2016 NSW MASTERS MATCH REPORT

This is the 5th year the Masters has been held at Club Marconi; Marconi is the home of the NSW Masters. The Beautiful NSW Masters Shield (Donated by Gary & Ronda Knight) had only 2 names on the trophy until this year, Joe Minici and Roger Farebrother. Roger having won the first, Joe the second, Roger the third with Joe being last year's champion. Roger had made his way to the final in an attempt keep the equilibrium of names on the trophy, but Richard Peric had other ideas and ran out a winner 4-0 late on Sunday evening. Richard had too much stamina in the end and Roger had no answer. Congratulations to Richard on his first Tournament Win

Richard had a tough Semi final against Glen Wilkinson. After leading 2-0 glen came back levelling at 2-2, but Richard finished comfortably ahead in the decider, with a great display of raw potting. Glen had indicated earlier he was fully aware only 2 names on the trophy. Roger Defeated Mick Hough 3-1 in the other semi. Mick played some great snooker over the weekend and had a great win over Joe Minici in the Quarters.

Joe & Glen shared the equal highest break of 88, and apparently David Liu missed the last red on 86. Joe, Glen & Roger had another impressive list of breaks.

We had an amazing 52 runners and a huge weekend. With 13 groups of 4 there was 78 best of 3 games to be played on Saturday, this certainly was plenty of snooker for everyone, which is what attracts players to the tournament. The master's category is growing every year and we may out grow the current format. But the amateur snooker tournament model, competitive snooker over a weekend mixing with friends, like minded people all enjoying themselves win or lose, is a difficult one to change. The top 2 in each group qualifying

for the knockout stage, bringing 26 players back on into the club on Sunday morning for a final 24. After the players were seeded the last two spots was decided with a 1 frame playoff.

Once again Jim Ruisi was up before dawn to prepare the tables on both days, thank you Jim and the Marconi Snooker Association, these tournaments wouldn't happen without them. Thank you to the Referees who stand up all day¸ and those who helped out.

Thank you to our fabulous team at BSANSW particularly Stuart Tait, Frank Galanos, Neville Moore, and Alex Ansen. And thank you to all the players and spectators who came along.

David Waller (Tournament director)