

2010 Canterbury Handicap Snooker

FINAL Papanui Club May 22nd

John Gower, Tom Ng, Dylan Engebretsen, Lawrence Seinafo, Kyri Michaelides, Deane Waretini, Jonathon Crum, Mark Saggars, Karen Marsters, Nathan Marshall

The Handicap Snooker Final was a one sided affair with John Gower not losing a frame in winning seven straight matches 2-0 to take out the event and what turned out to be \$420-00 first prize, possibly the biggest in Canterbury Snooker.

The event was unique in that the Finals Day was 2 life and that the winner could win both 1st and 2nd prizes. The Plight was also interesting in that a King of the Table concept took place whereas freshly knocked out players would take on



the King of the Table, in this case Deane Waretini who was able to win 3 matches after he was eliminated to win the Plight.

The main event started with early first round losers being Jonathon Crum, Mark Saggars, Dylan Engebretsen, Kyri Michaelides, Lawrence Seinafo and Karen Marsters.

This put these players under pressure immediately.

The first round of section 2 saw 4 eliminations with self proclaimed favourite Engebretsen crashing out badly to Deane Waretini and Karen Marsters ending Jonathon Crum from Ashburton hopes.

Lawrence ended Kyri's chances in a very tight match and John Gower potted an improbable blue and beautifully cued tough pink in sequence to end Mark Saggars chances prematurely.

Other matches saw Deane beat Nathan to reduce him to one life.

At this stage(essentially ¼ finals) there were 6 players remaining with John Gower and Deane Waretini both having two lives left.

John Gower, Deane Waretini, Nathan Marshall, Karen Marsters, Lawrence Seinafo and defending champion Tom Ng.

This next round saw Karen and Lawrence clash with Karen taking the first frame and losing two close frames to go down 2-1 and leave the event.

Nathan and Tom went head to head and once again Nathan won the first frame before losing the next 2 to Tom.

In a quirk of the draw John Gower and Deane Waretini would have to clash twice in a row, once from either side of the draw...

The first clash saw John win the first frame well enough and in control of the second before making an expensive error and leaving Waretini on around the pink spot with many reds available. Waretini extinguished Gowers 30 point lead with a nicely put together tournament high 35 before missing the 2nd to last red and leaving Gower a difficult shot which he was able to pot, get on the pink and make a 23 break himself.

Gower was able to control the frame from there and hand Deane his first loss.

The same two players changed tables and clashed again with a similar result, 2-0 to John Gower.

Nothing remarkable, Gower just accumulating points from errors and the odd very nice pot.

This put John Gower into both semi finals. And only 3 players left, John, Tom and Lawrence.

Semi 1 saw John play Tom with the first frame being very tight in regards to reds and colours being tied up but Gower was able to build up a lead and lead throughout for a fairly easy frame victory.

Frame 2 was going to plan for Gower and he was able to pot a few reds with colours and eventually accumulated a 40 point lead with about 45 points on the table.

At this point Tom sparked up as expected and nailed a couple of very good pots, got a couple of scoring snookers and potted all the balls up to the colours. Ng then got onto the yellow potted it, got the green as well and at this point he only needed up to the pink to win which looked a chance. He missed the brown and a few shots from each player ensued before Ng made the fatal error and John Gower was able to clinically pot brown, blue and pink in one go for the win and into the Final where there was every possibility that he would be playing against himself!!

Next match was Semi 2 with John G vs Lawrence Seinafo with Lawrence needing a win to get into the final and the cash.

Lawrence with a 9 point start was able to score two blacks after a poor safety from Gower 1st shot up to lead 25-0.

However Gower pulled off a trademark starting red a short time later and turned it into a 21 break.

Very next turn at the table was a 27 break, once again created out of very little. The remainder of the frame was a potting exhibition with Gower raking up about 100 points.

Frame 2 was much tighter with the scores getting to 30-30 with 5 reds left.

Gower scored next before a burst from Lawrence which got the score to 40-38 in favour of Lawrence with green up remaining.

Lawrence did have a major chance to build a handy lead when going into the colours when Gower stacked a red to give him an easy brown and seemingly easy posi on the handily placed green and yellow and all the rest on their spots or nearby.

However he overscrewed the brown, had to play a tough safety and left Gower a tough yellow which he got. 40-38 advantage Lawrence.

Lawrence potted an easy-ish green, got nice posi on the brown, once again potted to go to a 47-38 lead.

During a safety battle that followed Lawrence put the black right over the green pocket, which meant that blue ball didn't matter, pink to win.

10 minutes of safety followed with Gower constantly hitting the blue very close to the black before Lawrence fouled to give Gower 7 point for 47-45.

Inexplicably the black stayed up so that the blue wasn't pottable by Gower when perhaps the error should have been Lawrences last shot.

Gower rolled down to the blue and rolled behind it just enough to leave Lawrence a very tough shot into the middle.

Lawrence showed why he had progressed to this stage and forced the blue into the middle and ran down the rail enough to have a legitimate attempt on the pink albeit tough.

Gower looked in mortal danger of losing his perfect record.

Seinafo kept his position well, cued the ball but was out a fraction and jawed at mid pace for the ball to clear the pocket and hang about 4 inches above the black spot with the cueball about 12 inches in from the middle pocket, 12 inches towards the blackspot. Probably a 70/30 shot, maybe 50/50 under pressure.

Gower stroked it and the pink went in nicely for the 2010 Handicap Snooker title, without losing a frame.

Congratulations to John Gower.

Leg 3 Cuthberts Green April 24th

John Gower, Tom Ng, Dylan Engebretsen, Lawrence Seinafo, Bill Lloyd, Bill Andrews, Kyri Michaelides, Deane Waretini, Jonathon Crum, Mark Saggars, Karen Marsters

The Handicap Snooker Leg 3 was well supported with 11 of the 12 eligible players turning up.

There were 2 sections with Tom Ng and Dylan Engebretsen progressing from section 1 and Deane Waretini and Mark Saggars coming through section 2 with a number of wins in the best of 2 format.

In the first semi Dylan easily overcame Mark Saggars 1-0 with Deane Waretini taking care of Tom Ng in the other semi.

The best of 1 final was looking decidedly one- sided with Deane having a very nice points cushion going into the colours until he played a shot which cost him his comfortable lead.

Dylan showed his fighting qualities to feed off the error with a scoring snooker, a free ball and another colour and the opportunity to now clear up to the pink.

However he missed the brown upon which time it came down to ball by ball with Deane able to pot a couple of them to win the Leg 3 Final and make Dylan the bridesmaid for all 3 of the events.

The event high break was 42 by Dylan Engebretsen.

The final will be held at Papanui WMC Saturday May 22 with a 1030am start.

All participants qualified.

Leg 2 Richmond WMC March 28th

John Gower, Tom Ng, Dylan Engebretsen, Lawrence Seinafo, Bill Lloyd, Bill Andrews, Kyri Michaelides, Deane Waretini, Jonathon Crum

The Handicap Snooker Leg 2 held at Richmond WMC this weekend gone has resulted in a repeat of Leg 1 with Bill Lloyd of Hornby beating Dylan Engebretsen of Woolston 1-0 in the final.

New players who joined on the day were Deane Waretini, Kyri Michaelides and Jonathan Crum who travelled from Ashburton to play.

The event high break was 44 by Dylan Engebretsen.

Leg 1 Cuthberts Green Feb 28th

Mark Saggars, Nathan Marshall, John Gower, Tom Ng, Dylan Engebretsen, Karen Marsters, Lawrence Seinafo, Bill Lloyd, Bill Andrews.

Bill Lloyd of Hornby has beaten Dylan Engebretsen of Woolston 2-0 to win Leg 1 of the Handicap Snooker held at Cuthberts Green this weekend.

Lloyd beat Karen Marsters of Richmond 1-0 in Ssemi 1 and Engebretsen beat Bill Andrews of Richmond 1-0 in semi 2.

The event high break was 70 by Engebretsen.