

## GOLF

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope Santa brought you everything you wished for, and you are all ready to hit 2025 with gusto.

The year closed with some fantastic Christmas breakup days. The Vets had a great day, good food and a quiet imbibe to celebrate the season, all enjoyed by about 60 players.

Around 50 of the lady members enjoyed their breakup with a nice round of golf, good food and fun and frivolity back at the clubhouse.

Men's breakup got a bit damp for the golf game which saw a few teams seek the shelter of the clubhouse rather than take on the elements. We still had 19 teams complete the round and although a bit wet the day, it was very enjoyable.

Golf, pizza, drinks, lucky draw raffles and camaraderie, all for the \$10 comp fee. This day alone almost makes the membership worthwhile for the 100 players that entered.

Sunday mixed also had a great day and despite the rain the day before, got their round of golf in, followed by the get together back at the clubhouse. Once again there was food, drinks, raffles and fun.

Well done to each Captain and their committees for another round of great end-of-year functions.

If anyone is considering joining a golf club, Club Banora Golf Club should be on the top of the list. Although the course is a modified 9-hole course, it plays with an unexpected difficulty and the after-game friendliness of the club is unrivalled. New members are most welcome.

The Vets (over 55 years young) play Monday mornings, the Ladies play Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the Men play Wednesdays and Saturdays, the Sunday mixed (Ladies and Men) play Sundays mid-morning, the social members play early Sunday mornings and there is generally a winner takes all day on Fridays.

That should cover most requirements for anyone seeking a hit.

Once again on behalf of the golfing fraternity at Club Banora, we wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2025. See you out there.

**Brent McLennan (Pres)**



From left, Ken and Judy Mount, Brian and Marilyn Brown, Keith and Maren Cooper



Winners of our Ladies Xmas Competition - Kaye Mills, Pat Hodda, Thelma Roffey and Daphne Andersen



Men's Christmas Party



Life Members Max Jessop and Pauline Ryan

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

Office closure New Year: The Sub-Branch office re-opens for business on Monday 13 January 2025. The next Members monthly meeting is on Tuesday 28 January at 12pm Qld in the ANZAC Room. Please note it is on the Tuesday due to the Australia Day Public Holiday. Membership for 2025 is free for existing Sub-Branch members. Thursday Morning Tea: First morning tea for 2025 is on Thursday 5 February. There are no morning teas in January 2025. Members, partners and carers are welcome to come along to morning tea held every Thursday at 9.30am-11am Qld for a laugh and a chat. Advocates: Compensation and Welfare Advocates available Tuesday-Thursday by appointment. Sub-Branch Office hours are Monday-Friday 9am -12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email [admin@thc-rsl.org.au](mailto:admin@thc-rsl.org.au) Please visit our [website www.thc-rsl.org.au](http://www.thc-rsl.org.au) for up-to-date information.

**Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager**

## MENS BOWLS

Happy New Year to all! I hope you had a Merry Christmas and got plenty of presents. Men's Bowls had their Christmas break-up on 14 December and celebrated with a great meal in the Slice & Fork Restaurant at Club Banora. Congratulations on a job well done. We had a good turn up with 28 in attendance. Students from Banora High School came to play Lawn Bowls for their sport on 11 December but unfortunately the day was rained out. Hope you enjoy your break will see you back on Wednesday 8 January. Enjoy your bowls.

**Rosco**



From left, Doubles Champions Mark Baxter and Garry Millard with Men's Bowls president Terry Deecke



From left, Triples Champions Brian Bowden, Tom Williams, (Barry Curtis - absent), presented by Men's Bowls president Terry Deecke

## GARDEN

Our members send a Happy New Year to all other members and a special mention to Club Management for their support throughout 2024. December meeting was taken up with our Christmas Luncheon at Club Banora's Slice & Fork restaurant. Of course, we had a succulent pork or turkey dinner followed by dessert, tea or coffee and plenty of chat. Our 2025 meetings start on Tuesday 4 February. All members are welcomed back after a break and you can bring a friend too. Only \$5 for tea or coffee and biscuits plus enjoy browsing the plants, flowers and vegetables brought in by members. It's fun deciding on your favourite for the day in each section. Which section will you contribute to? Add to your diary that Tuesday 4 March will be our Annual General Meeting. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or [email mariaharry111@gmail.com](mailto:email.mariaharry111@gmail.com)

## SENIORS SOCIAL

We would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year. We hope to see you all in the New Year. The next meeting will be on Monday 17 February at 9am Qld/10am NSW in the Visions Room. A reminder that nomination forms for Committee positions will be handed out at the meeting. Please hand these into the Secretary on the day. Selling at the meeting will be an Ipswich Historical Tour on Monday 24 February. The meeting will begin immediately after the bus passes are handed out. Our next meeting on Monday 17 March is our AGM. At the meeting we will be selling a day trip on Monday 24 March through the Numinbah Valley, travelling east to Murwillumbah via the Natural Bridge to Pottsville Tavern. All trip tickets sold at our meeting, all trips start from Twin Towns and all times are Qld time. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 07 5523 4581; Welfare Officer Marie Holmes 0417 602 368; Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 07 5590 9301.



From left Committee Members Dorothy, Ricky, Michael, Maree, Thelma and Dot



Seniors Social Club members

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

Our Christmas lunch at Club Banora was enjoyed by 23 members. Naturally, since we no longer have a local 50 metre pool, our membership is down. However, our joining fee is also down - now just a mere \$5, provided you already hold membership of Twin Towns. If past members have not renewed, your \$5 is now due. Welcome back to Rob Green who is swimming with us again at Kingscliff after a long absence. Our next swim carnival is on Saturday 1 February at Somerset College Mudgeeraba, with entries to be in by 19 January. Secretary Bert has all the details. Nationals are always an exciting fast-paced meet, attracting many swimmers from all over. The 2025 titles are being held at Coffs Harbour on 15 March.

**Bubbles**

## RUNNERS & WALKERS

January 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. We are looking forward to our annual Australia Day Lunch near Seascope by Jack Evans Boat Harbour. This event is always a lot of fun with Aussie food/games and annual presentations included. Details will be on our Facebook page two weeks prior. 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 at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sundays 7am at various venues (on Facebook). Note all times are in DST. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.



Runners & Walkers Christmas lunch

## TENNIS

Our Christmas lunch was a great success with our friendly tennis community once again gathered for a fun event after social tennis. Members, non-members and friends of the tennis club celebrated Christmas and socialised in a pleasant environment. Ladies Competition: Our Banora Bandits beat Kingscliff Kites 34 games to 30 to win Div 2 Tweed District Ladies Tuesday Tennis Comp. Organised tennis will return on the following dates: Sunday morning socials 12 January; Wednesday men's 15 January; Thursday mornings 16 January; and Thursday nights 16 January. The Tennis Club would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!



Banora Bandits

## LADIES BOWLS

After a beautifully prepared Christmas lunch in the Community room at Twin Towns, bowlers and former players left with fond memories. We are looking forward to our first social gathering in 2025. Absent friends were acknowledged and wished well. Bowls will resume on Tuesday 28 January. The Secretary will attend a Cross Border Shield meeting in January at Kingscliff for final details before the first match at Tugun on Monday 28 March 2025.

*Veronica*



Ladies Bowlers Christmas lunch at Twin Towns

## BRIDGE

The Bridge Christmas get-together was split into two sessions, one for the Monday night group and one for the Monday and Friday daytime group. Teresa and Marge went to a lot of trouble to dress the table which looked great. The Bridge Club will be back up and running early January so players could visit family and friends over the yule period. The AGM will be held again in March to elect a new committee for the coming year. 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. For partners on the day, contact Teresa on 0437 666 046. Happy New Year.

*Valerie*

## EUCHRE

Our Euchre games are held at Club Banora on Thursdays nights at 6.30pm NSW in the screened off dining area. Games usually finish about 8.30pm NSW. Holidaymakers and new residents to the area will be made most welcome. If you need a few practice hands, just come along 15 minutes before we start. Fees to play are \$3 Members and \$4 non-members. There are prizes for 1st and 2nd plus Lucky Door prizes. Unfortunately, our President Pat Lesina and her husband Treasurer Nev Lesina who are both Life Members of Twin Towns have been unable to attend for most of the year due to health issues. We all wish them well and hope their health improves in the near future.

*Joker Judy*

## SNOOKER

Our club finished on a high note in December with our final tournament of the year and presentation night on 7 December. 22 players competed in the tournament, where Paul Norris took out the final over Tony Rea. Well done to Paul. Our presentation dinner followed with 60 guests. Bryne Smith did a wonderful job as MC for the night as he took us through the year of results and presented all our winners with their prizes. Well done to all our winners. Our final Grade Championships were decided December. David Ross kept his good form going, becoming the champion in both our George Hendrickson and B grade championships, beating young guns Luke Bofinger and Adam Grunsell respectively in the finals. Awesome stuff Dave! Our A grade scratch final saw Grant Schirmer against Jessica Woods. After a very close first 4 frames, it was Jessica who found her groove and pulled away to become champion. Well done Jess! 2025 is looking bigger and better already with plenty of Snooker locked in. Until next month. Happy cueing!

Grant



Grant Schirmer (referee), Adam Grunsell and David Ross

## SOCIAL GOLF

In 2024, our Club had a successful year by winning the Gibbys shield against Murwillumbah. Our little Club also won the Northern Rivers Shield, which we have not managed to do since 2017. Congratulations to all involved. A big thank you to Clint Dunn for hosting the Christmas party again. It was a great day with good food and fun had by all. Congratulations to Leigh Bradley for winning his first monthly medal in November. In wrapping up 2024, I would like to thank all committee members who have assisted me throughout the year and a big thanks to all at Twin Towns for their guidance and assistance. Important dates coming up are 19 January which will be our 18-hole Foursomes Championship. There will also be a 2 person Ambrose on 26 January. Hit em long and straight.

Will



Northern Rivers Champions

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STEAK**

WEDNESDAY

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