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2022/2023 SBNSW ANNUAL REPORT

Snooker & Billiards New South Wales Incorporated

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1. 2022/23 SBNSW Board Structure

The 105th Annual General Meeting of the Snooker & Billiards New South Wales Incorporated, abbrev SBNSW, was held in person and via online video conference – using Microsoft Teams on Monday 4 December 2023, commencing at 7 pm.

The following members were duly elected as the Association’s Office Bearers for 2022/23

Director	-	Alex Render
Director	-	David Waller
Director	-	Carlie Tait
Director	-	Greg Jenkins
Director	-	Peter Tankard
Director	-	David McMahon
Director	-	Todd Hayward

1.1 Primary Areas of Focus

Billiards	Peter Tankard, Andy DeHaan, David McMahon
Snooker	David Waller
Women's Snooker	Carlie Tait
Coaching & Juniors	Greg Jenkins
ABSC Executive	Alex Render
Referees	Gary Knight, Frank Galanos
Finance, Membership & Assets	Alex Render, David Waller
Media, Public Relations	Alex Render
Governance	Alex Render, David Waller

2. CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY REPORT 2022/23

Presented by Alex Render for AGM 4/12/2023

Welcome to everyone to the 106th Annual General Meeting of Snooker and Billiards NSW. I am thrilled to address you as the Chairman of Snooker and Billiards NSW, and I want to express my excitement for the progress and opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is an incredible honor to be a part of this vibrant community in NSW, and I am honored by the trust you have placed in me.

As we move forward, I am fully committed to leading our organisation to new heights, fostering excellence, and ensuring that our members have every opportunity to thrive in Snooker and Billiards. Together, we can achieve more and more so I welcome new faces to step forward and join our team in some shape or form.

I firmly believe that the best is yet to come, and I look forward to working alongside all of you to make our vision a reality. I am also excited about the alignment with the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council (ABSC) and the relationships we continue to build with our clubs and sponsors.

Membership and Participation

Our Snooker and Billiards community has experienced a remarkable growth with a nearly 15% increase in memberships over the past year. This substantial rise is a testament to the enthusiasm and engagement of our members in NSW and underscores our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment for cue sports enthusiasts. We look forward to continuing this positive momentum and providing even more opportunities for our members to enjoy and excel in the sport. In the new year we will shift some focus to Club and Affiliate memberships as well as introducing a social membership category. Participation statistics are below.

Participation Details for 2023/2024

Active Members

Members who have access to the full range of programs and services offered by the organisation or their affiliated club or association, as a participant, coach or official. This type of member typically pays a full registration fee and participates actively in programs and services.

The Total by Gender must be the same as the Total in NSW

Active Female Members * 21 Must be a number.	Active Male Members * 305 Must be a number.	Active Non-binary Members * 0 Must be a number.
Active Members in Regional NSW * 135 Must be a number.	Active Members in Greater Sydney * 191 Must be a number.	
Total by Gender 326 This number/amount is calculated.	Total Members in NSW 326 This number/amount is calculated.	Office Use Only 0 This number/amount is calculated.

Accredited Coaches/Instructors and Officials/Judges

Accredited Coaches/Instructors - Female * 0 Must be a number.	Accredited Coaches/Instructors - Male * 15 Must be a number.	Accredited Coaches/Instructors - Non-binary * 0 Must be a number.
Accredited Officials or Judges - Female * 2 Must be a number.	Accredited Officials or Judges - Male * 52 Must be a number.	Accredited Officials or Judges - Non-binary * 0 Must be a number.

Does your organisation deliver an NSO approved Coaching Accreditation Course? *
 Yes No

Does your organisation deliver an NSO approved Officiating Accreditation Course? *
 Yes No

Aside from accreditation courses does your sport provide additional professional development opportunities for Coaches and Officials? *
 Yes No

Total Accredited Coaches/Instructors 15 This number/amount is calculated.	Total Accredited Officials or Judges 54 This number/amount is calculated.
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Clubs and Venues

We are thrilled to see a small resurgence in the dedication to our sport within our region. Clubs across New South Wales are making a conscious effort to reinstate Snooker and Billiards tables, and they're doing it with a strong commitment to providing high-quality conditions. These efforts are paramount in helping our up-and-coming players condition themselves to compete on a world-class level.

The passion and dedication of our clubs and players are truly commendable. By creating top playing environments, we are not only nurturing our local talent but also positioning ourselves to shine on the international stage. Venues like Mounties, Seven Hills RSL and St George Basin have been progressive in moving to Shender (or Shender top) tables. This has been evident with the staging of the WSF World Championships at Mounties earlier in the year.

Tournaments and Events

Snooker and Billiards NSW continues to shine with the staging of many events for our members. Between Snooker, Billiards, Women's and Junior events it is a real challenge to make room in our busy calendars, yet alone try to coordinate dates with other cue sports events i.e. Pool.

This year saw the staging of the WSF World Snooker Championship at Mounties which attracted close to 200 entrants from Australia and the World. Coupled with events like the WWS Australian Open, Bob Hawke AC Australian Open and a range of State Snooker and Billiards Championships, it has been an amazing year.

Government Relations and Funding

Snooker and Billiards NSW is a recognised State Sporting Organisation in NSW Government and is therefore eligible for annual funding. The amount of funding we have received (outside special grants) has been \$5,000 per year. This is barely enough to help keep the lights on. The new NSW Labour Government had made pre-election commitments to increase funding. This will require some additional work for us, and we will need to meet certain outcomes like increasing participation for Women as well as strengthening governance.

Within the guidelines of the new funding in future years, some of the outcomes the NSW Government is requiring are as follows but not limited to:

- ‘Plan to increase female representation on the Board of the organisation to meet gender equity targets and to encourage affiliates to achieve the same’ and;
- ‘Plan to move to equal prizemoney for events where this is controlled by the organisation.’

Development Programs

Over the year we have been committed to coordinating various clinics for coaching and referee development. We will continue to build on the good work already with additional focus in the new year on programs for disability. We will aim to work with the ABSC body to align with various national programs and ensure NSW has representation on various sub-committees.

Our Partnerships

Our partnerships with clubs, sponsors, NSW Government, and other governing bodies in our Sport is critical for our success. The Board has been committed to strengthening these partnerships and will continue to be a key focus area for us. I see great opportunities in stronger alignment and collaboration with the ABSC and other State Associations. The opportunities to share ideas and resources is incredible, we just need people to be open minded and help make this happen.

A special call out to CL&S as the sponsor of record for the ABSC. Without their support Australia and NSW would not have the opportunity to experienced better playing conditions through the supply of equipment such as cloths and balls for our National and key State events. I would also like to thank all the NSW Clubs that have hosted and sponsored our events in the year. Thank you in particular to Mounties, Blacktown Workers, Club Marconi, Commercial Club Albury, Hornsby RSL, Guildford Leagues, Wentworthville Leagues, Central Coast Leagues and Gosford RSL.

Acknowledgements

Thanks must go to the great team we have on the Board and all the non-board members that have contributed through the year. You all know who you are and at the risk of missing names I will leave it at that. A big thank you team. Once again thank you for being an integral part of Snooker and Billiards NSW, and here's to the remarkable journey that awaits us! I look forward to working with you all in the new year.

Alex Render

Chairman, Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc

4/12/2023

3. SNOOKER REPORT 2022/23

Presented by David Waller for AGM 4/12/2023

2022 Fred Osbourne Snooker Classic – 29/31 July

Hosted by Commercial Club Albury

Winner – Cale Barrett

Runner Up – Adrian Law

Highest break – Hassan Kerde 127

2022 NSW State Snooker Championship – 19/21 August

Hosted by Club Marconi

Winner – Hassan Kerde

Runner Up – Sebastian Zhang

Highest break – Hassan Kerde 84

2022 Club Marconi South Pacific Open Snooker 16/18 September

Hosted by Club Marconi

Winner – Hassan Kerde

Runner Up – Roger Fairbrother

Highest break – Roger Fairbrother 97

2022 NSW State U21 Snooker & Billiards Championships Snooker 16/18 September

Hosted by Blacktown Workers Club

Snooker Winner – Zachary Hilton Runner Up – Tristan Lau

Billiards: Riley Core def Tristan Lau in a 1 hour timed game

2022 Bob Hawke AC Memorial Australian Open Snooker Championship 6/9 October

Hosted by Mounties

Winner – Steve Mifsud

Runner Up – Roger Fairbrother

Highest break – Chi Kin Yeung 134

2022 NSW Reventon Hat Trick Snooker Series 29/30 October

Hosted by Blacktown Workers Club -

Winner - David Wright

Runner Up - Peter Quinlivan

Highest break – Kiah Bloomfield 62

2022 NSW State Doubles Snooker Championship – 19/20 November

Hosted by Wenty Leagues Club

Winner – Alvan Chan/ Sebastian Zhang

Runner Up – Mick Sharp / Sam Delia

Highest Break – Alvan Chan/ Sebastian Zhang - 80

2023 Australian Under 18 Billiards Championship – 2/7 January

Jayden Dinga def Joshua Hands

2023 Australian Under 18 Snooker Championship

Jayden Dinga def Sean Dempsey

2023 Australian Under 16 Billiards Championship

Jackson Agale def Cylas Jackson

2023 Australian Under 16 Snooker Championship

Jason Yu def Lily Meldrum

2023 Australian Under 12 Snooker Championship

Austin Huang def Liam Nolan

2023 Australian Junior Teams Challenge

Qld def WA/SA

All hosted by Commercial Club Albury

2023 NSW State Masters Snooker Championship – 3/5 March

Hosted by Club Marconi

Winner – Chi Kin Yeung

Runner Up – Roger Fairbrother

Highest break – Joe Minici 82

2023 Asia Pacific Seniors Championship – 23/26 March

Hosted by Commercial Club Albury

Winner – Adrian Ridley

Runner Up – Joe Minici

Highest break – Adruan Law 109

2023 NSW State Junior Snooker & Billiards Championships – 22/23 April

U18 Snooker - Cooper Thomson def Zachary Hilton 3-1

U16 Snooker - Zachary Hilton def Luke Bofinger

U 18 Billiards 1 Hour - Cooper Thomson def Christiano De Azevedo

Hosted by Hornsby RSL

2023 NSW State Minor Snooker Championship – 6/7 May

Hosted by Mounties

Winner – Chi Kin Yueng

Runner Up – David Wright

Highest break – Ying Jin 99

2023 Ian Chappell Blacktown Workers Classic – 26/28 May

Hosted by Blacktown Workers Club

Winner – James Mifsud

Runner Up – Roger Fairbrother

Highest break – James Mifsud 98

David Waller

Events Director, Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc

15 October 2023

4. **WOMEN'S SNOOKER REPORT 2022/23**

Presented by Carlie Tait for AGM 4/12/2023

2022 NSW Women's State Snooker Championships - September

The event was once again sponsored by the host venue, Guildford Leagues Club. The event was successfully staged, with a total of 11 entrants.

Winner: Carlie Tait

Runner Up: Dianne Merritt

2023 Australian Under 18 Girls Snooker Championships - January

Held in conjunction with the Mitchell Billiards Cup Australian Junior Teams Challenge, and the Australian Junior

(U12, U16, U18) Snooker & Billiards Championships at the Commercial Club, Albury.

The U18 Girls Championships had 5 entrants.

Winner: Lilly Meldrum

Runner Up: Roxie Cooper

2023 Asia Pacific Junior Women's Snooker Championship & Asia Pacific Women's Snooker Championship – January/February

A World Women's Snooker ranking event, operated by the Asia Pacific Snooker & Billiards Federation and the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council. Entry open to female players from all over the world. Held in conjunction with the World Snooker Federation Junior & Open Championships at Mounties Club in Mount Pritchard.

The Juniors Women's event had 5 entries, whilst the Women's event had 28 entries.

Winner (Junior Women's) Ploychompoo Laokiatphong (Thailand)

Runner Up – Lilly Meldrum (Australia)

Winner (Women's) - Ploychompoo Laokiatphong (Thailand)

Runner Up - Siripaporn Nuanthakhamjan (Thailand)

June 2023 – NSW State Women's Minor Snooker Championship

The event was once again sponsored by host venue, Gosford RSL. The event was successfully staged, with a total of 6 entrants, most of whom were first time entrants.

Winner: Sharon Benson

Runner Up: Chia Ern (Krystal) Aw

Other highlights & activities

- Continued strong collaboration with the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council and World Women's Snooker, to ensure high-quality events for women are available regularly in Australia, and NSW.
- Plans are in progress for future projects in 2023-24, including a handicapped snooker tournament and fundraising event – Women 4 Women. The theme of this event is 'empowering women' – by introducing handicaps to an event, we hope to empower more women by increasing confidence and improving results. Teamed with a charity 'Dress for Success', who focus on empowering women by assisting them back into the workforce.

Carlie Tait

Women's Snooker Sub Committee, Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc

10 October 2023

5. COACHING AND JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2022/23

Presented by Greg Jenkins for AGM 4/12/2023

Coaching Development

We have held some more coaching accreditation clinics and increased our numbers for snooker coaches. 1 from ACT Canberra, 1 from Wollongong and 1 from Sydney. I am planning to hold another in November and will send the committee a draft as well an online accreditation for a new player in Coffs Harbour.

Activities & Initiatives

One of our coaches, Mark Harper has been busy with his students at school using the 4 foldaway tables at his school Seven Hills High. The students regularly use the tables and are having fun learning and playing. Mark also has a number of players he teaches that vary from 8 years old up to one lady over 70. He loves teaching and clearly has a gift for it.

Another coach Malcolm Winter has been visiting a retirement facility and providing some assistance to residents who thoroughly enjoy learning snooker skills.

I have submitted quite several coaching videos to Alex for review and to be posted on our website for reference to all our members and visitors.

Junior Development

Prior to the State U21 state titles, a coaching clinic was held at Blacktown Workers Club. A new first event player used this as an opportunity to gain some valuable skills. He was very grateful and vowed to continue seeking advice.

I can confirm that one of our best Juniors, Zac Hilton will be going to China at the end of October to attend the International Snooker academy in Yushan. Zak is going for 1 month and will no doubt gain some wonderful knowledge and improve his skills.

Activities & Initiatives

I am in talks with a lady who has up to 20 exchange students from China who would like to have a coaching and a friendly competition day in the January school holidays. Their ages are from 10 to 18. I have mentioned it to Seven Hills RSL, who have asked for a proposal with details of the day and look forward to hosting it. More details to follow...

Greg Jenkins

Director, Coaching and Development, Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc

13 October 2023

6. BILLIARDS REPORT 2022/23

Presented by Peter Tankard for AGM 4/12/2023

2023 was our first year post-covid that did not have overhanging events and was more or less a normal year, except that the Minici/Pearson duopoly was finally broken after a decade of sharing the lollies between them. In the final event of 2022 we saw Roger Farebrother, perennial semi-finalist breakthrough for a maiden win in the State Major Timed event at Hornsby RSL, against an under-prepared Michael Pearson. While Michael looked below his spectacular best Roger rose to the occasion playing solid scoring billiards. Roger held his nerve to lift the Les Hayes Cup by a margin of 500-449

Continuing the roll call of semi-finalists that almost get there Andy De Haan finally put his hands on the Keith Lord Cup, the oldest trophy in our cabinet for the State Minors Billiards (timed). This storied trophy contains the names of every great Billiards players in NSW since 1956. You can only win it once so there are 67 names that will live on in the annals of top-level billiards in this state. This was Andy's fourth final and he was wondering if he would ever get there. Dirk Hellenbroich pushed him all the way in what was a tense and close final, 321-299

At the same venue Central Coast Leagues Club we also hosted the Ladies State Minor Billiards won by a returning superstar of cue sports Tanya Harrison over Monica Brettle, both ladies in their first state level billiards final, 101-66.

Tanya went on to prove that this was no fluke by taking out the Minor/Major double in her first year of return to competitive play, defeating Kenny Chandra in the final. It was Kenny's first Billiards event and only Tanya's second, a testament to how the game is growing in popularity for women.

Joe Minici won the sports blue riband event, the State Major (timed) at Blacktown Worker's Club. This was his fifteenth win in this event. The win means he has won this event at least once in every decade for the last five decades, his first win coming in 1989. An achievement unequalled in any sport in NSW and possibly Australia. He defeated Hassan Kerde who en route to the final knocked off the other entrenched finalist Michael Pearson.

Guildford Leagues Club once again hosted the State Minor Point Score event. In an uncharacteristic display of consistency Peter Tankard entered the event as top seed, finished the

round robin in first place and won the final against the best player yet to win a state title Gene Crossingham. It's a matter of when, not if, for Gene who is always thereabouts at the pointy end of billiards tournaments. In winning Peter has now completed the double of the Minor events, the fourth player to do so and joins the elite company of Ron Tulloch, George Chammas and Adwin Teh.

The final state level event for 2023 was the Major Point Score event , sponsored by STM Trucks and Machinery at Club Marconi. It produced one of the most remarkable sights in Billiards; both Joe Minici and Michael Pearson watching the final from the bleachers. It is the first time Michael has failed to reach the final since the inception of this event. The winner Todd Hayward claimed his first major State Title and he did it the hard way, defeating three official Legends of NSW cue sports; Mike Pearson in the quarters, Joe Minici in the semis and defending champion Roger Farebrother in the final 401-349.

We now look forward to our international event the Sydney Open Billiards at Club Marconi on the first weekend of November. World number 1 Peter Gilchrist has confirmed his attendance and we expect he will once again show us that despite our best efforts we still have a lot to learn.

Billiards in NSW is flourishing and growing each year, with both men and women enjoying the competition and the social side of the game. There is a real fraternity amongst billiards players which does not exist in other cue sports with players helping each other to become their best while sharing banter and a laugh afterwards, or even during the games.

Special thanks to our Champion TD Steve Cowie without whom none of this would be possible. It's not a real tournament unless Steve shouts "You're on the clock"

Peter Tankard
Billiards Sub Committee, Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc
28th September 2023

7. TREASURER'S REPORT 2022/23

Presented by Alex Render for AGM 4/12/2023

I am pleased to provide the Annual Financial Statements and summary report for the period 1/7/2022 – 30/06/2023.

Supporting this summary report is the profit and loss statement and balance sheet organised by Snooker and Billiards NSW Inc. Detailed event breakdowns can be supplied at the request of any financial member at any time.

NSW has seen some good growth in the year with new members joining and competing in our events. Membership revenue in the financial year was lower than projected due to extended memberships from the Covid-19 period. Membership fees for full members was increased to \$60 for next financial year and we expect revenue for membership to normalize over \$10,000 per year. The Board introduced merchandise sales in the year which saw new expenses of approximately \$5,000 which has been close to recovered through shirt (polo) sales. We still hold stock on hand and expect to make a small profit from merchandise sales.

The Board has found the use of online selling working well and intends to expand online sales to other merchandise in the future. Snooker and Billiards NSW continues to work with NSW Government to secure grant funding. In the financial year we received our standard \$5,000 grant payment which was expended in full on operational costs such as insurances, subscriptions, website hosting and referee development. This year saw Labour return into NSW Government and the State Budget is expecting to invest more into NSW Sport in the following 3 financial years. Subject to meeting criteria and compliance, we are in a good position to secure additional annual funding in FY23- 24 onwards.

The preparation of the financial statements is supported by an annual review of the accounts which was prepared by Dennis Wong. An associated letter is attached to this report.

Alex Render
Treasurer - Snooker and Billiards NSW
4 December 2023

8. ABSC Ranking

[ABSC Ranking 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023](#)

[ABSC International, National Championships & Ranking Events \(NSW Players\)](#)

[ABSC International, National Championships & Ranking Event Venues](#)

Australian / World Championships
Bob Hawke AC Memorial Australian Open Snooker Championship 2023
Australian Open Women's Snooker 2023
APSBF 6 Red Snooker Championship 2023
RACV Australian National Snooker Championship 2023
Australian National Women's Snooker Championship 2023
Australian National Women's Billiards Championship 2023
Australian National Billiards Championship 2023
Pacific International Billiards 2023
Australian Under 21 Snooker Championship 2023
Australian Under 21 Womens Snooker Championship 2023
Australian Under 21 Billiards Championship 2023
Mitchell Billiards Cup - Australian Junior Teams Challenge 2023
Australian Under 12 Snooker Championship 2023
Australian Under 16 Snooker Championship 2023
Australian Under 16 Billiards Championship 2023
Australian Under 18 Snooker Championship 2023
Australian Under 18 Billiards Championship 2023
Australian Under 18 Girls Snooker Championship 2023

9. NSW REFEREES REPORT 2022/23

Presented by Gay Knight for AGM 4/12/2023

Members, I'm pleased to present my fourth annual report as your State Director of Referees, which covers the financial year ending 30/06/23.

Firstly, it was extremely pleasing for all that Covid-19 did not have the impact upon our lives as in recent years, enabling the Board to plan and schedule a full calendar of events and activities for our Sport which were able to be successfully held throughout the year. This included at least 32 events (WSF, APSBF, National, State) – and one main reason each of those events was successful is because of the important support and assistance provided by the NSW Referees involved.

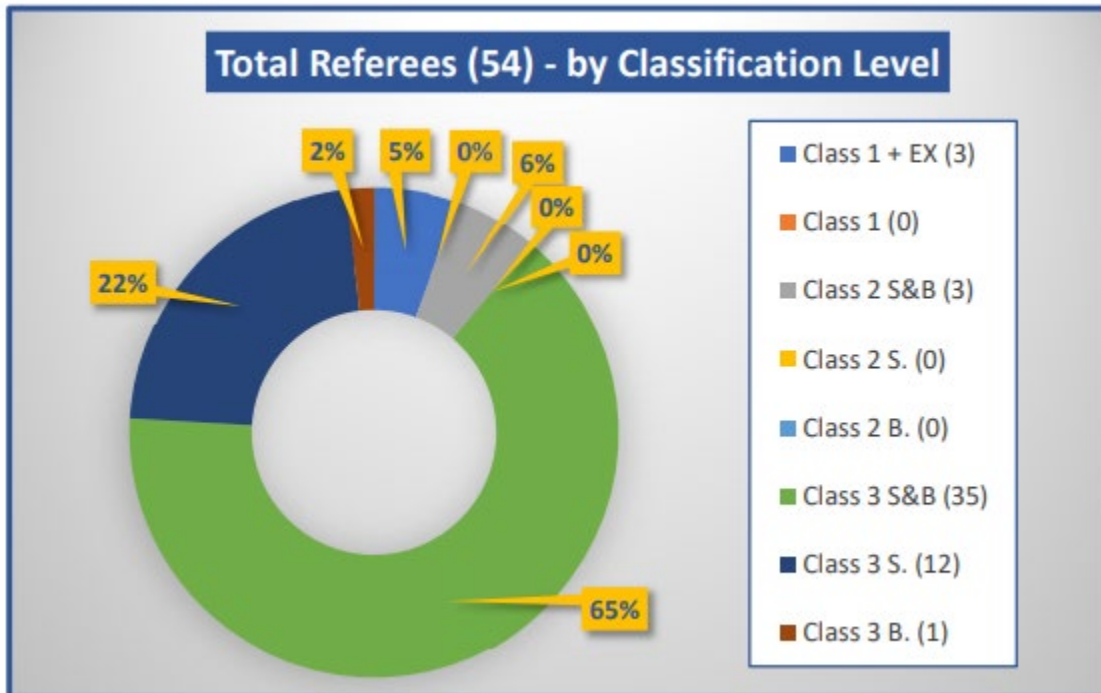
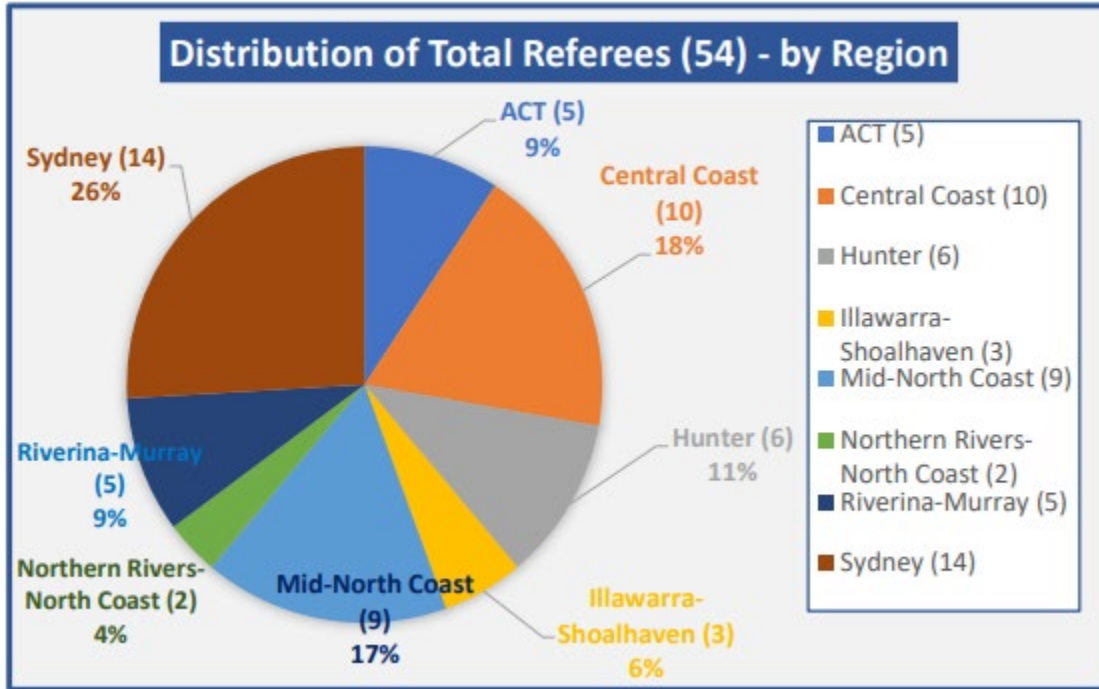
Collectively, a total of just 18 (33%) of our NSW Referees regularly put their hands up and made themselves available to officiate during these 32 events. However, this overall participation rate is extremely low and clearly demonstrates how our Sport is currently reliant upon the services of a committed and enthusiastic few who are willing to regularly apply themselves to the role of Referee and assist organisers to stage such events successfully. Whether at the various local Sydney venues, or travelling interstate, or perhaps internationally, I once again extend my sincere gratitude to every one of those 18 Referees for providing their time and passionate response to events staged during 2022/23.

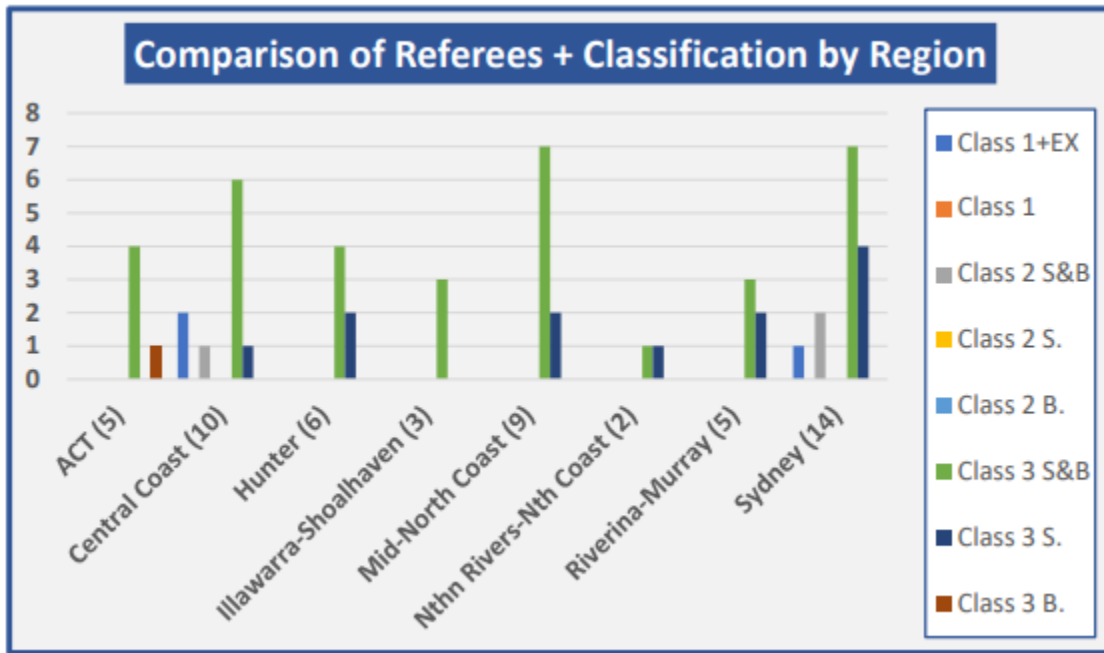
Summary of NSW Referees (+ACT)

Total number of Referees as at 30/06/2	49
+ new Referees from training workshops	10
Less retired, death, etc. 5	5
Referees at 30/06/23	54

New accreditations obtained during 2022/23 training workshops totalled 10 which is a pleasing result, and there are still a few candidates who deferred their assessments for personal reasons. However, these were offset by the loss of 5 existing Referees primarily for health-related issues and no longer being interested. This is further compounded by others dealing with severe medical and age-related restrictions which will likely see their retirement

during next financial year. The total number of NSW certified referees as at 30/06/23 was 54 (including ACT). A breakdown of this number by Region is provided below:





Initial response to strategies devised in the post-Covid period at increasing our certified referees has been very positive to date. Four separate training workshops have now been conducted utilizing our own self-developed program, which continues to be updated and tweaked as we proceed.

Two referee training workshops were conducted during 2022/23. One at Ramsgate RSL in Nov-Dec 2022 for six candidates, with four successfully obtaining their Class 3 Snooker & Billiards certification, with the other two not completing the course. The second workshop at Club Forster in May 2023 for eight candidates was not as successful, with one not completing the course, four failing their assessment and three deferring their assessment for personal reasons.

A total of 25 candidates have now attended our training workshops with each providing very positive feedback on the overall format and program content. We are receiving a good response to the SBNSW website “Expression of Interest in Becoming a Referee” online option, and it is generating a steady stream of contacts for our ideal goal of one training workshop every six months. Importantly, these workshops represent the first formalised and coordinated Referee training activity conducted by SBNSW in the Sydney area for many,

many years. On that basis alone, the steps taken to date by the Board and training facilitators can be regarded as successful and a sound platform upon which to build further.

Training workshops will continue to be planned and organised subject to the level of Expressions of Interest and enquiries received through the SBNSW website or by contacting the State Director of Referees.

Highlights for 2022/23:

Congratulations to Gareth King, who received his upgrade to Class 2 in September 2022 and promptly celebrated by officiating the Final of the South Pacific Open Snooker later that same afternoon. But three weeks later it was to get even better still, when Gareth was selected to control his very first Bob Hawke Australian Open Snooker Final. *Well done, Jim!*



Congratulations to new Referees Greg Aghayan (Class 3 Snooker & Billiards) and Patrick Gauci (Class 3 Snooker) who graduated from the training workshop conducted at Hornsby RSL, with their assessments completed in August/September 2022. *Welcome aboard.*

Tim Hilton and Kelvyn Marshall are also to be congratulated. Both have demonstrated a great deal of passion and commitment towards the role since obtaining their Class 3 Snooker certification in December 2021 and have now successfully added Class 3 Billiards, which results in full Class 3 Snooker & Billiards status. Very well done to both. Tim Hilton was also recognised for his overall progress by being appointed to control the U18 Snooker Final at this year's Australian Junior Championships at Albury.



It's great to see some activity from our ACT neighbours with four new Referees certified in November 2022 all welcome additions to our ranks. Congratulations to Ken Bromley (Class 3 Snooker & Billiards), Fred Johnson (Class 3 Billiards), Nick Payne (Class 3 Snooker & Billiards), and Ian Rayson (Class 3 Snooker & Billiards). Welcome to the team guys.

Our training workshop in November last year at Ramsgate RSL produced four new Referees. Congratulations to Hal Benson, Marko Celin, Mike Fogg and David Waller who each qualified for Class 3 Snooker & Billiards. Best wishes to all on your future refereeing careers. • Janice Orr (Class 3 Snooker) at Albury is another recent certification. Congratulations Janice.

The major international competition for 2023 was undoubtedly the WSF Open Snooker & WSF U18 Snooker, which also incorporated an Asia Pacific-WWS event for the ladies. This was a fantastic 12 days of snooker held at Mounties which featured some of the world's leading amateur players. Approximately 15 international Referees were involved, with 6 Referees from interstate and only five from NSW selected to officiate during this event. Congratulations to those five: David Battersby, Gareth King, Gary Knight, Kelvyn Marshall, and Trevor Webber.



Gareth King and Gary Knight received invitations from the NZBSA to attend the APSBF Open Snooker & 6 Reds Snooker in Auckland NZ in April. Both received the honour of refereeing a Final; Gary the 6 Reds and Gareth the Open, which was his first international Final. *Another first, Jim, you're certainly building up an impressive resume!*

Congratulations to Ballina's Ray McNaughton who turned 95 on May 9th this year. Ray is still very much an active Referee at the local RSL club and members greatly appreciate his spritely contributions. So much so, that they surprised him with a birthday cake to mark the special occasion. *I wonder just how many of us will still be pulling on the white gloves at a similar age?*



Congratulations to David Battensby, who officiated his first State Final in the State Major Billiards (Timed), and Glen Wallace, who officiated his first State Final in the State Minor Billiards (Timed).

Phil Gunns deserves special mention for his effort during the year in officiating in five separate Finals (State Seniors Snooker, State Minors Snooker, State Snooker, State Women's Snooker, Sydney Open Billiards). *Keep up the high standards Phil.*



In closing, Referees will always be just as big a part of our Sport as the players. Therefore, enquiries from anyone wishing to know more about becoming a certified Referee would always be warmly received and I can be contacted directly or via the Referees' section on the SBNSW website. I look forward to hearing from all members interested in supporting our great Sport. Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy 2023-24 financial year.

Gary Knight
State Director of Referees - Snooker and Billiards NSW
28th September 2023

10. MAJOR SPONSORS & AND SUPPORTERS IN 2022/23

Special thanks to all our sponsors and hosting partners for their valued support and assistance throughout 2022/23. We look forward to their continued support and the opportunity to strengthen our relationships further in 2023-24.



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11. 2022/23 AGM Minutes



Snooker & Billiards New South Wales Inc.



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MINUTES OF 105th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Date: Monday 4 December 2023

1.0 OFFICIAL WELCOME

1.1 Chairperson Alex Render officially welcomed all members present.

This was followed by a moment's silence for members who had passed away during the past 12 months.

- 1.2 ATTENDANCE: Present:
- (a) IN PERSON: Alex Render, Carlie Tait, David Waller, Peter Quinlivan, Don Stewart, and David Jackson
 - (b) VIRTUALLY: Peter Tankard, Greg Jenkins, Gary Knight, Gareth King, Jason Hastings, Glen Wilkinson, Tony Vuong, David McMahon, Paul Davies, David Walsh, and Mick Sharp
 - (c) PHONE: None

The total number of members in attendance at the meeting was 17 as per the attendance register.

- 1.3 Chairperson Alex Render confirmed that the required quorum was present and formally opened the meeting at 6:34pm.
- 1.4 The notice of meeting dated 15/10/23 convening the AGM was taken as read.

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 There were no formal apologies received.
- 2.2 Any further apologies were then called for: Patrick Gauci and Andy De Haan were received.

RESOLVED: *That apologies be accepted. (Proposed Dave Waller and seconded Carlie Tait).*

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 Chairperson Alex Render advised that the minutes of the previous AGM held on 24 November 2022 were circulated to members via email, together with the current Notice of Meeting.
- 3.2 Matters arising: [Nil](#)
- 3.3 The Chairperson sought a resolution that the minutes be confirmed and adopted.

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the previous AGM, dated 24/11/22 and circulated by email be confirmed, and signed as a true record of that meeting. (Proposed Carlie Tait and seconded David Waller)*

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

- 4.1 Chairperson Alex Render presented his report on behalf of the Board of Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc. (SBNSW) for the Financial Year ended 30/06/23 – copy is attached.

The main points highlighted include:

- a) *Great membership and participation* - the snooker and billiards community in NSW has grown by almost 15% in the past year, showing excellent member and club participation. We will introduce a social membership category in the new year.
- b) *Clubs and venues* - Clubs in NSW are experiencing a resurgence in snooker and billiards with efforts to reinstate tables. Particular mention of Mounties, Seven Hills RSL, and St George Basin who adopted Shender tables and hosted events like the WSF World Championships.
- c) *Tournaments and events* - NSW organised numerous events, including the WSF World Snooker Championship at Mounties with nearly 200 participants, as well as the WWS Australian Open, Bob Hawke AC Australian Open, and State Snooker and Billiards Championships making it a great year, despite some calendar coordination challenges with other cue sports events.
- d) *Government funding* - SBNSW currently receives minimal annual funding of \$5,000, prompting the need for additional efforts to secure increased funding from the NSW Government in the new year. Alex noted funding is contingent on meeting outcomes such as enhancing women's participation and delivery of other initiatives.
- e) *Development programs* - Continued commitment to coordinating coaching and referee development clinics and in the coming year expanding programs for disability inclusion and collaborating with the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council (ABSC) to align with national initiatives and secure representation on diverse sub-committees in NSW.
- f) Alex concluded by thanking everyone for their support, particularly the 6 Directors who worked tirelessly.

- 4.2 There were no questions arising.

RESOLVED: *That the Chairman's Annual Report, as read and tabled, be received and adopted (Proposed David Waller and seconded Mick Sharp).*

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 The financial statements of account for SBNSW covering the 12-month period ending 30/06/23 (refer to attached) were not tabled but copies were made available on the website. The Chairperson advised that a copy is also readily available to financial members upon request.
- 5.2 The Chairperson also confirmed that the accounts of SBNSW had been examined, and the correctness of the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets ascertained, by an auditor after the financial year as required in the SBNSW Constitution. SBNSW's usual accountant (Dennis Wong) was utilised for this purpose. Please note that a full audit of SBNSW's financial accounts is not required under the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 (NSW).
- 5.3 The Chairperson, Alex Render mentioned that the year-end has seen COVID concessions come to an end with all grants expended and acquitted. There was also mention of increased revenue from rising memberships.
- 5.4 Peter Tankard questioned whether the \$125 surplus was perhaps marginal but the Chairman responded that the finances of SBNSW were healthy with further good prospects of funding increases for next year.

RESOLVED: *That the financial report, as tabled, be received and adopted. (Proposed Greg Jenkins and seconded David Waller).*

6.0 DIRECTOR'S HONORARIUMS

- 6.1 The option for payment of an annual honorarium to Board members was again considered as allowed for in the Constitution. It was noted that honorariums were consistent with:
- a) Legal advice obtained by SBNSW at that time was that honorariums would fall within the terms of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).
 - b) Wording contained within Clause 20.4 of the Constitution that does not preclude the payment of honorariums, as the wording at the start is "except as prescribed in this Constitution", and
 - c) Clause 20.5 clearly deals with payments to members in good faith subject to the conditions in that Clause being met.
- 6.2 It was then proposed that payment of an honorarium to SBNSW Board members was warranted given the significant amount of time and responsibility necessary to effectively fulfill their role as Directors during their elected term.
- 6.3 All current Board members then left the room, and the remaining members discussed the matter further. It was proposed and seconded that an amount of \$800 to each Board member would continue and was a reasonable recompense in recognition of their valuable contributions. The motion was voted unanimously in favour with no objections.

- 6.4 A further question arose from Peter Tankard if the financials would cover the cost of honorariums? The Chairman responded yes, noting again the good prospects of funding increases for next year.

RESOLVED: *That an honorarium of \$800 is to be paid, as last year, to all existing SBNSW Board members, with payment effective at the close of this AGM. (Proposed Alex Render and seconded Peter Quinlivan).*

7.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 7.1 A Special Resolution was presented by the Board to make minor changes to the Constitution in accordance clause 23.1 to clarify membership periods and renewal dates. The proposed special resolution was accepted by the meeting. The Constitution will be amended accordingly and published in due course. Details of this special resolution can be found at <https://www.snookernsw.com/agm-2023>.

RESOLVED: *The proposed special resolution was accepted to make minor changes to the Constitution in accordance with clause 23.1 to clarify membership periods and renewal dates. (Proposed Carlie Tait and seconded Peter Tankard).*

8.0 ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 There were no Ordinary Resolutions presented by the Board.

9.0 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS for 2023/24

- 9.1 Chairperson Alex Render asked Carlie Tait to act as Returning Officer for 2023/24 election.
- 9.2 Carlie confirmed that the current Board will remain in their elected positions until the close of this AGM. She also referred to the previously issued formal Notice regarding Call for Board Nominations and the process involved.
- 9.3 Carlie advised that there were seven (7) Directors to be elected and SBNSW had received nine (9) valid nominations that were returned in terms of stipulated requirements. Carlie noted that Clause 11.2(a) of the Constitution provides for a maximum of seven (7) Directors to be elected annually. Following a vote from members in attendance the following were duly elected as Directors, in accordance with Clause 12 of the Constitution: Alex Render, David Waller, Carlie Tait, Greg Jenkins, Peter Tankard, David McMahon, and Todd Hayward. In addition to the seven (7) elected Directors, the Board may appoint up to two (2) Appointed Directors. Members who believe they had the necessary skills and attributes to make a positive contribution as an Appointed Director with the SBNSW Board were urged to contact alex.render@bsansw.com to discuss the matter further.

- 9.4 In terms of adopted guidelines, Carlie advised that immediately following the conclusion of this AGM the seven (7) newly elected Directors shall convene a private Board Meeting to elect a Chairperson and Deputy for 2023/24.
- 9.7 Acting Chairperson, Alex Render then resumed control of the meeting.

10.0 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER

- 10.1 Acting Chairperson Alex Render that Peter Quinlivan was to undertake the position of Public Officer for 2023/24. Confirmation of this appointment was noted and confirmed by the meeting.

RESOLVED: *The appointment of Peter Quinlivan as Public Officer was confirmed. (Proposed David Waller and seconded Greg Jenkins).*

11.0 APPOINTMENT OF PATRON(S) FOR 2022/23

- 11.1 David Jackson and Don Stewart will continue as co-patrons of Snooker & Billiards NSW.

RESOLVED: *The appointment of co-patrons David Jackson and Don Stewart was confirmed. (Proposed David Waller and seconded Peter Quinlivan).*

12.0 NOMINATION(S) FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 12.1 A motion was received to nominate Glen Wilkinson and David Waller as life members. The nomination was read by David Jackson to illustrate the long contribution to snooker and billiards in NSW made by each of these gentlemen. The Board confirmed their recommendation of support for the nominations. In accordance with Clause 4.17 of the Constitution, both Glen Wilkinson and David Waller were elected by the members present at the AGM. The Board extended their congratulations and gratitude to both Glen and David for their outstanding achievements and service over many years.

13.0 SPECIAL BUSINESS

- 13.1 There was no special business put forward by the Board for consideration.

14.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

- 14.1 Acting Chairperson, Alex Render thanked his fellow Directors for their support and dedication over the past year. He also extended his congratulations to each on their re-election to the Board and wished them every success for SBNSW's upcoming year.
- 14.2 Alex also thanked everyone for attending the AGM and especially for their continued support of SBNSW. Participants congratulated Alex Render in return on his appointment as Chairman of the ABSC and wished him well for an exciting new beginning for snooker and billiards in Australia.
- 14.3 Meeting was formally closed at 7.2pm

12. Audit of Financial records FYE June 2022

INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

Report on financial report

I have reviewed the accounting records of the Billiards and Snooker Association of NSW Inc., for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Association's management is responsible for the preparation of the annual financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining appropriate internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

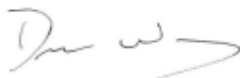
My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I have conducted the review in accordance with Auditing Standards in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material aspects, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

A review is a substantially less scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

In conducting the review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the annual financial report of the Billiards and Snooker Association of NSW Inc. does not present fairly, in all material respects, the Billiards and Snooker Association of NSW Inc.'s financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australia Accounting Standards.



Dennis Wong

CPA Australia

23/10/23

13. SBNSW Balance Sheet FYE June 2023

Billiards & Snooker Association NSW Inc

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2023

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Accounts receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	11,500.00
Total Accounts receivable	A\$11,500.00
1-1010 Westpac Community Solutions One (1050)	35,618.67
1-1120 BSA NSW League Account	150.24
1-1130 Paypal Account	0.00
1-0000 Assets	
1-1400 Trade Debtors	5,484.07
Total 1-0000 Assets	5,484.07
1-1180 Undeposited funds	0.00
1-1500 Membership Cards	0.00
1-2110 Banner Stands	0.00
1-3000 Property & Equipment	
1-3100 Office Equipment	59.95
1-3110 Office Equipment at Cost	2,472.50
1-3120 Accumulated Depreciation	-2,532.45
Total 1-3000 Property & Equipment	0.00
1-3200 Equipment	
1-3210 Equipment at Cost	4,494.00
1-3220 Accumulation of Depreciation	-4,494.00
Total 1-3200 Equipment	0.00
1-3240 Inventory Asset	0.00
Total Current Assets	A\$52,752.98
Total Assets	A\$52,752.98
Liabilities and shareholder's equity	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	0.00
Total Accounts payable	A\$0.00
2-1200 Trade Creditors	0.00
2-1245 Junior Development	0.00
2-1247 Coaching Development	3,100.00
2-1249 Referees Development	256.40
Total current liabilities	A\$3,356.40
Shareholders' equity:	
Net Income	125.05
3-0000 Opening balance equity	-8,338.48
3-8000 Accumulated Funds	57,610.01
Total shareholders' equity	A\$49,396.58
Total liabilities and equity	A\$52,752.98

14. SBNSW Profit and Loss FYE June 2023

Billiards & Snooker Association NSW Inc

Profit and Loss

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
4-0000 Income	
4-1000 Membership Fees	4,648.52
4-1001 New Members	875.00
4-7010 Sponsorship	51,850.00
4-8000 Government Grants	5,000.00
4-9000 Tournament Entry Fees	53,926.37
4-9150 Uncategorised Income	251.00
4-9161 Sales - Merchandise	4,691.00
Total 4-0000 Income	121,241.89
Total Income	A\$121,241.89
GROSS PROFIT	
A\$121,241.89	
Expenses	
6-0000 Expenses	
6-1000 Accounting and bookkeeping	1,825.00
6-1100 Advertising and marketing	485.00
6-1210 Stripe Fees - Team App	1,925.93
6-1300 Website Expenses	814.49
6-1310 Domain Names	331.62
6-1320 Web Hosting	448.00
6-1330 Web Maintenance	3,125.00
Total 6-1300 Website Expenses	4,719.11
6-1400 Depreciation Expense	594.00
6-1420 Honorariums	3,200.00
6-1430 Gifts and Donations	215.00
6-1440 Reimbursement Claims	31.35
6-1640 Meals and Entertainment	75.00
6-1650 General Expenses	1,260.00
6-1700 Insurance & Public Liability	1,056.90
6-2300 Postage, Printing & Stationery	47.50
6-2900 Merchandise	5,010.79
6-2910 Referee and Coaching Programs	3,597.00
Total 6-0000 Expenses	24,042.58
6-1500 Tournament Related	
6-1510 Referee Fees	11,082.65
6-1514 Tournament Assistant	1,350.00
6-1515 Tournament Director	5,970.00
6-1516 Refunds	1,044.00
6-1520 Prize Money	61,916.60
6-1523 Streaming	5,915.43
6-1530 Trophies & Engraving	4,853.94
6-1531 Printing, stationery & supplies	50.00
6-1540 Function Expenses	1,735.31
6-1543 Sundry	300.00
Total 6-1500 Tournament Related	94,217.93

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Billiards & Snooker Association NSW Inc

Profit and Loss

July 2022 - June 2023

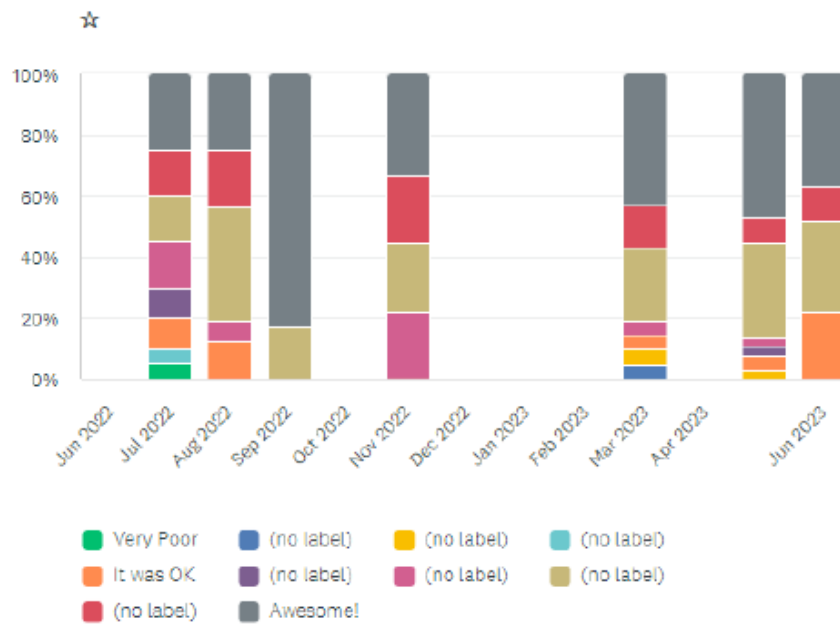
	TOTAL
6-1600 Subscriptions	
6-1610 Google Suite	1,248.12
6-1620 Quickbooks Online	1,200.00
Total 6-1600 Subscriptions	2,448.12
Purchases	408.21
Total Expenses	A\$121,118.84
NET EARNINGS	A\$125.05

15. Member Post Event Surveys & Feedback

In 2022 we began sending surveys to all participants & officials following each NSW event. By collecting this information & feedback from our members, we are better able to meet expectations and improve our planning, communications & processes for future events.

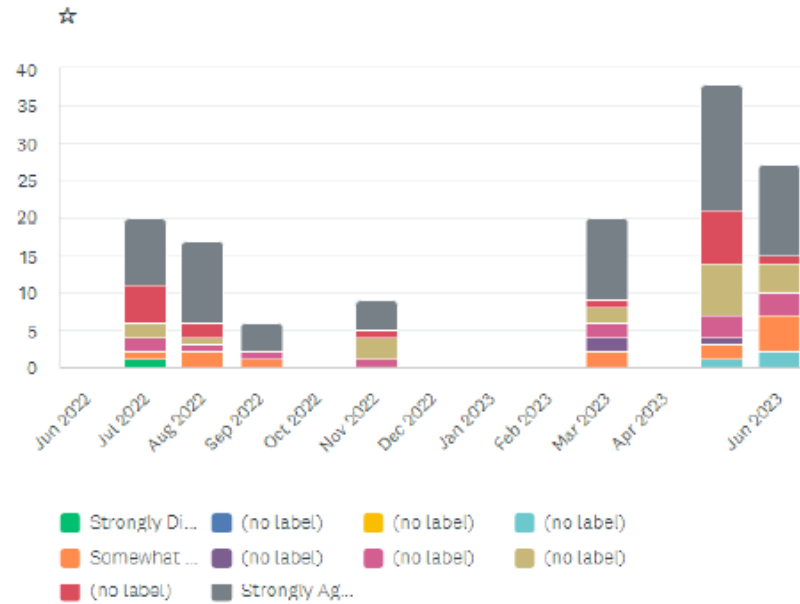
Overall, how would you rate the event?

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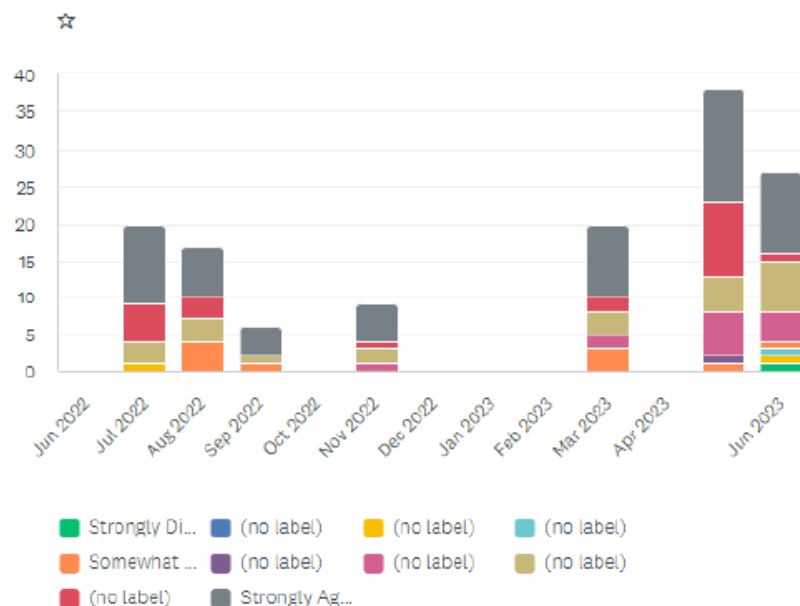
Prior to the event - Event information was easy to find and/or well communicated

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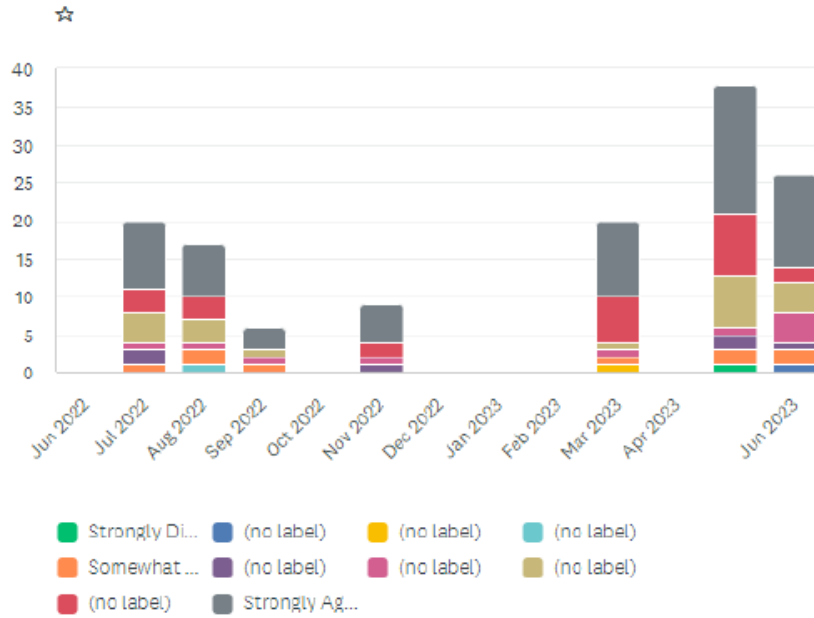
During the event - Event information was easy to find and/or well communicated

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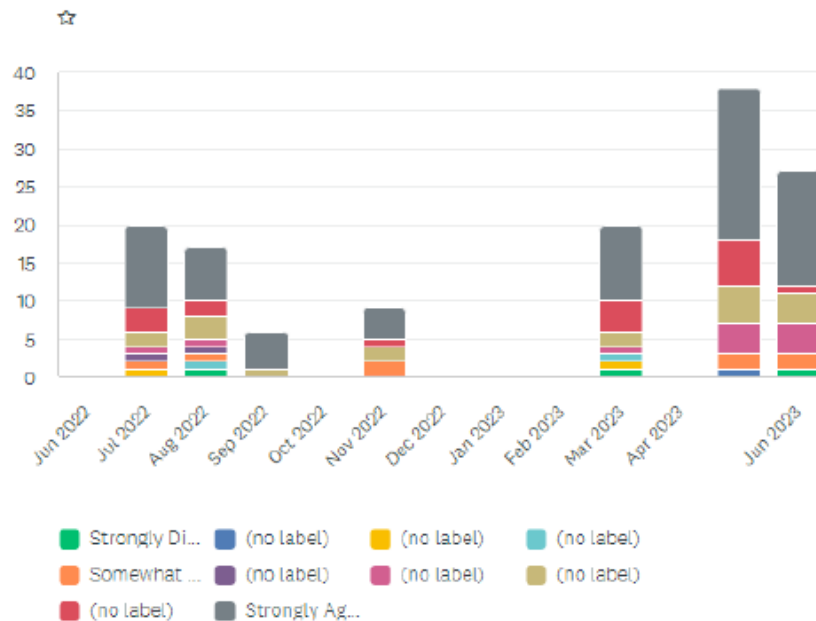
The event was well organised (before, during & after)

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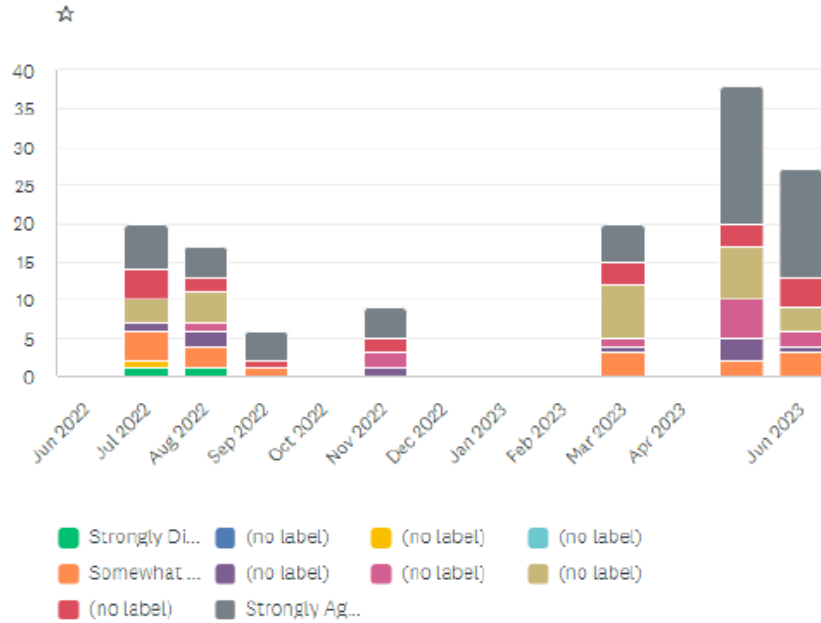
The format was suitable for this event

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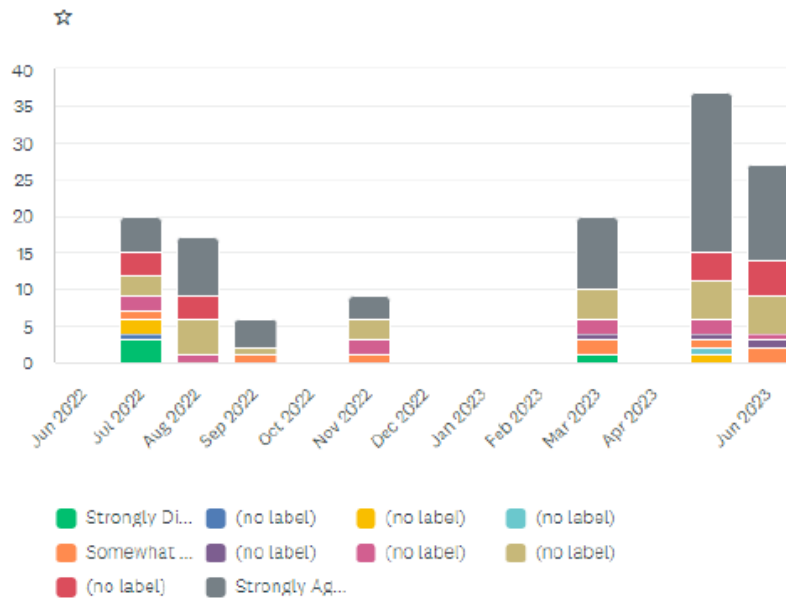
The atmosphere at the event was good/enjoyable

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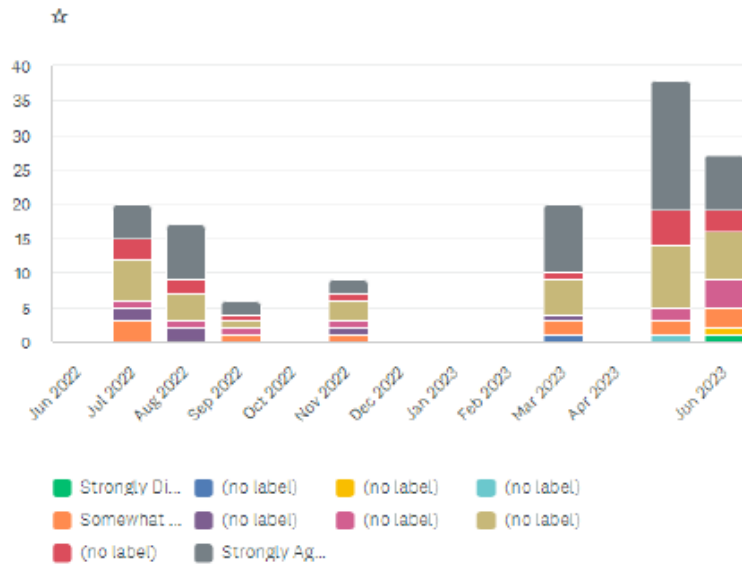
The quality of the venue's snooker/billiards facilities was good

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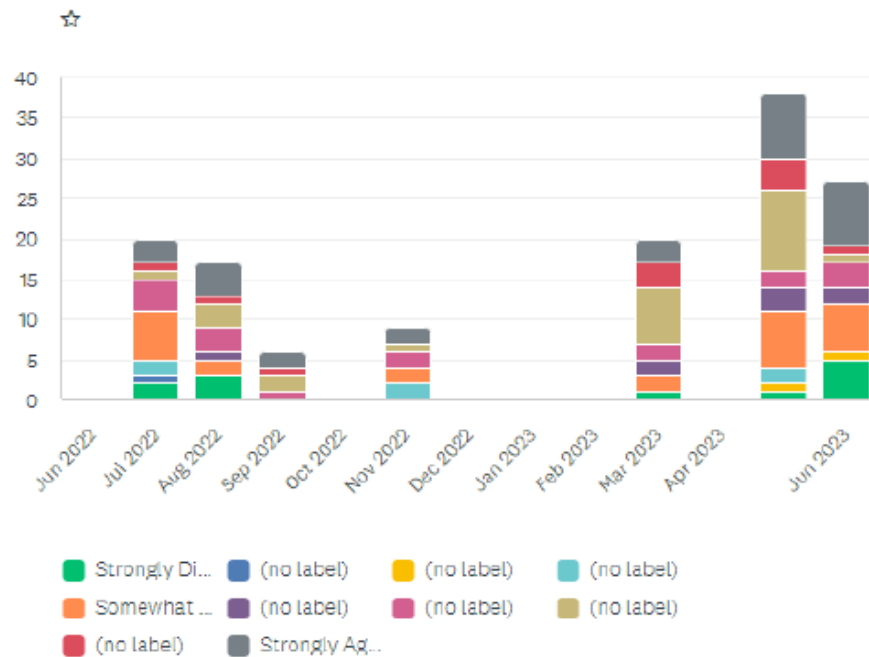
The quality of the venue's general facilities (food, beverage, gaming etc) was good

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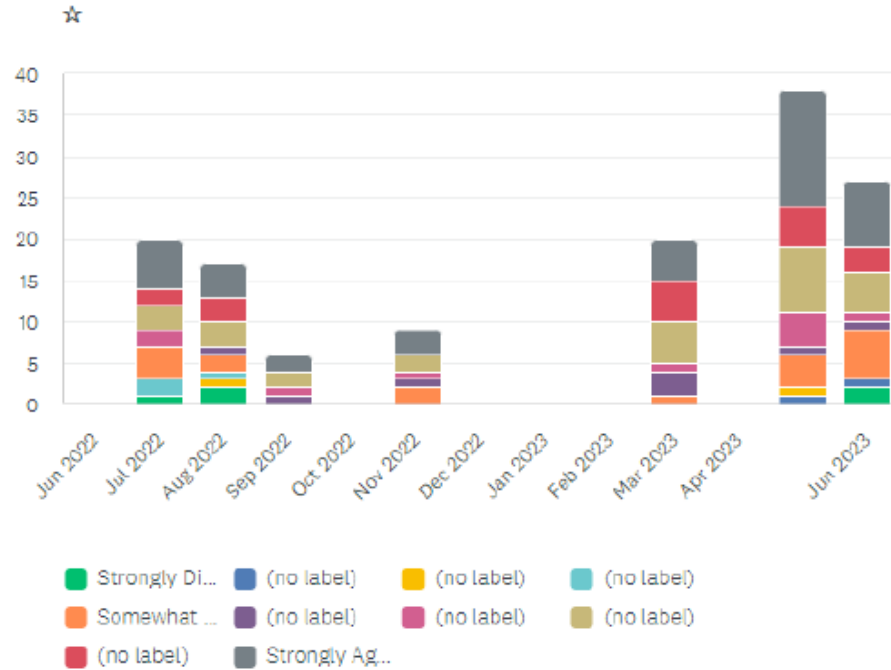
The use of referees at this event was sufficient

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The quality of referees at this event was good

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The quality of live streaming of this event was good

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