

Annunciation Snooker Club



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NEWSLETTER 2

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IN-HOUSE CLUB COMPETITION WINNERS

WINTER 2017

Rank outsider wins club Snooker Handicap

New name on the Honours board shows it can be done

In his first season in the Club Snooker Handicap tournament, Danny Cartledge put a string of great

results together to get his name on the Honours board as Annunciation Handicap Winner, at the first attempt.

A terrific achievement for Danny, one of the most improved players at the club. He showed in the final he's a dark horse on the green baize, coming back from 2 frames down to beat the talented Lewis Copping 3-2. Lewis was a much higher ranked player and certainly a tough opponent for anyone in the competition.

The four club tournaments were all a great success with a record number of players entering the Snooker Handicap and Open tournaments. Thanks to all who took part.



• ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF DANNY CARTLEDGE ON HIS WAY TO THE FINAL

Annunciation billiards & snooker winners 2017

BILLIARDS FINALS

Billiards Open: **Geoff Randall** continued his great form into the final beating three times winner **Richard Barrett**.

Billiards H/Cap: Geoff was also a beaten finalist, losing to **Steve Burchett**. This was Steve's first

time on the Honours board, winning his first billiards final at the Annunciation.

SNOOKER FINALS

Snooker Open: Previous winner **Richard Barrett** was back on the Honours board yet again, beating

the formidable **Jon Fordham**. *Snooker H/Cap:* Outsider **Danny Cartledge** emerged as eventual winner over **Lewis Copping**.

★ Outside tip for next years in-house snooker competitions: **Scott Lawson**, another of the club's most improved players.

Annunciation **Snooker Club**

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Committee: what does it do?

The Committe meets on a fairly regular basis to discuss any business relating to the club. This involves club wellbeing, finance, income and outgoings, security, and any concerns raised by ordinary members or individual Committee members.

At the meeting in early October it was agreed that Tables 1 and 3 were starting to show signs of wear and so both will be re-covered on Saturday 9th December. The work should be completed by late afternoon. Bear with us.



**HOW TO CHECK
AVAILABLE TABLES
BEFORE MAKING YOUR
JOURNEY TO THE CLUB**

- ✓ First grab the **iVMS-4500** app from **the app store** or **google play** store
- ✓ Open the app and go to the devices section
- ✓ Add a new device
- ✓ Set register mode to **IP/Domain Address**
141.105.212.229
- ✓ Port **8000**
- ✓ User **Guest**
- ✓ Password **Guest123**
- ✓ **Save** You're done

**BRIGHTON HOVE & DISTRICT
BILLIARDS & SNOOKER LEAGUE**

**BILLIARDS & SNOOKER
TEAMS 2017/18**

BILLIARDS A

Richard Barrett, Steve Burchett
Barry Martin, Don Penalver,
Geoff Randall,

SNOOKER A

Les Berry, Lewis Copping, Greg
Foat, Peter Maurice, Mike
Palmer, Tony Shipley, Tom Wright

SNOOKER B

Richard Barrett, Scott Lawson,
Jamie Matthews, Don Penalver,
Trevor Pickard, Geoff Randall,
Danny Wong

SNOOKER C

Gediminis Alexandravisius, Steve
Burchett, Ian Dunhill, Darren
Hearn, Tom Lane, Toby Prince-
Ilse, Tom Trafford.

Northern Ireland Open Final 2017

Williams has to dig deep to beat teenager Yan in epic final

Mark Williams was behind until the deciding frame in the Northern Ireland Open final against the Chinese youngster Yan Bingtao. Williams, 3-6 down, hung in there and fought his way back to win the deciding frame 9-8. At 42, the Welshman, winner of 19 ranking tournaments, is playing better than ever. Yan, 17, showed he has every shot in the book and enough natural talent to be at least as successful as Williams. It was fitting that the finalists were contesting the Alex Higgins Trophy. The sheer quality of the

ALEX HIGGINS TROPHY

final proved these are two of the finest exponents of the modern attacking game.



Annunciation Snooker Club is part of Hanover history and welcomes all

WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO THE HANOVER DIRECTORY FEBRUARY 2012

Formed in the late 1950's as a Men's Club for billiards and snooker players, (clearly there was no place for women in snooker back then), and formally known as St. Peter's Club and the PDSA Club, they amalgamated and emerged as the Annunciation Snooker Club. In 1999 St. Annes's Club also amalgamated, they were in George Street, Kemp Town. They all moved from their original locations to the present base at 88A Coleman Street.

★ The building is owned by the Diocese of the Church of the Annunciation, the church in Washington Street. The club is run by a Committee of eight members, with the Vicar of the Church of the Annunciation as the President.

★ On 13th March 1990, a billiards match between the oldest member of the Brighton Snooker League, at 83, and the youngest, 16, was played at the club and was recorded on ITV.

★ There is a plaque on the wall in the club, honouring locals who fought and died in the first world war.

★ There are also Honours boards for the winners of the in-house snooker and billiards competitions dating back as far

as 1958.

★ The club went through a particularly tough period in the late 1990's when it was plagued by petty theft, tampering and abuse of the table meters and membership falling to a new low. In-house competitions went by the by and the club could easily have gone to the wall like so many other snooker clubs at that time. With the arrival of the club's current secretary, Don Penalver, around 2004, all



that was about to change. Don (left) almost single-handedly set about restructuring the club, changing the whole ethos of the place to one that is now open and inclusive. He also initiated a drive to improve membership numbers. With great success.

★ In the last couple of years the Committee has been refreshed with some younger faces taking part in decision making on the best ways of running and maintaining a viable snooker club.

★ The introduction of CCTV during Don's tenure has enabled the club to operate on a basis of trust, in the belief that most snooker and billiards players are mature enough to appreciate the excellent facilities and will not abuse them. CCTV, while not initially

popular with members, was really the only option, as no way could the club afford to pay wages to a caretaker or steward to police the club. Instead these duties are shared by Committee members on a purely voluntary basis. Happily most players now accept that being on camera can also be to your advantage, as it's possible to download footage of that century break if it actually happens (ask a Committee member and provide a memory stick). In line with its modernising approach, the club recently installed Wi-Fi, which is free to all members.

★ We'd like to think we've moved the club on in many ways from the dark days of the 1990's when an officious Committee directive went out to all members:



...it has been brought to the Committee's attention that a young lady was seen playing on the tables. This must NOT happen again...



While it's true we don't have any female members currently, who knows in the future? The club is part of the community and anyone's welcome.

Capacity turn-out for 30th Hanover Beer Festival

Snooker Club proud to sponsor a barrel of Gun Brewery's finest pale ale

Thanks are due to Committee member Steve Rooney for setting up the club's sponsorship of the 30th Hanover Beer Festival at the Hanover Community Centre on Southover Street. The aim of the beer festival has always been to raise money for

the Community Centre which gets no direct funding from the state. How crap is that? Thanks to capacity turn-outs on both Friday and Saturday night, it was a resounding success, raising £6500. Racking up 30 years of beer festivals is no small

achievement for the Centre, the local breweries, local people and sponsors, who basically donate money to promote specific beverages. The Annunciation sponsored **S.M.A.S.H. 5.2%** meaning Single Malt And Single Hop. **Gun Brewery, Berwick.**

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30th Hanover Beer Fest Sponsors
S.M.A.S.H. 5.2%
 Brewery: Gun (Berwick, E. Sussex)
 Meaning single malt and single hop, this is a light, fruity, easy drinking strong pale, made with Propino malt and Ahtanum hops
 6/7 October 2017
HANOVER BEER FESTIVAL

Chairman samples the best of locally brewed beers

I grew up in my dad's pub when barrels were made of wood and men were made of steel. Some would argue nowadays the reverse is true. I went along with my pal Angus, who early on told me he wasn't going to make it a late one, as he'd got stuff to do first thing in the morning. As it happens, I had too - and despite the endless barrels on show, we were able to restrain ourselves, which took some doing. We met old mates, said hello to some fellow Hanoverians and enjoyed our beers in a very chilled yet buzzing atmosphere - and the first pint was free! The beer the club sponsored, SMASH, was just about the best draught pale ale I've ever had. Angus seemed to agree. Despite not getting trolleyed, it was a fine evening - more ale than you could drink, a full house and no lack of wit and plenty of banter. All in all, a really good laugh. **Recommended!**