



Editorial:

Only 4 months until Christmas, aw no, isn't that just insane!

Activity across the board in July with lots of finals & the Vic Presentation Party catch their crazy pics & story this issue.

And of course Berri rocked this year with the youngest ever Champion taking the crown, Congratulations to Jake Mc Cartney, keep it up Kiddo you ROCK! Well done to all the Premier Leagues that had a go & to Neil Lemmy for staging the Cash Tournament of the year! Check out all the Berri Goss on the upcoming pages.

The SA's & WA's will both be celebrating their presentations early in the month so catch the party pics & updates next issue.

The WA Elite teams are gearing up for Finals with only four rounds to go. Watch out Vic's these guys have your number this year!!!

With Finals come all new seasons of Social Leagues, there are several days in both Vic & Wa with new leagues starting in August, so if you or someone you know wants to have some fun, see Damien at Miss Q's & Lea at the Pool Room to enter a team.

Happy reading Leaguies, catch you all in Melbourne & Adelaide in the next couple of weeks. Until then, play hard & party hard with PASSION!!!

Happy Potting
Kez



Berri Happy Snaps



(R) This years Runner Up Russell Youtlen of SA

(L) The ever popular t-shirt clan. "Arrive. GET SMASHED. Leave"



BERRI 2007



Seventeen year old Ballarat player Jake McCartney defeated 2002 & 2003 Champion and former Riverland now Adelaide based player Russell Youtlen by 4 frames to 1 in front of an appreciative audience of approximately 190 spectators.

Competitors were playing for \$14,000 in prize-money. For his efforts, Jake took home \$3,200.00 in prize-money, together with a replica of the Perpetual trophy and also the much treasured distinction of having his name engraved on the Perpetual trophy. The highlight and possible turning point in the final happened in the fourth frame. Jake was leading Russell 2 frames to 1 and was attempting to pot out. In his efforts to position the white to pot the black ball (that was mid table) after potting his last ball, Jake played a poor shot resulting in not having a clear shot to pot the black ball. With a maturity that defied his years, Jake calmly played the white ball into the side cushion, contacting the black ball which sent it into the centre pocket. This gave Jake a 3 frames to 1 lead. Jake followed this up by playing a thoughtful fifth frame which resulted in him potting out to win the final 4 frames to 1. In an interesting piece of trivia, Jake's father Wayne was runner-up to Mick Delahunty (Adelaide) in the 1991 Berri Open. Russell did not go home empty handed, collecting \$1,600.00 plus a trophy, which will help relieve some of the pain of losing the final.

Jake also received the prize of the best performed Junior from the Professional Pool Players Association. Other players to receive prizes from this Association included defeated semi finalists Geoff Gannon and Paul Pike, who are both Melbourne based players. Three hundred and ninety players nominated in this year's tournament, which was slightly down on the 430 players that entered the 2006 event. The event consisted of players being divided up into 40 sections, with the sectional play being held at various Clubs and Hotels in

the Riverland. At the conclusion of play on Saturday, 128 players had qualified for the finals on the Sunday. The Friday night restricted knock-out competition resulted in Mark Stone (Adelaide) defeat Steve Seebomh (Adelaide) in the Final. The Friday night Invitational knock-out No. 1 resulted in Marc Robertson (Melbourne) defeat Paul Keyser (Melbourne) in the final. The Friday night Invitational knock-out No. 2 resulted in James Delahunty

(Adelaide) defeat Alec Evreniadis (Adelaide) in the final. All matches in this competition were high class and entertaining. The Under 18 knock-out resulted in Damian Walsh (Adelaide) defeat Jake McCartney (Ballarat) in the final. 20 Under 18 players competed in this competition and the skills shown by all players was exceptional. The Saturday night Pot out competition was won by Russell Youtlen of Adelaide. The Saturday night Ladies competition, which is always keenly contested, resulted in Joy Sullivan (Mildura) defeat Elise Mabbott (Perth) 3-2 in the final. The "Non Qualifiers" knock-out on Sunday saw Paul Edwards (Adelaide) defeat Damian Walsh Junior (Adelaide) 2-1 in the final. The efforts of Melbourne based first

time player Geoff Gannon is worth a special mention. Geoff played consistently all week-end defeating several more fancied opponents before being defeated by the eventual winner Jake McCartney in the Semi Finals. For the first time in the 20 year history of this event, the tables used in all 40 sections were manufactured by event sponsor Beta Billiards. The excellent standard of tables supplied was appreciated by all of the players competing. At the Official Presentation, Berri Resort Hotel's Assistant Manager David Sims assisted in the handing out of the major prizes. The fact that this event has been held for 20 years was mentioned. All players that have competed in this event over the past 20 years, together with any player wishing to play in this event for the first time are invited to nominate for next years event to be held on Saturday 19th July and Saturday 20th July 2008 and help celebrate the 21st anniversary of this unique event.

Neil Lemmey, Tournament Director



17yr old Jake McCartney of Ballarat Vic. Berri 2007 Champion!!



Some of the VIC & SA crew that played and partied hard at Berri.

Semi Final results were:

Jake McCartney defeated Geoff Gannon 4/1
Russell Youtlen defeated Paul Pike 4/1

Quarter Final results were:

Jake McCartney (Ballarat) defeated Brenton Collier (Adelaide) 4/1
Geoff Gannon (Melbourne) defeated Ben Nunan (Melbourne) 4/3
Russell Youtlen (Adelaide) defeated Russell Seymour (Melbourne) 4/2
Paul Pike (Melbourne) defeated Jason Tucker (Adelaide) 4/1



VIC Update with Leanne



Another month has flown past and the year's end is hot on it's tail!! Victoria's Elite league has just passed it's half way mark and we have had our 14th and final team join the clan. So far it has shaped up to be a very interesting event, the competition placings could go any way. Good luck to all

players in WA that are nearing the end of their season, and of course also to all the Victorian players, keep up the great play!

It's also time to say farewell to all the SA players as leagues have finished up and they have their party time to go. Thank you to all the loyal Premier players of SA and enjoy your presentation party!! Cheers to you all!! Thank you also to all the Premier (Mandy and Damo xox it's been a pleasure meeting you both) and Empire staff that have helped out over the time. It has been a pleasure to have met you all and look forward to catching up at the 8ball events across the states. And last but definitely not least, Alec & Lynn thank you for all your support and of course your fabulous venue, Empire Pool Lounge. Will see you all soon xox.

Melbourne has recently held their presentation party and as usual an enjoyable time was had by all. Congratulations again to all the Champs from various leagues and Good Luck to everyone with your new seasons. Thank you all for coming and of course to those that dressed for the occasion. Congratulations to the best dressed Lady "Serena Stafford" and Man "Dave Tolmie." You both looked fabulous. Dave, enjoy your bottle and Serena, a bit slower next time! Happy birthday Serena and next year we'll aim to have you stay at your birthday party.

Congratulations also to all the WA Champs that will be celebrating their wins very soon. Hope you all enjoy your celebrations.

Berri has now been and gone and as always a fabulous event. Congratulations Neil on yet another year. Looking forward to the 21st birthday next year. A few players I'd like to mention for a fabulous weekend of play. Jake McCartney, Champ of this year's Berri. You're a joy to watch. Always one with the table and the world had better watch out!! Also to Russell Youtlen, staying focused through to the end, gracefully coming Runner Up. In the semi's we also had our local players, Geoff Gannon (Huge effort! You should be proud, we are!) and Paul Pike (We were all their for you, awesome days play!). Across to SA and Damo, what a weekend you had!! Congratulations on both your wins. Damo defeated Jake McCartney (the main event winner) in the under 18 knock-out and was Runner Up to Paul Edwards in the non-qualifiers. Huge effort Damo. Well Done!! I hope everyone that went enjoyed their time away and if you missed out, get in early for next year. See me for details.

Well I hope you all have a fabulous month, enjoy your pool games and of course the people

From our Mid Year Presentation Party, below (L) Premier Staff - Leanne, Bec & Ange & (R) Wednesday Champs.



Above (L) Eri Champs & (R) three lovely ladies, Dave, Dave & Ben. You look fabulous girls!!



Above (L) Wayne & Dave, very romantic & (R) Some more happy Champs



Above (L) Millzy, look out! (Ctr) Brad - Charming! & (R) Shev & Dave, our high school sweethearts.



UNDER THE TABLE WITH ANGE

Well it has been a jam packed month. With Birthdays been and those coming up. So have a few drinks! Presentation, well where do I start. The theme was back to school and for those of you who didn't come, well what can I say? You missed out!! We had some very gorgeous schools girls with their short skirts that didn't leave much to the imagination, and that was just Ben, Dave, Dave and Dave!!

So if you see a short skirt walking down the street, take a second look cause you never know who it might be. If anyone knows how Big Mark got home on Saturday (X-Mass in July) can you please let him know.

For all of you that went to Berri, you know who you are, it was a great weekend. For those of you who missed out, it is your own fault you should be at the comps! So see you their next year. (ANZAC, Berri, Ballarat and Geelong)

If Matt (Elite) offers you a lift home, it is best that you say thanks, but no thanks. Reason is cause "Trees" really do jump out in front of cars. If you are considering getting in the car just let me know, I have the number for Kieran at ACTIVE tree services, they will clear the way.

A big hello to all the bar staff and where do I start with the smoking room..? I will leave that for when the new one opens. Chicken soup will be served Thursday August 8th. Well that all for now

Cheers, Ange



2007 Elite Teams

Team 6 - Pink Bitz



Well I guess I'll start with our team name "Pink Bitz." Being that our t-shirts are pink it was decided and well suited. The best part about it is I am the only female player on the team and the captain. I'm Mel and now I'll introduce my team, permanent players are Jase, Wayne, Grant, Aza and Shawn and our subs are Nemo and Troy. This is the first time I have played in a league. Jase has played for 2 seasons of social league, with Wayne as his partner, both Wednesday and Friday nights. Grant is also in his 2nd season of social leagues and Aza played a few weeks of social and changed to Elite. Shawn has usually just subbed on various nights so this is his first time playing in a league. Troy is in his first year of league and then we have Nemo who is the "experienced" player. He currently plays Wednesday's and is the 3rd member of Premier leagues since it all began. He has played for 12 years and I just beat him in a game using a house cue! He he. So I guess that's all about our Pink Bitz.

Team 7 - Red Goes Faster



Team 7 is red, Dave is the Beerscoota. We like to drink and we like to win, unfortunately we normally only get to drink. But Red does go faster, just ask me. I'm a doctor, a car doctor, lucky I'm not a dentist, otherwise I wouldn't be able to show my face! Serena likes to have fun, Matt likes to play pool, Luke comes here to drink, Mick comes here to drink and Tara is never here that's why we have subs every week, Millzy and Simmo. Luv D. Beerscooter

Team 8 - C.B.F.



C.B.F. Consists of captain Kyle 'Animal' Waters, Trace 'Boots' Ladlow, Simon 'Marshall' Marshall, Wes 'Danger Mouse' Hanna, Cat 'Kitty Cat' Bradley, Matt 'XISXIS XIS' Lambrick and Stace 'Charlie' Maloney. Our team motto is 'Give em' hell' week in week out and we do just that through our will, determination and sheer joy of the game! With a go down fighting attitude C.B.F. Will give em' hell on any table!

WA Update

G'day Leaguies, what an exciting month with the birth of Mel & Fozzies gorgeous little girl Aaliyah, congrats guys. Finals Fever with all Blue Leagues finishing well done finalists & don't forget Presentation this Saturday from 5pm. The state seeding results, a great effort from Luke Carter & Haylie Bryant, check out their story. Plus a farewell & welcome of Miss Q's staff. Sasha Fenwick has scored a great Job at the Golf Box well done and good luck Sash, thanks for helping keep the Miss Q's Premier Leagues on track. She won't be far from the tables so challenge her to a game. Another big thanks to Bec who has taken some time out to have her & Jimmy's Baby, congrats guys, & cheers for all of your help. Taking over are the new League & Venue assistants Heather Millington & Jess Gaff, welcome gals good luck & I hope your time as Chicks in Charge is a blast! A busy month ahead with presentation, new seasons & Elite League winding up & don't forget the Sunday Coaching & Training sessions. Stay tuned for the all new Monday Hospitality Industry night and the dates for the next Gossie Challenge Team Qualifier, have a great month Leaguies - Kez

Congratulations Blue League Champions!



Monday Blue Team Champions & Vetrans 'Us & Them' Roy & Jamie with Runners Up & Newbies 'You & Me' Ronnie & Shayne



Tuesday Blue Team Champions & Vetrans Gary Kalbus & Ashley Cotgrave with Runners Up & Newbies Lee Kirkby & Lauren Borgward



L-R: Tuesday Blue Singles Champion & Vetrans 'Ashley Cotgrave' with Runners Up & Newbie 'Lee Kirkby'

Luke Carter:

WA's No. 1 Seeded Man



Luke Carter a very talented young pool player, recently won at the Western Australian Seeding Tournament. His next mission is to win the nationals at Breakers pool room in Melbourne this October.

Luke has been playing Cue Sports for some years. He has been to the world titles twice before, once as a junior in 2003 and again as a senior in 2006. He made the state junior team four years running and has won various snooker titles.

Luke and his five team mates make up Miss Q's ranking 1 Elite team. They call them selves The Predators, and rightly so, The Predators are undefeated so far this season. Haylie is another team

member to keep your eye on. Haylie began competing in the state seeding in April this year and is already ranked 10th. Wayne Carter has coached her to this level in 8 short months. Haylie is extremely grateful to Wayne for his patient and thorough coaching techniques. She believes he is an asset to anyone interested in improving there cue sporting skills.

Wayne made it to the top 20 in the state seedings, and congrats must go to Neil on his state titles campaign this year.

I took a few minutes of Luke's time to ask him a few questions:

1) **How old were you when you began playing pool?**

I was 13, at Pot Black in Mandurah.

2) **What was the first competition you won?**

I have won a few snooker titles but the first pool one was the under 21 Australian national title.

3) **What has been the highlight of your pool career so far?**

Representing Australia in England.

4) **Your team name is The Predators, who came up with such an appropriate name?**

My Dad, Wayne.

5) **Tell me a little about the WA state finals.**

There are about 70 competitors in the round robin comp with 13 players in a round. The top 3 qualify for the knock out comp. The player with the most points at the end win.

6) **So now you are going to represent WA at the national titles, how do you feel about that?**

I'm excited, really looking forward to it.

Haylie Bryant:

WA's No. 10 Seeded Lady



I want to try and make the Australian team this year.

7) **On a lighter note lets get to know you a little better. What do you do to make a crust?**

I'm a sheerer in Baldvis.

8) **What is your favourite past time?**
Hanging out with my mates, having a few drinks at the local.

Favourite drink? Beer.

9) **Favourite movie?**
Ooh that's a hard one..... Probably Old school.

10) **Favourite Music?**
Punk.

11) **And finally what advice would you give to anyone interested in taking up pool?**

Don't do it! It's boring!!! HaHa! No seriously I am a very competitive person and have found pool a sport that I can excel in. It's a great way to meet people and a fun social sport to be involved in.



Haylie & Luke hard at practice play & team bonding :-)

Miss Q's W.A Elite Team Profiles



Team 7: Mean Green Pleasure Machine
– Captain: Ian Hunter. Players: Mel Coombe AaronReichard, Alfie Dmytryk, Carl Thomson, Daniel James, James Hunter & Peter Sutherland.

The entire team met at Miss Q's in the Social Leagues last year and we decided to have a crack at the top comp. The learning curve has been steep and we are all still a bit dizzy from it, but loving the comp & the people. We are working really well as a team and having a ball. We intend to do well in the finals and then celebrate with a team party at the end of the season. Meet our Crew:

Daniel AKA – Stampy: The tallest player in Mandurah, never needs a rest just leans over the length of the table & pots out.

Mel AKA Melmo: She is our most decorative player, always looks good & is full of beans there's never a dull moment when Mel's around & she adds some class to the team.

Aaron: He hits them hard but looks good with his three day growth & hates Corona with Lemon.

James: Takes things at a slower pace has lots of glitter around his curly hair, he's quiet & takes his time.

Pete: Skinny, slow on the drawl a medium paced potter & he's always late!

Alfie AKA Mr Muscles: Has a great eye, terrific potter He's really nice and quiet with a great tat & cute girlfriend!

Carl AKA Banana: Has the worlds worst Cue, but pots those balls one after another, he has a great hair do & is very quite & intense.

Ian AKA Rampaging Hunter: The old bloke,



Team 9 – Get Racked: Captain: Damien Stenhouse. Players: Jermaine Stewart, Andrew Boyd, Paul Gilchrist, Rob Stewart & Aaron Dillon.

Hi I'm Captain Damo, my ambition is to win Lotto, I'm an all round funny guy & I Love playing Pool & enjoy Golf.

Hi I'm Jimmy the teams support beam, all I do is play pool, I love the game so much I never stop playing & I'll play anyone who wants a game. Enjoy the rest of the season guys.

Hi I'm Paul, I love Pool and all other varieties of the sport, I'm at Miss Q's all the time so if you see me & lets have a game.

I'm Fozzie (Aaron), I can't write straight, I can play pool & I like long walks on the beach, I'm 18 & looking...

Hi all I'm Rob, I love playing Pool for the fun of it and can be hard to beat when I'm in a competitive mood. I enjoy sharing my love for the game with my mates and my lovely fiancé Shalako.

Hi I'm Andrew, Jimmy's Kiwi Bro, Everyone wrote such a good piece I don't know what to

Meet WA Newbies

Heather Millington &

Jessica Gaff the

League/Venue Assistants:



Hi people, my name is Heather Millington, I am 19 years old and I am the newest member on the Miss Q's block. I will now be seen working here on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and will be taking a more active role in the day to day running of our fantastic leagues. For

anyone who doesn't know me, I've been coming to Miss Q's for about a year and a half now, and I have been a proud member of the Tuesday blue league for most of that time. More recently, I am a member of the infamous Agro Elite Pussies, whom I have great fun with every Thursday night. Being here so much, I'm sure to see you around, and I look forward to meeting everyone that makes Miss Q's such an excellent place to be and work at xxx



Hello everyone! I am Jessica Gaff but you can call me Jess. I just turned 19 and I hang out here at Miss Q's on Monday nights for social league and love it! I also work at domino's Waikiki but I mostly spend my time working at a jewellery store in Rockingham. I'm so good

at my job I fixed Damien's watch with a paper clip and a small hammer, now that's talent. ;) You will now see me working here on Wednesdays where I'll be assisting in the smooth running of leagues and smiling away behind the bar. I don't know too many people around here so if you want to come say hi please do. And that's about all for now so I hope to see you at Miss Q's soon.



Meet Danny Partridge

Accredited 'B' Grade Umpire with the Australian 8 Ball Federation

See me with any Questions, Advise or Testing for the World Rules.

Contact me any time on Mobile:

0417 513 352 or see me at the Elite League on Thursday Nights

Premier Locations

Vic: The Pool Room, 1134 Burwood Hwy, Upper Ferntree Gully. - (03) 9758 3399

Sa: Empire Pool Lounge, 20 Rose St, Adelaide. -

(08) 8231 1615

Wa: Miss Q's,

85 Reserve Dve, Mandurah. -

(08) 9583 3599



Mel's Baby Celebrations



Mel's having a baby! time and we set the date, invitations went out, we ordered food to devour and we all got together for Mel's baby shower!!

As you all know, Miss Q's longest standing volunteer, Mel Smirk, is expecting any day. So what better way to celebrate the impending bundle of joy, than the ultimate baby shower, held at our own favourite venue... Miss Q's! So out went the invitations and the date was set for Saturday June 23rd.



About twenty ladies came together from Mel's family, work and friends and arrived to a fantastically decorated Miss Q's lounge, thanks to the ladies from Miss Q's. The balloons and signs looked awesome. We all spent a little time getting to know each other over a couple of drinks and a few games of pool before we tucked into a great supper. Thanks again to all who contributed. With the meal over, it was time for everyone to present Mel with some great pressies for the bub, which were awesome. This will be one baby that doesn't go without!! Then it was time for some fun and games. All the ladies got to show their nappy changing skills on our balloon babies! Check out some of the photos to see our beaut bubs!!



Three heats were held with the final coming down to the two quickest ladies, Sasha and Teagz. Just to make it a little bit harder, Mel and her mum blindfolded the ladies. The outright champion nappy changer was Sasha.



Thank goodness only one of the babies was pricked and killed! All the girls had a chance to challenge Mel in a game of pool for the chance to win a prize, but no-one could beat her!! Well done Mel!!

Our last game for the evening was a pearly. The ladies were introduced to the man of the night, "Peter Pecker". Oh what a man!! Peter, as his name suggests, has a very big... well, you get the picture. The ladies took it in turns throwing hoops around Peters- you know what..Pecker. What a laugh! Almost everyone was in fits of laughter, some even going back for seconds!! We

STOP THE PRESS- NEWSFLASH!!



finished the evening off with all the ladies enjoying the pool tables and great tubes from the juke box. A big thanks to Kerry and the crew from Miss Q's for providing the venue, the decorations, the tucker and some great prizes and gifts for the ladies. And we couldn't go without a very big thank you to all the patrons of Miss Q's who donated all they could to the tip jar which went to a fantastic voucher for Mel and the bub. Good luck Mel!!



We are very proud to announce the safe arrival of Mel's daughter Aaliyah, born Saturday 14th of July, weighing in at a healthy 2.7 kilos. And what a beautiful baby she is! A big congratulations to Mel from all at Miss Q's. Well done!! - Jacki O'Connor