

Albert Koo



Started working at KCC as a handyman on 16 March 1980 when he was just a wee lad of around 30 years old.

Started with ten-pin bowling and the general clubhouse. When the old marker Ah-Yun immigrated to Canada with his fortune, Albert was chosen by the players as an appropriate replacement (he had been seen sometimes knocking balls around whilst on duty!) and finally his position as the new marker was approved by then Club Manager and snooker buff Mr. Ian Powell. We have always suspected that Ian and Albert had a secret thing going on... playing snooker while the Club was "quiet".

Albert stayed here so he could learn some snooker (inspired watching Steven Wong playing). Now probably likes to watch Ping or Mahesh play.

He takes care of the snooker room, cleans the balls, tables, house-cues, marks the tables and has many more responsibilities.

His favorite drink: Water, just like Steve Davis, he claims.

His favorite food: Staff milk, as he's been having that for more than 20 years.

Taught snooker to more than 25 members including Navin Ahuja (well, trying to teach!)

If you're nice to him, he might tell you each of the opponents strengths and weaknesses and if you are not nice he'll tell you how fantastic a player you are when you are not (usual treatment for visiting members and new members who demand to be noticed).

Results

Volunteer snooker: Not too many members join this because a lot of patience and time is needed. If you play against someone like Mahesh "The Magician" Ramchandani or Don "The Hitman" McNeil and make a silly shot, you would find you could take a coffee break or siesta while they're potting. Mahesh came in 1st place after beating Don and Navin. Don came in 2nd place.

6 reds: This is a quick version of regular snooker. Kind of like the 20/20 instead of the regular one day cricket match with 50 overs. It's fun, quick, and anyone's game. Doesn't matter what level you are at. We tried this competition last year, and the members really enjoyed it.

This time we had over 16 contestants. At the end it was Mahesh against Kailash. Mahesh came in 1st place. Well done, Kailash for reaching the finals and coming in 2nd place.

Masters tournament: a tournament for anyone over 40 years old. A beautiful classic, having Mike "The Silver Fox" Pomfret against MC, both being the oldest finalists! Mike won in the end.



Inter-Club Snooker League Champions 2011 (again!), Kowloon Cricket Club



ICSL:

We are the champions, my friend (la la la)... The evidence speaks for itself!

Mike "The Silver Fox" Pomfret, Navin "Ton-to" Ahuja, Francis "Peter Pan" Hung, Bennie Ngan, Don "The Hitman" McNeil, Tommy "Spiderman" Tam, "Fast" Eddie Chui and Johnny "The Bull" Tao.

Players Missing are: Dharam "Pink Panther" Mirpuri, Jason "Grasshopper" Wong, Mahesh "The Magician" Ramchandani and Keith "Mr Bean" Lowcock.

Handicap tournament: This is where unequal players have a close match by allowing the poorer player a handicap.

In the semifinals were Tommy "Spiderman" Tam vs. MC and Mahesh vs. Ping (Jason "Grasshopper" Wong).

At the finals, Mahesh beat MC 3-2 (MC won the 1st frame, Mahesh won the 2nd and 3rd, MC won the 4th, so it was a perfect best of 5!) Mahesh had been making breaks of 40 - 60 easily during that week, so Mahesh won at the end.