

Play the Table

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Editorial:

What a huge month for results, with all of the Summer Elite & Social Leagues Finals, The Elite New Zealand Challenge and the first rounds of the 2010 Winter Elite season. Starting with the Easter & Anzac cash Comps, Easter was taken out by Paul Dickenson and the Anzac Comp by Australian singles Champ Justin Sajich, congrats guys. Also a big well done to the Summer Elite Team & Singles Champs, who are all feeling a little wealthier for their efforts. And in the Social Leagues, there were lots of new first time champs this season, congrats to you all. Now the Big news. The Neil Bartons, NZ Elite Challenge was a nail biter, with the Aussies just missing out in a very exciting Challenge. A Massive congratulations to the invincible Kiwis on another stunning Victory. Special thanks to the Glen Eden RSA & Shooters for hosting the matches and to Jimmy for arranging the Kiwi end of the Challenge. Special thanks to young Kiwi, Jacob Bowman who efficiently organised the Kiwi team and helped with the match play announcing & to Aussie Ben Vidot for his entertaining trick shot exhibition. The Kiwi's are now due in Aussie for a home Challenge in 2011.

A big welcome to all of the new Leaguies who have just joined and welcome to the Elite Teams who have played their first few rounds of the winter Season, good luck to you all.

This is the final month for the Premier All Stars, with a Perth Challenge and their final guest coach, Justin Sajich. The All Stars Graduate at the Miss Q's Birthday Party in June. Talking of which the theme for Miss Q's 8th Birthday Party is the 8Ball, see Emz for more info and get your outfits together. Also check out Luke Anglesey's double cash comp on May 15th, it promises to be a fun day. Cheers til Next Month.

Happy Potting  **PLAY THE TABLE**
Kez

2010 Premier Elite NZ Challenge



Singles Cash Comp Champ Luke Carter, Aussie Captain with R/Up Jimmy Henry, Kiwi Captain.



L_R: The Neil Bartons in NZ, Evan, Neil, Ben D, Luke, Ben V & Wayne



Top: Luke Carter Below Neil Barton



Ben Dougherty



The Traditional Victory Jager Bomb toast between teams, Thanks to the Glen Eden RSA



The Luke & Neil Show: Their Exclusive & Hysterical Trick Shot!



The Wagon Wheel, Ben D & Neil got for Luke

Kiwi's take 8 In A Row!!!

A very cool 8th anniversary Challenge saw the Aussies go super close to taking our first NZ Challenge Title. Jimmy Henry Captain & Kiwi organiser, teamed up with the Management of the Glen Eden RSA & Shooters Pool Room in Auckland, to host the 2010 Premier Elite Challenge. Shooters hosted the 9 Ball where the mighty Kiwi's dominated snatching a 23-13 win. Glen Eden RSA hosted the 8 Ball where the Aussie Battlers made the Kiwi's sweat with some intense match play, taking the



Player of the Challenge
Chris Bowman

Challenge Result down to the wire, the Aussies taking a 19-17 win in the 8Ball. The Kiwis final score 40 to 32, the overall Champs, notching up their 8th consecutive victory. Congratulations to Challenge veteran Chris Bowman on his huge result of 11 out of 12 wins making him the player of the Challenge. The Kiwi's ongoing success is a direct result of and massive credit to Jimmy Henry for his ongoing



L-R: New Zealand Champion Team 'Westies' Manager Jackie Thompson, Aaron Williams, Brett Beswick, Captain Jimmy Henry, Jordan Davies, Chris Bowman & Wayne Belmont.

support and work keeping the Challenge match so successful. And special thanks to the Venues and their staff for some of the most fantastic Kiwi Hospitality, ever. A massive congrats to the Aussies on a truly thrilling result, you have done us proud!

We look forward to seeing Jimmy & his team here for a re match in 2011. Cheers til then Kez.

Luke, Ben & Neil in NZ:

The long flight was nicely broken down with a stop in Melbourne and a few hours sleep on both flights helped me surpass the jet lag rather well. After landing at New Zealand airport we were met by Jimmy Henry the captain of the kiwi team. The next part of the journey was probably the worst, we got stuck in traffic for around an hour until we eventually got to the hotel.

After a quick shower the team set of for the playing venue, an eventful trip but we finally found the venue. Entering the RSA club we met the Kiwi team who showed some very good hospitality. The president of the club shouted us some beer and tea which was some of the best food I had while over in NZ. The singles competition held that night was cut throat with a 1 frame knockout but Luke played solid all night to eventually taking the win against NZ captain Jimmy.

We all spoke about not drinking on the Friday night but as we each got knocked out of the competition there seemed to be more jugs floating around. We did get home at a sensible time though and a good night sleep was had by all.

Match play began with the 9ball and the Kiwi's soon proved too strong. Ben Vidot been the only player to hold his own winning 4 out of 6. Although the NZ team were up by quite a few frames we knew we still had a chance with the 8 ball to play. Starting off strong in the 8ball we soon pulled their lead back to less than 4 frames, at the halfway

mark of the 8 ball the NZ team took the time out for a chat and we definitely had them worried. Unfortunately a combination of them upping their game and us not keeping up saw them start to run away with a lead again eventually beating us by 8 frames.

We enjoyed a few more beers with the NZ team on the night and got to know a good set of men. Ben V was nice enough to put a little exhibition on for us and the crowd loved it. It was also the first of a few drunken antics from me and Neil but not too much needs to be said about that. Thanks for a great trip kez - Ben

After a big night on the piss after the match we were all feeling hung-over for the drive down to Wellington the following day. Ben slept most of the way to Wellington but the scenery was pretty amazing and with a good run we got their in around 4 hours. The following day we took the Ferry over from Wellington to Picton, driving south on New Zealand's south island we saw some of the most picturesque scenery. We stopped at Hanmar Springs to swim in the natural springs before arriving at Queenstown. Queenstown was the party and extreme sport capital of NZ. While in Queenstown we went white water rafting, quad biking, push biking, speed boat rides and a bungy jump. Along with a few trips to the casino and a pub crawl we managed to get on the piss every night for the whole trip, a real test of stamina. - Luke & Neil.

Evan Briggs In NZ:



Our journey started with the red-eye flight from Perth to Melbourne on Friday morning. With a 3 hour lay



over we had breakfast, which tasted awesome after the flight. While Ben Dougherty, Luke Carter and Neil Barton slept on the floor in the departure lounge, the rest of us argued over the interpretations of the more obscure rules of 8-

ball. No resolution on these rules have yet been reached.

We arrived in Auckland just in time for peak hour traffic for the journey to the hotel. Jimmy Henry met us at the airport and led us to the hotel. The car journey was filled with bad New Zealand accents and jokes. After a dumping our bags and a quick shower we were back on the road again. It took over an hour to get to the venue which was only 5 minutes away from the hotel... Thank you very much Google Maps!

Sporting the Neil Barton's baby pink team shirts, we entered the RSA club and were greeted by the club members and most of the New Zealand team. As you would expect a few comments were exchanged regarding the pink shirts, but we were made to feel very welcome. Kerry started the "get-to-know-you" pool comp with a demonstration of the rules, and the boys hit the beers hard. The evening of pool and alcohol was fun and it ended with the final between Luke Carter and Jimmy Henry, being won by Luke. A good start to the weekend for the team! The rest of the night was quite uneventful as all of us were exhausted from the day of travelling, and needed a good night's sleep.

The full buffet breakfast was delicious and well received. Following this and some "Kodak" moments we left for the 9-ball venue and we surprisingly made it there in a respectable time.

We started to warm up on the tables while the New Zealand team began to filter in. After a good warm up, a few more photo opportunities and a rule demonstration, the competition pool started. The team performed well, especially Ben Vidot.

As for me, I lost my first two matches both 3-2. Following this, Luke Carter took me aside and asked me to: "Relax and just play". With this in mind I won my next two matches and started to play some good pool. I lost my last two 9-ball matches, but I continued

to play better. We lost the 9-ball section 23-13, but still had hope of a come-back. After a quick lunch, we left for the 8-ball venue and didn't get lost on the way... Unlike the night before!

The team played very well through the first four rounds, winning each 4-2. The fifth round proved to be the deal-breaker as we lost it 4-2. We ended up winning the 8-ball section 19-17, but overall Australia lost to New Zealand 40-32.

Following the competition pool we enjoyed a drink or "two", watching a trick shot demonstration by Ben Vidot. Luke Carter and Niel Barton demonstrated a trick that they had been practicing... Ouch!

The rest of the night and the next morning was very entertaining. I wont divulge too much, to protect the "not so innocent", but I will sum it up with this: "Wagon wheels are heavy". According to a source that will remain undisclosed.

So after a very quick stay in Auckland Kerry and I started back home on Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to the New Zealand people we met for taking good care of use. Thank you to the Neil Barton's for accepting me into their team and making me feel welcome. And finally thank you to Kerry and Miss Q's for the experience! I feel that this can only improve me as a player.

Ben Vidot In NZ:



Hello to all players. First let's start off by saying the practice that we had on the American table paid off in



NZ because it was important to our team to try and win as much as we could in the 9 ball side of things.

Our trip started on a good note, meeting everyone at the airport, and after checking in we went upstairs, relaxed and played some cards and laughed a lot amongst ourselves.

We caught our plane and headed off to Melbourne. We waited about 3 hours in transit before boarding another plane to NZ. Arriving in NZ we were met by Jimmy, who organized everything for us. Kerry had organized a small bus and drove us to our hotel rooms. The rooms were nice but breakfast was even better. It was nice to sit down every morning having breakfast together. After putting our things away on Friday night, we proceeded to go to the venue where the 8 ball was to be played. We got lost for an hour driving around in circles, but we finally got there.

The venue was really nice and their hospitality was second to none. We had a singles knockout and it was good fun to mix with the NZ team. Best of 1 frame knockout was won by our captain Luke Carter, which put all of us on a good starting note.

Saturday morning we headed off to the pool hall where the 9 ball was held. We all had about one hour of practice before starting. Our team did really well considering

that we don't play 9 ball and on those American tables, but to our surprise we held ourselves like we always do. As for myself I found it a little easier to play on them as I won 4 out of 6 matches to give a little boost to our team. Over all it was a great day of fierce competition, we walked away knowing that even though we lost 23 to 13 matches, we did exceptionally well. We were all a little bit worn out, we then went to the venue that we were at on Friday night again to play the 8 ball side of the competition.

Playing both codes in the one day was too much to handle. I am a strong believer of resting your brain and body before any competition to give yourself a chance to play at your own optimum level. It should have been played on the next day. We were treated to help ourselves to meals which were nice, but I will tell you sometimes having a meal can have some effect on your game. After that was all over, we won the 8 ball 19 - 17.

Once it was all over, it was time to relax, so I proceeded to entertain the locals by doing a few trick shots, which the crowd loved it all. Neil and Luke got involved by doing a show stopper, just ask them when you get a chance, it was very funny to all. I signed a couple of autographs, which was nice, before we left.

We arrived at our hotel late in the evening. Wayne and I shared a room together which overlooked the pool and that's when the fun began. Luke, Neil and Ben drank a 1.25 litre of Wild Turkey and got pissed together. While Luke was either asleep or watching TV, Neil and Ben, pissed as farts, decided to go for a swim in the pool at 3 o'clock in the morning. They were doing bombs and running a muck, Wayne, Kerry and myself could hear Ben telling Neil stories about how many women he has slept with, which he can't remember. Sometime in those early hours around the pool, Neil and Ben decided to grab a huge stage coach wooden wheel, which was heavy. They took the wheel upstairs, whilst pissed, and scratched some parts of the wall paper and left this huge wheel in the hallway.

But what they didn't realize was that it was all caught on the security camera. At breakfast in the morning, they were all still pissed, and we laughed and laughed for a while.

We checked out and Kerry drove us to where Luke and Ben hired a camper van together, and then said goodbye to Kerry and Evan. Luke dropped Wayne and I to Parnell where we stayed for 3 nights while the boys drove to Wellington, down South and on the ferry to Christchurch.

Wayne and I had a fantastic room with a great view of the city of Auckland. We decided to go to the casino for some fun but before we left I taught Wayne how to play Caribbean Stud. We caught a cab to the casino, and Wayne walked around for half an hour while I sat down and played Caribbean Stud on the \$10 table. I was down \$25 when Wayne came and sat down to try his luck. To my surprise he won 3 hands in a row and won \$90 and we decided to stop. We wandered upstairs to have a meal and watch a Texas Hold'Em tournament which was won by a woman having 4 fours on the flop.

We put the \$90 towards having lunch the next day in the revolving restaurant on the 55th floor that was fantastic.

Wayne Carter is a gentleman and we had a fantastic time together and our trip back was great, overall the trip was great!

THANKS TO ALL, THE BEAST. (Ben Vidot)



Wayne Carter In NZ:



New Zealand.

What a trip! First day traveling, arrive, traffic jam on freeway, motel, get ready to go



to the club where they are waiting for us to play in a single's comp 8 ball.

We got lost, finally arrived an hour late but they waited for us and for Kez to organise the draw.

The night was great,



people so friendly. The high light of the night was the captains from both teams in the grand final and Luke, our captain, was victorious.

Next day an early start playing 9 ball first which they dominated, but our boys still shined. Mid afternoon we changed venues to play 8 ball. We took off with a great start it was like a marathon day, half way through we had dinner. After that we seemed a bit stale and they picked up to a new level, but the boys hung in there and we won the 8 ball by 2 frames, Awesome !!

Loved Auckland and the people and thanks to Kez for the opportunity she gave to us all. - Wayne Carter.



This Months Champs



L-R: Thursday Purple Singles Champ Kerry Buckley with Runner Up Adrian Hubon



L-R: Monday Yellow Team Champs, Nadine White & Eliot Aloisios with Runners Up Andrew Boyde & Jason Paterson



Thursday Summer Elite Singles Runner Up Damien Stenhouse with Champ Kerry de Pradines



Wednesday Summer Elite Singles Champ Peter Christie with Runner Up Jarrad Page



L-R: Thursday Summer Elite Team Champs The Shlong Dongers - Sasha Fenwick, Jarrad Page, Shane Vaaelua & Ben Dougherty with Runner Up The Afro Eddie - Malo Vaaelua, Eddie Jenkins & Damien Stenhouse



Wednesday Summer Elite Team Champs, The Three Amigos, Colin Stables, Peter Christie & Wayne Carter, with Runners Up The Fantastic 2 Plus Rosa, Jack Marsh, Stewart Lambert & Rosa Chour

Premier ALL STARS

April 2010 has proven to be yet another big month for the All Stars. Firstly with a final visit from Guest Coach and West Aussie Cue Sports legend Jim Bonner, who put the All Stars through their paces for the final time in the 2009-2010 All Stars Class. As always the feed back from the All Stars was positive with everyone feeling like they gained valuable knowledge from the experience, as well they should. As for Jim, he was quietly very impressed with the development of the individuals within the program since the last time he visited and looks forward to the next All Stars Program and a new group of fresh faces eager to learn



from his knowledge. Next up for the All Stars was the start of Monday Night All Stars Elite for 2010, which after much effort from all has kicked off quite well, in what will prove to be a very fun season of very fun pool. With the All Stars each entering their "Own Team", of "New" to Elite players, the race is on to see who can impart the most knowledge earned from their All Stars experience to their players

in time for finals and the inevitable race for some cash. Ha ha ha may the best team win, I personally can't wait, all that being said, we've opened up the doors to all the Monday Night Elite players to come down for some one on one coaching with their respective team captains on Sunday's after 3pm, this is something that all the smart ones will take

part in, given that these days the All Stars have plenty of knowledge to share after a year of intensive coaching and training. We now find ourselves almost at the end of the All Stars year with just over a month remaining before final assessments and graduation, there is a final away match for the team in Perth against a

very strong side which will put everyone through their paces and require the All Stars to call on everything they've learned if they want to take some wins. With this All Stars class coming to a close, I am now taking names for the next All Stars Team, so chase me up and register your interest if you're keen to take part, I have a feeling that spots will fill quickly this year. Anyways... Till next time. Az.

Coaching Clinic

Hi leaguies, just a reminder that Miss Q's has their very own in-house coaching program available to everyone, every Sunday from 3pm onwards for only \$13.50 per session. With new leagues starting and Winter Elite well underway get yourself an edge and win more games. The coaching available caters for anyone from beginner to advanced, so come on down and brush off some of those summer cobwebs and get your game back to where you know it belongs for the Winter Seasons. See you there. Az.

C Where You Are @ - missqs.com.au

Kiwi Champs 'Team Westies' 2010 Elite Challenge, Tournament Snaps... Congrats on their 8th Win in a Row!



Glen Eden RSA - 8 Ball Venue



Shooters - 9 Ball Venue



Wayne Belmont

Jordan Davies



Jimmy Henry

Brett Beswick



Chris Bowman

Aaron Williams



The Traditional Victory, Cup Sharing Ceremony

Welcome Alexandria Page...



A tiny but healthy 6lbs 6ozs. Congrats Jarrad & Sash, we look forward to seeing her as part of a future Midget Assassin Team.

A Big Welcome to the beautiful new addition to Sasha & Jarrads Family with the safe arrival of Alexandria Elizabeth Page. She suprised everyone showing up a three weeks early she was born on April 12th at 12.45pm, weighing in at

MPF Update

Total MPF Balance to the end of February 2010 - -\$373.19

- * Income - Rob Stewart MPF Fundraising - \$40.00
- * Income - Alicia Brenchly MPF Fundraising - \$100.00
- * Income - Easter Cup Comp - \$18.75
- * Income - ANZAC Day Cup Comp - \$21.75
- * Income - Beth Strange MPF Fundraiser - \$240.00
- * Expense - Jim Bonner Coaching - -\$400

Total MPF Balance to the end of April 2010 - -\$352.69

Meet Emz



Hey Y'all, Its Emz here you would have seen me recently working behind the bar well now Im officially signing in to the Miss Q's crew. I have been coming down to Miss Q's ever since she first opened 8 Years ago. You may already know me as the Deco Queen, which is

one of my hobbies. I also enjoy playing poker, bike riding, collecting dragons, watching dvd's and of course playing pool.

I will be your Weekly Bar Wench as well as your Weekend Promotions Coordinator. If any of you have any ideas for weekend activities, functions or comps please come and see me. You all come down and enjoy yourselves during the week now I want to get you guys down here on the weekends doing something different. Keep an eye out on this space as I will let you know what I am planning.

Starting this job is going to be an exciting new change in my life. I look forward to getting to know you all and taking on challenges that Ive never experienced before. So come down and see me, say hi, have a drink and I'll see you out on the tables. Toodles - Emz

Upcoming Events

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Luke Anglesey World Title

Fundraising Campaign

Doubles Cash 8 Ball Comp

Saturday May 15th

Double Elimination K/O Draw.

\$20 Entry - 1pm Start.

Call Luke Anglesey

on 0415 189 069 to Enter



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Leagues take notice,
Want to improve
your game?

Try our coaching clinic on Sunday afternoons \$15.00 for an arvo of intensive coaching and game advice. Get tips on all aspects of the game from Technique to Ball Selection, learn your percentage shots, learn white ball control, learn how to present a challenge to any player you face. Guaranteed to improve your game. Suitable for beginners to advanced players.

Every Sunday @ 3pm @ Miss Q's.

Up Coming Premier League Seasons



All new Social Pool League Seasons starting in May:

Monday Yellow League - 6 Teams of two - Starts May 10th - Strictly Social.

Wenesday Purple League - 12 Teams of two - Starts May 12th - Strictly Social.

Thursday Purple League - 8 Teams of two - Starts May 13th - Strictly Social.

Sunday Yellow League - 12 Teams of two - Starts May 23rd, Strictly Social.

Enquiries see Kerry at the Miss Qs Bar or register online at missqs.com.au



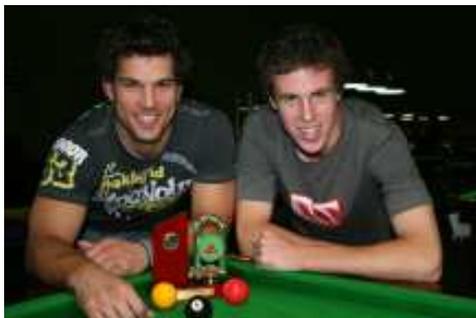
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
MON - THURS 9AM - 8.30PM
FRI - SAT 9AM - 9PM
SUNDAY 10AM - 6PM



Easter & ANZAC Cash Comp Champs



L-R: Easter Cup Cash Comp Champion Paul Dickenson with R/Up Rocky (James) Hammond



L-R: ANZAC Holiday Cash Comp Champion Justin Sajich with R/Up Luke Anglesey