

BRIDGE



Bridge Club members enjoy lunch and a get-together at Club Banora

The inaugural meeting of the Twin Towns Bridge Club was held at Banora on the 30 January 1992.

After several changes of location, we now play at the Tennis Clubhouse at Club Banora on a Monday and Friday.

Our membership has slowly declined over the years due to several factors. However, the remaining players are enthusiastic and keep the Club moving at a steady pace.

The Committee is a devoted group with our Bridge Directors running every session. Our President and Secretary also do a great job in keeping us on our toes, together with our Provider who keeps us well supplied with goodies.

Our card dealing machine operator keeps us supplied with shuffled cards which are played each session. Partner arranger,

John K, does a great job with the unenviable task of finding partners from a small pool of players.

Visitors are most welcome, please contact John on 0433 972 940 if interested.

Membership and game fees are very affordable. Many long-term friendships have been formed amongst our players, who also enjoy monthly social events hosted by the Bridge Club Committee.

The Club is affiliated with the Australian Bridge Federation and NSW Bridge Association.

Anyone interested in learning to play Bridge, please refer to our [website](#) we plan to start lessons in 2024.

RSL SUB-BRANCH

BBQ for Veterans and Families: A social BBQ for Veterans and their families will be held Saturday 16 December at Jack Evans Boat Harbour at 4pm (NSW). Come and enjoy a free sausage sizzle, a game of cricket and some laughs. BYO chair. Please RSVP by ringing the Sub-Branch by 14 December. All welcome. Veterans do not need to be an RSL or Sub-Branch member.

2024 Membership Renewals: The \$20 annual fee for membership renewals has been waived for 2024. You should receive your membership card in the post by mid-December. 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 at the Members Meeting on Monday 29 January at 12pm Qld. RSL Sub-Branch office hours Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Office Closure Christmas/New Year: The Sub-Branch office will be closed from 23 December 2023; re-opens for business on Monday 8 January 2024.

For urgent assistance during this period contact: 134 RSL (134 775) (8.30am-4.30pm, Monday-Friday); Open Arms (formerly VVCS) 24-hour helpline 1800 011 046; Wounded Heroes Crisis ONLY number 1300 532 112; Wounded Heroes general enquiry 1300 853080.

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

GOLF

It's party, party, party time! December, Christmas, good will and plenty of cheer. Our Christmas parties this year will be in the usual tradition of great times, frivolity and camaraderie. We'll start the ball rolling in December with the Vets on the 4th, the Men's the 9th, the Ladies the 14th and the Sunday golfers will be the 17th. Book in early and enjoy, enjoy. The days will be golf, food, refreshments, raffles, prizes and anything else we can throw in, all for the price of entry. The rest of December will be reasonably quiet, as it is most years, though there will be golf and the course will be open throughout (weather permitting). On behalf of the Golf Committee and members we wish all a happy, peaceful, safe Christmas and may Santa bring you all you wish for. See you out there in the New Year.

Brent McLennan (Pres)



From left, trophy donor Rosie Connolly, Ladies Captain Liz Edwards and winner of OBE Day 2023, Nancy Douglas

DIGGERS SWIMMING

It was our turn to host the recent zone championships and although not experienced, Nerang Club stepped up and did a great job. We had three swimmers there, Minnie, Toni, and Ken, who came away with three trophies each, including two age championships and a last-minute relay win by being only one second outside their nominated time. Hopefully, you have all paid your membership fee of \$5, which is best done at the membership counter at Twin Towns. Our Christmas party is on 10 December at Club Banora. The price is just \$10, plus a donation of a prize for the raffle, not exceeding \$10 value. For catering purposes, please let Brent or Toni know that you will be in attendance. All the very best to all our members for a great Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

Bubbles

MENS BOWLS

Another year is about to end! Farewell 2023, and welcome 2024. I hope you all enjoyed your bowls and the company of your fellow bowlers over the year. The Men's Bowls Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 16 December - a great day for all. In the new year, we will hold another Open Day for families to come along and learn lawn bowls, with morning tea provided. Also, next year on a Wednesday we will have a BBQ lunch at the golfers area on a date to be confirmed. On behalf of Men's Bowls, I would like to thank the President and Committee for their efforts throughout the year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rosco

SENIORS

We will be on holidays from the 5 December 2023 to 19 February 2024, taking the time to be with our families over this period. The first meeting will be 19 February 2024, and selling our trips again then. Our meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 10am NSW in the Visions Room. The Seniors Social Club wish to thank the Board Directors and staff of Twin Towns for all the support and help they have given our Club throughout the year. It is much appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW; Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Marie Holmes 0417 602 368 and Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

LADIES BOWLS

Greetings all, as we wind down to the end of season '23. Numbers for the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13 December are building nicely; it promises to be a wonderful day. There will be carpooling from the bowls office carpark on the day. Just let us know if you need it. Championships and competitions have all been decided and prizes awarded at our Patron's and Presentation Day. Games Director Carolyn has exhausted all her supplies of forbearance and timetabling skills. The last social bowling day for 2023 will be Friday 15 December with our usual gathering in the Club afterwards. The Cross-Border Shield dates for 2024 have been handed out to all our 'probables', beginning the first Monday after Easter and finishing on the first Monday in June. Be fit and well pleeeeee! Social bowls will resume on Tuesday 23 January 2024. Wishing you have a happy Christmas with family and friends.

Veronica

RUNNERS & WALKERS

November was another busy month and attendance was strong. The runners are continuing their program of sprint training on Tuesday and hills on Thursdays. The walkers do a flat walk along the coast on Tuesdays and take on the hills on Thursdays. December will see us walk/run along the coast with options to swim and cool down afterwards. Check out the Sunday program on our Facebook page. Note that the Club volunteers at the GC50 over the first weekend of December so we do not have a Sunday meet programmed. We are looking forward to our Christmas party lunch which will be held on Saturday 9 December at 12 noon Qld, 1pm NSW, on the Balcony at Twin Towns. See Tracy for tickets. Wishing all our members and their families a lovely Christmas and bright New Year. Tired of walking or running on your own? Want to join like-minded people? 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. It's a great club to make friends and we enjoy a coffee after our meets. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am NSW, 5.30am Qld at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sunday 7am NSW, 6am Qld at various venues. New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

GARDEN



Expect everyone was glad of the recent showers of rain for their plants and took advantage of the softened soil to pull up some weeds. Mozzies made their appearance too! Aloe Vera to the rescue - a succulent foliage that has a clear soothing sap to apply to bites and stings - so very useful to have growing in your garden. Choose a full sun or semi-shaded area in well-draining soil. If growing in a pot indoors, use succulent mix and place pot in very brightly lit position. Allow to dry out between little watering. Aloe Vera's cooling and anti-bacterial properties are used to treat burns, acne, insect bites and dry skin. Garden Club members send their Christmas wishes to you all for a peaceful and joyful Christmas dinner in your garden. Diary: next meeting February 6, 2024. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or email: mariaharry111@gmail.com

EUCHRE

Our card games are held every Thursday night in the screened off dining area at Club Banora. We start at 7pm NSW year-round and usually finish about 9.15pm NSW. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members. There are prizes for 1st and 2nd as well as Lucky Door prizes. New residents to the area and holiday makers are most welcome to come along and join in our games. If you come 15 minutes before our starting time, you can have a few practice hands with our members. The winner for the month of October was Judy Kenny with Tom Bennett in 2nd place.

Joker Judy

TRIATHLON

Twinnies Triathlon Club members are racing weekly on Saturdays until March 2024. We are made up of friendly triathletes of all ages and abilities, who love the challenge that swimming, riding and running brings when packed together. We are incredibly fortunate to have nine wonderful sponsors this year - MCS Painting Services, Cricks Tweed, Kozii Swimwear, Twin Towns Clubs & Resorts, Bendigo Bank, Oculus Group, Des Gooda Coaching, South Tweed Supercycle and Tweed Coast Chiropractic. If you're an early riser, (we start at 6am NSW Saturdays), who is looking for a new hobby, visit our website to find out more, come on down to Tweed South Aquatic Centre on a Saturday or email admin@twintownstri.com.au



Dave de Closey, Stu Crawford, Alex Gilks and Matt Stanley



Liz Maddock and Tahlia Hughes

FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns, Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Do you like socialising? Well, we have a Club that would suit 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 positions. Well, what a great year we have had. This month we had Garry Hawthorne take out the comp with 10 nice luderick; 2nd was Steve Lovegrove with a mixed bag of flathead, bream and trevally. Christmas function/Presentation night next. Then we will see you all next year. Merry Christmas to one and all, and thank you for your support. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Enquiries to Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

SNOOKER

Club Banora Snooker Club wishes the Twin Towns Board of Directors, Club Banora staff and Management, and all our members and visitors, a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. On Saturday 9 December, we are holding our annual end of year tournament followed by our presentation awards dinner. Recent Club Championships results are Billiards Handicap – Phil Towle defeated Paul Beggs 201-108; Billiards Scratch – Ray Wilcher defeated Phil Towle 233-216; FNCSA Billiards – Paul Beggs defeated Lance Baker 124-116; QBSA Masters Billiards – Chee Yap defeated Graham Clarkson 312-260; A Grade Handicap Snooker – Jimmy Thomson defeated Jessica Woods 4-0. Upcoming snooker finals: George Hendrickson Club Handicap, A Grade Scratch, C Grade Handicap, C Grade Scratch and 6 Reds. Sponsored Sunday Result – Cooper Thomson defeated Luke Bofinger. Congratulations to Paul Norris, Australian Open semi-finalist and to Jessica Woods, Australian Women’s Open semi-finalist. We have five juniors competing in the Australian Junior National Championships in Albury in early January. Best wishes to Odern Boyer, Adam Grunsell, Luke Bofinger, Chris De Azevedo, and Cooper Thomson. Our last midweek social competition will be on Thursday 14 December. We will restart on Tuesday 9 January.

Jimmy Thomson (Secretary)



A Grade Handicap Finalists Jimmy Thomson and Jessica Woods, with referee Des Turner OAM



Members enjoy light refreshments after a day at the tables

TENNIS

As Christmas is just around the corner, we continue to enjoy tennis at our Club, mindful that there will be a closing soon! Tennis break-up dates for 2023: Wednesday Men’s Tennis 13 December; Thursday Ladies’ Tennis 14 December; Thursday Night Tennis 14 December and Sunday Social Tennis 17 December. Restarting in 2024: Sunday Social Tennis 7 January; Wednesday Men’s Tennis 10 January; Thursday Ladies Tennis 11 January and Thursday Night Tennis 18 January. Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Yvonne



SLICE AND FORK

MEMBERS TWO FOR \$30

VISITOR TWO FOR \$32

Lunch & Dinner Specials

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
GRILLED BARRA	SIRLOIN STEAK	PANKO CRUMBED COD	CHICKEN SCHNITZEL

FRIDAY – SATURDAY – SUNDAY

CHECK BLACKBOARD FOR SPECIALS

YOUR GO-2 FOR CHRISTMAS CLUBBING

'Tis the season to be jolly but if you're worried you may get a little too jolly to drive, you can book up to three days ahead for the Twin Towns GO-2 Club transport van.

Leave your car safely at home in the garage if you're heading to the Club for Christmas drinks. For more information and details on areas serviced by the GO-2s, scan the QR code right.

RELAX AND STAY SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS!



Book your GO-2 via the Twin Towns App or scan the QR code.

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