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Amateur Billiards Association S.A.
Annual General Meeting



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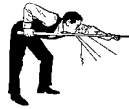
BILLIARDS.

AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

Mr. S. J. Jacobs (president of the Amateur Billiards Association) occupied the chair at the annual meeting held on Wednesday night at the Napoleon Hotel. There was a large attendance. The secretary (Mr. G. F. Steinthal) submitted a satisfactory report and balance sheet, which was read and adopted on the motion of Mr. Jacobs, who eulogized the officers of the organization for the loyal manner in which they had worked during the past year. The report stated inter alia:—That there were 200 members of the association, more than 150 being financial. Mr. Sharp had won the championship gold medal, and Mr. T. Morgan had proved the runner-up. Mr. W. Buchanan had won the State championship honours, with Mr. S. H. Wilson of Yorke's Peninsula, runner-up. Mr. A. C. Benson had won the open handicap event, with Mr. W. Foulkes runner-up. In B division Messrs. J. S. McLaren and J. H. Thompson had been placed first and second respectively. In addition to the King George Shield, Alcock Shield, and Black and White Shield, trophies had been given by Alcock & Co., the Adelaide Wine and Spirit Company, the Distillers Company, and My Messrs. S. J. Jacobs, P. J. Flannagan, C. R. J. Glover, R. W. Bennett, N. K. Birks, J. Richardson, C. T. Fisher, C. S. Toms, Thomas Hardy & Sons, Gramp & Sons, Seppelt & Sons, Brady & Netter, and Penfolds. The departure to New South Wales of Mr. V. V. Vaughan had proved a great loss to billiards in South Australia. The secretary announced that the following had promised trophies:—Messrs. S. J. Jacobs, P. J. Flannagan, J. Netter, C. S. Toms, J. Richardson, and the Adelaide Wine and Spirit Company, Reynella Wine Company, Ewell Vineyards, and Gramp and Sons.

Officers elected:—President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. W. Bennett, C. S. Toms, J. Netter, H. A. Morris, P. J. Flannagan, and M. B. Wilson; committee, Messrs. P. R. Lee, W. Foulkes, A. V. Thomas, and A. H. Hearnden; auditor, Mr. Hearnden; and secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. F. Steinthal.

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AMATEUR BILLIARDS

Season Opens Next Month

(By "Stepping Stone")

The Amateur Billiard Association is beginning activities for the current year, and a successful and an interesting season is anticipated. His Excellency Brig.-Gen. the Hon. Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C., has accepted the office of patron.

The season will be opened on June 11, when the championship trials will begin. Nominations close on June 4, and some interesting contests are expected. A number of probable candidates are practising assiduously and breaks of 50, 60, and 70 are common.

Among those who are eligible for this event and showing promise are M. J. Hanley, F. Stevens, E. Baum, J. Taylor, L. R. Sturm, C. Rossiter, and T. Morgan. The contest promises to be keen for the handsome trophies provided. There is likely to be 16 or more entries. Hanley and Stevens are generally expected to fight out the issue unless a surprise packet comes to light.

The State championship will begin on July 9, and with such cueists as Buchanan, Hearnden, Wilson, Ackroyd, Hanley, and Stevens competing lovers of billiards will be well catered for. Among the trophies offered are a championship shield presented by Messrs. Netter and Brady, silver shield presented by the Distillers Agency Company (King George Shield), and shield presented by the Adelaide Wine and Spirit Company (The Black and White Shield).

The Palace Billiard Halls have been renovated. Soundproof doors have been erected, and Messrs. Brady and Netter have installed a perfect standard match table. Those who have practised on this table have praised its quality.

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On Monday night at the Palace Billiard Halls the elimination trials played prior to the amateur billiards championship were begun. Mr. G. F. Steinthal (secretary of the South Australian Billiards Association) was in charge of the proceedings.

C. Wark (500) defeated C. S. Toms (424), the best breaks being:—Wark, 31, 26, and 25; Toms, 24 and 21. L. Ackroyd, who is practising for the State championship, was in capital form, and he made breaks of 107, 116, and 133 when contesting a game with Bott. To-night Lockett and Harvey will play, and Torney and Catt will also contest a trial game.

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The championship trial billiards matches were resumed at the Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle street, on Tuesday night, when W. Torney (500) defeated C. S. Catt (307), and J. W. Lockett (500) finished ahead of H. Harvey (375). The best breaks were:—Torney, 26, 22, 27, and 29; Catt, 24; Lockett, 40, 20, 23, and 36; Harvey, 20 and 24.

To-night's matches will be:—Stephens v. Goldsmith, Venson v. Gilfillan.

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HANLEY DEFEATED ROSSITER.

At the Palace Billiard Hall on Thursday night M. J. Hanley, 500, beat C. Rossiter, 260. The best breaks made by the winner were 23, 36, 47, 25, 20, and 24, and by the loser 21 and 23. The match to-night will be between W. B. Richardson and W. Wark.

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WARK DEFEATS RICHARDSON.

At the Palace Billiard Hall on Friday night, C. Wark, 500, beat W. Richardson, 367. The winner's best breaks were 50, 30, 26, 20, 41, and 27, and the loser made breaks of 24 and 21. The match on Monday night will be between W. J. Lockett and W. E. Torney.

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LOCSETT DEFEATED TORNEY.

At the Palace Billiard Hall, Adelaide Avenue, on Monday night, J. W. Lockett defeated W. E. Torney, the scores being 500 to 351. The best breaks were:—Lockett, 48, 36, 33, and 28; Torney, 36, 30, and 23. To-night Dr. W. Gilfillan will contest with F. Stevens.

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Probable Semi-finalists

Interesting games are being witnessed in the championship trials of the Amateur Billiard Association. Those showing the best form are Hanley, Stevens, Wark, and Gilfillan, who show promise of competing in the semi-finals. The highest break to date—86—was made by Hanley.

The State championship will begin on Monday, July 9. Nominations will close next Monday. It is expected that there will be 10 or 12 entries. The winner of the State championship will probably be selected to take part in the Australian championship to be played in Sydney on Monday, August 27.

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STEVENS DEFEATS GILFILLAN.

F. Stevens beat Dr. W. Gilfillan by 500 to 205 at the Palace Billiard Hall on Tuesday night. The winner's best breaks were 44, 44, 35, 35, 30, 45, 65, and 20, and the loser's, 20 and 51. The game to-night will be between M. J. Hanley and P. Morgan.

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HANLEY'S BIG BREAK.

M. J. Hanley beat A. J. Morgan at the Palace Billiard Hall on Wednesday night in the billiards championship, by 500 to 250. The winner's best breaks were 29, 104, 26, 38, 38, and 55; and the loser's 26, 23, and 24. The match to-night will be between C. T. Fisher and W. Albe.

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DINAN BEAT TAYLOR.

T. Dinan beat J. Taylor by 500 to 479 at the Palace Billiard Hall on Friday night. The best breaks for the winner were 20, 20, 22, 36, 40, 54, and 41, and for the loser 20, 20, 21, 22, 33, and 39. The game on Monday night will be between J. Lockett and C. Wark.

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State Amateur Semi-finals

Championship trials of the Amateur Billiard Association are nearing completion. The final game will be played tomorrow. Hanley, who defeated Albe by 97 points in the semi-final last night, will meet the winner of the contest decided tonight between C. Wark and F. Stevens.

Nominations for the State championship will close on Monday. Nominations received are:—A. H. Hearnden, F. Stevens, A. E. Benson, T. Morgan, M. Bott, W. H. Buchanan, M. J. Hanley, H. G. Goldsmith. The first game will be played on Monday at the Palace Billiard Hall:

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CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS.

The second semi-final of the South Australian amateur billiards trials, being conducted at the Palace Billiard Hall, was played on Thursday night. F. Stephens, 500, beat C. J. Wark, 385. The winner's best breaks were 20, 21, 24, 38 and 46, and the loser's 42.

The final game of the trials will be contested to-night, when F. Stephens will meet M. J. Hanley.

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS.

The final of the South Australian amateur billiard championship trials was won by F. Stevens, at the Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle street, on Friday night. The scores were:—F. Stevens, 500; M. J. Hanley, 328. The best breaks were:—Stevens, 32, 27, 35, 40; Hanley, 24, 25, 26, 30, 26.

Spectators witnessed a good game, although there were no large breaks. Stevens's success was largely due to the fact that he never missed an opportunity. Both players have been nominated for the amateur championships, which will commence on Monday evening, when Stevens will meet H. Goldsmith.

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AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.



From left to right—F.K. Stevens (Billiards Trials Champion) - M.J. Hanley (Amateur Snooker Champion), and W. H. Buchanan (Amateur Billiards Champion 1927).

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By Pocket.

Lovers of billiards have been well catered for this week, the eliminating contests have been played, and the finalists will be seen in action at the Pallace Billiard Halls, Adelaide Arcade, next Wednesday and Thursday. The games played are right up to standard, and the committee has been working arduously to this end. The Amateur Billiard Association is fortunate in having Mr. S. J. Jacobs (president) and Mr. G. F. Steinthall (hon. secretary) at its head. The first of the eight games played was between F. K. Stevens and A. Goldsmith, and although the lastnamed was defeated, with more match play he should do well in future contests. The match between W. Buchanan and A. Benson proved very interesting. The present champion was extended, and had to play his best to win from Benson. The other game, M. J. Hanley (anooker champion of S.A.) won from C. Morgan. Mr. A. H. Hearnden will meet Mr. Bott to-night. The final will be in two sessions of 750 each. The players speak highly of the table specially prepared for the championships and fitted with Stanfast cushions.

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PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS.

BANISHING THE IVORY BALL.

(United Service).

LODON, Wednesday.

Commenting on the campaign to substitute composition for ivory balls in professional billiards championships, Mr Stanley Thorn, secretary of the Billiards Association Control Council, offers the opinion that such a change is inevitable. The result of the disappearance of the ivory balls from professional matches will standardise playing conditions throughout the Empire, which will be an incentive to overseas professionals to visit Britain for exhibition or championship contests.

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BILLIARDS NOTES.

STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual contest for the amateur billiards championship of South Australia has progressed to the second round. In the first round there were some good contests, especially the game between Hanley and Morgan on Wednesday night.

The appointments at the Palace Billiard Hall are ideal. Mr. Brady has spared no expense or effort to give the players the best conditions under which to show their top form, and to give spectators comfort. The table and balls were tested in every way in the presence of Mr. S. J. Jacobs (president of the association) and his committee before the opening game; and the players are unanimous in their praise of the conditions generally. The cushions are playing beautifully. The arena is well appointed and lighted, and the seating will accommodate 350 persons.

On Monday night the championship was opened when F. Stevens (winner of the trials) met H. Goldsmith and defeated him after an interesting contest. At one stage Stevens was 200 points in the lead. Goldsmith, finding his length, scored within 10 of him, but the practice of the trials stood Stevens in good stead and he won. On Tuesday night W. H. Buchanan (present champion) met A. Benson. Although on paper, it looked an easy win for the champion, as the game progressed Benson showed that he was a rugged fighter. He reached the

100, 200, 300, and 400 marks ahead of Buchanan, and only in the last stages could the latter take the lead. The fact was demonstrated that a long game finds the weakness in young players. Most of them play 500 up, at most, in practice, and 650 finds them tired and listless towards the conclusion. Buchanan compiled a pretty break of 60 and followed it with more than 50. Both breaks were made possible by Benson opening up the game when a little caution would have been better. The final scores were:—Buchanan 650, Benson 557.

Wednesday night was the most thrilling; when M. J. Hanley was opposed to T. Morgan, another promising junior. As was the case in the previous night's contest, all the good judges expected Hanley to win comfortably. Hanley said that it was his hardest fight. Praise must be given to both players—Hanley because he fought like the seasoned player he is, and Morgan for a steady and talented display. He reached 400 when Hanley was 350. Then one of the most interesting expositions of the tournament happened. The table produced a 49 break, which brought him to within one point of Morgan, who followed with 52. Hanley replied with 60, and Morgan compiled 56 at his next visit. From that stage Morgan seemed to tire, and Hanley won.

The games so far have been keenly watched by a large number of spectators, the most regular being the association's president, Mr. S. J. Jacobs. The South Australian body is particularly fortunate in having such a keen sportsman at the head of affairs.

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CHAMPIONSHIP BILLIARDS

First round of the South Australian amateur billiard championships contested at Palace Billiard Halls, Rundle street, have been completed. F. Stevens will meet W. H. Buchanan (present holder of the championship shield) in a 650 points contest tonight.

Another interesting contest will take place tomorrow night, when A. H. Hearnden, who defeated M. Bott by more than 200 points in the first round, will oppose M. J. Hanley.

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THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first game of the semi-finals of the amateur championship took place at the Palace Billiard Hall last night. Buchanan met Stephens. The latter was the first to find touch, and soon established a lead of over 100. Buchanan caught his opponent after a display of good billiards, the scores being 234 all. At 357, Stephen was 70 in the lead. Stephens reached 400 with Buchanan at 325. The balls ran in Stephens's favor, and he took every advantage of this and played up to his best form. Buchanan did not display his best form. Stephens reached 600 when his opponent was 450. From this on the result was never in doubt, Stephens running to his points. The final scores were:—Stephens, 650; Buchanan, 460.

This puts Stephens in the final. He will play the winner of the game to-night between Hearnden and Hanley. The principal breaks last night were:—Stephens, 29, 63, 22, 22, 21, 48, 31, 27, 31, 41, 49, and 30; Buchanan, 21, 31, 29, 36, 31, 21 and 21.

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The Amateur Championship.

The second semi-final game in connection with the amateur State championship was played at the Palace Billiard Halls, Adelaide Arcade, on Tuesday night, in the presence of a large attendance. The contestants were A. H. Hearnden (champion in 1926) and M. J. Hanley. The first-named won the match after a scientific display. Hearnden was quickly into touch, and he established a commanding lead. With a break of 43 he held a lead of 100, his score being 167, and the advantage was maintained to 350. Although Hearnden played in confident fashion, he however adopted "safety first" tactics on several occasions. This somewhat cramped his game. When he had reached 466, Hanley was 333. Hanley was applauded for a break of 51. Hearnden stood at 514, and Hanley ran past the fourth century and on to 426, when he broke down on an easy winning hazard. Hearnden, with a break of 70 passed 600, and went on to win the game of 650 up by 181 points.

Hearnden will meet F. K. Stephens tonight, when a game of 1,500 up (in two sessions) will begin at 7.30 o'clock.

Hearnden averaged 8.6, and his best breaks were 70, 46, 43, 43, 43, 42, 35, 29, 27, 26, 25, and 24. Hanley's best were 36, 51, 46, 40, 30, 27, 25, 21, and 21.

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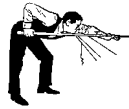


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Hearnden in Form.

The final game, 1,500 up, for the State amateur billiards championship was begun at the Palace Billiards Hall on Wednesday night, between A. H. Hearnden (champion in 1926) and F. K. Stephens. There was a large attendance. Mr. C. T. Fisher was the umpire, and the secretary (Mr. G. F. Steinthal) was in charge of the proceedings. Hearnden was quickly into touch, and he achieved his initial century when Stephens had scored 64. When Hearnden was 158, he held a lead of 70, and with a useful break of 43, he was 101 ahead of his opponent. At 253, he was exactly 100 in advance, and at the completion of his third century he had gained five additional points. The scores later were 384 to 260, and Hearnden then ran to 404 with a break of 31. Stephens failed several times on long losers. Hearnden ran to 404 with a splendidly compiled 64, and passed the fifth century while Stephens stood at 319. Hearnden made breaks of 35, 29, and 26, and advanced to 530, having a lead of 221 at that stage of the proceedings. When Hearnden passed the 600 mark, Stephens was 372, and at 400 he was 200 in arrears. He then improved, however, and the scores stood at 681 to 461. Hearnden went on to 700 with a lead of 214, and he arrived at the half-way mark—750—leading by 245. The winner's average was 8.6, and Stephens averaged a fraction below 6.

The winner of the championship will go to Sydney to represent South Australia in the Australian billiards championship next month. The game will be continued to-night. Hearnden's best breaks were 38, 24, 43, 21, 29, 32, 20, 23, 64, 33, 26, 46, 33, and 31 (unfinished); while Stephens replied with 67, 31, 25, 21, and 20.



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HEARNDEN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

A. H. Hearnden had little difficulty in winning the amateur championship of the State last night, after leading on Wednesday night by 245 in the final of 1,500 up, against F. Stevens. The match was played at the Palace Billiard Hall, Rundle-street. With his score at 750, Hearnden went on his best style, although he had a bad patch at 1,200. He showed improvement all round on his form of 1926, when he previously won the State championship, his losing hazard game being particularly good. His breaks last night were 69, 45, 30, 42, 42, and 43, and Stevens scored 39, 42, and 37. The scores were:—Hearnden, 1,500; Stevens, 1,083.

At the end of the game the president of the Amateur Billiard Association handed the cup to the winner, and hoped he would do well in the Australian championships at Sydney next month. He said Stevens had played a fine uphill game, and had done well, considering that he had not previously figured in the finals.

S.A. CHAMPIONSHIP.

The surprise of the South Australian amateur billiards championship was the defeat of W. H. Buchanan, champion, by F. W. Stephens, in the semi-finals. In the early stages Buchanan kept fairly level. After getting to the 300 mark, Stephens gradually forged ahead, and was 600 when his opponent was 456. Buchanan completely lost touch. Stephens ran to his points (650) and won by 190. His best breaks were 65, 49, 48, 31, 31, 30, and 29. Buchanan's best was 36. He played below form.

In the second semi-final, A. H. Hearnden, a former champion, soon had a commanding lead over M. J. Hanley. When he was 406, Hanley was 333. Hearnden, with a break of 70, passed 600, and went on to win by 181. His best breaks were 70, 46, 43, 43, 43, and 42, while Hanley was responsible for 56, 51, 16, and 40.

In the final, Hearnden v F. K. Stephens, the former soon got into his stride. He rattled on 158, being then 70 ahead of his opponent. A brilliant 43 followed. Hearnden had the upper hand all through and ran to 500 with a break of 64. Stephens' total stood at 319. At the end of the evening's play, Hearnden was 750, and he had a lead of 245. His average was 8.6. Hearnden's best breaks were 36, 43, 32, 64, 35, 48, 33, 31 (unfinished). Stephens' best were 67, 31, and 25. He did not show to the same advantage as on other nights.

Hearnden, playing consistently, maintained his advantage, and eventually won by 1500 to 1080. His best breaks in the final session were 60 and 59. He averaged 8.2.

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Interclub Competition

An effort is being made to arrange an interclub billiards competition, to begin next season. Mr. Hearnden, who is promoting the scheme, reports favorable progress.

Several clubs which have appointed delegates to attend a meeting, appear to be in sympathy with the movement.

It is proposed to conduct games under conditions similar to those of teams matches in Melbourne and Sydney. Clubs will be represented by teams of four. Home-and-home matches will be played under match conditions, and points awarded to the winning teams.

An incentive will be offered to young players to improve their play, and thus raise the status of team and State.

Much needed match practice, which is at present unobtainable, will improve the chances of aspirants for the State championship. Without this practice it is almost impossible for State champions successfully to compete against those of other States.