

Presidents Report for 2020

The 2020 HSS Cup was unfortunately not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee tried on several occasions to start a reduced rounds competition but new outbreaks of the virus thwarted our attempts. I thank Patrick our secretary for all his efforts during this time and the countless hours trying to organise a revised draw each time we thought Clubs would open the billiard rooms to us. Therefore, there is nothing to report on any snooker activities relating to the HSS cup but there is a very sad item to report and that is of the passing of Harry Anderson, our Secretary/Treasurer for over 20 years, and patron and sponsor of the Scottish Cup.

When I took over the Presidency and Sponsorship of the tournament in 1999, he agreed to be Secretary/Treasurer. We both agreed it would be for 1 year only and now, 22 years later, and due to his enthusiasm and hard work we still have a great competition, probably the finest in Sydney. Within the first year he discussed with me the possibility of having a cup that the teams that were not in the top four places at the conclusion of the rounds could compete for. We agreed and within a week he had purchased a cup that was a replica of the Scottish Football Associations cup and of course he had to call it the Scottish Cup. There are not many tournaments where the lower placed teams can still play for a trophy, but Harry was very proud to sponsor the Cup and delighted to see how keenly it has always been fought over.

When he became a Director of the Hornsby RSL Club and later on the President, he was invaluable helping the Snooker Club improve the facilities of the Billiard Room and assist in any way he could running tournaments. As you can see the Billiard Room is still one of the finest around due to his efforts.

He will be sorely missed. I don't think anyone who remembers him will forget his great Scottish accent, his sense of humour and love of 'a wee dram'. Guaranteed, wherever he is in the great billiard room in the sky, he will be making 147's. Rest in peace.

Andy de Haan
President