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A Grade Snooker Championships Winners:

Auckland: Henry Killian
Wellington: Harry Haenga
Canterbury: Gary Gillard
North Otago: Jason Todd

Upcoming Events

South Island Pool:
Timaru, 22 to 26th May

Heretunga Classic
(invite only): 2 & 3rd June

South Island Snooker:
Gore, 9 & 10th June

NZ Championships:
Auckland ACBS Rooms,
2nd to 14th July.



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Gary & Steve Davis

Gazza's Say... World Snooker Coaching Trip to UK

Arthur King and I were invited to attend a World Snooker Coaching Course set down for 4 days over the final week of the World Snooker Championships held in Sheffield, England, 27th April to 9th May.

The course was organised by the World Snooker Coaching Director Chris Lovell and co hosted by 6 times World Champion Steve Davis and 1979 World Champion Terry Griffiths. They were able to give generously of their time in between BBC commentary commitments to speak with us about many interesting theories of the game of snooker.



Terry Griffiths & Gary

World Snooker is committed to enhancing the skills of all of its coaches and to spread the word of snooker to all parts of the globe using coaches as its medium. There is even talk of them funding an "Academy of Excellence" down under. So to be able to spend time with these people and see their vision first hand was inspiring. Barry Hearn, who presented our coaching certificates, was particularly impressive as he has limitless energy and passion for the game, as do all the World Snooker officials.



Jason Ferguson, Gary, Arthur, Barry Hearn & Chris Lovell

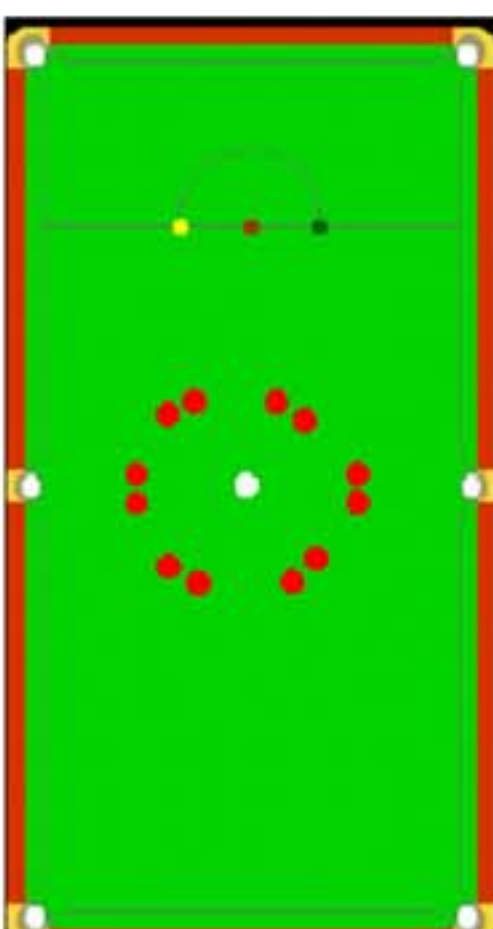
For me the highlight of our time in Sheffield was our good fortune in speaking with people like Chris, Steve, Terry, Barry and Chris Henry (coach of Stephen Hendry and rising star Luca Brecel). Their ideas of the game are so far advanced of what we consider to be normal, I had to pinch myself to begin to understand some of it. I am sure that with some time to familiarise myself with what they are saying I will be able to pass on many interesting and new theories about our game, which I hope will provide the impetus for the next generation of cue sports lovers.



Gary & Stephen Hendry

There is a lot more snooker photos of the trip on my Facebook page, to check them out [Click Here](#)

This Month's Practice Routine... The Clock



Set balls up in pairs around blue spot, with Cue ball on blue spot.

The aim is to pot all reds, not as easy as it looks.

Don't forget to start with cue ball on blue spot. This is great for positional play, enjoy.