

FISHING

This year marks the 30th year of the Twin Towns Fishing Club.

The Fishing Club is a great club to be part of if you are thinking of taking up fishing or want to gain some tips and insights into fishing the local rivers and estuaries. You will also learn what you can expect to catch in the area.

The Club conducts monthly competitions on the third weekend of the month, with a 'weigh-in' held at our own TTS clubhouse in Banora Point at 12pm NSW on Sundays.

This is followed by a sausage sizzle, meat tray raffle and lots of conversation. Some of it is even about fishing, and of course, the inevitable story about "the one that got away" and what could have been.

Anytime is a good time to come along and enjoy the friendliness of our members. The wives have also become members just so they can join in with the camaraderie that the Club instils.

Outside of the monthly competition, there is an ongoing 'Out of Competition, Competition' which runs for 11 months. The winners are determined by the largest fish by species.

We came up with this type of competition to keep the interest and participation going on outside of competition weekends. You just need to take a photo on a brag mat or a measuring device, take a photo and send it in.

If you are a friendly environmental fisher person, you can also use this method for the monthly competition, assisting the long-term survival of our fish stocks.

Our winners compete for modest prizes based on the total weight of their catch with additional points gained for each various species caught.



Fishing Club House



Garry weighing in his Luderick



Steve weighing in his catch of Bream



Fishing Club's Presentation night

We hold an annual presentation night each December. Prizes are awarded for the heaviest fish caught in the monthly comps and the largest for the 'Out of Competition, Competition'. Plus, there's a Perpetual Trophy that gives you some bragging rights. The winner of the October competition is Garry Hawthorne, weighing in 9 luderick (4.1kg); runner-up was Steve Lovegrove with 7 bream and a tailor (2.5kg) total.

Everyone is welcome to join and it costs just \$15 per year. Competitions start in early 2025.

For more information, call Ferdi on 0414 812 907.



Mathilda and Sophia on their first fishing outing

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next member's meeting will be held on Monday 25 November at 12pm Qld in the RSL ANZAC Room. Remembrance Day Monday 11 November 2024: Service of Remembrance in Chris Cunningham Park, Wharf Street, Tweed Heads at 10.50am NSW and Wreath Laying at Queen Elizabeth II Park, Marine Pde, Coolangatta at 10.50am Qld. A Remembrance Day luncheon for members and partner/carer will be held in Flame Bistro at Twin Towns Services Club. Tickets \$25 per person and must be pre-purchased at the Sub-Branch office or by phone. Every Thursday 9.30am-11.30am Qld, drop in for a free morning tea, a chat and a few laughs. Trained advocates are available by appointment. Please note the Sub-Branch office runs on Qld time. Office Hours are Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Administrator

SENIORS SOCIAL

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 10am NSW time/9am Qld time in the Visions Room. The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 November. Selling at this meeting will be a trip going south on Monday 25 November with morning tea at Lennox Heads and for lunch, heading further south. Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday 2 December. The next meeting after this will be Monday 17 February 2025. 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.

GOLF

At the time of writing, the Men's Championships are into the third week of four and all grades are tight with only about 4 strokes covering the top eight contenders in each division. Good golf and good luck to all in the running. Christmas and end-of-year breakups are approaching fast. Subject to weather changes, the party dates are: Veterans 9 December, Ladies 12 December, and Men 14 December. Keep your eye out for the time sheets as these days are very popular and are limited to numbers. The heavy rain we experienced in October caused some golfing disruptions but should prove to be a bit of a blessing for the upcoming greens renovations. These are planned for the week of 11 November, at which time the course will be out of action. The course is looking lush. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

LADIES BOWLS

We have confirmed our Patron's/Presentation Day lunch for Tuesday 12 November. It will be a BBQ event, expertly cooked by Chef O'Leary after bowls (thank you Ross). We can bring our own food for it so suggestions welcome (no lobster). On the greens, Club Triples and Consistency are all but decided, and Star of the Green rolls on. Cross Border Shield is happening in 2025 with last year's eight clubs participating. The first round is planned for Monday 3 March at Tugun. All rounds are set down for Mondays, draw to come. Clubs to field three teams of triples as before. Changes made include: 1. Games will be 24 ends of 2 bowl triples, with no dead ends (place jack on the T). This means we finish at the clubhouse end, so no carrying bowls at the finish; 2. We will start after trial ends on a bell; 3. a lucky, random draw for a lead, second and skip prize will replace the highest margin win. Final details to be confirmed.

Veronica

MENS BOWLS

It will be Christmas next month. Doesn't time fly! Hope you have all got your presents organised. Twin Towns has just had a visit from bowlers from Cabramatta Bowling Club, five in total - Alan, Rick, John, Zane and Billy. Banora Bowlers were Mark Garry, Tom Brendan and Mark Baxter who played Triples and Pairs. Banora won the Triples by one shot and Banora won the Pairs by six shots. All had a great time, and of course, they had to have a couple of beers to settle their nerves after the game. The Cabramatta team also paid a visit to Coolangatta Bowls Club and Club Tweed and enjoyed another day playing the great game of lawn bowls. This will be an annual event. We have students from Banora High School coming to play lawn bowls for their sport on Wednesday 6 November with a BBQ after bowls in the golf area. Enjoy your Bowls.

BRIDGE

Although we have quite a few members away on holidays, we have a loyal group who are keeping the Club going with depleted numbers. Our Provider, hardworking Marge, is keeping us amused with Halloween props and goodies, whilst Jan is filling in as Treasurer and partner provider. Our new premises have been well attended and liked by the members. Bridge is played 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. Happy Bridging.

Valerie

RUNNERS & WALKERS

November promises to be a busy one with a GC Squad Fun run mid-month and the GC50 on 23 and 24 November. Good luck to members participating in these events. We as a Club provide volunteers for the GC50 which has become our main fund-raiser of the year. We donate most of the money raised to talented up-coming school athletes. Our Christmas Party is being held on the Harbour Terrace Balcony at Twin Towns again on Saturday 30 November at 12 Qld/1pm NSW. Tickets are available from our Secretary, only \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Don't forget your secret Santa gift, \$15 maximum. 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. Note: we meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am NSW at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sundays 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, contact Secretary Tracy Mo on 0414 590 940.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Our first summer season of competitive swimming at Kingscliff Pool began on 13 October, but the turnout was disappointing, perhaps due to the inclement weather. By the time this goes to print, we have had ten members compete against several other clubs in a charity fund raiser at the lovely Somerset College Pool. Our results in the next edition. The 2025 Nationals will return in March to Coffs Harbour which we enjoyed last time it was held there. Accommodation books out early so start thinking about it now if you wish to go. Melbourne member, Ken Blanchard, has returned after cycling solo around Scandinavia for three months. We warmly welcome new members who can swim 50 metres, even if it's slowly. Call 0413 666 783 for information.

Bubbles

TENNIS

The number of participants at our social tennis on Sunday has been increasing in the past weeks so please join us and meet our friendly Club members at Sunday social tennis. In the coming weeks, the Tennis Club is planning one of its popular events, an exciting murder mystery night. Please contact Ray for details on 0431 514 618. We will be holding our annual Christmas dinner at the clubhouse in December for its members. Please look out for more details in the coming news or contact the Tennis Club directly.

SOCIAL GOLF

We have had some good golf played over the last month with only one Sunday washed out. The general numbers turning up each week are increasing which is very pleasing to see so thank you to all our members. We had Steve Salter win a Stableford event with 25 points for 9 holes which is a record. Graeme Veivers finally broke the 'runner-up on a countback' trend by winning the October Monthly Medal. On 13 October, we had our away return leg against Murwillumbah for the Gibbsey Shield. With the weather in the balance on the day, we managed to get 11 starters down there against 13. Although Murwillumbah won the day, TTSC Social Golf Club won the shield by 23 points. Our winner on the day was Chris Harding with 39 points and runner-up was Steve Salter with 36 points. On 20 October, our Single Stableford match was won by Rick Downes with 23 points and runner-up was Leigh Bradley with 20 points. It's time to ramp up and get excited for The Northern Rivers Shield Day on 10 November. Hit 'em long and straight.

Will

SNOOKER

October was the biggest month of the year for the Snooker Club. The Club was buzzing over the long weekend with our premier event of the year, the Eamon Duff Snooker tournament, being held. It felt like magpie season with 54 players swooping in hoping for a slice of the \$4,000 prizemoney. However, there can only be one winner. Last year's runner up, Brisbane young gun Joshua Hands, beat Ian Davies, also from Brisbane 4-2, in thrilling finale and hard-fought battle. Special mention to our Secretary



Finalists Bob Morton and John Themelkos

Jimmy Thomson who again put in a lot of hours to ensure the tournament went smoothly. Our Des Turner teams' event also wrapped up in October, with the Scotchfingers (Jimmy, Luke and Graham) winning by the narrowest of margins - 1 point over the season. Congratulations to you all. Ted Fairman is in for a handicap review after his efforts on the table. Not only did he win the C grade handicap championship, but he followed this up by winning the C grade scratch too. B grade for you next year Ted! Finally, our inaugural members only competition was held in October. With \$1,000 up for grabs, Bob Morton defeated John Themelkos (before John heads back to Canberra) in a deciding final frame thriller 4-3. Well, done to both. Until next month, happy cueing!

GARDEN

Our October meeting welcomed a second visit from Bronwyn Holm, founder of Earthfood, whose passion is putting life back into the soil. The product was invented by her ancestor. Get your Microbial Care Here: yourearthfood.com.au/care-sheet Our Club is grateful for speakers and enjoys the members' flower display a great deal. It's a great opportunity to comfortably pick up information, get answers to your questions and enjoy morning tea. Wednesday 20 November is the planned outing to Gardens of Light. Herbs are an important part of Christmas. They can make a wreath for the door, table decorations, garnishes and can provide flavourings in drinks and fragrances in a bath. Make a soothing hot drink using rosemary, thyme and mint plus honey and a slice of lemon. Enjoy the excitement of Melbourne Cup on the first Tuesday, then the next week, come along to Garden Club. Next meeting is Tuesday 12 November. Enquiries to President Maria on 0448 531 055, email: mariaharry111@gmail.com

EUCHRE

Our games are held every Thursday night at 6.30pm NSW in the screened off dining area at Club Banora. Holiday makers 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.

Joker Judy

TRIATHLON

Twinnies Triathlon Club members are racing weekly on Saturdays until March 2025. 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 some wonderful sponsors this year - Cricks Tweed, Kozii Swimwear, Oculus Group, MCS Painting Services 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



Warren Copping and Greg Freeman mark Greg's 500th race.



A family affair, Glenn and Matt Lance