

SNOOKER

Club Banora Snooker Club wishes the Twin Towns Board of Directors, Club Banora staff and management and all our members and visitors, a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

We have faced many challenges as to how we could run our tournaments to comply with Government restrictions. Our gratitude to Twin Towns management for keeping us updated and supporting us to keep playing.

At one time or another, many of our competitive games had to be suspended or rescheduled due to the lockdowns, restrictions and the border closure. This meant that many of our members were unable to travel and play at the Club.

Despite all the challenges, we continue to see a strong average of 14 players for our weekly Tuesday and Thursday nights and Sunday comps. Our handicapping systems ensures everyone has a fair chance to win.

Tuesday/Thursday results: winners Mark Johnson (twice), Joe Caridi, Ray Gocke, Phil Towle, Jessica Woods, Dave Dern, Rod Marquardt; runners-up Des Turner, George Johnson, Len Caccioppoli (twice), Phil Towle, John Themelkos (twice), Jessica Woods.

Consolation winners Phil Towle,

Nev Robinson, Des Turner, Joe Caridi (twice), Rod Ross, Rod Marquardt, Dave Thomas; consolation runners-up Joe Caridi (three times), Peter Campbell, Nev Robinson (twice), Brian Exley, John Themelkos.

Sponsored Sunday results: winners Phil Towle and Jessica Woods; runners-up Rod Marquardt and Jimmy Thomson.

Our hard-working Secretary, Jimmy Thomson, organised 9 Club Championships to be completed in a hectic end of the year schedule - A/B/C Grade Handicap Championships, A/B/C Grade Scratch Championships, Billiards Handicap, Billiards Scratch and the George Hendrickson 'All-In' Club Handicap Championship.

We also hosted four Far North Coast Snooker Association (FNCSA) Championships, three of which were delayed until November.

The FNCSA events are made up of players from Clubs in the area: Casino, Ballina and Banora. Recent winners were Ray Wilcher (Billiards), Mark Johnson (B Grade) and Jessica Woods (A Grade).

On Saturday 18 December, we are holding our annual end of year Christmas tournament and the Snooker Club presentation dinner in the evening.



Club Banora Snooker Club members.

**RSL SUB-BRANCH**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The President and the Committee would like to wish our members, veterans and their families, and all our volunteers a happy and safe Christmas. We hope you enjoy the festive season and we will see you for hopefully a much more normal 2022. Office Closures Christmas/New Year: The Sub-Branch office will be closed on 24 December 2021 through to 7 January 2022 and re-opens for business on Monday 10 January 2022. Please refer to our [website](#) for updates.

For urgent assistance contact:

Joe Russell (Advocate) 0438 735 153; Open Arms 1800 011 046; Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36; Lifeline 13 11 14.

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

BRIDGE

The Club has adopted a new method of playing using computer technology thanks to our President Graham. We now play online one day a week allowing our Queensland members and other away members to join in our games. Although we had a few teething problems we are all getting better, however, Graham pulls his hair out sometimes. The Club's Christmas luncheon will be held on 9 December at Club Banora at 12.30pm NSW. If you wish to attend contact Valerie on 02 6674 5631. Bridge is played at Club Banora's Tennis Clubhouse on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 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

LADIES BOWLS

Greetings! At last, we have some news about upcoming functions. On Friday 10 December we will hold our Christmas Lunch at Club Banora. Your Club support has allowed us to have this event fully paid for from our funds. Bookings are open but please let us know at the beginning of December if you have to cancel as we must pay for uneaten lunches after that. There should be a game that morning with Christmas attire. On Tuesday 14 December, Patron Marie will host her postponed Day, with fun games in the morning followed by morning tea, fully funded as for Christmas Lunch. In addition, on the day, prizes for Championship and Competition winners and runners-up will be awarded and the Appreciation for Judy Johnson will now be a more subdued event due to her passing earlier in November. Bowls will end for the year after this day to be resumed on Tuesday 18 January.

Veronica

TRIATHLON

In accordance with Government guidelines, our triathlon season has now commenced for racers who are double vaccinated. Unfortunately, at this stage, only those who are double vaccinated are allowed to participate. We will keep you posted about when it opens up to everyone.

EUCHRE & 500

We have decided to recommence our card games in January 2022 subject to the Covid restrictions at that time. 500 will start again on Tuesday 4 January at 2pm NSW and Euchre on Thursday 6 January at 7pm NSW. Our games are both held in a screened off area in the dining area at Club Banora. These times have proved most popular to the majority of our members so we look forward to seeing all our regular players again as well as anyone else interested in coming along to join us. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members. There are prizes for placegetters as well as a Lucky Door prize on each card night. For further information please contact Jim Creek on 0417 275 061 or Barbara Lewis on 0433 002 442.

Joker Judy

GOLF

Welcome to the silly season. Eat, drink and be merry! Time with family, presents, parties and that's just the warm-up for New Year's Eve. The Christmas breakup parties are set. Veterans on the 6th, Ladies on the 9th, Men on the 11th and Sunday players on the 12th. Each of these days will start with a round of golf followed by the functions. All paid up members are welcome and bookings will be required. Come along and join what promise to be great days. Our thoughts are with our Queensland members who will still be behind the border at the time of these functions. We hoped they would be back in time but sadly, we can't put these days off for any longer as that leaves us no wriggle room if things go pear shaped. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas. Until next year.

Cheers, Brent President

SENIORS SOCIAL

If you wish to enjoy your retirement with friends, and socialise and meet new people, then you should consider joining our Club. Who can join: you must be a member of Twin Towns and be 55 years of age or over and not working full time. Meetings: regular Monthly Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 9am Qld in the Visions room on the Mantra side of Twin Towns. Selling of our Trip Tickets: allocation of tickets for day tours commence at 9am Qld at our monthly General Meetings. Members must be at the meeting to buy their ticket. Applying for membership: if you would like to become a member and meet the eligibility, you can obtain the necessary form at any of the three Clubs. All day tours depart from Twin Towns. We have two day tours each month to places of interest in Queensland and Northern NSW. The tours usually last 8 to 9 hours. Tour cost includes morning tea or coffee, cake and biscuits, entry to all venues, a 2-course lunch at a Club or Hotel and on occasion, a picnic or BBQ and, of course, a scenic coach ride. Enquiries to Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy Mortimer 07 5590 9301.

MASTERS SWIMMING

A big thank you to Rod and Leonie Crompton for their hospitality on Melbourne Cup Day. Their gardens looked absolutely beautiful despite the inclement weather. The Cup Sweeps were won by Lyn May and Joan Neal. Our Vice President, Peter Blaxland, won the Limerick Cup in fine style, passing both the swab test and weight for age. All in all, everyone had a most enjoyable day. We note the loss of Minnie's husband Stan with deep regret. He will be sadly missed. Our swimmers will be starting to prepare for the Miami Carnival to be held on 12 February. Now the weather is warmer, the water temperature at the Oasis Pools has improved immensely. Secret Santa will be held on Saturday 11 December followed by lunch. Our registrations are due to Masters Swimming Queensland on 31 December and our committee have decided to again subsidize each member a total of \$20.

Kaye T

MENS BOWLS

Bowling days are as per normal, with interest in recommencement of Wednesday afternoon bowls. A review of mat fees was carried out recently and committee recommended fees "stay as is" for the next year. Our bowls office is still experiencing problems with book in sheets, mainly not booking in on the correct day. This is causing delays with team allocations nearly every bowls day. We would appreciate bowlers taking more care when booking in. With the festive season soon upon us, our last Bowling Day for 2021 will be Saturday 18 December and we will resume on Saturday 8 January. Results 13 November: winners Kevin Battistuzzi team, runners-up Peter Tindale team; Raffle Bill Barnett and Ray Gocke. 6 November: winners Bob Campbell's team, runners-up George Vincent's team; Raffle Garry Dewberry and Ray Gocke. President Terry and Committee wish all members and their families a joyful and healthy festive season and those on the sick list, get well soon. We would also like to thank Twin Towns/Club Banora management and staff for assistance throughout the year.

M.C

GARDEN

December meeting will be a pre-Christmas casual get together which our President is arranging to keep us all together and ready for the time the Club is allowed to hold our full membership numbers. We look forward to returning to regular meetings on Tuesday 1 February at 9.30am NSW. At this time, our minds turn to Christmas trees, but had you thought of a living version? That's a good reason to go serious plant shopping and choose a good-sized plant to decorate your home. Add baubles and precious long saved family ornaments. There is a bottle brush called Father Christmas with red and white stamens. Maybe a Norfolk Island Pine, grown in a pot as a small tree and eventually into the garden to soar to twenty metres. Please check that your membership is current. Merry Christmas everyone. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

RUNNERS & WALKERS

We are still operating with two separate calendars for Sundays and will endeavour to stay coastal during the summer months. Check out our Facebook page or our website as we are only putting up two weeks at a time as we are hopeful that we can meet at one Club before too long. Thursday mornings the Qld crew meet at the usual Greenmount spot and the NSW crew meet at the front of Twin Towns. We then catch up at the border monument for a joint briefing and stay on our respective sides of the border. Wishing all our members a safe and happy Christmas with family and friends. We are really hoping we can all train together as one Club again soon. Note we operate on NSW time for meets, Thursdays 6.30am and Sunday 7am NSW. A small group meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm from Greenmount. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

A list has been started in the Swimmers Lounge for male members wishing to re-order a new pair of our colourful togs, branded with our Club name and logo. These are top quality, chlorine resistant, and provided by a local company. They will be heavily subsidised by our Club, with members paying around half of the actual cost, which will be known after we place an order. Diggers must order at least 15 so please add your name soon if you require a pair. (Don't wait until the female members start making rude remarks about the state of your swimmers). Our lunchtime Christmas Party is on 12 December at Club Banora and as always, heavily subsidised. Please pay Treasurer Lin ASAP. On the day, it would be appreciated if members could bring a prize to include in the raffle. The very best of wishes for a Happy Christmas to all swimmers and their families.

Bubbles

TENNIS

Banora Tennis Club's Annual Golf Day was once again a fun-filled afternoon. After a yummy pizza lunch at Slice & Fork, we gathered on a cooler day and played nine holes of Ambrose golf. Scores were once again close and Greg presented some novelty prizes at the 19th hole. On behalf of the Tennis Club, I would like to wish all members a safe and Happy Christmas from the Committee and Twin Towns. We will be celebrating a Christmas Gathering on Sunday 5 December at Slice & Fork at 12 noon NSW. \$15 will go towards your meal from the Club. You are invited to come as you are or add some festive colours/decorations to suit the atmosphere. The Club Banora Junior Christmas Party will be held the day before on Saturday 4 December at the courts. It will begin at 10.30am and finish at 11.30am NSW. Parents can watch their children or partner with them for some fun games. A special appearance by the man in red, who will present prizes to improved players throughout the year.

Kerry

SOCIAL GOLF

We begin this report on a positive note - no shut down, just golf. Results from 24 October, our Monthly Medal, and the winner was Francis Watego 35 nett with the first loser being Dunny 38 nett. 31 October, Single Stableford, and the man standing in for our Pres Steve YBC Salter 17 pts, yes 17 pts from the man with all the moves Dick Downes 16. 7 November, Single Stab and the winner was Dave Kammer who pulled the pants down on the runner-up Dunny 16 each. The following week saw the Medal of Medals played with eight of our medal winners contesting. The winner won by mile, 37 off the stick, what a score, 29 net, Paul Dickison; as well as the Monthly Medal for November - a popular win for a bloke who turns up when his wife lets him. Until next time, happy hitting.

Dunny

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. 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 October: 1st Mark Small with 8 flathead, 1 trevally, 2 bream weighing 5.15kg; 2nd Steve Lovegrove with 4 bream, 1 tailor, 1 trevally weighing 2.85kg; 3rd Di Ruehland with 2 bream, 1 flathead weighing .775kg. Members, please remember that our Presentation night is 4 December. Please let a committee member know if you will be attending. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Enquiries Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
TODAY?

WHY NOT 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.

