

Annunciation Snooker Club



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Summer 2017

Annunciation wins billiards league

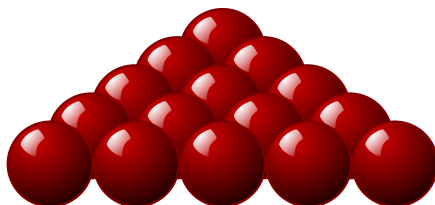
Hats off to the Annunciation Billiards team for finishing as winners of the Brighton Hove & District Billiards & Snooker League title. The team is made up of Don Penalver,

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Geoff Randall, Richard Barrett, Barry Martin and Steve Burchett, proving that the Annunciation has some talented billiards players on its books. (see back page)

In-house snooker & billiards tournaments: A chance to get your name on the Honours board!

For members only, the annual in-house snooker and billiards competitions are with us again. The draw has been made for both the Snooker Open & Handicap competitions.



THE HABIT OF SNOOKER
Playing snooker gives you firm hands and helps to build up character. It is the ideal recreation for dedicated nuns.

Archbishop Luigi Barbarito,
Apostolic Nuncio Emeritus, 1989

Snooker Handicap 1st Round

Best of 3 frames. Final best of 5.

Scott Lawson 07784602121 v Elliott Ciuraj 07930063618
Steve Burchett 07707838763 v Ian Dunhill 07715494700
Phil Byford 07594546579 v Jamie Matthews 07469879960
Don Penalver 07586347103 v Steve Rooney 07743371088
Darren Hearne 07884077877 v Peter Joint 07771940921
Danny Wong 07468418118 v Bob Page 07402093860
Les Berry 01273297431 v Shorty 07429341597
Jon Fordham 07598991931 v Tony Shipley 07879275977
Daniel Cartledge 07701324494 v Minky Lee 07979667468
Tom Wright 07775135683 v Lewis Copping 07833446682

Snooker Open Preliminary Rnd

Best of 5 frames. Final best of 7.

Richard Barrett 07926114075 v Lewis Copping 07833446682
Geoff Randall 07779886551 v Minky Lee 07979667468
John Derrett 07734247626 v Scott Lawson 07784602121
Anthony Flynn 07787423100 v Jamie Matthews 07469879960

*The following players have byes:

Darren Hearne, Ian Dunhill, Phil Byford, Tom Wright, Les Berry,
Don Penalver, Shorty, Chris Mason, Danny Wong, Jon Fordham,
Steve Rooney, Barry Martin

Handicap and Open matches to be played by Sat 3rd June. Winners to send results to Don 01273 589895 or 07586 347103 or post in the box by table 2 stating name and competition. Handicaps are attached on the notice board. Players to share the cost of table time.

Good season for billiards and snooker teams

The billiards team finished as league winners, a great effort. Both snooker teams did well this season, Annunciation B finished runners-up to Castle Club K (Div 1), with Annunciation A finishing in mid-table (Div 3).

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DIVISION 1	P	W	L	Pts
Castle Club K	28	20	8	84
Annunciation B	28	18	10	80
Hove D.S. Anglers A	28	17	11	78
Champion House A	28	13	15	77
St. Matthias D	28	15	13	72
Goldstone Ex Serv. A	28	16	12	71
Castle Club D	28	9	19	50

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	Pts
Southwick Sports	28	24	4	93
Moulsecoomb A	28	19	9	83
Goldstone Ex S B	28	16	12	75
Annunciation A	28	12	16	73
Portslade Legion	28	14	14	66
Preston Club	28	13	15	63
NARC B	28	10	18	61
Moulsecoomb B	28	3	25	41

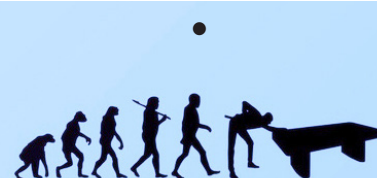
Committee needs more members

- This Club is actively seeking new members to join the Committee.
- No experience is necessary other than the ability to attend Committee meetings three or four times a year.
- Meetings typically discuss finance and security, club policy and ways to take the club forward. If you're interested, please contact any of the Committee members listed opposite.

Annunciation Snooker Club

Club Committee

Chairman: Phil Byford
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Secretary: Don Penalver
07586 347103
Treasurer: Geoff Randall
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Committee Members:
Tony Shipley
07879 275977
Darren Hearne
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A load of old balls?

SNOOKER BALL VALUES

Red	1	Yellow	2	Green	3
Brown	4	Blue	5	Pink	6
Black	7	Orange*	8	Purple*	10

*These two balls were introduced into a variant of the standard game called Snooker Plus - devised by the world snooker and billiard champion Joe Davis, in response to fears that the popularity of snooker was in decline.

Davis proposed that a purple ball be placed between brown and blue, and an orange ball between blue and pink, in the hope that this would encourage break building.

The addition of these two colours meant that the maximum possible break increased from 147 to 210. Snooker Plus was introduced to the public in October 1959 during a *News of the World* tournament, but never really took off.

- It is possible to have a break of 155 assuming that it starts with a free-ball red and black.

UK World Championship Final sees the return of 'the grinder'

Not since Cliff Thorburn was at the peak of his powers has the modern game seen anyone to rival him, until now.

Mark Selby's 18-15 victory over John Higgins at the

Crucible demonstrated how the game has evolved since it went global in the 1980's.

Thorburn, from Canada, was the first champion to come from outside the UK, when he

won the title in 1980, beating Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins in the final. Like Selby, Thorburn was world No.1 at the time. Three years later Thorburn became the first player to compile a maximum break at the World Championship.

Mark Selby, not to be confused with the American blues/rock guitarist of the same name, seems to have ingested some of Thorburn's 'grinding' game alongside his own brilliant shotmaking and the laying and getting out of some of the most difficult snookers seen on TV.

A worthy champion, it looks like this could be Selby's time to dominate world snooker.



Two great champions who can go the distance

John Higgins had Selby on the ropes 9-2 at the early stages of the final, looking like he was going to go on to win his 5th Crucible trophy.

In the end, Higgins was worn down by Selby's relentlessly immaculate safety play and superior levels of stamina over the last two sessions.

Some of Higgins' snooker was sublime and for sustained periods he looked back to his best. But in the end, Selby's momentum after grinding his way back into the match had a steamroller effect, propelling him over the winning line.



- TOP: DEFENDING CHAMPION **MARK SELBY** EVENTUALLY HAD TOO MUCH FOR FOUR-TIMES WORLD CHAMPION **JOHN HIGGINS** (ABOVE)

Don is Snooker over-70's Champion

BY GEOFF RANDALL

Two gladiators faced off for a contest of three potential frames of snooker in the Brighton Hove and District Billiards and Snooker League's Veterans Snooker Final. Our very own Don Penalver against Ray Hunter from Champion

House. The first frame showed some fluent snooker from both players and Don nicked the frame on the final blue in just under 30 minutes. The second frame was a far tougher affair and endurance was the keyword. The frame lasted just over 75 minutes

with Don apologetically fluking frame ball, again the blue. In fairness, it would have been a travesty if the match had gone the other way as Don was the stronger player from the outset. *Congratulations to our Veterans Champion, Don Penalver.*

IN APPRECIATION

Don and his dedication to this Club

In his official capacity, Don is Club Secretary, but the man himself is much more than that. Almost singlehandedly Don rescued and revived the club at a time when it was on the slide and many other local snooker clubs were closing their doors for the last time. Since the 1990's, Don has been recruiting new members, overseeing security, doing all the maintenance and even all the cleaning! Anything to keep the place going. Now, with some relatively new blood on the Committee, some of those duties are being shared around, hopefully lightening his load. Not only is Don the Brighton Hove and District Billiards and Snooker League's Veterans Snooker Champion 2017, but was also captain of the 2017 Brighton Billiards Championship winning team. In late 2016, the Committee awarded Don Life Membership for his unstinting service to a great club.



• TOP MAN: **DON PENALVER**, WINNER OF THE BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER LEAGUE VETERANS' SNOOKER FINAL.