

Yarraville Club
Billiards and Snooker Club

2013 Lance Pannell Snooker Classic

Tournament Directors' Report

This year's tournament was run on the weekend of 7th to 9th July. Due to the increased number of entries, the preliminary rounds were started on Friday. This proved to be rather unpopular as players had to take time off work to play. Five players withdrew from the tournament due to work commitments. Another withdrew due to injury. As these players had already paid their fees, it was decided to refund their entries. There was another entry who was to pay on the day but that person never showed up for his match.

The tournament ran rather smoothly considering that a total of 69 matches had to be played, 66 of which were the best of 5 frames. 23 of these went the whole distance. Overall, players were mindful of the time constraints, however, 4 matches went well over time with 3 exceeding 3.5 hours and one nearing 5 hours.

The semi-finals and final were broadcast live over the internet by Dan from CueBallTV. This meant that this tournament could be viewed all over the world!

The final was played between Hassan Kerde from NSW and Adrian Ridley from VIC. This was a very entertaining match and the numerous spectators were treated to a great spectacle of attacking snooker. Both players had a similar style of game and went for their shots with flair. They also played tremendous safety when called for. Unfortunately, there could only be one winner and Adrian Ridley produced the goods in the final 7th frame to be declared Champion for 2013.

Our thanks go to all the people who helped make this a very successful tournament, especially Mike D'Silva and his referees. Mike also took over the role as match organiser and assisted the tournament directors no end. Our thanks also goes to Mr. Chris Byrne, the manager of the Yarraville Club, and his staff for all their help and support.

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