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Welcome

A.G.M. - 2023

30TH APRIL @ 1pm

SBI HQ Carlow

J Leacy

Jim Leacy: President



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Dylan Rees: Chairman

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President's Welcome Jim Leacy



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Dear Members, and Friends, on behalf of Snooker and Billiards Ireland,

I would like to thank all present for making the effort to be here today to take part in our AGM.

Before we go any further, I would like us to take a minute to remember our friends, colleagues and relations who have passed away in the last year.

Some of those who passed away include:

After standing together to face the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we now find ourselves in a new period of uncertainty with the ongoing war in Ukraine, the economic challenges of rising inflation, increased energy/fuel costs and austerity budgets. Still in the face of all these economic challenges, I would like to thank you for your continued commitment to supporting SBI



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It is only with the help and support of all involved that SBI can hope to successfully overcome these challenges. It has always been clear to me that in order to address these issues SBI needs the input of players, club owners, administrators and referees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the club owners who have given their clubs to host SBI tournaments. Without their co-operation, SBI would not be able to host events. Our hope is that this co-operation will continue for many years to come.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Sport Ireland for their continued support of SBI. Many of the committee have attended workshops and information days hosted by Sport Ireland and they have proved very helpful to this committee in our efforts to ensure SBI is a well-run accountable association with a robust Governance structure in place.



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We continue to seek new faces on the SBI committee. However, I would appeal to anyone considering going on committee this year to be prepared to give a genuine commitment for the year.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes. This work is very often not understood or appreciated. To all involved in the day-to-day running of SBI I thank you for your time and energy. A special word of thanks to all Tournament Directors and referees.

I am pleased to report a full calendar of activity since our last AGM. The Chairman and Secretary will cover these in their reports.

I am still very excited about the future of Snooker and Billiards in Ireland. The decision to open our own Headquarters and Centre of Excellence in Carlow has proved very successful. I am sure our Chairman Dylan Rees will give a lot more detail on the future development and I will let him fill you in on our vision for the future.



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I would also like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication of our national coach P J Nolan. I believe SBI and Ireland are fortunate to have in P J one of the best coaches in the world. He has had many achievements over the years.

SBI has participated in all international events during the last year the most recent being, the EBSA U16, U18, U21 and Men's Championships in Malta. We also look forward to participating in the EBSA Masters, Women, Teams and 6Reds events In Bulgaria next June.

May sees the return of the WBL Irish Open Billiards and World Matchplay Billiards Championship's in the SBI HQ. July is our turn to host the very popular Celtic Challenge. We will also be participating in the Home International Championships in Leeds in August.



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The IBSF will hold the World Junior Championships in Saudi Arabia in July. The IBSF Team and 6Reds championships will be held in Malaysia in late September. The IBSF World Championships for Men, Masters and Women will take place in Goa India from the 1st to 15th October.

So plenty to look forward to.

I would like to congratulate all the winners throughout the season and wish the very best of luck to all players for the future.

I would sincerely like to thank all committee members who gave freely of their time during the year. Without the continued dedication of so many the NGB would not be in the strong position it is in today to meet the many challenges of the future.

Thank you for your attention

I wish all involved with SBI every success for the future.

Jim Leacy
SBI President



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Chairman's Address Dylan Rees



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Thank you, Mr president.

I too would like to thank all of you for making the effort to attend the 2022 AGM, For players, officials, club owners and all involved in snooker in one way or another, It has been a big challenge getting back to some sort of normality after the battle with COVID -19.

After our first full season back in action, the signs are positive with participation almost back to pre-pandemic levels.

I would like to thank all on the SBI committee who have contributed tirelessly throughout the past year, your efforts are much appreciated.

The Outstanding SBI Academy and centre of excellence is developing well and continues to grow slowly details will follow in the HQ report.

Stepping down this year are Ger Murray, Tom O'Driscoll and Jonny Williams all 3 have been at the heart of Irish snooker for many years either as a player, official or committee member. Leaving their mark firmly on our game for the better. I wish you well on all your future endeavours.



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A special mention goes out to a stalwart of Irish snooker and billiards Ger Murray who steps away for Health. Ger who has worked tirelessly for over 30 years formally for RIBSA and now SBI walks away leaving a legacy barely rivalled at any time in our history. He has been a top referee around the world, A highly respected official and an outstanding former Chairman and council member. I would like to wish him all the best in his journey back to good health

The contribution our national coach PJ Nolan gives to the SBI cause, his invaluable dedication to all areas of our game is unwavering and again much appreciated not just by those in this room but far and wide. Thank you PJ for everything you do and will continue to.

PJ's side kick! the irresistible Shane Gorman Has come on board as a caretaker during this season and is proving to be a tremendous asset to our cause, working hard to maintain the very highest stands we all desire at our HQ. Many thanks to Shane and please keep up the great work.



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Our champions:

- We continue to punch above our weight at European and world level with notable performances from at junior level – Alex Currid reaching the later stages during the European championships in Malta, at the same event Brendan O'Donoghue reached the quarter final showing great form and Ross Bulman reaching the semi final playing some of the very best snooker of his life and was unlucky not to progress to the final.
 - We look forward to seeing both continue to push for international honours in the near future.
 - Mark Tuite Played exceptionally well to reach the semi final of the IBSF World championships in Turkey. He continues to perform at the highest level domestically and abroad.
- A huge congratulations to all of our 2022 national champions.
God there was even one for me



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Best of luck to all players, Officials and referees who will be representing their country around the world in 2023 Your continued commitment is unwavering and admirable. Keep pushing, keep fighting and wear the green waistcoat with pride as always. I would like to acknowledge the continued support of Sport Ireland who provide us with the financial backing and platform that allows us to perform as we do.

Final thoughts

Hopefully there will be many more positive times ahead for all us involved in snooker, If we all just do a little bit more for the game we love back home in our various regions, the knock on effect will be huge. And who knows the next Ken Doherty or Aaron Hill may emerge from that extra effort.

So! Keep up the great work and more importantly enjoy our great game

Dylan Rees
SBI Chairman



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2022 AGM MINUTES



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2022 AGM Saturday June 25th SBI HQ Carlow 12.00

Officers in Attendance: Jim Leacy (President), Dylan Rees (Chairman), Tom O'Driscoll (Vice-Chairman), John Tobin (Treasurer), Aonghus McAnally (Acting Secretary), Ger Murray (Children's Officer)

Council Members in Attendance: Shane Mason, Neil Shanahan, David Joyce, Jay Chopra, Tony Thorpe.

Members present: PJ Nolan, John Kehoe, Brendan Devlin, Eamonn Kearns, Abann Reddy

On Zoom: Stephen Foster, Rory Callan, Tommy Donohue, David Keogh, Ben Van Hayden, David Connor.



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President's Welcome:

President Jim Leacy welcomed everyone to the AGM and began by remembering the members and friends who had passed away since last year's AGM, and also all those suffering in the war in Ukraine. All attending stood for a moment's silence.

He thanked all club owners for their continued cooperation throughout the year. He thanked Sport Ireland for their continued support and advice to maintain SBI as a top flight accountable organisation. He stressed the importance of the Code of Governance and its implementation in SBI, and urged those coming on committee to commit fully to do so. He commended all the work which has gone on in all aspects of SBI over the year.



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He encouraged all members to use the new HQ and avail of the wonderful facilities that have been put in place. He thanked PJ Nolan for his sterling work as national coach and all his other work behind the scenes. He expressed great optimism for the future of snooker and billiards in Ireland, and for our competing members at international events. He concluded by thanking all SBI officers and committee for their hard work over the previous 12 months.

Chairman's address:

Dylan Rees added his thanks to everyone involved in SBI in the previous 12 months and those who helped in getting the HQ open. He thanked Tony Thorpe, Aonghus McAnally and Robert Murphy who were standing down from committee work after the AGM. He added his praise and thanks to PJ Nolan for going over and above the call of duty at all times. Thanks to the IBSF, there will be 4 new Rasson tables arriving to the HQ in the coming months to replace the Shender tables. The hall of fame area will be operational in the coming months with Ken Doherty the first recipient.

A Champions wall will be established opposite the canteen area. A commentary position will be put in behind the match table.



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Efforts to establish a streaming service are continuing. A local system is being developed and best case scenario will see all 8 tables streaming. SBI and other merchandising will be available in the future. Options for catering are being looked at.

They may be some changes in how some tournaments may be run next season including ranking points, entry fees etc. He wants to give a lift to all levels of competition in all parts of the country. A title sponsor is being pursued for the HQ.

He congratulated all those who competed during the year at international level saying that we continue to punch above our weight on many occasions. He mentioned Leon Crowley winning 3 national titles in a row and also reaching the final in Albania, John O'Sullivan and Stephen Walsh in the team event, Mark Tuite, Brendan Donohue winning a 5th Amateur title, Aidan Murray winning the Billiards championship. He acknowledged the ongoing support of Sport Ireland.



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Minutes of the 2021 AGM +EGM

President Jim Leacy explained that due to Covid restrictions, the AGM was conducted on zoom but some weeks later an EGM was scheduled in person in order for voting to take place. The minutes of the 2021 AGM and EGM were taken as read and proposed by Tom O'Driscoll and seconded by Shane Mason.

Secretary's report.

Acting Secretary Aonghus McAnally thanked SBI for all their help in his limited time in the role. He praised all members of SBI for the manner in which they responded to the Covid pandemic and followed best practice to keep everyone safe. Highlight of the year had to be the opening of the HQ as a world class venue and the response has been overwhelmingly positive from all who have played there. The staging of the World Matchplay billiards brought players from as far away as India and Australia to the HQ and was a resounding success. It was with huge support from SBI, both financial and personnel, that the event came to fruition.

He thanked the Talbot Hotel, Macau Casio and Laois County Council for their sponsorship.



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He urged all members to make use of the superb facilities in the HQ from Star tables to national Coach PJ Nolan to enable them to follow their dreams.

He thanked club owners, officials, players and family members for the efforts put in during the year to create the best possible environment for all competitors and players to attain their goals.

He explained his reasons for stepping down from the position with SBI as it clashed with the workload of being on the board of WBL (World Billiards Limited).

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer John Tobin presented the accounts for the year. The accounts at December 31st 2021 were approved at a board meeting on June 16th 2022 as certified by Walsh Keeley and Co, Edenderry.



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He mentioned the amount of work done on a voluntary basis to get the HQ open, and which was not reflected in the accounts.

Income for the year was €128,322, while expenditure for the year amounted to €110,496, giving a surplus of €17,826. The Sport Ireland core grant was €85,000. The meeting approved the accounts.

The treasurer asked the meeting to approve the accountants, a requirement under the Code of Governance. Tony Thorpe proposed and Ger Murray seconded.

Anti-Doping report

Anti-Doping Officer Jim Leacy stressed that education was the most important method of dealing with anti-doping and prohibited substances. He urged all members of SBI to familiarise themselves with the latest information which is available on the Sport Ireland website. It is the player's own responsibility to be aware of any medication or substance they are taking



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The latest Sport Ireland leaflets were available in the room. Sport Ireland has said that snooker and billiards are regarded as low risk sports. Jim asked that the committee actively identify a successor for the role in the coming 12 months, as he was anxious to have a good hand over period to train someone into the role.

ACTION: Committee to source new Anti Doping Officer

Ranking Tournaments:

Detailed reports on each category in the SBI calendar were presented to the AGM.

Amateur Tour report:

There were 3 events in the championships due to Covid restrictions. Rodney Goggins won the first two and Brendan O'Donohue won the third and also the Championships for the 5th time.



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Over 40s Report:

In the over 40s, Frank Sarsfield won the delayed 2021 Seniors, and had a great year in the European Championship in Portugal. John Torpey won the first event. Rodney Goggins won the second event, with John Torpey making a break of 134. Rodney also won the third event. In the National Senior Championships for 2022, there was a great hard fought win for Chairman Dylan Rees over John Farrell.

Challenge Tour report:

The first event was in the Crucible in Cork with Darren Flynn beating Lloyd Myers. In the second event in Hot Shots Galway, Alan O'Connor beat Tommy O'Donoghue in the final. In what proved to be a welcome addition to the day, Dave Garret won the plate competition. Adrian Doran won the third event on the final black, beating Alan O'Connor at the Nenagh Snooker and Social Club.

The Challenge championships were held in the SBI HQ with 27 entries. In the final, Alan O'Connor beat Tommy O'Donoghue by 4-3.



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Intermediate Tour report:

Ivor Fitzpatrick won the first event in Celbridge, beating Mark Gleeson. There were 44 entries which was open to any gender. In the second event, played in Celbridge and the later stages in the HQ, Donal Foran won on the final black against Ivor Fitzpatrick. He also won the third event in Nenagh Snooker and social club, beating Benny O'Brien 3-2.

In the Championships, held at the HQ, Andrew Doherty was the victor, beating Colvin O'Brien by 4-1. Dylan Rees commented that both the Challenge and Intermediate tours had resulted in a great increase in new faces playing snooker. A discussion ensued with the floor about the criteria for entry into both the Challenge and Intermediate tours. There was a feeling that greater clarity is needed in this regard.



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Super Seniors (Over 55s) report:

Joe McKeever beat Stephen Merrigan in the 2021 Championships in Newbridge CYMS. In the 22 season, Brendan Thomas beat Patsy Farrell, again in Newbridge. The second event was cancelled due to lack of entries – it being held on a Saturday seems to have been a factor.

The 2022 Championships were played in the HQ with Stephen Merrigan beating Tommy Murphy in a very competitive final. Tony Thorpe said he hoped for more events in this section next season and was delighted that a super seniors team from Wales is coming over in July to play Ireland, and that there was interest from Northern Ireland in something similar.

He felt this was helping older players to stay involved in the game who might otherwise have hung up their cues. All players were extremely complimentary about the conditions offered in the HQ.



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Junior Snooker report:

PJ Nolan said that every national championship was held at U12, U14, U16, U18 and U21. While numbers small, the signs were encouraging.

U12 Championships Joe Shannon beat Max Kennedy

U14 Championships Max Kennedy beat Joe Shannon

U16 Championships Leone Crowley beat David Farrelly

U18 Championships Leone Crowley beat Alex Currid

U21 Championships Leone Crowley beat Aaron Goldrick

There were many overseas competitions with some great performances, most notably Leone Crowley in Albania who picked up two medals along the way. PJ thanked the board of SBI for its support for Junior snooker



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Ladies report:

Due to the ongoing situation with RILSA and SBI, Chairman Dylan Rees said that there will be a meeting in a neutral venue with a mediator in the near future to try and resolve the ongoing difficulties but to date there was very little to report.

Billiards report:

John Kehoe gave details of the billiards season which had pre pandemic business to conclude.

The delayed 2020 Intermediate Short Format was won in November by Anthony O'Flaherty who beat Aonghus McAnally in Celbridge.

In that same month Lloyd Myers completed a remarkable double in the Intermediate grade by winning both the Long Up format championship against Anthony O' Flaherty and the Short format championship against Joe Doheny.



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Timmy Murphy Perpetual Cup: Jason Dowling beat Aonghus McAnally in Celbridge Snooker Club in November. The Pat O' Sullivan Memorial: Brendan Devlin defeated Joe Doheny in Celbridge Snooker Club.

Aidan Murray won both the Senior Short Format, beating Joe Doheny, and the Long Up beating Larry Drennan. He then won the 2022 Senior Long up against Wayne Doyle, while Anthony O'Flaherty beat John Kehoe in the intermediate Short format.

The Billiards highlight of the season was the staging of the World Matchplay Championships at the HQ preceded by the Irish Open in which Rob Hall (Eng) beat Peter Gilchrist (Singapore) while World No.1 Dave Causier (Eng) beat Sourav Kothari (India) in the Matchplay. The world's elite players were very complimentary about the HQ.



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Clubs report:

David Joyce said there were 24 registered clubs at the moment. Of a further 10 clubs around, 4 said they weren't interested in being affiliated. Some clubs questioned what was in it for them. Registering on line seemed to be a difficult process for some – this may be due to unique emails being needed to register due to GDPR etc. Dylan Rees said they will have a look to see if there is a fix available. David Joyce pointed out that if a player from a non registered club wins a major championship, the club loses out in its name not being recorded.

Referee's report:

Neil Shanahan detailed the various events at which SBI referees were present, both domestically and internationally. Some new referees were graded in Q Club Killarney by Shane Mason, Ger Murray and Neil Shanahan. Kevin Christie was awarded Class 1 Billiard referee during the year. Brendan Devlin was Head referee at the World Matchplay Billiards at the HQ. Steven Foster was awarded referee of the year. There are 19 registered referees of whom 11 were active during the season. Neil thanked SBI for the €500 grant to the referees association.



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A discussion took place about the training of TDs from among referees to ensure that all events are properly run and overseen. Eamonn Kearns questioned whether ordinary committee members could be doing more as TDs rather than expecting referees to do it. The Chairman said it was work in progress.

Child protection Report:

Child protection Officer Ger Murray said that he had had no incidents to deal with. He reminded the meeting that all coaches, referees and volunteers must now attend a Basic awareness course, which are organised locally by each counties Sports Partnership programme and that SBI will refund the €25 cost.

It is essential that everybody working with children attends the Basic Awareness course and undergoes the Garda Vetting procedure. He also gave clear notice that he wants vacate the role in the coming 12 months and requested that the incoming committee identify a successor with whom he will work in that regard.



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SBI HQ report:

PJ Nolan presented a visual slide presentation of the transformation of the HQ from empty car showroom to carpet fitting, table installation to finished Academy.

Coaching report:

National Coach PJ Nolan explained that details on how to become a coach are on the SBI website. He mentioned the various coaching events that were held both in the HQ and also around the country. Development days were also run in a number clubs. Coach of the year was Paul Keighery from Ballinasloe.

A number of professional players have been to the HQ for coaching and PJ expressed confidence that next season will see even more coaching sessions in the Academy. The Chairman congratulated PJ on reaching level 2 in world status and said SBI will support him in his journey to achieve Level 1 coach this year – a feat achieved by only 10 people worldwide.



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Website and Social Media:

PJ Nolan said that the SBI website is very good; the Facebook page is the most commonly viewed page and is updated every day, but that the Twitter account is the weakest of our social media. YouTube use has slowed down due to no streaming of events. He stated that SBI members need to learn to navigate the website www.sbireland.ie and become more familiar with it as everything is available there. There are 2 parts to the site (a) info and then (b) all the draws, rankings etc. It is important for players to use one email to enter an event in order to qualify for ranking points. Aonghus McAnally felt that the front page of the website was not as user friendly as it could be. PJ said a student has expressed an interest in running the social media side of SBI as part of a development programme.



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Governance Code:

President Jim Leacy spoke about the importance of the Governance Code and that SBI needs to continue to fully embrace it. There are a number of different principles involved and a lot of work goes into the continuous monitoring of best practice in order to keep our eligibility for funding. One issue which has arisen is gender balance on the board (future requirement will be 40%).

The President reminded the meeting that members should be aware of the unseen work that goes on in running an organisation like SBI which is essentially a voluntary one, but yet is measured equally against much larger bodies which have many highly paid executives. As Tony Thorpe was stepping away from committee, Jim Leacy assured him that Governance will continue to be an important part of the committee going forward.



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Strategic plan:

There are 7 main points in the current plan: Volunteers, Club promotion, Participation, Elite Performance, Sponsorship, Communications and Marketing. These plans are constantly monitored. As the current plan has been in existence for a number of years, a new Strategic plan should be considered in the near future.

SBI Golf Day:

Chairman Dylan Rees stressed the importance of all SBI members getting behind the fund-raising golf day in Birr GC on July 15th. These funds will be vital to ensure the continued high standards in the Academy HQ.



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Next season events:

PJ Nolan presented a list of upcoming events from tournaments, training camps, Home Internationals, championships etc. From September a full calendar will be published. PJ requested that a specific competitions

committee member would liaise with him in setting the calendar. The championship will be in April 2023 and not May as before.

Motions:

Motion 1 - Pro Status : *Any player who has qualified for the main tour at a start of a season retains his pro status until our SBI season is completed.*

Proposed by Dylan Rees and seconded by Shane Mason

Discussion ensued and voted on by a show of hands and it was passed.



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Motion 2-Deposits / Flights : *Any member who pays a deposit for airline tickets/ hotel bookings will lose their deposit in the event of war, worldwide pandemic or equivalent or cancellation by international NGB.*

Proposed by Dylan Rees and seconded by Shane Mason.

An amendment was proposed by Tony Thorpe for it to read “Any member / supporter...”

A discussion ensued and voted on by a show of hands and it was passed.

Motion 3 – TD to choose match or matches:

A TD at any SBI event will have the ability to prioritise matches for the main tables. This will allow High level matches to be shown on the streamed tables.

Proposed by Dylan Rees and seconded by Shane Mason

Following a lengthy discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

ACTION: The tournament rules to be reviewed by the incoming committee.



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ELECTIONS: There was one

**nomination for
Chairman and
one for Vice
Chairman.**

**There was no need for a nomination
for President or
Treasurer at
this AGM.**

**There was no
nomination for
Secretary. There
were 8
nominations for
committee**

Elections:		Proposed	Seconded	letter of acceptance
Chairman	Dylan Rees	<u>Ger Murray</u>	Jim Leacy	Yes
Vice Chairman	Jay Chopra	Dylan Rees	David Joyce	Yes
Committee	Tom O'Driscoll	Dylan Rees	David Joyce	Yes
	<u>Ger Murray</u>	Neil Shanahan	Shane Mason	Yes
	Shane Mason	<u>Ger Murray</u>	Neil Shanahan	Yes
	Neil Shanahan	<u>Ger Murray</u>	Shane Mason	Yes
	David Joyce	Dylan Rees	Jay Chopra	Yes
	Tommy O'Donohue	Dylan Rees	David Joyce	Yes
	John Kehoe	Aonghus McAnally	Shane Mason	Yes
	John Williams	Jay Chopra	Tom O'Driscoll	Yes



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The President put it to the floor to accept the nominations for the positions. By a show of hands all nominations were approved. **Action: the committee will hold an EGM to appoint a Secretary.**

AOB :

Treasurer John Tobin spoke of the work which has been done regarding inclusion. A joint initiative was undertaken in Co Meath with 6 individuals with intellectual needs, with SBI doing a 6 week course in cue sports. As part of the Governance Code , inclusion will play a big part in SBI's activities in the coming years.

The Chairman finally thanked everyone for their efforts and the meeting concluded just before 4pm.

Aonghus McAnally

Acting Secretary



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Secretary's Report

Jay Chopra



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Welcome all to the SBI AGM for 2023. Let me firstly congratulate all our member's, amateur men, seniors, super-seniors, juniors and ladies who played in the many tournaments on our very full calendar as we successfully emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. To those who went on to achieve high rankings and represent Ireland internationally, well done.

I would like to add our thanks to the many club owners, referees and officials for their help in organising and running tournaments throughout the year. A special word of thanks to Niall Shanahan and Shane Mason for their co-ordination of referees and tournament directors throughout the season for our busy calendar.

Niall and Shane have also done an excellent job co-ordinating international travel for SBI. The parents of our junior players who turn up at every junior event and travel abroad with their children are also deserving of our thanks. Reports on all the grades of snooker and billiards are available on request.



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This season, the SBI HQ proved to be a major taking point both nationally and internationally as a state-of-the-art snooker academy, where our players strive for elite status under the excellent guidance of our National Coach, PJ Nolan, who is one of the best coaches in the business. The SBI HQ facilities were upgraded this year with the four Shender tables being replaced by four Rasson tables.

After much ground work by our national Coach, PJ Nolan two of the tables are now being streamed live with score updates. Great credit goes to PJ for his perseverance on the streaming project. It is planned to establish streaming on the other tables in due course. The SBI HQ has hosted events across all levels of SBI membership this season.

The response from SBI players continues to be very positive to our world class playing facilities at the SBI HQ. We look forward to hosting the World Matchplay Billiards again in May this year, along with a World Disability Snooker event in July.



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During the season the SBI-RILSA relationship was bolstered following a number of meetings between SBI's Dylan Ress/Jay Chopra and RILSA's Dave Earle/Dan Carroll, which culminated in a number of referee training seminars taking place in Sharkx Snooker Club in Newbridge officiated by Shane Mason, Neil Shanahan and Brendan Devlin. 7 females and 4 Males attended. Ten people were appointed class 3 Billiard referees, 8 People were appointed Class 3 Snooker Referees, 3 People were appointed class 2 Referees. 1 Female was appointed Class 3 Billiards only. All are now registered members of SBI and EBSA.

We look forward to further strengthen the SBI-RILSA relationship over the coming season.

The biggest challenge facing the SBI Committee at the moment is the reinvigoration of the junior game as junior player numbers continue to be low. This challenge is also being faced by other countries such as Scotland and Wales. The incoming SBI Committee will need to have junior game development as their key focus area. A plan will need to be put in place to address this issue with the support of Sport Ireland. We welcome any ideas that you might have for items to be included in this junior development plan



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None of the achievements outlined above would be possible without the support of Sport Ireland. We greatly appreciate the ongoing willingness of Sport Ireland, and in particular Shane Califf, to support the development of snooker in Ireland.

I'd like to wish all players the very best of luck in the upcoming national championships taking place in the coming months.

Lastly, I would like to pay tribute to my fellow SBI council members for the huge amount of work they got through this year. It is my hope that our efforts will continue to develop our game despite the ongoing challenges that we face.

Jay Chopra
SBI



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Treasurer's Report John Tobin



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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	€	€
Income		
Irish Sports Council Core - Grant	80,000	85,427
Sponsorship	49,556	13,461
Entry Fee	34,879	7,324
Registration	120	786
Sale of Snooker Balls	2,600	320
Coaching Income	1,200	-
Kitchen/shop/clothing sales	9,765	347
Polo shirt sales	-	200
Other income	540	-
Government grant income	-	20,457
Government grants received	99,334	-
	277,994	128,322

Expenditure

Kitchen/shop purchases	976	-
Wages and salaries	29,042	31,729
Social welfare costs	1,489	-
Training/Courses	134	-
Hosting Events	2,200	863
Snooker Balls	2,050	-
Rent	27,364	5,000
Grants	-	1,500
Insurance	1,335	1,065
Ties/ Crests/ Waistcoats/Polos	5,960	672
Repairs and maintenance	4,217	2,187
Printing, postage and stationery	38	112
Advertising	561	-
Telephone	725	172
It and Computer costs	7,495	3,928
Travelling & Accommodation/ Training Expenses	47,018	16,199
Tournament Prizes	19,519	4,313
Legal and professional	3,147	10,159
Accountancy	3,690	3,383
International Hosting/ Fees	11,017	4,080
Bank charges	1,142	108
Referees Services	8,761	3,347
General expenses	688	2,275
Subscriptions	850	1,079
Depreciation and impairments	31,316	18,324

210,734

110,495

Finance

Bank interest paid	3,343	-
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Net surplus

63,917

17,827

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Anti-Doping Report



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Anti-doping report for the SBI Season 2022/23

by Tommy O Donoghue

This was the first full season back post Covid. It saw the return of National, European and World events. We had players represent the Republic of Ireland in Senior Men's, over 40's Masters, U/16, U/18 and U/21 Levels.

We had 5 boys in the U/16's in Malta, 2 at the U/18's and 2 at the U/21's. We also had 5 players represent us in the men's Championship. All players were either emailed directly or to their parent's email address if under 18.

All players were directed to the link at the bottom of the email which brought them to the Anti-doping online education portal on the sport Ireland website.



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I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating Brendan O'Donoghue who got to the Quarter finals and to Ross Bulman who got to the Semi final of the European championships, an incredible achievement to have two players from the SBI in the quarter finals of such a prestigious event.

We had 4 men and 4 over 40's Masters represent us in Turkey at the World championships. All 8 players received an email with a link to the anti-doping online education portal on the Sport Ireland website. I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating Mark Tuite, who got to the Semi final of the World championships, a fantastic achievement.

We had 2 players represent the SBI in Malaysia at the World over 40's masters team event and the men's 6 Reds World Championships.



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The players both received an email which had a link to the anti-doping online education portal from the Sport Ireland website. Although both players failed to get out of their respective groups in the men's event, they did however get to the Quarter final of the Masters Team World Championships, beaten by the eventual winners, Thailand 3-1. Congratulations to James Darcy and Tommy O'Donoghue.

I will continue to advise our players of what is expected of them if asked to attend a drug test abroad. It is only through education that we can make every player aware of their responsibility.

We have a pocket size leaflet in SBI HQ for all players to read and all players that represent the Republic of Ireland abroad will be given a link to the anti-doping online education portal as best practice.



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Finally, I would like to thank Jim Lacey for all his help the past year, in guiding me through what is expected of an anti-doping officer. This has been a great help to me and I am sure, Jim is delighted to have one less job with the SBI.

Tommy O'Donoghue
Anti-doping officer
SBI



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Amateur Tour Report

Shane Mason



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This season SBI held 5 ranking events and a National Championships. 4 of these events were held in the SBI HQ and 1 held in the Crucible Club in Cork.

There were a total of 82 players who played over the course of the season.

This season the matches were kept at best of 5s up till the quarter final stage and then best of 7s as we continued to play each event over 2 days.

Event 1 winner - Rodney Goggins

Event 2 winner - Ross Bulman

Event 3 winner - Ross Bulman

Event 4 winner - Brendan O Donoghue

Event 5 winner - Ryan Cronin

Championships winner - ?????



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We are still awaiting the winner of this year's championship.

This season we had the EBSA Snooker Championships in Malta which Ross had a great run going all the way to the Semi Final.

The championships are being held over two weekends with the 128 stage held last weekend and this weekend will see the conclusion of the Amateur Tour.

I would like to congratulate all players who made it to the last 16 this weekend and to all the officials and players who collected awards over the weekend

To finish I would like to thank all players who played in the events over the season and hope to everyone again next season.

Shane Mason
SBI



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Seniors Over 40's Report Shane Mason



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Over the course of the season SBI held 5 ranking events all played in the HQ. There were 55 players who competed in the seniors events and of course we still have the championships next month.

Frank Sarsfield had an incredible season making 4 out of 5 finals and won 3 of these finals

Event 1 Winner - Rodney Goggins

Event 2 Winner - Frank Sarsfield

Event 3 Winner - Frank Sarsfield

Event 4 Winner - Frank Sarsfield

Event 5 Winner - Rodney Goggins

Championship - ???????



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The IBSF World Seniors were held in Turkey where Mark Tuite made the Semi - Final to take the bronze medal.

SBI would like to thank all players who played this season and look forward to seeing you all at the championships.

SBI would also like to thank TD Shane Mason for running all the Senior Events and to all referees for officiating these events.

Shane Mason
SBI



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Intermediate Tour Report

Shane Mason



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This season saw 4 intermediate ranking events played across 4 different venues. These venues included the HQ, Crucible in Cork, Celbridge in Kildare and Nenagh in Tipperary.

This season saw the guidelines changed in a bid to encourage more players to enter and in total 66 players entered over the course of the season.

There were 4 different winners in these events

Event 1 - John Paul Kelly

Event 2 - Jonathan Grant

Event 3 - Brendan O'Brien

Event 4 - Mark Gleeson

Championship - ??????



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There was some fantastic snooker played in these events with all these winners looking to take the championships which are still to played later in the season.

SBI would to congratulate all intermediate ranking event winners and wish all players the best of luck in the championships.

SBI would like to thank all host venues for the use of their facilities. We would also like to thank all TDs and referees who took charge this season and hope to see you at the intermediate championship.

Shane Mason
SBI



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Challenge Tour Report Jay Chopra



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Challenge Tournament 1 – SBI HQ, TD John Kehoe

Ben Doyle from Enniscorthy in County Wexford won the first SBI challenge Ranking event of the season that took place on Saturday 24th September at the Snooker and Billiards Ireland Academy of Excellence in Carlow. 11 players entered and featured matches of high quality snooker.

Early eliminations were Chris Dunleavy as well as John Aherne and Dave Carton. The quarter finals saw number 1 seed Dave Garrett beaten in a frame decider to Monaghan's Stephen Sherry and Victor McCormack came back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 against Pat Fitzgerald. Jude Cooney also won a final frame decider against Anthony Flanagan and Ben Doyle had a convincing victory over Brendan Murphy who had the consolation of taking the high break prize of 52 which he achieved in his pre quarter win over Dave Carton.



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The semi finals saw easy wins for Stephen Sherry and Ben Doyle, Stephen Sherry won all three frames but each of them were close as Jude Cooney made a match of it but Stephen's sublime potting was just too much for Jude to overcome. In the other semi final Ben Doyle had too much for Victor McCormack and made early crucial breaks in each frame to make it very difficult for Victor to turn things around.

The final was of a very high standard with Ben Doyle making a great start compiling a 44 break before potting a few more balls several visits later to quickly get his first frame on the board and he quickly did so again in the second as Stephen didn't get going until halfway through the third frame when there was a scrappy safety battle ongoing but Stephen took his chances when opportunities presented themselves and edged it by 19 points to keep the match alive. The fourth frame was another scrappy frame with Stephen making the good start but missed crucial pots to allow Ben to get level pegging with Stephen before Ben finally won the frame he needed with the next scoring opportunity that came his way potting green, brown and blue for Stephen needing snookers before Ben potted the pink to take the match and deservedly win the first challenge ranking event of the new season.



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Challenge Tournament 2 – Hotshots, Galway TD John Tobin

Snooker & Billiards Ireland (SBI) held the second challenge event on the SBI Challenge Tour on the Saturday the 12th of November in the Hot Shots Snooker Club in Galway.

There were 17 entries and the standard was excellent all day but at the end of the day, the final of event 2 at Hot Shots saw Nenaghs Dave Garrett take on new kid on the block Cappoquin's own Keith O Sullivan reaching his first ever final at this level. Dave very experienced at this level saw him race into a 2/0 lead with a confident display of potting and safety, one could see a quick end to the final but Keith showed why he was in the final with some fine potting and safety winning the 3rd frame.

The 4th frame was a tense affair with both players missing shots they would normally expect to see drop to the pocket, but the experience came to the fore with a clearance from Brown to Pink to see Dave take the fourth frame for a 3/1 victory.



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Challenge Tournament 3 – Newbridge, Kildare TD Brendan Devlin

On Sunday the 26th of February, CYMS Newbridge was the venue for the third event in the SBI Challenge Tour series. This was a change from the original scheduled location, which was not available due to on-going alterations work at the Crucible Club in Cork. Thank you to Jim Carrick and Newbridge for hosting the event at short notice. Play started at 10am, with a total participation of 21 players.

Early surprise eliminations were the No 3 and No 4 seeds, John Ahearne (No 3) losing to Darren Flynn while Anthony Flanagan (No 4) lost his first round match to eventual winner Adam Nolan. Otherwise, early round results went more or less as expected but that doesn't mean that matches were not closely contested. The closest quarter final of the day was the battle of the Flynns when Richard Flynn snatched victory in the deciding frame from his namesake Darren Flynn.



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Quarter finals:

Dave Garrett 1-3 Pat Fitzgerald

Ross Rooney 0-3 Adam Nolan

Darren Flynn 2-3 Richard Flynn

Adrian Doran 3-0 Victor McCormack

The semi-finals produced some very competitive and attacking snooker which was attractive to watch, including the day's high breaks of 51 by Adam Nolan and 53 by Richard Flynn.

Semi-finals:

Pat Fitzgerald 2-3 Adam Nolan

Richard Flynn 3-1 Adrian Doran



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In the Final, Richard was first to show, potting confidently and making the most of the opportunities as they arose, allowing him to take the first frame in style. In the second frame, Richard again quickly took control, getting ahead and scoring what turned out to be a decisive break of 47 to take a 2-0 lead. The third was a tighter frame, Richard again maintaining a slight lead. All looked to be over when he potted Yellow, Green and Brown to leave Adam needing a snooker to stay in the match. Having potted the Blue, Adam laid a telling snooker on the Pink, enabling him to take the frame and keep his hopes alive.

A nervous fourth frame went Adam's way, pinching it on the black and setting the scene for a final frame showdown. This turned out to be an enthralling game, each player in turn seizing their opportunities only to falter, sometimes inexplicably, on a simple shot. As the frame progressed, Richard, playing perhaps the slightly better of the two, gradually built up a useful lead. In the nervous exchanges on the colours however, Adam pulled off a few exciting pots to clear up from the Green and claim the match on the deciding Black.

Final:

Adam Nolan 3-2 Richard Flynn



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Challenge Tournament 4 – Celbridge, Kildare TD Shane Mason

On Saturday the 1st of April, Celbridge Snooker Club hosted the fourth event in the SBI Challenge Tour series. This was highly competitive event which saw Ivor Fitzpatrick and Pat Fitzgerald go head to head in the final on Thursday 6th April at 2:30pm due to the late finish off the semis. In a high quality final but it was the Dubliner Ivor Fitzpatrick coming out a 3-2 winner over Pat Fitzgerald

There were no great surprises in this event but there were some fiercely contested matches as can be seen from the results on the website.

Quarter finals:

Dave Garrett 2-3 Sean King, Ivor Fitzpatrick 3-0 John Ahearne, Pat Fitzgerald 3-2 Andrew Foley,
Chris Dunleavy 0-3 Victor McCormack

Semi Finals:

Sean King 1-3 Ivor Fitzpatrick, Pat Fitzgerald 3-1 Victor McCormack

Final:

Ivor Fitzpatrick 3-2 Pat Fitzgerald

The high break was 61 by Chris Dunleavy



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We look forward to the National Championships, which will take place in Nenagh on 12th & 13th of May 2023, and to see who finishes number 1 on the SBI rankings.

Best of luck to all players.

Jay Chopra
SBI



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Super Seniors 55's Report

John McBride



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The Super Seniors Over 55's events this season has seen us play four events so far this season with the National Championships being the finale on the 4th of June which is taking place in the wonderful SBI academy in Carlow. In these four events, we have seen four different winners, Patsy Farrell winning the first event in Carlow, Stephen Merrigan, our current National Champion, winning the second event in the Roadstone club in Dublin, Ernie McMullen winning the third event in the CYMS club in Newbridge in Co. Kildare, & Brendan Thomas winning the fourth event in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

The current top eight players in the rankings in order, are as follows....

1. Patsy Farrell playing out of New Institute club in Nenagh Co. Tipperary.
2. Ernie McMullen playing out of the CYMS club in Co. Kildare.
3. Brendan Thomas playing out of the Roadstone club Dublin.
4. Jim Carrick playing out of the CYMS club in Co. Kildare.
5. Kevin McConville playing out of the CYMS club in Co. Kildare.
6. Tommy Murphy playing out of Darcy McGees.
7. John McBride playing out of his skin.
8. Simon Scott playing out of the Potters Snooker & Pool Hall in Drogheda.



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In the four events that have taken place to date, the conditions, hospitality, the way the matches have been played, which have been played hard but fair on the table, wonderfully friendly off the table & the organising of these events, has to be admired.

After our season finale, we have our return match against the Wales over 55's to play, where I am sure Wales will be looking to put things right after we beat them last July in our international match & hopefully, we will see the over 55's take part in the Home Internationals which are taking place later in the summer.

On behalf of all of the players, we would like to thank everyone for making this season, in each event, an absolute pleasure to play in. Credit should be given to the TD's, the SBI committee, & everyone who has made this season such a pleasurable experience in each of the wonderful clubs that we have played in. Thank you.

Always in Sport, John McBride



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Junior Snooker Report PJ Nolan



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2022 – 2023 Junior Snooker Report

by PJ Nolan National Snooker Coach

Snooker & Billiards Ireland (SBI) held an exciting season of Junior Snooker from September to May on the SBI Junior Tour. Players entered all events through the on line system before the closing date of Thursday 1pm prior to each event.

Tournament Entry Fees: The cost of entry will be the following:

- Under 21 Events – €15.00
- Under 18 Events – €15.00
- Under 16's Events – €12.00
- Under 14 Events – €12.00



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All players needed to register for the new season. SBI Registration runs from September to September each season.

SBI Registration

- Under 21's – €15.00
- Under 16's – €10.00
- One Day/Event – €10.00

Dress Code

- SBI POLO SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED
- Dark Shoes (no runners)
- Dark one coloured trousers (no jeans)
- One coloured shirt buttoned at the wrist
- Waistcoats must be worn for all matches in National Championships.
- National Waistcoats are not permissible
- Bowties are also required for the SBI Championships for all matches



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NATIONAL EVENTS, DATES, VENUES AND WINNERS

We held 4 ranking events in each of the U-14, U-16, U-18 and U-21 age groups. We will also hold an Under 12 Championships which is sponsored by my 147academy. This is to introduce new young players into SBI events.

Under 12

National Championships: – SBI HQ Carlow – 7TH MAY

Under 14

Event 1: U-14 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 4TH SEPTEMBER – WINNER MAX KENNEDY

Event 2: U-14 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 5TH NOVEMBER – WINNER JOE SHANNON

Event 3: U-14 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 4TH FEBRUARY – WINNER AARON DONNELLY

Event 4: U-14 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 25TH FEBRUARY – WINNER MAX KENNEDY

U-14 National Championships: – SBI HQ Carlow – 13TH MAY



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Under 16

Event 1: U-16 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 3RD SEPTEMBER – WINNER JACK O BRIEN

Event 2: U-16 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 3RD DECEMBER – WINNER JACK O BRIEN

Event 3: U-16 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 26TH FEBRUARY – WINNER JOE SHANNON

Event 4: U-16 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 1ST APRIL – WINNER JACK O BRIEN

U-16 National Championships: – SBI HQ Carlow – 14TH MAY

Under 18

Event 1: U-18 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 23RD OCTOBER – WINNER JAMES O 'CONNELL

Event 2: U-18 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 19TH NOVEMBER – WINNER JAMES O CONNELL

Event 3: U-18 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 18TH FEBRUARY – WINNER JAMES O CONNELL

Event 4: U-18 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 18TH MARCH – WINNER AARON SMITH

U-18 National Championships: – SBI HQ Carlow – 30TH APRIL Final –

James O Connell v Ronan McGuirk



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Under 21

Event 1: U-21 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 6TH NOVEMBER – WINNER ALEX CURRID

Event 2: U-21 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 4TH DECEMBER – WINNER ALEX CURRID

Event 3: U-21 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 5TH FEBRUARY – WINNER ALEX CURRID

Event 4: U-21 TOUR – SBI HQ Carlow – 19TH MARCH – WINNER ALEX CURRID

U-21 National Championships: – SBI HQ Carlow – 30TH APRIL – Final Leone Crowley Vs Sean Walsh

International Snooker

SBI sent players to the European U-16, U-18 and U-21 Snooker Championships in Malta. SBI had 5 players in each age category. All the players gained a lot of Experience and will bode well for their overall development.

- U-16 Players: Jack O'Brien, Joe Shannon, Max Kennedy, Aaron Donnelly, Davy Hickey
- U-18 Players: James O'Connell, Aaron Smith, Joe Shannon, Jack O'Brien, Ronan McGuirk
- U-21 Players: Alex Currid, Aaron Smith, Ronan McGuirk, Lewis Casserly, James O'Connell



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SBI will also be competing in the Junior Celtic Challenge on July 1st in Carlow where we will play Wales in U14, U-16 and U-18 age levels.

SBI will be competing in the Home Internationals in August in Leeds where a team of Under 16 and U-21 will play England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland.

Click International News: <https://sbireland.ie/category/news/international/>

Future Training Camps

SBI will hold another Summer Camp in June for all juniors and we will hold International Junior Days before all International events in Carlow.

National Finals

On the 30th of April we will see two National Junior Finals when James O Connell will play Ronan McGuirk in the Under 18 final while defending Champion Leone Crowley will play Sean Walsh in the Under 21 Final



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Thank You

As National Coach I would like to thank all the TD for running all the events, the parents and guardians for supporting and bringing their children to our events, Finally, a big thank you to all the players on making it another fantastic year of Irish Junior Snooker.

To find all the Junior News on the Web site

Click Junior News: <https://sbireland.ie/category/news/juniors/>

I hope to see you all again next year on the table and keep up the great practice and I am sure we will make more incredible memories next year.

I am so very proud of every player who competed in all the events

All the best

PJ Nolan

SBI National Snooker Coach

SBI Developmental Officer



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Ladies Report Jay Chopra



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During 2023 significant work has been done at the strategic level to bolster the SBI – RILSA relationship. This work has been done between SBI's Jay Chopra/Dylan Rees, RILSA's Dave Earle/Dan Carroll, and Shane Califf from Sport Ireland. This ongoing work has opened the door to the following updates.

RILSA President Annette Newman received two sets of 1g Snooker Balls and two sets of Pro Cup Billiard balls from Shane Gorman of SBI at the SBI HQ in Carlow recently. Annette thanked Shane and the committee of SBI for their kind offer of these sets of balls that will be used at the RILSA Academy Sharkx Newbridge. RILSA also expressed their thanks to Dylan Rees and Jay Chopra of SBI who initiated the donation to RILSA as part of our ongoing partnership and support towards RILSA and female cue sports.

Over the last number of months, excellent work has been conducted by Niall Shannahan, Shane Mason and Brendan Devlin to qualify a relatively large number of RILSA snooker and Billiards referees.

On Tuesday 11th April at the RILSA Academy Sharkx Newbridge, the final seminar in Billiards was delivered by Brendan Devlin and on completion of the seminar Brendan announced that all those who attended the Billiards seminars were now qualified as grade 3 Billiard Referees. Also in attendance on the evening were Neil Shanahan and Shane Mason who delivered seminars in Snooker over the past few months and presented all in attendance with SBI neck ties.



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Brendan presented everyone with ball markers with their names engraved and a mini list of pre match check cards. Dan Carroll presented everyone with a ball marker and gloves as part of their qualification becoming official referees. RILSA Qualified Snooker Referees only are Sandra Bryan and Peter McDermott. RILSA Qualified Billiard Referees only are Tina Keogh and Valerie Maloney. RILSA Qualified Snooker & Billiard Referees are Dan Carroll, Dave Earle, Annette Newman, Joe Lyons, Jennifer Earle, Joanna Ward and Stephanie Foley. To have seven female referees qualified in both snooker and billiards is unprecedented in the history of our sport and we hope that more females will get involved in the future. These referees will now form the official RILSA panel of referees who will be able to help out at RILSA's very busy calendar of events as we head into a new season for female cue sports.

These referees will also be able to referee at SBI events as they are now members of the Referees Association. Congratulations to everyone who Qualified and we wish them every success for the future. RILSA expressed special thanks to Neil Shanahan, Shane Mason and Brendan Devlin for all their help and support over the past few months. RILSA look forward to working with them in the future as the partnership between both organisations makes great progress for the development of our sport.



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Both SBI and RILSA are looking forward to welcoming female players back to international snooker at the Home Internationals in Leeds in August.

At a strategic level, Jay Chopra/Dylan Rees from SBI and Dave Earle/Dan Carroll from RILSA will look at extending the current partnership agreement between both organisations with the support of Sport Ireland over the next few months.

Jay Chopra
SBI



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Report

John Kehoe



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It is another successful campaign so far in the 2022-2023 Billiards season with 13 players taking part overall in the ranking event series. So far reigning national champion Aidan Murray is continuing to dominate the billiards scene with 3 event wins out of 4 going into the championship stages of the season. In the first ranking event that took place in the Snooker and Billiards Ireland Academy of Excellence in Carlow back in September Aidan beat Joe Doheny backed up with wins in event 3 in the AOH in Cork in November and event 4 in Celbridge in February both against Rathkeale's Jason Dowling. Event 2 staged in Celbridge featured the inaugural Victor O' Gorman Cup which was won fittingly by Victor's fellow Dun Laoghaire cueist Wayne Doyle and the cup was presented by Victor's son Gary following Wayne's success.

The National Short Format Championship will be contested between Aidan Murray and Wayne Doyle on the weekend of the 29th/30th April to take place at the SBI Headquarters in Carlow plus the National Long Up Format Qualifying rounds to be held in Celbridge on the 23rd April.

The four ranked players seeded going into the championship stages are currently standing as follows:

Aidan Murray 2. Jason Dowling 3. John Kehoe 4. Anthony O' Flaherty



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The memorial handicap events are also being played with Jason Dowling winning the Timmy Murphy event in Celbridge back in October for the second year in a row and Joe Doheny winning the inaugural Paddy Murray memorial staged in Edenderry just before Christmas. There is one handicap event still to be play with the Pat O' Sullivan memorial to be held on the 7th May in Celbridge.

On the International front the first event to start the season was the Home Internationals in Leeds back in August where our team consisting of John Kehoe, Aidan Murray and Aonghus McAnally reached the semi-finals of the plate competition. The Four Nations International took place on home soil in Celbridge on the 3rd and 4th December with our team finishing runners up to England. The North-South Challenge will also make a welcome return after a four-year absence due to the covid pandemic which will take place in Celbridge on the weekend of the 15th and 16th April in conjunction with the All-Ireland Championship Game between our current National Champion Aidan Murray and Northern Ireland Champion Christian Kirk on the 14th April.

Therefore I see it as appropriate to present the breakdown of costs for the four nations and north-south challenge events that were covered/subsidized by SBI as they were.



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Four Nations	Accommodation	Host Club	Sat Night Team Dinner	
	3 players/2 officials	Celbridge SC	4 players/3 officials	Total
	€545	€200	€182	€927

North-South Challenge and All-Ireland Championship	Accommodation	Host Club	Sat Night Team Dinner	
Referee fee for All-Ireland Championship	4 players	Celbridge SC	6 players	Total
€80	€327	€200	€120	€727



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I would like to sincerely thank the SBI HQ, AOH Cork, Celbridge SC and Edenderry SC for hosting these events during the season. Finally we look forward to welcoming back all the players across the world for the WBL Irish Open and the World Matchplay that will take place in May once again at our wonderful facilities here at the Snooker & Billiards Ireland Academy of Excellence where reigning World Matchplay Champion David Causier and defending Irish Open winner Rob Hall will defend their crowns in what promises to be an exciting week of top class billiards to conclude the billiards season on the Irish scene.

John Michael Kehoe – Billiards Coordinator

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The following is the clubs report for 2023. In the year 2022 there were 27 clubs registered with SBI.

Edenderry, Cavan, Commercial, Celbridge, Kilkenny, Gorey, R and R, Bree, Trim, Mullingar, Pot heads, Banagher, Liam Mellows, Newcastle west, Rathkeale, Fermoy, Crucible, Noriss, Dungarvan, Tralee, Nenagh, Killarney, Sundays well, Youghal, SWS, Roadstone, Pioneer.

Of the above clubs there are 13 registered for 2023. It was decided at a board meeting to give any clubs that registered mid 2022 that their membership would be extended until years end 2023.

That was my understanding but after discussions I was informed that my understanding of this was incorrect that in fact only from September.



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Therefore there are still a number of clubs that I have to contact that I didn't think I had too. No doubt I presumed incorrectly and took my eye of the ball but all clubs will be contacted in the next 7 days.

As reported in my Vetting report I am in the process of vetting relevant people in each registered club. I will begin that process with the clubs that I am contacting in the next 7 days.

David Joyce
SBI



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Referees Report Neil Shanahan



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The Committee elected for the 2022/2023 season were Ger Murray (Chairman), Neil Shanahan (Secretary), Shane Corr (Treasurer), Shane Mason, Aonghus McAnally, Kevin Christie, Brendan Devlin and Steven Foster.

First of all, The Committee wish Ger Murray well as he is ill at the moment and we hope to see him back in action soon.

This season was another busy season for referees with about 100 SBI Competitions involving our referees. Referees attended Home Internationals and EBSA European Championships in Malta. We have 37 Referees on our books at present. During the year the responsibility of appointing Tournament Directors for SBI Tournaments was given to The Referees Association. Shane Mason held courses to train our referees to be Tournament Directors.

In Killarney in January 2023 some of our referees were upgraded to Class 2 by Neil Shanahan and Shane Mason. They were Pat Mooney, Richie Toal and John Tobin.

Shane Mason was appointed an Examiner of snooker by Neil Shanahan. Also, three Class 4 referees were appointed, Dave Joyce, Shane Gorman and John O'Boyle. Maurice Walsh was graded a class 3 snooker referee by Shane Mason and Neil Shanahan. Lloyd Myers is interested in becoming a class 4 Snooker Referee.

All our referees must be Garda vetted and have completed the Child awareness course to continue refereeing for SBI.



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In February, March and April a number of seminars took place in Sharkx Snooker Club in Newbridge officiated by Shane Mason, Neil Shanahan and Brendan Devlin who was appointed Examiner of Billiards in February by Ger Murray. These seminars were given to RILSA people who wanted to become SBI Referees.

There were 7 females and 4 Males attended. Ten people were appointed class 3 Billiard referees by Brendan Devlin, 8 People were appointed Class 3 Snooker Referees by Shane Mason and Neil Shanahan, 3 People were appointed class 2 Referees by Neil Shanahan and Shane Mason. 1 Female was appointed Class 3 Billiards only. All are now registered members of SBI and EBSA.

Six of the newly appointed RILSA people will be paying in The Home Internationals in August and 3 Rilsa people will represent SBI as referees in this competition. These amounted to 11 out of our total of 37 referees. Thanks to Dan Carroll and Dave Earle, Brendan Devlin , Shane Mason, Neil Shanahan in organising these seminars.



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During the year Brendan Devlin, Dave Joyce, Aonghus McAnally, John Tobin, Shane Corr, John Kehoe, Steven Foster, Brendan Devlin, Shane Mason and Neil Shanahan were Tournament Directors at SBI competition and Aonghus was Tournament Director at World Billiards Event in Carlow with Brendan Devlin as Head Referee.

Shane Mason is now Acting Chairman as Ger Murray is unwell and not available at present. Shane was Tournament Director at The Home Internationals in Leeds.

Neil Shanahan, John Tobin, Aonghus McAnally, John Kehoe, Paddy Hanafin and Pat Mooney attended International Events during the year.

Active Referees during the year were Paddy Hanafin, Shane Mason, Maurice Walsh, Jason Dowling, Shane Corr, Pat Mooney, Steven Foster, Neil Shanahan, Aonghus McAnally, Brendan Devlin, Richie Toal, John Kehoe, Conor Doyle. Dave Joyce, John Tobin and Shane Gorman



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The Committee would like to welcome the newly appointed RILSA Referees to Our Association.

The New RILSA Referees are

Class Snooker and Class 3 Billiards, Dan Carroll, Joe Lyons and Dave Earle.

Class 3 Snooker and Class 3 Billiards, Joanna Ward, Stephane Foley, Jennifer Earle, Annette Newman, Peter McDermott.

Class 3 Snooker, Sandra Bryan

Class 3 Billiards only Valerie Maloney and Martina Keogh.

John Tobin who was awarded Referee of the year due to travelling to many tournaments in various locations during the season. We also especially thank Conor Doyle who officiated at most of the Junior Tournaments in SBI HQ.

We have 37 (11 New) Referees so far registered for 2023 of which 15 were active during the year



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In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow committee members Brendan Devlin, Aonghus McAnally, Kevin Christie, Shane Mason, Ger Murray, and Shane Corr for all the help you have given me over the past year and who worked extremely hard on your behalf throughout the entire season.

I would like to thank all referees who gave up so much of their time to make each tournament a success.

We are awaiting The SBI grant of €500.00 to our Association for 2022.

Finally, the committee would like to thank the clubs who hosted tournaments and looked after our referees so

Neil Shanahan

Secretary

Snooker & Billiards Referees of Ireland (SBRI)



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Child Protection Dylan Rees



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We recognise and respect the invaluable work of our Club Children's Officer and Designated Liason Persons and the varied and complex Roles and Responsibilities they fulfil.

The Club Children's Officer helps to create a child centred environment that promotes the welfare of children and young people engaged in our sporting activities. This guidance will act as a support for the CCO's/DLP's helping them meet their child safeguarding and child protection responsibilities.



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As the governing body for snooker and billiards we seriously recognise the importance of good club management. It is no longer an option to be lazy in this area and clubs who provide facilities for junior players must comply with all regulations and fulfil the requirements of sport Ireland

If Clubs have Members Under 18: (Children)

You must have the following in place;

Conducted a Risk Assessment for your club & completed a Child Safeguarding Statement, both of which are a legal requirement for clubs in the Republic of Ireland. The Child Safeguarding must then be displayed in your club or on your club website.

Adhere to Safe Recruitment procedures, which includes but not limited to, Safeguarding Training, Garda Vetting



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1. Appointment of a Club Childrens Officer (CCO). This person must complete Safeguard 1 (Child Welfare and Protection, Basic Awareness course) and Safeguard 2 (Club Children's Officer course)
2. Must appoint a Designated Liaison Person (DLP). This person must complete Safeguard 1 and Safeguard 3 (Designated Liaison Person course). This person may or may not also fulfil the role of Club Children's Officer (CCO).
3. Every person in the club who will be in continuous or regular contact with the juniors must complete a Safeguard 1 course within 3 months of beginning their role. The certificate should be issued to the NCO of the organisation for record keeping.
4. Every person in the club who will be in continuous or regular contact with the juniors must sign a Code of Conduct.
5. Adhere to Garda Vetting Procedures as outlined in the National Vetting Bureau Act (2012 – 2016) Every person in the club who will be in continuous or regular contact with the juniors must undergo Garda Vetting.

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1. SBI BOARD.

All members of the SBI have now been vetted. An issue with one member's application arose when their file expired even though the application was complete .

We are now in the process of completing the file.

Our incoming secretary's vetting is ongoing and I expect to complete it shortly.

Any incoming members who require vetting will be contacted once they have been elected to the board.

I had a conversation with Dan Carroll regarding vetting of his members and he informed me that as part of the partnership agreement with SBI they were to retain control of Garda vetting their own members. I mention this because I note there are several RILSA members going forward for election to the SBI board.



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Coaches.

The following is a breakdown of the 16 level one coaches.

2 informed me that they didn't want to be vetted. I told them that they would not be able to remain on the level one coaches list and they were fine with that.

8 of the level 1 coaches applications are complete and verified.

1 level one coach hasn't sent me his details to allow me to issue him with an invite.

5 are still awaiting disclosures.

The following is a breakdown of the 32-Intro level coaches.

20 have had their applications complete and are verified.

5 are no longer active and therefore I didn't have to proceed with their applications.

2 didn't wish to be vetted so I informed them the same as the 2 level 1 coaches.

5 are still awaiting disclosures.



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Referees.

The information that is required for me to issue the invites were very slow to come back to me despite requests from myself and Neil who was very helpful to me in the process.

Of the 36 Referees on the referees list,
15 have had their applications complete.

11 are awaiting disclosures

5 who were issued invites never sent me back their details so I was unable to issue them invites. I continue to chase up this information.

5 invites expired as when the invite was issued they never completed their application



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Clubs.

I have also started the process of Garda vetting relevant people in different registered clubs around the Country. This is a mammoth task so I have broken it down to regions as follows.

I have started with registered clubs in the Munster area and the following is my progress to date. Fermoy, 1 application complete and 2 waiting on disclosures
Cue club Killarney, 3 applications waiting on disclosures.

Dungarvan, 1 application complete and 2 awaiting disclosures.

This a cross over between Dungarvan and SBI board/coaching.

I include it so you can have a proper perspective of the clubs

Nenagh, 3 applications awaiting disclosures.

Once I have these clubs completed, I will move on to the rest of the registered clubs in Munster and then follow on with Leinster, Connacht and Dublin Leagues.



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Summary.

Just a few points I would like to raise.

Firstly, thanks to Neil and PJ who were of great assistance with the coaches and referees. A few other points. I would like to raise. People have to realise that if they do not supply their personal details the vetting process can't begin. Other people supply their details and do not complete their application.

There is a period of 28 days for them to submit their details, after that the invite expires. Many people who I asked personal details for told me they were already vetted. In most cases this was not the case as vetting expires after 2 years.

Another point I would like to make is that not every board member, referee, coach or club committee member needs to be vetted. It is only where there is access to children and vulnerable people. A case in point would be St Johns in limerick who do not have any minors or vulnerable people in their club.



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During a conversation with Dan Carroll regarding vetting, He informed me that as part of the partnership agreement RILSA was to retain control of their own Garda vetting. If I had known this, it would have saved me hours of work.

During the recent AGM of the Munster Billiards and snooker association, the incoming committee under the chairmanship of Connie O Sullivan have agreed to prioritise Garda vetting. Jonathan Rice an expert in Garda vetting gave a very detailed speech to all those present and continually hammered home the point that vetting in your organisation directly affects funding including core grants etc.

Finally, I would like to thank Dylan and the board for electing me Vetting liaison officer for SBI. A lot more work than I imagined but I really enjoy it and I hope to be able to continue in this role.

David Joyce
Garda vetting liaison officer
SBI Ireland.



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The SBI HQ has become undoubtedly the jewel in Irish snookers crown, an elite facility which is the envy of the world. Our great champion Ken Doherty rendered speechless on his arrival at our doors finally remarking on the exceptional conditions.

Mark Williams stated that never had he seen such a venue for snooker anywhere on his travels around the world.

I really hope that we will see our centre of excellence thrive for not only years to come but for decades.

As you can see much has changed from our last AGM, the four new Rason tables, the Crucible mural, Streaming system and completion of the boardroom.

There are notable changes to our booking and paying system and a simple but effective tea and coffee area with honesty payment.



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We hope to bring you further news of an extension at the rear of the build that will increase our table capacity to 10 and improve our storage and toilet facilities to a high standard. We are now holding annual world events for the first time in our history with WBL Billiards returning for a second year in just a few weeks.

The world disability tour will see its first ever Irish open championships played here at the end of July and we are close to securing a WPBSA Q Challenge event in the near future. Our next pursuit is to bring an international junior event to our shores.

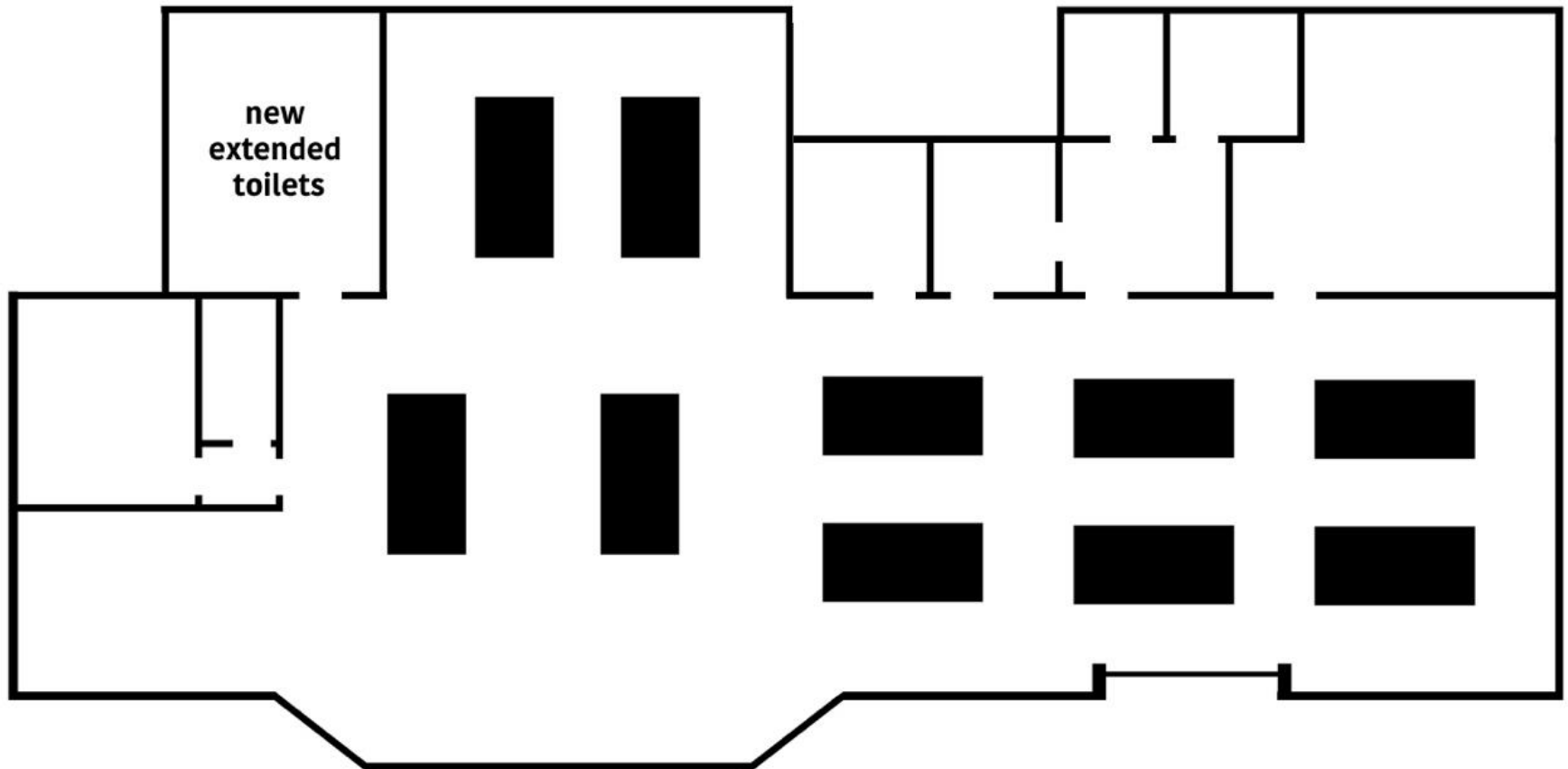
It is very important that we continue to get support from our members, we need everyone to use the facility regularly for practice. In order for us to keep the lights on.

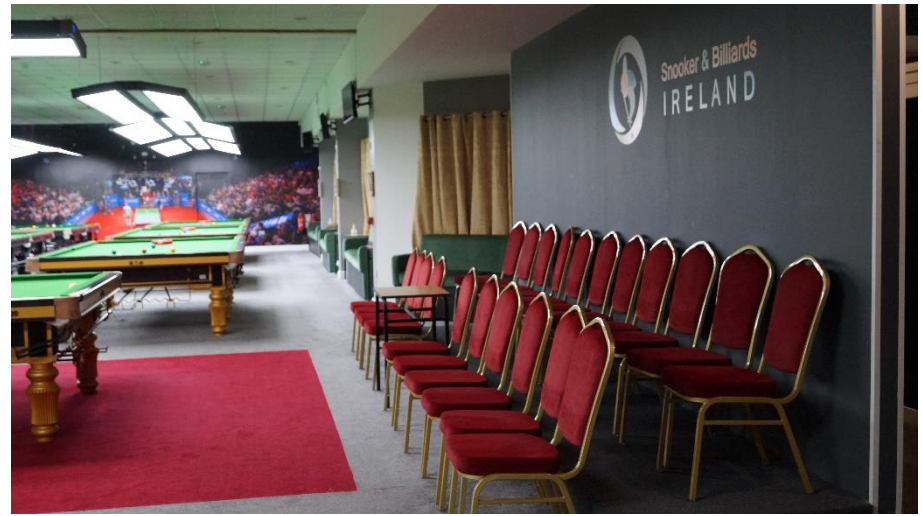
The committee will keep pushing to improve what is already an exceptional facility.



INDICATIVE DRAWING: Possible Table Layout 3

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrAM29XTmbk&t=5s>



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2022 – 2023 Coaching Report

by PJ Nolan National Snooker Coach

Snooker & Billiards Ireland had another busy year with a high number of Coaching days, Training Camps, Meetings and Coaching courses since our last AGM.

It is fantastic to see so many members wanting to become coaches and help SBI grow the game within the clubs all around Ireland.

One of the main points this year was that all SBI coaches had to complete Level 1 or Level 2 Safeguarding every 2yrs along with up to date membership and Garda Vetting to keep their coaching accreditation active within SBI.

Any Coach who has not completed by April 1st will be removed from our Web Site but can attend future courses to complete Safeguarding to re-join our SBI coaching process.



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Level 1 Coaching Courses

We held a "Level 1 Coaching Ireland" Snooker Education Course in the SBI HQ Academy of Excellence in Carlow to qualify two new SBI Level 1 coaches John Tobin from Trim and Jessie Hegarty from Bantry in Cork on the **16th & 17th of July**

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/07/19/new-level-1-sbi-coaches-qualify-2/>

We will also hold a "Level 1 Coaching Ireland" Snooker Education Course to qualify new SBI Level 1 coaches on the **8th & 9th of July** to qualify new SBI Level 1 coaches.

Intro Level 1 Coaching Courses

Snooker & Billiards Ireland held a one-day Intro Level Snooker Coaching Education Course to qualify new SBI Coach John Kehoe from Wexford on **Saturday the 27th of August**.

Snooker & Billiards Ireland held another Intro Level Snooker Coaching Education Course to qualify two new SBI Coaches David Joyce and Alan O Connor from Cork on **Saturday the 12th of November**.



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Snooker & Billiards Ireland held a one-day Intro Level Snooker Coaching Education Course to qualify new SBI Coaches on **Saturday the 1st of April** to qualify 5 coaches Tommy O Donoghue from Limerick, Stephen Dunne from Edenderry, Sean Wynne from Tullamore, Brian Cunningham from Cavan and Shane Gorman from Laois.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/08/30/intro-level-course-qualifies-new-coach/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/11/12/intro-level-course-qualifies-two-new-coaches/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2023/04/03/intro-level-course-qualifies-5-coaches/>



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European Week of Sport Cue Zone

As part of the 2022, European Week of Sport. Snooker & Billiards Ireland held a free snooker coaching Cue Zone in the SBI Academy of Excellence in Carlow on **Sunday the 25th of September**.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/09/25/sbi-hold-european-week-of-sport-cue-zone/>

Sport Ireland Coaching Meeting

On Friday the **28th of October**, Snooker & Billiards Ireland had a meeting with Deirdre Morrissey who is the PA to Director at Sport Ireland Coaching in the SBI HQ in Carlow.

Our National Snooker Coach & Development officer PJ Nolan met with Deirdre to discuss our current Syllabus of the SBI Coaching Program plus how to use the Sport Ireland Coaching database before and after courses.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/10/28/sport-ireland-coaching-meeting/>



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SBI Hold Successful Development Days

Snooker & Billiards Ireland (SBI) held another successful National Junior Snooker & Billiards Developmental Day on **Saturday the 17th of December** in the SBI HQ Academy of Excellence in Carlow.

Snooker & Billiards Ireland (SBI) held a free National Junior Snooker Developmental Day in the SBI HQ Academy of Excellence in Carlow on **Sunday the 27th of February**.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/12/18/sbi-hold-a-succesful-development-day/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/03/01/sbi-junior-development-day-held/>

Ballinasloe SC Coaching

SBI National Snooker Coach PJ Nolan travelled to Ballinasloe Snooker Club in Co Galway on **Friday the 9th of December** to hold a Junior Development Snooker Coaching session.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/12/10/ballinasloe-sc-coaching-with-pj-2/>



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Newbridge CYMS Coaching

On Thursday the 24th of November our SBI National Snooker Coach PJ Nolan returned to Newbridge CYMS in Co Kildare to hold another Club Coaching Session for their members.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/11/27/newbridge-cyms-coaching-with-pj-4/>

Dungarvan SC Coaching

Friday the 25th of November, SBI National Coach PJ Nolan travelled to Dungarvan SC in Co Waterford to hold a Club Snooker Coaching Session for their members.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/11/27/dungarvan-sc-coaching-with-pj/>



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Summer Camp

Snooker & Billiards Ireland held a very successful Summer Camp in the SBI HQ in Carlow on **Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th of July** with our National Coach PJ Nolan.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/08/01/sbi-hold-succesful-summer-camp/>

Coach of the Year

Snooker & Billiards Ireland announced the 2023 SBI Coach of the year Award went to Tony Seymour from Nenagh SC. National Coach PJ Nolan thanked Tony for all his work on developing the juniors in Nenagh SC in Co. Tipperary.

International Training Camps

SBI held training Snooker Camps for every International Event in the SBI HQ in Carlow with our National Coach.

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/10/30/sbi-international-training-day-2-held/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/10/23/sbi-international-training-day-1-held/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2022/07/26/sbi-hold-international-training-weekend/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2023/01/16/sbi-hold-ebbsa-training-day-2/>

<https://sbireland.ie/2023/03/04/sbi-hold-final-ebbsa-training-day/>



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Thank You

As National Coach and Development officer it is a great honour to continue working for the Association. I will continue to do everything I can to assist Snooker & Billiards Ireland to grow the game all around Ireland.

I would like to thank all the Clubs and Coaches on helping us to have another great season.

It will be another exciting season ahead with SBI coaching with planned camps and developmental days so keep an eye on our web site.

Here is a link to find all the latest Coaching news on our web site

<https://sbireland.ie/category/features/coaching/>

Here is a link to all Intro Level Coaches

<https://sbireland.ie/2019/03/24/introduction-level-coaches/>

Here is a link to all Level 1 Coaches

<https://sbireland.ie/2019/03/24/level-1-coaches/>



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If anyone is interested in becoming a coach or want to receive coaching they should email info@sbireland.ie or pjcoach147@hotmail.com

Finally, I would like to congratulate Tony Seymour on winning SBI Coach of the year award for 2023.

Well Deserved!!!

All the best

PJ Nolan

PJ Nolan SBI National Coach & Developmental Officer



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2022 – 2023 Social Media Report by PJ Nolan National Snooker Coach

Hi Everyone

In 2022-2023 SBI created a number of new social media SBI pages on various platforms to promote and inform our members of upcoming news and events we were holding.

This is something we hope to improve on in 2023-2024 season

Facebook - **SB Ireland** - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083801054020>

Instagram - **sbimedia147** - <https://www.instagram.com/sbimedia147/?hl=en>

Tik Tok - **sbireland**- <https://www.tiktok.com/@sbireland?lang=en>

Twitter - **SBI Ireland** : <https://twitter.com/SBIMedia147>

We also have Snapchat page along with youtube.



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Our Web Site continues to be our No.1 promotion platform. This web site is updated daily with all the news and upcoming events throughout the season – www.sbireland.ie

Streaming

SBI have also improved our streaming of matches in the HQ in Carlow with a state of the art system but we also got SnookerON who are a well-known streaming company to stream matches in clubs that are holding ranking events around Ireland.

YouTube - **Snooker & Billiards Ireland** - <https://www.youtube.com/@snookerbilliardsireland/streams>

SnookerON - **Snooker & Billiards Ireland** - <https://snookeron.com/clubs/?club=95>

All our membership, Entering Events, Payment and Rankings are being done through our online system that we created last year. This has been very successful and helped us run the events.

During the year RTE Nationwide TV Show made a program about official opening of the HQ with Ken Doherty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55qutiZW8NA&t=11s>

All the best *PJ Nolan* National Snooker Coach





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€30.00 for a half day of 4hrs

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Snooker & Billiards Ireland have now produced a video explaining HOW TO REGISTER AS A SBI MEMBER VIDEO. Only members can enter the online system to enter an official event. Once you complete the registration form, you can then choose an event by logging in with your email address and password you created.



Snooker & Billiards Ireland have created a SUPPORT FORM FOR the ONLINE SYSTEM for any member who is having issues with their registration or entering events. All fields need to be completed by the member and screen shots submitted to explain the issues to I.T. company to help solve the problem for our members



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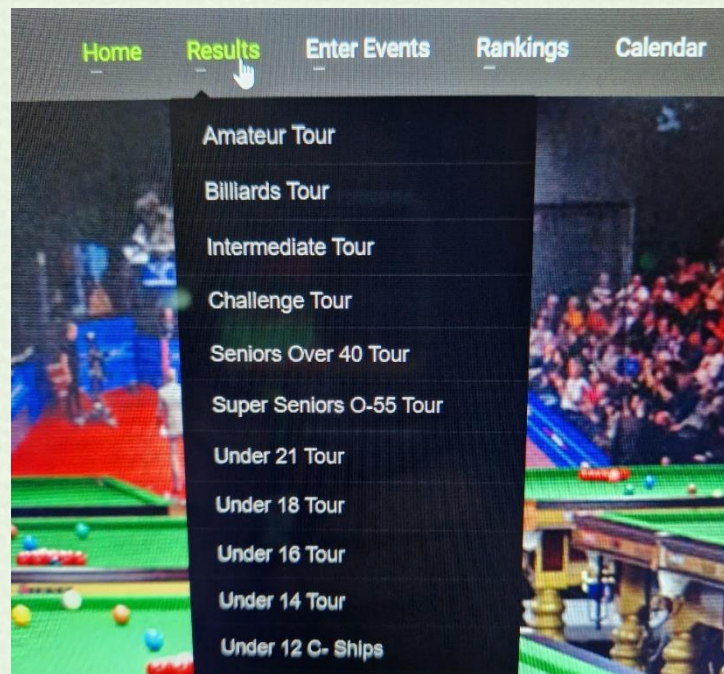
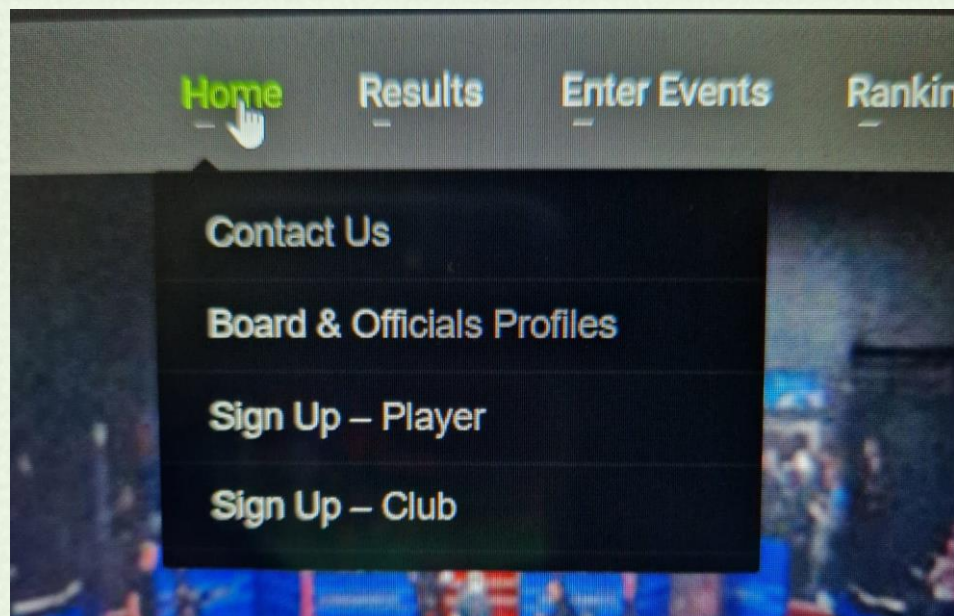
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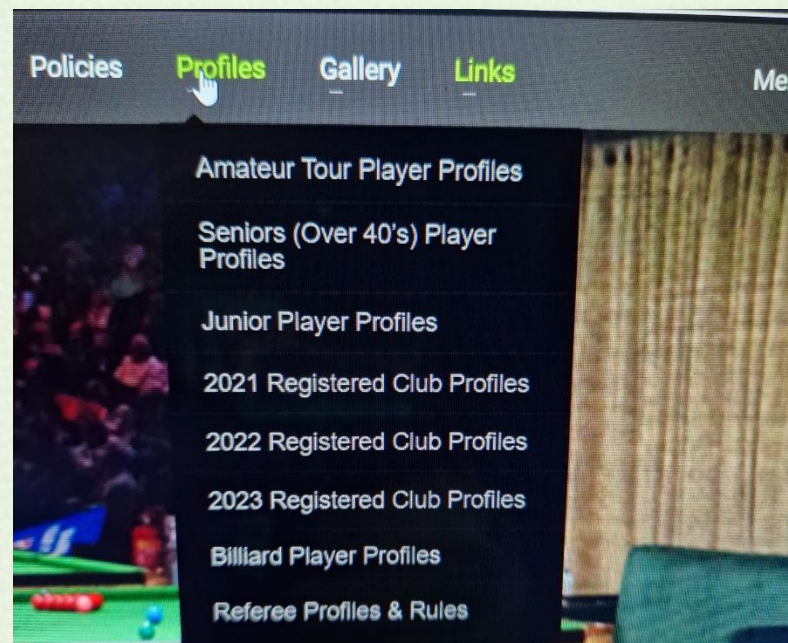
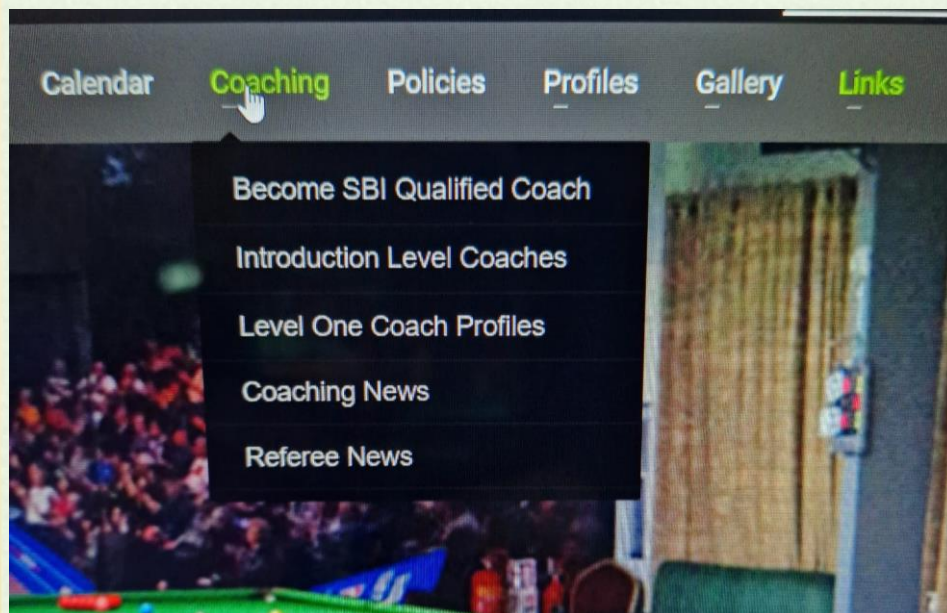
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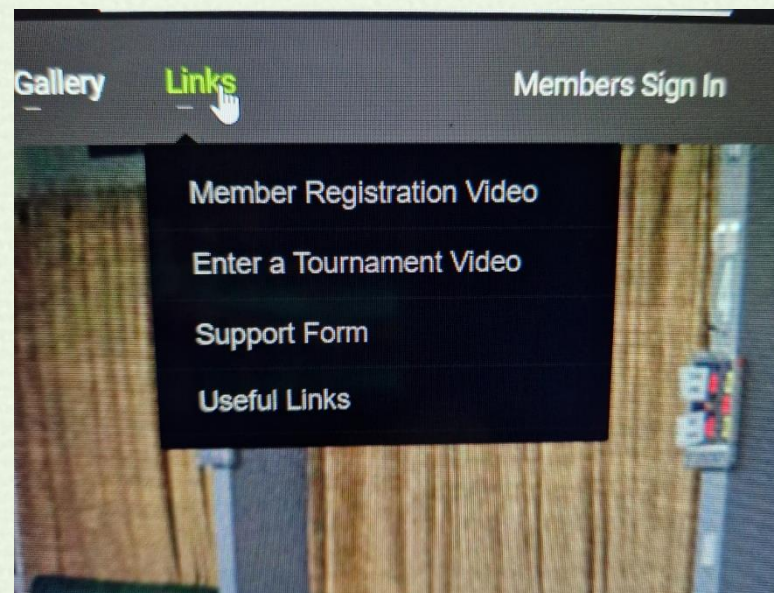
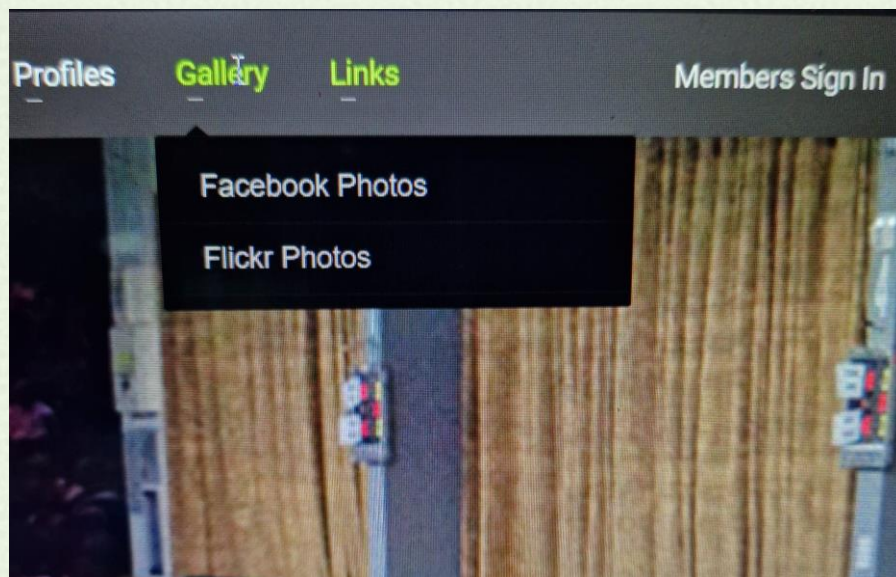
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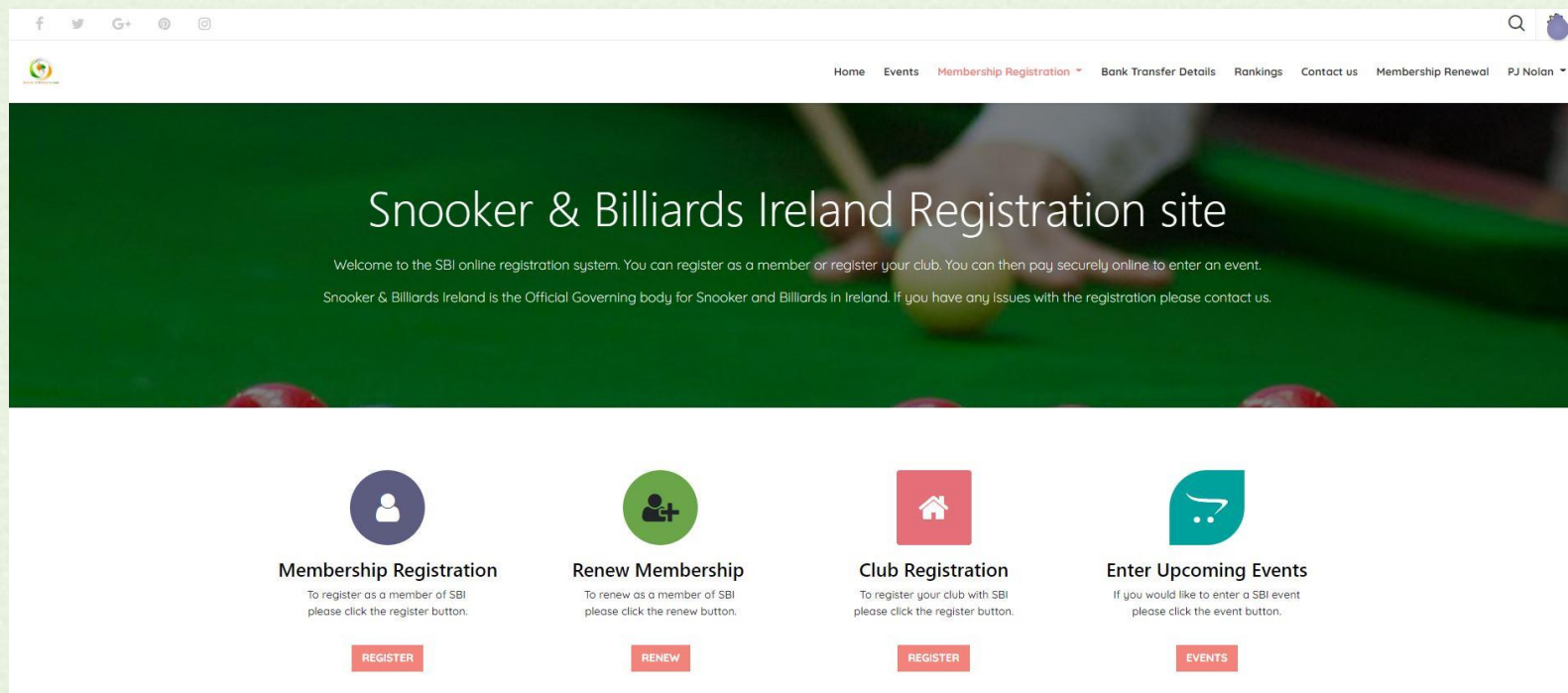
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Dan Ryan 3		Dan Ryan 0		
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Aaron Donnelly 3		Aaron Donnelly 2		
BYE 0		Max Kennedy 3		
10:00 Ben du Bois 1		10:00		
Max Kennedy 3		Max Kennedy 1		
10:00 David Farrelly 3		David Farrelly 3		
Davy Hickey 0				
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2	Jack O'Brien	St Johns Limerick	200	19	75	9	75	7									50	3
3	David Farrelly	Celbridge Snooker Club	185	17	60	6	50	3									75	8
4	Joe Shannon	Longford	170	15	60	6	50	3									60	6
5	Ben du Bois	Eglinton snooker club	140	6	50	3	50	3									40	0
6	Davy Hickey	Youghal CYMS	130	3	50	3	40	0									40	0
7	Max Kennedy	Hotshots Galway	120	9			60	6									60	3
8	Leone Crowley	Crucible Cork	100	11													100	11

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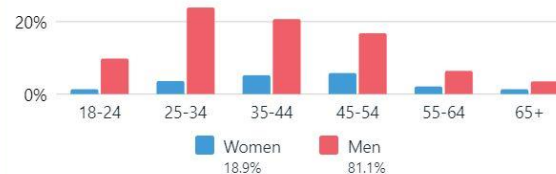


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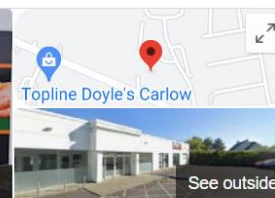
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Streaming devices: 2
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Total saved matches: 5

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Live at Snooker & Billiards Ireland

- No live snooker matches at the moment.

Recent matches by Snooker & Billiards Ireland

March 25th, 2023 (4)

Table 2 17:54 - 19:55 CET

ROSS BULMAN	BEST OF 1 (7) 4	PHILLY BROWNE
Highest Break: 23	MATCH DETAILS	Highest Break: 61 - Half-Century ★

Table 2 15:45 - 17:02 CET

MARK TUIE	BEST OF 0 (5) 3	BREADAN O DONOGHUE
Highest Break: 38	MATCH DETAILS	Highest Break: 67 - Half-Century ★

Table 2 14:25 - 15:43 CET

RICHIE FLYNN	BEST OF 3 (5) 0	CHARLIE CRONIN
Highest Break: 21	MATCH DETAILS	Highest Break: 5

Table 2 13:05 - 14:19 CET

BRENDAN O DONOGHUE	BEST OF 3 (5) 0	TARAS KOTENKO
Highest Break: 24	MATCH DETAILS	Highest Break: 7

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The Governance Code for Sport ("the Code") builds on the work of the Code of Practice for Good Governance of Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland.

The Government's National Sports Policy, published in July 2018, tasks Sport Ireland with overseeing a process whereby all National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs) adopt the Code by the end of 2021.

The Code of Practice for Good Governance of Community, Voluntary and Charitable (CVC) Organisations in Ireland was a voluntary code provided free to all boards/committees/executives of not-for-profit groups to encourage them to check themselves against best practice in the management of their affairs.

<https://www.sportireland.ie/governance-code/about-the-code>



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The plan will set out to achieve all of its goals over the next five years. SBI will use six key components for Snooker & Billiards to focus on.

- Volunteers
- Club Promotion
- Participation
- Elite Performance
- Marketing / Communications
- Sponsorship



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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Snooker & Billiards Ireland is the National Governing body for Snooker and Billiards in the Republic of Ireland

Head office is located in Snooker HQ
Unit 8, Barrow Valley Retail Park, Carlow
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The Control Council is elected each year at the AGM and is made up of 12 board members.

The Control Council meets at least six times a year.

President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Vice chairman of the control Council form the executive committee who meet at least 10 times per year

AGM

RIBSA Ltd SBI Control Council

Sub Committees

TOURNAMENTS	REFEREES	COACHING	FINANCE
CLUBS	DISCIPLINE	LADIES	MEMBERS

Regional Associations

Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Connacht
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Staff

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It is with great excitement that SBI can formally announce that there will be the first ever world disability event in Ireland.

Directed by WDBS our academy and centre of excellence will see players from around the world participate in 8 categories including wheelchair, amputee and visual among others.

SBI's continued drive for inclusion in our sport continues with the first ever Irish disability championships in June. This will see players from around the country strive for perfection at challenge, intermediate and amateur level.

Dylan Rees continues to be the only Irish representative on the world tour and remains undefeated in all events entered thus far. Securing the British Open title for the second year in a row.

Hopefully participation will improve going forward as awareness grows. If anyone knows of any player that plays with an impairment or disability, then please contact SBI info@sbireland.ie.

Kind regards
Dylan Rees
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CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

MONTH	DATE		TOURNAMENT / EVENT	VENUE	TOURNAMENT TD
JULY	1	2	CELTIC CHALLENGE JUNIOR CHALLENGE	SBI HQ CARLOW	PJ NOLAN
	7	16	IBSF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	KSA	JIM LEACY
	8	9	SBI LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE	SBI HQ CARLOW	PJ NOLAN
	15	16	SBI CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	SBI HQ CARLOW	SHANE MASON
	22	23	HOME INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WEEKEND WITH PJ AND MIND COACH	SBI HQ CARLOW	PJ NOLAN
	28	30	WDBS IRISH OPEN DISABILITY EVENT	SBI HQ CARLOW	DYLAN REES
	4	11	HIBSF HOME INTERNATIONALS	LEEDS	PJ NOLAN
	5	6			
	12	13			

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4.c). The Control Council shall consist of a maximum of fourteen (14) persons; President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and nine (9) ordinary members; who shall be elected with the above mentioned Officers. The immediate past President shall be deemed ex officio to be a member of the Control Council for the year succeeding his year in office.

Motion proposed by

Jim Leacy

Seconded by Neil Shanahan



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5f) A copy of the Agenda, Secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts shall be issued to each Delegate on the day/night of the Annual General Meeting. Any Delegate wishing to have the Reports in advance may do so by forwarding either an email or a stamped addressed envelope to the Honorary Secretary. Such reports to be available not later than seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting

Motion proposed by

Jim Leacy

Seconded by Neil Shanahan



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Officer Nominations

In accordance with amendment 5 (j) to the constitution passed at 2015 AGM

5.(j) Nominations for an officer position on the SBI committee must be received in writing by the Secretary 14 days before the AGM.

- i. 1. The nomination must be submitted by a member of SBI.
- ii. 2. The person being nominated must be a member of SBI.
- iii. 3. A seconding of the nomination must also be received from another SBI member in writing 14 days in advance of the AGM.
- iv. 4. The member being nominated must indicate in writing 14 days in advance of the AGM their willingness to stand for election.

The following Officer nominations and seconding's have been received:



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Thank you for attending this year's AGM and SBI hope to see you all again soon

Jim Leacy

Jim Leacy: President



Dylan Rees

Dylan Rees: Chairman