

GOLF AT CLUB BANORA



2021 Golf Committee

Here we go, November. Melbourne Cup, Christmas shopping starting in earnest and the silly season ramps up.

Our Secretary, Penny, is resigning for family reasons, so, a volunteer to take over this role would be greatly appreciated.

Almost everything that was planned for October and forecasted for November has gone by the wayside. As venue rules change, so does the program, add in the border situation, which effects about a third of the members, juggling and predicting the future has become a necessity.

Our Men's Championships, Foursomes and Mixed Foursomes have been postponed to February 2022 to allow our Queenslanders to participate. If anything will bring flooding rain, those plans should. We can only try.

The Veterans, Ladies, Men's and Sunday Christmas breakups are planned for early December. Keep your eye out for notices and time sheets for these days. We are planning a decent bash this year as little else has been available throughout the year due to the on-again off-again flow of the calendar.

The course is in terrific condition and is playing beautifully. We welcome all members, visitors and social players to come and test our course. We encourage everyone to consider becoming a member. Our membership and green fees are very reasonable, our course is great to play and our hospitality and camaraderie is second to none.

All sections of Club Banora Golf Club are looking for new members. Our friendly Ladies (Tuesday and Thursday), our



Cooking up a storm after golf are President Brent McLennan and Captain, Kevin Haddrick.

Vets (over 55 years of age) are a great social mob that play on Mondays, our 'Merry Men' (Wednesday and Saturday), our Sunday group for Men and Ladies and our very Social Club plays early Sunday morning.

No handicap or experience is required to start as that will happen as you go along. Our on-course professional (Barry) is available for lessons and equipment. So, come on out, get out in the open air, enjoy a round of golf (most frustrating game ever, see if you can master it) and have a drink and a laugh on completion. See you out there.

Brent McLennan, President

RSL SUB-BRANCH

We are hoping to hold the traditional Remembrance Day commemorations but this will be subject to Covid restrictions on the day. Please check the website for updates. Remembrance Day, Thursday 11 November: Service of Remembrance in Chris Cunningham Park, Tweed Heads at 11am NSW and Wreath Laying Service in Queen Elizabeth II Park, Coolangatta at 11am Qld. The Sub-Branch office is open with restricted services with pension, compensation and welfare appointments available. All regular meetings and morning teas held in the ANZAC Room are cancelled until further notice due to NSW Government restrictions regarding Covid-19 and the safety of our Veteran community. Office hours Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

MASTERS SWIMMING

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, things are slowly getting back to normal. Until 30 November, the NSW Government requires everyone coming to the pool to be fully vaccinated. This rule will carry across to any functions organised by our Club. A big shout-out to our Joan Neal who has shown great endurance and has held the Club together by swimming regularly regardless of water temperature and encouraging others to hop in and have a swim. Endurance swims are on again each Thursday morning commencing at 9am NSW. The Melbourne Cup luncheon will be held Tuesday 2 November at the property of Rod and Leonie Crompton. The Limerick Cup will be run and sweeps organised by Dodgy Dave. Christmas Dinner will be held at Club Banora on 5 December and Secret Santa held at Oasis Pool on Saturday 11 December. So, get your glad rags out and let's blow out the cobwebs.

Kaye T

TENNIS

Christmas is just around the corner and the end of the year is fast approaching. The Banora Tennis Club Annual Christmas gathering will be held on Sunday 5 December at 12pm NSW. We are going to hold the lunch at the Slice & Fork Restaurant. Members will be able to choose from the menu and the Tennis Club will subsidise \$15 towards your meal. Non-members may buy their own meal without the subsidy. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with Club members and friends and celebrate another year together. Wearing something festive is optional and there's the chance to win a lucky 'novelty' door prize. Names to go up on the noticeboard list or ring Stephanie on 0409 270 126 before 25 November. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Kerry

LADIES BOWLS

Here are the two most memorable moments with our bowls members. 1. Winning the Club Pairs Championship with Carol Groch on the last bowl of the match against the super strong team of Lana Lamont and Heather Bowman; and 2. Our Pennant side's amazing comeback on the last end to win the Division 5 flag against McKenzie Park at Southport. Maud Tate's team was 9 shots down and Judy Williams' was 5 shots up. Judy leads, Dorothy Howell gave us one shot, then the ever-reliable Sylvia Ward added both of her yellow bowls. I followed Sylvia's track and that made 4, and skip Judy piled on the pressure with another. The opposing skip panicked and continued to play the most difficult side of the green and

missed! We scored 6 shots to be up by 11. Meanwhile, on the next rink, manager Marie Ellis worded up skip Maud, who was about to play her LAST bowl, with the opposition holding the winning head, that she only had to draw the second shot for the overall win and she did! Twin Towns Services 11-up, McKenzie Park 10-up. These memories are great to dredge up during times of lockdown, as are other games both social and competition. Lawn bowls can provide such memories for anyone joining our Club. We welcome new members.

Veronica Power

BRIDGE

We continue to play three times a week physically, and also with our on-line members from Queensland. We urge members to be patient with our on-line players. Sometimes our computers don't do what they should and it takes time to sort out problems. Again, we have lost one of our valued members Shirley Williams who passed away in October. Shirley will be sorely missed and our condolences to her family. We celebrated the birthdays in September by having a lunch with members at Twin Towns Juniors. Bridge is played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Club Banora Tennis Clubhouse commencing at 12.15pm NSW. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to start 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

MENS BOWLS

Wednesday morning bowls now commences at 9am NSW. Saturday afternoon bowls remain as is. Committee is required to sight bowlers Covid-19 double vaccination certificate prior to commencing bowls. Once is sufficient; the Bowls office maintains a record. Hopefully the next committee meeting can arrange a social gathering /Christmas party. We are always looking for members so come along and make new friends. Experience not necessary. We can lend you bowls to start with. Open to Twin Towns members and Social Bowls is only \$20 yearly. If you are interested, call the Bowls office Wednesday or Saturday mornings from 10am NSW on 07 5524 1895. Raffle winners on 13 October were Garry Dewberry and Alex Christy. One winning rink only, Pat O'Farrell and Terry Deecke. Raffle winners 16 October, Matti Jarvinen and Jim Hammond. Winning rink, Garry Dewberry, Peter Tindale and John Hutchinson; runners-up Steve Leckey, Vic Phillips and Jim Sonson. Coaching tip by the late Ces Anshaw, "Stop wasting that first bowl".

M.C.

GARDEN

The November meeting will not be on but keep a lookout for an announcement regarding a pre-Christmas get together which our President hopes to achieve. After Christmas, let's hope we can look forward with confidence to returning to regular meetings, the first being Tuesday 1 February at 9.30am NSW. Members, please check that your membership for Twin Towns has not expired. Your attendance is needed for the AGM in March and requires names be nominated for positions on the Garden Club Committee. Give the staunch regulars a break from their devotion and do your bit and take a turn. It's easy so they say! New members and visitors are very welcome. There will be a guest speaker, tea or coffee and time for a chat. It's an easy-going club and a nice place to have lunch afterwards. There has always been a great display of flowers, plants and vegies to vote on too. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

SOCIAL GOLF

Only just back from another lockdown and our first event back a 2-man Ambrose won by father and son in-law team of Rick Downs and Jeff Lerner. Thanks, Wazza for your donation for the day. Next, we went with a team down to Murwillumbah to play for the Gable Grundy Shield but no chocolates. Our winner on the day was the ever-consistent Robbie Sheppard 42pts from new member Jeff Lerner 36 pts. We now look forward to next year. 17 October, Single Stableford and once again it was the Rob Sheppard show 18pts from Wazza with 15pts. Unfortunately, the Northern Rivers Shield has been postponed again this year and will remain with Lismore until November 2022 and hopefully Covid doesn't stop it again. If you're looking for quick nine holes on a Sunday morning, come on down at 6.15am NSW. Happy hitting.

Dunny

SENIORS

Our club is slowly opening up so hopefully by next year we are back to normal and will be able to socialise again. We are unable to have any meetings until next year so our next general meeting will be Monday 21 February 2022. We will be having our Christmas Luncheon on Monday 6 December. If you wish to attend, please contact Dorothy Mortimer by the end of November. Also, we have an extended 3-day trip for 23 September 2022 going to the Toowoomba Gardens and looking at one for Stanthorpe in March 2022. We have two trips a month and the general meeting and ticket sales are held on the third Monday of the month. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 04 342 78397; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Placegetters for our winter swimming competition are as follows: 30 metres, 1st Brent Anderson 40 points, equal 2nd Toni Cameron and Guy Hawthorne on 37 points; 50 metres, 1st Brent on 46 points, 2nd Toni on 38 points, 3rd Guy 34 points. Modestly, Brent stated he had a better chance, being the only member who attended all 16 Sunday morning swims. More members have returned to the pool recently although the water heating has not been repaired. As the weather warms up so does the water. Have you put on a few kilos during lock-down and looking for some healthy but fun competition? Come down to Oasis Pools and join us any Sunday morning. A reminder that our Christmas Lunch is set down for 12 December. Long-time members were sad to learn of the passing of one of our keen members from the very early days, Lindsey Hibbard.

Bubbles

FISHING

A warm welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Are you a social person? Well, our fishing club is the one for you. There is a wonderful social atmosphere at our monthly weigh-ins. There is a BBQ to finish off the afternoon at our 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. Competition results for September weigh-in: 1st Mark Small with 4 flathead and 1 mangrove jack weighing 3kg; 2nd Garry Hawthorne with 6 luderick weighing 2.6kg; 3rd Di Ruehland with 2 bream weighing .7kg. Members, please remember that our Presentation night is Saturday 4 December. If you need more information, please call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

SNOOKER

We received some new equipment courtesy of Twin Towns. Big thank you to the Management team for supporting our request for six new rests. We are also having our three tables recovered before the end of the year. Tuesday and Thursday evening social competitions continue to be well supported. Main comp winners: Phil Towle, John Themelkos, Bruce Sinclair, Ray Gocke; runners-up Peter Campbell, Bruce Sinclair, John Themelkos, Phil Towle. Consolation comp winners: Rodney Marquart, Des Turner, John Dal Ben, George Johnson; runners-up Ray Gocke, George Johnson, Mark Johnson. Sponsored Sunday winner was Jessica Woods beating Darren Harris in the final. Club Championships are up and running and we have a full calendar of events up until end of the year. Our Christmas Tournament and Dinner is scheduled for Saturday 18 December.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

RUNNERS & WALKERS

As at mid-October our Club is operating separately on both sides of the NSW/Qld border. Initially we were restricted in numbers on the NSW side but we can now have up to 50 members meeting. We are operating with two separate calendars for Sundays and will endeavour to stay coastal during the summer months. Check out our Facebook page or our webpage. We are only putting up two weeks at a time as we are hopeful that we can meet as one Club before too long. Thursday mornings, the Qld crew meet at the usual Greenmount spot and the NSW crew meet out the front of Twin Towns. At this stage we are unsure of arrangements for a Christmas party because of border closures splitting our members. Note we operate on NSW time for meets: Thursdays 6.30am and Sunday 7am NSW time. A small group meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm NSW at Greenmount. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.



It was quite an emotional gathering of Twin Towns Runners and Walkers when members from both sides of the border caught up for a joint briefing from Greg.