

BRIDGE

The Twin Towns Bridge Club was started in 1992 by an enthusiastic group of bridge players, with the aim of providing another venue in which to play bridge south of the Tweed River.

Twin Towns generously arranged for the Club to play at the halfway house at the Golf Club and when we outgrew that venue, went on to the upper level at Club Banora. They provided the Tuscany Room for congresses and other competitions and also arranged for refreshments.

The first President was J Rayner with a further eight Presidents over the next 30 years, ably supported by committees needed to run a Club successfully.

At Club Banora, the Bridge Club was very popular, with many members and visitors coming to play regularly, often with up to 18 tables in a session.

However, in 2010 when the upper level of Club Banora was closed, the Bridge Club moved to Juniors on Fraser Drive to a function room on the upper level where we played for nine years. This venue was less popular than was hoped.

Then, when unfortunately Covid 19 reared its ugly head, this further diminished our playing numbers. In 2021, members were offered the rooms at Club Banora Tennis Club where we continue to play Monday and Friday afternoons from 12 noon NSW.

While we are now a smaller club we are still as enthusiastic! If you are currently a bridge player and you would like to join us, please contact Jan on 0421 330 721 or John on 0433 972 940.

If you'd like to learn to play bridge at our Club, contact Gerald on 0400 727 902 who is our current president and director of the day.

Why learn? Bridge provides both social engagement and mental stimulation, promoting good brain health by keeping your memory active and your brain alert.

Happy bridging. Check out our [website](#).



A day at play at Twin Towns bridge Club

RSL SUB-BRANCH

2023 Membership: The \$20 annual fee for membership renewals will be waived for 2023. Please contact the Sub-Branch to ensure contact details are up to date. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Board would like to wish our members and their families and all our volunteers a happy and safe Christmas. We hope you enjoy the festive season and we will see you next year. Office closure Christmas/New Year: The Sub-Branch office will be closed from 23 December 2022 and re-opens for business on Monday 9 January 2023. For urgent assistance during this period, contact: Open Arms 1800 011 046; Wounded Heroes Crisis ONLY number: 1300 532 112; Wounded Heroes General Enquiry 1300 853 080.

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next General Meeting is on Monday 20 February 2023 at 10am NSW (9am Qld) in the Visions Room. Selling at the meeting, two trips Monday 27 February and Monday 6 March 2023. Our March General Meeting on Monday 20 March will be our AGM. Those thinking of joining the committee can see our secretary for a nomination form. Nominations must be in by 20 February. The Seniors Committee wish Twin Towns Board Directors and staff and our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have two trips a month and meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Selling of tickets for all trips takes place 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 534 601; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

RUNNERS & WALKERS

On the first weekend of December, we hold our annual fundraiser by volunteering at the GC50 events. A big THANK YOU to all who are giving up their time to assist with this event. The money we raise is donated to talented athletic students at local schools at Presentation Ceremonies each year. Good luck to those participating in the event. Our Christmas party this year will be held at Twin Towns (Balcony) on Saturday 17 December at 1pm NSW. Looking forward to an informal afternoon and enjoying pizza and Christmas Cheer. Members please advise your attendance to Tracy with payment (nominal \$5) or \$10 for partners who are non-members. 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 and Sunday 7am NSW. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 59 0940. New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Since Twin Towns closed the Banora Pools complex, we have been a swimming club without a pool, not racing every Sunday as we have for the previous 53 years. Therefore, seven of us welcomed the opportunity to compete at Somerset College pool recently, against Clubs from Southport, Nerang, Ballina, Grafton, Lismore and Bellingen. Our speedy 80-year-old Minnie won her race by a whisker, and as they have now changed the distance for that age group, she becomes the current record holder. Sue and Toni made it into the semi-finals, then finals of the 50 metres, with Toni placing third by being only 4 sec out. In the 25 metres both were semi-finalists again, with Toni going through to the final. We could not have fielded a ladies medley relay without Lyn to do the butterfly leg. Our very reasonably priced Christmas Party is on 11 December. The very best of festive wishes to all our swimmers and readers.

Bubbles



Diggers swimmers recently welcomed the opportunity to compete at Somerset College

GOLF

That's 2022 all but done, only the Christmas parties to go and we can all relax until 2023 and start all over again. An up and down year this year with Covid still around up to the middle of the year and of course, the monumental floods throughout the district in

the early part of the year, followed by rain and more rain almost every month. We managed to complete all our honour board events despite one drawback after another, so congratulations to our champions, our runners-up and all our members who hung in there throughout all the difficulties. On behalf of the Golf committee, I wish all of you a happy and joyful Christmas. May Santa fill your stockings to the brim and we'll see you all in (hopefully) a much calmer 2023. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

SNOOKER

November has been another busy month with plenty of action on the tables. Midweek comp winners Jessica, Jimmy, Paul Norris and Mark Johnson. Well done to all. November also saw the Qld Masters Billiards held at Club Banora. Chee Yap of Brisbane won the final over Graham Clarkson on a great weekend of billiards. Well done, Chee. Good numbers at our weekly Junior coaching clinics as well which is great to see. Congratulations to Luke Bofinger on winning our November junior competition. Many more to come, I'm sure. The Australian junior titles will be held in Albury in January and we are very proud to have three and possibly four entrants from Club Banora. We will keep you updated on these results, good luck boys. Club Banora hosted Westside HQ Snooker Club in a friendly match on Sunday 20 November with the home side getting the chocolates. All games were played in good spirit and we look forward to the return match in 2023. Finally, our end of year snooker tournament and presentation night will be held on 10 December and it should be a great day. On behalf of all of us at the Snooker Club, we would like to wish all sporting club members and Club Banora staff a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year. See you in 2023.



Club Banora and Westside HQ teams enjoy their day at the snooker tables



The Club Banora team. From left, Len, Terry, Bryne, Cooper, Rod, Jimmy, Mark and Des

MENS BOWLS

With finer weather during November, bowlers have enjoyed more days of bowls than in previous months. Bowls days on Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons are scheduled to continue until Saturday 17 December, which will be our last day of bowls for 2022. Bowls will resume in 2023 on Saturday 7 January. After bowls on Saturday 10 December, all Men's Bowls Club members are invited to our end of year Christmas celebration dinner at Club Banora. The two-course meal and some drinks will be provided by the Men's Bowls Club. Once again bowlers are grateful for the sponsors of our club for their financial support which enables us to have such events. Bowlers are encouraged to support those business that support us. As the year draws to a close, we thank all who have participated in our social bowls club with friendship, cooperation, good humour and good sportsmanship. We wish bowlers a very Happy Christmas and look forward to more enjoyment on the bowling green in the New Year.

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. All welcome. The October comp saw Mark Small finish in 1st place with 3 flathead and 2 bream; 2nd Steve Lovegrove with 2 trevally and 3rd Garry Hawthorne with 3 luderick. Don't forget our Christmas/Presentation night on the 3 December. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Enquiries call Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

GARDEN

Once December arrives, it's time to think of Christmas decorating and Christmas trees. There is a shortage this year but don't fret as there are many trees that can be used as a living Christmas tree. Most common to be grown in a pot is the Colorado Spruce or Picea Pungens. It grows pyramid shaped with blue foliage and can be decorated with Christmas trims. The Norfolk Island Pine Araucaria heterophylla is near enough to being an Australian native originating from that nearby island. A young tree will be happy in a pot but be prepared for a

20-metre tree eventually. Garden Christmas gift ideas might be a bag of Mushroom or Seaweed compost, a good straw broom, a compost bin or worm farm, a garden fork. Merry Christmas to all club members and thanks you to all our sponsors especially Club Banora. Further Enquiries to Maria 0448 531 055.

SOCIAL GOLF

On 16 October we had a 4-ball aggregate stableford game with Jason Bonney and Joe Anderson taking out the honours with 34 points and the 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

TRIATHLON

Merry Christmas everyone! After a late start to the season, 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. Held on Saturday mornings, you can get your exercise done and dusted by 8am! Come on down and give it a go. We have Juniors, Intermediate and Full Courses available. Send us an [email](#) us or check out our [website](#) for more information.

TENNIS

The Junior Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 3 December between 10.30am and 11.30am NSW. The Senior Christmas Party will be held on the same day at 6pm at the Slice and Fork Restaurant at Club Banora.

Kerry

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