

**SNOOKER**

December brought a very busy 2022 to a close for Club Banora Snooker Club. We finished the year with our final weekend competition on Saturday 10 December. 26 players competed with Paul Norris defeating Terry Malone in a very close final which came down to the last few balls.

Our Saturday competition was followed by our presentation dinner held in the function room at Club Banora. Special thanks to Twin Towns directors Ken Culpitt and Ross O'Leary for attending this night and helping to present the awards. The night included lots of laughs as we went through the winners and losers for the year. A special mention must be made to Bryne Smith who after a long day of snooker hosted the awards for the night with great skill and authority.

Club Banora Snooker Club is a very strong club and the biggest by far in our area with over 80 members. As well as hosting some of the biggest competitions in Northern NSW and SE QLD some of our members perform very well on the big stage. Notably Jessica Woods a 7-time Australian ladies' champion who you will find playing at the club most days. If you would like to meet Jessica or have a social game with her feel free to contact our club and we will do our best to arrange. We are also very proud to have the current Australian Under-16 billiards champion Christiano De Azevedo. Not often you will find 2 Australian champions at the one club. Well done to you both.

Our Junior development program concluded in December and through Peter Campbell's continued hard work and support as well as our members we have a lot of keen young new players at our club which is fantastic to see. Some of the winners for 2022: A Grade champion Jessica Woods, B Grade champion Mark Johnson, Club Banora Handicap Champion Christiano De Azevedo, Teams Champions UnJagables (Jack Malone, Brian Green, Mark Johnson) and Billiards Champion Phil Towle.

2023 sees the Club Banora Snooker club in a very strong position with plenty of competitions already organised and many more to come. We have a strong member base with over 80 members and with a lot of young juniors coming through our club is only getting bigger and stronger.



Terry Malone, Ken Culpitt, Jack Malone and Christiano De Azevedo



Des Turner, Mark Johnson, Jack Malone, Cooper Thomson, Grant Schirmer and Christiano de Azevedo

**RSL SUB-BRANCH**

The next members monthly meeting is Monday 30 January at 12pm Qld in the ANZAC Room. Membership for 2023 is free for existing Sub-Branch members. Ensure contact details are current by phoning the Sub-Branch Office. Members, partners and carers are welcome to come along to morning tea held every Thursday at 10am-12pm Qld for a laugh and a chat. Compensation and Welfare Advocates available Tuesday to Thursday 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**

**TRIATHLON**

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to be more active? To make new friends? Perhaps to try a new sport or reconnect with one you've done before? Twin Towns Triathlon Club is enjoying their new location at the South Tweed Indoor Pool (aka Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre). Our members agree that the amended bike course and new run course are even better than the old version. Come join us on Saturday mornings to get your exercise done and dusted by 8am. We have Juniors, Intermediate and Full Courses available. Email [twintownstri@gmail.com](mailto:twintownstri@gmail.com), check out [twintownstriathlon.org.au](http://twintownstriathlon.org.au) or find us on Facebook @twinniestri for more information.

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

Wishing our members and families a happy, healthy 2023. Australia Day Picnic and awards presentation is being held next to Seascope again this year. All members and their families are welcome, Thursday 26 January 12 noon NSW (11am QLD); cost is only \$5 for members and \$10 non-members; children under 14 are \$5. We hope to see a good turn out again. Come join us for a run or walk. We cover distances of 5 to 12km and work on increasing fitness and mental wellbeing. A great club to make friends and enjoy a coffee after our meets. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am NSW during the summer months at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sundays at 7am NSW at various venues (on Facebook). New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to 3 times before joining. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next General Meeting is on Monday 20 February at 10am NSW (9am Qld) in the Visions Room. Selling at our next meeting two trips for Monday 27 February and Monday 6 March. Our meeting on Monday 20 March will be our AGM. Those thinking of joining the committee can see our secretary for nomination forms. Nominations must be in by 20 February. We have two trips a month and meetings are held the third Monday. Selling of tickets for all trips is at our meetings. Members must be at the meeting to buy the tickets. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397, Welfare Shirley Mooney 0427 534 60, Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

## EUCHRE & 500

Well, it is now a new year for Euchre and we welcome back our players after a Christmas break. We commence again on Thursday 5 January starting at 7pm NSW and usually finish around 9.15pm NSW. Our games are held in the screened off Function/Dining area at Club Banora. Holiday makers and new residents to the area are most welcome to come along and have a game. If you come 15 minutes before our starting time, you can have a few practice hands with our players. Fees to play are \$3 Members and \$4 non-members and there are prizes for placegetters as well as a Lucky Door Prize. For the month of November there was a triple tie for 1st place between Elaine Denman, Jim Kolovos and Nev Lesina. Good luck to all players for 2023.

*Joker Judy*

## GOLF

That's the end of another year and if you're reading this you survived another one, well done. Let us hope that this year goes without the floods and dramas of the old year and we can all settle into a more normal and peaceful 2023. 2022 finished well with all the Christmas breakups going ahead with no weather issues. Many thanks to our Captains and their Christmas helpers for jobs well done, your efforts were appreciated greatly by all. We now head into another season on what should be a terrific course. Greens renovations were conducted after the Christmas breakups and if we get the right weather the playing conditions will be magnificent for the new season, fingers crossed. On behalf of Club Banora Golf Club's members and committee, I wish everyone a happy and successful 2023. Good golfing, see you out there.

*Brent McLennan (Pres)*

## TENNIS

The Banora Tennis Club already have social events organised for 2023. Our President, Stephanie, wishes everybody a prosperous, healthy and happy year ahead. The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all. Australia Day celebrations will be held at Sunday Morning Social on 22 January; tennis will be followed by a sausage sizzle and lamingtons. Tuesday Ladies' Competition will begin early February with an American Tournament planned before the commencement of the comp. See noticeboard or the Facebook page for further details. There will be no more Consultative Meetings to inform Internal Clubs of plans and progress of Twin Towns. The Tennis Committee regularly have passed this information onto its members. Please remember to go online to view any updates and news and to especially check the due dates of your Twin Towns and Tennis Club memberships. We will run Organised Tennis commencing on Sunday 8 January, Mens Wednesday 11 January, Ladies morning Thursday 12 January and Mixed Night Thursday 19 January. Members court hire rates are day \$9 and night \$13. Non-members are day \$12 and night \$16. Enjoy your tennis and stay healthy and fit.

*Kerry*

## SOCIAL GOLF

On the 16 October we had a 4-ball aggregate stableford game with Jason Bonney and Joe Anderson taking out the honours with 34 points. Runners-up went to Frank Watego and Steve Teague with 33 points. The 23 October was rained out so we had our Monthly medal on 30 October. Steve Teague was our winner with a nett 32. Well done to Steve. The 6 November was a special event for the 50th anniversary of the Northern Rivers Shield at Lismore. We had 12 starters and everyone loved the day that Lismore put on for us, with both the golf and the festivities that followed at the Workers Club. Well done to Pete Maybury for the best individual score for our club with 39 points. Next up was another monthly medal with Pete Maybury winning the day with nett 34 and Leigh Bradley the runner up with 35 nett. Our Medal of Medal's winner for the year was Will Salter. The 20 November was a single stableford with Chris Harding winning with 19 points and Mick Byrne the runner up with 18 points. Happy hitting out there.

*Will.*



Frank Watego, Will Salter and Steve Salter at the Christmas break-up party

## MENS BOWLS

After Saturday afternoon bowls on 10 December, bowlers gathered at Club Banora for our end of the year Christmas meal. A delicious roast, followed by dessert, was enjoyed by all who attended. The meal and drinks were provided for from the funds of the Men's Bowling Club. We are grateful to our sponsors who contribute to our funds, enabling us to have such events. Current bowls members were joined at the meal by two past bowlers who have been bowlers for many years – Bert Barker, who celebrated his 101st birthday on 13 December and 95-year-old Les Taylor. The Chairperson of Twin Towns Board of Directors, Brian Brown and Board member Ross O'Leary also attended the event and each spoke encouragingly about the future of bowls at Club Banora. Men's bowls are grateful to Ross O'Leary for representing the bowls club on the Twin Towns Board and for the work Ross does in organising sponsors for the Men's bowls club.



Club Banora Mens Bowls Club members tuck into a delicious end of year Christmas meal.

## GARDEN

Many thanks to our committee for preparing pretty party tables and Club Banora's catering was excellent. It was a lovely Christmas luncheon. We all received a lucky draw prize and went home happy and contented. The plants and especially the weeds have absolutely thrived on the rainfall followed by the warm summer. If you drop in some ground cover plants, it's a great way to fill up the space and hopefully crowd out the weeds. On the other hand, summer pruning is also on the cards. Cut back marguerite daisies, snip off flowers and 20cm of foliage. Love hydrangeas? Flowers can be pruned when finished. Prune lavender 'munstead' as it finishes flowering soon. Happy New Year to all club members and we look forward to meeting up next month on Tuesday 7 February. Plus, date for your diary - 7 March. Club opens 9.30am NSW and meeting begins 10am NSW. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

## BRIDGE

The Christmas Party was a great success due to the efforts of Marjory and was enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, we lost another of our long-time members Patricia, who was our partner arranger for many years and will be sorely missed. We wish everyone a healthy 2023 and look forward to playing in the new year. Bridge is played on a Monday and Friday commencing at 12pm 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

Many members of our swimming club have not seen each other since the pool closed in May so it was wonderful to catch up again at our recent Christmas party. Despite having no pool, we hope to get back into racing again by journeying up to Somerset College some Sundays to swim with the Southport Club. This will probably be a monthly group outing involving car-pooling but as a member of our club you are welcome to go swim with them on any Sunday. We have two carnivals coming up, Ballina on 4 February, and the National Titles in Sydney on 18 March. This has been the worst year our club has ever experienced, however, I do wish all our swimmers, and the small group of people who read this column a Happy New Year.

Bubbles

## FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Do you like to socialise? Well, we have the club for you. The aim of our club is to provide a social forum where people interested in recreational fishing, but not necessarily Anglers, can meet and exchange their ideas and knowledge of fishing. We have a comp every month so anytime is a good time to come along, socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. Well, what a controversial year for fishing. Well done to all our fishers. First overall for the year's comp goes to Mark Small, 2nd to Steve Lovegrove closely followed 3rd Garry Hawthorne. Out of Comp Comp, prizes go to Steve-bream-35cm, Mark-whiting-36cm, Steve-flathead-92cm, Mark-tailor-41cm, Garry-luderick 44cm, Mark-trevally-61cm and a mangrove jack-45cm. Heaviest fish for the year goes to Steve-bream-.75kg, John-dart-.325kg, Mark-flathead-2.5kg, Garry-luderick-1.05kg, Mark-mangrove jack-1.3kg and a tailor-.7kg. Congratulations to all our winners. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. For enquiries, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

## LADIES BOWLS

A big welcome to all in 2023. Hopefully this year will see everyone on Mary's list restored to good health. Cross Border will start after Easter in April so I'll be asking for team and reserve players. Our thanks to the greenkeeper elves for their hard work; they will have taken up the two greens and we should see a great improvement. This means that our starting date must move back to Tuesday 31 January, weather permitting. The only function for the month will be our annual Australia Day fun bowls on Tuesday 24th. We look forward to whatever diabolical games Carolyn dreams up. Details to come.

Veronica

**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 friends.

Contact any of the internal clubs listed in this newsletter or call 07 5536 2277.

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