

TENNIS**TENNIS IS A GAME FOR YOUNG AND OLD!**

Tennis is a game for people of all ages and one you can enjoy for life!

Our Tennis Club is having its 35th Anniversary in September and we are planning something special for our members in honour of that achievement.

Through the efforts of a trusty band of people who believed in the setting up of the Tennis Club in the beginning, the establishment has grown extensively to the Club it is today. The tennis courts and amenities are maintained by Twin Towns and the maintenance staff work hard to keep the courts and surrounding gardens in excellent order.

The Tennis Club Committee enjoys a very good relationship with the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Twin Towns and Club Banora. The Board keeps Committee members up-to-date with whatever future plans it has for the Club.

Club Banora Tennis Club caters for players of all levels. On Sunday mornings, everyone is welcome to join the Mixed Competition from 8am-11am. On Wednesdays, it's Men's Social Tennis from 8am-11am and on Thursdays, Ladies Social Tennis is played from 8am-11am.

Thursday night we hold Mixed Social Tennis from 6.30pm-9.30pm. The Club

has several teams entered in the Tennis NSW Ladies Tennis competition played on Tuesdays.

Junior players are especially encouraged at the Tennis Club and resident coach, Scott Styman, is an excellent role model. Scott organizes the extremely popular Hot Shots program for juniors, with lower compression balls and modified equipment, making tennis more achievable and fun for younger children.

Pennant and in-house competitions provide the perfect platform to improve their tennis skills, ability, fitness and confidence. Scott also offers coaching lessons and drills and skills for juniors and adults.

We recently celebrated the 90th Birthday of a very special Club member. Mr Don Lean has been a member almost since the Club's inception in 1987 and for many years, Don was Club Treasurer.

He has retired now but still enjoys visiting us from time to time. He was thrilled with his birthday cake and good wishes from everyone present, including some players from over the years who were especially invited to join in with his birthday celebrations.

We encourage new members to join our Club and would love to see you at the courts any time soon.



Don Lean celebrated his 90th Birthday with his Tennis Club friends.

MENS BOWLS

Centenarian Bert Barker (centre) attended the Men's Bowls Services Day in April.

In April, around the time of ANZAC Day, bowlers participated in our annual Services Day. We began our Saturday afternoon bowls with a short time of remembrance for those who have served our country. Bowlers were honoured and delighted to have 100-year-old Bert Barker, a retired Brigadier in the Armed Forces, join us. In the photo left, Bert is seated alongside our Club President Terry Deecke. Bert is an inaugural member of Twin Towns Men's Bowling Club and has been active in bowls at Club Banora and the Northern Rivers region for many years. After the bowls games on Services Day, bowlers enjoyed pizza and drinks at Club Banora. The Men's Singles championships have commenced and despite some rescheduling due to rain, games will continue to be played on Saturday mornings. The Pairs Championships are due to begin on Wednesday morning 8 June.

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next members monthly meeting will be held on Monday 27 June at 12pm in the Sub-Branch ANZAC Room; sandwiches and drinks will be served. Every Thursday, drop in for morning tea from 10am-12pm. Come in for cake, coffee, a chat and a laugh. Veterans' partners and carers welcome. Library is open on Thursdays by Wellbeing Advocate/Librarian David Graham. Compensation Advocates Jenny Sheehan and Joe Russell are available Tuesday to Thursday by appointment. Need help or want to volunteer? Please contact our Welfare Officer Max Greber. Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am-12pm. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

MASTERS SWIMMING

Since the pool closure, swimming is at the Kingscliff 25 metre pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am-11am with the PSG competition on the second Thursday of the month. All welcome. The Birthday morning will be held at Club Banora at 11am on the second Saturday. At the May get-together, most stayed for lunch afterwards. Recently, 18 members and guests attended the Biggest Morning Tea at Barb and Dave's with games, trivia and a delicious morning tea. An impressive \$666 was raised for cancer research. Michael and Allaine were able to make the trip down from over the border at Palm Beach and Michael was awarded his OBE (over bloody 80). Covid has interrupted their ability to attend NSW functions.

BRIDGE

The committee voted to cut the playing days to two days per week and Bridge will be held on Mondays and Fridays. We welcome back Daphne and Edna who have been absent whilst Covid was raging. We also wish all our members who are unwell a speedy recovery and hope they can get back to Bridge soon. We continue to have our monthly lunches to celebrate the monthly birthdays. This is held on the last Thursday of the month. Marge, our Providor, continues to provide tasty treats on Friday for all to enjoy. Bridge is played in the Tennis Clubhouse on Mondays and Fridays commencing at 12.15pm. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to the 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

GARDEN

Join in or visit our friendly, fun morning and catch-up with your old friends over a cuppa (and bring a new friend). In between meetings, there is usually a morning tea held in a member's garden. Of course, the last one had to be cancelled but we are a patient lot and the sun will come back. So how are your plants faring after drenching rain. It was a bit tough on them and poor succulents - some of which are going to be a bit soggy. Time to think about indoor plants. Maybe Mother's Day brought an African Violet your way? They need bright indirect light, their leaves kept dry, quite small pot (10cm) and hydrate using a length of wool/cotton string running from a saucer of water up through the base hole and into the light fluffy potting mix. Next meeting is Tuesday 7 June at 9.45am. Enquiries to Maria Harry 0448 531 055.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

The last competitive event before the pool closed saw these happy members winning medals and vouchers: Brenda Twomey, Angie Thornhill, Rosie McDermott, Minnie Smith and Warwick Dredge. Sadly, our Swimming Club has been forced into hibernation with the closure of the Oasis Pools. The necessary repairs do not appear to have commenced so it remains to be seen if the anticipated reopening day in September can be achieved. Our anxious Diggers Swimming Club members look forward to racing once again on Sunday mornings at Oasis Pools, where we have swum since it first opened.



Medal winners, from left, Brenda Twomey, Angie Thornhill, Rosie McDermott, Minnie Smith and Warwick Dredge.

LADIES BOWLS

All is well in our Bowls Club with new members in training. However, Nina is proving to be somewhat of a wet blanket. Of course, our best upcoming event, unaffected by rain, will be the 38th Club Birthday on Tuesday 14 June. There will be bowls in the morning followed by a roast lunch (yes, baked potatoes) and birthday cake. Carolyn is taking bookings at \$10. There will also be a money board instead of a raffle, which has pleased our members. Club Championships will move into Pairs now, 4 bowls and lots of walking up and back. (President's Pairs is the one with 3 bowls and less movement). We have one more Cross-Border Shield match set down for Friday 3 June at Pottsville. The next week is our bye, then we have a final game at Kingscliff on Monday 20 June. This year has been problematic for the popular competition with Coolangatta and Tugun withdrawing, reducing it to a south of the border shield, and the rain setting in. Our Club has used the event this year as an opportunity for newer players to experience competition at other Clubs against their players. Enjoy.

Veronica

SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20 June at 10am in the Visions Room. We will be selling tickets at the meeting for two trips: Monday 27 June to Mt Tamborine and Monday 4 July a Mystery Day. We have two trips a month and meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Tickets are sold at our meetings. Members must be at 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.

GOLF

May was another month of limited access to the course. The Northern Rivers Pennants were cancelled due to lack of playable courses so we are not the only ones inconvenienced by this constant wet weather. Hopefully, June will see things back to normal. The new computer system comes into operation this month which will bring a change to the way we record our scores etc. There are sure to be teething problems and people getting to know how to do things so bear with it and be helpful to each other. It shouldn't take long to get used to it as most of us have used this type of system previously. The end result will be much more user-friendly and avoid those constant disruptions to the system. I know the Committee and Pro Shop are eager for it to be installed. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

SNOOKER

During May, our Club Banora Snooker Association has seen the final rounds of the Des Turner Teams Event completed with MVPs finishing top of the ladder and two of our promising young juniors in Cooper and Christiano showing the way in this side. Finals to be played in early June. May has also seen the A, B and C grade Club Championships kick off with some interesting matches already played and plenty more to come. Our Club Secretary Jimmy Thomson has been away for most of the month in sunny Scotland but has still been able to manage and keep an eye on things from afar and we look forward to seeing him back on the table soon.

FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. The aim of our 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 comp every month so anytime is a good time to come along, socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. All welcome. The April comp saw Garry catch some quality luderick but not good enough to beat Mark Small; 1st Mark Small with 6 flathead, 1 bream; 2nd Garry Hawthorne with 5 luderick; 3rd goes to Steve Lovegrove with 1 flathead and 3 bream. A great weekend of fishing was had by all. 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

RUNNERS & WALKERS

The Warwick Pentathrun was once again a great weekend away. Our members did well in their age categories and had a lot of fun along the way. Many of our members are in training for the upcoming Gold Coast Marathon which takes place on the first weekend in July. This has not been held since 2019 because of Covid 19 and border restrictions so we are looking forward to participating. Our Sunday weekly calendar is available at meets. We are continuing our alternate Sunday venues north and south of the border. We meet on Tuesdays at 6.30am, Thursdays 6am and Sundays 7am. We no longer have Tuesday evening meets. New members are welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

SOCIAL GOLF

Well, it was great to get our 2021 championships out of the way. Winner of A grade Gross was Wayne Woodford and the nett went to Rick Downes; winner of B grade gross was Michael Byrne and the nett went to Stephen Salter. Congratulations to all winners. On 1 May we had a Single Stableford match and the winner was Will Salter with 21 points on a count back from Justin Hayes who took runner-up honours. Not much else to report on the golf front as the rains have hit us again and we have been unable to play as much as we would like. I would like to thank Clint Dunn for all his efforts and selfless time he has given to this social club as previous Captain. Happy hitting out there.

Will

EUCHRE & 500

Euchre is played on Thursday nights in the screened-off dining area at Club Banora. Starting time is 7pm and we usually finish around 9pm. Fees to play are \$3 for members and \$4 non-members. We normally play approximately 10 games. There are prizes for 1st and 2nd, as well as a Lucky Door Prize. Each month we have a prize for the most games won - 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the month. Our committee will be planning a Christmas in July Sunday evening meal at Club Banora. All new players are welcome and we always have a relaxed fun night.

Jim

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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