

Canterbury Handicap Snooker Final**Papanui Club****23.May.2009**

Tom Ng has beaten Paul Lewis to win the Canterbury Handicap Snooker for 2009, held today (May 23) at the Papanui Club.

In a best of 3 final Tom (start of 12 points) won the first frame fairly convincingly and had 2 shots on the black to win in frame 2 before stacking the black over the middle to allow Paul back into the final.

In the deciding frame Tom led all the way and had Paul needing snookers on the brown. When Tom got a chance on the brown he potted it and more of the colours to win the final and take home the \$200.00 first and 2009 title.

Canterbury Handicap Snooker - Leg 3**Richmond Club****26.Apr.2009**

Frank Dwyer, last years overall winner has taken out Leg 3 played at Richmond Club this Sunday gone.

Frank, playing on a reduced handicap stepped up with a number of small to medium breaks during the days play to meet Karen Marsters in the final which he won 2-1.

Frank gave Karen a 24 start and it was a close run thing as Karen jawed the pink in the deciding frame to allow Frank to clear the last two balls and win the match.

The players to progress to the final May 23 at Papanui Club are:

Paul Lewis	Even
John Gower	12
Tom Ng	12
Frank Dwyer	12
Karen Marsters	42

Canterbury Handicap Snooker - Leg 2**Woolston Club****21.Mar.2009**

Tom Ng has taken leg 2 of the handicap snooker with a win in the final over Paul Lewis at Woolston Club on Saturday. In a topsy turvy final Tom prevailed after struggling through section play to just scrape into the semis where he had beaten fellow Papanui player Frank Dwyer. In the other semi Paul overcame the winner of the last months event Karen Marsters to meet Tom in the final.

Canterbury Handicap Snooker - Leg 1**Cuthberts Green****21.Feb.2009**

Congratulations to Karen Marsters (Richmond) who managed to win her first snooker tournament at her first attempt.

In a best of 1 final Karen, with a 50 point start managed to overcome Paul Lewis (Commerce), a highly ranked (nationally) local player and good break builder around the black spot.

Paul, starting on a handicap of Even was the event top seed and got through to the final after beating John Gower in the bottom semi-final.

Karen beat last year's over-all winner, Frank Dwyer in the first semi to make the final.

In what was a tiring and arduous day, after an off-season, Karen beat Paul convincingly in the final. Karen potted two early reds with a high scoring colour and the pressure was on Paul immediately. Paul potted a couple of reds but didn't score colours which added to the poor start.

More points were scored by both players and the memorable phrase of the day came from Paul when with 6 or more reds left he mused 'I almost need snookers already', which was quite true as he had failed to stop Karen from picking up points.

A couple of reds later Paul looked dead and buried as indeed he did then require snookers and all the colours with high scoring reds.

This is when things took a twist.

For some inexplicable reason Karen must have thought about winning because she completely missed the black, then gave away a further 6 points on the pink to perk Paul up just as a complete and comprehensive victory was in her grasp. Immediately after this episode Paul laid an attempted snooker, which put the white about 3 inches in front of the black on the pink side. Again Karen fouled and missed through a mis-cue to give Paul points and for a time there was more than a sniff for Paul.

The remaining reds disappeared with Karen taking one and going into the colours Paul needed 3 snookers, which as John Gower mused he should probably be able to achieve.

However Karen, who is a steady wee potter, as she was all day at this event, particularly long shots was able to make the crucial pots, which were not overly difficult but which she had every right to miss in her first final.

With Karen stringing a couple of the colours together Paul conceded and an arduous but retrospectively enjoyable day was at an end with a happy Karen Marsters deservedly winning her first title. Congratulations to Karen!!

Breaks

Paul Lewis	27,25
John Gower	28,29
Tom Ng	26

Next event Woolston Club Sunday March 22 entries are still open

John Gower