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O' Donoghue Wins Senior Ranking Event 1



The first Senior Ranking Points Tournament of the season took place in Carlow on the 26th September 2015. There was a superb entry of 74 players.

The most interesting last 64 game was between number 3 seed Michael Judge and five time National Champion Martin McCrudden. After a very intense match, Martin was victorious with a 3-2 win.

In the last 32, the top of the draw saw number 1 seed Rodney Goggins pushed to his limit by Aaron Moyles, but Rodney gained the upper hand in the fifth frame to move to the next round. Also in the top half of the draw, TJ Dowling, who has had a couple of seasons rest moved easily to the next round 3-0 against Daniel O Regan. Another noteworthy return was David Hogan who also beat Greg Casey 3-0 to fly through to the last 16. Josh Boileau, who had the high break of the tournament (142) lost out in the last 32 to Ryan Cronin, 3-2. In the bottom half of the draw, Martin McCrudden, who had defeated the number 3 seed, lost out to Tony Corrigan 3-2.

Anthony Bonnar who has been selected for the Masters Team for the World Amateur Master's Championships in November moved on to the next round with a 3-1 victory over Karl Fitzpatrick. At the bottom of the draw, number 2 seed Brendan O Donoghue cruised to the next round with a 3-0 win over Jason Burns.

The quarter final line up saw number 1 seed Rodney Goggins lose out to TJ Dowling 3-1 and former Irish Champion David Hogan cruised past Ryan Cronin 3-0. The latter half of the draw presented a very exciting game between Tony Corrigan and Jason Devaney, which concluded with Devaney moving to the net round with a 3-2 win. The ever reliable Brendan O Donoghue concluded the line up with a 3-2 victory over Wayne Doyle.

The first semi-final between TJ Dowling and David Hogan was a very exciting match with both players coming back to the senior tournaments this year. TJ proved that he has not lost any of his talent by defeating David Hogan 4 frames to 2 to move in to the final. In the other semi-final, Brendan O Donoghue justified his number 2 seeding from last year by moving to the semi-final with a 4-2 victory over Jason Devaney.

In the final, TJ Dowling's return came to an abrupt conclusion, with the experience of Nenagh man Brendan O Donoghue cruising to a 4-1 victory, and to secure his first title of the year.



Last 16:

Rodney Goggins 3 v 0 James Fennessy
Diarmuid O'Connor 1 v 3 TJ Dowling
David Hogan 3 v 1 Johnny Williams
Charlie Sweeney 1 v 3 Ryan Cronin
Tony Corrigan 3 v 1 Tony Seymour
Jason Devaney 3 v 2 David Cassidy
Wayne Doyle 3 v 1 Anthony Bonnar
Philip Browne 1 v 3 Brendan O'Donoghue

Quarter-Finals:

Rodney Goggins 1 v 3 TJ Dowling
David Hogan 3 v 0 Ryan Cronin
Tony Corrigan 2 v 3 Jason Devaney
Wayne Doyle 2 v 3 Brendan O'Donoghue

Semi-Finals:

TJ Dowling 4 v 2 David Hogan
Jason Devaney 2 v 4 Brendan O'Donoghue

Final:

TJ Dowling 1 v 4 Brendan O'Donoghue

Judge Wins Masters Event I



Michael Judge from the QClub Wicklow who played in his first ever Masters event won the opening RIBSA Masters ranking event of the season when he beat Nigel Power 3 frames to nil in the final at the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow.

Michael Judge also won the Tournament high break prize with a superb 97 break. RIBSA would like to thank all the players for making it a great success.

Last 16:

Tom O'Driscoll 0 v 3 Michael Judge
Phil Arnold 0 v 3 Alen Matic
Peter Donegan 3 v 1 Stephen Merrigan
Michael McDonald 0 v 3 John Torpey
Tony Seymour 3 v 0 John McBride
Nigel Power 3 v 1 Stephen Walsh
Nicky Ryan 3 v 0 Paul Arnold
Brendan Thomas 3 v 0 Keith Sheldreck

Quarter-Finals:

Michael Judge v Alen Matic
Peter Donegan 3 v 1 John Torpey
Tony Seymour 2 v 3 Nigel Power
Nicky Ryan 0 v 3 Brendan Thomas



Semi-Final:

Michael Judge 3 v 2 Peter Donegan
Nigel Power 3 v 1 Brendan Thomas

Final:

Michael Judge 3 v 0 Nigel Power

RIBSA Awards 2014- 2015



RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy and RIBSA President Eamon Kearns made the presentations to the 2014 – 2015 RIBSA Volunteer of the year, Referee of the year and Club of the year awards.

The RIBSA **Club of the Year** was won by **The Shed in Kilkenny**

The RIBSA **Referee of the Year** was won by **Brendan Devlin** from Celbridge

The RIBSA **Volunteer of the Year** made it a special double for **James Bateman** from Kilkenny after all his dedication to help in developing Snooker and Billiards in Ireland.



RIBSA Free Coaching Sessions

Over the past few months our National Coach PJ Nolan visited many Clubs all over Ireland to hold a free RIBSA Snooker Coaching Session in their Clubs.

PJ held sessions in the AOH Cork, Northwest SC Letterkenny, Edenderry SC, New Institute Nenagh, Youghal CYMS, Portarlington SC, Fermoy CYMS, Ivy Rooms SC, Newbridge CYMS, Kilkenny Shed, Celbridge SC, Ballinasloe SC and Green Baize Carrick.

The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association are offering every registered RIBSA club a free coaching session with our National Coach to help promote the game.

The only cost to the snooker club is the travel cost of bringing PJ to the club at €20.00 per hour travel time to and from Carlow town. i.e., 2hr journey to the club from Carlow will be a total of €80.00.

If any RIBSA Affiliated Club would like to hold a coaching session they must contact RIBSA directly by Email to info@ribsa.ie and request this offer.

