

## THE REFEREES ASSN. NEWSLETTER No. 2. AUGUST 2016

Minor changes over the years have been made to the way we communicate with our members. The bulletin as such has been changed to a regular newsletter, which will be available on the Internet via the NZBSA web site, and directly to those who provide their web site address.

Because of Ron Slows illness and resignation, we are pleased to report that Malcolm Barton has been elected our new chairman. Formerly president of Waikato Ass. for 8 years, Malcolm brings a wealth of experience to our Assn. he has also been voted onto the NZBSA board. This will give us a voice in the running of our sport Nationally. We also welcome Agnes Kimura of Taranaki to our Council & NZBSA board. A welcome addition of youth.

**Raffle** sales are going well, remember to return butts and money to Malcolm Barton ASAP.

**2016 National results.** **Billiards.** Gary Oliver (Cant.) 1190 Runner Up. Peter de Groot. (Cant) 458.  
**B. Billiards.** Winner Bill Earle (Cant.) Runner up. Arthur King BOP.

**National Snooker.** Winner. Louis Chand. (Ak).8-5 Runner up. Mathew Scarborough (Waik)

**Semis.** L. Chand 7. Mikey Stewart 3. Matt. Scarborough 7. J. Todd 2

**B. Snooker** Winner. Mikey Stewart.( AK ) Runner Up. Peter Lesslie.( CC )

While entries in the Billiards was disappointing the snooker fields were encouraging with several young players showing huge potential. We predict that Mikey Stewart will be a future NZ. Champion. Regular visitor to NZ. Peter Shelley reached the final of the Scottish Open Billiards only to find David Causier in devastating form. Causier 1196. Shelley 138. The match was played over 90 minutes.

**Auckland Open Billiards.** Wayne Carey 492. Ron Milicich 267.

**Canterbury Open Billiards.** Gary Oliver defeated Peter de Groot 544 to 273. in the latest of more than 50 finals they have contested.

**Oceania Under 21.** Winner. 17 year old Louis Chand defeated Ben foster 6-4. A great result. Mikey Stewart, Ryan King and Adam Lilley all reached the quarter finals. At the age of 15 Louis won the N.Z. 9 Ball Championship. Now the youngest by 2 months from Dene O’Kane to hold the National Title. What can the future hold for this young man?

**Oceania Billiards.** Joe Minici (Aus). 821. Todd Hayward (Aus) 700. No Kiwis entered in either event.

At the Nationals in Gore due to the lack of certificated referees it was agreed that players would referee their own games with the certificated referees present, on call to decide any controversial decisions. Obviously the for “foul and miss” rule referees would be called in prior to any shot being played. This worked pretty well. On one occasion a call was disputed by the striker, discussion took place and other players offered advice when they really should have kept out of the discussion. As there was no Chief referee, those at the table should have been left to sort it out, and if unsure to call on a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion.

**Situation.** Only pink and black are left. Player “A” fouls and leaves player B a free ball. B nominates Black as the free ball, plays it onto the pink, which is potted. What is the referees decision. **Ans.** Fair shot, awards B 6 points. B is now on the black.

**Question.** What if both pink and black are potted? **Ans.** Fair shot, B scores 6 points and the black is re-spotted. B. is now on the black. In both cases, if seven points or less are the difference the frame would continue with black to win. If more than seven points the difference, the frame is over.

**Canterbury Interclub Billiards** For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in several years New Zealand Champion Gary Oliver did not feature. The Hornby B. Team consisting of Bill Earle, Perri Lili and Les Winter defeated Woolston A. Peter de Groot. Paul Wereta and Lyndon Bradford in the final play off. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time in interclub history that a B team has won the senior billiards interclub title.

**Making the correct call.**

**Four Away.** What does it mean. Taken literally it must mean deduct 4 points from the striker. We all know that is not what it means so lets get it right. The correct call is, "Foul, Dave, (opponents name) four.

**41 plays 29.** Could be confusing. Correct call should be Dave 41 Bruce 29. No confusion now.

**8 scored.** Again confusing, especially if the marker is not familiar with the players. The correct call would be Dave 8. With the player's names on the score board, the marker is less likely to put the score on the wrong player. The above bad calls are a result of habit and should be avoided.

At the referees AGM in Gore it was decided that due to increasing costs the annual sub would be increased to \$20 single membership and \$25 per couple. Neil Gyde (Capital City) was elected Treasurer.

**Some interesting facts from the Professionals.**

All time centurions in pro tournaments.

As at 2016 World championships.

Ronnie O'Sullivan. 824.

Stephen Hendry. 775.

John Higgins. 622.

Neil Robertson. 455.

Mark Selby. 418.

Ding Junhui. 417.

Marco Fu. 408.

Judd Trump. 389.

Shaun Murphy. 381.

Mark Williams. 357.

Does not include invitations and exhibitions.

Current Pro.Rankings.

1. Mark Selby.

2. Stuart Bingham.

3. Judd Trump.

4. Shaun Murphy.

5. Neil Robertson.

6. John Higgins.

7 Mark Allen..

8. Ricky Walden.

9. Ding Junhui.

10. Ronnie O'sullivan.

Ronnie O'Sullivan was recognised in the Queens Birthday Honours with the O.B.E. Prince Charles presented him with the medal at Buckingham Palace. Ronnie was supported at the presentation by his wife Leila Roués.

Steve Davis. (58) World champion on 6 occasions, retired from competitive professional snooker in April at the home of his greatest success, The Crucible. Bill Davis, Steve's father died at the age of 89. He and his wife Jean bought Steve a 6x3 table at the age of 8. However he did not take the game seriously until the age of 13.

Steve Cowie (Aus) who has been refereeing at most of our major events for the last 5 years, has joined the Canterbury Assn. and is now listed amongst our NZ. Referees. Welcome to Kiwi Land Steve.

If you have not let Malcolm know your E Mail address, do so now so that you can receive the newsletter and any other information that is available - on line.