



## **HSS Snooker Competition / Secretary's 2023 AGM Report**

Good evening gents, as always, the President has covered the past year so well and I will again try and keep this short.

As you would be aware, it was pleasing to get back to normality in 2022 with a full un-interrupted season with again 9 teams from 5 clubs taking part undoubtedly providing spirited competition.

The 2022 HSS Final main event was another memorable one between our far and away (Progressive score) leading 2 teams in 147 Society defeating Chatswood ICS thereby reversing the prior year's close result. Once again congratulations to 147 Society.

The Scottish Cup was a hard fought event traditionally held at Castle Hill RSL. This was again a reversal of the prior year's result (if I'm not mistaken) with City Tatts 2 defeating Castle Hill RSL team 1. Congratulations also to C Tatts 2 for their convincing win.

Looking ahead to 2023, I must confess it is with some trepidation that I contemplate the forthcoming season in particular given the important overnight last minute developments of which I am confident you will be aware, being that both our 2022 HSS Cup finalists teams regrettably withdrawing from the forthcoming competition for differing reasons.

I sincerely hope that the drive and commitment to the many decades long-standing HSS Cup competition by most of us will notwithstanding enable a solution to be arrived at tonight which will see the competition survive as it would certainly appear by all accounts to be very delicately poised on a knife edge.

On a positive note looking ahead further and from a CH RSL perspective, as HSS convenor and team 2 Captain, I am pleased to formally inform the meeting that our Snooker Club and RSL have recently invested significantly in our 3 tables with top quality re-clothing the tables and replacing blocks, cushions and all pocket netting and ball railings. We look forward to welcoming the HSS competing teams to Castle Hill in a what I trust can and will be, in a few weeks time.

### **Team entry forms**

I have as usual prepared the 2023 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. I

understand it is often the case (especially this coming season) that the first few weeks may see some required team roster changes until the comp settles.

I ask you to always please 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, as well as provide them to Sally for her kind inclusion on the website.

#### **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. I presume you would all be aware of the relevant a/c details (same as last year's).

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

Again, the 2023 scoresheet template form will also be shortly emailed to all team captains. I again request hosting Captains to please complete and 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. I would greatly appreciate being able to avoid chasing Captains for results on Wednesday mornings, thank you.

In terms of media notification, in the absence of any interest and ability to communicate in any way with previously notified (over many years) suburban papers, I am looking at other avenues to disseminate results and would appreciate any support from Team captains and clubs where this may be achieved.

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

Now that we certainly appear to be all but past the significant impacts of Covid-19, I am hoping that we can encourage hosting club venues to provide some supper though understand that we are still to discuss this shortly.

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**  
**2022 HSS Snooker Competition Secretary**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**