

It has been a very quiet month downstairs. New faces have been coming down to pot some balls and make new friends. Good stuff!

Handicap Tournament

Even though the draw sheet has been up for a while no matches have yet been played. Could the red pen be striking some players off for not playing matches?

Members, games must be played within the stated time periods so that there is no hold up and competitions can run smoothly. Here's a crazy idea: Don't leave your matches to the last minute, play early and get ready for the next round if you win.

Roof maintenance

The inside room (Table 3) is still under renovation. Hopefully the ceiling will be repaired very soon and we can get using all 3 tables again. Remember, the toilet is also out of bounds. Please use the washrooms upstairs.

PLAYER PROFILE

Ken Lai (Ken Chai) or KCC's own Liang Wenbo look-alike

How long have you been a member of the Club?

Joined in the 80s as junior member and converted to ordinary member later on. Wow, that counts to more than 20 + years membership already!!

What is your highest break?

Highest break is around half century a few years ago; unfortunately it was only on a social game but not in a competition.

What has been your best moment in Snooker?

Best moment is finishing a score of 100 which only happens on the black. No doubt scores with a lot of fouls from opponents and several visits in total.

What has been your worst moment in Snooker?

Being knocked out in the first round of a competition, because opponent got lucky and admitted fluked.

Have you won any cups or trophies in Snooker?

Only once back in 2003 or '04, I was the finalist in one of the competitions, no chance to grab additional as I did not joined any other competition since then.

Who is your preferred playing partner and why?

All players down in the snooker room is so consistent and can manage to pot balls where I feel is impossible, I do like to play with all of them and no preferred one.

Which player in the Club according to you is a good Snooker player and why?

Dharam, without doubt. He had established himself as one of the leading players down in the snooker room, frequent sizeable breaks, potted well from distance, and is shrewd when it came to employing his tactical game.

Who is your favorite International Snooker player?

No question, it is Bill Werbeniuk. He is the only professional player I've ever known who is able to win a game after drinking 26 pints of beer. "Big Bill" is such a legend.

What is your favourite drink?

A pint of bitter top in an English pub garden on Sunday lunchtime



What is your favorite food?

Wow, that is a difficult question; I have the most varied diet of anyone I know.

Do you play other sports or games for the Club?

I played for the tennis team a few years ago but dropped out ever since. I would love to rejoin and play for the Club very soon.

[Sorry Ken, you need to take a 10-month weight loss programme before that]

Anything you like or dislike about the Sanctuary?

The Sanctuary is the place where I can relax and enjoy myself, I'm pretty happy with it.

Do you have any suggestions for the Snooker Committee?

Competition prize can include coupons (food and drinks) that can be used within the Club.

Peter Austin Straight Snooker Competition

The closing date for this competition is in April after Easter holidays so if you wish to play, please sign up on the entry sheet posted in the Sanctuary.

Hopefully, there'll be more news to write about next month.

Yours in earnest,
Snooker Room Sub Committee

If You Drink, Don't Drive

Members are reminded that the new and very tough drink driving laws have been brought into effect in Hong Kong and it has been requested that the Club installs breathalyzer testing equipment in the bar. However, the best way that one can be sure that they are not over the limit is simply not to drink and

drive. Think before you drink is the best solution and the surest way to remain safe.

If you do drink in the Club you may always leave your car in the car park. Forms are available in the bar or at the reception.