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## O' Donoghue Wins Irish Championships



Brendan O'Donoghue from Nenagh won the final of the 2015 Irish Senior Snooker Championships in the Ivy Rooms SC in Carlow.

In the final he beat Robert Murphy 7 frames to 2. The referee was Conor Doyle.



Brendan also won the High Break Trophy with a fantastic 142 break earlier in the Championships. It is the second time Brendan has won the title after he had won the Championship back in 2003.

## European Snooker Championships - Prague

The RIBSA Snooker team recently played in the 2015 European Snooker Championship for Ladies, Men and Masters in Prague in the Czech Republic.

Brendan O Donoghue headed the Irish Men and he is joined by Greg Casey and John O Sullivan.

This year we have two ladies playing with Ronda Sheldrick and Michelle French. Tom O Driscoll, Keith Sheldrick and Alen Matic competed in the Masters event.

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The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association held their biggest ever Championship Finals weekend in the history of the Association when 14 National Snooker & Billiard Champions were crowned in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow.

Live Streaming was available on one table this year and the action began on Friday 22nd at 2pm with the last 16 of the Men's Senior Championship and finished at 6pm on Sunday 24th with the last final of the Intermediate and Senior Billiards Championship.

### **Intermediate Championships**

Frank Sarsfield from St Johns Limerick won the Intermediate Snooker Championship when he beat John Farrell from Terry Rogers SC Dublin 5 frames to 4 in a superb match which was one of the best matches of the whole weekend.

### **Masters Snooker Championships**

Colm Gilcresest from Celbridge SC Kildare retained his Master Championship with a dramatic 5 frames to 4 victory over John Farrell from Terry Rogers SC in Dublin.

### **Billiards Championships**

Wayne Doyle from QClub Wicklow had a fabulous weekend when he won both Irish Billiards Championship in beating Aidan Murray from Wicklow in both the long format and 150up format Championship.

Wayne also reached the Q- finals of the World Billiards European Open earlier in the week and is fast emerging one of the top young Billiard players in the world.

Aonghus McAnally from Dublin won the Intermediate Billiards long format Championship when he beat Robert McCrum from Dublin but it was McCrum who came back to win the Intermediate 150up Championship when he beat Brendan Devlin from Celbridge SC in the final.

### **Ladies Snooker**

Michelle Sherwin from Q's SC Dublin, Continued her domination of the ladies game in Ireland when she won her 11th Irish Ladies Championship with a 4 frames to nil victory over Irish No.2 Claire Mill.

### **Junior Snooker Championships**

Best Junior performance of the Championships must go to 13 year old Ross Bulman from Youghal CYMS when he won three National Junior Titles over the weekend.

He beat Aaron Goldrick from Cavan to win the Under 14 Championship 4 frames to 2. He beat Ronan Whyte from Letterkenny to win the Under 16 Championship 4 frames to 2 and he beat his club mate Noel Landers to win the Under 18 Championship 4 frames to 2.

Andrew Doherty from Terenure became the first Dubliner to win a RIBSA Junior National Championship since 2006 when he beat Adam Fitzgerald from Youghal CYMS 4 Frames to 1.

Adam Fitzgerald from Youghal rallied back after losing the U-19 final to win the Under 21 Championship and qualify for the IBSF World Under 21 Championship in Romania when he beat his club mate Noel Landers 4 frames to 3.

Jamie Lee Gardiner from the 147club in Antrim won the Irish U-12 Championship when he beat Adam Quinn from Edenderry SC 3 frames to nil. This Championship was sponsored by PJ Nolan's 147academy.

# 2015 RIBSA National Championship Weekend

**Under 19**



**INTERMEDIATE**



**Under 14**



**MASTERS**



**SENIOR**



**Under 18**



**Under 16**



**Under 12**



**LADIES**



**Under 21**



**INTERMEDIATE BILLIARDS 150UP**



**INTERMEDIATE BILLIARDS – LONG FORMAT**



**SENIOR BILLIARDS 150UP**



**SENIOR BILLIARDS – LONG FORMAT**



# Wales Juniors Win 2015 Celtic Challenge



The Welsh Juniors won the 2015 Celtic Challenge in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club.

This event featured the best Republic of Ireland Under 14 and Under 16 teams playing against the Welsh Under 14 and Under 16 National Teams.

RIBSA would like to thank the Ivy Rooms SC for hosting a successful event and to Team Managers Brendan Cooney, James Bateman along with the Referees.



## New RIBSA Chairman



This year RIBSA again held their AGM. RIBSA Chairman position was decided when Jim Leacy beat John Doherty by 26 votes to 12 to retake his Chairman position after he stepped down at last year's AGM.

Tony Thorpe was elected and was for Secretary. Eamon Kearns was re-elected as President. Ger Murray was elected as Vice Chairman. RIBSA committee was also voted in with John Doherty, Anthony Bonnar, Stephen Ryan, Tom O Driscoll and Brendan O'Donoghue.

## Up Coming Events

- ❑ Training Camps with PJ and Mind Coach Paddy Maher on Saturday & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of July.
- ❑ IBSF World Under 21 Snooker Championships Romania 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- ❑ RIBSA Doubles Snooker Championship – Ivy Rooms Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August
- ❑ Training Camps with PJ and Mind Coach Paddy Maher on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August
- ❑ Home Internationals Snooker & Billiards – Northern Snooker Centre - Leeds 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August