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Upcoming Events

Garden City Classic
(Ranking Event)
October 20 & 21 @ Papanui Club

Jim Couper Billiards
October 27 & 28 @ Porirua Club

Jim Couper Snooker
Nov 3 & 4 @ Petone Club

Waikato Open Snooker
December 1 & 2, Hamilton



Five new Coaches and two Upgraded Coaches in Hawkes Bay.

Left to Right, Brian Hill, David Holmes (Level 2 Coach), David Judd, Sean Grant, Dean Garnett, myself, Paul Temple (Level 2 Coach) and Bayden Jackson.

Gazza's Say... Hawkes Bay leads the way

Not only did they win first prize in the recent NZBSA Raffle (\$2,000), but they also lead the way in Coaching in New Zealand.

Established Coach David Holmes says that due to increased demand for Coaching of new Juniors coming onto the Cuesports scene, he desperately needed coaching help for him and Paul Temple who were doing the bulk of the coaching. So we organised a weekend at the Heratunga Club and five new people were introduced to Cuesports Coaching NZ Level 1. In addition to this Paul and David sat a 5 page exam and helped conduct the weekend and gained an upgrade to Level 2 Coach, making them the first in New Zealand to do so. Congratulations.

This year Hawkes Bay are introducing a "Snooker for Schools" programme that has been trialled and found to be very successful in getting Juniors on board for the Cuesport scene. In association with Sport Hawkes Bay, we can expect to see many more talented Juniors coming from this region.

The 5 new Coaches are:



Bayden Jackson



Brian Hill



Dean Garnett



Sean Grant



David Judd

The 2 Upgraded Coaches, **David Holmes** (Hastings) and **Paul Temple** (Napier).



New Zealand Pool Championships, Cashmere Club, Christchurch.

What a tournament the Cashmere Club and Clubs NZ turned on for us this year.

240 entries, magnificent Pot Black tables and a fabulous venue and hosts that were determined to make everyone's stay a happy and memorable experience.

In a nutshell, **Job Done**. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Winner was the very impressive Matt McInness over Matt Edwards.



Edwards beating Brent Wells in the semi.

McInness beating local Brad Campbell in the other semi.



This capped off an excellent week for McInness as he won with his partner, the evergreen Phil Wilkinson, the pairs event as well.

This surely must be one of, if not THE hardest cuesport event to win. Along with the huge numbers playing, it is best of 7 throughout post section play, meaning there is absolutely no margin for error at all. Great event, great venue, great people.

Coaching throughout NZ for 2013

With support from the New Zealand Billiards and Snooker Association, Coaching now has a (small) budget for me to travel to each region once during the year for 3 to 4 days to:

- 1) Recruit and Train prospective Coaches for that region.
- 2) Upgrade existing Coaches where possible.
- 3) Train Junior and beginner players of pool, snooker and billiards the basic ingredients to a good technique.
- 4) Encourage good players to become even better through the use of Video Analysis and instruction on important advanced topics such as break building, psychology of the game, advanced safety etc.

Each region will have the opportunity to utilise their existing Coaches along with myself for a concerted training experience.

As travelling costs are being met, there will be just a small charge per head to cover other costs, but the Associations will need to pay ZERO for the Coaching.

A suggested 2013 Calendar is:

February	Canterbury and Wellington
March	Taranaki
April	Bay of Plenty
May	Auckland (depending on numbers there could be 2 seminar dates available)
September	Waikato
October	Southland
November	Available to any other region who may be interested.

I am unavailable June, July and August.

Dates for Junior Academies Announced.

For 2013 there will be 3 Academy's. This is in an endeavour to get more players to Academies and to minimise travel and funding costs.

South Island Academy will be held 20th, 21st and 22nd April. Thats Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This is the week prior to the National Junior 8 Ball Championships/

North Island Academy will be held 20th, 21st and 22nd July. This is after the NZ Billiards and Snooker Championships.

New Zealand Academy will be held 5th, 6th and 7th October.

All dates are in the School Holidays.

At this stage I am calling for any venues who may wish to host these Academies to register their interest with me asap. Final venues will be notified to all at the beginning of 2013.

Venues who wish to host an Academy can contact me for a full breakdown of costings. These will be minimal for the first 2 Academies as players will only come from within their own Island.

A minimum requirement for venues will be 2 snooker tables and 4 pool tables. However consideration will be given to venues which just have snooker tables as our teaching programme can be well structured on these only (as per the National Academy at Christchurch over the last 2 years has shown).

This will be the final Newsletter for 2012, I will resume in February 2013. I hope you have enjoyed the information, if you have anything which you would like to share, please forward onto me and I will see what I can do.

All the best and Happy Cueing

Gary.