

Play the Table



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Editorial:

Andrea, Az & I had the pleasure of playing in the Empire Johnny Walker Classic Open Tournament in Adelaide earlier this month, what a treat! The Elite of Cue Sports 8Ball & Snooker fraternity turned out providing the best match play imaginable. Superb playing conditions were provided by Alec & his Empire staff enabling top gun Mark Williams to play some incredible Pool against Lui in the Grand Final, eventually taking out the 2011 Title. It was fantastic to see the old Adelaide Leagues & Premier crew again & I can't wait to do it all again next year, feel free to see me to come along.

We had a terrific turnout for the Gossies Challenge but the Gosnells Pot Black crew were still too strong, congrats to them on their 9th win in a row! Join us in our ongoing campaign to bring this winning streak to an end, next time here at Miss Q's.

the Wicked Wednesday Leagues have been having a ball of a time with Bra Toss Challenges, Mass Planking Efforts & Shuffle Dance Off's, see it all on the back page :-)

Most important of all is Miss Q's upcoming 9th Birthday Celebrations, on Saturday June 18th, an Alice in Wonderland Theme Party, book your ticket for only \$15 & have a go at winning the best dressed prize. Emz will be creating one of her specialties with the room deco's so be sure to come & celebrate with us, you never know you may win the door prize of an esky full of alcohol! See you all there.

Happy Potting
Kez



Millennium

Of Billiards

By Aaron Goodridge

Part 2: In part two of this series of articles on the history of Billiards we will look at the games development between the 1500's - 1800's. In the early 1500's the game appears to have grown drastically in popularity amongst both the wealthy and the common man, probably due to the game becoming more accessible, with tables starting to appear in ale houses / bars and other public places throughout France in the early to mid 1500's and slowly spreading throughout Europe. During the 1600's the game had reached a point in it's evolution where written rules began to appear and in 1674 Charles Cotton had his book "The Compleat Gamester" published containing complete rules for both French and English Billiards as well as many other popular table games

Gossies Take 9 in a Row!!

The Challenge was set for Sunday May 29th and a week prior, the qualifying competition saw a mass turnout from the Miss Q's Leagues setting the scene for a great battle just to make the side! The new & talented, Jack Collins met Shane Buckley in the Grand Final and took the honours that night, with a solid display of 8 Ball.

Almost 50% of the Miss Q's team was made up of Newbies who had not yet had the pleasure of a Gossies Challenge Experience and their enthusiasm was encouraging to say the least. They had all heard about the Power House of Players that Antonio, Gossies Boss Man, fielded out of his Pot Black Centre, and were super keen to have a go at bringing their winning streak to an end.

Bright & early Sunday morning most met at Miss Q's for a quick warm up before heading North. After a quick road trip up the freeway the Miss Q's players were on Gossies turf and rearing to have a crack. After a few warm up games, the word was, great tables that played lightning fast, and with that Antonio welcomed us all & the matches were under way. Four hours of intense match play blitzed by and between the odd hot dog, beverage and team chants from both sides, oh & of course the Gossies version of a Shuffle Dance

off, a new challenge was put out by the Boss Man himself. Gossies had a player that hadn't lost a frame all day, Brendan O'Brien, so a target was put on his back with a Chocolate on offer for the first to take him out! It wasn't until the last match of the day that Miss Q's Gordon Payne eventually took the scalp and earned 3 Chockie bars for his efforts. Gordon was also Miss Q's top scorer taking 10 from 14 for the day, a massive effort against these players. A yummy Pizza Supper was then enjoyed by all, before Antonio announced the scores for the day. Miss Q's had won one round outright & tied two rounds, the rest the Mighty Gossies took convincingly. Finals Team score 170 to Gossies & 110 to Miss Q's. Brendan was the ultimate Player of the Challenge, a great effort from all of the Gossies Players, congratulations to them on their 9th consecutive win.

Special thanks to Antonio & his staff for their terrific hospitality and camaraderie, we look forward to seeing you all at the next Challenge in August at Miss Q's.

Cheers and thanks to the Miss Q's drivers & challengers, a great effort by all, lets learn from our loss & come back smarter & stronger next time, see you all on the practice tables.



Gosnells Pot Black Team - Challenge Champions



Antonio



Miss Q's Challengers



Miss Q's Cheer Leaders



Brendan

of the era such as chess and cribbage. The game continued to steadily evolve and during the late 1600's players had begun to use the thinner (handle) end of the playing mace to strike the ball when it lay close to a rail (cushion) the handle of the mace was called was called the "queue" and from here the modern "cue" seems to have it's origins. It seems a large part of our games evolution has be due largely to constant improvements in the equipment used to play the game, the balls have gone from being made from stone or wood and even clay in the earliest reports of the games existence until ivory became the resource of choice sometime during the 1600's, the first report of ivory billiard balls can be found in an inventory of the Duke of

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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 Green League - 10 Teams of two - Starts June 26th - Strictly Social.

Monday Green League - 10 Teams of two - Starts June 27th - Strictly Social.

Tuesday Green League - 10 Teams of two - Starts June 28th - Strictly Social.

Thursday Green League - 10 Teams of two - Starts June 30th - Strictly Social.

Norfolk dated 1588. The problem with ivory was that firstly it was dangerous to obtain, secondly if it wasn't seasoned properly they were not very durable and tended to crack and split, the average elephant tusk tended to yield no more than 4-8 balls and consequently over coming couple of hundred years of the games increasing popularity elephants would be slaughtered at an alarming rate, at peak production an 1890's shipping record shows that an estimated 12000 elephants per year were being slaughtered to provide the 750 tons necessary to supply England alone, not to mention the rest of the billiard playing world. According to Wikipedia the public outrage caused by this resulted in a prize of \$10,000US being offered by the New York supplier Phelan & Collender for any inventor who presented a viable alternative, amounting to \$164,450US in today's money. This led to a large variety of materials being used to manufacture balls including Bakelite & Crystalite the forerunners of modern plastic as well as the newly patented Nitrocellulose Billiard Ball's which were suitable for the job, but like other Nitrocellulose products were prone to exploding which posed a problem for anyone who wanted to take their game seriously.

In next months 1900's - 2000's article I will cover what Billiard balls were eventually to be made of as well as the evolution of the tables we play on and the cues we use, and have a look at our game 8 ball and it's origins so stay tuned. Till then, Az.

*Ma Heads East to Take on
the Big Guns in Adelaide*

Empire - Johnny Walker Classic



Hi Everyone, I have just experienced my first major pool comp at the Johnny Walker Classic held in the Empire pool room in Adelaide. The room was full of some of the countries' finest pool players and I thought I was going to get flogged!! But the first day of the comp I won 4 out of 8 frames and I was happy with my efforts.

There was a 4 way tie for me and 3 other players to get through to the next day and I missed out by 1 frame. Disappointed but I had a great time watching all the players battling it out for the 1st place spot. I recommend the experience to everyone from novice upwards, even if you don't get very far in the comp, you learn so much from the other players. Ace has a fantastic pool room and everyone there had a great time, catching up with old friends and making new ones. All the competitors were friendly and showed great sportsmanship and I hope to go again next year. Cheers, Andrea/Ma.



**The Corner Pocket
with Pagey**

Hi guys and girls, once again it's been a big month of events at Miss Qs, starting with a Wednesday elite night where there was a dance off to the party rock anthem and my word there was a few going to town on the dance floor and it was immensely enjoyed by all who participated. It didn't stop there after that there was a mass planking exercise where we were showing people how to plank safely, which funny enough was actually ON the pool table itself! Now on Friday nights there's an awesome new singles pool league running, so far the 16 players are having fun. Why wouldn't they there's spots up for carnival weekend, also lots of prizes to be had for the top 16 and bottom 16 as well, not to mention that its only \$15 dollars a night to play so don't be shy come on down put your name down and have a go it's well worth it. There are 16 available spots for you to put your name down and have some fun, just come see either myself or someone at the bar to register you won't regret it, so till next time see ya round the tables...

:-) Happy Snaps :-)



Above: Wednesday Elite Players enjoying the Shuffle Dance Off to Party Rock Anthem, Stew Lambert took out Top Junior Shuffler & Michael Mouse Belcher Top Adult Shuffler, Great Job Boys!



Above: Mouse Makes Headlines again beating Stew in the Bra Toss Challenge to win a new player



Above: Leaguies Plank Safely in Mass at Miss Q's & a token Gossies Plank after the Challenge Loss

This Months Champs



L-R: Tuesday Blue Team Champions Morgan Gould & Nick Rippa Wright with Runners Up Daniel Kinnane & Adrian Hubon



L-R: Tuesday Purple Singles League Champion Terry Johnson with Runner Up Eliot Aloysious



L-R: Tuesday Blue Singles Champion Daniel Kinnane with Runner Up Nick Rippa Wright



L-R: Gossies Challenge Qualifying Comp Runner Up Shane Buckley with Champion Jack Collins



Saturday Singles Round Robin Champion David Clinckers



Billy Dower Junior 8Ball Comp Champion Matt Gradussov

**Miss Q's
9th Birthday Celebrations**



Saturday June 18th from 7.30pm
Alice in Wonderland Theme
Adult Door Prize an Esky Full of Alcohol!
& Junior Door Prize a Fabulous Coke Pack!
Fantastic Best Dressed Male & Female Prizes
Awesome Games & Giveaways All Night
This is a Pre Paid Event - Only \$15 per person
Book Now to Secure Your Favourite Table!