

FEATURED CLUB

LADIES BOWLS

Our Patrons Day morning tea planned for September will now be held this month. The Committee will keep you informed. There will be morning of social bowls followed by a morning tea with scones, jam and cream, paid for by our Club. Patron Marie, as always, will contribute prizes for the games. Mat fees will be collected as usual. Let's hope Plan B is as far down the alphabet we have to go.

The farewell for Tess Kirk at Melaleuca Gardens on 15 September was both moving and celebrative. We will miss Tess' smiling presence at our functions, but her outstanding bowls' record and time as President remains in our club's history pages and in the memory of those members lucky enough to have played with her.

Games Director Judy Johnson has been moved to the Brisbane area in respite. Members have sent her texts of support, which she has been happy to receive. Assistant GD Carolyn Kwok has taken over her duties very efficiently, and we are grateful for her willingness to take up the role.

The redevelopment plans for Club Banora have been delayed yet again but Twin Towns Management is still hopeful of some progress with the guidance of the Land and Environment Court and Local Council negotiation. We will keep on enjoying our grass greens for some time to come, despite the spring winds. Thanks to the greenkeepers' renewed efforts of late, the surface is running faster and truer.



Queens of the Green winners, Karen Watson and Bev Morris.

QUEENS OF THE GREENS 2021

This year we have a double act for Queens of the Green: President Karen Watson and Treasurer Bev Morris. Karen took out the Championship Singles and the Consistency and President's Pairs Competitions. Bev won the B Grade Singles and was lead player in the winning Championship Pairs and Fours, as well as teaming up with Karen to take out the President's Pairs. Congratulations ladies!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LADIES BOWLS CLUB?

Call into Club Banora on Tuesday or Friday morning between 9.30am and 12pm NSW to find out more.

RSL SUB-BRANCH

We are hoping to hold the traditional Remembrance Day commemorations but 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

GOLF

Wow, October, footy finals, warmer weather, hopefully no more lockdowns and is that sleigh bells ringing in the distance. August and September went in a blur and with lockdown, no golf at Banora for a lot of that. All going well, the Men's Championships will be completed this month, having started on 25 September. Good luck and good golfing to all contenders over the three grades. Our Queensland members have sadly missed this competition but hopefully will be back for the foursomes planned for November. Our Ladies are planning for their annual Melbourne Cup Day bash and have invited all members to play. Come along for a great day of golf and fun. Look out for news on the Christmas breakup planned for early December. Social golf at Banora is available every day. The course is in great condition, come on out. See you out there.

Brent McLennan, President

MASTERS SWIMMING

The past couple of months have been very quiet as the Club Banora pool heating system has not been working and the water has been on the cool side. It is hoped that by the time this newsletter comes out, all will be up and running again. We always welcome new members to our club. Our swim days are Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am-11am NSW, followed by a chat and cuppa. I have been a member of Twin Towns for the past 11 years and found it very rewarding both fitness-wise and socially.

Kaye T

BRIDGE

We are all back playing physically much to everyone's relief, albeit with the dreaded masks. We must specify that masks must be worn during play and can only be removed whilst drinking or eating. Our Queensland members are joining in our Bridge games on-line which enables us to keep in touch. Sadly, we lost two of our long-time members in August. Joan McLellan, who would have been 90 this year and Lindsay Hibbard 96, are both sadly missed. Condolences to both families. Bridge is played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.15pm NSW at the Tennis Clubhouse at Club Banora. 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

FISHING

A warm welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Are you a social person? Well, our 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. The competition results for the August weigh-in are as follows: 1st Mark Small with 6 bream, 1 mangrove jack, 2 whiting, 2 tailor, 1 trevally and 1 garfish, weighing 7.575kg; 2nd Di Ruehland with 1 bream, 1 flathead and 1 dart weighing 1.15kg; 3rd Garry Hawthorne with 6 luderick weighing 1.7kg. If you need more information, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

RUNNERS & WALKERS

As at mid-September our Club is operating in Queensland only for Queensland members because of Covid-19 Government restrictions for community sport. Queensland members have enjoyed a variety of Sunday meets along the coast and the usual Thursday mornings at Greenmount. We are constantly monitoring the rules on both sides of the border and will keep members updated via our website and Facebook. We are looking forward to when we will be able to meet up again. We have postponed our 30-year anniversary party until regulations are relaxed. You are still allowed to exercise in NSW but in small groups so please find a buddy to walk or run with and follow the local CovidSafe rules. We can follow each other on strava and give kudos so at least we can connect in that way. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.



Triples winners, from left, skip Kevin Battistuzzi, second Jim Sonson and lead Steve Leckey.

MENS BOWLS

Our championship titles are now complete with congratulations to Triples winners Kevin Battistuzzi (skip), Jim Sonson and Steve Leckey, defeating Norm Bradbrook (skip), Mark Randall and Peter Tindale, in a close game winning by 3. A special thanks to our games directors Bill Bellair and Terry Williams for organising these championships. Participation rate was well up on previous years, with quite a few bowlers having a first go. Keep trying, better luck next year. Winning skips for Wednesday 11 August, Norm Bradbrook, Greg Ash with runner-up Brian Bruce. Saturday 14 August winner Kevin Battistuzzi, runner-up Barry Ahrens. Due to Covid-19, bowls have been restricted to Pairs or Single games until further notice.

M.C.

GARDEN

Sorry folks, still no good news on our meetings. Please check with Maria or Club Banora. Have you ever collected hoyas, a trailing plant that needs a bit of help to keep tidy? There are numerous varieties, maybe with very similar leaves, but a great many different colours to desire and collect - pink and green, plain pink, burgundy and cream. Have a look at them, they are delightful. They are easy to propagate so you can share cuttings with friends. They require bright, indirect light. The small flowers hang in umbrellas and once they open have a pleasant perfume. Roots will grow from the node where two leaves meet so cut each side of that and tuck the node into potting mix in a small pot. Use a spray to mist it regularly. Luckily in this climate, they will easily propagate by cutting a length and planting the node in the garden. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

TRIATHLON

The Twin Towns Triathlon Club is ready to commence the season, just waiting on the approval for Community Sports from NSW Government. We have an exciting season planned with weekly races this season up until March 2022. At this stage we are hoping for commencement late October. We will keep you posted.

SENIORS

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 18 October at 9am Qld in the Visions room. Just as we started to enjoy trips again, they have been interrupted with the closure of the border which restricts our Qld members from coming on our trips. Also, we are finding it hard to get venues that are open on Mondays going south. I'm hoping to have a trip for the 25 October, just waiting on a venue. Please attend the next general meeting for more information about future trips. We have extended the three-day trip to the Toowoomba Gardens on 23 September 2022 and looking at a trip to Stanthorpe in March 2022. Trips are on the first and fourth Mondays of the month and the general meeting and ticket sales are held the third Monday of the month. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

SNOOKER

We have now resumed our midweek social comps with good numbers of players attending. Main comp winners to date: John Themelkos and Des Turner; runners-up Gary Davis and John Themelkos. Consolation winners Joe Caridi and Phil Towle; runners up George Johnson (twice). Our flagship Eamonn Duff Championship, which was due to take place in early October, has been postponed due a large number of players affected by the border restrictions. There are 53 entrants and we will hope to play this towards the end of the year. Our annual championships have now resumed and we are working our way through matches with revised playing schedules and formats. Unfortunately, the Spring season of the Teams Event (played on Wednesday evenings) has been cancelled. A new calendar of events for the rest of the year is now published on our website.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

SOCIAL GOLF

Since we last spoke, lock down has prevented us from having our regular program so only a couple of games to report. 12 September, Single Stableford, the winner was Michael Byrne 16 pts from Woody. We had a couple of visitors come for a game with intentions of joining our ranks. Brett Wisemantle



"I eat a head of garlic every day and have never had a problem social distancing."

and Jeff Lerner, welcome to the Club. 19 September, Monthly Medal and what a win by a country mile. Will Salter 32 nett, a 3 over gross round of 38. But I do think putting the results on the world page was a bit much. Great golf Will. Runner-up and probably used to a following, big Bro Steve Salter 35 nett. Not too sure when the championships will be played. We have a game at Murwillumbah in October and hopefully our Qld contingents can join. Happy hitting.

Dunny

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Due to Covid sudden lockdowns, several advertised events had to be cancelled. Our swimming pool has reopened, however at the time of writing, the problem with the heating still exists, resulting in water too cold for some of our members. Of course, as the weather warms up so will the pool. Not only is October the start of our summer competition but also daylight-saving time kicks in once again on the 3rd. Our club swimmers have been popular, with some male members requesting we reorder. Please put your name on the board if you want a new pair and we will order these as soon as we have enough requests to make the minimum order of 15.

Bubbles

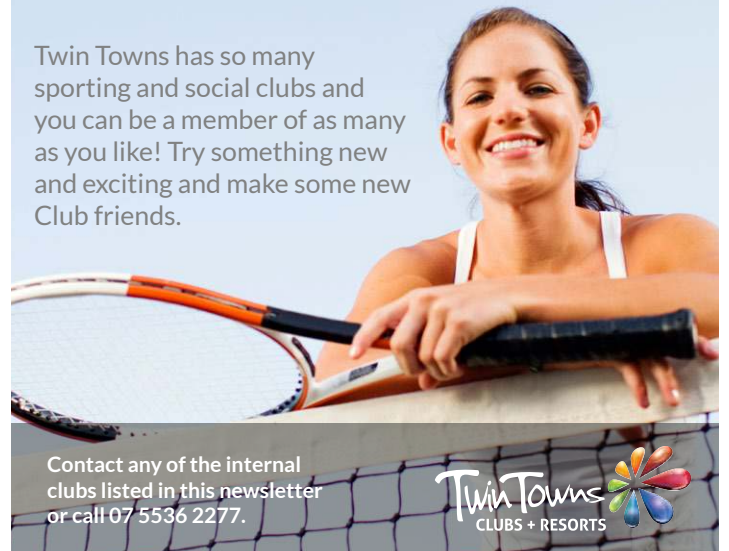
TENNIS

Everything has certainly been up in the air over these past few weeks. However, things are starting to look positive now that the Tennis Club is up and running again. Our Sunday morning social numbers have increased with people pleased to be back on the court. A reminder that games begin at 8am NSW and Covid check-in and hand sanitising between sets are essential. Thursday Mixed Social night is a great night for those not wanting to play in the warmer conditions; it begins at 6.30pm until 8.30pm NSW. At this stage, we have booked our Annual Golf Day for 7 November. Cost for members is \$10 including a light lunch at Slice & Fork and golf; non-members are \$20. Names need to be recorded on the poster in the Clubhouse by the end of October to allow for bookings. Our Barefoot Bowls Day was postponed but will be rescheduled. Watch out for further updates.

Kerry

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.

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