

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

# Splash out with the Diggers at Oasis Pools



Fun in the sun with the Diggers Swimmers

The Diggers Swimming Club formed in 1969 with races held at Snapper Rocks, where members swam in the same ocean-fenced pool as the performing dolphins of Jack Evans, our first president.

The dolphins eventually moved to a new location and the various swimming clubs continued to swim at Snapper Rocks pool until the Gold Coast Council closed it down. Our Club then moved to the Palm Beach Swim Centre until Twin Towns built Oasis Pools as part of Club Banora.

These days, we have nearly as many female members as male and we come in all shapes and sizes, covering a wide age span. We have some slow swimmers, some fast swimmers and many in between.

Even the slowest swimmers can take out the weekly prizes as races are conducted on the 'closest to nominated time' basis. The shortest events are 30 metres and 100 metres the longest, with swimmers

choosing on the day how many of the six events they would like to enter.

Swimming gives you a fabulous body workout as all your muscles are used, yet it is low impact, as being in water, your joints only have to deal with 10 percent of their usual weight load.

We're a casual lot who enjoy a laugh and don't always stick strictly to FINA rules.

So, if any of this appeals, why not come down to Oasis Pools around 8.15am NSW on a Sunday and check us out.

We'll even shout you a coffee and biscuit to enjoy while that day's results are announced and you might find you've won a frozen chook! Diggers thank Andrew Hunter for the photos.

Bubbles



Diggers Swimming Club meet at Oasis Pools

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

Members monthly meeting: It is our intention to resume meetings on Monday 31 January at 12pm Qld in the ANZAC Room. Membership renewal reminder: RSL Qld membership can only be renewed between 1 December 2021 and 28 February 2022. Payments made after that period may be treated as a re-join and risk loss of continuity of membership. Please visit our website [www.thc-rsl.org.au](http://www.thc-rsl.org.au) for information on payment methods or call the Sub-Branch Office. Advocates available by appointment. Office hours Monday to Friday 9am -12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email [admin@thc-rsl.org.au](mailto:admin@thc-rsl.org.au)

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

## EUCHRE & 500

500 will return Tuesday 4 January at 2pm NSW and Euchre will start on Thursday 6 January at 7pm NSW in the dining room at Club Banora. We hope as many members as possible can attend on one or both of those dates. Visitors and new residents to the area are also welcome to come along and join our happy group of players. If you are thinking of doing so please come along 15 minutes before we commence so you can have a few practice hands and meet our members. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members. If you would like more information, please contact our President Jim Creek on 0417 275 061 or Secretary Barbara Lewis on 0433 002 442.

Joker Judy

## MENS BOWLS



From left, Bowls President Terry Deecke and Bert Barker

New Year's greetings to all. Saturday bowls will recommence on 8 January at 12.30pm NSW and Wednesday bowls 12 January at 9am NSW. Our end of year get together was split, with both functions held at the Island House. Special thanks to Committeemen Ray Gocke for organising these events and offsider cook, Terry Williams. Our special guest at the event was existing member and original Foundation Member Bert Barker who celebrated his 100th birthday. Bert has been actively involved with Banora Bowls for many years in administration and as a great player. In April 2005, Bowls President Les Taylor (who is still an active bowler at our club) presented 10 members with Foundation Member badges, one of whom was Bert. Bert compiled a story of 'Tweed Northern Rivers Round Robin from 1978-1996'. This was a very popular and highly contested event and Bert was one of the instigators. This booklet is held in the bowls office records and may be borrowed if you would like to read it. Our Club congratulates Bert on his 100th and a job well done.

M.C.

## BRIDGE

Our Bridge Christmas party held at Club Banora in December was enjoyed by all who attended, especially members who have not been to Bridge for a while. It was great to catch up. We intend to have another lunch in the new year to enable our Qld members to attend. Hopefully, the border will stay open. We have had a few hiccups with our computers and bridgemates, fingers crossed everything is now on track. Bridge is played on a Monday, Wednesday (online) and Friday 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

## GARDEN

Our pre-Christmas get together was a fun afternoon with eating, drinking and chatting plus a few fun anecdotes from Greg our Vice President. The suggestion was made that during morning tea, we tell each other about what's happening in our gardens. Some spectacular summer flowering shrubs are the NSW Christmas bush, oleander, hibiscus, lavender and the hippeastrum is a very striking flower to show itself at this time. The poinsettias will have made a great show in many homes this Christmas but in our area, we've enjoyed a great display during our wintertime. There is quite an art to producing such a dramatic flower in December. The Garden Club reconvenes on 1 February with all fingers crossed that Covid has not ruled out that possibility. The Committee looks forward seeing you. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055. New members welcome.

## TRIATHLON

Enjoy swimming, cycling and running? Want to try a Tri? If you are curious about triathlon, come down and see what the fuss is about. Located at Oasis Pools at Banora Point, Twin Towns Tri Club is for everyone, regardless of age and fitness ability. We have participants from absolute beginners to elite level, with a current age range of 13-79! While everyone tries hard at our events, we don't lose sight of why we participate in triathlon: for the enjoyment of staying fit and healthy and to have fun! Come try a Tri, Saturdays from 5.30am to 7.30am NSW. Everyone welcome. Check out our [website](#) for more info.

## FISHING

A warm welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Our fishing club is the one for you. There is a wonderful social atmosphere at our monthly weigh-ins, with a BBQ at our clubhouse. Any time is a good time to join. Competition results for November weigh-in were 1st Mark Small with 6 flathead, 1 trevally, 1 mangrove jack, weighing 5.1kg; 2nd Garry Hawthorne with 4 luderick, weighing 1.75kg; 3rd Steve Lovegrove with 2 bream, weighing .7kg. The yearly annual trophy goes to Mark Small, 2nd Steve Lovegrove, 3rd Garry Hawthorne. Congratulations to all our winners with the heaviest fish and the Out of Comp Comp. Great fishing by all. Members, please remember that fishing for Out of Comp Comp starts 1 January and our first comp is 21-23 January. For enquiries, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

## MASTERS SWIMMING



The 'Octogenarian Daves' enjoy a Christmas get-together

Our annual Christmas party held at Club Banora was a great success with good company and delicious food. Birthday morning/Secret Santa was held in December at the Oasis Pools. Santa arrived with goodies for everyone. Many thanks to Libby Fox and Barbara Maynard for all their efforts in organising these events. It was fantastic to see Dave Maynard back in the water after an enforced 12 months lay off. We have ended 2021 with 39 financial members. Quite an achievement considering such a difficult year with members living both sides of NSW/Qld border. There is no increase in membership fees for 2022 and the Twin Towns Masters are rewarding members for their loyalty and perseverance with a \$20 rebate. Our next social event will be held on 16 February with a picnic at our favourite water hole, Cudgen Creek.

Kaye T

## GOLF

Happy New Year to all. Surely in 2022, life will get back into near normality. We are planning on that scenario as all the Championships that were not played last year are scheduled for January and February 2022. Look out for the Men's Single Championships, Men's foursomes and the Mixed foursomes. This will be a big start to the year which is only appropriate after our big finish to the end of 2021. Our Christmas breakup functions went extremely well with the Veterans kicking off the festivities on the Monday, followed by the Ladies on the Thursday, Men on the Saturday and then the Sunday comp the next day. Good weather, golf, prizes, food and Christmas cheer. Happy days! A big thank you to our Captains and crew for their great organisation of each of these days. Well done! See you out there.

Brent (Pres)

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

Wishing all our members and their families a bright and positive 2022. Mid-December saw the Club meet together again as one group. Passes are still necessary to cross into Qld which requires double vaccination proof. It's great to catch up properly with old friends, enjoying the different scenery on both sides of the border. We are planning to hold our annual Australia Day Picnic on the 26 January at the usual spot. Keep an eye out for details on our Facebook page. Note we operate on NSW time for meets, Thursdays 6.30am and Sunday 7am NSW. A small group meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm NSW from Greenmount. Enquires to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

## TENNIS

The Banora Tennis Club already have some social events organised for 2022. Our President, Stephanie, wishes everybody a prosperous, healthy and happy year ahead. Australia Day Celebrations this year will be held at Sunday Morning Social on 23 January. The morning will begin with tennis followed by egg and bacon breakfast. On Sunday 6 February, we will also hold a Barefoot Bowls Day at Club Banora. All members are welcome to participate in this fun activity. Previous experience is not necessary and I'm sure John will give a few helpful hints! As it is summer, we have decided to begin at 4pm NSW to avoid the heat. If anyone is interested in joining us after for a meal at Slice and Fork or outside for a drink and meal, just come and make yourself known to us. Congratulations to Banora's Young Tennis Juniors who played and enjoyed their tennis with our coach Scott Styman. Sophie Caetano and Charlie Aleman were our most improved Girl and Boy Champions and both received special trophies and their names will be placed on the shield. I hope to play them in the future! Scott will also be holding another Tennis Clinic in January during the school holidays so watch the noticeboard or contact him for further details. Tuesday Ladies will begin their competition year with an American Tournament. Please check noticeboard for further details. Enjoy your tennis and stay fit.

Kerry

## LADIES BOWLS

A new year full of hope for carefree bowling. We commence our regular social bowls on Tuesday 18 January and look forward to welcoming you. There is also the promise of several new bowlers. Carolyn Kwok has accepted the role of Games Director. She has been doing a marvellous job in place of Judy. We have planned two events to add to your diary in February. President Karen's Day will be held on 8 February, details to come. At this stage, a memorial for Judy Johnson, including members of her family, is planned for 11.30am NSW on Tuesday 22 February. We are hoping to contact ex members who played with Judy and who will have personal memories to share with us.

Cheers, Veronica

## SNOOKER

Happy New Year to all our members and families. We thank everyone for their understanding and flexibility to get through the backlog of Championships towards the end of last year. Ray Wilcher was a double Billiards Champion in Handicap and Scratch. Phil Towle won the A Grade Handicap and Jessica Woods won the Club Handicap Championship. In the Scratch snooker events, the Champions were: Jessica Woods (A Grade), Jack Malone (B Grade), and Len Caccioppoli (C Grade). Weekly Tuesday/Thursday nights main winners: Nev Robinson, Dave Dern, Rod Marquardt, Jimmy Thomson, Phil Towle (twice), Dave Thomas. Main runners-up: Ray Gocke, Joe Caridi, Dave Manson, Mark Johnson, Des Turner, Brian Exley, Peter Campbell. The 'Joe Caridi' Sponsored Sunday main result: Phil Towle (winner) and Jimmy Thomson (runner up). Consolation result: Rod Smith (winner) and Jessica Woods (runner up). Our new calendar has been released and details all our planned events for 2022.