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RIBSA Training Camp - Mind Session



RIBSA held a very successful training weekend on the 11th & 12th of July in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow to prepare our International snooker players for the IBSF World under 21 Championships in Romania and Home Internationals in Leeds which takes place in the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds in August.

On Saturday RIBSA held a snooker training day with break building routines and match play practice and all the players were put through their paces by our National Coach PJ Nolan. On Sunday the 12th of July the players started off the day with a number of training routines working on their scoring and long potting. This was followed with a specific mind coaching session with Professional Mind Coach Paddy Maher.

Paddy coached the players from the RIBSA Senior, Masters, Billiards, Under 21, Under 16 and Under 14 teams. The RIBSA players were impressed with the content from the mind coaching session and the players learnt a lot from the session.

Rodney Goggins, Brendan O Donoghue, Greg Casey, David Cassidy, Aidan Murray, Brendan Devlin, Wayne Doyle, John Kehoe, Ross Doyle, Noel Landers, Adam Fitzgerald, Keith O Reilly, Clive Smith, Jason O Hagan, Daniel O Regan, Calum Morley and lady player Grace Park all attended the seminar.

RIBSA hope to do more mind sessions in the future with Paddy in helping our RIBSA players to perform at their best as Sports Psychology is now becoming a major part of the sport. The modern player needs to be technically, mentally and psychically in good shape if he wants to play his best.

Ladies Intermediate Snooker Championships

Catherine Fitzsimons wins Title

The first Ladies Intermediate Championships took place in Celbridge SC on Saturday 4th July. Semi-Final I saw young player Grace Park take on Ronda Sheldreck. Grace has learned a lot from her first tournament and had overcome her nerves this time round. She was very solid and although Ronda made good comebacks in both frames Grace comfortably took both frames to win the match 2-0.

The other semi-final saw couple Maria Murray and Catherine Fitzsimons face off. Catherine won the 1st frame comfortably, but Maria was outstanding on the colours in the 2nd frame, potting a screamer of a black to tie the match at 1-1.

Catherine got off to a good lead in the 3rd, but Maria pegged her back. She was 5 points behind on the pink, with the black hanging over the corner pocket; it was virtually a pink ball match. Maria potted a fantastic pink, looked certain for the match but hit the black too hard and it struggled out of the pocket and landed over the green pocket to leave Catherine a welcome pot which she took to take the frame and match. Maria said her nerves had overtaken her.

Catherine V Grace in the Final. There was literally nothing to pick between these two in this match. In their previous meeting Catherine had beaten Grace convincingly. Catherine took the 1st frame on the pink, Grace too the 2nd frame on the pink to level at 1-1. The 3rd frame was exciting as Grace needed a snooker on the pink.

Catherine then went in off to bring Grace right back into the match. Grace missed an attempted pot on the pink and Catherine potted a fantastic pink the length of the table to win the frame and match and take the inaugural Intermediate Champion title.

Congratulations also goes to Ronda Sheldreck who was presented with her most improved player of the season award. Huge thanks to Phil for use of his wonderful facilities and to James for looking after so well as usual.



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Following the RIBSA National Championships the following players have qualified to represent the Republic Of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association in the 2015 Home Internationals in the Northern SC in Leeds.

The Senior, Masters, Junior and Ladies Home Internationals will be held from the 7th - 14th of August. The Seniors & Masters event will be held from the 8th - 10th and the Junior events will be held from the 11th - 13th of August. The Billiards will be held on the 13th & 14th of August.

The senior team will depart Dublin Airport on Friday 7th and return on Monday 10th. The Juniors will depart on Monday the 10th and return on Friday 14th.

All players are requested to have a valid passport and all Junior players must have a parent or guardian travelling with them. Team Coach and Manager for the Under 21s / Seniors is PJ Nolan. Team Manager for the Under 16s is Brendan Cooney and Team Manager for the Masters is Tom O Driscoll.

The Senior Team

Rodney Goggins, Greg Casey, David Cassidy, John O Sullivan

The Masters Team

Tom O Driscoll , Keith Sheldreck , Alen Matic, Shane Gorman

The Under 21 Team

Aaron Moyles, Stephen Bateman, Darragh Cusack, Adam Fitzgerald

The Under 16 Team

Noel Landers, Ronan Whyte, Aaron Goldrick, Ross Bulman

Billiards Team A

Wayne Doyle, Larry Drennan, Aidan Murray

Billiards Team B

John Kehoe, Brendan Devlin, Lloyd Myers



2015 World IBSF Under 21 Snooker Championships



Team Ireland done their country, families, clubs and most of all themselves very proud, during this years IBSF World U21s Snooker Championships in Bucharest, Romania.

There was high class of snooker from players from all around the world as there were 104 male players this year and 13 female players and from day one our players played with passion and pride flying the Irish flag high.

The Team was Josh Boileau, Adam Fitzgerald, Shane Bates, Aaron Moyles and Stephen Bateman. The Referee was Neil Shanahan and National Coach PJ Nolan. Chairman Jim Leacy was the Team Delegate.



Josh Boileau reaches World Semi Finals

Irishman Josh Boileau reached the Semi Final of the World Under 21 Snooker Championship after stunning victories over Hrithik Jain from India 4 frames to 3 in the last 64. in the last 32 he beat his team mate Stephen Bateman 5 frames to 1.

In the last 16 he beat Brian Cini from Malta 5 frames to 1. in the Q final he beat Kacper Filipak from Poland 6 frames to 5 but in the Semi finals he was beaten by Jamie Clarke from Wales 7 frames to 4. Finishing 3rd and 2nd in two years proves that Josh is a real star of the future on the world stage.