

Play the Table

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Editorial:

In November all heads turn to the West. First up the Miss Q's Classic which promises to be a great battle of the locals this year, best of luck to all entrants, may your games bring swift wins and big \$\$\$.

Then Melbourne Cup Day, the race that stops the nation marks the next dollar earning opportunity in the Cup Day \$1000 Comp. Moving right along to the weekend all Elite players have been working towards, the Tri State Clash! If you reside in WA make a point of joining us at Miss Q's to watch our three top Elite teams go head to head for the right to represent Premier in New Zealand next year in the Premier/NZ Challenge. Check the calendar of events on the WA pages for dates.

October rushed by in a whirl wind with Darwin hosting the Nationals this year. The Vic's stormed to Victory in the Teams, well done indeed guys and a special congratulations to our Elite Leaguies in Vic & Sa Alec Evereniadis, Michael Scerri & Marc Robertson who made the Australian team, good work guys.

The poolcomps.com web site also made headline news in Oct when their dedicated crew ran their first \$10,000.00 online pool tournament, enabling people from all over the world to test their skills for oodles of cash. If you missed out log on and check out the dates for the next one because they will be holding these mammoth comps on a regular basis now.

Then there was the Ballarat Open, Leaguies from Vic & Sa went hard and you can catch their stories in this issue. As always the battle for the 2006 champion was fought out between Vic & Sa with James Delahunty from Adelaide eventually beating Paul Clack from Melbourne in the finals, a great tournament and well done to this years Champs & the organizers.

So all in all its going to be a very interesting month, Bring It On Premier! Happy potting boys and girls and remember the rule of the 7 P's - Proper Planning & Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance.

Cheers till next month.

Happy Potting
Kez.



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SA Elite 2006 Finals

After a long season, South Australia's Elite has come to an end. A huge season with many twists and turns and a few surprise results when it came to finals. Before I get into the nitty gritty of things I would like to congratulate all the players who participated throughout the season. Some of you have been in this game for a long time, and there are many who played competition 8ball for the first time; which ever category you fall into I'd like to thank all the players for their continued support over the season and look forward to continuing the Elite season in 2007.

So after our 3 weeks of finals were compacted into a single week due to both the Nationals and Ballarat interfering with our finals spell, we finally had some results!! Ya Mamma defeated All the Presidents Men M2, in our 1st vs. 2nd battle earning them a fast track straight to the Grand Final. The Backyarders, Maimou, Far Cue 2 (apparently the most popular team name across 3 states!) and my beloved team Wankers Inc. all made through to the next round.

With the advantage of the Labour Day long weekend here in SA, our players came back on the Monday night to fight it out for a crack at the big one. Wankers Inc. drew Far Cue 2, which meant that I had to play against both my dad and my uncle (sorry I beat you Dad!), but it was good old Wankers Inc which came to the party that night earning us a spot against either Maimou or The Backyarders. After much controversy, finger pointing and a few games of pool, it was the underdogs Maimou that came out on top to play against us poor old Wankers Inc. Needless to say we got absolutely smashed and Maimou had earned the right to play in the semi's against All the Presidents Men M2.

Fast forward a whole 3 days to Thursday and we were all set for a semi final and Grand Final to end them all. Again the underdogs, Maimou got off to a flying start, taking the first few frames. But facing experienced players like John Barton, Alec

Evreniadis and Paul Morelli, we all knew there was no way it was going to be a wipeout. Sure enough

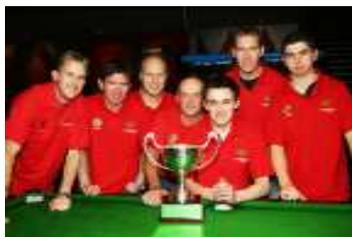
All the Presidents Men, climbed back and before we knew it we had a tied game at 11 all. The games just went one for one with neither team breaking in front by more than one game until the very last frame. All the games had finished bar James Jennings (ATPM) vs. Steve Seebohm (M), and everyone was eagerly waiting the finish. If James won we were looking at a tie and play off; Steve won and we were looking at one of the greatest upsets all season. A great match under some serious pressure, but it was Steve that came up in the end giving Maimou a spot in the Grand Final. A fantastic semi final guys; it was a pleasure to watch.

This brings us to the money.... Maimou, pumped and ready to go, vs. Ya Mamma, clear favourites all season, with a much talked about team, were cool, calm, collected and ready for the win. And win they did!! Ya Mamma's composure vs. Maimou's excitement at even being in the Grand final saw quick matches and a win of 19 - 10. Great games, great sportsmanship and big congratulations to the boys of Ya Mamma for being South Australia's 2006 Elite Champions. For the record I've never ever in my life seen a team so happy to get beaten in a Grand Final. Maimou were all smiles and shooters for the rest of the evening, so well done to you guys!!!

I am now very much looking forward to the annihilation of both the WA team and the Vic's team over in Mandurah... No seriously good luck to all three teams!!

Last but not least, a big thank you to Kerry, who without her none of this would be possible. Her diligence and determination to make this the most outstanding competition for the player and BY the player, does not go unnoticed, however unacknowledged.

GO SA!!!!



Ballarat Open 2006



Ballarat Open has been and gone for another year. With all of us rounded up at Club Q for the qualifying matches on Saturday, players were as excited as jumping beans and ready to eat the world! Going by my previous experiences at tournaments, I came with NO expectations, so I wasn't really surprised to not win a game all day. It's also quite unfortunate that I did actually have many opportunities to win, I just squandered them cos I suck! After a long day, and what seemed to be a million play offs in order to qualify, people trodded off home to get a good nights rest (!) before coming back to give it a crack on Sunday.

As with all tournaments there were some surprises in the first couple of rounds with big contenders going down early (Alec I'm looking at you). By the time we reached the quarters we had Steve McCormack vs. Paul Clack, Brad Richmond vs. Steve Tran, Brenton Collier vs. Marc Robertson, and Jason Tucker vs. James Delahunty. Even at this stage of the game the quality of play was extremely high, and after the quarters we were left with Paull Clack facing Steve Tran and Marc Robertson facing James Delahunty.

Long games ensued and then we were left with 2!!! With only days before heading to Darwin for the Nationals we had Paull Clack facing James Delahunty in the Ballarat Open 2006 Grand Final. James Delahunty who comes from royal blood (so to speak!) and who has been playing since he was a young tacker, got off to a flying start getting to 2-0 up. Not being one to let it slip behind him, Paull was eager to get stuck into it and grabbed the next frame. James was just too strong in the end, as that was the last frame Paull won, James storming home to a 6-1 win. Congratulations James it was fantastic to see you finally take out a major!! Well done to all the players who participated, and well done to everybody for a successful tournament.



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VIC Update with Leanne



Well another month flying by as we edge closer and closer to Christmas. It just never seems to slow down! Oh well, it's a great time of year filled with cheer!! (and of course the barrels of alcohol) To kick off some party time we will be having our

Christmas Presentation Party on Friday 15th December. It is a FORMAL this year! So get out your best and join the rest. Ladies in pretty dresses, Gentlemen in sexy suits and of course we will have our mixed. So make sure you don't miss out coz I'm pretty sure there's going to be some stunners!!

Okay, well now to finals. We've had Friday Red League finish up their finals. The Singles champ is, "Craig Van Stekelenburgh," Runner Up "Phillip Lewis" and 3rd place went to "Leigh Kennedy." Well done guys!

Wednesday Silver League has also completed their finals. Team Champ "Double D's," Runners Up "Keith & Greg" and 3rd place went to "Tin Ass." To singles 3rd place goes to "Keith Windross," Runner Up "Darren Shanks" and the Singles Champ "Tony Buckley." Congratulations guys and I see we have a new name to the winners board....

Now to greater areas, SA Elite has now come to an end and we have the SA Team. Congratulations to "Ya Mamma" for a great effort throughout the season and especially the Finals. Well done boys!

Only one remains... Good luck to all the WA Elite players that in Finals, we we all be seeing your winning team soon.

Back home to Ballarat, what a weekend!! Congratulations to "James Delahunty" for winning the Tournament and to "Paul Clack" for coming 2nd. Well done fellas.

Well, that's it from me, stay safe and be good, will catch up with you all next month.

Sunday Night Karaoke at The Pool Room



(L) Aaron & Aidy your crazy hosts & crew of Sunday Karaoke at The Pool Room.
(L) A nice pic....



(Above)...& some crazy ones.

Join a Pool League first up on a Sunday night, then move to the stage & sing the night away!



Michael & Corinne



Some Big Moves & Voices...



...and some quiet ones.

Birthday Celebrations



Daniel, Kerryn (B'day Girl), Lauren & Rigo celebrating Kerryn's 23rd Birthday. Happy Birthday Babe!

Another Elite Thursday and another Birthday to celebrate. Kerryn from "Wide Open" turned 23 on 26th October and celebrated in style. She may not have won many games on the night, but what would you expect from the

Birthday girl when she's also had a huge night before??? So from all the team mates of "Wide Open," we'd like to wish Kerryn a very Happy Birthday! And remember, your only as old as the person you are feeling, so as of 4am on the morning of your Birthday, you're only 21!!



Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear Nic,
Happy Birthday to you!
We all hope you had a very Wonderful Birthday.
Keep those birthday specials coming!!
Happy Birthday Honey!!



Phil & Andrew having a few birthday drinks with the B'day Girl.



And some Goodbye's

Some cheers and some tears as we say "Goodbye & Safe Journey" to Beau & Rory.

Don't ever be strangers if you guys are back in town. Pop in & say g'day!
So long boys, be safe, but have a ball!!



Mel & Beau.



Beau & Paul

BALLARAT 2006



Some of the mad Melbourne Ballarat Crew

Friday Night. An hour drive and three cans later, we found ourselves at "Club Q" to cheer on our Victorian State Player "Suzi Yeomans" in the womens competition.

Unfortunately for the rest of the entrants, Suzi was in fine form and smashed em up, not once, but twice! Pocketing some handy cash for the National Championships the week after.

Saturday. Slow day to start, tough room and the players came from everywhere. Marc Robertson, Ben Nunan, Mark Williams, Alec Evrenadis and of course the loyal bunch of misfits from the Pool Room. A full day of drinking and pool and the musty smell of competition in the air. Some great games played all through the day, the players playing with all their passion and dedication to make the few to qualify to play the next day. Unfortunately to much drink and little sleep left our group with only one to qualify for the Sunday matches.

A cash update for those interested, Ben Nunan went for \$1000 and Alec Evrenadis went for \$800. The two top sales in the Calcutta first drawn on Sunday.

Vic Finals Fever



(L) Friday Red Singles Champ "Craig Van Stekelenburgh" with Runner Up "Leigh Kennedy"

Oh what Happy faces & is that a monkey???

(R) Wednesday Silver Champ "Tony Buckley" with Runner Up "Darren Shanks"



Melbourne's Christmas Presentation Party!!!

Friday 15th December
It's a FORMAL!!

League's Presentation Party
Don't Forget Drink Card to be collected no later than 7pm!

Bring your mates for \$4 (bargain!) Starting from 5pm
Free Pool & Pizza

Then party the night away in the nightclub

SEE YOU THERE!



REMEMBER THESE DATES:

Last League Night for 2006:
Thursday 20th December
First league Night in 2007:
Thursday 18th January

UNDER THE TABLE WITH ANGE



Well here we go again it's that time. We have had a B'Days, so cheers go out to all who have had a B'Day or about to have one. The theme nights are going great guns. The next one in November is Camo, so dust of the greens and head down for a great night. Also don't forget the League Christmas Presentation is formal, so dust of your glad rags and head down.

Congrats go out to a former League some of you may remember Daniel Sheldon, who a few weeks ago (14th of October) tied the knot, to Stef. Stef looked like a million bucks and Daniel didn't scrub up to bad either.

Word of warning goes out to all of you who may decide to park their car down the bottom of the car park. The Big Orange/Yellow/Red metal pole full of electricity may without warning may jump up out of the ground and ram the front of your car. So be careful. Another word of warning do not park you car outside of Dave (Wednesday Red League's) house at 4 in the morning as you may not have a car any more.

Congrats to all the leagues who have had final and won or lost as the case may be. For more goss, you know where to find me.

Cheers for now. Ange

WA Update with Chelsie Williams



Hi guys, my name is Chelsie and I'm currently the new League Co-ordinator for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. I'm fairly new to Miss Q's and I've been trying really hard to get to know everyone and become apart of the awesome family that has developed here. I haven't been playing pool very long so this whole thing is very new to me. I'm very excited to be apart of Miss Q's and Premier Pool Leagues and I hope that my time here brings a lot of smiles to peoples faces and I hope that I can get all my new leagues started. Thank you everyone for hanging in there while I get to know the leagues and the venue. As most of you know I'm also running the bar on my league nights so I appreciate everyone's co-operation on those days. Well that just about wraps it up for now and I will be seeing you all soon. Have a great Halloween guys!

Miss Q's

Round-Up With Clint

Well it's been another month at Miss Q's and what a month. We have had a lot of birthday function in our very own upstairs function room, all with great success. Many more to come so if you want to have a function with the best atmosphere book upstairs now. We also have cocktails and shooters at Miss Q's, there is a shooter called the CHERRY RIPE which has been given a huge rave and a cocktail SAFE SEX the everyone can't get enough of. So if you haven't tried them you better try them now. Miss Q's also has some of its stock on special too. Due to rebate passed onto us we can offer AFL cues at only \$125 for the ones in stock, but this can only last till the end of November. Also FORD cues and cases are now only \$ 159.00, so make sure you get them or put them on lay-by NOW.

To all Miss Q's patron the staff would like to say that you all have been very well behaved on all weekends and appreciated your valued support. Just quickly I would like to say well done to Cunning Stunts for getting in the ELITE League Grand Final and go luck to Stickmen and Dads Army to see who else play the Grandie.

Good Luck to all Leagues and see you next month, see you see you bye.

Clint

Another Miss Q's Match!



Well Miss Q's is at it again with its match making. As most of you would have read in the past that Clifton Risk and Jess Druery had a beautiful baby boy Kalanie last year,

well a big congratulations to them both on the announcement of the engagement! Clif and Jess met here at Miss Q's two years ago and have been inseparable ever since. Well Clif finally popped the big question on Tuesday 17th of October, their two year anniversary, and of course she said yes.

So once again a big Congratulation to Clif and Jess and all the best for the future!

Meet Rachael



Rach doing her Elite calculations

Hi, my name is Rachael Flaherty. I volunteer down here at Miss Q's two night's a week. Tuesday Night I co-ordinate Tuesday Blue League and on Wednesday night I work behind the bar. I also play Elite on Thursdays with the New Generation Pussies.

I'll tell you a little about myself, I am 19 years of age and I have a boyfriend Alfie Dymtryk who also comes down to Miss Q's (to see me all the time), this is actually where we met and half the reason why we got together. I enjoy coming down to Miss Q's and helping out because it's a fun and friendly environment which I classify as my second home.

Well that's all for me! See ya down here at Miss Q's - Rachael!!!

Events & Important Dates

- Halloween Party
- Tuesday 31st October
- Saturday & Sunday November 4th & 5th: \$6000 Miss Q's Classic.
- Tuesday November 7th: \$1000 Melbourne Cup Day Comp.
- Thursday November 9th: \$5000 W.A. Miss Q's Premier Elite League Final.
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday Nov 10th, 11th & 12th: Premier Elite Tri State Clash.

Killers Hints & Tips:



When you have a new league Co-ordinator and you are new to the pool leagues, be patient with each other and PLEASE ring your league co-ordinator if you can't make it to pool on your night.

Truely A Family Affair At Miss Q's



Left: Dena, Cohan & Will



Right: Steve, Cohan & Lauren

What A Family affair, Steve and Lauren expecting their first bubs and Will and Dena with their first. If anyone didn't know Dena and Lauren are sisters and Steve and Will now work together.

It is amazing how Miss Q's and the game of Pool brings people from all ranges of life into 1 complete life form. Will met Dena when he played in the leagues and Lauren worked the bar. Dena is the only women to be able to keep Will the 'WILDMAN' under control. Will has always been liked by all staff and patrons and we wish him the best in the future with new born Cohan.

Lauren and Steve have been together now for about 2 years and are expecting their first child, you can see they that both are so excited about having bubs. They both have that first baby glow about them. Things for both couples looks bright and fantastic for them all and Miss Q's Staff and patrons all wish them the best in what ever may come their way.



AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES WORLD-CLASS ONLINE SPORTS SITE!



The first weekly tournament carries prize-money of US\$10,000 and is open to registered players who pay only US\$7.50 a month. Many other services, including coaching advice, are available free of charge from PoolComps.com, which is already operational.

PoolComps.com is scheduled to conduct its inaugural World 8-Ball and World 9-Ball Online Pool Championships before the end of this year, with entry at no extra cost to subscribers. These will become world-class annual events and the 2006 prize pool will total US\$100,000.

The PoolComps.com site explains the mechanics of pool to newcomers and provides professional coaching for all levels of skill, irrespective of location. Some of the world's leading professional players are engaged in the coaching processes.

The site shows players how to execute standard and trick shots, plan game strategies and understand factors such as angles and spin. Players are able to see the correct degree of force and the point of impact required to execute each shot correctly, and to replay it in slow motion. All the experience gained on PoolComps.com is directly applicable to table-top play.

After the online world championships for 8-Ball and 9-Ball for PoolComps.com members, a range of new, continuous competitions will be introduced in addition to the weekly tournament, and all prize pools will grow as overall membership increases. Get Online and have a go!

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Ballarat Stories & Pics

Hi there. Kerrie-Anne here again talking to you about my experience in Ballarat. It has been 3 months since I played at Berri and my game has much improved. My nerves were not there and I was concentrating a lot better. The people I was playing against were all friendly and helpful. Although I still did not qualify, I played better and won more games. Much of this is owed to playing in the Thursday night elite league and getting many helpful tips from the other players. Strategy has also started coming into my game, which, when played properly, improves the opportunity to win. Hopefully when the next open is played, my game has improved again and I will play even better. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you enjoy.



Hi my name is Milton and recently I went to Ballarat to play in the comp. I currently play in Mandy's Monday night league and I enjoy it very much. I haven't been playing for long and I decided a weekend away in Ballarat against some good pool players would be an experience. My weekend did not start well as I locked myself out of my room and had to sleep in the car. Come Saturday I was fired up but I needed a shower first so I went to the local pool and had a swim. I was fresh and fired up now. It looked like I had a very strong group just by the way the guys were potting the balls. And I was right! The first three games I lost by seven balls, man these guys were good! But I soldiered on and played a couple of women and managed to pot a few balls, but was not good enough. Come to think about it I didn't win a game but it was fun. Hopefully I can play some more and get better. If there's any single ladies out there that want to teach me I'd only be willing to learn.

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News from A-Town with Mandy Pants

Hello boys and girls!! What an exciting month we've had here at Empire, so lets get stuck straight into it! Elite for 2006 in SA is finally finished and what a result- but seeing as I have already talked about it a lot on the front page so I won't bore you all too much about it again. However I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped me through the season. Despite what I tell everybody, I do appreciate the support I receive from my lovely family here at Empire! But what I need everybody to start doing now is start thinking about Elite for 2007.....

Now the Nationals have been and gone for another year and I know that the SA boys DO NOT want to talk about it at all, but I must remain unbiased and mention it on some level. But I will make it short and sweet so as to not hurt anyone's feelings.... Victoria defeated Tasmania 17 -9 in the Open teams and the Queensland Ladies team defeated Victoria 12 -7. Travis Crawley defeated Steven Woods 10 -9, Lyndall Hulley defeated Mel Malone 9 -5, and the Masters title was taken out by Steve Seebohm who defeated John Howson 6 -5. Congratulations to all the players from all over the country, I hope you all enjoyed Darwin much more than my beloved South Aussie teams. Enough said!

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Miss Q's classic is so close I can taste it, and I'm looking forward to being in sunny Mandurah yet again. It should be a massive week over in WA, as the Melbourne Cup day festivities look to be fantastic the Elite Tri State beginning only days later. I hate to sound over confident but my money is squarely on SA - and look, I swear I'm not being prejudiced, if I was Victorian (which I'm clearly glad I'm not) I'd be putting my money on SA too..... Umm, enough said!!

A good start to our new cash league/mini Elite whatever you would like to call it guys; good to have you all on board, here's to a decent comp!

We have a new column for our SA page starting this month, as I have swayed the way of the other states and introduced a gossip feature written by a terrible trio, Renae, Kerri Anne and Azin. Check it out guys and don't forget if there's anything you want them to chuck in there for them let them know! Conversely if there's something you DON'T want to be in there I suggest you don't talk about it at Empire 'cos those girls will find out about it!!!

Until next month guys... start your Christmas shopping now!!! Actually one more thing, Happy Birthday Russia xxxx

The Ladies Gossip Society

Hey everybody it's your fav girls Kerrie-Anne, Azin and Renae here giving you all the goss on what's going on. First off I'd like to say a major farewell to Damien Nelson who's leaving us for the sunshine state. Damo would like to say a special farewell to all his friends at Empire, especially to Mandy and Renae. He has enjoyed his time playing here and appreciates the friends he is leaving behind.

Not only that, Empire seems to be the place for hooking up. We have a lot of new couples who have all met here and are going well, just call us cupids. Our fav new couple for the month are Azin and Adam. They have been going strong for a month now and getting stronger. Mandy pants and Dave are still together (which is amazing she's still putting up with his shit) after 5 months. Another hot couple is Jess and Ricky who have decided to play on different teams on Thurs in our mini elite to have a bit of comp between each other (my moneys on Jess, the woman always wins.)

Guys watch out for our all girls team on Thurs nights in our mini elite coz they're out for blood. If there are any other girls who want to be a man eater let us know for our all girls team in the premier elite next season. It starts in March and if you want some practice, the mini elite is perfect.

This is girls saying goodbye until next month so stay tuned to what's happening next.

Elite Singles Finals

Elite singles finals are all over as well for the year and we had several surprises! With lots of top level players missing in action due to the nationals, we still managed to scrape 32 runners together for the singles. The big surprise of the night was our little outlaw Brad Trewin who stomped through, Dave Limareff, Kerri-Anne Weisman and James Jennings to make it through to Dave Glover. After his loss to glovebox, Brad played off with Justin Campbell to see Justin take the cash for 3rd place and Brad walk away with 4th place. Our smiling champions right here see our winner Dave Glover with our wonderful runner up Andrew Bosman. Great games guys, and a great finish to the elite season for 2006. Until next year.....



Premier Elite Finals Pics 2006



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) 9535 5575



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