

BRIDGE



Bridge Club members

The Twin Towns Bridge Club has been in existence since 1992 and over the past 32 years, has been a boon for Bridge Players in the Tweed area.

The Club has had strong support from Twin Towns who have provided several venues for games, the latest being the Hide-Away Lounge at Club Banora which has proved to be a winner for the members.

Prior to Covid, the Club had strong support with up to 18 tables and competitive play with other clubs.

However, whilst we are now a smaller Club, we still have an enthusiastic group who play regularly on a Monday and Friday.

We also have a regular Monday night group who play from 6pm NSW usually finishing by 9pm NSW.

Anyone who would like to play is welcome, even if you need a partner, one

can be supplied by contacting Marion on 0426 567 608.

The Bridge Club has a monthly luncheon where the members enjoy a meal at Club Banora and socialise outside of Bridge play.

Our longstanding Committee work hard to make our play days as enjoyable as possible. Our Provider Marge supplies us with all sorts of knick knacks, the latest being lots of creepy crawlies and skeletons for Halloween and must not forget the lollies.

Our Christmas party will be held at Club Banora on Thursday 12 December starting at 12.30pm NSW.

We have a hard-working committee who give their time and effort to make our Club run smoothly. Our Club couldn't function without our Directors who determine what movement to play according to numbers.

If you would like to join us and play

Bridge, contact Teresa on 0437 666 046. Check out our website twintowns.bridgeaustralia.org for further details. Bridge is played on a Monday and Friday commencing at 12.15pm NSW.



John Kadwell and President Gerald Embury

SNOOKER

November saw some great efforts from Club Banora members as the season of 2024 winds down.

Although not directly snooker, our own Brian Green (AKA Greeny) travelled to Perth for the Indigenous 8 ball match and won 19-17. Well done, Greeny!

Young Adam Grunsell continued to impress, winning the U15 Harry Anderson Cup in Sydney and the Club Banora Junior tournament in November, beating Dan Thorogood in the final. Awesome stuff Adam and Dan.

November Club Championships: Ray Wilcher and Cooper Thomson reached the final. Ray took out the final 278-202. Well done, Ray.

Far North Coast Billiards Championship: Ray Wilcher played in the final against Jim Bowers of Ballina. Ray led most of the match until he missed an easy cannon in the final minute and Jim managed to pot a last gasp red to win 208-204. Great stuff guys.

Final of the Club Championship handicap Billiards: A family affair with Jimmy and Cooper Thomson battling it out. Cooper led early but Jimmy eventually won 200-122.

QBSA QLD Masters: It came down to Robbie Chilcott and Darren Tayler in a hard-fought battle. After being 80 points down halfway through, Robbie managed to make some nice breaks and win 296-254. Special mentions to Des Turner and David Ross for their assistance throughout the day.

A Grade handicap Snooker final: Cooper Thomson and David Jones battled it out over best of 7 frames. Cooper was in good form and became our A grade handicap champion, winning 4-1.

November sponsored Sunday: Te'a Smith defeated David Ross in the main final; in the Consolation final, Brian Green defeated Ray Gocke.

Club Banora's final tournament is on Saturday 7 December, followed by our annual presentation dinner at 7pm NSW at Club Banora. Bryne Smith will be our MC and it should be a fun night.

On behalf of myself, Jimmy Thomson, the rest of our committee and all the players, we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year break. See you in 2025!

Grant



Billiards finalists Jimmy and Cooper Thomson



Sponsored Sunday Finalists Te'a Smith and David Ross



John Hudson with Juniors Adam Grunsell and Dan Thorogood



Cooper Thomson, referee Des Turner and Ray Wilcher

MENS BOWLS

Christmas is with us again. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our Christmas break starts on Wednesday 15 December and we return on Wednesday 8 January. Hoping you all have a nice break. We have had students from Banora High School playing bowls for their school sports and this will continue into December. The kids inform us that the best part is the ice blocks at the end of the game. We held a BBQ in the Golf area for the Wednesday bowlers - it was very hot for the cook. I would like to thank Rodger and the boys for looking after the greens. Thanks to Twin Towns Board, hope you have a great Christmas. See you next year!

Rosco

DIGGERS SWIMMING

We have been so lucky with the weather since moving to the Kingscliff Pool, making our Sunday races even more enjoyable. By now, you would have received email notification that our Christmas Party will be held from 11am NSW on Sunday 8 December at Club Banora. Members who are entitled to charge their meal to Diggers, please bring along a prize for the raffle table. Start planning ahead if you wish to compete in the Nationals on 15 March at Coffs Harbour. We had a great time when it was last held there, and several members have already booked their accommodation. I'll take this opportunity to wish all members, past and present, a lovely Christmas, and a happy, healthy 2025.

Bubbles

RSL SUB-BRANCH

There will be no members meeting in December. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Board would like to wish our members, 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 27 January at 12pm Qld. Office closure Christmas/New Year: The Sub-Branch office will be closed from 20 December 2024 and re-open for business on Monday 13 January 2025. The last morning tea for 2024 is Thursday 19 December and re-commences Thursday 6 February 2025. For urgent assistance during this period contact: 134 RSL (134 775) (8.30am-4.30pm, Monday-Friday); Open Arms (VVCS) 24-hour helpline 1800 011 046; Wounded Heroes Crisis ONLY number: 1300 532 112; Wounded Heroes General Enquiry 1300 853080.

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

SENIORS SOCIAL

We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope to see you all in the New Year. Happy Christmas to the Directors and staff at Twin Towns and many thanks for all the help during the year. The next meeting will be on Monday 17 February at 9am Qld /10am NSW in the Visions Room. The meeting will begin immediately after the bus passes are handed out. Selling at our meeting Monday 17 February is an Ipswich Historical Tour on Monday 24 February. Selling at our meeting and AGM on Monday 17 March is a day trip to Evans Head on Monday 24 March. All tickets are sold at our meeting, all trips start from Twin Towns and in the new year, will be Qld time. 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

Sleigh bells are ringing, the fat guy in the red suit is doing his HO HO's so Christmas is upon us. Our Vets are partying up on the 2nd, followed by the Ladies on the 12th, then the Men on the 14th and finally the Sunday funday on the 15th. Remember bookings are essential to allow for catering so if you've played your qualifying number of games (5), get your names in for the big (BIG) events. No official competitions will be played between 23 December and 5 January but as you know, you'll always be welcome out on the course and there may even be an event organised through the Pro Shop. On behalf of the Golf Committee, we wish everyone a happy and joyful Christmas. Take care on the roads and look after each other. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)



TRIATHLON

Milestones at the Triathlon Club: Twinnies Triathlon Club started in 1989 and our members are racing weekly on Saturdays until March 2025. So far this season, we've celebrated several milestones including Greg Freeman: 500 races, Matt Lance: 200 races, Liz Maddock: 100 races and Tim Eade (our president): 50 races. 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 wonderful sponsors this year - MCS Painting Services, Cricks Tweed, Kozii Swimwear, Oculus Group 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



Ollie Hughes with President Tim Eade, who marked 50 races in November

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. The winner of the November comp was Steve Lovegrove, 2nd was Garry Hawthorne and 3rd John Watkins. This year, the Fishing Club is going to celebrate its 30th year of existence. There will be a presentation night in December. In the Out of Comp Comp, there are six entries so far, so get out there and see what you can do. We would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you at the presentation night. Keep fishing, tight lines for all. For any enquiries call Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

RUNNERS & WALKERS

The start of summer will be another active month with most of our meets based on the coastal or river fringe to assist in keeping us cool. We are mindful of hydration so endeavour to seek water as often as we can. Wishing all our members and their families a wonderful New Year and Festive Season. We look forward to setting new goals for 2025 which is just around the corner. 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. New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am NSW at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sunday 7am NSW at various venues (on Facebook). All times are NSW. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo on 0414 590 940.

TENNIS

Due to the success of our murder mystery night, we are planning a second murder mystery night in six months' time. Look out for more information on our Facebook page or the Twin Towns Newsletter. The Tennis Club will have the following break-up over Christmas: Sunday mornings socials break up 4/12/24 returning 12/1/25; Wednesday men's 11/12/24 returning 15/1/25; Thursday mornings 12/12/24 returning 16/1/25; Thursday nights 12/12/24 returning 16/1/25. Our Club President and her committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families all the Joys and Peace of this Festive Season with Good Health and Happiness for 2025.

GARDEN

We send Seasonal Greetings to all our members and a special mention to the Twin Towns Management for their support throughout the year. Our November meeting was entertained by a happy demonstrator, Libby, with her terrariums. Making one of these could occupy some summer holiday time. Find a favourite piece of glassware you could repurpose into an indoor garden, start with a base of sphagnum moss, worm castings and a very open mix like perlite, vermiculite, scoria; add mini plants to create a mini rainforest in your container. Maybe add a small log and moss, maybe a tiny figurine or rock. Light spray weekly and a lid to hold in moisture. Libby will be attending one of our meetings next year conducting a workshop to guide us. Our December meeting is our end of year Christmas lunch at Club Banora. Happy Christmas everyone. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or mariaharry111@gmail.com



LADIES BOWLS

As the bowling season nears the end for 2024, we look forward to our Christmas breakup lunch. This will be held on Friday 13 December at 12 noon for 12.30pm NSW in the Community Room at Twin Towns. Dress: uniforms for bowlers, but no bowling. The last day of bowls will be Tuesday 17 December and restarts on Tuesday 28 January 2025. Our recent function, Patron's and Presentation Day BBQ lunch in the Club Banora Island House, was a success despite the stormy weather that week. Ross O'Leary and his friend Robert kindly offered to cook for us and produced MasterChef quality patties for burgers and kebabs. Patron Marie gave an interesting talk about the Club's beginning, with wonderful photos of the area. She also presented winners and runners-up prizes and badges in Consistency, Triples and Pairs, and the Club Champion Singles trophy, prize and badge to Sylvia.

Veronica



Ladies bowls winners and runners-up



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.

