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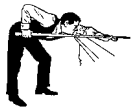
Amateur Billiards Association S.A. A.G.M.
Annual General Meeting



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On Monday night the annual general meeting of the Amateur Billiards Association will be held at the clubrooms, Gawler place. All competition games for that night will be suspended. Mr. C. T. Fisher will preside.

No articles found following meeting

1941 ABASA Amateur Billiards Trials Final

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Gully Wins Amateur Billiards Trials

Gully was not troubled to win the S. J. Jacobs championship amateur billiards trials. He only made one century break, 108, in the final, but he had a long string of 50's and 60's. His average for the final was 13½.

The other semi-finalists, Dennis, Bishop and Wainwright, played solidly though Bishop was not at his top. The disappointments of the event were McLoughlin and Haddy. Neither showed his true form. Scores of the semi-finals and final:—Dennis (37, 47, 33) 400, d. Bishop (30, 45) 365; Gully (57, 44, 36, 64) 400, d. Wainwright (48, 32) 218. Final—Gully (38, 63, 108, 30, 35, 44—500, d. Dennis (31, 44) 276.

It is difficult to forecast the winner of the State championship, particularly with W. H. Matthews, the holder, not competing. He is recovering from an illness. Gully, Bickmore, Hooper and Buchanan are all playing well, and Hearnden is practising hard. Mulroney, Benson, Farquharson, Haddy and McLoughlin are all capable of causing an upset.

All matches will be played at night in the Amateur Billiards Association Hall, Gawler place.

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State Amateur Billiards Championship

With a final unfinished break of 52, A. Hearnden (750) d A Benson (364) in the second round of the State amateur billiards championship at the Amateur Billiards Association clubrooms last night. Hearnden's breaks were 26, 39, 56, 28, 53, 33, 49, 61, 43, 22, 58, 28, and 52 unfinished. Benson's were 35, 26, 25, and 35.

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State Amateur Billiards Championship

In a further round of the State amateur billiards championship last night, Gully (750) d Farquharson (365). Gully's best breaks were 38, 36, 46, 31, 43, 21, 43, 47, 37, 23, 28, 37, and 66. Farquharson's were 25, 30 and 31. F. Bickmore and C Hooper will meet in tonight's round.

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Billiard Championships

The fifth round of the State billiard championships was continued in the Amateur Billiard Association Club rooms last night. Result:—Bickmore 750, d Hooper 557. Bickmore, breaks, 83, 33, 27, 45, 35, 22, 27, 28, 59, 38, 35. Hooper 30, 20, 44, 26, 27, 38, 21. Tonight Buchanan will be matched against McLoghlin.

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State Amateur Billiards Championship

The State amateur billiards championship has reached the semi-final stage with Hearnden to meet Gully and Bickmore to meet McLouchlan. These matches (750 up) will be played on Monday and Tuesday nights respectively. The final will be 1,500 up, played in two sessions of 750 each. W Sanders will be the referee.

Hearnden showed that the game against Benson was all that was necessary to gain him his top form, and he had a long string of breaks. Benson's performance was disappointing.

Gully also had a runaway win against Farquharson. He had spasms of brilliance during which he gave a very polished display, but at times he missed easy strokes when good breaks seemed assured. Farquharson made some beautiful shots, but did not have the control of the winner.

Bickmore, who has been in dazzling form, met Hooper, and played finely. Hooper repeatedly broke down on centre pocket "losers." Bickmore lost some of his brilliance after passing the half-way mark, and Hooper improved, but the former had enough in hand to win by nearly 200. All the matches are being played at the Amateur Billiards Association Hall.

The match between McLouchlan and Buchanan last night resulted:—McLouchlan, 750, d. Buchanan, 649. McLouchlan, breaks 21, 26, 28, 66, 36, 34, 33, 43, 82, 22, 58, 36. Buchanan, 56, 25, 36, 33, 46, 79, 29, 62.

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STATE AMATEUR BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

The first semi-final of the State amateur billiards championship was held in the club rooms last night.

Result.—Gully 750 d. Hearnden 612. Gully's best breaks: 28, 27, 50, 98, 29, 54, 40, 22, 24, 39, 52, 26, 43 (unfinished). Hearnden: 34, 64, 44, 29, 44, 99, 43, 68.

The second semi-final between Bickmore and McLouchlan will be played tonight.

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State Billiards Championships

The first session of the State billiards championships was held in the Amateur Billiards Association clubrooms last night. Results.—Gully, 751, d. Bickmore, 625. Breaks.—Gully, 93, 62, 36, 25, 26, 69, 42, 44, 31, 22, 75. Bickmore, 45, 29, 20, 16, 67, 29, 58, 49, 24, 22, 34, 22, 40. The game will be continued tonight.

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Gully Wins State Amateur Billiards Title

The final of the State amateur billiards championship concluded last night, Gully being the winner. Results:—Gully, 1,500, d. Bickmore 1,263. Best breaks:—Gully, 30, 21, 31, 23, 44, 56, 102, 48, 126. Bickmore, 21, 30, 34, 32, 34, 59, 39, 25, 38, 32, 45, 34, 50.

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Gully Equals Goldsmith's Billiards Record

When H. Gully won the State amateur billiards championship last week, he equalled the record of H. L. Goldsmith of winning both the "championship trials" and the State title in the one season. Gully played remarkably fine billiards throughout and thoroughly deserved both victories.

Gully started off in the title match brilliantly scoring a break of 93 at his third visit. Both men had spasms of slow scoring, with Bickmore always trailing a few points behind, until Gully went to within two of sessional points. With a lead of 125 Gully started the final session very quietly, twenty visits being made before he made a 20 break. Gully then warmed up and played delightfully with break after break, including two centuries—102 and 126. The average of the winner was just below 12.

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Amateur Snooker Championship

The blue ribbon event for snooker honours was begun during the week and a high standard was set by competitors. I. Saunders defeated W. H. Matthews 47- 48. 51-31. 54 - 49. W. Saunders had no difficulty in defeating W. Buchanan in two straight frames. 84 – 53, 60 - 22. F. Bickmore gave the best individual performance of the week by defeating J. Manning, 69 – 18, 99-8. The most closely contested match was that between Mulroney and Rossiter. Mulroney winning 81 – 45, 67 - 44. Wood and Frearson, two new players to the championship. Wood created a surprise by winning in two straight frames 64 – 23, ?? - 35.
Champion L. McKenzie met last year's runner-up R. Dennis and again demonstrated that brilliance in potting is not the only attribute in snooker. In both games McKenzie had Dennis playing shots from the full length of the table. The strategy of getting one colour and then running for safety proved too much for his opponent and McKenzie won 65-36, 77-39. On Monday night C. Hooper will meet R. Limmer and H. Gully will play A. Little. Tuesday night matches are Haddy - Glastonbury and McLoughlin - Hearnden.

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State Amateur Snooker Championship Matches

The contest for the amateur snooker championship of SA advanced another stage during the week, and although several prominent players were eliminated the winner is difficult to determine.

On Monday night Glastonbury will meet Hearnden, and W Saunders will play Bickmore, and the winners will enter the semi-final with L McKenzie (holder of titles) and Gully who have already qualified. Snooker of a high order is expected in these matches.

In the matches played Limmer defeated Hooper after a close and exciting game the scores being 37—57, 66—61, and 58—35. Hooper won the first game and appeared a winner in the second, but left Limmer an opportunity on the blue and he took the lot. In the deciding frame Limmer played well and tied the ex-champion down to a small score. Gully although winning the first game against Little on the black ball, had no difficulty in winning two straight games—52—49 and 62—23. In this game Gully made a nice break of 24.

The Glastonbury-Haddy match provided plenty of thrills. Both men played well with Glastonbury winning the deciding game by one. Scores—64—57, 36—68 and 58—57. Hearnden found McLoughlin out of touch, and had no difficulty in winning 69—37 and 79—20. W Saunders unexpectedly annihilated I Saunders in two straight frames, the scores being 92—29 and 71—34. He had breaks of 28 and 18. I Saunders was much below form. Bickmore and Mulroney also staged a great contest, with the former taking the deciding game. The scores were 58—45, 31—50, and 59—43. Both men had several breaks around the 20's. Gully was in brilliant form against Limmer and potted everything in sight to finish 66—28 and 99—25. Limmer played solidly but could not cope with the winner's accurate striking.

L McKenzie gave his usual consistent display against Wood and won 78—24 and 67—35. Although overshadowed Wood did quite well for his first attempt in championship company.

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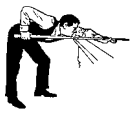

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Snooker Championships

Quarter finals of the SA Amateur snooker championships were held in the club rooms of the Amateur Billiards Association last night. A. Hearnden and F. Bickmore defeated Glastonbury and W. Saunders, respectively. Both matches were won in straight frames. Scores — Hearnden, 59, 58, defeated Glastonbury 40, 35. Blackmore, 72, 74, defeated W. Saunders, 35, 25. The semi-finals will be between I. McKenzie, holder of the title, and H. Gully, and Hearnden and Bickmore. The public will be admitted free, and a collection will be made in aid of the FFCF. Matches begin at 7.30 p.m. at the Amateur Billiards Association club rooms, Gawler place.

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Snooker Championships

The semi-finals of the South Australia Amateur Billiards Association snooker championships were played last night. Results:—McKenzie d. Gully, 71—25 and 56—46; Bickmore d. Hearnden, 64—48 and 79—43. Both matches were won in straight frames, and the winners gave brilliant displays. The final will be played tonight between M. McKenzie (holder of the title) and F. Bickmore, ex-champion. The match will be the best of five frames, and will be played at the ABA clubrooms, Gawler place at 7.30 p.m. A collection for the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund will be taken.

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F. Bickmore Wins Snooker Championship

The final of the State Amateur Snooker championship, played at the ABA Clubrooms last night resulted in F. Bickmore taking the title from his opponent L. McKenzie. Bickmore was in top form from the outset and gave a first-class exhibition of potting, while his tactics in safety play and snookering was most disconcerting to his opponent. McKenzie who has played finely throughout the championship did not show his best form.

Bickmore won in straight frames, the score being 53—45. 66—27. 67-44.

In the absence of the president (Mr. C. T. Fisher, Mr. R. Beatty congratulated the winner and runner-up.

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Bickmore Wins State Snooker Title

F. Bickmore, winner of this year's State snooker championship, is a player noted for his strength control and safety tactics. His exhibition in this respect defied criticism, and he thoroughly proved his all-round superiority in this season's event.

In the quarter finals he defeated W. Saunders in hollow fashion and thereby entered the semi-finals in which he defeated Hearnden and finally took the championship from L. McKenzie. The matches leading up to the final all proved highly interesting. The Hearnden-Glastonbury match was a marathon because of good safety play on the part of both men, and in each game Hearnden oly reached victory by disposing of the last few balls.

The semi-finals were contested between Bickmore and Hearnden and L. McKenzie and Gully. In the first match there were no free gifts, and any ball which was potted was thoroughly earned. Bickmore held a commanding lead on the colors in the first frame. Several snookers gave Hearnden a chance to pot the last three balls, but he was not equal to this, and Bickmore took the game. The second game, although closely fought, always appeared in favor of Bickmore. In the second semi-final McKenzie won without trouble, and in doing so gave one of the finest exhibitions of potting in the championship. Gully did not at any time show his true form.

The final was a little disappointing. Bickmore was on top throughout, although when the last three balls were left in the first game, McKenzie attempted a difficult pot on the blue, which, had he got it, would probably have given him the first game. An unfortunate kiss stuck the ball up for Bickmore, and he quickly finished off the game. The following two frames were an exhibition of splendid control on Bickmore's part, with McKenzie endeavoring to avoid the traps set. The match was the best of five frames, but Bickmore took the first three, and with them the title.