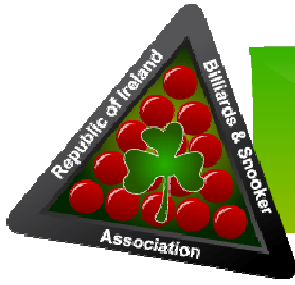




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Tuite Wins 2014 European Masters Snooker Championships



Ireland's Mark Tuite was crowned the 2014 European Masters Champion after he defeated Belgium's Alain Vandersteen in a thrilling final frame decider in Sofia, Bulgaria. Mark played great snooker throughout the tournament and produced some memorable performances from the knockout stages onwards, where he defeated Wayne Brown, Rune Kampe and especially Darren Morgan on his way to the final.



European Masters Champion : Mark Tuite

McCrudden Wins 2014 Irish Senior Snooker Title



Irish Senior Champion : Martin McCrudden

Martin McCrudden won the Irish Senior Championships in the Ivy Rooms in Carlow when he beat the defending Champion Michael Judge 7 frames to 3.

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Martin has won four Senior titles in 2001, 2010, 2011, and now in 2014 to become the first man in the modern era to win four RIBSA National Senior Snooker Titles.

Ireland Juniors Win 2014 Celtic Challenge 74 - 70

The RIBSA Junior team won the 2014 Celtic Challenge for the first time since 2009 in the Terry Griffiths Matchroom in Llanelli after a dramatic final session win over a talented young Welsh team.

This annual event features the best Irish and Welsh U-14 and U-16 players making this year's event one of the most dramatic in its history.

The Team Manager was Brendan Cooney and Team Coach was PJ Nolan. The RIBSA Referees were Tony Thorpe and Paddy Hanafin.



The Under 14 Team : Fergal Quinn, Sean Devenney, Aaron Goldrick, JJ Monaghan, Corey Ramsbottom, Ronan Whyte. **The Under 16 Team :** Charlie Sweeney, Jason O Hagan, Darragh Cusack, Shane Hourihane, Eamon Harkin, Ross Bulman

IBSF 6red & Team Championship - Egypt



Rodney Goggins from Ireland reached the Q-Final of the IBSF World 6red Championship in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Rodney had a string of fantastic victories in the knock outs but he was beaten by Pankaj Advani from India 5 frames to 4 in a high quality match.

Our Masters Dylan Rees & Keith Sheldreck also reached the Q-Final of the IBSF Championship losing to the eventual Champions Wales 3 frames to 1.

Well done to all the Irish Mens & Masters Team players Brendan O Donoghue & Rodney Goggins - Greg Casey & Karl Fitzpatrick, Stephen Merrigan & Brendan Thomas and Keith Sheldreck & Dylan Rees.

Ger Murray proved again to be regarded as one of the top International Snooker Referees when he was awarded the World IBSF 6red Snooker Final in Sharm El Sheikh.

Home Internationals - Leeds



The 2014 Home Internationals Snooker Championships will be held from the 16th – 22nd of August in the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds. The Masters & Seniors will play from the 16th -18th and the Juniors will play from the 19th – 21st.

2014 RIBSA National Championship Weekend



Intermediate Billiards



Masters



Under 19 Snooker



Under 12 Snooker



Intermediate Snooker Shield



Senior Snooker



Senior Billiards



Intermediate Snooker



Intermediate Billiards 150up



Under 16 Snooker



Senior Billiards 150up



Under 14 Snooker



Ladies Snooker

The Republic Of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association held their biggest ever Championship finals weekend in the history of the Association when 13 players were crowned National Snooker & Billiards Champions in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow.

Live Streaming was available on three tables this year and the action began on Friday 23rd with the last 16 of the Mens Senior Championship and finished on Sunday 25th with the last final of the Intermediate Billiards Championship.

This year RIBSA decided to hold the RIBSA AGM on the Saturday afternoon to allow everyone to watch the Senior Final after the AGM. This turned out to be a major success.

A new RIBSA committee was also voted in with Mark Tuite, Anthony Bonnar, Breda Doherty, Finbar Ruane and Brendan O'Donoghue being elected to council.

New RIBSA Chairman



John Doherty New RIBSA Chairman

During the AGM a new RIBSA Chairman was elected when John Doherty took over from Jim Leacy who stepped down after years of service.

There were two nominations for the position of secretary, Tony Thorpe and Peter O'Brien. After a vote Tony Thorpe was elected.

Outgoing President Eamon Kearns was elected unopposed, as was treasurer Ger Murray.



2014 EBSA Snooker Championship in Bulgaria



Well done to the RIBSA Irish team who consisted of Rodney Goggins, Jason Devaney, Josh Boileau, Tom Gleeson, Tom O Driscoll, Mark Tuite and Alen Matic. They competed in the 2014 EBSA Snooker Championship in the Ramada Hotel Sofia in Bulgaria.

All players qualified from their groups with superb snooker. From the knock out stages Mark Tuite was the Irish star of the event when he won the Masters title. Tom Gleeson and Tom O Driscoll reached the Q-Finals while Alen Matic reached the last 32 losing in an all Irish battle against Tom Gleeson.

All three RIBSA Men players lost in the last 16 when Rodney Goggins lost to Israel player Shachar Ruberg, Jason Devaney lost to John Whitty from England and Josh Boileau lost to Andreas Ploner from Austria. Neil Shanahan and Stephen Ryan refereed in the event

Josh reached IBSF World Under 21 Snooker Final in UAE



IBSF World U-21 Runner Up : Josh Boileau

Irishman Josh Boileau reached the final of the 2014 World IBSF Under 21 Championships in Al Fujairah, UAE.

In the final Josh played Iran's Hossein Vafae, who just the day before made a 147 break in his semi final.

2014 has been an outstanding season from the Irish 18 year old who reached the final of the Euros U-21 Championship in March. However his performance in the World U-21 was a higher level which included a string of matches against top class opponents.

RIBSA sent five Under 21 players to the Championship. The team consisted of Stephen Bateman, Daniel O Regan, Daniel Dempsey, David Cassidy and Josh Boileau.

All players qualified from their groups and as National Coach I am delighted with the overall performance of all the players as the standard is getting higher each season. Well done to all players and Ger Murray and Don O Donoghue who were refereeing in the Championship.