

## MASTERS SWIMMING



Fun in the pool with members (from left) Graham Matthews, Christina Echols, Mignonette Smith, Toni Cameron, Lee Ann Martin and Joan Neal.

Swimming is a wonderful exercise, working all muscles in the body. The Masters Swimming Club is for everyone above 18 years, from strong swimmers to those who feel their aches and pains lessen from exercise in the water.

The Twin Towns Masters Swimming Club started in the 1988/89 season. During the following decades, a lot of tradition has evolved: there are two competitions named after members who have passed on and we have well-filled scrap books with newspaper cuttings of our achievements.

Our members have achieved World Masters records. In 2018, George Coronas achieved World Records for freestyle in the 100-104 age group. He swam 100 metres in 2:19.02 minutes and 50 metres in 55.75 seconds. These remain unbeaten records.

The Swimming Club is facing change. For years we have swum at the 50 metre Oasis Pool, three days per week. However, the pool will close for repairs and may re-open in summer 2022.

Meanwhile our President has made arrangements for the Club to use the 25 metre Kingscliff Pool (half the length) on two days per week. Apart from the regular swimming training sessions:

- Members can choose to attend Qld Masters carnivals which are held in southeast Queensland and northern NSW. They enjoy the competition at these efficiently run events. Members also compete at National Masters events.



David Misson presents Rod Crompton with a Most Improved Certificate.

- Swimmers do the Masters endurance event at the Oasis Pool, and swim distances from 400 metres to what they can achieve in an hour. Club members provide a time-keeping service.
- We enjoy a range of social gatherings, which may be musical productions at Twin Towns, dinners at Club Banora, picnics at Cudgen Creek or visits to the Regional Art Gallery or other local attractions. Birthdays are celebrated once a month.

**Remember Fun, Friendship & Fitness.**

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next monthly meeting is Monday 30 May at 12pm in the RSL ANZAC Room. ANZAC Day: Members of the Tweed Heads & Coolangatta RSL Sub-Branch express appreciation to the community who attended the Dawn Service and Main Ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day 2022. Thanks also to the students who were our speakers and the attendance of the school children who took part in the march. The rendition of the National Anthem of Australia and New Zealand by the choir of St James Primary School Banora Point culminated the day's events. Dr John Griffin, President.

Tickets are on sale for a bus trip to Caboolture War Plane Museum and Bribie Island RSL on the 7 June; cost \$20 includes lunch. Depart 7.30am from Boundary St, Tweed Heads. Sub-Branch Library opens Wednesday and Friday. Office hours Monday to Friday 9am-12noon. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email [admin@thc-rsl.org.au](mailto:admin@thc-rsl.org.au)

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Welcome! We are looking forward to more outings this year. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 9am in the Visions Room. At our next meeting on Monday 16 May, we will be selling tickets for Monday 23 May to Highfields Pioneer Village and Monday 6 June, a mystery day. Also, we have an extended 3-day trip planned for 23 September going to Toowoomba Gardens. I suggest that you book in early if wanting to go any of these trips. Congratulations the new committee elected at the AGM; new Welfare Officer Shirley Mooney and President/Treasurer Maree Mortimer. We have two trips a month and members must attend the meetings to buy the tickets. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Shirley Mooney 0427 534 601; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

With the start of the cooler months, we are increasing our pace and distance. We are taking a bus out to our annual Crams Farm Run on 15 May and will be rewarded with a special breakfast. Always a challenge but well worth it to be in the pristine countryside of our beautiful Tweed Valley. We are also in training for Warwick, which is at the end of May, so are starting to walk/run hills on Thursdays. Our Sunday weekly calendar is available at meets. We are continuing our alternate Sunday venues north and south of the border. Note we meet on Tuesdays 6.30am, Thursdays 6am and Sundays at 7am. We no longer have Tuesday evening meets. Enquiries to Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

## MENS BOWLS

Mens Bowls continues on Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons. There is an increase in the number of bowlers, better weather and some new members. Upcoming events: Club Championship Singles begin on Saturday morning 7 May; Wednesday 1 June and Saturday 4 June, pizza will be provided after bowls. Sadly, one of our regular Wednesday bowlers for many years, Merv Brady, passed away recently. Merv was a jovial character who often entertained fellow bowlers with his light-hearted banter and sledging on the bowling green. After bowls, Merv was usually off to Club Banora for Bingo and to place a bet at the TAB. Every December, Merv would be absent from bowls as he took on his role as Santa at local shopping centres. Those who knew Merv said, "Merv was always willing to help people in need." Vale Merv.

## FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. The aim of our Fishing Club is to provide a social forum where people interested in recreational fishing can meet and exchange their ideas and knowledge of fishing. We have a competition every month so come along and see what has been caught for the weekend. All welcome. In March, the comp was held at Iluka. There was an amazing quantity of flathead caught: 1st Garry Hawthorne with 10 flathead, 1 bream; equal 2nd Russell Ruehland with 9 flathead and Mark Small with 6 flathead, 1 bream, 1 trevally and 1 mangrove Jack; 3rd Ferdi Van De Wetering with 8 flathead. The Out of Comp Comp has already started so come on everybody, get out there and tighten those lines and we will see you at the weigh-in. Enquiries to Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

With the death of 94-year-old Betty Bevan, we have lost a stalwart of our club. This respected member supported us in several ways, especially in her role of chief timekeeper. She will be sadly missed. Our summer season is over and the winners of highest points have been announced and prizes awarded. Winners are: 100 metres, Angie Thornhill; 50 metres, tie between Toni Cameron and Neil Burden; 30 metres, tie between Neil Burden and Brent Anderson; Brace Relay, Toni Cameron. Winners of trophies for the races held on Memorial Day: 100 metres, Sue Kidd; 50 metres, Rosie McDermott; 30 metres, Sue Kidd; Brace Relay Team, John Schreinert and Brent Anderson. Our club is in recess now as the Oasis Pools have closed due to assessment of faults and repairs to same. Subsequently, we have no program this year for winter swimming but we are welcome at Tweed Dolphins Swimming Club on Sunday mornings to swim with them at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour or the Greenmount surf.

Bubbles

## BRIDGE

We welcomed back Daphne to Bridge after a long absence due to illness and we lost our previous President as he has moved to Western Australia to live. Our monthly luncheon was held on Thursday and enjoyed by all. The Club continues to go along at a steady pace with a team of loyal supporters, Bridge being played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing at 12.15pm. 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

## GOLF

Most of March and early April has seen the golf course closed due to the wet weather and course flooding. We are looking forward to May being fine and dry and getting back to normal playing conditions. Games that have been played recently have returned ordinary results, suggesting lack of practice and difficult playing conditions. The Northern Rivers Pennants Competition is starting shortly and we still require players to represent our Club. The competition usually runs for four Sundays and gives one the opportunity to play on other courses in the district and meet some really nice people. If you can play some, all or even be on call as a substitute, please let Captain Kev know your availability. A big thank you to the Course curator team for getting us back. We hope you all enjoy our shout.

## GARDEN

The next meeting will be held at Club Banora on Tuesday 3 May at 9.45am. All meetings are held first Tuesday of the month and everyone is welcome. The April meeting was a fun time with a lot of discussion and exchange of ideas on various garden problems that members experience. So, you are welcome to bring along problems for answers at the next meeting. The table full of prunings was also well received with an exchange of cuttings. Regarding the benching tables, there sure are some beautiful flowers to admire. Even the least supported display had plenty to admire. That was flower arranging! Do you love arranging flowers? We would love to see a display from you. Come along for a friendly fun morning and catch up with your old friends over a cuppa. New people, call President Maria on 0448 531 055 if you would like to participate or have any enquiries.

## LADIES BOWLS

Greetings bowlers. How nice it is to see an increasing number of bowlers as the cooler weather arrives. Our Club Championships will be in full swing, pushing our limits to 21 ends instead of the 16 ends of social games. However, there will also be friendly social games. The Cross-Border Shield competition is on 6 May. It will be our day to host the 8-club start. This year there will be clubs from Pottsville, Cabarita, Kingscliff, South Tweed, Tweed Heads and Tugun, plus a composite one from Tweed, Tugun and Pottsville. Our side will include some players from South Tweed, returning the favour from last year's Pennant season. We are grateful for the cooperation between our two clubs. There won't be social games on that day as 72 players will take up all our greens space. Our manager, Marion, will be doing her utmost to be able to take up her position. These two events are the highlights of May but not to forget our 38th Club birthday on Tuesday 7 June. We need to put our names down for this important function toward the end of May.

## TENNIS

The terrific weather over Easter saw Sunday Social numbers at a high. Easter eggs and buns were added to our celebration. Many visitors came to help Don Lean, our former Treasurer, celebrate his 90th Birthday. A huge cake, balloons and refreshments were all part of the festive morning, as well as some great tennis. Our next celebration will be on Sunday 8 May for Mother's Day. The Committee is looking to invite one of the local Tennis Clubs for an afternoon of social/competitive tennis on Saturday afternoon. Watch the noticeboard and this space for more details. It was great to see junior players down at the courts over the past few weeks. Interested players could come down and observe Club Banora's coach, Scott Styman. Private and group lessons and Drills and Skills Classes can be arranged by contacting him on 0418 737 644. At this stage, new members joining Banora Tennis Club will receive three half hour lessons with our 'No Limits' Coaching Team.

Kerry

## SOCIAL GOLF

Our AGM was a great day had by all who attended. Thank you to the Board members that joined us for the day. Has not been much golf to report due to all the rain we have had. On 27 March, we just got a comp in and the winner of the day was Woody with 17 pts and runner-up was Frank Watego. Our winner on 10 April was Dave Kammer with 18 points with Jeff Lerner was runner-up with 16 pts. Easter Sunday was our first round of club champs from 2021, in conjunction with the

April Monthly medal. Winning honours went to Rick Downes with a 31 nett and runner-up was Chris Harding with 34 nett. The next month should be exciting with the second round of champs in the mix and let's hope we can play more frequently. Happy hitting out there.

Will

## SNOOKER

We hosted our biggest tournament of the year with the Covid delayed 2021 edition of the Eamonn Duff over two weekends. 54 players from as far away as Port Macquarie, Taree and Gympie battled it out under our new LED lighting with the eventual winner being Dayton Coulter, winning the title over local hope Ray Wilcher. Thanks to all participants, sponsors, Club Banora staff and Twin Towns Management for supporting our Snooker Club on what was a very successful event. Tuesday/Thursday Social Comp (register before 6pm). Main Winners: David Jones, Phil Towle, Jessica Woods, Joe Caridi (twice), George Johnson, Clint Goyen, Nick Hanlon/ Peter Campbell (shared) and Jimmy Thomson. Consolation winners: Steve Nestdale, Ted Fairman, Jimmy Thomson, Peter Campbell, Jessica Woods, David Jones, Len Caccioppoli and Peter Blake. Our annual A, B and C Grade Handicap Championships have commenced and will be played until July. Cheers, Grant Schirmer, our newest committee member.



Eamonn Duff finalist Ray Wilcher, referee Steve Springer and winner Dayton Coulter.

## 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.

