

GARDEN



Members of the Garden Club enjoyed a get-together at Club Banora

The Garden Club members have enjoyed a few private gatherings at members' homes during the year. We met for a pre-Christmas get together and enjoyed a thoroughly good chat along with drinks and nibbles.

Thanks to our President and committee for bringing us together in this way.

We are preparing for our AGM in March and thank our retiring committee for doing their best to keep the Club together during the pandemic which still persists.

Also, a big thank you to our sponsors and to Club Banora for their support. We sure hope to soon be back to our normal big friendly group of happy gardeners with informative meetings and outings in-between.

Autumn looms and it's a good time to trim back the roses lightly and feed for a good Autumn flowering.

Keep putting lots of organic mulch and manure around plants to fertilise and retain water.

Applying 5-7cm of organic mulch around your garden to help prevent weed growth is a time saving plan too.

Do you have a shady spot where you could go and study a fern collection? They can be delightful and interesting when they are in a good position.

Maidenhair fern has the prettiest movement to entice you to sit and watch. And tree ferns give you great overhead shade perhaps you are lucky enough to have one.

If you have to buy one and it has short stumpy fronds cut off for transport reasons, cut those right back to leave room for new fronds to sprout comfortably.

Some bromeliads also like being in the shade and are another plant of great interest. If they are happy, they show it and give you delight too.

Call President Maria on 0448 531 055 if you would like to participate or have any enquiries.



Garden Club President Maria Harry



Garden Club Member Anne Cullip

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next members monthly meeting is Monday 28 February at 12pm Qld in the ANZAC Room. Diary dates: AGM to be held on 28 March at 12pm Qld. Location to be advised. Membership Renewal Reminder - RSL Qld membership can only be renewed until 28 February 2022. Payments made after that date may be treated as a re-join and risk loss of continuity of membership. Please visit our website 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

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

SENIORS SOCIAL

Welcome back to our meetings, we are hoping for more outings again this year. Our next meeting will be Monday 21 February at 9am Qld in the Visions room Mantra side of Twin Towns. We will be having mystery trips on Monday 28 February, also on Monday 7 March. We are having an extended 3-day trip on 23 September going to Toowoomba Gardens and looking at one for Stanthorpe on 4 - 10 March. We have two trips a month and general meetings and ticket sales are held every third Monday of the month. Members need to be at the meeting to buy the tickets. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 043 4278 397; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

SNOOKER

After a hectic end to last year, we are slowly getting back underway with our competitions and regular midweek Tues/Thurs social events. Our schedule for 2022 is now confirmed and we have a busy year of snooker and billiards ahead of us. We are delighted to the return of 7 interclub matches against 5 clubs this year. If you have any interest in playing a cue sport and you are looking to meet a friendly group of people, then look no further than our snooker club. You are most welcome to attend any Tuesday or Thursday evening. Registration no later than 6pm NSW. The results from the last Sponsored Tournament were: Main result: winner Jimmy Thomson and runner-up Rod Marquardt. Consolation result: winner Joe Darby and runner-up Graham Wilson. Our AGM has been set for Monday 14 March at 7pm NSW.

LADIES BOWLS

As we move into the last month of summer there are a few events to look forward to: Tuesday 8 February is President Karen's Day. Forgoing this last year, I'm sure she will be planning something for us now. Also, on that day our 2022 AGM advice will be posted on the notice board. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 1 March at 2pm NSW in the function area at Club Banora. Attendance is important, and club positions are only filled from previous nominations or left as casual vacancies. A complimentary drink will as usual be given, along with the 2022 members' phone booklet and Annual Report. Our other function, still in the planning phase will be the memorial for Games Director Judy Johnson. This has been set down for Tuesday 22 February at Club Banora. I know you are all keen to attend, to show our respect and appreciation for Judy's 23 years of service and her bowling achievements. Her family is delighted to join us on the day.

Veronica Power

TRIATHLON

Twin Towns Triathlon Club is back in full swing, with 6 races left before our Club Champs on 5 March. Our AGM is also coming up on Saturday 12 February, committee member nominations are open and forms are available at the Rego Desk on Saturdays and also upon request by emailing Michelle at twintownstri@gmail.com. Check out our website twintownstri.org.au for race reports and more information.

TENNIS

With all the tennis being played in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne over the past month I'm sure that you all feel motivated. Tuesday Ladies Competition will commence on Tuesday 1 February with three divisions. Last year had some ups and downs with Covid and border issues so hopefully things will be better this year. On Sunday 6 February the Tennis Club will also hold a Barefoot Bowls Day at Club Banora. All members are welcome to participate. 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 The Slice and Fork or outside for a drink and meal, just come and make yourself known to us. Banora's Tennis AGM is coming up on Wednesday 16 March in the Club House. Please come along and be part of our wonderful club and contribute any ideas to the Committee. Enjoy your tennis and stay fit.

Kerry

MENS BOWLS

Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon bowls have recommenced, and the Greenkeeper has our greens in very good condition. No dumping please. We have a good stock of Bowls shirts, just enquire at the Bowls office. Locker fees of \$10 are now due. Our 2022 AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 8 March at 10am NSW in Club Banora Bistro. Nomination Forms for committee are available at the Bowls office. Members are requested to give serious consideration to nominating. A committee of at least 7 is required. Our constitution allows for 9 committee. Also, any Notices of Motion close with the Secretary 31 days prior to the AGM.

M.C.

GOLF

February sees our Men's Club Championships played each Saturday for four weeks. Starting on the first Saturday of the month with the monthly medal in conjunction. As stroke events played off the back tees is not for everyone, those not wishing to play for the championships will be able to play in stableford events after the second round. Good golfing to all contenders. Our membership is steadily increasing which is at least one good thing out of Covid. This does create its own problems though. As we are only a nine-hole course, we are limited to the number of players we can have on the course. Therefore, to ensure you get a round in, please book early for your game and if you have to withdraw, please inform the Pro Shop as this allows someone else to take your place. See you out there.

Brent McLennan, President

SOCIAL GOLF

Good day readers, we missed a month so we will put it all in: December medal was won by Will Salter, we also had our Christmas Vouchers Day; winners Rick Jeff and father and son team Frank and John. Thanks to our trophy donors Tweed Landscapes. We had a Stableford followed by Boxing Day, then came a win to Rick Downes followed by a Monthly Medal to Jeff Lerner. We have our Phil Gibbs Day on in February, so a big turnout please. A change to our calendar for the AGM (28 February wrong date) 6 March is the new date. Have had some new faces come along, Shane Vandercault hopefully you enjoy the club. Happy hitting.

Dunny

RUNNERS & WALKERS

January meets were well attended, especially once the hard border was removed. We are aiming to continue our alternate Sunday venues north and south of the border. We advise location at the Thursday meets as we are not planning too much in advance. We had a well-attended Australia Day Picnic but did not present trophies again this year due to inconsistency of events during 2021. Fingers crossed for more live events this year. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7pm NSW on the third floor of Twin Towns. Nominations have been closed and will be posted on our notice board in February. Note we operate on NSW time for meets, Thursdays 6.30am Sunday 7am NSW. A small group meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm NSW from Greenmount. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo.

FISHING

"Happy New Year" to everyone out there, especially our dedicated members. Do you like fishing? Do you like to socialise? Well, we have the club for you. Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. There is a real homely social atmosphere at the monthly weigh in BBQ, at our very own club house. Anytime is a good time to join, just come along, socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. All welcome. The Out Of Comp Comp has already started, and we already have an entry with a 36cm tailor. So, come on everybody, get out there and tighten those lines and we will see you at the weigh in. Don't forget about the away comp in March. Looking for entries asap. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Enquiries call Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

BRIDGE

The AGM will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday 2 March at 11am NSW, all are invited to attend. The committee have decided to play online on a Wednesday and Friday to encourage more players to participate. Also, our monthly dinner was held at Club Banora on 20 January. Bridge is played on a Monday, Wednesday 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 Jan on 0421 330 721. Happy Bridging.

Valerie

DIGGERS SWIMMING

The new club togs for males should arrive this month, although it is unclear if they will arrive in time for the Zone Carnival hosted by Southport Sharks. This meet will be held at the modern pool at Somerset College on Saturday 12 February, starting at 1pm, with the presentation dinner to follow at the Palmer Colonial Golf Club. This will be the first carnival held since our governing body decided that all events previously held over a distance of 30 metres will now be 25 metre events. Cost to compete is a mere \$10, and this pool is only about 25 minutes' drive away. With border crossing now unrestricted, we are hoping many members will compete. The National Titles this year will be at Coffs Harbour on 19 March, and through the efforts of Mark Madden we hope to have a 12-seater mini-bus for the trip.

Bubbles

MASTERS SWIMMING

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we are looking forward to 2022. It was good to see a good turn up at the pool for January's birthday morning - we can once again share food! We are getting back to our usual routine with the endurance swims on Thursdays and other training on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Some of our members will be attending the Miami Carnival on Saturday 12 February. Our AGM is at the Oasis Pools Saturday 12 March. We are all adjusting to the new normal of living with variants of Covid 19. However, these conditions are all the more reason to stay fit, healthy and connected to others. The border will no longer be closed which is good news for our Queensland members and our community adjacent to the border. Remember Fun Friendship & Fitness.

Kate McKenzie



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.

