

## Members Update – Christmas 2019

### 1/ Mid Week Tournament Results

The Tues/Thurs mid week tournaments up to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were won by the following players. Len Caccioppoli, Chris Deazevedo, Bryne Smith, Nev Robinson, Jimmy Thomson, Joe Caridi & Kane Woolway.

The Max 30 comps were won by Austin Taylor, Graham Wilson & Jimmy Thomson.

**The midweek competitions will recommence on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. “Porfavor” note the date. *For those not up with Spanish, porfavor means “please” . I thought this may get your attention.***

### 2/ Breaks

We encourage members to record their breaks in all competition matches. This includes any competition sanctioned by any of the Australian or State bodies, FNCSA and regional tournaments as well as inter-club visits. The level is at their discretion, the A graders may set a higher mark, the C graders happy with a much lower one, it is all up to the player. The following are the breaks recorded to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Adam Brown	22 21
Simon Beattie	38
Paul Beggs	38 36 24
Len Caccioppoli	25 (2) 21
Peter Campbell	22
Joe Caridi	18 17
Ryan Cretan	44 41

Chris Deazevedo	22 (2) 20 (2) 19 (2) 18 (3) 14
Dave Dern	47 34
Ted Fairman	14
Fullerton Megan	37
Ray Gocke	22
Brian Green	40 38
Nick Hanlin	25 (2) 22 21
George Johnson	32
Mark Johnson	27 (2)
Dave Jones	26
Harry Mahia	22 20
Jack Malone	24 22 (2)
Terry Malone	31 (2) 27 20 (2)
Greg McConochie	22
Bob Morton	35 25 24
Jon Prendergast	22
Brendan Rippingale	27
Nev Robinson	24
Wayne Russell	13 11
Bryne Smith	39 34 31 30 27
Rod Smith	27 (3) 22
Austin Taylor	44 42 41 33 32 31 30 29 24
John Themelkos	44 28
Paul Thomas	22 (2)
Cooper Thomson	18
Jimmy Thomson	62 41(2) 40 39 (3) 36 35 34 32 31(2) 28 27 (2)
Des Turner	35 34 (2) 30 27 25 24 21
Chris Wainwright	40
Adam Waller	56 45 37
Ray Wilcher	43 42 35 (2) 32 25
Jess Woods	87 62 60 56 51 50 (2) 49 47 31 (2)

Winners –

- A Grade      Jess Woods 87
- B Grade      John Themelkos 44
- C Grade      George Johnson 32

Aim at raising your personal bar and you will get there.

### **3/ A Grade Club Championship Final.**

The Club A Grade Scratch Championship was played between Ray Wilcher & Jess Woods on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

In a very close encounter Ray defeated Jess 4 -2. The scores were 3-2 in favour of Ray in the 6<sup>th</sup> frame. Jess was leading comfortably on the blue with Ray needing two snookers then the three colours. He achieved one very good snooker then sunk the blue but Jess still held the whip hand.

She was playing a soft safety shot down the table onto the pink when it inexplicably rolled off line, a hand or chalk mark? A foul shot and Ray took the advantage, as cool as the tip of an Eskimo's nose he dropped the pink and black and won 4-2. It was a very good final.

Semi-finalists were Megan Fullerton & Dave Dern. Quarter-finalists were Austin Taylor, Jon Prendergast, Simon Beattie & Dave Jones.

Congratulations to both Ray & Jess on a fine season. Thanks to Des Turner and Secretary Jimmy for sharing the refereeing duties for the match.



*Ray Wilcher, Des Turner OAM & Jessica Woods*

#### **4/ B Grade Club Championship Final.**

This final was played between Dave Jones and Des Turner. Des has won a few of these over the years but the day was not to be his. Dave continued his run of fine form and defeated Des 4-0.

Semi-finalists were Peter Cambell & Brendan Rippingale. Quarter-finalists were Mark Johnson, Terry Malone, Harry Mahia & Tony Hill.

Congratulations to Dave on his first championship success at Twin Towns Snooker and well done to Des for making the final. Thanks again to Secretary Jimmy for refereeing this final, he had a long day, refereeing both A & B Grade finals.



*Des Turner & Dave Jones*

## **5/ George Hendrickson Club Handicap Championship Final**

This final was played between Cooper Thomson and Paul Thomas. Paul prevailed winning 4-2 but it was a close match as each frame was keenly contested. Paul actually saved his best for last as he played exceptionally good snooker on the day, rarely missing a routine pot or snooker escape. He needed to as Cooper made him work hard, pulling out some great recovery shots to remain in contention.

It was pleasing to see George Hendrickson in attendance and he had the photo with the finalists, next page. George was a very strong stalwart of the Club hence the tournament named in his honour.

Semi-finalists were Mark Johnson & Brian Green. Quarter-finalists were Ryan Cretan, Jack Malone, Peter Campbell & Mitch Gorrick.

Congratulations to Paul and well done to Cooper in his first full season of competition. I had the pleasure of refereeing this match.



*Paul Thomas, George Hendrickson & Cooper Thomson*

## **6/ Club Billiards Championship**

The Championship final was played by Austin Taylor and Gary Davis. Austin got off to a flyer and established a reasonable gap in score. Gary then settled into his rhythm, played very good billiards and maintained pace with Austin but could not make up the leeway. Scores 301 – 229.

Semi-finalists were Jimmy Thomson & Lance Baker.

Austin was a worthy winner and congratulations to him. He is a keen devotee of billiards and has made the effort to coach juniors on the game. A well done to Gary as well, he is also a very keen billiards enthusiast. A thank you to Ryan Cretan who refereed the final.



*Austin Taylor & Gary Davis*

*(I have no idea why this photo is so small)*

## **7/ Snookered in Billiards – Hey?**

Whilst on billiards, a most unusual scenario occurred during the recent QBSA Masters Championship hosted by Twin Towns Snooker Club. As all billiards enthusiasts will tell you, how do you become snookered in billiards?

What transpired was as follows, referee Bryne Smith. Garvin Gray was playing Chee Yap in the final and Garvin played a non-scoring shot so his turn ended and his ball nestled into the

bottom yellow corner against the curve. Chee could have potted Garvin's ball for two points and then would have scored no more as the red was in a very difficult position to pot or go in off.

What Chee did was to play the red and cue ball down the left side of the table towards baulk with the angle placed so that Garvin had to try and hit a ball indirectly ie off the cushion. He couldn't strike them in a direct line due to the curve blocking his shot. He was therefore snookered. A rarity in billiards.

Garvin missed his attempt, a foul called, the balls re-set and Chee went on his merry way, eventually winning the championship.

A snooker can only really occur in the example above which is as rare as hen's teeth. Having said that, Austin Taylor had a similar experience in a recent tournament in Queensland.

I suppose if you hang around long enough, you will see just about everything that is possible on a billiard table.

### **8/ Christmas Tournament – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

A strong field of 28 starters including 4 juniors attended for the tournament. A feature of the tournament was the easy manner in which it was run, the digital screens with match order are working exceptionally well and a credit to Jimmy Thomson for implementing the system. The players have been generous in their praise for the new system, another step forward for the Club.

The winner of the day was Jess Woods defeating junior Kane Woolway in the final. Semi-finalists were Paul Beggs & Bob Morton. Quarter-finalists were Darren Harris, Gary Davis, Dave Jones & Chris Deazevedo.

Consolation Final was won by Harry Mahia def Nev Robinson. Semi-finalists were Ted Fairman & Nero Hanna. Highest scratch break and handicap break both went to Jessica Woods with a break of 60.

Another great tournament.

### **9/ Christmas Presentation Night - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

A very good roll up of members and their guests totalling over 70 attended the Club's Presentation Night and Christmas Party. This is the largest attendance we have had since we reverted back to the three tables, a great show of support for the Club.

Special guest was Twin Towns Board Chairman, Mike Fraser and Life Members Des Turner OAM & Bryne Smith.

The various prizes were announced and distributed and a great night was had by all. A hardy band continued on until those fateful words were uttered, "last drinks please".

A very good finale to our 2019 season and thanks to all those members and their guests who supported the Club with their attendance.

### **10/ Juniors Contesting the NSW Junior Championships**

As advised to members last week, the Twin Towns Snooker Club was represented at the 2019 NSW Junior Championships - Under 18's held last weekend in Hornsby by Chris Deazevedo, Cooper Thomson and Kane Woolway.

The lads have been part of our junior development program for the last two seasons and members would have noted their progress in the Club's competitions. They were very keen to

contest the championships and performed admirably, punching way above their weight as they were giving away a great deal of experience and age to most of their opposition.

Chris and Cooper tied for fourth spot with Cooper winning on a count back to contest the finals. As a result of their performance, both have been selected in the NSW Teams Event at the Australian Junior Championships in Albury, January 2020. Kane also performed well but missed the cut off.

The players were very fortunate to have support from the Twin Towns Services Community Funding Board to assist with the cost of attending the Championships held last weekend in Hornsby. A message of appreciation for their support of the juniors has been forwarded to the Board.

The Club will be continuing its junior development program again in 2020 along the same lines as in 2019. That is Friday evenings from 5.30 pm NSW time and a dedicated 8 week course July – Sept. Any member interested in lending a hand would be most welcome.

With the success of the lads in Sydney, what a positive way for us to conclude the 2019 snooker season.



*Kane Woolway, Cooper Thomson & Chris Deazevedo*

## **Finale**

In conclusion, it has been a very big year for the Snooker Club. Apart from the existing events we added two inter-club visits, Ballina & Casino plus two new tournaments, 6 Red and a Cricket tournament.

That makes approx. 40 Sunday events (Sponsored Sundays, inter-club, Eamonn Duff, championship events & finals day, teams comp finals day, FNCSA & QBSA events), allow tournaments each Tues/Wed/Thurs, juniors Friday and you can see just how busy it has been. A very good problem to have.

Thank you to the members for the level of support received to make these events possible.

To those that have lost loved ones during 2019 or suffered adversity, may 2020 be the light ahead.

I extend best wishes to all members and players for a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, enjoy the break, keep safe and we will be back in action in January.

Peter Campbell  
President