

Play the Table



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Editorial:

Nothing like turning up the heat in the middle of winter! July has been a scorcher within the walls of Miss Q's starting with my newfound marketing tool 'Facebook, it has enabled the inner most desires & fantasies of some of our more eccentric members to be lived out in full :-) just my cuppa tea too I might add! Thanks to everyone who has injected a little fun into the normal & if you haven't yet please search out Miss Q's Pool & Entertainment Centre in Pages on Facebook & Like the page, so that you can stay in the loop. Check out the Happy Snaps from all of this month's fun & games.

July also brought the Mid Year Presentation Party which is always great fun with complimentary Pool Food & \$25 Bar Tab. Special Congratulations to all the Season winners this time around.

And of course the highlight of our month was when our great mates from the Geraldton 8 Ball Association came to town to do battle with us for the now sought after MAGIC Chupa Chup Cup! After Adrian & Adele put on the first ever Chupa Chup Cup Challenge in Geraldton at the Italian Club in January this year, it was our turn to reciprocate. There was no shortage of Miss Q's players that turned out for the qualifier and even though ten of the original team that went to Geraldton in January were missing, we qualified one of the most enthusiastic teams yet! The articles written by some of those who played are on the following pages & paint the picture of our most exciting Challenge in a long time, do enjoy the read. I would like to thank some key people that made the event possible for us, Peel Confectionery, who donated the Chupa Chup mementoes, Shalako Isabeth who helped me throughout the day behind the bar, Az & Andy Swann for the terrific Brekky & Stewie & Pagey for prepping the tables. And of course the amazing crew of players that trekked South to make the event possible 'Geraldton 8 Ball Association', headed up by the Magician & his Assistant, Adrian Lancaster & Adele Mills. Congratulations on your win and we are all grateful for the lessons & camaraderie & can't wait to see you all again next year.

In closing, our next Challenge is against our dearest & oldest foes the mighty Gossies Crew, we need all our top Leagueies to step up to ensure they do NOT get Ten wins in a row! Come to Qualifying on August 20th & let's Get a Gossie :-)

Happy Potting
Kez



Ben Foster Cash Comp Champ

The Chupa Chup Cup

Mandurah 2011



The Story of the Magic Cup:

Late on Friday night the 29th of July the Geraldton Chuppa Chup Cup Challenge Team arrive safe and sound after a long bus ride thanks to bus driver extraordinaire Nigel Sumner and in true Geraldton style had hit the tables for a quick hit out before close, which is something that never ceases to amaze me, poolhall junkies the lot of em :-). The next day we all suffered an early start (early for pool players anyway) but the suffering was somewhat alleviated by a cooked bacon & egg breakfast thanks to the culinary talents of Andy Swan and myself, cheers for the help Andy couldn't have done it without you. After brekky the last of our team arrived and we got ready for round 1 of what would hopefully be a 20 frame marathon, time permitting. At the end of round 1 it looked pretty promising for Miss Q's with the score finishing 9-11 in Gerro's favour, Miss Q's fired up then and come the end of the 2nd round Miss Q's had the lead and held it convincingly until round 7 when scores were tied at 70 wins a piece. In round 8 Geraldton took the lead and selfishly wouldn't give it back, not through our lack of trying to take it though with the majority of rounds finishing in a draw at 10 all. We made it through 19 of a possible 20 rounds before we ran out of time and held our own the whole way, by far the best result for Miss Q's in the history of the Chuppa Chup Cup, the final score Miss Q's 174 to Geraldton's 206. Adrian Lancaster player of the match finishing on 17 wins from a possible 19 & for Miss Q's Evan Briggs and myself wound up in a playoff after finishing on 14 wins a piece Evan taking the honours winning 2-1 well done Evan. With that out of the way and the traditional supper of pool playing champions, pizza delivered and devoured, presentation got under way with everybody claiming ownership of a commemorative miniature Chuppa Chup, kindly supplied by Peel Confectionery



Back to Back Chupa Chup Cup Victors
Geraldton - Team Champions - July 2011

especially for the occasion and Adrian Lancaster claiming ownership of the awesome (Magic) Chuppa Chup Cup on behalf of his team, speeches follow with many cheers & congratulations for both sides not to mention more displays of magic from the cup. With that out of the way we all hit the

tables again in preparation for another tradition, the after challenge cash knockout comp that started with a quality field of 32 players and ended with one, the eventual winner Ben Foster taking the pot to finish what was an

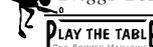
impressive day of pool for him, finishing the Challenge on 16 from a possible 19 and winning the knockout under some very trying circumstances due to some of his fellow team mates discovery of a fun little game called killer pool, those players who had been knocked out of the comp were busy making more noise than the entire crowd during the Melbourne Cup not to mention the cheers being randomly generated the Magic of the Chuppa Chup Cup well done Ben. I'd like to say a big thanks all round and congratulate Geraldton for an outstanding display of gameplay and sportsmanship yet again and look forward to seeing you all again in Geraldton in January when we come to get our Magic Cup back. Cheers Az.



Adrian Lancaster & Evan
Briggs Best Players



The Magic
Chupa Chup Cup



Geraldton Challenge - The Chupa Chup Cup



Kim Buchholz

The 30th of July was the one and only Chupa Chup cup challenge, which was against the fighting fit challengers Geraldton! This was my first meet against Geraldton which I dead set wanted to do Miss Q's proud, but to do so I would have to play some outstanding pool as Geraldton have some very experienced and talented players. I got off to a flying start in the first half by playing smart and cueing well. One thing that always helps our team and I play well is the atmosphere Miss Q's puts on while playing. Lunch Time was a chance for both teams to relax and socialize with each other whilst munching on a delicious as always hot dog with cheese. After lunch it was time to concentrate again as it was neck and neck on the scoreboard and anyone's chupa chup cup! The second half I came up against some very very talented players which I managed to take away some handy knowledge, I applied that knowledge I had learnt in my later games which helped me take frames from outstanding players!! This day for me was great as it made me concentrate and think about every move, as one incorrect move could cost me the game. After my games I would always go and watch a different frame with 2 outstanding players. Just Watching the 2 players brains tick over trying to calculate multiple moves ahead of their shot to give them the best chance of winning made me see that everyone sees the "POT OUT" differently. Geraldton clicked up a gear in the second half out scoring us to take the fantastic chupa chup cup! But at the next challenge I warn Geraldton to look out because Miss Q's only will get stronger and stronger on the tables as time goes on!! To sum up I would like to share a saying I learnt from a very wise and outstanding player which is "Play the table not the player"



The Miss Q's Challengers - The Best Chupa Chup Cup Result to Date!



Andrea Turner

When I think of the Chupa Chup Challenge the two things that come to my mind are 'What an fantastic day!!' and Jealousy !! Oh the jealousy! of course I know you guys are playing the traitor card but I know, Oh I know that you guys really wish it was you that got to play on the winning team and not me, that's cool though I totally understand I'd be jealous too. But I'm not because did I mention that I was on the winning team. Now that I've mentioned that I was on the winning team I would also like to again mention that the day was AWESOME. The challenges were intense the atmosphere focused but completely energised. We all had a ball and look forward to January's road trip. Thankyou so much to Geraldton for allowing me the honor to play with such a well spirited and enjoyable team.

Of course now I know your secrets Mwahahaha and when Miss Q's comes to Gero look out we will be after a well deserved win!! For those who still think me the traitor just remember who was on the winning team?? ... That's right I WAS. ANDREA / MA



Jesse Caldwell

Qualifying for the chupa chup cup was a lot tougher than I thought it would be. Even though I only managed to win an entire 1 game I managed to make the team due to people pulling out and switching teams (thanks Ma). It was still a lot of fun.

Now the day of the challenge was a great day. To begin with there was a great breakfast of bacon and eggs cooked by Az and Andy which I didn't really have any of but all the same it was good. Then came the start of the days play. There were some pretty tough competition and I only walked away with three games for the day. And at the end of the day for supper we all got pizza and I really really enjoyed that :-).

Everyone on both sides were great and the "Gero Dero's" "were like machines after a five or six hour drive they still managed to beat us and all of them still managed to do the knockout comp that night.

The highlight for me was when miss q's managed to take 14 games in one round. I think I was one of the people who lost though.

Anyway I guess I'm finished here. Just one last thing; if any newbie wants to get some experience these kinds of challenges are the things to do. They are great for learning and are also loads of fun :-). Until next time....



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Mark (Blue) Reynolds

As most of you are aware, Miss Q's hosted the Chupa Chup Cup on the 30th of July with the TEAM GERALTON making the journey to the big smoke (Mandurah) to see what MISS Q's had

to offer. Well I hoped they were up for the challenge. Before I go there, let's go back a couple of weeks to the nomination and qualifying process.

As this is the first time I've been a member of any pool club, it was a first for me to enter a pool competition of this type. I was hesitant weather to nominate for the Challenge because there are a lot of players well above my game and qualifying for this event would be beyond reach. But I put my name down with encouragement from Kerry (Manager) and came back for the qualifying matches.

With the nomination hurdle jumped, I now found myself at qualifying with other players, gathering near reception or practicing their skill on the available tables. Looking around to see what competition I will have, I noticed some familiar faces and also faces not so familiar. Ages ranged from early teens to people older than me (let's not go there!). The thing is, you don't have to be Eddy Charlton to be here, you just have to love the game. Anyway, it was a Knock-out competition with the top 20 qualifying for the Geraldton challenge. After everyone was getting through their first frames, I couldn't help but notice that even though this was a competition, the social atmosphere was no different than a bunch of people getting together to enjoy a couple of games of pool at home. Surprisingly, I managed to win some games against players I considered great at their game. I also lost a couple, but the beauty is that you don't have to win every frame to go through and qualify. A couple of hours later the top 20 winners were through with myself making it through in the top 8 which isn't bad for a virgin at this type of competition. We also had reserve players nominated for the day that came in for unexpected no-shows for both Miss Q's and Team Geraldton.

The next a last hurdle was here. Chuppa Chupp Cup day! Cloudy day in Mandurah, its 9am and you are greeted at Miss Q's with a Bar-B-Q breakfast. It couldn't be much better. The boys and girls of our team and the Geraldton mob are all here breaking the ice over a nice bacon and egg sandwich washed down with orange juice. Meet and greet was over with all in great spirits ready to get on with it. I've heard over the past few weeks of the calibre of some of their players so I though I'll probably learn something here and have some fun at the same time.

Pre-briefing was given to both sides and the games begun. I didn't get off as planned and was beaten in the first game. Bugger! Not to worry, 18 or so games to play and the law of averages say "You've got more chances of being eaten by sharks than to lose every game to one!" Throughout the day I won games against Geraldton players better than me and lost games against people I should have beaten, but that's sometimes how it goes in pool.

The competition stopped for lunch and celebrations on both teams were had when the bar finally opened. Hang on? This is supposed to be the North versus the South! What the? It turns out that even though we're all playing for the Cup, we're also here to enjoy the game no matter where you come from or what level of player you think you are. This was backed up with teams chanting and encouragement from on-lookers to me and other players. Team Miss Q's was doing well and was giving Geraldton a run for their money up until Kerry got onto the microphone with the 'Commentators Curse' announcing how well we were doing. Somehow I and many other team members couldn't win a game for a while and blamed it on THAT announcement. Team Miss Q's regathered and punched through the wall to come home well.

At the end of the day, TEAM GERALTON came home strong to take the Chuppa Chupp Cup by a small margin after nearly 400 frames of pool. Although I only won about half my games, I wasn't disappointed? It was by far the most enjoyment I've had in the game in a long time regardless of the level of talent I have. I found the main goal of this challenge was for people who enjoy the game in the company of like-minded people.

I actually learnt more in that day than I have since becoming a member of Miss Q's. The first thing I learnt was to play your natural game and not theirs. It's easier and the other players have no idea what you going to do. The Second thing I learnt was that if you think you're not good enough, you're taking it too seriously.

Everyone played 19 Games in the Chupa Chup Cup Challenge Match following are the individual results

Miss Q's individual scores:

Geraldton's individual scores:

- Evan Briggs 14,
- Aaron Goodridge 14,
- Jarrad Page 13,
- Damien Stenhouse 12,
- Gary Wightman 12,
- Nadine White 10,
- Matthew Hibbitt 10,
- Michael Shuttleworth 10,
- Daniel Kinnane 10,
- John Isbister 8,
- Mark Reynolds 8,
- Kim Bucholz 8,
- James Dooney 7,
- Shaun Hibitt 7,
- Shane Buckley 7,
- David Clinkers 6,
- Andy Swan 5,
- Matt Hiller 5,
- Luke Zuvich 5,
- Jesse Caldow 3.

- Adrian Lancaster 17,
- Ben Foster 16,
- Mick Van Kampen 15,
- Luke Foster 14,
- Nigel Sumner 14,
- Jason Kelly 13,
- Matthew Barrett 12,
- John Nestoridis 12,
- Adrian Hallgarth 12,
- Brett Merandez 11,
- Chris Simmons 10,
- Alan Branch 10,
- Jacob Sumner 9,
- Chris Higgins 8,
- Adele Mills 7,
- Andrea Turner 7,
- Ross Atkinson 6,
- Lauren Sumner 6,
- Tom Gaskin 4,
- Jacinta Simpkin 3,

:-) July Happy Snaps :-)



Millennium Of Billiards

By Aaron Goodridge

Part 4 - Last month in this series of articles we covered the evolution of the billiard balls we play our game with and some of the science that saved the elephant from extinction, this month as promised we will spend some time looking at the journey taken by the table since our game moved indoors and stopped being played on the ground. As mentioned in the first article in this series, the first known record of a billiard table was found in a document from 1470 listing the table as belonging to the King of France Louis XI, so it's a fair assumption that the table was invented some time before that. Early references as to the materials used in the construction of the first tables are not well known from that era, but in later centuries the materials used for the playing surface and the cushions were better recorded, it's believed that the bed was made from a single piece of wood at first and it seems that in the earliest versions of the tables the rails were simply a boundary to stop the balls falling off the edge of the playing surface. All of the above surely posed a mess of problems for anyone expecting the balls to play true, especially given the propensity for large pieces of timber to warp and bend and sag constantly during changing weather conditions. As the evolution of the equipment went on it seems that the players switched to using the pointed or "Queue" end (cue end) of the playing mace and players started to strike the ball as opposed to push it as was being done with the mace. It appears that sometime around the late 1600's table makers began to pad the rails with cloth and other materials and tables stayed this way it seems until the late 1700's when the table had some major improvements. Table beds made from marble started to appear replacing the timber of various forms including parquetry style table beds of earlier centuries, the next leap for the table happened in 1799 when "The House of Thurston" was established by one John Thurston and started to produce billiard tables and accessories and in 1826 he started experimenting with slate beds and became the first to produce commercially available full sized slate bed tables in 1834 and by 1840 in the UK slate bed had become the recognised standard for quality billiard tables. With the problem of a good reliable playing surface sorted out the next major development for the table was the cushions, prior to the 1830's cushions had been stuffed with everything from straw to coconut husks and linen then cork, leather and eventually rubber. Also during the 1840's John Thurston started manufacturing rubber cushions the first rubber cushions were not too well received by the players of the day and posed problems when the weather was cold as they were prone to going hard and many tables of the day came complete with zinc pipe inside them that would be filled with hot water to keep the rubber soft, but thankfully Thurston continued to experiment and in 1845 was granted a patent on a vulcanised rubber cushion very similar to what we still use today, over the coming decades these vulcanised rubber cushions would be embraced throughout the world. Next month we will look at the various types of tables that were created as a result of these developments, we'll learn what cloth is really made of and creation of the cue tip.

Presentation Party



The Mid Year Presentation Party saw the Prize winners from all the seasons of Premier Pool Leagues completed since the beginning of 2011. It was great to see so many new faces, Congratulations to the all the Champs & keep up the great work.

Meet your new Friday Night Crew Suzie & Kim who take the reigns from Pagey who you will still find hanging out around the Corner Poket on Friday's but on the other side of the Bar.



Hey Guys Suzie Here!!

For those that don't know me I'm new to the Miss Q's team but not so new to Miss Q's. I've been coming down here for about a year and a half just to enjoy the game. I've just started to look after the Friday social and Friday Singles league (with A LOT of help from Kez and Ma - Kudos) with another league on the way. If you have anyone who would be interested - I'll be at the bar. I'm going to spice things up a bit so stay tuned for what's happening.



of 8 ball!!! So if you want to have a Frame or 2 against the best come ask me :-)) haha

Hi all, my name is Kim Buchholz and this is my first season playing at miss Q's and I have to say I am hooked! If you don't know me already I am sure you will soon enough as I will be serving you behind the bar and probably playing you on the tables. I love the game



Gossies Challenge

The Gossies have thown down the Gauntlet & the Duel Dates have been set in Stone.

Team Qualifying Knockout Comp, Date: **Saturday 20th August @ 7pm.** \$20 entry includes all day Night Play & the Gosnells Challenge Match Play. Top 20 players will make the Challenge Team.

Challenge Match Date: **Sunday August 28th at Miss Q's on Home Turf.**

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