

Twin Towns Snooker Club
Annual General Meeting 13th March 2023
President's Report



I would like to express the appreciation of the Snooker Club to the Board of Twin Towns Services Club for their support during the year. As always, they have readily assisted whenever requested and this is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the management and staff of Club Banora, they have also been supportive of our Club and must be commended.

At the start of 2022 season, the committee were looking at ways of increasing our membership numbers and just by engaging in conversation with people that were playing and interested, along with our efforts with the juniors, the membership increased from 72 members and 2 juniors in March to 81 members and 11 juniors in December.

We said that a junior tournament would be underway by mid-year. This was accomplished thanks to Peter Campbell and other members of our club. I must congratulate our juniors who I think have improved immensely under the guidance of Peter, they have shown respect to the game of snooker, they have shown great mannerism and politeness around the table, but most of all shown integrity and honesty to all players.

Banora had 5 junior players represent the club in Albury for the Australian national Championships. Congratulations to Luke Bofinger, Christiano De Azevedo, Cooper Thomson, Odern Boyer, and Adam Grunsell. Young Adam was awarded with the Sportsperson award for his honesty in calling a foul on himself in his very first match.

Christiano and Cooper also entered the World junior snooker championship 2023 being held at Mounties in Sydney and that they were both very impressive in their games. Congratulations to Cooper who came in the top 16 players an awesome achievement.

Banora club are also proud to have Jessica Woods as a member and she managed to win the Women's Australian Nationals for an incredible 7th time. Jessica also entered into the Ladies world snooker championship along with Tea Smith, well done to both of you.

We made a commitment that all of the annual tournaments would be completed by the end of the year and this was accomplished along with an extra Eamonn Duff tournament, which had to be reorganised from 2021 due to NSW government policies. Many thanks to Peter Campbell, our Eamonn Duff ambassador, who arranges for all of our sponsors for the event.

The snooker club proudly supports the Far North Coast Snooker Association as well as the Queensland Billiards & Snooker Association with some of their tournaments. We entered a team into the FNCSA team's event and came out as champions. We also reintroduced the Queensland Masters Billiards Championship which we hope will be a regular feature in our calendar.

Many thanks to our secretary Jimmy Thomson who just continues to have everything organised and his outstanding skills are really appreciated. Jimmy and his son Cooper are our tournament directors on a Sunday and we all appreciate this.

Thanks to Nev Robinson and Len Caccioppoli for being tournament directors on all Tuesday and Thursday comps. We all appreciate what you do.

Nev has also taken over our treasurer director position from Mitch Gorrick who moved away during the year.

Thank you to Grant Schirmer who provides the main club with all of our monthly news and is on the handicap committee.

Jess Woods, thank you for your efforts throughout the year, with your input on handicapping, assisting with tournament directing on Sunday comps and helping the upkeep of the tables.

Thank you to Davy Jones in his role as membership director by informing all members by email when their membership was due, Davy also assists with tournament directing on a Tuesday/Thursday.

I would like to express my gratitude to Terry Malone who is dedicated to looking after the Tables throughout the year and they are always impeccable.

Des Turner for his assistance and Refereeing along with Bryne Smith keeping us all in line with their knowledge of the rules of snooker also I can never leave out Brian Green who always makes himself available. Thank you.

Most of all thank you to all of our players who either play in our competitions or play social throughout the year, without your support we would have no club.

Happy snookering

Mark Johnson

President