

## MENS BOWLS



Men's Bowls Committee, from left Terry Williams, Ross O'Leary, Terry Deecke, Rob Tonges and Tom Williams

Twin Towns Mens Bowls next community event is hosting St Joseph's High School for bowls at Club Banora from 9 May until 22 June. The students really enjoy their bowls and ice blocks at the end of the game.

Both ladies and men's bowls are considering adding junior bowlers to their membership as some boys and girls have shown interest in taking up the sport. If it happens, they will be coached on Saturday mornings.

In the future, I will be organising a Social River Cruise on the Tweed River for men's and ladies bowlers and their partners. It will be a fun day and lunch will be included.

Men's bowls are looking for new members to enjoy the great game of bowls. Forget the TV, get outside in the fresh air and meet new friends. Join now! Membership costs only \$20 per year. Don't delay, phone the Bowls Office on 07 5524 1895 Wednesday mornings after 8am and Saturdays after 11am. Alternatively, call Ross O'Leary on 0411 144 619.

On a sad note, Bob Lomonga passed away. Bob has been a long-time member of Men's Bowls, always happy and had a smile for everyone.

Enjoy your bowls.

**Rosco**



Men's Bowls, from left Alan Cooke and Mark Baxter



## RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next monthly meeting will be Monday 29 May at 12pm in the RSL ANZAC Room. ANZAC Day: The Board and members of the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub-Branch express appreciation to the community who attended the Dawn Service and Main Ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day 2023. We also thank the students who presented speeches and all the students, staff and parents who attended and took part in the march. The rendition of the National Anthem of Australia and New Zealand by the choir from Coolangatta State School culminated the day's events. Dr John Griffin, President. Every Thursday is drop in morning tea from 10am to 12pm. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am-12 noon. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email [admin@thc-rsl.org.au](mailto:admin@thc-rsl.org.au)

*Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager*

## GOLF

The Men's match play championships are still in action with some good, close results thus far. I'll let you know the final outcome in the next newsletter. Hopefully, these games have us all prepared for the district match play pennants which start this month. We have a proud record in this competition with at least one of our teams winning a pennant every time we play. Last year was not played due to most courses being too badly damaged by the flooding so we are keen to get back into collecting pennants. It looks like we will have at least three teams representing Club Banora Golf this year. Good luck to all of our players. May we keep up the winning tradition. Help look after the course with some basics. Fill divots, keep carts away from the greens and rake the bunkers. See you out there.

*Brent McLennan (Pres)*

## EUCHRE

Our games are held at Club Banora on Thursday nights in the screened-off dining area. We start at 7pm and finish around 9pm. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members and there are prizes for place getters, as well as two Lucky Door prizes. If you are on holidays or new to the area, you are most welcome to come along and join our happy group of players. If you wish to have a few practice hands before we start, please turn up 15 minutes before. The winner for the month of March was Trish King with a tie for second between Elaine Denman and Val Worth.

*Joker Judy*

## BRIDGE

The committee met and addressed items raised at the AGM and procedures put in place. To all our members who are not well or having medical procedures, we wish you a speedy recovery. We lost one of our long-time players and director, Helen, who will be sorely missed. We continue to have our monthly lunches which is appreciated by the members. Bridge is played on a Monday and Friday starting at 12.15pm. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to commencing 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*

## TENNIS

Tennis numbers have been really good lately, due largely to the wonderful weather we've been experiencing in the Tweed. We are looking forward to a Trivia night coming up soon and also a possible tennis club visit from further afield so that we can run an American Tournament at our Club. More on that later. Happy tennis to all!

*Yvonne*

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next meeting is on Monday 15 May at 10am in the Visions Room. Selling at the meeting, a day trip on 22 May to Kyogle and 5 June a trip going north. We have two trips a month and meetings are held on the third Monday of the month with trip tickets sold at our meetings. Members must be at the meeting to buy the tickets. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Shirley Mooney 0427 534 601 and Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

## FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do 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. We need a President and a Secretary. Please think about the position. Well, what a great start to the year and another great month. There are four entries so far in our Out of Comp Comp so get out there and see what you can do. If you need more information, please call Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

*Dutchy*

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

Four of our members competed at the Nationals held this year in Sydney - Sue and Bert, Ken and Jeanie. Congratulations to Jeanie on placing second in her age championship. Despite not being able to swim together since the closure of our pool, these four were remarkably only 1.5 seconds out in their nominated time for a relay, gaining them fourth place. The next swim meet is on the King's Birthday weekend at Cobar. A long way to travel but I hear it's a great weekend. Details available from your committee, who can also provide details if you wish to swim with the Marlins at Miami Pool during winter. We held our AGM on 26 April which resulted in the following committee being re-elected: President Toni Cameron, Vice President Brent Anderson, Committee members Rosie McDermott and Guy Hawthorne. Neil Burden is willing to be appointed captain again after his return from holidays. Brent has kindly offered to handle secretarial duties. We welcome back Virginia Rijavec as Treasurer, a demanding role she filled for many years.

*Bubbles*

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

The cooler mornings have made it easier to increase our distances and we have seen good attendances during April. We enjoyed our first Club outing to the newly opened Rail Trail in Murwillumbah at the end of April which was a special experience. Our winter program is out and available on our Facebook page. We will be starting to cover longer distances in preparation for the annual Warwick Pentathrun and GC Marathon events in May and July. Crams Farm meet is confirmed for 7 May. Tired of walking or running on your own? Want to be part of our crew competing in the GC Marathon Weekend? Then why not come join us for a run or walk. We cover distances of 5 to 15km 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 6am during the Winter months at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Tuesday evenings at the same spot at 6pm and Sunday 7am at various venues (on Facebook). New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo on 0414 590 940.

## SNOOKER

April seen more great snooker at Club Banora. Our Tuesday and Thursday social competitions have been seeing good turn outs with the winners being spread evenly amongst our members. Special mention to Paul Norris who possibly made the highest break ever in these competitions, against none other than myself, of 134. It is great to see snooker of this calibre being played at our Club. Paul is an ex-professional from England and is now offering coaching lessons to players of all ages. It is a pleasure to have a player of Paul's standard at our Club. Billiards was also in the spotlight during April with Club Ballina hosting Club Banora in a friendly teams match. Club Banora won the very enjoyable day and we look forward to the return match. Billiards was also the winner with Club Banora's own Phil Towle winning the FNCSA billiards competition held in Ballina on 16 April. Again, another successful day and it is great to see billiards making a comeback. Big congratulations to Phil. Our A, B and C grade snooker championships are progressing well with some very entertaining matches coming up in the next few weeks. Until next time, happy cueing!



Team Ballina



Team Banora

## GARDEN

Members attending the April meeting were entertained by the interesting work of soy candle making. We learnt along the way that soy candles don't produce dirty smoke so are cleaner and more hygienic. Come along and see what May and June brings. It's surprising how much shrubs are flowering at this time of year. Being Autumn and in this gorgeous area, everything is still green. You might also see yellow daisies, white plumeria and camellias of many different types. The main job in May is to prune back perennials such as hydrangea. Remove all old branches, retaining the young green branches even though they may not have had flowers. Leave plenty of fresh-looking canes which can be lightly pruned back to a pair of plump buds. On the other hand, do not cut these young branches too much as it is these that will bear the flowers next season. Visitors welcome. Diary note: next meeting will be held on 2 May then 6 June. Enquiries: President Maria on 0448 531 055.

## SOCIAL GOLF

We had a great day at the AGM and I would like to congratulate all the incoming committee members. It certainly is a changing of the guard with nearly a whole new committee. The committee members for the new year are Dave Briggs (President), Joe Anderson (Vice President), Will Salter (Captain), Steve Salter (Vice Captain), Justin Hayes (Handicapper), Michael Byrne (Treasurer), Leigh Bradley (Secretary) and Jason Bonney (Committee member). I would personally like to thank all the committee members who have stepped down - Graeme Veivers, Clint Dunn, Wayne Woodford, Warwick Self and Fred Caspers - for their long service to the Club and always being there to assist me when required. Looking forward to the new year ahead with more members, a new handicapping system and a trial of having the tee times pushed back by 30 minutes for the winter months. Our championships will be in August and the new program will hit the shelves in the coming weeks. Hit 'em long and straight!

*Cheers Will*

## LADIES BOWLS

At last Autumn is kicking in so more ladies are gracing the greens. The refurbishments are producing truer bowls' tracking and a faster surface thanks to Rodger and the boys. We'll miss Cooper but hope his new venture is successful. This month, our next function will be Patron's Day on Tuesday 9 May. Marie has the plan under control so it should be a lovely event with morning tea after bowls. Cross Border competition continues with a match on Monday 1 May at Pottsville, followed by another at home in the same week on Friday 5 May. We hope to put up a good challenge in both. Of course, our social games will go on except for the home cross border day, as all 12 rinks will be taken up by the 72 ladies from eight clubs. A cheer squad would be welcome to support us. See you at the Club.

*Veronica*

## 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.

