

## TRIATHLON



Rounding the corner on the bike leg are Danny Warner, Ben Hall and Richard Mourant

Twin Towns Triathlon Club started back in 1989 and has continued to grow each year.

Based out of Oasis Pools at Club Banora, we now currently have close to 100 active adult members, with approximately 50-60 racing each week. Our racing season starts towards the end of September and usually runs until mid-March each year.

Our bike course has changed a number of times but the distances remain the same; starting with a 500m swim, 14.5km bike ride and 4.5km run. We are also offering an Intermediate distance - 300m swim, 5km bike ride and 2km run/walk.

We are an inclusive Club and welcome members of all ages and abilities to come join the fun. Our triathlete family consists of absolute beginners through to Australian representatives. Everyone is friendly and encouraging and it's a pleasure to have such a supportive environment in which to race.

We welcome all new members so feel free to come along and have a TRI. Our Junior Triathlon Club has

grown over the year too and this season saw 63 numbers allocated to junior triathletes.

It is a real testament to the sport of triathlon as these kids love what they do and always show up Saturday mornings with enthusiasm.

This season we saw long time committee member Jimmy Collins join the prestigious 600 Race Club alongside current members Kev Bannerman, Rob Gillies and Alex Gilks (the only man to have raced every season since the Club's formation back in 1989), retired athlete Glenn Lance and Club founder Doug Neil.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our awesome sponsors Coast Cyclery, Cricks Tweed, DGC Des Good Coaching, MCS Painting, Oculus Group Accountants and Tweed Coast Chiropractic.

Twin Towns Triathlon Club is a fantastic club that provides a healthy outlet for many people on a weekly basis and a place to make lifelong friends. For more information, check out our [website](#).



Kev Bannerman and Josh Horsley enjoying a laugh along the way



Members get ready for the swim at the Joe Kelly Team Event

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Monday 28 March at 11am Qld in Visions at Mantra Twin Towns Resort. Partners and carers are welcome to attend the AGM, as well as the luncheon. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in person, online or over the phone using a credit card. Ticket sales close 18 March. ANZAC Room Meetings - morning tea every Thursday 10am-12pm Qld; War Widow meets 7 March; contact Yvonne Malone 0414 860 785; Legacy Laurel meets 8 March; contact Ronda Niland 0412 773 526. ANZAC Day on Monday 25 April - ceremonies will be held in Chris Cunningham Park Tweed Heads. Dawn Service at 5.50am; March starting at 10.30am with the Main Service 11am and the RSL Members Luncheon at 12pm. Visit our website [www.thc-rsl.org.au](http://www.thc-rsl.org.au) for up-to-date information. 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 Manager

## GOLF

Our AGM will be held on 19 March at 2.30pm NSW. It will be preceded by a single stableford, shot gun start at 8am. The time sheets for this event are now available. As this is the beginning of the new voting format for the club, all positions will become vacant to allow the new format to be enacted. Many thanks to the committee for their tireless efforts over the past 12 months. We have had a very successful year despite Covid, weather events and other disruptions. Congratulations to the Champions of our recently completed events, leftover from 2021. The Men's Foursomes and Men's Single's Championships have been played and many thanks to Captain Kevin Haddrick and his band of helpers for getting these events done and dusted before 2022 is all over us. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)



Foursome Championship winners

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

After Covid put a stop to inter-club competition for such a long time, it was wonderful to compete against five other AIF swimming clubs on 12 February. Our members who won their respective age championships were Guy Hawthorne, Minnie Smith, Toni Cameron and Jeanie McKenzie. Their times now become the record times as this was the inaugural carnival where their age groups have swum the shorter distance of 25 metres. Lin Kennedy was our only swimmer to make it through to the final of the prestigious 25 metre handicap event. We have nine swimmers competing in the National Championships in Coffs Harbour on 19 March. Our Oasis Pools is a wonderful complex, much loved and much used by locals covering a wide area, as well as visitors. All were devastated to learn it will close on April 30. The community must pull together to ensure that all avenues are explored to ensure this closure is not permanent.

Bubbles

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

February meets were well attended. We trialled Tuesday mornings from Greenmount Beach (opposite the Pink Motel) in February and will decide at the AGM whether to change our weekly calendar. We aim 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. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7pm NSW in the Bay Room on the third floor of Twin Towns. Nominations have closed and are posted on our Facebook Page. Note we operate on NSW time for meets: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30am, Sundays 7am NSW. A small group meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm NSW from Greenmount but the future of this is under review. Enquiries contact Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

## MENS BOWLS

A reminder that our AGM will be held on Tuesday 8 March at 10am NSW at Club Banora. Due to Covid-19, we did not hold 2021 AGM. A good turnout for this year's meeting would be welcomed. Vacancies on the Committee still exist so please consider. Nomination forms are available at the Bowls Office. Recent results on Wednesday 9 February: winners Alex Christy, Ray Gocke and Kevin Payne; runners-up Brian Thompson, Tom Williams and Greg Ash. Results Saturday 11 February: winners Rae McLean, Don Pond and Jim Hammond; runners-up Terry Deecke, Max Spencer and Bob Campbell.

M.C.

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Welcome back to our meetings! We hope for more outings again this year. Our next meeting will be Monday 21 March at 9am Qld in Visions on the Mantra side of Twin Towns. We will be selling tickets for a Mystery Trip on Monday 28 March and 2 May going on one of Robbie Mack's scenic tours south. There will also be an extended trip to Stanthorpe on 4-10 April. This will be the only trip in April due to Public Holidays. We also have an extended 3-day trip to Toowoomba for 23 September. I suggest you book in early if you would like to go on any of these trips. We have two trips a month and general meeting and selling of tickets is held on the third Monday of the month. Members must be at the meeting to buy tickets. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm: Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

## TENNIS

The Club Banora Tennis AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 March in the Tennis Clubhouse at Banora Point. The AGM will start promptly at 6pm NSW. Please make any suggestions to the present Committee who will discuss them with you. All members are invited to attend to show your support for the present Committee and Club. Sunday Morning Mixed Social has seen some really great tennis. A special welcome to all the new people who have come along to our great venue. Social begins at 8am until 11.30am NSW. Thursday Night Social has also seen strong tennis. New members are always welcome. The night begins at 6.30pm and concludes around 8.30pm NSW. See you there!

Kerry

## FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Do you like to socialise? Well, we have the club for you. There is a real homely social atmosphere at the monthly weigh-in/BBQs at our Clubhouse. The January weigh-in was a bit light with all the bad weather but we still had a couple of very dedicated fishos that weighed in. 1st goes to Garry Hawthorne with a bag of Luderick and even a couple weighing over the kilo mark; 2nd goes to Steve Lovegrove; 3rd goes to all our members that showed up for the weigh-in/BBQ. The Out of Comp Comp has started and we already have a few entries. 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. Enquiries to Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Tight lines for all.

Dutchy

## EUCHRE & 500

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 17 March at 6.30pm NSW in the dining area at Club Banora. It will be decided at the meeting if we will continue with our card games or not. We will play Euchre after the AGM is finished so all our members are welcome to return to play again that night.

Joker Judy

## MASTERS SWIMMING

The Masters Swimming Club was devastated by the news that the 50m Oasis Pool is closing 30 April this year. We have enjoyed this facility for many years. The nearest 50m Olympic pool is at Murwillumbah, which will be the only Olympic pool in the Tweed Shire. On the Gold Coast, the closest 50m pool is Palm Beach/Currumbin which is closing soon for 2 years for refurbishment, then at Miami. We have been discussing our future as a Club. Our AGM is at the Oasis Pool Saturday 12 March at 11am NSW. Remember fun, friendship & fitness.

Kate McKenzie

## SOCIAL GOLF

Hi there Club News readers! I'm pleased to report more new faces have entered our ranks. A big welcome to Dave Briggs, Shane Vanderlight and Brett Wisemantle. We hope to see more join our Club. Moving onto results. Club Foursomes winners: Justin Hayes and Shane Vanderlight from Brett Wisemantle and Dave Briggs. Single Stableford was next up: winner Rob Sheppard 19pts from Wazza 18pts. February Monthly Medal: (winner needed a new shirt) Rick Downs 35 nett from Steve Teague 36. Another Single Stableford and what the? 24pts Mick Byrne from another newbie Jeff Lerner 18. Our AGM will be held on 6 March at 10am NSW in the Island House. We hope all members can attend. There will be a game, March Monthly Medal, incorporating our postponed championships over nine holes. Happy hitting.

Dunny

## LADIES BOWLS

March brings with it welcome autumn days, enticing some of our bowlers to get back to the Club. We look forward to seeing you again for the 2022 season. The new committee, put in place at the 1 March AGM, looks amazingly like the 2021 crew. We will start the scoring for the Past President Julie Johnston Trophy after the AGM. Finding a system that included both affiliated and social

players took some time but has been achieved. After all weekly games, three points will be given to each winning team members and one point to all other players. These points will accumulate throughout the year up to Presentation Day when the winner is announced. Marion Munzone has generously donated the trophy. All affiliated members have been canvassed for their intended participation in our Championship and Competition events, which will commence this month. Games Director Carolyn Kwok will try to accommodate holiday absences as much as possible to enable maximum entries. We are hopeful that the popular Cross-border Shield will go ahead this year, with a meeting imminent.

Veronica

## GARDEN CLUB

The AGM will be held on the 1 March, followed by morning tea. Benching display for members to vote will be the fun part. Members are the judges and choose the one they think best on the day. Members cut their best flowers and bring them along to be judged with flowers, vegies or plants. There will be fun, valuable plant raffles and the giveaway table for your cuttings. It's all action. Members, please bring an interested friend to the next meeting to help boost our membership. We want to be back to our normal big friendly group of happy gardeners with informative meetings and outings in-between. On 15 March, there will be a morning tea held at Greg and Yvonne's home. New members please call President Maria 0448 531 055 if you would like to like to come along. Next meeting Tuesday 5 April at 9.45am.

## SNOOKER

We are seeing an increasing number of old and new players for the Tuesday/Thursday social comps. Get there before 6pm NSW to join in the fun. Wednesday night Teams Event is underway with seven teams playing each week until May. Main Comp winners Mark Johnson (twice), Joshua Hands, Adam Brown, Dave Jones, Janice Clark (twice) and Grant Schirmer; Consolation winners Adam Brown, Rod Marquardt (twice), Greg McConachie, Peter Campbell and Nev Robinson. Sponsored Sunday Tournament results: Cooper Thomson (winner) and Jim Bowers (runner-up); Consolation Paul Beggs (winner) and Tea Smith (runner-up). 100 Card winners Ray Gocke and Steve Nestdale. A team of eight players visited Gold Coast Snooker Club in an interclub match. We lost narrowly by 11 frames to 9. Next matches are Ballina (home) and then Casino (home). 32 members making 16 pairings have entered our Doubles Championship. Results will be in the next edition.

## BRIDGE

The Bridge AGM will be held on Wednesday 2 March at 11am NSW at the Club Banora Tennis Clubhouse. All are invited to attend. Two of our members were invited to attend Ballina Club to participate in promoting Bridge in the Northern Rivers area, which will hopefully attract some new players to the game. Our monthly luncheon at Club Banora was enjoyed by those who attended. We have a loyal group of players who play each week, merging in with online bridge players allowing those who can't play physically to join in. Bridge is played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing at 12.15pm NSW at the Tennis Clubhouse. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to start to enable the Director of the day to determine the movement for play. For partners on Monday and Friday, contact Jan on 0421 330 721. For Wednesday, phone Graham on 0427 242 265. Happy Bridging.

Valerie