

LADIES BOWLS



A reminder to attend our 40th AGM on Tuesday 5 March at 2pm NSW at Club Banora. Copies of the Annual Report will be distributed, as well as any additions to the membership phone booklet.

Lady bowlers proudly wearing the green and white, including Marie Ellis (far right)

QUEEN OF THE GREEN.. AND WHITE

No other member of the Twin Towns Ladies' Bowling Club has worn our colours with such success, commitment and longevity as Marie Jean Ellis.

Joining up in 1985 at the age of 44, young for bowlers at the time, Marie did so to support a friend and to find the female companionship lacking in her Terranora farming life. She found this in spades, as there were over 500 members at the time.

Her first of many successes came in 1986, as winner of the inaugural Novice Singles Championship (see below) which today she still holds as her fondest memory.

The many ensuing Club Championships and Competitions won include: 12 times Club



Singles Champion and Consistency winner, as well as B Grade singles and multiple team wins in Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Marie also represented our Club at District level in Champion of Champions and Pennant, District and Queensland at State and National levels. Wearing the green and white individually at events across Australia and with other Twin Towns players, she also competed in prestigious tournaments such as the Black Douglas, where she is shown defeating New Zealand champion Marlene Castle in 1998.

As a Club member, Marie has contributed so much during her 39 years of Club service, firstly as a committee member then as Club President in 1997. She was also a National Umpire and continues today as Club Patron and Selector.

An important aspect of women's bowls has always been the friendships formed, and Marie promoted this by organising bus trips throughout most of her club life. She drove groups for picnics, local and beyond tours and musical shows in Brisbane. The list is phenomenal.

Also, her involvement in the club's Christmas shows and making preserves



Marie defeated NZ champion Marlene Castle in the Black Douglas in 1998

and lemon butter for the annual fundraising days were appreciated by all.

In summary, Marie Ellis represents the best attributes of any sporting club member: skill, friendship, wholehearted involvement and service, with arguably an unmatched and unique record.

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The AGM will be held on Monday 25 March at 12pm Qld in RSL ANZAC Room. ANZAC Day: All ceremonies in Chris Cunningham Park Tweed Heads on 25 April.

- Dawn Service 5.50am
- March 10.30am
- Main Service 11am
- RSL Members Luncheon 12pm at Twin Towns (RSL Sub- Branch members tickets \$25 - to be purchased from the Sub-Branch)

Morning tea every Thursday from 10am-12pm Qld. Advocates available by appointment. Please visit our website www.thc-rsl.org.au for up-to-date information. Office hours Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld or phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

MENS BOWLS

How time flies, three months into the year already. After the hot muggy weather, bowlers are starting to get back to bowls. The Family Day was so popular that the committee decided to have another two sponsored days in the family area at Club Banora, one in April, the other in October. We will also hold another Open Day for families to learn Lawn Bowls on a date to be confirmed. Thank you to the sponsors for their support. The committee decided to have a number of \$5 days and a BBQ or two on Wednesdays for lunch. I think the Bowlers will be happy with the agenda the committee has put out. Mens Bowls AGM will be held at Club Banora on Monday 11 March at 10am NSW. Keep fit stay well.

Rosco

BRIDGE

The AGM will be held on Thursday 16 March at 11am NSW at the Club Banora Tennis Clubhouse with a luncheon to be held afterwards. Everybody is welcome to attend. Our playing numbers have increased slightly giving us more competition. To our members who are not feeling well, we wish you a speedy recovery. Bridge is held 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

GOLF

Our AGM is on Saturday 16 March at 2pm NSW at Club Banora in the curtained area near the dining room. Hope to see you there. Congratulations, Patrick Tregellas, our Men's Medal of Medal winner of the 2023 season. Pat had a very handy 69 nett to take out the day. Preparations for our 40th Anniversary year are progressing, thanks to the steering committee's invaluable time and inputs towards making this a great year. Twin Towns has supported our plans and our gratitude for this support is unmeasurable. The official opening of the Anniversary will be Sunday 7 April at 11am in the Island House. This will be followed by a meet and greet and refreshments for past and present members and invited guests. We look forward to everyone attending to make the day. RSVP to the secretary for catering purposes by the 26 March is required. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

RUNNERS & WALKERS

Reminder that our AGM will be held on Thursday 14 March at 5.30pm Qld/6.30pm NSW in the Bay Room at Twin Towns followed by drinks on the balcony for members. Come join us for a run or walk. We cover distances of 5km 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 at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sunday at 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.

SENIORS SOCIAL

Our next meeting is on Monday 18 March in the Visions room. This will also be our AGM. At this meeting, we will be selling trip on 25 March to Alstonville, cost is \$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.

EUCHRE

We have had around 12 players at our games every week at the moment. We hope the numbers will continue and hopefully increase in the coming months. Anyone interested in playing Euchre will be made most welcome to come along and join our happy group of members. Our games are held in the screened off dining area at Club Banora at 7pm NSW on Thursday nights and finish around 9pm NSW. If you need a few practice hands, please come along 15 minutes early. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members and there are prizes for 1st and 2nd place as well as a Lucky Door Prize. We will be having a BBQ for our members and partners on Sunday 21 April as well as a Christmas in July dinner at Club Banora on a date to be advised.

Joker Judy

GARDEN

Seen any snakes lately? Well, if you do, don't bother to stomp your feet as snakes don't have ears, nor do they mind if you place a repellent gadget in their path. It's just somewhere comfy to curl up on. Guest speaker from Murwillumbah Snake Catchers enlightened members greatly with slides and plenty of info. If you have an abundance of spider plants and snake plants, maybe display a pot in your bedroom. They detox the air as they give out oxygen. Colourful indoor plants may even be mood enhancing for you. Come along to Club Banora Garden Club for a pleasant Tuesday morning and enjoy a touch of floral beauty, plant raffle and morning tea. Our next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 5 March at 9.45am NSW. Club Banora opens at 9.30am NSW. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or email mariaharry111@gmail.com

TENNIS

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 13 March at 6.30pm NSW time. We hope to have a good number of our members attend this meeting. We are planning a Golf Day in March or April, as well as a Trivia evening in April. We have recently acquired two good size planter pots which we intend to grow herbs in so that tennis members may help themselves.

SOCIAL GOLF

The AGM will be held on Sunday 3 March at 10.30am NSW in the Island House. A sausage sizzle will be provided. Hope to see everyone down there. The Monthly Medal was held on 4 February and the winner was Steve Salter with 30 nett with a 17 h/cap; runner-up was Steve Teague with 33 nett and 15 h/cap. The two Steve's have been going toe to toe over the last month. On 11 February, our Single Stableford winner with 21 points with a 10 h/cap was Justin Hayes; runner-up was Steve Teague with 19 points off 15 h/cap. On 18 February, our first round of the Gibbys Shield Day was played against Murwillumbah. It was a fantastic day with smiles on everyone's faces, even if the golf was bad for some. Twin Towns Banora have a score of 400 and Murwillumbah have 337 so we take a good lead into the next round. Our winner on the day was Chris Harding with 46 points; runner-up was Woody with 45 points. I would like to thank the staff at the Island House, the guys who helped with the food and BBQ and bringing extra carts, and most importantly a big thanks must go to Rodger Scott for preparing the greens for us in the morning and for us being able to have carts out there. Hit it, find it, hit it again.

Will

SNOOKER

The Snooker Club was in full swing during February. We kicked off with our first sponsored Sunday of the year on 4 February. Eighteen players competed on the day with some great snooker all round. In the main competition, Dave Jones held off Dan Ross after giving Dan a healthy start. Well done to Dave. In the elimination competition, Ballina's Paul Beggs battled it out our own Des Turner, with Paul getting the chocolates. Well done to Paul. Our Des Turner team's event has also started with six sides competing. All first week matches went down to the wire. If that's anything to go by, it should be a very close competition. Our annual 'John Hudson the Glove' doubles competition was also held on 18 February. After 11 hours of snooker, it was father and son team Luke and John Bofinger who got the job done on the final black of the day to defeat Christiano DeAzenvedo and Cooper Thomson. Special thanks again to John Hudson for his continued support in this wonderful event. Until next month, you guessed it - happy cueing!



John Hudson doubles finalists, from left Christiano, Cooper, John Hudson (Sponsor), Luke Bofinger, John Bofinger



Players from our first sponsored Sunday

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 31 March at 10.30am NSW at Club Banora, when all positions will be declared vacant. Contact Toni or Brent if you wish to put your name forward for a position on the committee. Attendance and voting at the AGM is restricted to financial members only. A restaurant meal and drinks will be provided, again for listed members only. The quickest way to renew your \$5 Diggers membership is over the phone call 07 5536 2277. Both the Deegenars are out of action, so unfortunately, we will have only three members swimming in the National Titles being held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre on 23 March.

Bubbles

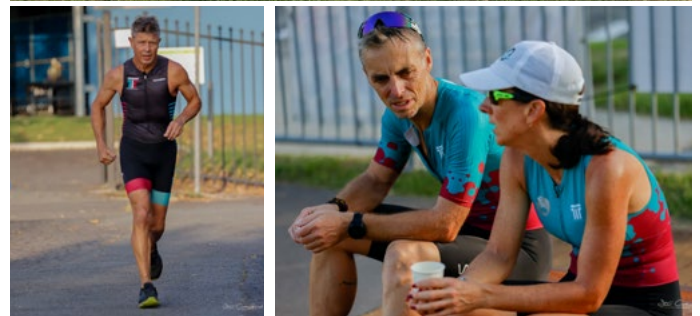
FISHING

Welcome to Twin Towns Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Do you like socialising? Well, we have a Club that would suit you. 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. We still require a President and a Secretary. Please think about the position. Well, what a terrible start to the year and a very poor weigh-in for this month also. Last month, Steve Lovegrove took out first place with 3 bream; Mark Small 2nd place with a nice flathead. No one else weighed any fish. The river was in a poor condition and the beaches very quiet. In the Out of Comp Comp, so far there are three entries so get out there and see what you can do. Enquiries to Ferdi on 0414 812 907. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy

TRIATHLON

Another successful teams event! Twin Towns Triathlon Club hosted its annual memorial teams event in February. This important day on the club calendar is when we pay tribute to former members who are no longer with us and who played instrumental roles in the Club's history since it began in 1989. It was a great morning with nine teams completing a slightly modified course. It was a team effort to put the day on - thanks to our volunteer marshals Greg, Wendy and Ross, to Clive, Rob, Robyn and Kent for the healthy breakfast, and to Stu for taking lots of great photos. Twin Towns Triathlon Club is made up of friendly triathletes of all ages and all abilities, competitive and non-competitive, who love the challenge that swimming, riding and running brings when packed together. Our season is just about to wrap-up in March but we'll be back in September/October for the 2024-25 season. Find more about our club, go to www.twintownstriathlon.org.au



Top: Members at the teams event on 3 February. Left: Kent Holmes on the run leg of the triathlon. Right: Twinnies members Clive Pearce and Viv Wright.