

Play the Table



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Editorial:

April saw the last of the Summer Elite League Champions decided. This brought to a close a very solid & exciting season of Pool, producing some terrific results. Congrats to all the 2010 Summer Champs & Finalists see them all on the back page.

As Summer ends, Winter begins and this year the Winter Elite Competition breaks new ground with Six nights of Leagues competing for 8 spots at Carnival Weekend. The Monday & Wednesday Elite Leagues are introductory level with all but the Captain, first timers, seeing more than 80 new faces joining the Elite ranks, a big welcome to all the newbies & may your first Elite experience be nothing short of a blast! Sunday & Thursday Elite Leagues are Advanced Level, filled with the usual suspects, seeing two nights of solid competition, a big welcome back to all the old timers & have an awesome season of match play. This rounds up the 2011 Winter field of teams that will vie for 7 of the Carnival spots, which leaves the all new Friday & Saturday Elite Singles Leagues, starting on May 6th & 7th to fill the remaining spot. So what is this Singles Elite Comp anyway? You will have to talk to Az, Jarrad or Andrea to find out how you could join a Carnival side by playing singles for \$15 on the weekends :-). Stay tuned for more Elite Updates in future issues.

April also saw the Annual Easter Cup Cash Comp, Congrats to Jack Collins on his First Cash Comp Win. Coming Up in May we also have another shot at getting back at Gossies, with our Next Challenge Match on Sunday May 29th at Gosnells Pot Black. Come along to qualifying on Saturday May 21st to make the Challenge team.

Also this month join Az for a walk down memory lane, with his new string of articles on the History of our game. Till next month...

Happy Potting
Kez



Easter Cup 2011

Around the Tables with Pagey



Well the Easter weekend in April just gone we held the Easter cash cup, with 8 players entering for the event. The competition usually being a double elimination was changed to a round robin format with a best of three result as voted by the players playing in it to give more chances. We got underway into the first round matches when a phone call from Jack Collins came in so we had a late entry, so sure enough he played Az in the first round and took him out two to zero. After the first 3 rounds it was very close between several players With Khyll, Jack not having lost a round at this point in the competition. Things got interesting from there when most of the leaders playing each other and by the half way mark Jack was the clear front runner only dropping one frame by this point, with myself in 2nd Khyll, Az and Gordon all one frame away in 3rd. By the 6th round the games became very close, but still Jack was the still out in front of the pack still only dropping that one frame with myself still 2nd. Then the battle for 3rd started to really heat up with Dean sneaking up taking frames here and there to be level with Az and Gordon on 8, which saw the last round being the decider to see who would be 3rd. The Last round saw Jack drop

one more frame to Courtney (good job Courtney), but that didn't stop Jack from winning the next two. Gordon won his two games with Dean and Az not adding to their totals leaving Gordon outright 3rd on 10 points with myself 2nd on 11 points and Jack on 14 points was the runaway winner. For Jacks efforts he won \$100 and a champion trophy, 2nd received \$50, 3rd got \$10. A special mention to Khyll, Steve and Courtney who all finished on 5 points tried really hard all day and played the game in good spirit walked away with encouragement awards. They were really pleased with their trophies. The day in the end was really fun for all who played we all had a bit of fun, well done to all who played.



2011 Easter Cup Champion Jack Collins with Runner Up Jarrad Page & Third Gordon Payne.

Hope to see everyone next time at the next cash comp, it's always a blast. cya round the tables Pagey

L-R: Steve, Courtney, Khyll - 3 Way Wooden Spooners



The Millennium Of Billiards

By Aaron Goodridge

Part 1. Quite often I get asked and I suppose many more of our readers have wondered, just where does our beloved game hail from? Over the next few editions of our "Play the Table" newsletter I'll try as best I can to answer this oft asked question.

Opinions as to where the game has its roots are almost as varied as versions of cue sports are worldwide. It seems to be generally agreed that our game began somewhere between 1000 and 1200 AD and some indications suggest that the game was bought

back to England from France by "The Knights Templar" sometime during the "Crusades" but given the tumultuous times written evidence of such an occurrence is not readily available, perhaps the Pope will give me access to the Vatican library to research this sometime. Not very likely. Anyway popular consensus amongst scholars seems to be that the game we play today started as a ground game played outdoors and gradually morphed or evolved into Billiards as we know it.

An examination of the word Billiard it's self reveals some interesting points to ponder. From French comes the word Billarder meaning to strike a ball twice, or to strike two balls together. This was done by mace or club called a Bille (Pronounced Bilay) and the player was called a Billarderer and it seems from these origins the playing ball became known as a Billiard-Ball.

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Earliest forms of the game do indeed appear to have been played outdoors on the ground in what seems eerily reminiscent of a form of croquet or golf utilizing posts, pegs, cones and arches or hoops that as best I can tell had to be navigated round through or knocked down accordingly.

From the 1300's many more references to the game start to appear and appears to have been a favorite game of the rich and powerful throughout Europe and in 1314 was listed by the Church as an "Approved Activity" during a period of time when recreation was still heavily policed and it was still commonplace in Europe for people to be burned at the stake for Heresy.

In 1470 there appears the first written record of a Billiard Table listed in an inventory of possessions of King Louis XI of France. It seems that sometime before 1470 the game was shifted indoors most likely due to Western Europe's inclement weather. The game known as Billiards in the early days of it's existence went by many names such as, "The Winning & Losing Game" (my favorite lol) "Game of Hazards", "The Winning Game", "Jeu de Guerre", (In French "The War Game") & Carambole to name but a few. During this era it seems the game was played largely by the wealthy with names like Mary Queen of Scots, The Earl of Leicester & Queen Elizabeth I gracing the tables of the day, but as we move through the ages the game became more accessible the common man and this is what I will endeavor to cover in next months article 1500's - 1800's.

Till next time - Az.

:-) Happy Snaps :-)



The Pants Down & Tops Up tradition seems to have had a revival in recent times!

Instead of buying the opposition a drink when a player is 7 balled, several have opted to do the lap of Shame instead :-). Above Matt & below Naomi, weren't shy about it either. Special mention must go to Nick Ripa who did an impressive lap but I was too slow to catch him ...



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This Months Champs



L-R: 2011 Wednesday Summer Elite Team Champions 'Almost Good + Rosa' Eliot Aloysious, Captain 'Rosa Chour' & James Miller with Runners Up 'The Beach Bums' Andrea Turner, Captain Nadine White & Damien Stenhouse.



L-R: 2011 Thursday Summer Elite Team Champions 'Left Right Left' - Shaun Hibbitt, Captain Clif Risk & Jarrad Page with Runners Up 'Bald & The Beautiful' Matt Black, Captain Jack Collins & Michael Collins.



L-R: Friday Green League Team Runners Up Richard Kinnane & Rochelle Mulroy with Team Champions Jayden King & Zac Baldock



L-R: Wednesday Summer Elite Singles Champion Michael Shuttleworth with Runner Up Nadine White



L-R: Thursday Summer Elite Singles Champion Jarrad Page with R/U Daniel Kinnane



Saturday Top Dog Singles Competition Season Two Champion Adam Caldwell.



L-R: Wednesday Green Singles Champ John Isbister, with Runner Up Terry Johnson



L-R: Friday Green Singles Champion Daniel Kinnane with Runner Up Jayden King



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 reclaim our Challenge Champion Status!

Team Qualifing Knockout Comp, Date: **Saturday May 21st @ 7pm.** \$20 entry includes all day Night Play & Gosnells Challenge Match Play. Top 20 players will make the Challenge Team. Challenge Match Date: **Sunday May 29th @ Gosnells Pot Black**

All New Premier League Seasons



2011 Winter League Seasons

Saturday Top Dog - Weekly Singles Pool Comp with Andrea Turner - Current, Enter Weekly - Strictly Social.

Sunday Blue League - 10 Teams of two - Starts May 31st - Strictly Social.

Monday Blue League - 10 Teams of two - Starts June 1st - Strictly Social.

Tuesday Blue League - 10 Teams of two - Starts June 7th - Strictly Social.

Thursday Blue Social League - 10 Teams of two - Starts April 26th - Strictly Social.

Friday Gold Singles League - 32 player Singles League - Starts May 6th, Winter Season - Social/Advanced.

Saturday Gold Singles League - 32 player Singles League - Starts May 7th, Winter Season - Social/Advanced.