

**LADIES BOWLS****2023 QUEEN OF THE GREEN - ANNIE KERR**

As our Club moves further towards the social aspect of bowls, no one could represent this better than Annie Kerr.

Turning 97 this year, Annie continues to bowl as a consistently accurate lead over a full game.

Annie says she loves the game and the friendly company and support of our members.

Patron Marie Ellis recalls welcoming her as a new bowler in 1997 as President, and is full of praise for her willingness to always participate in social events and outings as well as bowls games.

Her motto is "Hard work never hurt anyone", and a history of her many activities highlights this.

Born in Innisfail, North Queensland, Annie remembers working at cane cutting and loading at 18 years of age at Mena Creek and working in a sawmill.

After her marriage to Donald, she moved to Palm Beach where her amazing list of other physical activities began: squash; golf, a champion player, winning many trophies; tennis; 46 years taking up yoga which she still practises today; 60 years learning to swim; 70 years joining our bowls club at Club Banora; walking 5kms per day, five days a week with Donald; 75 years climbing Mt Warning; and 80 years, going hot air ballooning, which she recommends to anyone.

Annie is still taking part in the Banora Community Centre yoga and exercise classes, which she attributes to her fitness and good health.

Now living alone for four years, Annie manages the 15 steps in her home, cooks for herself and shares with friends, and keeps her home tidy.

She has loyal friends as the result of her genuine personality, and the respect and admiration of every member of the bowling club.



Queen of the Green Annie Kerr turning 97 this year.



Annie Kerr in 1997

**RSL SUB-BRANCH**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Monday 27 March at 12pm QLD in RSL ANZAC Room.

**ANZAC Day 25 April**

All ceremonies in Chris Cunningham Park, Tweed Heads.

**Dawn Service** 5.50am

**March** 10.30am

**Main Service** 11am

**RSL Members Luncheon** 12pm

Morning tea every Thursday 10am-12pm QLD. Please 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 are 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 Saturday 18 March at 2pm in the dining area of Club Banora. The day will start with a Medley Single Stableford, with a shotgun start at 8am NSW. Bookings are required for this event. The Men's Medal of Medals was played in February with some twenty odd contenders on a day that was wet and miserable. Several players retired on the day but the hardy continued and congratulations goes to Kim Hall as our Medal of Medals winner for the 2022 season. Kim had a very nice 67 nett to take out the day. The course is quite lush at present and playing well. Please help to keep it that way by filling and repairing divots on the course and plug marks on the greens, even if they're not your doing. See you out there.

**Brent McLennan (Pres)**

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

Reminder that our AGM will be held on Thursday 2 March 5pm QLD/6pm NSW at the Bay Room, Level 3 at Twin Towns. February has presented some hot and humid mornings so we have been working on maintaining our fitness levels and not overheating. Lots of water stops are essential this time of the year. Tired of walking or running on your own? 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. New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am NSW during the summer months at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sunday 7am at various venues (on Facebook). Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo on 0414 590 940.

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday 20 March at 10am NSW (9am QLD) in the Visions Room. This meeting will be our AGM. We have two trips a month and general meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Trip tickets are sold at our meetings. Members must be at the meeting to buy the tickets. As the New Year rolls in, our Club celebrates its 40th year this September. The Club was formed 23 September 1983 by a group of pensioners. It's an incredible milestone and one we all can be very proud of. Our longevity and relevance as many members came and enjoyed the outings, and more so the friendship, over the past years. Come 23 September, maybe we can all get together and celebrate. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW; Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Shirley Mooney 0427 534 601; and Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

## BRIDGE

The nominations for positions on the committee have been submitted for the AGM and all positions filled. Marge, our Providor, continues to keep us in goodies which is very much appreciated by our members. Our playing numbers continue to fluctuate, however, everybody enjoys our social days. Our best wishes go to members who are not well and look forward to seeing you back at play soon. Bridge is played on a Monday and Friday commencing at 12.15pm 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 John on 0433 972 940. Happy bridging.

*Valerie*

## GARDEN

At our February meeting, Vice President Greg filled the gap and gave us an update on begonias. It was useful information as begonias are happy in the shade and that's where gardeners need to be in this summer climate. There are about 1800 species. Rhizomatous is one type, what an interesting word, and Fleshy Rhizome rootform whose flowers can cover the whole plant as it spreads across the soil surface. Often used as indoor plants. Heard of begonia rex? This is a sub-category of rhizomatous begonias with the showiest foliage of all begonias. The crinkled colourful leaves outshine the insignificant flowers. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March. Club Banora officials will attend and the meeting will be followed by a special morning tea, possibly involving cake... mmm yum. Must be someone's birthday. Make a note of Tuesday 4 April for the following meeting. Visitors welcome. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055.

## TENNIS

Just a reminder that the Banora Tennis AGM is coming up soon and all are very welcome. It will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm NSW in the Tennis Clubhouse. Most positions have been filled but you may still like to come along and show your support for our great Club. New suggestions are always welcome. Join us after the meeting for a meal at Slice and Fork with a \$10 contribution going towards meals for members. Our Annual Golf Day will be held on Sunday 26 March. We will begin with a pizza lunch at Club Banora around noon. It will be followed by a social, fun day of golf at 1pm NSW at The Island House. Members are \$20; non-members golf and lunch \$30 and non-members golf is \$20. All standards are welcome and some fun prizes to be won. See you there!

*Kerry*

## MENS BOWLS

Bowls resumed in early February following the closure of the bowling greens for refurbishment from mid-December. Bowlers have enjoyed getting back to bowls despite a couple of sessions being cancelled due to weather conditions. Wednesday morning bowls now starts at 9.30am NSW and Saturday afternoon bowls at 1pm NSW. Bowlers are asked to check in 30 minutes before the start of bowls. The AGM for men's bowls is scheduled to be held at Club Banora on Monday 13 March at 10am NSW. Some members of the current committee are not standing for re-election so nominations are open for new committee members. The current committee for men's bowls express gratitude to our sponsors for their support and bowlers are encouraged to support the businesses of our sponsors. Currently our sponsors are Banora Point Real Estate, Customised Hearing, Far North Butchery, Scales Seafood, Solo Waste Management, Solomon's Flooring, Tweed Pool Shop, Twin Towns Club Banora, Tyrepower and United.

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

For a small team, we had great results at the recent Ballina carnival. Swimmers gaining 1st were Linda, Neil returned service relay; 2nd to Sue, Lyn, Minnie (freestyle, age groups) and Linda (butterfly); Brace Relay Linda/Sue, 40 years plus relay; 3rd Ken open backstroke and Neil open breaststroke. Sue made the final of 50 handicap, Margaret the final of 25 handicap. We have four members competing in the Nationals in Sydney on 18 March - Jeanie, Sue, Bert and Ken. We wish them the best of luck. Please attend our AGM on Sunday 26 at Club Banora, start time to be advised. This will be followed by a subsidised lunch for those that attend the AGM. Please make contact ASAP if you wish to stand for a position as we have at least one committee member stepping down. Ten to 14 members have been travelling each Sunday to race with the Southport Sharks at Somerset College pool and loving being in a 50-metre pool again. All welcome.

*Bubbles*

## EUCHRE & 500

Our Euchre games are played in the screened off dining area in Club Banora commencing at 7pm NSW year-round. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members. Currently we have around 18 players each week so any visitors are most welcome to come along and join us. If you need a few practice hands with our players, please come along 15 minutes before our starting time. For the month of January there was a tie between Nev Lesina and Graeme Quinn. On Sunday 19 February we had a Cards dinner night at Club Banora which was enjoyed by a good crowd of players and partners.

*Joker Judy*

## SNOOKER

February for the Club Banora Snooker Club saw the kick off of the Wednesday night Des Turner team's event. Eight teams are competing with some new juniors amongst them which is great to see. Friday night junior coaching with Peter Campbell is also getting good attendance. It's also great to see some of the parents getting involved and competing in our Tuesday and Thursday night competitions. Australia was the place to be in February with Sydney hosting the World's Junior, Woman's and Men's Snooker Championships. Eight members of Club Banora Snooker, including 5 juniors, made the trip with Jessica Woods, Paul Norris and Cooper Thomson all making the knockout stage. This was a fantastic effort considering the calibre of players from all around the world who competed. Finally, Sunday 19 February saw 15 teams compete in the annual John Hudson Doubles competition. Very worthy winners Phil Towle and Paul Norris played exceptionally all day and got the chocolates from Dave Jones and Paul Thomas in a very hard-fought final. Many thanks to John for his continued support and everyone who helped on the day to make it a great. Until next month, Happy cueing!



Paul Norris, John Hudson and Phil Towle



John Hudson, Dave Jones, Paul Thomas, Paul Norris, Phil Towle and Des Turner

## SOCIAL GOLF

We kicked off the new year with our Foursomes event. Our winners were Rick Downes and Will Salter with 73.5 nett and runners-up were Dave Kammer and Steve Teague with 75.5 nett. Thank you to Chris Harding for putting on a great day. The January Monthly Medal was next up with Matt Canellis winning the day playing off 10 with a 31 nett and runner-up was Clint Dunn playing off 8 with a 34 nett. On 5 January we had a Single Stableford with Chris Harding winning with 21 points and runner-up was Steve Salter with 20 points. Another Stableford was held on 15 January with Jason Bonney winning with a whopping 25 points. The 29 January saw Joe Anderson take out honours with 26 points and Fred Caspers runner-up with 25 points. The February Monthly Medal was up next with Michael Byrne winning with 33 nett on a count back from runner-up Rick Downes. Dave Briggs took the honours the next week with 21 points from Fred Caspers with 20 points. On 19 January we had our match against Murwillumbah at Banora and our winner for the day was Steve Salter with 44 points and Chris Harding with 39 points. Thank you to Clint for organising the food and BBQ for the day. A great day had by all. Our AGM will be held on 12 March so hope to see as many as possible turn up for the day. Hit em long and straight!

*Cheers Will*

## 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. Just a quick reminder, our AGM is coming up in March, and we need a President and a Secretary. Please think about the positions. Well, what a great start to the year, another lovely weekend for fishing. The tides were quite large, and not many fish caught. 1st Mark Small with 4 flathead and a nice mangrove jack weighing 1.45kg; 2nd Steve Lovegrove with 1 bream and a nice trevally and 3rd John Watkins with 6 dart. Out of Comp Comp, so far there are four entries, so get out there and see what you can do. Enquiries, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep tight lines for all.

*Dutchy*



# 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.

