



## MAJOR DECISIONS FROM 2020 AGM AND BOARD MEETING

Saturday 28 November 2020

- The meeting noted with regret, and marked with a minute's silence, the passing of a number of members of the Billiards and Snooker community who made substantial contributions to the sport over many years:
  - Terry Collins (Tasmania)
  - Margot Taylor (Victoria)
  - Denis Coghlan (Victoria)
  - Peter Worth (NSW)
  - Bill Leggett (Tasmania)
  - Geoff Williams (NSW)
  
- Board Members for 2021 are:
  - Richard Allendorf (Qld)
  - Jenny Budd (NSW) – Women's Delegate
  - Paul Cosgriff (Vic)
  - Frank Dewens (SA) – President
  - Kurt Dunham (Vic) – Players' Delegate
  - Simon Fortune (Vic) – Secretary General & Players' Delegate
  - Barry Jenner (SA) – Public Officer
  - Mark O'Neill (ACT)
  - Alex Render (NSW) – Vice-President & Media Officer
  - Rex Swain (TAS)
  - Adam Wyard (WA) – Treasurer & IT Manager
  
- ABSC Life memberships were awarded to Mike Peachey (WA) and Ron Stecum (Victoria) for their enormous contributions to our sport over many decades. Awards will be presented at tournaments early in the new year.
- All referee registration fees paid in 2020 will be extended to 2021.
- In 2021, all juniors (Under 18) will be offered free entry to all ABSC-sanctioned events, including State Titles. The ABSC will not charge any sanction fees for juniors entering State events.

- Frank Dewens has arranged sponsorship from Quest Apartments Albury, who will offer 4 Double Apartments for the duration of any tournament run by the ABSC (JTC and Oceania in 2021). This will help defray the costs of accommodating referees for these events
- A supply of 6ft tables suitable for the rollout of the White-to-Black coaching program in schools will shortly land in Australia. Video of Queensland juniors Lily Meldrum and Jayden Dinga completing the White-to-Black drills will shortly be completed, and this will be made available to all States.

This program has been very successful overseas, particularly in the UK and China. The basic idea is that schools will purchase tables and accredited coaches from each State will provide training to teachers, who will then be able to run the program at their schools independently.

The ABSC is developing an implementation framework to help States with the rollout, and State associations are encouraged to identify schools, community groups or other organisations with juniors who would benefit from the skills and discipline provided by this program.

Details of the White-to-Black program are available at <https://absc.com.au/juniors>

- The ABSC will re-launch its annual fundraising program in the new year. The 200 Club will be renamed and revamped to make it more accessible, and an exciting new initiative centred on the National Ranking events will be launched in the second half of 2021. This will let the Billiards and Snooker community become more engaged with the tournaments and the top players around the country – and win some prizes at the same time.
- The ABSC has decided to introduce an accreditation scheme for Tournament Directors. The aim is to develop a pool of knowledgeable and experienced TD's in each State, who can expertly run both local and national events, and limit the need for interstate TD's to be used. The accreditation framework is being prepared by Adam Wyard, and will be rolled out during 2021.
- The Referees Sub-committee convened by Barry Jenner has been hard at work developing a new framework for the management of refereeing nationally. This will be finalised prior to Christmas and distributed to all referees early in the new year. It is hoped that copies of the new rule books from the UK will be available at this time as well.
- The World Anti-doping Agency has recently introduced the International Standard of Education. Under this, Sport Integrity Australia is required to ensure that certain groups of players and officials from NSO's such as the ABSC undertake a formal education program. This will cover anti-doping, match-fixing and illicit drug use, via a combination of on-line and face-to-face learning. Competitors in international, national and state events may have to complete a graduated set of modules, but this is in the early stages of planning and more details will be made available as they come to hand.