

# NZ Cuesports Coaching

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## Latest News

The International Billiards and Snooker federation has just announced that this years World Snooker Championships will be held Nov 28 to Dec 3rd in Bangalore, India.

The event was supposed to be played in Bahrain, but due to the unstable political climate this was cancelled.

Unfortunately due to late notice of hosting the event, the Ladies and Masters will not be held this year.

## Latest News

Henry Killian beats Clive Thomson 4-1, in the final of the North Island Snooker Championships.

Joe Ifa wins North Island Billiards, beating Vanny Ry in final, 443 to 425.

## Upcoming Dates New Zealand Snooker Open

### Snooker World Auckland..

September 30th, October  
1st and 2nd.

All spectators welcome.

Come and say Hello, I'll  
be there.

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Gary Gillard demonstrates the "stance" at a Cue Sports Seminar held at the Petone Club, Wellington.

## Gazza Say's.... "The Basics are Everything"

Throughout New Zealand and in all seminars I have conducted this year (25 in total) I have noticed one common theme. That is some people want to learn the one magical shot that will take them from a 20 break player to a 100 break player. Unfortunately, I have bad news. **There is no such shot.**

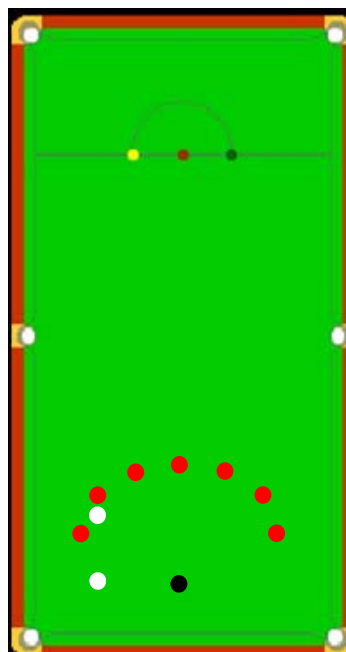
Rather improvement from beginner to expert starts with a solid foundation and a good grounding of the basics. The basics being Stance, Grip, Bridge and a full and free range of Cue Motion. Once mastered these basics will stand you in good stead to improve your game rapidly as you wont be fighting poor or inadequate technique.

**Do a self check now:** Check your stance is solid and balanced with the feet approx. shoulder width apart and the front foot slightly in front of the back foot. The back leg (right for right hander) should be straight up and down when viewed from the side. (If you look from the front or back, the back leg leans slightly inwards to the body.) The forearm should hang vertically when cue tip is touching the cue ball. The cue should be as flat as possible. The hand on the cue should be above your back foot. The chin where possible should be on the cue.

If all is well, you are on your way to becoming a good player. Try checking your friends and see if you can spot any faults, ask them to check you to ensure you keep using your new found technique.

"Happy Cueing"

## This Month's Practice Routine "The Umbrella"



This is a difficult but very rewarding exercise that has a great side effect. The side effect is you become excellent at potting blacks off the spot. The main point of the exercise is to become more proficient with your cue ball control around the black. After all this is where the bulk of the scoring happens.

Place the balls how they are illustrated. Now pot the black and go through the first 2 balls at a medium strength. Then repeat until you can go through all the gaps. To achieve this you will need to move your cue tip progressively downwards as you need sharper angles to get through the next gaps.

Once completed try the half ball position for the second white. Same outcome required, go through the gaps. For the more advanced try nestling the cue ball up against each red. If you miss the black, start again.



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