

CASTLE HILL RSL SPORTS REPORTS

CASTLE HILL RSL BACKGAMMON CLUB

Our July Doubling Cube Tournament was hotly contested again, with Abbas Naderi emerging victorious ahead of Roshanak Mojtehedhi a close second. The win earned Abbas the Karnick Memorial Trophy.

The normal 5 weekly competitions are also very popular even though we are only playing for a bottle of wine. Week 20 was a tie with Kee Yio Wan and Raffi Kiaian each winning a bottle, and week 25 was won by John Symon and it was a very nice bottle indeed.

The New South Wales Open Backgammon Championship was held on July 15th 2018 at the North Ryde RSL club with a field of 33 red hot players including 4 players from Victoria and 1 from South Australia. The starters also included 5 players from the CHRSL Backgammon club, 2 of whom finished in the top 10, a great result for our little club.

The next major event on the Backgammon calendar is the Newcastle Open Championship to be held on September 16th. So far we have 4 Castle Hill players confirmed to play.

We held our AGM on the 2nd of July with John Symon (president), Elie Aslanian (treasurer) and Susan Wan (Secretary) re-elected unopposed. All contact details remain unchanged.

And finally, another new member has joined our ranks and has been a very keen participant in the weekly competitions.

John Symon, President

CASTLE HILL RSL YOUTH CLUB JAZZ BALLET

Our intermediate Tap troupe competed at the Baulkham Hills Shire Dance Festival winning first place. We are extremely proud of this group as they have yet to be defeated.

Many placings were won with our solo dancers who competed at the Fifth Avenue Dance Competition. The stand out student was Emma Brown. Emma won first place in the Senior Tap Championship at the age of 13 and was competing against a high standard of dancers aged 16 years and over.

Our Special Needs class are performing at the annual Step Up Day which is held at the Domain. This is Australia's largest annual Down syndrome community event. It's dedicated to improving the lives of people with Down syndrome. The organisers of this event have advised our dance performance is the biggest highlight of the day. We are so proud of our Special Needs dancers & to be able to support such a wonderful event.

We teach Tap, Jazz, Modern Expressive, Adult Tap & a Special Needs Student's Jazz class.

For enquires please phone Leonie Brown: 0412 033 333.

Thank you, Leonie Brown

CASTLE HILL RSL FISHING CLUB

The Fishing club continues to be very active amongst its membership and committee. The committee has been working very hard to facilitate the club and its activities throughout the fishing year. We have had many trips across all divisions throughout the year with great membership numbers in attendance. The charter division has been affected by bad weather but continues to be 100% booked out when we get out with many new fishos on board this year. Thanks Claude and for all the special times we have shared on these trips. The rock and beach division has had various trips in and around Sydney locations with high numbers enjoying the sand

between their toes and rocks under their feet. Thanks Paul for all your efforts.

The kayak division has also had monthly trips with a strong core group attending and an away competition trip is planned for November. Thanks David for taking care of kayaks and assistance as Club Captain. Our freshwater division has been very active with weekend away trips to NSW dams and rivers with large numbers attending. This area continues to grow with families especially. Well done again, Barry, top job. Small Boats, both Deep Sea and River/Estuary, have also conducted monthly trips from the Sydney and Hawkesbury systems. The Deep Sea trips have had high patronage with strong camaraderie and information sharing amongst the small boat owners and their crews. Thanks Roy for taking care of these divisions and keeping us all informed.

We look forward to the changes ahead for River and Estuary. I have enjoyed fishing aboard Phase III and Juice. The biggest event on our fishing year calendar was concluded in mid-May. This annual weekend away trip to Greenwell point also had strong attendance by the membership. We had the charter boat booked, small boats and their crews along with the kayaks crew all keen as to be greeted by lovely weather and great fishing. The best in ages. Members went down early to extend their stay and to do some reconnaissance to find their hot spot locations. Everyone had a great time at the social BBQ on Friday Night under cover and at the local club on Saturday night. A special thanks to Claude for organising this trip. We also had a family BBQ social day at Berowra Waters Marina with their assistance providing hire craft for free. It was a great day enjoyed by many.

We had a fantastic Presentation Dinner in September at the CHRSL Club and a lovely Xmas Party at Lynwood Country Club in December. Thanks to Sue for running these. Rob has taken care of all our media and recording needs, thanks for all the hard work. The website and facebook are looking and working fantastic. Our finances are in a strong position, finishing in a slightly stronger position to last year thanks to John tracking our books and the keeping the committee vigilant. I would encourage all the divisions to spend their allocated budget this coming year. Also thanks to Sjouke providing all our auditing requirements. Our meetings have been kept in order and recorded by Lawrie keeping us all informed and recording our activities. Thanks Lawrie. Eric has been driving and recruiting our membership well, bugging people for the still special price of five bucks. What a deal members get for less than a schooner. Thanks Eric. All of these events, trips and the success of the FC are a true credit to our Divisional Captains, Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Social and Media Officers along with the rest of the club members.

We continue to have strong membership with new members joining and it's a credit to the club the way these new members are welcomed and encouraged to join in. We have booked our presentation dinner for the 21/09/18 in the Sovereign room at the club and our Xmas party at Lynwood on 08/12/18. We also have a trip away planned in November on the 9th-11th to the Diggers Fishing Competition at Nelson Bay. Our social BBQ is set for early in the new year on the 23/2/19 of at Berowra Waters Marina and we expect it to be bigger and better than our last. Our trip to Greenwell point is arranged for all divisions in May on the weekend of 18-19/5/19.

Our meet-ups in the sports bar on Friday nights continue to be strongly attended and our raffles are hotly contested, topping up the club's funds. Great to see the ladies attending and strong new membership coming in. Thank you to Robbie and Wally for again running the Guzzler Cup throughout the year and we look forward to the final on the 30th of November.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their diligence and efforts this year. I (if elected) look forward to working with the new committee and welcome the year ahead.

I would like to, on behalf of the Fishing Club Committee and Membership, thank the Castle Hill RSL, the Sports Council, the RSL Club President, Directors and Staff for their continued support, club grant and the use of the facilities.

Good luck in your catches and releases this year, stay safe and enjoy.

Jim Tucker
CHRSL FISHING CLUB PRESIDENT

CASTLE HILL RSL TENNIS

Members of Castle Hill RSL – of all ages – are invited to bring your tennis racquet and join us for social double tennis on Sunday mornings from 8:30am at Fred Caterson Reserve (enter off Gilbert Road). We play on 3-4 courts and usually have 20-30 players on any given Sunday morning.

Just come along or email Mark Baker at: mark8818@icloud.com

We have social Sunday lunches at the court clubhouse every 2-3 months. We also hold 2-3 Saturday evening dinners at Castle Hill RSL in either function rooms, Jin Yan or the Rib Factory.

All members of the Castle Hill RSL Tennis Club wish to express our thanks to Castle Hill RSL for their ongoing and generous financial and structural assistance for our club.

Mark Baker - President

CASTLE HILL RSL SNOOKER CLUB

Membership levels have significantly increased this year with 84 members (confirmed at audit). Indeed, by far the highest I have known it to be for some years.

At the time of writing, our #1 team is very well positioned in a strong 2nd place on the ladder with only 2 rounds of play left ahead of the HSS Cup Finals commencing on 18 September. The 2nd string team has done better this year against what will be the strongest HSS field in decades, bringing in once again the "wooden spoon".

The Handicap competitions have essentially been completed at the time of writing and Round 1 of the Open competitions in Snooker and Billiards Singles as well as Snooker Doubles has been underway for a couple of weeks. Good luck to all those competing.

The Snooker Club Annual Dinner will be held Saturday 1 December, a few days ahead of the final Sports Council meeting for the year. I am pleased to have already had conditional (upon re-election) responses from both RSL President Warren Glenny with wife Gay, as well as Vice-President Dave Wood with his wife Dianne. I look forward to seeing you all there and another great night this year.

We will host our annual "grudge" match against our friends at Parra RSL for the Challenge Cup on Saturday 20 October and look very much forward to bringing the Cup back to "HO" where it rightly belongs!!

The Snooker Club AGM will be held a couple of days after the dinner on Monday 3 December, at which time a new Committee will be voted and is to include the election of a new President.

I take this opportunity to once again thank the RSL Board in particular for all the assistance and help given to me personally and the Committee as well as Snooker Club at large during the course of another hugely rewarding and successful 2018.

Thank you.

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