

CLUBNEWS

Meet you there 

GOLF



Golf Committee
40th Anniversary
working team

In 1984, the Club Banora Golf Club was started. Now that it's 2024, we are planning to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

We have formed a committee to plan the big event and with assistance from Twin Towns Services Club, we are expecting to have a great year and bring back memories and stories from our legendary past.

April will be our showcase month, with a Club memorabilia display set up in the new all-purpose room at the Island House area. We are currently raiding the archives of Club Banora to bring back our moments in history and would welcome other inputs of photos, stories, etc from anyone that wishes to make an input to our year.

If you have stories and/or photos with a connection to the Golf Club, contact the Golf Committee members to pass on these memories as soon as possible.



Planning is underway for a gala opening for our anniversary on Sunday 7 April. Please put the date in your reminders. We hope to have as many as possible

(past, present and connected) to attend.

In the planning stages, our ideas include – tournaments specifically set up to celebrate our big year, with trophies and prizes to reflect the occasion; mementos to members and competition visitors during the celebration period; memorabilia to celebrate the occasion; get togethers for all members, past and present.

We will keep everyone up to date through blogs, newsletters and advertising as we formulate the program.

It's now February and the 2024 season really starts with the playing of the Men's 2023 Monthly Medal final. Good luck to all contenders in each grade.

One more heads up for you - the AGM is planned for Saturday 16 March. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres.)

RSL SUB- BRANCH

Members monthly meeting will be held on Monday 26 February at 12pm Qld in the ANZAC Room and the Annual General Meeting on Monday 25 March 12pm Qld in ANZAC Room. Morning Tea: members, partners and carers are welcome to come along to morning tea, every Thursday from 10am to 12pm Qld for a laugh and a chat. Advocates: Compensation and Welfare Advocates available Tuesday to Thursday by appointment. Sub-Branch office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

MENS BOWLS

Happy New Year to you all! Hope you celebrated and enjoyed yourself. Time flies, especially for us old buggers. New Year's resolutions? Mine is to play more bowls and enjoy the company. What a lot of rain and storms we have been having. Lucky it's been during the Christmas break. We will be having a BBQ in the near future on a Wednesday after bowls in the golf area. Keep an eye out for details. We will also be hosting another Open Day for people to learn lawn bowls. Morning tea will be provided. Enjoy your bowls. Cheers for now.

Rosco

RUNNERS & WALKERS

Australia Day picnic and awards presentation was held on Friday 26 January. Lots of fun was had with trivia and Aussie games. Thanks to Patsy and Phil again for organising our usual spot next to Seascope. We presented awards to the following recipients: Walkers Award - Aaron Thompson; Most Improved Runner - Jeanette Ellis; Club Person of the Year - Greg Butler; and Club Champion - Tracy Moschogianis. We also presented a special award to Vic C for being our International Ambassador. Come join us for a run or walk. We cover distances of 5km to 12km and work on increasing fitness and mental wellbeing. It's 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 at Greenmount (opposite the pink hotel) and Sunday 7am NSW 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.

BRIDGE

Due to many members being absent or away with family, the Bridge Club closed down over the Christmas week, returning to play after New Year. The AGM will be held on 13 March. We wish all members a Happy New Year and a speedy recovery to those members who are not well. Bridge is held on Mondays and Fridays commencing at 12.15pm NSW at the Club Banora Tennis Clubhouse. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to start to enable 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

Thanks to internet for this interesting snippet: The world's largest flower is the *Rafflesia arnoldii*? It is a rare and endangered species of flowering plant that is native to the rainforests of Sumatra and Borneo. The flower can grow up to three feet in diameter and weigh up to 24 pounds! It is also known for its

pungent odour, which has been compared to that of rotting meat. The unpleasant odour (to humans not to flies) serves its purpose of carrying pollen from male to female flowers. These flies feed on animal carcasses so they naturally get attracted to a rotting flesh odour (but not to fragrant smells). Nature is wonderful, different species exhibit different characteristic features to serve different functions. Diary: our next meeting at Club Banora is Tuesday 6 February, then Tuesday 5 March at 9.45am NSW. Club opens at 9.30am. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or email mariaharry111@gmail.com

LADIES BOWLS

February looks like a gradual return for some of our bowlers due to the heat but social bowls will continue for the hardy. Mat fees will remain at \$10 for now thanks to the donations from McGrath Real Estate. A Cross Border meeting on 5 February will decide the draw and deal with any other issues. Our greens should be healthy after the rain, keeping the boys busy. The Committee revised the Club's bylaws, mostly updating competition laws as we adjust to our lower entry numbers. The Board of Twin Towns has given permission for us to reduce our committee numbers, deleting those social positions as they have become largely redundant. However, the ladies will continue to run the Tuesday raffle and Mary has kindly offered to keep up with welfare matters. We know that help is always there from any of our bowlers. Bring on the Banora breeze.

Veronica

TENNIS

The Banora Tennis Club's opening was several weeks ago and numbers for social tennis on Sunday mornings have been very good, despite the hot weather. The various tennis tournaments held in Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and lately Melbourne, inspire players at this time of year and this year is no exception. Here's looking to a great tennis year at our Club!

EUCHRE

We started the first games for the New Year on 11 January and it was good to see many of our regulars back again. We had 14 players on 18 January which was very encouraging. Unfortunately, over the past few years, our numbers have dropped considerably due to many of our players being elderly and some who preferred not to drive at night. So we welcome all new members and people on holidays to come and join our happy group. Fees to play are \$3 for members and \$4 non-members. At our last Committee meeting, it was decided to discontinue the player of the month and top three players of the year due to dwindling numbers and funds. We look forward to regular numbers each week but if they continue to fall over the next few months, we may not be able to continue our Euchre Club.

Joker Judy

SENIORS

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 10am NSW. Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on Monday 19 February in the Bay Room, Level 3 at Twin Towns. Selling at the meeting will be tickets for a trip on 26 February on the Brisbane Cat and lunch at the Breakfast Creek Hotel; cost of trip \$65. 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.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

There used to be a big turnout of swimming clubs from all over, whenever it was our turn to host a zone carnival. It is our turn once again but without a pool, we can't meet the commitment, so there is no zone carnival being run in February at any location. The Nationals this year are being held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre on 23 March. I urge members to consider competing so that despite a depleted membership, we still have swimmers there, a tradition we have followed since 1969. To enter, please get your times into Brent before 25 February. Our AGM is likely to be held on 31 March, when some Committee members will be standing down. Please let it be known before that date if you would like to help our Club by nominating for a position.

Bubbles

SOCIAL GOLF

It has been an indifferent start to the year with a lot of wet weather keeping carts off the course. We have had to make do with what we can, which has meant the Foursomes Championship having to be pushed back. On the 7 January, we were able to just get in the Monthly Medal and our winner on the day with 33 nett was Steve Salter and runner-up honours went to Dave Briggs with 34 nett. On 14 January, we ended up having a Single Stableford match and the winner with 21 points was Wazza and runner-up went to Mick Byrne with 19 points. The 21 January was 9-hole 2-man Ambrose event for the first instalment of the Wazza/Woody Cup. Was great to get a turnout of 14 starters with some faces we have not seen for a while which is what not playing golf and no carts will do to people just stinging for a game of golf. Winners of the day was Steve Teague and Davie Briggs with a 31.75 nett and runners-up went to Simon Gates and Dave Kammer with 32.25 nett. In the month ahead, we will schedule in the Foursomes event and we will have Gibbsey day against Murwillumbah in second week of February. Hit it, find it, hit it again.

Cheers Will

FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Do you like socialising? 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 quiet start to the year with a very poor weigh-in for the month. Mark Small took out the comp with a nice bream and a Mangrove Jack. No one else weighed any fish. The river was in a poor condition and the beaches very quiet. No entries in the Out of Comp Comp so far so get out there and see what you can do. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. For enquiries, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

SNOOKER

January 2024 has started off flying for the Club Banora Snooker Club. The National Junior Championships were held in Albury during January. Our Club was represented by five of our Juniors who all performed admirably. However, the standout performance goes to our new Australian champion, Cooper Thomson, winning the U18 National Billiards. Well done, Cooper. Both Cooper and Christiano also performed well in the national U18 Snooker, with Cooper reaching the quarter finals and Christiano narrowly beaten in the semis. Again, well done to both boys. Our midweek competitions have kicked off with good turnouts. Our new handicap system is in place and with four different winners in the first four nights, looks to be working well. Our Des Turner team's event and the John Hudson doubles championship are also taking nominations and dates for kick-off will be announced shortly. Until next time, happy cueing!



Cooper Thomson U18 Australian Billiards Champion



Club Banora Juniors in Albury

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.

