



Oceania Region Billiards & Snooker

World Billiards Ltd and World Snooker Federation

January 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events – Support our Sport

Billiards Tournaments

January 27th- 28th 2018 Scottish Open Billiards Championship, Kirkcaldy, UK
February 9th – Friday Night Flyer, The Venue, Richmond, South Australia
February 10th – 11th SA Open Billiards Championship, The Venue, South Australia
April 6th to 9th 2018 Sydney Open Billiards will be at the Marconi Club

**Friday Night Flyer and
South Australian Open Billiards Championship
February 9th – 11th 2018
Full Details and Entry Forms are attached to this email**

Snooker Tournaments

World Snooker Federation News

**The World Snooker Federation has just announced the inaugural
World Snooker Championship,
the World Women's Championship
and the World Seniors Championship to be staged in Malta
See below for details**



**World Billiards & Snooker - Oceania Region
Wishes all Players, Referees, Officials
and their Families
a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**



WORLD SNOOKER FEDERATION

We are thrilled to announce the staging of the first ever World Snooker Federation Championships, to take place from 14-24 March 2018 in Malta.

The winner of the main WSF Championship will receive a first prize of €10,000 and earn a two-year tour card for the World Snooker Tour. The four semi-finalists of the event will all be invited to compete at the 2018 World Snooker Championship in Sheffield, England, which this year carries a record first prize of £425,000.

The WSF Championships will also consist of the official 2018 World Women's Snooker Championship, the champion of which will receive €6,000 and again the winner will qualify to enter the 2018 World Snooker Championship in April.

There will also be an event staged for players over 40 years of age, to be known as the WSF Seniors Championship. There will be a first prize of €6,000 for this competition, and following the recent WPBSA announcement regarding an official World Seniors Tour, the winner will receive a personal invitation to compete in a major international World Seniors event.



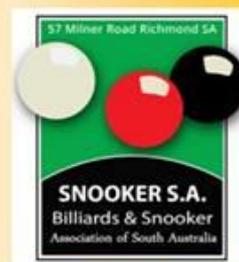
Read the full announcement 

 <https://www.wpbsa.com/world-snooker-federation-championshi.../>

Two Events ... One Weekend

Snooker S.A. @ The Venue

57 Milner Road, Richmond, South Australia



Billiards Australia Friday Night Flyer

9th Feb. 3.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Guaranteed Minimum Prize Pool \$1,000

Short format round robin, half national ranking points

Winner \$400, Runner-up \$200, Losing semi-finalists \$125, Encouragement awards 2 x \$75

2018 South Australian Open Billiards Championship

Saturday Feb. 10th and Sunday 11th Feb.



Sanctioned National Ranking Tournament



Guaranteed Prize Pool \$3600

Winner \$1,200, Runner-Up \$800, Losing Semis \$400, Losing Quarters \$200

Full National Ranking Points

Level 3 World Ranking Points



Entries Close at midnight on January 31st

See pages 2 & 3 for how to enter, entry fees and tournament conditions

Enquiries to info@BSASA.com.au

Billiards Australia News

Memberships

Memberships for 2018 are now payable. Please renew by mid-January so we can prepare our budgets for the coming year. Members who are not financial will be deleted from the email database in February 2018. Billiards Australia Inc. is focused on promoting the sport in Australia and elsewhere, and providing more opportunities for Australian players of all levels to compete. We will be providing funding and logistical support to at least 5 events in 2018, and have played a major role in getting new events on the calendar.

We can only achieve this with the support of our members. We spend members money sparingly – we have no honorary or life members, so everyone pays the same membership fee, and web site and administration expenses are donated – all members money goes back into the development of the sport. Support our sport by renewing your membership or join as a new member – just \$50 per year!

<https://www.billiardsaustralia.com/online-payments.html>

Shirts

We are now taking orders for a limited-edition shirt for 2018, with both Billiards Australia and World Billiards logos. These can be ordered at the same page as membership are renewed and are only available to financial members. Orders for these shirts close on January 31st and this will be the only shirt offered during 2018.

Articles

We have added 1988 to the "Down Memory Lane" series of articles - this was a year when Australia's Robby Foldvari frequently did battle with the two youngsters Mike Russell and Peter Gilchrist.

<https://www.billiardsaustralia.com/1988.html>

South Australian Open

Entries are now being accepted for the 2018 South Australian Open Billiards and Friday night flyer. Two tournaments in on one weekend. With plenty of tables available we will be trying to have either longer matches or larger groups - subject to entry numbers. Peter Gilchrist has already confirmed his entry.

<https://www.billiardsaustralia.com/2018-south-australian-open-billiards-championship.html>

Lightning Billiards

Many of you will know of the Lightning Billiards tournaments that have been running in NSW for several years. This year Victoria will run one of these on Sunday February 4th. It is a one-day round robin handicap event, with matches played to 150 Up. In NSW handicaps vary from about -40 to about +110, and we expect to have a similar range in Victoria. The day begins with a clinic and everyone breaks for lunch at the same time (included in the entry fee). Keep an eye out on the VBSA web site for more details.

Sydney Open

We can now confirm that the 2018 Sydney Open will be at the Marconi Club, on April 6th to 9th. More details as they become available

Interview with Gary Oliver – New Zealand Billiards Player



New Zealand's Gary Oliver qualified as a WPBSA World Billiards Coach and Examiner in September 2017

Gary took up Billiards at the age of 18 but had periods away from the sport of around 6 years and has only played seriously since 1998.

Gary impressive record shows that he has won multiple New Zealand Billiard Championships,

and well over 70 ranking titles within New Zealand and has over 500 century pus breaks in competition play. Gary has been to 6 World Billiards Championships making the last 16 three times.

Although now getting to the end of his playing days, his passion for the game means that Gary is still trying to improve his play and wants to implant his knowledge to others within the sport. Gary has held Billiard Academies within New Zealand to try to lift the standard of players and promotes the game as much as possible.

Amongst Gary's Achievements is highest break is a credible 494 and was New Zealand's Billiards Champion during the 11 years 2003 -2013 and again in 2015, and an Oceania Billiards Championship finalist.



Surprisingly, Gary has never had any coaching, being completely self-taught by just watching other players and practicing hard. Gary's cue action has developed over time and now has a limited back swing due to a shoulder injury which meant that he drew the cue back too far and it gave me an 'in/out' cue action, so he minimised my back swing, maximised the follow through.

The Billiards players that has influenced Gary over the years would be New Zealand's Brian Kirkness and Dave Meredith, both multiple times NZ champions, and internationally Gary loves watching Mike Russell and Peter Gilchrist play, as their positional play is superb.

Now that Gary has qualified as a WPBSA Billiards Coach and Examiner, Gary plans to expand his coaching opportunities in New Zealand after gaining the extra knowledge and access to Martin Goodwill's material hope to further enhance and develop the popularity and playing standards.

Gary's views on the future of Billiards in New Zealand, is that New Zealand is currently not that strong, and that is why the need for coaching is paramount. It has always been a struggle to get past and retired players to pass on their knowledge, and that is one of the reasons I moved into coaching. Australia is strong with several players capable of matching the best on the world stage, none more so than Matthew Bolton who is absolutely world class. The world scene is progressing well thanks mainly to the likes of Martin Goodwill, Jason Colebrook in Australia and World Billiards Ltd getting strongly involved with the promotion of Billiards worldwide.

Thanks to Gary for allowing us the interview, to hear of his record and views on our great sport of Billiards - Mike Peachey, WBL Oceania Region

Quote of the Day

"The difference between success and failure,
is not giving up!"



The Mission and of Vision Statement World Billiards Ltd, Oceania Region

World Billiards

World Billiards Ltd organises Tournaments, Championships, Coaching Courses and other promotional opportunities for English Billiards

World Billiards Mission Statement

To grow World Billiards position and profile through amicable and successful working relationships, inspirational and innovative thinking, and a dynamic management team delivering the world's best English Billiards Tournaments and World Championships

World Billiards Vision Statement

To foster the development and participation in the game of English Billiards by way of open entry, and to reward excellence, and provide encouragement to all players to improve and enjoy the game of English Billiards

World Billiards Tournaments

Currently World Billiards is organising around 20 world ranking events, plus a number of UK based events and importantly, the World Billiards Championship.

Tournaments are held in modern short multiple game format, long single game format and the more traditional timed format.



World Billiards Coaching

The World Billiards Coaching Scheme is aimed at personnel who wish to become a WPBSA approved World Billiards Coach, and promote the game of English Billiards by coaching in their region

World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association

The WPBSA is responsible for the governance of Billiards and Snooker worldwide. As the World Governing Body for Billiards and Snooker, the WPBSA recognises that in addition to supporting the professional players on the World Snooker Tour, it also has a key role to play in the development of both Snooker and Billiards at all levels

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Associated Websites

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World Billiards <http://world-billiards.com/>

World Billiards & Snooker Association <https://www.wpbsa.com/>

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