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SNOOKER

There were a lot of unfamiliar faces at Club Banora during the NRL long weekend as our Club hosted our biggest Snooker tournament of the year, the Eamon Duff Twin Towns Classic.

Fifty-six players, along with their families and friends, descended on the club over the course of the weekend from as far away as Tamworth, Gympie and even the Illawarra district in Southern NSW.

We saw a great standard of snooker across the three days and after 136 hard fought frames, it came down to our finalists Phil Haycock of Brisbane vs Amir Bageritabrizi of Tamworth.

It was Amir's first entry into our tournament, and can I say what a gentleman he was, assisting where he could in preparing tables and refereeing matches off his own accord. Not only that but he proved to be our 2026 champion, defeating some very good players along the way. This includes the two-time winner Joshua Hands in the 3rd round and Phil in the final, 3 frames to 1.

In the consolation final, Graham Clarkson of Brisbane defeated Bill Horner of Gympie in a match that came down to the final black. Well done guys!

Special thanks to the management and staff at Club Banora for allowing us early entry to get the days underway. As always, without our secretary Jimmy Thomson, our snooker committee, our members, and, of course, the players, this fantastic weekend which really puts our Club in the spotlight would not be able to be held.

Also in October news, another State title for Cooper Thomson, retaining his U21 Billiards title in Sydney. Well done Coop!

In our Monthly Sponsored Sunday competition, 17 players competed and it was Byrne Smith who swept all before him including myself in the final to be our September champ. Well done, Byrne.

October sees the Billiards season kick off with our Club hosting some big tournaments, culminating in the Qld Masters which I'll report on next month.

Club Banora Snooker word of the month 'JACKY'. Meaning: to hit one red onto another and put it in the pocket. Until November, Happy Cueing!

Grant

Referees and players, Amir Bageritabrizi, Des Turner OAM, Byrne Smith and Phil Haycock

Consolation finalists, Graham Clarkson and Bill Horner

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The next member's meeting will be held Monday 30 November at 12pm Qld in the RSL ANZAC Room. Remembrance Day: Service of Remembrance on 11 November will be held at 10.45am NSW at Chris Cunningham Park, Wharf St, Tweed Heads and 10.45am Qld Wreath Laying Service, Queen Elizabeth II Park, Marine Pde, Coolangatta. Remembrance Day Luncheon, 12pm Qld at Twin Towns Services Club for Sub-Branch Members and partner/carer. Tickets $25 per person and must be pre-purchased at the Sub-Branch office or by phone. Every Thursday from 9.30am -11am Qld, drop in for a free morning tea, a chat and a few laughs. Please note the Sub-Branch office runs on Qld time. Trained advocates are available by appointment. RSL Sub-Branch office hours Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

TENNIS

It is wonderful to see our tennis club growing with several new players joining us recently. We are very happy to welcome them and look forward to plenty of tennis and socialising together. With warmer weather arriving, now is a great time to get on court and get ready for the summer tennis season. Non-members are welcome to join us for their first Sunday session free where we supply you with a tennis racket. All skill and fitness levels are welcome from beginners to experienced players. Our members are looking forward to welcoming guests and new members to enjoy a friendly game of tennis and meet new people. We also have regular social events, including our popular Trivia Nights and Murder Mystery Nights, providing plenty of opportunities to get together and have fun. Come along on Sunday morning and give tennis a try.

Katarina

MEN'S BOWLS

Only two more months to go until 2026 ends. Another year gone. Twin Towns Men's Bowls Championships have finished and all results will be in next month's edition. Pacific High School is planning some games for their students before Christmas. Men's Bowls planned BBQ for this month have been postponed to a later date new dates to be announced. Enjoy your bowls and the fresh air.

Rosco

GARDEN

Here at Club Banora Garden Club, Spring has certainly sprung. On 26 September, 31 of us had a wonderful day travelling by bus to Mt Tamborine. We visited six stunning gardens as part of the Springtime on the Mountain Open Gardens Event. We wandered around the private gardens and admired the wide variety of plants. There was a regenerated rainforest, lots of formal vegetable beds, a sculptural exhibition and plant stalls for some bargains. Wow! What a wonderful, exhausting day. At our October meeting, we had a Propagation Workshop run by our own members, Coral, Gwen, Kay and Greg. They demonstrated some aspects of propagation - stem segmenting, layering, division and seed-raising mixes. As 'all plants want to reproduce, it is up to us gardeners to help them along! Benching was well supported and Best in Show was Shona McKeown with her beautiful rose. We now look forward to our next meeting, Tuesday 10 November, which will include a Show and Tell. Members will show and share their favourite plants. See you there.

Rhonda

SENIORS SOCIAL

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 9am Qld/10am NSW in the Visions Room; our next meeting will be Monday 9 November. Our trip will be on the 23 November to Pimpama City Tavern for lunch. All tickets will be sold at the meeting on 9 November. We will also be selling tickets for our Christmas Luncheon on 7 December. This will be our last gathering for the year. You must be at the meeting to purchase tickets. We welcome new members who are looking for a social outing and a chance to meet new people. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. President Maree Mortimer 07 5590 9301; Membership Officer Faye Wilson 07 5524 9043; Welfare Marie Holmes 0417 602 368; Tour & Social Organiser Cherry Symans 0413 397 306.

DIGGERS SWIMMING

Below are some of our male members posing for the camera at Kingscliff 25 metre pool where we swim every Sunday morning at 8am NSW, and follow the exertion with coffee and sweet treats. I hope you've marked Sunday 6 December on your calendar, as that is the day when we'll be holding our Christmas party/lunch at Club Banora. As usual, financial members are requested to bring a gift to the value of $10 for the raffle. These days, we are a small club, and the raffle is our major fund raiser for the year.

Bubbles

Diggers Swimming members from left Paul, Mark, Bert, Rob, Neil and Brent

EUCHRE

Our games are held every Thursday night commencing at 6.30pm NSW. We play in the screened off dining area at Club Banora. Holiday makers and new residents to the area are most welcome to come along and join our happy group of players. Fees to play are $3 for members and $4 non-members and there are prizes for the winner and runner-up, as well as one or two Lucky Door prizes, depending on number of players.

Joker Judy

RUNNERS & WALKERS

We had a successful weekend at the October GC50 with our members both competing and volunteering. Congratulations to those who participated in the events and a huge thank you to those who volunteered. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year. Our Christmas lunch will be held on Saturday 28 November, 12noon Qld/1pm NSW. Weather permitting, it will be on the balcony. 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 always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am NSW at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sunday 7am NSW at various venues. Note, we operate on NSW time. Enquiries to Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

GOLF

November 2026 is winding down. Just the Christmas parties to do to wrap up the season and we can start afresh in 2027. October saw the end of the honour boards season on a fantastic course. The Ladies championships were played, and Alison Blair is the 2026 Ladies champion from Viv Sulejmani. Division 2 saw Dianne Hughes as the winner from Kathryn Cotsell. The men's foursomes were also played with the club champs being 'The Guns' of Patrick Tregellas and Gary Dowding. Division 2 winners were Jim Storey and Jim Wood on a 'play off of sorts' from Max and Mark Jessop. The big Sunday event of 'Beauty vs The Beast' saw the beauties overcome the beasts for a win and now make the series 2 all. Well done to all the winners and all of our members who have a go. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

TRIATHLON

Our 2026/2027 season began in late September. Race 3 was our Remembrance race. We are very grateful for Doug O'Neill's insight to evolve TTTC with a few mates in 1989. Congratulations to our 2025/2026 club champions Olly and Tahlia Hughes. We welcomed our new committee Olly Hughes President, Wendy Wise Secretary, Katrina Miller Treasurer, Josh Horsley, Tahlia Hughes, Kipp Freeman, Virginia Freeman, Mark Collinson, Ben Wilkes and Rod Wilkes. Congratulations to Tracy Foyster, 1st place Sunshine Coast Ironman 60-64 age group and Mark Collinson achieving his 150-race milestone. If you are interested in participating in your first TTTC triathlon, your first race is free. We set up by 5.30am NSW at the Tweed Heads Aquatic Centre and our weekly events include Sprint, Tempta and AquaBike. We also have Long Distance and Palindrome races during the season. Go to twintownstriathlon.org.au for more information. Thank you to our weekly marshals. Best wishes for our triathletes participating in the Noosa Triathlon. Our Xmas function is at Club Banora and children are welcome.

FISHING

Love fishing, good company and a bit of friendly banter? Then Twin Towns Services Fishing Club could be the club for you! Our club is as much about socialising as it is about fishing, with couples and individuals enjoying the chance to get together, swap fishing stories, share a sausage sizzle and a few laughs. We were lucky with the weather at our latest BBQ and weigh-in, with the rain holding off long enough to weigh the catches and enjoy lunch. It was great to welcome Roy and Pam back after their recent illnesses. Great to see you both again! Steve Lovegrove claimed first place with an impressive catch of 10 bream and a flathead. Congratulations also to Jim and Helen Meakins, who won the raffle and a $50 voucher to spend at Twin Towns. We're still looking for someone to take on the role of Club Secretary so if you're interested, we'd love to hear from you. You don't have to be an experienced angler to join our club. We welcome anyone with an interest in recreational fishing, whether you're keen to cast a line or simply enjoy the social side of things. With competitions held every month, there's always a good reason to come along and see what's been biting. Everyone is welcome! Until next time, tight lines and happy fishing! For enquiries, contact Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy

BRIDGE

Bridge is held every Mondays from 12pm-4pm NSW and Monday evenings from 6pm-9pm NSW and Fridays from 12pm-4pm NSW in the Hideaway lounge adjacent to the Pro Shop at Club Banora. We hold free dinners for members from time to time throughout the year. The Club is ABF affiliated and pays the affiliation fees for its members. We welcome any players, whether expert or social. If you would like to learn to play, simply contact the Club. Our partner arranger is Dee Davidson, who can be contacted on 0423 356 417. Our website is https://twintowns.bridgeaustralia.org

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TWIN TOWNS GIVES YOU THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT ONE OF THEIR SOCIAL GET-TOGETHERS.

STITCH & SMILE CLUB

First & third Wednesday of the month, 10.30am to 11.30am Qld, Flame, Level 1, Twin Towns

Bring your latest handcrafts and share with the group or just come along for a chat and a cuppa with friends.

THE BOARD GAMERS

Second & fourth Wednesday of the month, 10.45am to 12pm Qld, Signatures, Lobby Level, The Sebel Twin Towns

It's game on at this entertaining get-together. Play one of your favourites or try something new.

FREE FUN BINGO AT CLUB BANORA

Every Thursday from 11am NSW, Banora Lounge

Fun Bingo is not about winning, it's about walking away with a 'winning feeling' because you've had the best time! (Cancelled Thursday 12 November.)

AGEING WELL

First Monday of the month, 10am NSW, Club Banora. Morning tea and educational sessions from 10.30am NSW.

Don't let ageing stop you from doing what you love! This group features guest speakers who share information on physical challenges, cognitive impairment and age-related problems.

Click here for more information.