

# **NORTHERN TASMANIAN BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2012 AGM

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with much pleasure that I present the President's Report for the year 2011

### **MANAGEMENT**

The Committee elected at the 2011 AGM comprised:

President – Rex Swain, Vice President – Trevor Leary, Secretary – Andrew Saltmarsh, Treasurer – John Fraser, General Committee – Gary Bakker, Lee Morcom, Alan Legg, John Fordham, Lloyd Rogers, Adrian White, Christine Knowles, Heath Rainbow, Note: Trevor Leary resigned as Vice President in October, the position was left vacant.

During 2011 the Committee met on six occasions and dealt with a range of decisions dealing with interclub, constitution and by-laws, team selections, as well as other general business, Our regular "CUE NEWS" column in the Examiner newspaper, continued to give results of interclub matches played during the previous week, ladders and player statics and profiles. Results of Interstate matches and National and international news. From all reports the column continues to be a great success.

In November we held our Annual Dinner and presentation night, at the Works Club, which was an excellent social night, as well as the opportunity to acknowledge our players and officials.

I pass on my thanks to Robert Higgins who was our MC for the night providing us with his excellent talents and good humour.

Your representatives on the Board Committee have been involved in all facets of the Association's activities during the year just ended. All have been involved in the various tournaments we run: as referees, organisers, statisticians and the like. and I acknowledge their participation and involvement with the comment that their input has been outstanding.

The following statistics show that we have had a good year, financially, socially and competitively. My congratulations go to the Northern teams that won the John Hanson and Gourlay Shields, to Josh Rainbow on being runner-up in the Tasmanian Under 18 Billiards Championship, also to David Bates and Graeme Pickett who were runners-up in the Tasmanian Championships, Billiards and Snooker respectively. Congratulation also to Works Blue team on winning the A Grade Snooker Interclub, as well as the Billiards interclub, and to Works Navy the A Reserve Snooker Interclub Premiers..

### **FINANCE**

Your Treasurer (John Fraser) has, as is his usual practice, appended a full and comprehensive report to the minutes for this meeting. All our costs with being affiliated to the Tasmanian Billiards and Snooker Association and the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council have been met. All other monetary commitments have also been dealt with.

John has done a magnificent job of keeping track of the Association's finances, we also thank Matpine and Bonner Engineering our sponsors for the year.

### **INTERCLUB**

Works Blue won the A Grade Snooker interclub, defeating Works Black 3-1, in a close and exciting final. Ben Swain of Exeter RSL won the most consistent player award.

Works Navy won the A Reserve Snooker interclub, defeating Works Green Horns 7-5 in the final. Dean Wilson of Works Green, won the most consistent player award.

Works Blue won the 2010/11 Billiards interclub, defeating Longford RSL 3-1 in the final at Longford. won the most consistent player award.

## **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Northern Snooker Championship  
Northern A Reserve Snooker Championship  
Northern B Grade Snooker Championship

Graeme Pickett defeated David Bates 5 frames to 2  
Andrew Saltmarsh defeated Barry Glover 4 frames to nil  
Dean Wilson defeated John Saggars 3 frames to 2

Northern Billiards Championship  
Northern A Reserve Billiards Championship  
Northern B Grade Billiards Championship

David Bates defeated Graeme Pickett 616 - 422  
Wayne Purdon defeated Barry Glover 284 - 191  
Dean Wilson defeated John Saggars 251 - 228

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE SHIELD MATCHES**

Doug Salter	- 50 up Billiards	- Penguin Sport Complex	- North 18, North West 15, South 3
Winners	<b>North</b>		
John Williams	- Snooker	- Claremont RSL	- North 20, North West 19, South 9
Winners	<b>North</b>		
Ted Pickett	- Snooker	- Claremont RSL	- South 25, North 13, North West 10
Winners	<b>South</b>		
John Hanson	- Billiards/snooker	- Launceston Works Club	- North West 23, North West 16, South 9
Winners	<b>North West</b>		
Gourlay Shield	- Billiards/snooker	- Launceston Works Club	- North 23, North West 18, South 7
Winners	<b>North</b>		

## **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES**

Tasmanian Billiards Championship	Les Higgins (South)	defeated	David Bates (North)
831 - 436			
Tasmanian Snooker Championship	Les Higgins (South)	defeated	Graeme Pickett
(North) 7-3			
Tasmanian Women's Snooker Championship	Tracey Baylis (South)	defeated	Emily Cowie
(South) 4-2			
Tasmanian Junior Championships - Under 21 Snooker	Luke Webb (South)	defeated	Cale Barrett (NW)
4-0			
	Under 18 Snooker - Cale Barrett (NW)	defeated	Stephen Kaine (North West)
3-1			
	Under 15 Snooker - Alex Pace (South)	defeated	Brodie Stubbs (North West)
3-2			
	Under 18 Billiards - Stephen Kaine (North West)	defeated	Nathan Lynd (N. West)
218-151			
	Under 15 Billiards - Joshua Burns (North West)	defeated	Josh Rainbow (North)
172-151			

**ANDREWS/ATKINS SHIELD** - RACV Club - Melbourne Victoria defeated Tasmania 6-5 Peter Donati (North) defeated John McKay (Vic) in billiards

## **VENUES**

Over many years the NTB&SA has built a sound rapport with the various Managers, Committees and Members of the Clubs in which we play. The NTB&SA is indebted to everyone involved in allowing us to use their venues, often with little return to the Clubs. During the last year we lost Longford RSL Club as a venue due to the sale of one table. The former Exeter RSL Club has been purchased by the West Tamar Council, a new group known as the Exeter Social Club continue to field teams in both billiards and snooker.

**LAUNCESTON WORKING MENS CLUB**, through its Manager John Saggars and his wife Amelia, has become the home of Northern Cue sports, including Billiards and Snooker, and has supported our events whenever asked. The Club has fielded eight teams for both interclub, Billiards and snooker and have hosted various triangular tournaments.

**LAUNCESTON RSL CLUB**, graciously accepted the former Longford RSL team to play at it's venue in the A Reserve and Billiards rosters. Stalwarts such as Robin McEnnulty, Roydyn Bishop Terry Adams and Harley Stebbings have kept the A Grade team playing at the club.

## **SPONSORS**

The Association continues to be supported by a number of sponsorships – in both cash and kind – which allowed us to operate a little easier and to host a dinner at the Working Men's Club and attempt to raise the profile of the sport.

**J. BOAG AND SONS:** Tasmania's Premium Brewer has been supporting us for some years through their donation for the running of the Association.

**The New MATPINE** – Timber merchants of Exeter, the business of Rex and Ben Swain

**Bonner Engineering** – Our thanks to principal Gerry Bonner and his staff.

## **OUR FUTURE**

In 2011 we saw a new team, "The Green Horns" play in the A Reserve snooker competition, coached and mentored by prominent A Grade player Peter Donati, the team comprised several young players from the 8ball ranks, the finished runner-up in a very close final. Look out for the Green Horns in 2012.

We also saw a new A Grade team in "Works Raiders" who also featured prominently during the year. It is expected that several A Res. players will be looking to play in A Grade this coming season.

Our Champions Graeme Pickett and David Bates are both showing great form during the billiards roster, many century breaks, which all points to a bigger and better competition in 2012.

On behalf of the Members of the Committee, I thank one and all for their trust and the opportunity to be of service to the membership, in particular my thanks go to Andrew Saltmarsh for all the work he does, particularly the web site, and to John Fraser for his financial expertise and also to John Saggars, for his continued efforts at the Working Men's Club.

Rex Swain  
PRESIDENT  
NORTHERN TASMANIAN BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION

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