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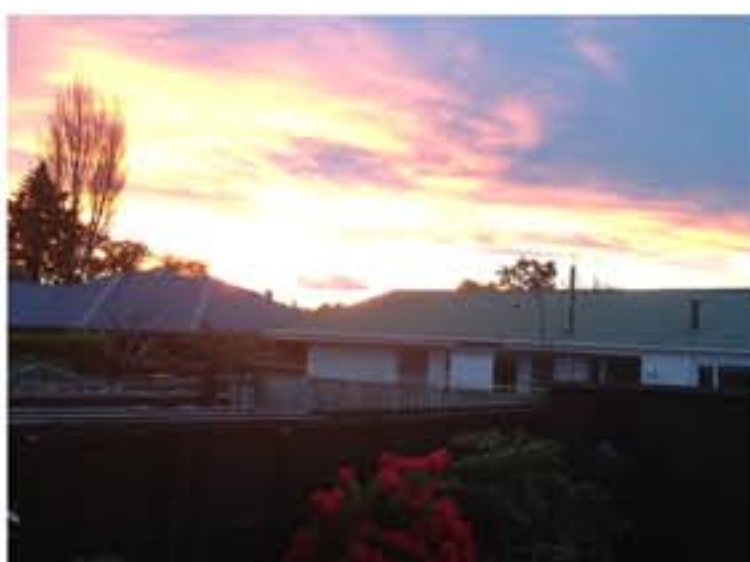


Upcoming Events

Newsflash

IBSF World Snooker cancelled from Egypt (because of the political unrest) will now be in Sofia, Bulgaria November 24 to December 2nd.

New Zealand Snooker Open @ ACBS Auckland 5th to 7th October



Ran out of photos of dubious looking snooker and pool players, so here is a sunset, aaaawwww.

If you have any photos you want to share send them in. They could save us from looking at other sunsets.

Gazza's Say... Funding is the Key

Congratulations to Nathan Hutchison (Hawkes Bay) for picking up a cool \$2,000 as first prize in the NZBSA raffle. Full results on www.nzbsa.org.nz

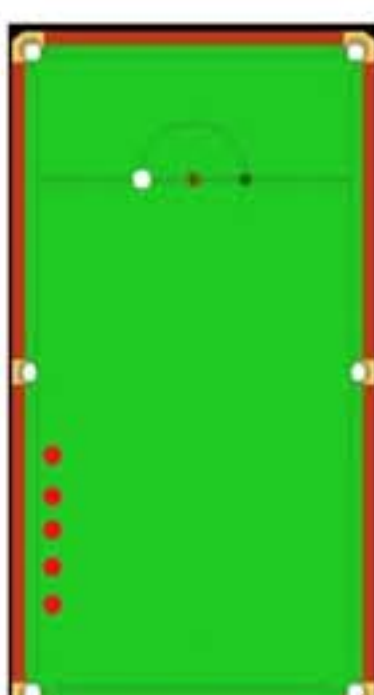
Whilst some Associations winced at selling raffles, it was noted that they were the minority as most Associations involved sold ALL their tickets and as a consequence will receive a \$500 grant from the NZBSA for doing so. This money can be used as each Association sees fit to promote the game. The following Associations will be getting the grant. Wellington, Canterbury, North Otago and Southland. Bay of plenty Coaching who helped with the raffle will also get \$500.

In the past 2 years the Board of the NZBSA has created various Coaching roles which has seen over 1,000 people coached throughout every province of New Zealand by the 34 certified coaches in New Zealand. A good percentage of these people were Juniors who will carry on our game and hopefully turn into star players such as Dene O'Kane etc. Of course not only are they the future for playing, they are also our future administrators, coaches and referees, a point I think is sometimes overlooked.

In addition to the coaching roles, the NZBSA Board has spent over \$4,000 to help fund the Juniors to World events over the last 14 months, with a further \$1,500 the year before. The NZBSA Board and members are active in promoting the game at every opportunity, belonging to the Oceania Federation and the International Billiards and Snooker Federation. This allows us (NZ) to send players to Oceania and World events. The NZBSA website (www.nzbsa.org.nz) is the most popular media for passing on info and news and upcoming events, with excellent coverage of this years National snooker final being a first for live streaming. A big thanks to Matt Scarborough for this. The NZBSA ranking list is compiled monthly by a very diligent Paul Stocker. This ranking list is very important for allowing all players to chart their progress in the game and inspires challenges as you don't want to be behind your mates do you?.

There are opportunities to help the NZBSA continue their support of the game. One way is to take an advertisement on their website. This credit card ad appears on the top right of the web page and is changed to a different ad each time the viewer refreshes or goes to a different page. This is a great way to show your support for cue sports and with in excess of 50,000 page views a month ensures your business or club gets great value for money. The cost for a 12 month term is \$500 + GST = \$575. Of course it is fully tax deductible and it will be appreciated and used wisely. Any enquires please call me, Gary Gillard, on 021-320-955 or at home on 03-332-2222. Thank you.

This Month's Practice Routine... 5 Red Challenge



Today we have a very important practise routine. It develops touch and feel and good control of the cue ball.

Line up 5 red balls about 2 cm away from the cushion between the middle pocket and top cushion. Play the cue ball from in hand and try and get a thin contact with the red and get the cue ball back to baulk as close as possible to the baulk cushion.

Watch out for the double kiss on the red. Once you have mastered this from both sides try doing it from different positions in the D. For example try all 5 shots from the yellow spot, then the brown and then the green spot. They are completely different shots and require good control of the white and the weight of the shot. Also to get accustomed to this play the shots Plain Ball, no side. To alter the path of the cue ball play up and down the centre line of the cue ball only. When you are an expert and can get 5 out of 5 back to baulk you can then practise with some side if you wish.

To have fun with your practise mate, try making it into a game. For instance you get a point every time the cue ball comes to rest between the baulk line and the top of the D, 2 points between the top of the D and the Baulk cushion and 3 points if it comes to rest touching the baulk cushion. However if it fails to reach or stay in baulk or goes in off, you loose 2 points. The first person who gets 10 points is the winner, if you go minus 10 then you lose. A great game for a drink and it can seriously improve your safety game and cueing. Have fun.