



Welcome to the SPA's new Newsletter!

This is will be coming out to you on a monthly basis and is a great way of keeping up to date with all the information on black ball pool in Scotland.

Any contributions, reports, news or gossip that anyone wants to put forward to submission in this newsletter will be greatly received So get your thinking caps on!!!

Appointments

SPA's Executive Team

During the AGM at the beginning of January there were a couple of changes to your Exec team. We welcome Paul Preston as Vice Chairman. This is a new role within the SPA and Paul will take over the Chairman's responsibly whilst Mick McGoldrick takes a leave of absence. Another great addition to the team is Alan Maxwell who is the new minutes secretary.

Exec Team

- Mick McGoldrick – Chairman
- Paul Preston – Vice Chairman
- David Duncan – Secretary
- Yvonne Ewing – Tournament Director
- Helen Sole – Treasurer
- Alan Maxwell – Minutes Secretary

Website

The SPA has recently appointed John Burns (or JB on the site) to run the Webteam and also revamp the scottishpool.com site.

John's in the process of finalising a team to help to this and also to moderate the site.

You'll start to see changes happening on the site shortly.

Roving Reporter!

The SPA appointed a new 'Roving Reporter' to report on all SPA events – Stevie Brown (Dosser on the site)

These reports will be added both to the newsletter and also to the website.

Tournaments

Learning Disabilities

The next Learning Disabilities tournament is on **Saturday the 12th February** at Hustlers in Rosyth.

Entry fee is £3.00, payable on the day and registration is 11am.

Under 21 (23), Youth and Junior Tour Grand Final

The Tour Grand Final took place recently at the Corner Pocket in Falkirk.

Steven Campbell won the Under 21s narrowly beating Ryan Davie. Lee Creighton also won the Juniors event, beating Liam McPherson 4-2.

There was also a plate final and Mark Williams won 2-0 over Kal Wilson.

The next event is on Saturday 5th February at Hustlers in Rosyth.

Also the age range has now been increased from Under 21 to Under 23. Anyone who is interested in entering this tour please contact David Riggins on 07969 394616 or poolhootshot@msn.com

Super 11s Championship (A) Event – 18th – 20th March 2011, Craig Tara, Ayr

The group draws have been completed for the above event –

Group A Central Ayrshire A Bannockburn A Doon Valley A Whitburn A Kilsyth A East Kilbride B1	Group B Inverness A Falkirk A Ayr & District B1 Dunfermline A East Fife A Kilsyth B1	Group C Arbroath A Clydesdale A Glasgow A Paisley A Mid Lothian A Ayr & District A	Group D East Ayrshire A Whitburn B1 Edinburgh Ass A Livingston A Avondale A Uddingston B1
Group E Glasgow B1 Dumfries A Dunfermline B1 Falkirk B1 Motherwell A Levenmouth A	Group F Clackmannan A Livingston B1 Paisley B1 Motherwell B1 Clackmannan B1 Berwick B1	Group G Inverness B1 Monklands B1 Arbroath B1 Uddingston A Berwick A Edinburgh Ass B1	Group H Mid Lothian B1 East Kilbride A Monklands A Coatbridge A Cent. Ayrshire B1 Wst Dumbarton A

Timed draws for the Friday evening will be issued nearer the time – please keep an eye out on www.scottishpool.com for more information

Super 11s Challenge (B) Event – 25th-27th February 2011, Pettycur Bay, Fife

The group draws have been completed for the above event –

GROUP ONE Falkirk B3 Motherwell B3 Bannockburn East Kilbride B2 Motherwell B2 Dunfermline B4 East Fife B1 Clackmannan B2	GROUP TWO Paisley B2 Motherwell B4 Dumfries B1 Dunfermline B3 Kilsyth B2 East Fife B2 Avondale B1 Glasgow B3	GROUP THREE Falkirk B2 ?? Uddingston B2 Arbroath B3 Prestonpans Ladies Edinburgh PA B2 Arbroath B2	GROUP FOUR Cent Ayrshire B2 Dumfries B2 Dunfermline B2 Edinburgh PA B3 Forfar Glasgow B2 Glasgow B4 Monklands B2
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Again timed draws will be issued for the Friday night before the event on www.scottishpool.com.

Please note that there is still a space for this event should any area wish to put in a further team. Please contact Helen Sole on 07595 219167 or helensole@ymail.com. The entry fee is £100.00 per team and then £36.00 per player.

Scottish Singles 2010

The postponed 2010 Scottish Singles is due to take place on the 19th & 20th February 2011 at Hustlers in Rosyth. The event this year has kindly been sponsored by Nuts Poker.

If you have entered, please see www.scottishpool.com for the draw details.

Good luck to all players and an update will be issued in the next edition.

Scottish Ladies Tour

Tour Event 1 – 26th March, 2011
Tour Event 2 – 21st May, 2011
Tour Event 3 – 30th July, 2011
Tour Event 4 – 29th October, 2011
Tour Event 5 – 3rd December, 2011
- NO A CATEGORY PLAYERS –
additional entry fee is £10.00.

Entry for the 2011 Scottish ladies tour will remain at £85.00. This is broken down as follows:-
Registration fee: £ 25.00
Events 1-4 (£15 per event): £ 60.00
TOTAL COST: £ 85.00

Please contact Yvonne Ewing for further details at
Yvonne_227@msn.com

MaxLee Pool Tour

The MaxLee Pool Tour gets underway on the 6th February. Two divisions of 64 players each, the Masters division has all the top player in Scotland competing and first event is being held in the Corner Pocket. The Challenge division has the remaining 64 players and gives everyone a chance of reaching prize money stages and this division will be held in Cue Here.

Events are currently full but there will be reserve places becoming available. Please contact **Maxi** on the Scottish site for details.

South of Scotland Pool Championship

Over 100 players from Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, Newton Stewart, Castle Douglas, Annan and Gretna took part. There were 3 singles events for people to choose to play in the Men's singles, over 40's seniors and under 21's. There was also a 4 Man team competition which with 16 teams entered was the highlight of the weekend. The weekend had a total prize fund of £1800 with all entry money being paid out.

This event couldn't have been held without the help of the Scottish Pool Association who supplied the 8 tables, promoter Ross McInnes, John Reid the head referee, Richard Johnstone who has done hours of work to get entries in and help make the weekend the success it was and to Locharbriggs Social Club who allowed us to stage this wonderful event.

Also a special mention has to go to R C Dalgleish Agricultural Engineers who generously added £500 to the overall entries for the competition.

Results from the weekend were;

- Men's Singles – **Paul Harkness** beating Barry Smith 6-2.
- Under 21s – **Liam McPherson** just edging over Robbie McKenzie 4-3
- Seniors – **Richard Johnstone** beating Alan Dent 6-2
- 4 Man Team Event – **The Moffs** edged a 4-3 win over Team Gretna

Thank you to everyone who took part and also everyone who put their time and effort into making the event such as success.

2010 Scottish Ladies & Seniors Singles

Over the weekend of the 29th/30th January the Ladies and Seniors Scottish Singles took place at Hustlers in Rosyth.

Scottish Seniors Singles – Congratulations goes to **Pat Holtz** who became the 2010 Scottish Seniors Champion after an 8-5 win over Ross McInnes. Well played Pat and commiserations to Ross.

Scottish Ladies Singles - also congratulations goes to **Linda Gillies** who became the 2010 Scottish Ladies Singles Champion after an 8-2 win over Yvonne Ewing. Well played Linda and commiserations to Yvonne.

2011 Tournament Dates & Entry Information

Below is a list of tournaments in 2011 with dates of the finals weekends, venues, dates when the entry fees are due etc.

Willie McCartney (Grassroots) 2011

Entries to be submitted by 6th March 2011

Fees to be received by 6th March 2011

Fee is £5.00 per entry

Finals date is the 28th & 29th May 2011 at Corner Pocket, Falkirk

Scottish Singles 2011

Entries to be submitted by 3rd July 2011

Fees to be received by 3rd July 2011

Fee is £5.00 per entry

Finals date is the 5th & 6th November 2011 – Venue TBC

Scottish Doubles 2011

Entries to be submitted by 3rd July 2011

Fees to be received by 3rd July 2011

Fee is £10.00 per entry

Finals date is the 8th & 9th October 2011 at The Chieftain Hotel, Inverness

Super 15s 2011 - Both Championship (A) and Challenge (B) Events

Entries to be submitted by 3rd July 2011 along with £200.00 Team Entry Fee

Player Entry Fees & Extra accommodation bookings to be received by 4th September 2011

Player Entry Fee is £36.00 per person; extra accommodation is £144 per unit

Event date is the 18th to 20th November 2011 at Craig Tara, Ayr for the Championship Event and 25th to 27th November 2011 for the Challenge Event at Pettycur Bay, Fife

Five Person Team 2011

Entries to be submitted by 3rd July 2011

Fees and accommodation to be received by 4th September 2011

Fee is £50.00 per team

Accommodation is £36.00 per person

Finals date is the 29th & 30th October 2011 at Pettycur Bay, Fife

Individual Membership 2012

Entries to be submitted by 6th November 2011

Fees to be received by 6th November 2011

Fee is £25.00 per entry

IM 1 – Hustlers, Rosyth - April 16/17th

IM 2 - Chieftain Hotel, Inverness - June 25/26th

IM 3 - Cue Here, Airdrie - August 27/28th

IM 4 - Venue TBC - September 24/25th

IM 5 - Venue TBC - October 22/23rd

Super 11s 2012 - Both Championship (A) and Challenge (B) Events

Entries to be submitted by 4th September along with £100.00 Team Entry Fee

Player Entry Fees & Extra accommodation bookings to be received by 1st February 2012
(Please note that this is not a meeting date and reps will need to ensure that funds are sent to Helen Sole directly or paid at the AGM!)

Player Entry Fee is £36.00 per person; extra accommodation is £144 per unit

Event dates for 2012 to be confirmed closer to the time

News

Congratulations!!!!

The SPA would like to wish Chris Slack and his wife Nicola best wishes and congratulations on the birth of their daughter Olivia.



Here's hoping that she takes after her mother!

New Leagues

The SPA has had the pleasure in adding some new leagues to its affiliation over the last couple of months.

East Ayrshire, Cumbernauld, Prestonpans, Forfar and Perth.

We'd like to welcome them to our organisation and hope they enjoy the events we put on.

Central Ayrshire has also just had a website created by the SPA's new resident techie John Burns Check it out.

www.eastayr.scottishpool.com

Retirement Erlend Barlas was the SPA's treasurer for 25 years and recently retired. The SPA would like to thank him for his dedication. Now he has more time for holidays and topping up that tan!

Information Request

Included within this email is a form which the SPA would like completed by all the leagues.

We are trying to improve the SPA's communication and we need to make sure that we have all the contact details for your league. If you have a website, we are updating the links on the Scottish site and we will include it.

We are also trying to establish how many players are now affiliated within the SPA so please can you fill in the venues your areas play out of and roughly the amount of players.

Completed forms can be emailed to SPADevelopment@hotmail.co.uk

Contributions

Any contributions to this Newsletter would be gratefully received. Birthday wishes, Tournament results, something which has happened within your league.

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