

# Play the Table

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## Editorial:

August already, it has most definitely been Pool playing weather & by Jingo's has there been plenty of that for the Premier Social & All Star Players. First up though we had our Mid Year Presentation Party with a free night of Pool, a free \$25 Drink Card & Supper for all leagues finishing in the first half of the year. A great party was had by all & Congratulations to all of the Team & Singles Champions & better luck to those who on the podiums for next season. Then it was Challenge time & we tackled Billy Weston's in the return Challenge at Billy's and again the Billy's crew were too strong beating us for the third time. The next Billy's Challenge is at Miss Q's in October and hopefully we will take our first win then. Next up the All Stars had their Guest Coaching Clinic with Dan Whitehorn & Az, the All Stars took plenty away from their Cue/Table maintenance & Game rules session & a big thanks goes to Uncle Dan & Azza for their input. The Main event this issue is the news of the first ever All Stars Challenge, with Peter & Az pitting the Premier All Stars against Adrian Lancaster & the Geraldton All Stars. After much hype & excitement leading up to the event, there were no disappointments. The last weekend in July saw 34 amazing players share their passion for the game of 8 Ball in a truly spectacular Challenge Match. Sincere thanks & congratulations to Adrian & his formidable team for accepting our Challenge and coming all the way from Geraldton to set the standard. And a massive result for our first time Premier All Stars who gave it their all and made us most proud of their efforts. Everyone had a great time & learnt some valuable lessons from the experience. We look forward to seeing our improvements next Challenge in Geraldton next February. On the home front this month we have Gossies coming to town in an effort to take their third consecutive win off us & to see Antonio wax his chest hehehe... I have a feeling though that with all the match play we have been getting it will be an uphill battle for the visitors. So Leaguies the mission this month in... SAVE Antonio's Hairs! Come to qualifying on Sat Aug 15th to be a part of this exciting event. On a social note Congratulations to Michelle Elkin who proposed to her beloved Clint Salter, who accepted. A great read ahead this month enjoy.

Happy Potting  
Kez



## Cash Comp Champs



L-R: All Stars Challenge Cash Comp Champs Adrian Lancaster & Runner Up Luke Foster, both players representing the Mighty Geraldton Team

## Inaugural ALL STARS Challenge

It has been on one hell of a ride over the last couple of months for everyone involved with the Premier All Stars "Project". There has been plenty of intensive coaching & training some bought about by Guest Coaches & some self inflicted, but nonetheless there has been plenty going on. The results are visible for all to see on any table where an All Star wages battle against another. Having trained some over the last few weeks it was time to put practice, well, into



the visiting Crack Cueist's from Geraldton. The Geraldton All Stars Team was stocked with many competent players intent on making friends, having fun & systematically crushing the dreams & aspirations of our home grown Premier All Stars. The team line up for Geraldton went as follows, Adrian Lancaster (Captain), Keith Bastion, Scott Maluish, Carl Wilton, Adele Mills, Nigel Sumner, Lauren Sumner, Jacob Sumner, Jayson Kelly, Carlos Flynn, Brett Marendaz, Ken Ryder, Luke Foster & Charlie Rewiti. Both sides now with their sides selected wait patiently for the coming match-play, Friday night saw the Geraldton team arrive after a very long drive to Mandurah to find The Premier All Stars waiting in welcome after having arrived earlier to collect our match uniforms for the following day. A few frames/ beers later and it was time to call it a day.

Match-play day, saw a 10am brekkie of bacon and eggs followed by an 11am start to matches, two frames against each opponent and for the first few rounds Mandurah took wins thick and fast before Geraldton hit their stride around mid afternoon and convincingly took the lead with a few rounds in succession devastating the score-line in the away teams favour. By the end of day Geraldton finishing with an impressive lead 233 frames to 159 for Mandurah. After presentation where the Geraldton team were presented with medals and Nigel Sumner took the player of the match after having only lost a couple of frames all day, and food an open knockout comp took over the tables for the remainder of the evening and late into the night with Adrian

Lancaster & Luke Foster both from Geraldton eventual 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> with our very own Evan Ray placing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All things said and done Premiers All Stars Team put on an impressive show for their

first challenge against a worthy opponent, I believe both sides are to be commended for their commitment and sportsmanship which was in my opinion second to none. While I'm thanking and recognising people I'd like to draw attention to a few others. Firstly Peter

Raines who has been largely been responsible for making all this happen, and Adrian Lancaster from Geraldton for coordinating everything so completely from his end. All Stars Jabba, Ray, Bulldog & Stewie you guys rock thanks for all your help on the day, greatly appreciated and finally Dan Whitehorn thanks for your help with the coaching and making the All Stars match ready in regards to the rules of our game. - Az



Geraldton's Nigel Sumner, Player of the Challenge



Adrian Lancaster Geraldton All Stars Team Captain collects the Champions Perpetual Challenge Cup

# Premier ALL STARS



Inaugural All Stars Challenge Held at Miss Q's on July 25th 2009 - The All Stars Challenge Teams - Left in Grey & Black the Geraldton All Stars & Right in Black & Gold the Premier All Stars

## MEN'S TEAM WRITE UP

The Men's team decided to put their own spin on it and this is what we got.

### Geraldton Challenge - Through the eyes of Rob

I started out on the 'bench' but got the best view of the opposition's playing styles as a spectator.. There was a serious vibe in the air between the two teams

my first match came around 10am, which I won. I think the guy I played was just warming up as he beat me quite comfortably in the second. My second

match was almost identical to my first, with me taking the first and him

taking the second. The match play was awesome and there was plenty of good frames all day as I played more frames throughout the day, It has been a little while since I played association and the level of players like the Geraldton team but it was good to see (for myself) that I can still rise to the challenge. Overall, I'm a little annoyed at myself for not playing as well as I can do - but it sets the bar for next challenge, when hopefully I'll be taking games 2 nil for a change! Certainly looking forward to it. Rob Stewart

### All Stars update through eyes of Damien Stenhouse ( aka Toothy)

Hey all, as part of the Premier All Stars team I have experienced coaching sessions from Jack Halligan and a maintenance and rules session from Azza and Dan, I learnt a lot from Jack Halligan with use of back spin and other areas and Azza showed me how to maintain pool tables and re-tip cues and Dan on a rules demo, after all of our coaching and practice I feel I have improved my game and in our first challenge against Geraldton I played well and I took my fair share of frames, it was a very enjoyable day with fantastic sportsmanship by every player, Damien Stenhouse

### By all the rest of the Men,

We have all been taught a lot in the past weeks. From an intensive coaching clinic with Jack Halligan covering some very important areas of our game, to how to go about maintaining the tables, & of course how best to treat to main tool of our game (Our Cues) by Azza, then of course, learnt a lot of different game rulings & how to play under the supervision of Referees, & even touched briefly

on how to ref ourselves, all under the watchful eye of Dan "The Man" Whitehorn. Competitive by nature we men felt ready to suffer some heavy duty competition and so on the last Saturday in July 2009 we gave it our all against a fierce Geraldton team and we agreed that the level of play was top notch, although we went well in the early rounds even taking the lead for a while, the depth of experience shown in the Geraldton Team indicates that we still have a lot more to learn in many different areas of our game if we wish to topple them in the next All Stars Challenge in Geraldton next February. We are all steadily improving in our games through regular practice and coaching and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead and plenty more coaching in the months to come. Bring on all challengers, we will be more ready next time and we will win.

## JUNIORS TEAM WRITE UP

Through the eyes of -Juniors-

Challenge day- e had to be at Miss Q's by 9pm Friday Night for our team uniform presentation and us juniors agreed they were cool uniforms and looked good, after that we welcomed the Geraldton players to Miss Q's and we shook hands and introduced ourselves with the players, we then got to have some fun and play pool against all the players and each other. Later on the Geraldton team had to go home and sleep before the match as they had been driving for a long way. Stewie was down bright and early Saturday morning at 8am helping the men sort out the pool tables so they were good for match-play, the rest of us were there before 10am in time for a bacon and eggs brekkie cooked by some of the men. We started match play at 11am and played until 7pm, as a group we performed well and there was some close games during the day with it being a long day, there was really intense match-play with the Geraldton team and I think with a little more experience and training we will all be able to step up next time, we are all getting better through All Stars with table time and practice and we like the coaching because we like learning new things. Every practice day we are given drills to complete by Aaron and some of the men come and help out with our practice drills like Peter, Evan, Bulldog, Jarrad, and Damo. We like the All Stars and can't

wait to get better. From juniors

## LADIES TEAM WRITE UP

For the last month the ladies from the All Stars Team have been put through our paces after the coaching with Jack Halligan. We have been playing a doubles round robin format every Sunday, we all have been placed with one of the guys so we can learn but hopefully also teach them a thing or two. Not only does this Doubles round robin give us confidence it has prepared us for the Premier All Stars versus the Geraldton All Stars Challenge. This competition was very exciting as it was a different type of challenge for what we are usually accustomed to with the Miss Q's challenges. This Match play event made us realise how tough the game of 8Ball can be and how you must take every advantage you have to win the game. This event was also a chance to learn from the best and Adrian Lancaster (one example) is a genius in this area, his knowledge of the game amazed and pleased many who played against, or watched him. Nigel Sumner was another fine player he is very talented and proved it by taking out the Player of the Match Award. Thank you to the Geraldton team for coming down and we can't wait till next year to visit you.

Training with Dan

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July we had "The" Dan Whitehorn came in to teach us the rules of world 8 ball from a referee perspective. Dan gave great advice about how to conduct ourselves at a tournament. It was also great to know about what to expect when playing with adjudicators, we then played a while being adjudicator for me it was the first time. It was a bit daunting at first when 30 seconds is called although it is enough time to play the shot. It was a great experience and we all greatly appreciated your time and advice Dan, Thank You. That same day we learnt how re-tip our cues which is good in case we are away and the tip needs replacing. We also learnt how to iron the table in the correct way to understand how we can affect the speed of the table.

### Through the eyes of Beth Strange

Being one of the 1<sup>st</sup> All Stars has been an exciting adventure so far. There have been many ups, downs and learning curves for all of us. To start it off we received an official presentation where we got our training uniform and name badge. Then came the training session with guest coach the one and only Jack Halligan! This was a great advantage to all players as we all heard some vital advice that will stay lodged in our heads as the year progresses. Throughout training sessions we learnt table maintenance with Az and we learnt how to look after our cues and re-tip them. Along the way we also had Dan teach us how to play with adjudicators and rely on the rules of 8 ball as an advantage. Then of course there are the training drills that we do every Sunday that are crucial if you going to strive for excellence in the game.

The Geraldton Crew travelled to Mandurah for our 1<sup>st</sup> challenge match. The day was exciting and exhilarating as we put what we had learnt into practice and had a really great day. They are a great bunch of people and if you ever get chance to play them have fun and take constructive criticism positively. You will learn so much from them, so on behalf of the ladies, thanks for some great matches Geraldton!

So far my experience being an All Star is a fantastic opportunity for me to progress in the game of 8 ball and strongly advise that anyone interested in being apart of this fantastic team try out in 2010 because it is an experience that you will never regret! -Beth Strange

# Premier Academy of Cue Sports



Premier All Stars Captain/Manager Peter Raines

Hey players and patrons,

Well July was a busy month for me and the All Stars, the first couple of weeks we played our training days and practiced on the pool tables in preparation for our challenge match against the Geraldton All Stars, Then in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week we had our second coaching lesson but this time it was to do with re-tipping cues and table maintenance from Azza and in the second half of the coaching session the charismatic and charming Dan Whitehorn showed the players on different rulings and how to referee matches, Dan is a qualified referee and the players learnt a lot from the Dan. So a big thank you to Azza and Dan Whitehorn for the coaching lesson as all players enjoyed it and learnt a lot from the both of you. The last weekend in July was the weekend we had all been waiting for with the challenge against the Geraldton All Stars. On Friday night we gathered at 9pm at Miss Q's for our match day uniform presentation, the uniforms were awesome. Then we stayed at Miss Q's to welcome the Geraldton players as they arrived from there long journey around 10:30 pm, we all welcomed the Gero crowd to Miss Q's then the players



Left & Above, the Premier All Stars learning the Art of Cue Re Tipping & the finer details of Game Etiquette & Rules.

dispatched onto tables for practice with everyone from both sides smashing some frames out, me and Luke Foster headed to a table straight away smashed about 10 frames out before it was time for Geraldton to return to their accommodation and rest up, Luke is a very talented junior and I was happy to take a few frames away from him. Myself and my overrated partners in crime (evo and pagey) arrived about 9am Saturday morning full of voice and up to our usual antics lol, but beating us there was Jabba (chef), Ray (meat supplier), bulldog (janitor lol), Stew (all round legend) and the rather below the weather Azza. The rest of both sides gradually gathered by 10am for breakfast with bacon and eggs cooked by Azza, Jabba with the meat provided by Ray, thank you to those players for a wicked breakfast, at 11am the challenge was underway with an even contest for a while until a couple of rounds before lunch the Geraldton team pulled away and led by 30 frames at lunch, after lunch we had our moments but the margin was too big to reel in and once again near the end Geraldton had a big couple of rounds and ended up convincing winners 233 - 159. I was proud of our effort as we gave cheek at times to a strong Geraldton team boasting players from their Division 1 country week championship and also a host of experienced players, we'll get you next time Geraldton. And on the Saturday night at 7:30 pm we had a knockout comp which was open to all players, I was beaten 3-2 by Evo and then was eventually knocked out by Luke Foster 2-1. The final was won by Adrain Lancaster (Fearless leader of Geraldton) who defeated Luke Foster (Exceptional talent) 3-1 after the boys decided that being 2am in the morning a best of 5 was the way to go, Congrats boys on a Geraldton 1, 2 finish in the comp oh yeah in 3<sup>rd</sup> was Evo, so congrats mate you are always around about the money in those comps. So in finishing a big thank you to Adrain Lancaster and all the crew from Geraldton on an awesome weekend and very good matchplay and we look forward to our rematch in February. Oh yeah and one more thing.....FREE BAR

-Take it on the chin- YOUR FEARLESS LEADER - PETE RAINES



## Junior Update

Due to school holidays and the majority of the juniors being away or busy, we did not hold a junior knock out comp on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our next comp is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. We are also having a ladies cash come running at the same time as the junior comp. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. So mums drag your kids down and juniors drag your mums down! Melmoe and Claire J

## MPF Update

**Total MPF Balance to the end of June 2009 - \$3034.22**

- \* Income - All Stars Cash Comp - \$21.00
- \* Expense - All Star Match Play Tops - -\$947.49
- \* Expense - All Star Challenge Awards - -\$268.80
- \* Expense - All Star Challenge Food - -\$270.00

**Total MPF Balance to the end of July 2009 - \$1568.93**

## Upcoming Events

**Calling All Juniors & Ladies!!!**

**Knockout Pool Comp For Each on the First Saturday of each month.**

**Vouchers & Trophy for the Juniors & Cash & Trophy for the Ladies. Register your interest at the Bar or see Melmoe or Claire for info.**



## Gossies Challenge

**The Gossies have thown down the Gauntlet & the Duel Dates have been set in Stone.**

**Miss Q's Leaguies come one come all, your skill is required to win back our Challenge Champion Status!**

Team Qualifying Knockout Comp, Date: **Saturday 15th August @ 7pm.** \$20 entry includes all day Night Play & Gosnells Challenge Match Play. Top 20 players will make the Challenge Team.

Challenge Match Date: **Sunday August 23rd on home turf at Miss Q's.**

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# BILLYS CHALLENGE

## This Months Champs



L -R: Tuesday Advanced League Team Champions: Pool Something - Clint Salter & Luke Angelsey with Runners Up Ninja Turtles - Stewart Lambert & Jarrad Nagetaal.



L -R: Thursday Singles Cash League Top 12 Champion Damien Baldock & Geraldton Trip winner 2nd Malo Vaaelua & 3rd Aaron Goodridge



L -R: Thursday Singles Cash League Bottom 12 Champion Stewart Lambert, 2nd Cara Corker & 3rd Adrian Hubbon  
Stew Wins the lucky draw Geraldton Trip

It was an early Sunday morning when 20 players turned up to Miss Qs ready for the Billy Westons Challenge. Everyone got in and had there practise then some idiot decide to shout out "make sure at least one other person here pants a Billy Westons player and don't leave it to me!!!" So thes set. WE got on our way up to Scarborough and we finally made our destination the Billy's people were not where to be seen (they only rocked up 30 mins late). After several practice round we got into the challenge. In the first round we had a pantsing it was that idiot Miss Q's player who place the challenge out so she had to run to the take out sign with Biff the Banana. There were a few more of our players who got pants but we also took the challenge to them in the end we lost to Billy's 67 to 53 with Sam Gilkison of Billy's who recently qualified for the WA State Team, took Player of the Challenge. Thank you Billy's people for yet another enjoyable day and we look forward to seeing you again down at Miss Q's



## Mid Year Presentation Party



## \$5000+ Handicap Super Knockout

Over the last month the second & third qualifiers of the super knockout were played and we have our next eight qualifiers! The second qualifier was once again a small field of only 21 players, pretty good odds when you're playing for this much money.

This time the 'C category' players took the honours with two out of the four qualifiers coming from that group, with one each from the open state group and 'B Category'.

Evan Briggs won the raffle and took home a Quedos graphite cue & case valued at \$190! Congratulations to the four qualifiers, these players are now in the running for the \$2000 first prize! 1st - John Lister \$200, 2nd - Mark Welford \$100, Eq. 3rd - Haylie Bryant \$50, Eq. 3rd - Adrian Lancaster \$50

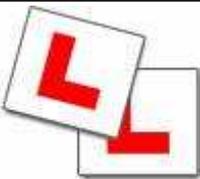
In the third qualifier the state/ex-state players took the honours with three out of the four qualifiers coming from that group, and one player qualified from the 'C Category'.

Lee Thayre won the raffle and took home a Quedos graphite cue & case valued at \$190! Congratulations to the four qualifiers, these players are now in the running for the \$2000 first prize! 1st - Thomas Warren \$200, 2nd - Avelino DeFreitas \$100, Eq. 3rd - Levi Congdon \$50 Eq. 3rd - Simon Easton \$50

We're hoping to see a lot more players at the **final event which will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 12pm** (practice from 11am), I'll circulate the flyer later today.

**This is your last chance** to win a spot in the last 16 and be playing for a share in thousands of dollars!

Ron Kelly.



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## Up Coming Social League Seasons



All new Social Pool League Seasons starting in July:

**Monday Blue League** - 12 Teams of two - Starts August 24th - Strictly Social.

**Tuesday Blue League** - 12 Teams of two - Starts August 25th - Strictly Social.

**Tuesday Purple Advanced League** - 12 Teams of two - Starts August 18th, For the experienced player.

For nomination forms and all enquiries see Kerry at the Miss Q's Bar or register online at [missqs.com.au](http://missqs.com.au)