

Play the Table

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Editorial:



What a buzzing month! Summer Elite Finals are in full swing with lots of Cash going out to the Top Teams, the atmosphere has been electric with some very tight matches!

See all of the Champions on the back page.

There is also currently a massive amount of activity in the player ranks as teams come together for the Winter Elite Season, we are still chasing a couple of teams one advanced for Monday & Thursday Night as well as one Introductory on Monday Night plus a few Captains still need the odd player on various nights so come & see me if you are available. First night of League is Sunday April 15th & it's going to be an awesome season! And all new batch of Social League Seasons are about to commence as well so catch me for the details.

Also this issue check out all of the reports from the Oceania Snooker & Billiards Championships & get a DVD of the Billiard Finals, just Brilliant!!

We also saw the announcement of the New Generation of Premier All Stars this month, check them & this years program details out on Pg 3. it's going to be an exciting year!

The WA 8 Ball Federation have announced their calendar of events with the Men's & Ladies State trials, check it all out in the calendar on site at www.missqs.com.au & the back page. And talking of State level stuff, a big thanks to Suzy Bussanich & the State Ladies who spent an evening coaching our girls & whipping our boys :-) see the round up in this issue as well.

And finally a very Happy & Safe Easter to All, have a terrific break!

Happy Potting
Kez



Premier Elite

Winter Season Prize Pool 2012 Total \$26,000.00 Cash & Trophies

Four League Nights - Sun, Mon, Wed & Thurs
10 Team Spots on each night. Six players to a Team. All Ages and levels of experience - This Year in addition to our Three Advanced level Nights there is a Monday & Wednesday Novice Night for teams of Three. All Starting April 15th.

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Glow Pool For Earth Hour 2012

The 31st of March every year at Miss Q's sees leagues great and small venture into the dark to play 8Ball and numerous other games dressed in their glowiest attire in honour of the world wide environmental movement called Earth Hour and of course in honour of 8Ball. This year was Miss Q's fourth year in a row celebrating Earth Hour and as tradition now dictates we don't just go dark here for an hour but we go dark for the whole night. Aside from lighting provided by a few glow sticks and swords all non-essential lighting is turned off in



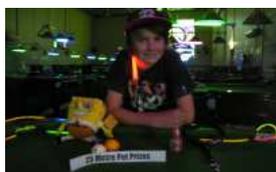
order to conserve power and hopefully save the planet a little. Earth Hour Australia points out that last year around the world, 5, 251 cities in 135 countries officially took part. But surely nobody else has thought to do it like we do here at Miss Q's while playing 8Ball & fun challenges in the glow for awesome prizes donated by fabulous supporters like Greenfields Liquor Store. Anyhow at 8pm sharp we killed the lights and plunged Miss Q's into darkness as promised and as our eyes adjusted the glow got brighter until playing in the dark was almost normal, the only thing that was really difficult was for Shaun Hibbitt and myself to catch a decent photo of the event lol, the first game to get underway was "Pot The Lot" and soon Storm Stenhouse would set the benchmark of 7 balls potted in a row leaving most of the crowd chasing that tally for most of the night until Rosa Chour

came along and went one better securing the 2012 title for "Pot the Lot" in the dark, falling 5 balls shy of last year's record of 13 Balls set by Evan Briggs. Well done Rosa :-). The "25 Metre Pot" is always a favourite amongst the Leaguies and at Glow Pool there was a queue of people waiting to lie on the floor and take a pot

shot at the board some 25m away. Stone Stenhouse proved it's not all about size at all playing the most amazing shot I've seen yet not only in the dark but in the light as well successfully potting the cue

ball and the object ball one in each hole of the 25m board and out scoring everyone winning the prizes for the highest score. Well done Stone. Finally the "Best Dressed Prize" was one by Tuesday Social League Kyle Brown after getting the loudest cheer from the crowd (Most of it his own.) and took home a classic Bundaberg Rum Prize donated by Greenfields Liquor. Well Done Kyle. Finally I'd like to thank those who helped on the night, firstly Shaun Hibbitt for his assistance with the colossal feat of taking photos in the dark, Secondly Tim Howard who helped with scoring on the Pot the Lot & The 25m Pot, Greenfields Liquor Store for supplying the awesome prizes & finally all the Leaguies who attended and help to make this event what it is every year.

Till the last day of March 2013, Glow Az.



Stone Stenhouse 25 mtr Pot Champ



Kyle Brown Best Dressed



Rosa Chour Pot the Lot Champ



2012 Oceania Snooker & Billiard Championships



I have just spent a Sensational week in Melbourne rubbing Shoulders with the best of the best in Snooker & Billiards, as well as playing myself

There were 8 W.A.'s, Matthew Bolton, Gordon Whittaker, Ben Judge, Naralle Adams, Cindy Tran, Keenan Ciglar, Viet Thai & me that travelled East for the Oceania Snooker & Billiard Championships. What a formidable bunch we turned out to be. The two Juniors Keenan & Viet made the top 8 of the U21's Keenan even went on to make the top 32 of the Men's! The WA Adults scooped the pool with Matt Bolton owning the Billiard Championship making two breaks in excess of 600 along the way to victory. Anyone who wants to see how he did this in a World Class field, should contact Grant Meadley on gmeadley@dodo.com.au for a DVD of the Semi & Grand Final, you will be amazed! And if that was not enough excitement for the West then there was Ben Judge who stole both the Six Red & Snooker Championship Titles, playing beautiful, solid, error free Snooker securing himself a spot on the World Professional Snooker Tour for the next two years!! Yeahhhhh.... It must be mentioned that Matt Bolton also scored the highest Snooker

break for the Tournament of 142! A Massive congratulations to all of the WA Boys. The Ladies all missed the top 16 by just one match and Gordon went to the wire in a very tough group 3-2 all the way with the score sheet definitely not a true indication of how well he played. Us Ladies & Juniors have grown as players from the experience & have come home with even more fire in our bellies to go back for much, much more!

The Under 21 Snooker Title went to the talented Kurt Dunham of Victoria & the Ladies Title to New Zealand's Ramona Belmont, she also scored the highest Ladies Break of 73! Well done to all the tourey Champs :-)

There is a whole lot to be said about this tournament but the things that stand out the most are, the camaraderie amongst the Snooker & Billiard Fraternity who genuinely care for their own. One of the Juniors lost a bag with the entire trips cash for accommodation & expenses in it and between Matt & Grant producing a DVD to sell & the Players & Organisers all purchasing & donating lots of cash they raised \$800+ to help out! Just amazing and a credit to the whole Snooker & Billiard community!

The Organisers did a sterling job of running this International event, congratulations to Adam Wyard, Barrie Jones & their fellow Oceania representatives on a fabulous job, always done with a smile. To the Referees that stood for in excess of 12 hours a day, their tireless work for the love of the game was appreciated by every person there. The Terrific Venue 'Princess Entertainment Center' & it's professional & friendly staff, not to mention superb tables are deserved of many accolades. And from my perspective sincere appreciation goes to Pot Black Gosnells & North Perth for sponsoring the many hours of practice time they gave me in preparation for this event. I am also in debt to my unbelievable Mentors in Jim Bonner, Gordon Whittaker & Matthew Bolton who all spend many hours working with me on my game and encouraging me, I feel exceptionally fortunate, Cheers guys...

In closing, I'd like to also thank Az, Andrea & Gordon for holding down the fort at Miss Q's so that I could pursue my personal ambitions, thanks sooo much :-). Stay tuned for future Giant Table Adventures - Kez.



After having played 8ball for many years, I decided about 18 months ago to step up and give snooker a go. I have always loved the game but had never played in any kind of league or competition. So I joined a team, started competing in leagues, played in all the snooker state ranking tournaments and also



the annual state championships. With the help of some good coaching and loads of regular practice I started to see my game improve and my placing's in these events climb.

This year I decided I would travel and play in the 3 major national championships. Last week was the first of these events in Melbourne – the Oceania Billiards and Snooker Championships which saw the best men, women and juniors from Australia, NZ, Fiji and Papua New Guinea compete in 5 available events over the week long tournament. What a great week it was! I learnt so much from the nearly 30 or so frames of snooker played during the week against some of the best players in this country. I also learnt what a great deal of mental discipline and self belief is required to take your game to the next level. It is much more than just the skill required on the table. Confidence and self belief is the key! Even though I didn't play as well as I had hoped, I learnt more in this last week than I have in the last few months. Match play of this level is such good experience for everyone of all levels. I'm now taking everything I learnt back to the table for more hours of solo practice, coaching and the usual league/comp events. I look forward to unpacking the bow tie and waistcoat again and competing in the Australian Women's Snooker Championships in Perth mid year and the Australian Open Women's Snooker Championships in Melbourne later this year.

My advice to anyone is that if you haven't had a chance to play in a state ranking event (snooker) or state trials (8 ball) then definitely go for it!! You have everything to learn and experience from it and nothing to lose. Playing better players is the best way to get better! Not to mention the amazing time you have and the wonderful friends you make along the way. Cheers - Narelle Adams



Got on a plane to Melbourne with a few people & caught a taxi to the Carnegie Motor Inn & unpacked our stuff into the room.

I played loads of games of Snooker in the U21, Six Red & Men's Snooker where I learned as much as I could from the experience.

I became a somebody to people because Gordon Whittaker told me how to play Snooker, it's not all about potting balls! I'm glad I went it was well worth it, I met a lot of people that were all pretty nice. Other people should come if you enjoy the game & want to learn from all the other players & to watch some quality Snooker.

I'd like to thank Gordon, Matt, Kerry & Narelle for everything they have done for me over the week. Gordon has improved my game so much over this week. Kerry has been awesome, thanks for all the food & snacks that you provided, I really appreciate it. Thanks to Matty for doing everything for me, I wouldn't have been there without you & wouldn't have gotten this experience.

Thanks to everyone that donated to me for this trip – Keenan Ciglar.



Last Saturday we took off towards Melbourne to compete in the Oceania Snooker competitions. Our flight left at 9am and reached Melbourne at about 3pm Melbourne time. We stayed at the Carnegie Motor Inn which was a 2 minute walk from the venue. The following day we played our matches, the competition was from all over Australia, NZ, PNG and Fiji too. The tables we played on were very nice and quick. During the trip I learnt a lot that would contribute towards my Snooker game and how I could improve. Over all I had a great trip and had lots of fun and thanks everyone who came on the trip with me - Viet Thai

Premier ALL STARS Gold Team 2012



L-R: Stewart Lambert, Jack Collins, Vice Captain Jarrad Page, Captain Aaron Goodridge, Damien Stenhouse & Rosa Chour.

The Premier All Stars Gold Team met the Burrendah Taven Team A, in the first round of comp and Smashed out a result 20 - 5, what a massive effort well done the Golds, keep up the great work :-)

Premier Academy of Cue Sports

Welcome to the new Premier Academy of Cue Sports initiative for 2012 'Premier All Stars - The Next Generation'

It has always been of high importance to me that Miss Q's Pool & Entertainment Centre be used as a platform to help develop & encourage the skill of my members that are truly dedicated to the sport of 8 Ball.

I formed the Premier Academy of Cue Sports in 2009 to provide my player base with coaching & match play opportunities & am delighted to be able to offer, to this years twelve chosen candidates, a similar opportunity in 2012!

This Years All Stars are made up of 10 Men one Junior & one Lady: Aaron Goodridge, Jarrad Page, Damien Stenhouse, Rosa Chour, Jack Collins, Michael Shuttleworth, Jayden King, John Isbister, Kim Buchholz, Gordon Payne, Stewart Lambert & Sharon Stenhouse.

The 2012 Premier All Stars Program will begin with them playing competition in a city based league & in addition to this several Coaching & Game Development initiatives will be provided as the year progresses.

I extend all the very best to our twelve Ambassadors I look forward to seeing them progress up the ranks of the 8 Ball Elite - Kez

Premier ALL STARS Black Team 2012



L-R: Sharon Stenhouse, John Isbister Vice Captain Jayden King, Captain Michael Shuttleworth, Gordon Payne & Kim Buchholz

The Premier All Stars Black Team met Edz Sports Bar Team A in the first round of Competition & narrowly lost 14 - 11, a great effort for the first night out, better luck next week Guys & Gal :-)

Improve Your Pool

Summer Elite is almost done and dusted people. For many, the start of Winter Elite will be the first time in months that a lot of us have hit a ball seriously since Carnival. The start of what is looking like a very competitive season is the time for coaching not come finals as most tend to do, thinking that "I've gotta get this fixed before finals." Finals is not the time to change anything about your technique or white ball control as it takes time to incorporate changes into your match-play. So people, Coaching Now is good prep for finals come November. That's all, Az.



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Suzy Cue & The State Ladies



L-R: Rebecca O'Mara, Suzy Bussanich, Joelene Grabbi & Dee Tibbles



Suzy with Rosa Chour the Pot the lot Champ

At the Start of March our Boys & Girls were treated to a night with Australian Singles Ladies Champion Suzy Bussanich & some of her fellow W.A. State Team mates, Rebecca, Joelene & Dee.

Suzy spent the entire evening coaching the Miss Q's Ladies & sharing the wealth of knowledge she has collected over the many years of being a Champion. In the mean time the other State Girls took to Teaching our Boys a thing or two about the finer art of pool playing whilst challenging them to games & beating them senseless losing only 2 from 18 matches!

The event was a duel fundraiser to help assist Suzy with her World 8 Ball Championship expenses & we are proud to have raised \$500 through the MPF as well as a further \$1200 on the night selling Suzy's amazing Pandora Charms & running raffles etc. A BIG Thanks to everyone who dug deep & we all wish Suzy a very Successful World Championship Campaign later this year. Also Cheers to Suzy & the Girls for their time & knowledge shared with us :-)



:-) March Happy Snaps :-)



2012 West Australian 8 Ball State Mens & Womens State Trials



2012 State Men's Team Trials

At Fed's HQ, Dianella - 9.30am
164 Alexander Drive, Dianella

- Trial # 1 - Sat 14th April
- Trial # 2 - Sat 28th April
- Trial # 3 - Sat 12th May
- Trial # 4 - Sat 16th June
- Trial # 5 - Sat 14th July
- Trial # 6 - Sat 28th July
- Trial # 7 - Sat 4th Aug
- Last Chance Qualifier - Sat 11th August

- Entry Fee - \$30.00 per player per trial (a \$100.00 bond for 7 trials)
- Membership Fee - \$50.00 per player - Annually paid at first trial
- To represent WA, players must compete in 33.33% of available frames in league competition in Federation or Affiliated Assoc. major league.
- Perth and Country players are welcome to compete in all trials
- Dress Standard - Long pants (or dress jeans), no open shoes or sandals, neat collared shirt.



2012 State Women's Team Trials

At Fed's HQ, Dianella
164 Alexander Drive, Dianella

- Trial # 1 - Sun 15th Apr
- Trial # 2 - Sun 29th Apr
- Trial # 3 - Sun 27th May
- Trial # 4 - Sun 10th June
- Trial # 5 - Sun 8th July
- Trial # 6 - Sun 15th July
- Trial # 7 - Sun 29th July
- Commence 12.00 Noon

- Entry Fee - \$20.00 per player per trial or \$100 for all trials paid at 1st trial
- Membership Fee - \$50.00 per player Annually
- To represent WA, players must compete in 33.33% of available frames in league competition in Federation or Affiliated Assoc. major league
- Perth and Country players are welcome to compete in all trials
- Dress Standard - Long pants (or dress jeans) or skirt, no open shoes or sandals, neat collared shirt



This Months Champions



L-R: Sunday Advanced Summer Elite League Team Champions The Dopler Effect, Evan, Capt Gordon & Jayden with Runners Up Daddy Don't Care Capt Jarrad, Shane & Stewie.



L-R: Sunday Advanced Summer Elite League Team Champions It's All Shitz & Giggles, Scott, Capt Aaron & Sean with Runners Up Bite Jesse Yum Yum, Capt Rochelle, Luke & James.



L-R: Sunday Novice Summer Elite League Team Champions 'We Miss Kimbeano', Capt Geoff, Scott W & Scott B with Runners Up F#*K IT Capt Zhygi, Dean & Kahli.



L-R: Sunday Novice Summer Elite League Third Pace The Tradies, Gavin, Tim & Capt Anthony with Runners Up The Stennie Girls, Nellie, Capt Shaz & Sky.



L-R: Sunday Advanced Singles Champ Evan Briggs with Runner Up James Dooney & Third Gordon Payne



L-R: Sunday Novice Singles Champ Geoff buchholz with Runner Up Scott Buchholz & Third Sharon Stenhouse



L-R: Monday Elite Team Champs, Rosa & the Ghosts - Rosa Chour Capt Jack Collins & Kyle Van Zon



L-R: Monday Elite League Team Runners Up, Team Abusement Park, Stew Lambert, Kim Buchholz, Capt Jayden King & Adam Caldwell



L-R: Monday Elite League Third Team s, Team Slaughter House, Capt Gordon Payne, Sally Shuttleworth & Suzie Gibbs.



L-R: Tuesday Blue Social League Team Champs Eddie & David with Runners Up Sandy & Rhiannon

Up Coming Premier League Seasons

All new Social Pool League Seasons starting in April:

Wednesday Purple League - 10 Teams of two - Starts April 25th - Strictly Social. **Saturday Top Dog** - Weekly Singles Pool Comp with Andrea Turner - Current, Enter Weekly - Strictly Social.

Sunday Purple League - 10 Teams of two - Starts April 22nd - Strictly Social.

2012 Premier Winter Elite League Seasons start in April:

Sunday Advanced Level Elite - 10 Teams of Six - Starts Sun April 15th. **Monday Introductory & Advanced Level Elite** - 14 Teams of Three & 8 Teams of Six - Starts Monday April 16th

Wednesday Introductory Level Elite - 14 Teams of Three - Starts Wed April 18th. **Thursday Advanced Level Elite** - 14 Teams of six - Starts Thursday April 19th

