

## **Presidents Report for 2016**

The HSS Cup snooker competition for the 2016 had the most clubs participate for a long time with 11 teams in the competition. The standard of play is getting better each year and we had many breaks over 40 and a record number over 50 with Shannon Dixon winning the high break prize for a lovely 103 break.

Well done to all the teams that made it to the finals. The Scottish cup grand final was played at the Castle Hill RSL club (could it be its permanent home?) with Gladesville beating CityTatts-1. A big thank you to the Castle Hill RSL club for hosting the Scottish Cup and Harry Anderson for continuing to be its sponsor and to all the clubs that hosted semi-finals and finals. It is most appreciated.

The Hornsby RSL club as in previous years hosted the HSS Cup grand final with the North Ryde team defeating Castle Hill-1 in a very closely fought battle. Thanks to Dave McMahon for providing the electronic scoring system which helps make the night look so professional. A big thank you to all the directors and staff at the Hornsby RSL club for their assistance in making the evening so memorable and to the Hornsby snooker club for their continued support.

The HSS competition is one of the premiere tournaments in the state and to make it run smoothly I need to give a huge thanks to our secretary and treasurer Harry Anderson. It is by no accident that we receive weekly results and player statistics on a regular basis. His organisational skills and dedicated hard work makes the competition what it is today, well run and highly rated amongst the top players in Sydney. Harry also provided invaluable help organising of the grand final presentation night and I want to also give a big thanks to Sally who has been keeping our WEB site and face book up to date with information, scores and running totals.

I am also very pleased with the continuing support by players of the dress code instigated some years ago. With tables being removed from clubs at an alarming rate we need to show clubs that we have a high standard in all aspects of the game and we are worth supporting.

The HSS modified foul and miss rule has also been accepted by most of the players and seems that disputes are now minimal.

I hope we can swell the ranks again this year and add some new clubs to the competition.

I look forward to meeting all the players and teams in the 2017 and hope you all a great 2017 season. Good potting.

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President