

ACT EightBall Association
 State Executive Committee Meeting
 Meeting Minutes
 7 January 2008

1. Opening:

The regular meeting of the ACTEBA was called to order at 7:02 pm on 7 January 2008 in Serbian Club Mawson ACT by Doug Percy.

2. Apologies

- Ben Boyd – Jets
- Scrol

3. Proxy:

- Jo Lowry for Scrol

4. Previous Minutes

Motion	Minutes from December meeting be accepted as tabled				
Proposed	Doug Percy				
Seconded	Rolf Bandte				
For	31	Against	0	Abstain	5
Outcome	Motion Passed				

5. Reports

5.1. President (Doug Percy)

- Nothing to report
- 75 spotted cue balls have arrived
- Before end of season **all** teams in all divisions will play with spotted cue balls

5.2. Vice President (Kath Harmon)

- Champion of Champions Update
 - DV8's won in a close match against the Schroomptons
 - Congratulation to all teams that competed
- Sportsperson of the Year
 - Nominations Open
 - Names released at Feb meeting
 - Voting will close 16 Feb 08
- Reminder about Fund raiser for Max Ryan
- Presentation Night
 - 23 February 2008
 - \$24.50 / person, ACTEBA will subsidize \$10/ member

5.3. Treasurer (Ted Malloves)

- Account has been quiet
- Gemma Pike cheque still unbanked
 - Cheque to be cancelled
- Overbank of \$5.00 to correct for previous month underbanking

5.4. Tournament Director (Rolf Bandte)

- Nationals
 - Reports for open team (manager & captain) included in minutes
 - No reports received from ladies team
- Summer 2008
 - 39 Teams
 - Begins 16 January 2008
 - Earls and Vikings playing out of Lanyon
 - Venue All stars have changed name to Pool Hall Gypsies
- Updated rankings to be released soon, still bugs to work out
- Reminder of bonus point system
- Fees are due at March meeting

5.5. Secretary

- Letter to Dennis Leigh from last meeting unwritten as no fixed address available.
- Rolf Bandte offer to hand deliver mail
- Issues to be resolved at DDC in Feb if necessary

5.6. Assistant Tournament Director

- No report

5.7. Junior Development Officer

- State trials are done
 - No U12 reps
 - U15 CJ Maleganeas
 - U18 Alessandro ?
- Start again 1st week of Feb

5.8. Fundraising

- Raffle to be held on Pres Night

5.9. Umpire

- Absent

5.10. Head Coach

- Nothing to report

6. Agenda Items

- None

7. Motions

- None

8. General Business

- 2 spots are still available for NZ trip, contact Ted Mallowes

9. Adjournment:

Meeting was closed at 8.00 by Doug Percy

10. Attendance

Name	Team (ACTEBA Position)	Name	Team (ACTEBA Position)
Doug Percy	Matildas (Pres)	Kath Harmon	Katz (VP)
Joseph Morrall	Chickenbones (Sect)	Ted Mallowes	Warriors (Treas)
Rolf Bandte	Embalmers (TD)	Chris Jones	Wanderers (ATD)
Theresa Skipper	Crackpots	Ross Sands	Earls of Erindale
Steve Phillips	Crackpots	Tony Warren	Jamison Inn Kickers
		Jason buxton	Kambastards
Nicole Welsh	Cheetahs	Troy Loughnan	Kambastards
Daniel Kelly	Outlaws	Jo Lowry	Schroomptons (AJDO)
Teryy Cunningham	Deep Pockets	Mick Sewell	Hot Shots
Glen Thomson	Bombers	James Southwell	Strikers
Bob Sifri	Hammerheads	Cath Jones	Katz (Fund)
Kris Bandte	Smash'n'Gash	Gavin Lee	Jammers
Jess Shute	Harlequins	John Wilkinson	Venue All Stars
Olivia Ott	Screamers	Matt Kendrick	Pirates
Ben Boyd	Jets	Rob Sansum	Dubber Ruckies
Brendon D'Aquina	Eagles	Simon Tadd	Paws
Soorage Ahadizad	DV8s	Trent Billington	Osheas Toosheys (JDO)
			Embalmers
Dragan Markovic	Hammerheads	Mick Norton	Railrunners
Mark Davey	Staffords	Nick Brodozic	Crackpots
Jonathon Charles	Lizards	Greg Murphy	Harlequins
Colin Gamble	Stickmen	Jacinta Snajdar	Pool Hall Gypsies
Mick Norton	Embalmers	John Willikson	Ainslie Eagles
Jason Davis	Jagerbombers	Brendan D'aquino	Tomtones
Toll Auvaa	Cougars	Jim Visic	

Minutes submitted by: Joseph Morrall

2007 NATIONAL 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ACT OPEN TEAM - MANAGER'S REPORT

- This Report covers personal observations only and some of the “behind the scenes” activities
- Match results and the overall team’s performance are covered in the Captain’s Report
- Individual and match statistics are attached

Introduction

It has been a privilege and an honour to have been the ACT Open Team Manager at this year’s National Championships held at The Breakers Pool Hall in Preston (Melbourne) Victoria.

The ACT Open Team at the Nationals

1. You all know that the National Championships are attended by the top pool players from each state. Consequently, there was one heck of a lot of high class pool to be seen during the Championships. As would also be expected at that level, if you made a mistake or missed a pot, you could expect to be made to pay dearly for it.

2. From the outset, the ACT Open Team was significantly under strength compared to previous years. Of the qualifiers who had to pull out of the team, Matt Harmon had a previous commitment to attend a wedding, Kenny Nicol could not get time off from work, Adam Marlow's visa was cancelled and he had to return to England, and Mick Norton had important family commitments which prevented him from going.
3. The team therefore comprised a number of players who, while having had loads of experience at the local level, had not represented at the National level before and would possibly not have been quite prepared on what to expect.
4. While the team finished a disappointing last, they should never-the-less hold their head high as they performed quite creditably under the circumstances, especially with a Draw and a narrow 14-10 loss to South Australia, the ultimate Champions.
5. A win was also recorded late in the event against both Tasmania and New South Wales. Additionally, most of the losses were reasonably close, and a one or two frame turn-around per match could easily have transformed the majority of losses into wins.

6. Both congratulations and commiserations must to Steve Woods who again made the Open Singles Final for the second year running but failed to snare the big one. His skill and determination is an example and incentive for all our aspiring players.
7. Steve was also selected in 4th spot for the Australian Team to go to England in July 2008 to contest the World Championships.

Brick-bats

8. Firstly, during our matches, despite the Captain's directions, there was too much idle chatting and gossiping on the sidelines about other things and no proper focus on pool, on what was happening on the tables at that time.
9. For example, there was one particular incident where a player (who shall remain un-named) was having a quite audible conversation with a team mate. He paused and threw in a casual 'Come on ACT' cheer when there was not even an ACT player in control of either table, and then returned to his conversation.
10. Secondly, the team did not function as a 'complete team' but rather as a team of individuals who were more concerned with picking to pieces the 'lost frames'

and what could have been, and discussing their own personal performances and stats when they should have been supporting their team mate at the table..

11. I believe that team spirit and full support for your team mates plays a major role in the performance of a team and this year, as in previous years, it left a lot to be desired. I feel that this is one aspect which really needs to be addressed and remedied if we want to be more competitive in the future.
12. Thirdly, team practice prior to the Nationals was also rather disappointing. Agreed, we did not have as much lead-up time as in previous years, but that is no excuse for the weekly practice sessions to be attended by less than half the players. The team was even short a couple of players in the big practice matches against the Barbarians team.

Team Shirts

13. This year the team shirts were not bought off the rack as in previous years. Instead, in order to get away from the unpopular yellow in our shirts, the shirts were designed and made from scratch. Also, to comply with the other states, the ACT state logo was replaced by a simple 8-Ball logo.

14. The difference between an off-the-rack shirt and a new designed shirt is about \$6-7 per shirt and, I think, was well worth the additional cost.
15. The new design shirts were well received by the ACT players and even the other states complemented our shirts this year.

Sponsorship

16. Thanks to some generous contributions from Chapelli Unlimited (thanks Lissie and Paul), ACT Optical (thank you Soorage) and a couple of other smaller companies, the ACT players received close to \$100 each towards their expenses on uniforms.
17. I have arranged for several ACT team shirts to be signed by all the players and both Chapelli Unlimited and ACT Optical will receive one of these shirts which they can frame and hang up in their office.
18. Similarly, the Coolabar Pool Room and The Venue will also each receive a signed team shirt as a 'thank you' for the free use of their tables during the Selection Trials.
19. Lastly - and I cannot stress this point often enough – without the active generosity and dedicated support of certain individuals and the venues who have teams

playing from them, our sport would simply not survive.
Again, thank you to all our supporters.

(Rolf Bandte)

Captains report on the 2007 Australian National 8 Ball Titles Preston, Victoria, 17th to 27th October 2007.

The team

This year's state team was: Matt Power (c), Steve Woods (vc), Semisi Naupoto, Michael Hazilias, Colin Gamble, Tony Fleming, Paul Carlile, Paul Wilcott and Dan Marlow.

Open teams event

The National Titles were held at Breakers entertainment venue in Preston, with 12 competition tables and some good seating for teams and spectators. Unfortunately, we all stayed at Ridges hotel, which was a little more than 1km from the venue. Fortunately, a few of the team had cars and were kind enough to offer many lifts to our guys – this was excellent teamwork boys!

Match 1: lost to SA 10-14
Match 2: lost to VIC 9-15
Match 3: lost to NT 10-14
Match 4: lost to WA 10-14
Match 5: lost to QLD 7-17
Match 6: lost to TAS 9-15
Match 7: lost to NSW 10-14
Match 8: drew with SA 12-12
Match 9: lost to VIC 6-18
Match 10: lost to NT 11-13
Match 11: lost to WA 10-14
Match 12: lost to QLD 10-14
Match 13: defeated TAS 16-8
Match 14: defeated NSW 13-11

Summary

It was a frustrating national championships this year, with many close losses in matches we easily could have won. However, when you consider the calibre of players that were unable to attend the championships this year, the team played very well and the results were impressive. We managed to lose all first round matches, start the second round with a draw against the mighty SA and finish with 2 wins, which was an awesome way to finish. Unfortunately we came last (see Appendix A), however our team %age was actually not too shabby at all.

In terms of individual performances, Steve shone out, finished on a very impressive 69% which led to him being selected at no. 4 in the Australian team. Michael, Semisi and Paul all finished in the high 40s, which goes to show how tough the competition was.

Open teams final

SA defeated VIC 20 frames to 16 (scores were tied 16 all and they then went into a best of 7 playoff).

Open Singles

As in previous years, this event was a straight knockout 128 player draw. All eyes were on Steve Woods who was oh-so-close last year, going down 10-9 to Travis Crawley in the final. Here are our results:

Round 1:

Colin Gamble lost to Carl Borsi NT 5-4
Pete Smith lost to Adam Andretzke SA 5-3
Paul Carlile lost to Michael Hodgetts TAS 5-2
Paul Wilcot defeated Nathan Gibson TAS 5-3
Matt Power defeated Mark Burr TAS 5-3
Rolf Bandte lost to Jack Hunter SA 5-3
John Murphy lost to John Howson VIC 5-1
Tony Fleming defeated John (JR) Russell VIC 5-3
Semisi Naupoto lost to Kelvin Lee SA 5-4
Jeremy Smith lost to Don Colbert VIC 5-3
Dan Marlow defeated Michael Swift SA 5-2

Steve Woods and Michael Hazilias had a bye. The highlight from round 1 would have to be Dan's form reversal to reach the second round in his first nationals. Also, Misi almost knocked over one of SA's best.

Round 2:

Michael Hazilias defeated Carl Borsi NT 5-3
Paul Wilcot lost to Paull Clack VIC (Seed 13) 5-1
Matt Power lost to Rusty (Rusty) Wheeler QLD (Seed 4) 5-4 (ouch)
Tony Fleming lost to Tim Hyde NT 5-3
Steven Woods defeated Marcus Jackson TAS 5-2
Dan Marlow defeated Sam Thurgood TAS 5-1

Three into the 3rd round – always a great effort. Hazza was awesome while Dan continued his excellent singles form and Steve got his run at the title off to a good start. I won't mention how close I came to beating Rusty...

Round 3:

Michael Hazilias lost to (one time ACT player) Travis Crawley NSW 6-1
Steven Woods defeated Kelvin Lee SA 6-3
Dan Marlow lost to Marc Robertson VIC (Seed 2) 6-0 (ouch)

Hazza and Dan actually didn't play that bad, whilst Steve was looking awesome.

Round 4 (last 16):

Steven defeated Ben Nunan VIC (Seed 10) 7-1. Amazing match, as Steve was running riot and Ben was not catching any breaks. Going in off his break and Steve was really making him pay.

Quarter final:

Steven defeated Pat Broderick QLD (Seed 15) 8-3. As regulation a win as you could hope for in the quarter final of the national singles championships!

Semi Finals: Steve defeated Ricky Lee TAS (Seed 3) 9-5. Steve was at his best (I hear – I was sick in bed) as he stormed to his second straight title decider.

Rusty Wheeler QLD (Seed 4) defeated Mick Delahunty SA 9-8. Amazing match, with Mick looking all over a winner leading 8-6 before an amazing comeback by Rusty.

Grand Final: Rusty Wheeler QLD (Seed 4) defeated Steve (Seed 7) 10-4. Unfortunately Steve could not bring his best game to the table, however one wonders if it would have mattered, as Rusty was simply in the zone.

Australian team

(in order of selection)

Open team: John 'Rusty' Wheeler - Singles Champion, Player of Carnival, Ben Nunan – Vice Captain, Marc Robertson, **Steven Woods**, Paull Clack, Alec Evreniadis – Captain, Travis Crawley, Justin Sajich. Reserves: Brenton Collier, Jake McCartney, Mark Williams , Luke Carter. Team Manager - Phil Dando

And from what I've heard, all of the top 8 are planning on going away, making this the strongest ever Australian team we've sent to the World Championships. Good luck boys!

Matt Power

ACT Open Team Captain

Appendix A

Final standings:

	Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	%age	Points
1	VIC	11	1	2	203	133	60.42%	23
2	SA	10	2	2	196	140	58.33%	22
3	WA	8	3	3	190	146	56.55%	19
4	QLD	7	4	3	180	156	53.57%	18
5	NSW	3	3	8	151	185	44.94%	9
6	TAS	3	2	9	155	181	46.13%	8
7	NT	4	0	10	124	212	36.90%	8
8	ACT	2	1	11	145	191	43.15%	5

Summary stats for the open team:

Pos	Name	Played	Won	%
1	Steve Woods	42	29	69.04%
2	Michael Hazillias	42	20	47.61%
3	Semisi Naupoto	39	18	46.15%
4	Paul Wilcot	34	16	47.05%
5	Matt Power	37	15	40.54%
6	Colin Gamble	38	15	39.47%
7	Paul Carlile	33	12	36.36%
8	Tony Fleming	37	11	29.72%
9	Dan Marlow	34	9	26.47%