

SNOOKER

Club Banora Snooker Club is going from strength to strength and August was one of our biggest months in 2024!

We started by opening nominations for our premier snooker tournament of the year - The Eamon Duff Classic - which will be held on the long weekend 5-7 October.

With \$4,500 in prizemoney, the entries came thick and fast from all over Queensland, New South Wales and even an entry from New Zealand. Due to the huge interest, our committee decided to raise the maximum number of entries to 54.

August saw our annual 6 Red Championship held at Club Banora. This event only consists of 6 red balls being used instead of the usual 15, making it a much quicker and exciting format of the game.

15 players competed and our own Grant Schirmer managed to get the win over Brian Green (AKA Greeny) in an entertaining final. Well done to all who competed.

August Sponsored Sunday tournament had 15 players competing. Peter Campbell, who manages our junior coaching program, obviously took some of his own advice and managed to pot the last two balls of the day to deny our Secretary Jimmy Thomson of the win. Well done to Peter.

Our C Grade Club Championship was

also finalised in August. Well done to Ted Fairman getting the chocolates over Sam Wood. It's great to see our up-and-coming juniors competing in these finals and young Sam is a player to look out for in the future. Watch out Ted!

The Far North Coast Snooker Champion of Champions was held at Club Banora in August. This tournament consists of the best of the best - Club Champions and runners-up from Banora, Ballina and Casino Snooker Clubs (six players in total).

After a slow start, our own Jessica Woods managed to make it to the knockout stage. After soundly beating Tony Rea of Casino in the semi-final, Jessica found herself against her partner and nemesis Paul Norris.

Jessica has now become the Far North Coast Champion of Champions. Awesome stuff Jess!

Finally, August finished with the Annual Far North Coast Teams Challenge at Ballina RSL. This competition consists of eight players each from Club Banora, Ballina and Casino battling it out in both singles and doubles matches.

Banora, being the defending champions and not wanting to give up this title, sent a very strong side and I am proud to say they defended it well. The winner on the day was

Snooker. We competed fiercely on the table and afterwards had a laugh and talk about what might have been.

This is how all sport should be!

Looking forward to seeing you on the long weekend in October. Until then, happy cueing.

Grant



C Grade winner Ted Fairman and runner-up Sam Wood



Team Banora after the Teams Challenge in Ballina



Champion of Champions Jessica Woods

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next member's monthly meeting will be a luncheon on Monday 30 September at 12pm in Flame Bistro at Twin Towns. This luncheon is free for Sub-Branch members and \$25 for partner/carer. We are selling tickets for a bus trip to the RAAF Base Amberley Heritage Museum on Tuesday 8 October. Cost is \$20 which includes morning tea and lunch. Call the office to book. Morning tea is held every Thursday morning from 9.30am-11am. Come in for cake, coffee, a chat and a laugh. Veterans and their partners and carers welcome. The library is open on Thursdays. Please check our website www.thc-rsl.org.au for the latest information. RSL Sub-Branch office hours Monday to Friday 9am-12pm. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

GOLF

Spring at last. I hope that means not too many spring showers. We've had our fair share of rain and wash outs this year. In August we had to cancel the Vets' Open Day and the Ladies Foursomes moved to another day to be announced. Some nice warm days with good rounds of golf are way overdue. August did see our Mixed Foursomes played and won by Desley Harrington and Gary Dowding from Alison and Tony Blair. The nett was won by Myra Biggar and Brian Springfield from Lilian Simpson and Wayne Muir. Congratulations to our winners and all who gave it a go. The new Tee positions seem to have been accepted well and their future will be decided after a review this month. Men's Championships will be held next month with the first round planned for 5 October. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

MENS BOWLS

Men's Bowls Champions have been decided for 2024. This year, Triples have been added to the Championship after being absent for three years. Results: Club Singles winner was Brian Bowden; runner-up Gary Millard. Club Pairs winners Gary Millard and Mark Baxter; runners-up Brian Bowden and Barry Curtis. Triples results will be in next month's news. As another interesting topic, we are looking at the Club Championship boards stored upstairs at Club Banora. We've been checking all the winners over the years and maybe putting details on the website for the Men's and Ladies bowlers. Sponsors Open Day has been held with a good crowd and was enjoyed by all. We gave out bags of goodies for the kids which was supplied by Twin Towns. Enjoy your bowls.

Rosco

GARDEN

Our August speaker was from Searles, Kilcoy, Queensland. Important thing is to start from the roots by using the best potting mix. Check the expiry date as the fertiliser in the pack will only survive for six months. If you have ever walked on a bindii and felt the sharp pain they cause, this is the seed that has the prickles. Bindii's grow in the winter and set seed late winter to early spring. To kill bindii in lawns and to stop the spreading, spray them in winter as soon as you see them, before the prickles develop, and continue to repeat spray every three weeks until they are all gone. Repeat spraying is important as this will control weeds that germinate after the prior spraying. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 September, then Tuesday 1 October at 10am at Club Banora. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or email mariaharry111@gmail.com

RUNNERS & WALKERS

August produced some wet weather but it did not deter us with attendance staying consistent. The August/September Sunday program offers some variety from beach running to rail trails to avocado lined country roads. The latter will be a special memorial run starting from Eviron Cemetery to remember those who are no longer with us. Save the date: 15 September at 7am. A few fun runs coming up. Good luck to those taking part in the Coffs Harbour Running Festival and Sydney Marathon. 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 at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sundays at 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.

FISHING

Do you like fishing? Do you like socialising? Well, we have a Club that would suit. The aim of our Club is to provide a social forum for people interested in recreational fishing, but not necessarily Anglers. 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 had great weather for our weigh-in at our comp in August. 1st was Steve Lovegrove with 10 bream (5kg worth) caught in the murky waters of the Tweed River; 2nd John Watkins with 2 bream, 3 tarwhine and 2 dart from the beaches; 3rd goes to Garry Hawthorne who caught a nice couple of flathead down at Iluka. This year, the Fishing Club is going to celebrate its 30th year of existence. We will do this at our Presentation Night in December. So far, there are three entries in the Out of Comp Comp, so get out there and see what you can do. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Enquiries to Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

BRIDGE

The introduction of Monday night Bridge has been good for our numbers, with new members during the daytime play helping to increase attendance. Our monthly dinner was held at the end of August and enjoyed by all. To all our members who are unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery. We mourn the loss of another of our long-time members, Judith, who will be missed by all. Bridge is played on a Monday and Friday commencing at 12.15pm. 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 Theresa on 0437 666 046. Happy Bridging.

Valerie

SENIORS SOCIAL

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 10am in the Visions Room. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 September. We will be selling tickets at this meeting for a trip to Brisbane with lunch at the Gap Tavern on Monday 23 September. The next meeting will be held Monday 21 October. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Marie Holmes 0417 602 368; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.

TENNIS

Banora Tennis Club is once again organising its popular fun Trivia night on Monday 16 September at the Tennis Clubhouse. The Club would like to invite all Clubs, friends of the Club, members as well as non-members to join our friendly group for a fun night out, socialising and making new friends. For details, please contact Ray on 0431 514 618. We will also be celebrating Father's Day on Sunday 8 September with a special Father's Day breakfast at our Tennis Clubhouse to show appreciation for our many tennis players who are dads. Please come along and celebrate this special occasion with us.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

We have been so fortunate recently in enjoying lovely weather at every one of our Sunday morning swims at the heated Kingscliff pool. An added bonus is the absence of that chilly wind that challenged us all at the Oasis Pool. Despite this, and the very obliging staff granting us exclusive lanes, few swimmers and timekeepers have been turning up. This should change when our summer season begins in late September or early October (date to be announced) after the winter swim clubs finish up. To stay abreast of swim plans, please read the emails that our efficient secretary Bert sends out or ring one of the committee.

Bubbles

SOCIAL GOLF

On 28 July, we had a Single Stable game for the Pete Maybury Cup. Winner on the day was Kev Casey with 20 points and runner-up was Chris Harding with 19 points. On 4 August, we had a 9-hole Stroke game for the Monthly Medal and our winner for the first time, after being part of this Club for over 20 years, was Wazza on a countback from Rick Downes with 34 nett. Congratulations to both players. On 11 August, the 1st round of our 18-hole Championships was played and our daily winner was Woody with a 69 nett and runner-up went to Simon Gates with 70 nett. On 18 August, we had a 9-hole Single Stableford and our winner on the day with 21 points on a countback from Dave Kammer and Porky was Dave Briggs. Looking forward to the month ahead with our second round of the Club Champs and an away game at Tweed/ Coolangatta. Hit it, find it, hit it again.

Will

LADIES BOWLS

The latest rain has greened up our greens and now we are in spring, it is warming up. We will have our annual Julie Johnston Day on Tuesday 17 September. Last year it was enjoyed by all with the format devised by Games Director Carolyn so this year should be as popular. The Championship Singles was won by Sylvia Ward, runner-up Karen Watson in a match with many close ends. Consistency will be the next to be decided. Our social games continue to be growing in numbers now; always played in good spirit but earnestly contested.

Veronica

EUCHRE

Our games are held every Thursday night at 6.30pm in the screened off dining area at Club Banora. Holidaymakers and new residents are most welcome to come along and join our members. If you would like a few practice hands before we start, just come along 15 minutes earlier. Fees to play are \$3 members and \$4 non-members and there are prizes for 1st and 2nd as well as a Lucky Door prize. We recently had our Christmas in July dinner at Club Banora which was enjoyed by all.

Joker Judy



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.

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