



## **HSS Snooker Competition / Secretary's 2022 AGM Report**

Good evening gents, as you would suspect this will be a relatively brief report. As always, the President has covered the year so well.

After 2020, we were all hoping for a back to normal year, but Covid-19 had different ideas on that and a different agenda!!

So, it would not be an overstatement to say that effectively the virus all but dominated our lives and certainly greatly impacted our HSS competition. In this respect, it does appear there are clearly strong signs that we may well get back to some normality in 2022 ! Let's hope so.

Having said the above, it was very pleasing I am confident for the determined HSS Cttee, and I'm sure all Captains and players, for us to be able to run an initially significantly shortened competition of some 11 Rounds until the end of June. Of course, being interrupted again by Covid circumstances, it was fortunately brought back "to life" enabling a late playing out of the Final series in November ending in early December.

The Scottish Cup was as traditionally played at Castle Hill RSL and indeed snatched off holding title-holders C Hill RSL (team 1) by City Tatts 2 in a well deserved and convincing win on the night. I believe the 1<sup>st</sup> time for them ever in Scottish Cup history. Thanks must go to Annette and Yvonne Anderson who attended the Presentation night, being very keen to continue Harry's SC legacy and will do so in future years.

The "main event", of course the HSS Cup Grand Final was played at what we affectionately call "headquarters" by the two 2 teams who undisputedly dominated the shortened season most convincingly from the very outset. Of course these were, the ICS Club led by Billy Shum pitted against Jeff Farrugia's 147 Society new team of high profile players. This was as the record shows, won in brilliant fashion by ICS in certainly the very closest and entertaining nail-biting final that I have witnessed in the last close to 10 years of HSS history, on the Pink ball in the very last live Doubles frame in front of a large and highly involved, exuberant and appreciate gallery !! Well done once again and thanks to both for a great evening spectacle.

### **Team entry forms**

I have as usual prepared the 2022 new team entry forms, and I please ask you to ensure these are utilised and submitted promptly by email as soon as practicable prior to this year's competition scheduled start which is of course yet to be decided this evening. As we are looking to start somewhat earlier this year, I understand that the first few

weeks are potentially likely to see some required team roster changes until the comp settles. I ask you to always provide each player's full Christian and surname and club membership ID # to facilitate accurate statistics by David McMahon. Captains and Vice captains' full contact details at minimum are of course also appreciated and vital, thanks. I have a sample of these forms with me tonight for all Captains / Vice-Captains in attendance, and will email them to all Captains very shortly.

#### **Team entry fees**

I would ask please that these be paid promptly into the Bendigo Bank competition account and advise David McMahon with cc to me please, as to when this has been done, thank you. Please let me or David know if you require the a/c details (same as last year's).

#### **Notification of match scores**

Again 2022 scoresheet sample is also available in hard copy tonight and will equally shortly email a copy to all captains. I again request hosting Captains to please provide these a.s.a.p. promptly on the completion of each round's play to myself by email (not SMS) as an attachment as that enables me to distribute early results the next morning, both to players and the media. Being able to avoid chasing Captains for results on Wednesday mornings would be great, thank you.

#### **Post-match host supper function etc....**

In the Covid safe environment in which we are hopefully very shortly looking like exiting, we are still to discuss this evening the position in relation to serving suppers, whatever form that might take or otherwise.

Thank you in advance for the cooperation of all Captains and Vice-Captains in helping the Cttee run and manage the forthcoming competition.

**Patrick Gauci**  
**2021 HSS Snooker Competition Secretary**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**