

AMATEUR BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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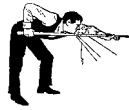
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The following articles are a small example of Billiards in South Australia 1922
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Amateur Billiards Association S.A.



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AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

During the war the Amateur Billiard Association was allowed to go into recess, and an effort is now being made to resuscitate it in order to resume the championship contest for the possession of a valuable shield, which has to be won three times before becoming the property of anyone. So far Mr. S. Wilson has secured one leg in for the trophy.

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Annual General Meeting



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S. A. AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at the Grand Central Hotel on Tuesday. The Chairman (Mr. S. J. Jacobs) explained that the old association had ceased to exist, and it was necessary to reorganize. The following executive was appointed:—President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Charles Irwin, J. Neeter, M. J. Noonan, Allan Morris, and M. B. Wilson; Committee, Messrs. A. Hearn-don, A. W. Cooper, J. Brennan, Arthur Lee, L. Vaughan, W. Buchanan, P. Hennessey and P. J. Flannagan; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. F. Steintal. The meeting was adjourned until Friday, at 5 p.m., at the Grand Central, when the forthcoming championship contest will be discussed, and arrangements made.

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BILLIARDS.

At a meeting of the South Australian Amateur Billiard Association, at the Grand Central Hotel, Adelaide, on September 8, it was decided to start the championship contests this year on Thursday, September 21. Nominations are due with the secretary (Mr. G. Steintal), at Bowman Buildings, on or before Saturday, September 16. The eliminating series will be on the knock-out system, and the winner will challenge the present holder of the championship (Mr. S. H. Wilson). The games will be played at the Palace Billiard Halls, Rundle street. Many new members are being enrolled, and the contests promise to be interesting.

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THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The contest for the amateur billiard championship of South Australia, which had not been held since 1916, began at the Palace Billiard Hall on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Amateur Billiard Association. Of the eight competing this year, W. H. Buchanan, A. Demodena, and P. Hennessey took part in the 1916 competitions, which was won by S. Wilson. The winner of the eliminating round in the current contest will challenge Wilson for the title. The contest on Thursday was between P. Hennessey and W. Matthews, for 750 up. Both showed a lack of practice, and that combined with the fact that the cloth, cushions and balls were all new, they were some time in striking form. Although the game was not a highly spectacular one, the scores were close enough to be interesting, and at the close of the session there was only a difference of 8. Matthews went to the front from the start, but was passed by his opponent when on the 163 mark. However, Matthews passed the 300 mark, while Hennessey was at 270, and reached 500 while his opponent was on 483. At 550 the game was adjourned.

The best breaks by Hennessey were 23, 24, 40, 28, and 29. Matthews' breaks were 24, 25, 21, and 27. Scores:—Matthews (in play), 650; Hennessey, 542.

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Matthews Wins.

The match between Matthews and Hennessey was continued on Friday morning, and, as was the case overnight, the game was not very inspiring. Hennessey overtook his opponent at 500, but had only added another 0 when Matthews passed the 600 mark. However, there was little to choose between the players, and Hennessey again took the lead at 623, but his advantage was short-lived, for Matthews put up a nice break of 34 and passed his adversary on the 651 mark, and was first past 700. The match was anybody's right up to the end, when Matthews won by 32. The victor succeeded by better all-round play. Although Hennessey's run-through losing hazards were very well executed, he was weak on the winning hazards, and it was owing to that deficiency that Matthews won. Matthews' best breaks during the morning were 24 and 27, whereas Hennessey's best was 16. Scores:—Matthews, 750; Hennessey, 718.

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The amateur championship matches were continued at the Palace Billiard Halls last night the players being R. H. Hinde and A. H. Hearnston. There was a large attendance, and the game, on the whole, very interesting, good play being shown by both players. Hinde won the contest with a margin of 71. Principal breaks were—Hinde, 30 31 36 25 29 27 25 23 20 25; Hearnston, 25 20 41 35 34 21.

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

A large amount of interest was manifested in the contest at the Palace Billiard Hall last night between Angelo Demodena (champion of 1919) and W. H. Buchanan, who during the past few weeks has been making a name for himself amongst experts. The game started at 7.30. Demodena got into touch first, and rattled up a very nice break of 24. From this stage till the 400 post was passed the scoring was fairly equal. The scores were then:—Demodena, 400; Buchanan, 341. At 450 Buchanan got within 9 of his opponent, but Demodena drew away again, and at 600 had an advantage of 102. The game was a very slow one, and when an adjournment was made at 10.45 the scores were:—Demodena, 612; Buchanan, 572. The principal breaks were:—Demodena, 24, 25, 25, 21, 20, and 27; Buchanan, 21, 25, 25, and 48.

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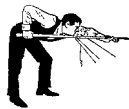
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THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The amateur championship matches were continued at the Palace Billiard Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the adjourned game between W. H. Buchanan and Angelo Desnodena (champion of 1913) was completed, and, contrary to anticipations, Desnodena was defeated. He had bad luck, and, to make matters worse, was unfortunate in losing the tip off his cue twice during the contest. Buchanan won with 40 to spare. Public opinion was that Buchanan completely outclassed his opponent in the concluding stages. In the evening A. W. Cooper, of Glenelg, met E. Woolcott (the winner of Tattersall's tournament), and a fine display was given. Cooper got in front early, and remained there throughout. Cooper's average for the 750 up was 8.25, and Woolcott's 6.25. The final scores were:—Cooper, 750; Woolcott, 300. Principal breaks were:—Cooper, 37, 26, 23, 32, 34, 32, 20, 34, 28, 30, 24, 27; Woolcott, 34, 31, 25, 23, 20, 20, 37, 21, 20, 21, 31. The championships will be continued next week.

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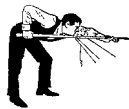
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S. A. AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

Enthusiasm seems to permeate the Adelaide billiard world consequent upon the resuscitation of the S. A. Amateur Billiard Association. During the past fortnight some most interesting games have been witnessed at the Palace Billiard Hall, under the supervision of Mr. P. J. Brady, with Mr. George McKay as referee. The association, which became defunct through inanition, was resuscitated on September 6, with Mr. S. J. Jacobs President and Messrs. R. W. Bennett, M. J. Noonan, Charles Irwin, M. B. Wilson, Allan Morris, and P. J. Flannagan Vice-Presidents; and an executive committee consisting of Messrs. P. Hennessey, Arthur Lee, L. Vaughan, W. H. Buchanan, A. H. Hearndon, J. Brennan, and the old-time secretary, Mr. G. F. Steintal. At the inaugural meeting it was decided to call for nominations for the amateur championship, and in response eight aspirants notified their intention to compete. Included in this number were E. H. Hindes (who was runner-up to Fry in the English Amateur championship in 1918), Angelo Demodena (S. A. ex-champion of 1913), E. S. Woolcot (winner of Tattersalls tournament this year), A. H. Hearndon (the Commercial Travelers' nominee), W. H. Matthews (Mannum champion), A. W. Cooper (the well-known Glenelg player), and W. H. Buchanan and P. J. Hennessey (embryo champions).

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The climaxing series of games started on Thursday evening, September 21, when Messrs. Matthews and Hennessey opened the proceedings, the contests being 750 up, and played on one of Messrs. Alcock & Co.'s specially prepared standard tables. The first hour was slow, as neither contestant could get the strength of the table, added to the fact that they were both nervous. However, as things settled down good billiards were shown, but at the cessation of the night's play only 550 had been recorded; so the game was adjourned until the following morning. On the resumption on Friday morning Matthews got in touch, and although Hennessey stuck to him tenaciously, the former managed to reach his points (750) when Hennessey was 718. The highest break of the session was 41, compiled by Hennessey. On Tuesday, September 26, Hinder met Hearnden. This was a ding-dong contest, both players showing fair form. Hinder at times was brilliant. Hearnden, however, hung on to him solidly, and was only beaten by 71, the final scores being—Hinder, 730; Hearnden, 659. The best breaks were made by Hinder (50 and 51). On Wednesday evening Demodena met Buchanan, and what appeared an odds-on-chance in favour of Demodena, resulted otherwise. After a very exciting contest Buchanan won by 40. It is only fair to Demodena to mention the fact that he had all the bad luck, added to which he had to change his cue twice during the game. At the adjournment on Wednesday evening the scores were:—

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Demodena, 600; Buchanan, 572. Demodena wanted only 98 to reach his points, and Buchanan 178, so that Demodena looked almost a certainty for success. On his fifth visit to the table, however, he lost the tip off his cue, which disconcerted him so much that Buchanan, taking every advantage and making every post a winning post, "got his nose in front," and before Demodena could get going again reached his points when the ex-champion was 710. Last Tuesday night Cooper met Woolcut, and as anticipated a fine game was witnessed. In the initial stages Cooper got a substantial lead, and kept his position right through, although at times it looked as though Woolcut was about to put in a break to make up his leeway. The table beat him, however. The game started at 7.30 o'clock, and at 10.30 Cooper had reached his points (730), Woolcut being 500. Cooper made 10 breaks of over 20, aggregating 365, his average being 8.25 per visit.

This finished the first round. The draw for the second round resulted in Hinde having to meet Cooper on Tuesday night (October 3), Buchanan being matched against Matthews (Wednesday, October 4), and on Thursday the final of the eliminating series will be played. Mr. E. H. Wilson, the present holder of the S.A. championship, will accept a challenge from the winner of the 1922 champion, and the deciding game will be played on Thursday, October 10. Mr. Irwin has donated a trophy for the winner and Mr. M. B. Wilson one for the runner-up. It is on the cards that the association will inaugurate a snooker championship this year, to be run on the same lines as the billiards championship. Mr. Steinthal (of Bowman Buildings) will receive names of those desirous of joining the association and arrange for their election with as little delay as possible.

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THE AMATEUR TOURNAMENT.

As anticipated, the contest between Cooper and Hindes in connection with the amateur billiard tournament at the Palace Hall was a ding-dong "go." Although both players were a trifle cautious in the initial stages they soon got in touch, and from the 300 mark first one and then the other took the lead. At 400 both were equal, and the onlookers were in a state of excitement. Honours were easy right up to 650, when Cooper got a good position, and compiled a 60 break, which carried him well in the lead. Eventually he won by 64, the scores being—Cooper, 750; Hindes, 686. Highest breaks:—Cooper, 38, 36, 31, 25, 30, 31, 24, 30, 36, and 24; Hindes, 23, 31, 35, 35, 36, 20, 32, 35, 37, 34, 28, and 27. Cooper's average was 8.15 and Hindes's 7.46.

Buchanan will meet Matthews on Wednesday, and the final will be played on Thursday. The challenge game with Mr. Wilson will take place on Tuesday, October 10. The room was crowded with spectators to witness the game to-night, and they were unanimous that they had full value for their money.

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The amateur billiard championship contests were continued at the Palace Billiard Halls, city, on Wednesday evening, the competitors being W. H. Matthews and W. H. Buchanan. The latter got into touch immediately the game started, and played a brilliant game all through, never giving his opponent a chance, and reached his points (750) while his opponent was 494. He scored very rapidly, the first 300 being made in 50 minutes, 400 being up in 70 minutes, and 600 in 120 minutes, his average being exactly 10. Highest breaks:—Buchanan—20, 67, 31, 28, 25, 37, 28, 26. Matthews—60, 20, 28, 38, 26.

The final games will take place to-morrow afternoon and evening, when Cooper will meet Buchanan; and next Tuesday the winner will play S. H. Wilson, the present holder of the title.

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BILLIARDS.

The final contest of the eliminating series in connection with the amateur billiards championship was begun at the Palace Billiard Hall, city, on Thursday, before a large gathering of spectators. The contestants were A. W. Cooper, who defeated Woolcott and Hinder, and Buchanan who vanquished Demondena and Matthews. Play started in the afternoon. Buchanan came into the arena full of confidence, but Cooper lacked vim, and from the inception of the game until the end of the first session could not pull himself together. Buchanan, on the other hand, gave a solid exhibition of first-class billiards. It is obvious that Mr. Wilson will have to be at his top and show his old-time form to retain his amateur championship title on Tuesday. This match will be a treat for the billiard public. Buchanan finally ran to his points 102 ahead of his opponent, the scores being:—Buchanan, 750; Cooper, 648. Buchanan's average for the session was 8.72, and the principal breaks were:—Buchanan, 28, 30, 28, 60, 38, 60, 27, 21, 21, 42; Cooper, 24, 30, 21, 21, 24, 40, 27. On the resumption of play in the evening Buchanan got to work immediately, and increased his lead to 130. Cooper, however, went to within 90 of his opponent. When Buchanan reached 1,500 Cooper was 1,000. Buchanan, in addition to being prominent in the billiard world, is well known in sporting circles as a baseball player. Buchanan retained his advantage, and ran to his points, beating his opponent by 1,500 to 1,272. The averages for the session were:—Buchanan, 7.80; Cooper, 4.90. The principal breaks for the session were:—Buchanan, 24, 33, 30, 33, 28, 30, 65; Cooper, 31, 28, 26, 44, 22, 24, 26.

Next Tuesday, when Wilson will defend his title, the game will be 1,500 up. There will be an afternoon session, beginning at 2.30 o'clock, and an evening session, starting at 7.15.

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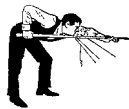
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AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

BUCHANAN STATE CHAMPION.

The challenge match for the amateur billiards championship of South Australia was concluded on Tuesday evening at the Palace Billiard Hall, Gay's Arcade, Adelaide. W. H. Buchanan, as the winner of the tournament, challenged S. Wilson, the title holder, to decide the championship, and the former was victorious, scoring 1,500 to his opponent's 1,214. The game was started in the afternoon, and finished in the evening, and throughout both sessions Wilson did not appear to become acquainted with the table. Buchanan had played throughout the series of matches, whereas Wilson had played on the table for the first time. Both men showed a thorough knowledge of the game, and executed some wonderful shots. Buchanan was the better all-round man, and if he was more successful in one department it was in the losing hazard. He was in this respect exceedingly accurate. However, on the other hand, Wilson appeared to have been superior in screw shots, some of which were of a very high class. The winner finished the game with the remarkably good average 10.23 for each visit to the table. From the beginning he went to the front and had scored 226 in 50 minutes, and had passed the 250 mark when his

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opponent had only been credited with 200. Buchanan was the first to reach 500, at which time Wilson was 389. Soon after this Buchanan, following upon safety play by Wilson, scored with a wonderful cannon, and continuing accomplished a 29 break. Wilson, however, was not to be deterred, and when his total stood at 625 he was then only 100 behind his opponent. The principal breaks were:—Buchanan—30, 36, 45, 50, 31, 28, 54, 25, 29, 29, 20, 28. Wilson—25, 20, 24, 28, 43, 29, 48, 29, 24, 38. When play was resumed in the evening Buchanan attained his earlier form, and continued to outpoint his opponent. He reached 1,000 while his opponent had only amassed 846. At 1,134 Buchanan was more than 300 ahead of Wilson, and the game appeared to be within his grasp. Wilson, however, rallied, and with an excellent 41 break passed the 1,000 mark. Soon afterwards he seemed to lose confidence, and Buchanan, with victory in sight, began to play more confidently than before, and gradually increased his lead until 1,500 was reached, while his opponent had only been able to put together 1,214. The principal breaks were:—Buchanan—28, 31, 48, 27, 41, 33, 29, 52, 27, 53. Wilson—41, 49, 20, 41, 25, 23. At the conclusion of the game the winner was congratulated, and the shield and a gold medal were handed to him.

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Billiards

On Tuesday evening the challenge match for the amateur billiards championship of South Australia was concluded at the Palace Billiard Hall, Adelaide, when Mr. Walter H. Buchanan defeated Mr. S. Wilson, the holder of the challenge shield, scoring 1,300 to the latter's 1,214. Wilson had held the shield for two years, and had he proved the victor in the present contest, would have been allowed to retain it. There were eight eliminating rounds, in each of which Buchanan was successful, and it then became necessary for Wilson to defend his position. Buchanan led from the start, and although Wilson put on a spurt when he reached the 1,000 mark, he gradually appeared to lose confidence, and fell back. Buchanan, on the contrary, improved as the game progressed, and eventually ran out a winner by no less than 366 points. It was



MR. W. H. BUCHANAN.

allowed on all hands that he showed a fine knowledge of the game, and he was warmly congratulated on his victory. He had the excellent average of 10.22 for each visit to the table. On the occasion of the match for the Australasian championship, which was played in Melbourne, in August last, between Shaffer (New South Wales) and Sutherland (Victoria), when the first-mentioned proved the winner, the average was 11. The present was the first occasion since the war that the State championship had been played, and had it taken place earlier in the year, and Buchanan had been victorious, he would have competed in the Commonwealth championship. Buchanan has been playing billiards for a considerable time, and has had a long experience of the game, having met George Gray, Walter Lindrum, McCoskey, and others.

The new champion was born at Koolunga, in 1888, and from his boyhood days, has always been keenly interested in sport, in several branches of which he has greatly distinguished himself. He is well known in cricket circles. Starting with the Adelaide and Suburban Associations, he speedily came to the fore as a member of the South United Cricket Club, which will be remembered as an exceedingly good team. He subsequently played with the Stuart Cricket Club, and last year joined the Glenelg Club, of which he is a vice-captain. He is an excellent bat and bowler, and last season, when he played two matches with the B Grade team, his batting average was 128. He was then elevated to A Grade cricket. He is particularly well-known as a baseball player, and has made five interstate trips to the other States as a representative of South Australia. He is a member of the Stuart Club, of which he is pitcher, and was captain this year of the State team which went to Victoria. Previous to 1909, when he first took up baseball, he had played football during the winter months. He has also played A Grade lacrosse and handball, and knows a good deal about tennis, having, in 1919, together with Vic. Richardson, got into the finals for the East Torrens tennis tournament. Mr. Buchanan is possessed of a very active disposition, and goes in thoroughly for anything he takes up. He is particularly cool and self-reliant, attributes which undoubtedly have proved of great assistance to him in coming into the front ranks in the various realms of sport in which he has interested himself. He is now looking forward to winning the Australasian amateur billiard championship for South Australia, a sentiment which his easy friends will re-echo.