



It's game on at Bridge

## EXERCISE YOUR MIND, PLAY DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The Twin Towns Services Bridge Club is an internal club of Twin Towns Services Club. It was founded in 1992 by a like-minded group of Bridge players who live in the Tweed-Gold Coast region. Since then, it has attracted both regular and visiting enthusiasts from further afield who not only enjoy the challenges inherent in the game but also the social benefits of spending time with interesting and friendly people.

The Bridge Club meets at the Club Banora Tennis Clubhouse three afternoons a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 12pm to approximately 4pm.

We ask players to 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.

Membership and game fees are very affordable and support an environment which is relaxed but competitive for players of all levels of ability. Many long-term friendships have been formed among players who can also enjoy monthly social events hosted by the Bridge Club Committee. The proximity of the Twin Towns Services Club to the Bridge Club venue allows for easy access to excellent facilities providing first class food and beverages.

The Club is affiliated to the Australian Bridge Federation and the NSW Bridge Association and welcomes members from other clubs and visitors, including those who are holidaying in the Tweed-Gold Coast region. Please feel free to contact the President of the Club, Graham on 0427 242 265 or Vice President Jan 0421 330 721 who will make you most welcome and answer any questions you might have. Happy Bridging.



Bridge players enjoy the opportunity to socialise and keep their minds active

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next members meeting will be held on Monday 30 August at 12pm. Please check our website [www.thc-rsl.org.au](http://www.thc-rsl.org.au) for the latest information as the situation changes. All Ex-Service organisation meetings and morning teas held in the ANZAC room are cancelled until further notice due to NSW Government Covid-19 restrictions. Office hours are 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

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 16 August at 9am in the Visions room on the Mantra side of Twin Towns. Selling at the meeting is a trip on 23 August to the Butterfly House at Bribie Island. Also selling for Monday 6 September is a trip to Mt Tamborine to see the Botanical Gardens. Selling at our meeting on 20 September for the 27 September is a visit to Toowoomba to see flowers displays and the Cobb & Co Museum. No trip on the 4 October due to the Public Holiday. Our trips have now started to run smoothly and we have a better understanding of venues and the numbers we can have. Trips are held on the first and fourth Mondays of the month and meeting and trip ticket sales held on 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.

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

The Gold Coast Marathon for 2021 was cancelled but some members did a 'virtual half or 10k'. Well done to you all. August promises to be busy with the Interclub Relay and the Daryl Chapman Fun Run in Lismore on the agenda (Covid restrictions permitting). Our Sunday programs continue to be released monthly. Reminder to check when your membership is due - see Fran or Tracy if unsure. The new white hats and visors are selling well. Fran or Tracy have stock available. Our 30 Year Anniversary is scheduled for Saturday 11 September at Twin Towns. The theme is Gatsby and tickets will be available by mid-August. 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](#). Enquires to Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

## GOLF

July, another month of wet and Covid. Golf has been on again, off again. Surely August will give us some decent weather and respite from what is becoming the new, unwanted, normal. Programming for August includes the Men's foursomes, the Ladies foursomes and hopefully the postponed Mixed foursomes. All the foursomes will be played over 27 holes so get your teams together and come out for a big month of golf. Men's championships are planned for September over 72 holes. There will be one round each Saturday, starting in conjunction with the monthly medal. Good luck and good golfing for the next two months. To all golfers, competition and social: Fill your divots wherever they are on course and rake the bunkers after entering. It's not for somebody else to tidy up after you. It's good etiquette and takes little time and effort. See you out there.

**Brent McLennan, President**

## MASTERS SWIMMING

Our mid-year luncheon was held at Club Banora and a great time was had by all. It was pleasing to have Myola Walton attending after finishing her cancer treatment and we look forward to seeing her back in the pool soon. Planning is underway for our next social outing to Husk Distillery. Christina Echols was our only swimmer at the Brisbane carnival winning 25m, 50m and 100m backstroke events. Christina was also in the 4 x 100m women's relay team for River City which broke the National record by 2 seconds. Paul Mayberry received his 3 million metre certificate at our meeting last Saturday. Another swimmer, Kate McKenzie did a fantastic job in the Brissie to Bay 50km cycle event and raised \$3,580 for MS. On a lighter note: England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool. A thief who stole a calendar, got twelve months.

**Kaye T**

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

Our numbers at the Oasis Pools on Sunday mornings were down recently due to a combination of cold weather and cold water as the Tri-Generation water heating system was playing up. Thankfully, the system has been repaired and the water is heated once again. Congratulations to the small band of swimmers who turn up every week no matter what the conditions are. Also turning up regularly are our officials, Janet, Betty, Ken, Michael, Ross and Bryce. Without them we couldn't race so we're always grateful for their contribution. At the time of writing, we have a few swimmers who are keen to compete in the carnival at Lismore but Covid restrictions may determine if this goes ahead.

**Bubbles**

## TENNIS

Despite Covid-19, our Club is busy pushing ahead with social games and so on and proceeding as best we can. The number of people attending for games is up a little which is good news. We have several social events planned for the next few months, including barefoot bowls and 9 holes of golf after Sunday morning social tennis but this will depend on what happens regarding rules for Covid-19 changing or not changing in the future. We encourage all members to get their vaccinations as soon as possible if they haven't already done so.

**Yvonne Morrison**

## GARDEN

Wow that was a short-lived return to business, so disappointing for members. The next scheduled meeting is for 3 August, however, please telephone Maria or Club Banora to check if it's on. At the time of going to print, the meeting cannot go ahead due to Covid restrictions. In August, the wattle trees show off their bright fluffy blossoms so if you have such a tree, garden club day can be devoted to nurturing that. Prune after flowering, preferably starting when small. This will extend its life. They are quick growing and usually live 7-10 years. Succulents are thriving well in this area, flowering, multiplying and colouring up. All sorts of interesting shapes and sizes to inspect. Enjoy your time in the garden and remember to check whether the meeting is on by calling Maria on 0448 531 055. Club Banora opens 9.30am and meeting starts at 10am.

## MENS BOWLS

Congratulations to Super Vets (over eighty) Don Pond (skip) and Rae Mclean in winning this year's Pairs Championship from Bob Campbell and Brian Bruce (skip). Both teams played good consistent bowls and were deserving of a finals game. Triples Championships have commenced and will continue for the next few weeks. Tom Williams has joined committee to fill one of the vacant positions and Terry Williams has taken on Vice President. Thank you both. We have club shirts for sale in various sizes, short and long sleeve. Enquiries at the Bowls office. Winners/losers teams Wednesday 14 July, skips Greg Ash and Max Hamilton win, Joe Procko loss. Saturday 17 July, skip Alan Cooke win, Brian Bowden loss.



Mens Bowls Super Vets, Don Pond and Rae McLean.

## FISHING

Do you like fishing, are you a social person? Well, our fishing club is the one for you. Come and join us and enjoy the camaraderie. There is a great social atmosphere at the monthly weigh-in. There is 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 club is for you. All are welcome. The competition results for the June weigh-in are as follows: 1st Steve Lovegrove with 5 bream, 4 flathead, 5 tailor weighing 6.35kg; 2nd Mark Small with 7 bream, 1 tailor weighing 2.7kg; 3rd John Watkins with 1 bream, 1 flathead, 4 dart weighing 1.4kg. If you need more information, please call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

## SNOOKER

Due to Covid restrictions, things have been a bit quieter than usual within the Snooker Club but numbers appear to be slowly increasing again despite needing to wear a mask whilst playing. After a short suspension of play, our Tuesday and Thursday night competitions recommenced. Main Comp winners: Cooper Thomson, Phil Towle; runners-up Chris De Azevedo, John Themelkos. Consolation Comp winners: Jimmy Thomson, Chris Wainwright; runner-up Paul Thomas (twice). All club competitions are on hold until further notice. Our secretary, Jimmy Thomson, will keep members updated on news and when competitions resume. Despite this, planning for all our championships is still taking place and a revised calendar of

events will be produced upon restart. Members are requested to fully comply with capacity restrictions (see signs on walls) in the snooker room and also the wearing of masks at all times.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

## LADIES BOWLS

Social bowls continues to be our main activity now. We are continuing to abide by the etiquette protocols outlined in July. Doing this helps the newer competitive bowlers in particular, as they don't come across unexpected 'rules' when playing against outside clubs. It is good to see more ladies coming to bowl as the weather improves. Those of us who are forming composite Pennant sides with South Tweed have more games to go, hopefully into the finals on Friday 20 August. We are represented in Divisions 4 and 6. Our thoughts are with Games Director Judy Johnson in her recovery. Assistant Carolyn has taken over in her absence and is managing most efficiently. Preparation for our hosting of the NSW Pennant 4 State Finals in September is ongoing, with fingers crossed for this to be possible. This is a wonderful 3-day experience for bowlers right across NSW and Twin Towns is to be commended for offering a host venue in lieu of Condong. Our ladies have been asked to volunteer as either liaison officers or general helpers. More names would be appreciated to assist. Condong have also volunteered.

Veronica Power

## SOCIAL GOLF

Well, what a turn around and almost unbelievable but to his credit, he turns up each week and puts in an effort. John Mulligan has won our June Medal - great effort John. Wazza won Freddy Caspers day and can I take this opportunity to thank trophy donors that keep us going. We played our postponed game against Murwillumbah and well done team. We have a ten-point lead going into our return game in October. Thanks to Mick Reid for his trophy. Our Christmas in July game was held and well done to those who dressed up on the day. Winners were Wazza and Dave Kammer. Our first round of our club champs starts on the 8 August. Hope we have a good turn out as these are one of our top awards, so good luck. The cold weather is going so come and join us. Happy hitting.

Dunny

## TRY SOMETHING NEW!

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.

