

BILLIARDS PERSONALITIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Samuel Joshua JACOBS

A collection of articles on S.J. Jacobs

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President of the Amateur Billiards Association of South Australia from its inception
1913 until 1934.

President of the Australian Amateur Billiards Council 1931-32

President of the S.A. Bowling Association

Member of the committee of the S.A. Jockey Club

Managing director of the South Australian Brewing Company

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BILLIARDS.

For years past the formation of an amateur billiard association has been mooted in Adelaide. The movement was really advanced last winter, when Tattersall's Club sent Angelo Demodena to Melbourne to play for the Australian championship. Angelo did credit to the State, and it is sufficiently obvious that he, or a better man if one be available, should play for the championship this year at Brisbane. It will, however, be necessary if South Australia is to be represented to have an amateur association here, which will conduct a State championship tournament, the winner of which will be sent by the association to play for the Commonwealth championship.

On Wednesday a preliminary meeting of persons interested in the formation of an association was held at the Exchange Hotel. Representatives were present from leading city clubs, and Mr. S. J. Jacobs presided. Mr. J. E. Barlow, the secretary of the Victorian Amateur Billiard Association, was present, and outlined the advantages of forming a local association. It was decided to convene a meeting to establish an association, and it will be held probably to-morrow fortnight.

There can be no doubt that an association is desirable. It will stimulate interest in billiards, by promoting a championship tournament annually, and it may be reasonably expected that in its turn Adelaide will be made the venue for the Australian championship tournament. The association will be affiliated with the controlling billiard body of the world, the Billiard Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING – FRIDAY 2 MAY
AMATEUR BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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AMATEUR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION.

The first general meeting of members of the Amateur Billiard Association of South Australia was held at the Exchange Hotel on Friday. Mr. S. J. Jacobs presided over a satisfactory attendance. A draft of constitution was adopted, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; Vice-Presidents, Dr. A. H. Bennett, and Messrs. W. B. Carr, T. S. O'Halloran, and C. Irwin; Committee, Messrs. C. P. Moody, R. W. Bennett, H. Trevorrah, G. Steinthal, W. J. Denny, H. R. Harley, Napier Birks, and J. H. Thompson; Treasurer, Mr. E. G. Crespin; Secretary, Mr. C. J. Graves. A hundred members were enrolled, and there is every prospect of the number being swelled to 200 now that the association has been properly formed.

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Today the retirement from his position of president of the Amateur Billiards Association of South Australia was announced by Mr. S. J. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs has occupied this position since, in conjunction with Mr. Clarence Moody, he founded the association more than 20 years ago. Mr. Jacobs has rendered invaluable service to the sport.

In the realm of South Australian commerce no man has attained higher altitudes than Mr. Samuel Joshua Jacobs, chairman of directors of the South Australian Brewing Company, Limited.

Business acumen and straightforward dealing have combined to make him one of the most popular leaders in commerce and sport that this State has had.

His wise counsel and guiding hand have piloted more than one venture to success.

No greater honor could have been paid him than his elevation to the presidential chair of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Commonwealth—the blue ribbon of commercial success.

So numerous are his activities that Mr. Jacobs would need to take up much time to recount the various positions he holds.

He is a son of the late Mr. Charles Jacobs, founder of the firm of Charles Jacobs & Sons, who arrived in South Australia in the early forties. Mr. S. J. Jacobs has taken a keen interest in the advancement of commercial education in this State. He took an active part in the establishment of the commercial course at Adelaide University.

For many years he occupied a seat on the council of the University of Adelaide, and was a vice-president at that institution of the Board of Commercial Studies.

Studied Law

The early educational studies of Mr. Jacobs were pursued at Adelaide under the direction of Mr. J. L. Young. In 1871 he went to Geelong College, Victoria, and subsequently matriculated at Melbourne University. He then entered upon the study of the law, and five years later, having served his articles with a Melbourne firm of solicitors, was called to the Victorian Bar.

Returning to Adelaide in 1876 he was admitted to practise at the Bar of the Supreme Court of South Australia, and was continuously engaged in his profession until 1884, when he became associated with the firm of his father.

There are few more popular sportsmen in South Australia today than Mr. Jacobs. For 21 years he has been president of the South Australian Bowling Association, and is still active in spite of the fact that he is 73 years of age.

Born in this State, Mr. Jacobs has devoted much time to fostering sport, but never to the detriment of his business affairs. In addition to his position on the directorate of the South Australian Brewing Company he is chairman of directors of the Castle Salt Company, another industry that he has been associated with since its beginning.

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Thirty-five Years on Council

For 35 years he has been on the council of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the State Advisory Council.

Included in his activities are the positions of chairman of directors of Timore Coffee Estates, and of the local board of the Great Boulder Mining Company, as well as chairman of the local board of the Sun Fire Office. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invoked his aid. In that organisation he has been a vice-president and chairman.

In sport he is known everywhere in South Australia. Every year he awards a trophy worth £10 10/ to the Bowling Association, of which he has been president since 1906. For many years Mr. Jacobs has been on the committee of the South Australian Jockey Club and he is a life member of Tattersalls Club, of which he was chairman for more than 25 years. Members of the Australian Amateur Billiards' Association have found in him a stanch friend, whom they have honored by electing to the highest position.

The South Australian Brewing Company, Limited, was established by the amalgamation of the brewery businesses carried on by the late Sir Edwin Smith and Mr. W. K. Sims, about 38 years ago. Mr. Jacobs was one of the original directors. This company manufactures beer on the most up-to-date methods, and has one of the best-organised plants in Australia. Mr. T. A. Nation is the brewer and Mr. G. B. Bryant the general manager.

Branches in Country

The company has branches at Port Augusta and Broken Hill. The board of directors comprises Mr. Jacobs (chairman), Hon. Sir Lancelet Stirling, K.C.M.G., and Messrs. Edward Fitzgerald, LL.D., and H. W. Morphett.

They state that the supplying of beer to Broken Hill has been advantageous, and will be continued. The directors are still engaged in alterations and additions to their brewery premises with a view to maintaining the reputation of the company in the production upon economic and modern methods of the highest quality beers.

The premises in Hindley street cover approximately two acres. The company owns the maltsters which are conducted by Barrett Bros. at the old Kent Town Brewery premises and at Hindmarsh.

WORK KEEPS HIM WELL

"Nothing keeps a man so well as work," is the advice of Mr. S. J. Jacobs, aged 78, to those who fear the advance of old age.

"It depends on your constitution," he said. "If that is sound there is no reason why a man should not work until he is 85. My brain was never better, and I have plenty of energy." This last remark of Mr. Jacobs is borne out by his erect carriage and elastic gait.

Mr. Jacobs has a host of interests. In business he is managing director of the South Australian Brewing Company, Limited. He has been on the committee of the South Australian Jockey Club for 27 years, is chairman of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, president of the Amateur Billiard Council of Australia, and has been on the council of Adelaide Chamber of Commerce for 40 years. He was chairman of Tattersalls Club for 25 years, and president of the South Australian Bowling Association for 22 years.

MR. S. J. JACOBS DEAD, AGED 83

Prominent in Sport And Business

PRACTISED LAW

MR. Samuel J. Jacobs, one of the best-known figures in South Australian sporting and business circles for nearly half a century, died today at his home, Maturin road, Glenelg, aged 83.

He took a keen interest in the centenary celebrations, having been on the executive of the celebrations committee. For 33 years he was a member



Mr. S. J. Jacobs

of the committee of the South Australian Jockey Club and was acting chairman on several occasions during the absence of Mr. W. B. Carr.

He was chairman of Tattersalls Club for 25 years, president of the South Australian Bowling Association for 25 years, and a former president of the South Australian Amateur Billiards Association.

He was just as widely known in business circles, having been

managing director of the S.A. Brewing Co. Ltd., for more than 30 years, president of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce from 1901 to 1903, president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia in 1903-4, and chairman of the local board of the Great Boulder Gold Mines and the Sun Fire office.

CALLED TO BAR

A son of Mr. Charles Jacobs, the late Mr. Samuel Jacobs was born in Adelaide on March 28, 1853, and was educated at the Adelaide Educational Institute, Geelong College, and Melbourne University. He studied for the law and was called to the Victorian and South Australian Bars in 1876.

He practised his profession for eight years and later was partner with the late Mr. Fred Stock in the legal firm of Stock & Jacobs. Subsequently he joined the firm of Charles Jacobs and Sons, importers of sugar from Mauritius.

A lover of thoroughbreds, Mr. Jacobs raced several horses. Kooringa carried his red-spotted jacket to victory in the Adelaide Cup of 1909.

BLOW TO RACING

"The death of my colleague is a severe blow to racing and to commercial circles in this State," said the chairman of the South Australian Jockey Club (Mr. W. B. Carr) today.

"Mr. Jacobs was the oldest member on the committee of the S.A.J.C., having been elected in 1902. He possessed a judicial and well-balanced mind, and his long and practical experience materially contributed to the advancement of the club and the sport.

"His quietness and soundness of judgment earned for him the admiration of his fellow-members, and his loyal and genuine personality made him popular in all walks of life.

"He was made an honorary life member of the South Australian Jockey Club in 1928, and the distinction met with great admiration from the committee at the annual meeting."



MR. S. J. JACOBS.