Jo Hortle and Judy Kenny. Visitors are welcome. If it is a while since you played, just turn up 15 minutes before we start to have a few practice hands. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members with prizes for placegetters as well as a Lucky Door prize. Enquiries to President Jim Creek on 0417 275 061.

Joker Judy

## MASTERS SWIMMING

We welcome new member Christina Echols to our Club. Christina has come from North Sydney Masters. Barbara and Dave Maynard are again hosting the Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Now it's winter, we are very fortunate that the Oasis Pools is always heated to a very comfortable 27 degrees. Swimmers are busy training for a couple of carnivals coming up: Brisbane Southside Masters are conducting their 40th Anniversary short course meet on 19 June and Toowoomba Tadpoles have a Postal event over 1500m which must be swum between 1 and 31 July. As the Covid-19 restrictions are easing, the Club is now permitted to have a cuppa and bite to eat at the completion of our swim sessions, enabling us to catch up socially.

Kaye T

## FISHING

Are you a social person, do you like fishing? Well, our fishing club is the one for you. Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. There is a special social atmosphere at the monthly weigh-in and a barbeque to finish off the afternoon at our very own clubhouse. Anytime is a good time to join or just come along, socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend, then decide if this is the Club for you. All welcome. The competition results for the April weigh in are: 1st Mark Small with 10 bream, 6 flathead, 1 trevally and 1 tarwhine weighing 6.2kg; 2nd Eric Castle with 10 bream and 1 whiting weighing 3.4kg; 3rd Steve Lovegrove with 10 bream weighing 3.75kg. If you need more information, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

## LADIES BOWLS

June is here and what passes for winter up here begins. Cooler bowling days will be welcomed by many so we may be able to last a few more ends in social games. Of course, the big news this month is our Club's 37th Birthday on Tuesday 8 June. Plans have been made for a great day with a roast meal, dessert and a drink ticket, all for a measly \$10! A money board will be available to win \$\$\$\$\$. Bowls games will start with spiders and touchers will reward the sharpshooters. Triples, club selected, will be the games format, finishing at 12 noon for 12.30pm lunch. Judy will need final numbers ASAP. The Cross-Border Shield competition will wrap up on Monday 7 June with a final held at the Pottsville Club. Every Club plays off against its nearest opponent on the ladder after all points from previous rounds have been tallied.

Veronica Power

## SOCIAL GOLF

Results 2 May: BCI Hawker Group Single Stableford winner Wayne Woody Woodford 18pts, runner-up Rick Downes 16pts c/b. 9 May: Dave Kammer Kup: winner Steve Salter 19pts and runner-up Fred Caspers 18pts. 16 May, Monthly Medal, and probably our club's most improved player Steve Teague 31 nett with daylight second, well maybe not daylight but Porky was the runner-up 38 nett and our top scorer John Something Something Mulligan. If only it was cricket. Well done John, 88 gross. Some weeks back, we had a very rare Hole in One and the man to accomplish this was our club champ Woody on the 16th hole, nice shot. Still looking for new or old members to come down for a bash. So, Sunday mornings around 6.30am, pop down for a quick fire nine holes. Happy hitting.

Dunny

## SNOOKER

Our Tuesday and Thursday night competitions are showing increased numbers in recent weeks. Results for the Main Competition: winners Ray Gocke, Mark Johnson and Byrne Smith; runners-up Joe Caridi, Phil Towle and John Themelkos. Consolation Competition: winners Peter Campbell, Mark Johnson and Wazza Dean. Sponsored Sunday 11 April: winner Jessica Woods; runner-up Bob Morton. Team Event: winners 'Unjagables' (Brian Green, Jack Malone and Mark Johnson); runners-up 'Rocket Men' (Rod Smith, Mitch Gorrick and Phil Towle). Nominations open for our Club Handicap Championships - 22 entries so far. The FNCSA Handicap Singles Championship attracted 33 entrants and the Best of 5 Frame final will be contested between Jon Prendergast and John Themelkos. The losing semi-finalists were Ray Wilcher and Jack Malone. The 6 Red Handicap Club Championship was played 30 May, results in the next issue.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

Our numbers are down now that the summer season has finished, with some members not swimming at all during winter, and others doing surf swims instead. However, the pool water is heated for winter and new swimmers are always welcome. Prospective members are welcome to have three swims with us before having to pay the small annual membership fee of \$15. Swim meets coming up are at Dubbo, Orange, Cobar and Grafton; details are on our notice board. How nice to see Betty, our chief timekeeper, back on deck once again after health problems kept her away for some time. We are in the process of buying a new set of new stopwatches, so there's one excuse excluded for swimming a poor time.

Bubbles

## MENS BOWLS

Congratulations to Terry Deecke our new Bowls President. Terry has been on the Committee for a number of years, including the role of Treasurer which he will continue to cover. Terry is well known and respected by our members and will do a good job. Single championships are well underway and received the most nominations for some time. Rounds 1 and 2 had many close games which indicates the final rounds will be hard fought. Round 3 games are as follows: Greg Ash v Bill Bellair, Geoff Bollard v Rae McLean, Mick Bartulovich v Mike Constable and Bob Campbell v Kevin Payne. Pairs Championship nominations close Wednesday 2 June.

M.C.



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Mens Bowls President Terry Deecke