

# 2018 Irish Championships Finals Weekend



RIBSA Snooker & Billiards  
National Finals

May 11th - 13th  
Ivy Rooms SC Carlow

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National Titles



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# Memories - 2017 Championship Weekend



**Michael Judge - Masters  
National Champion**



**Ross Bulman - Under 16  
National Champion**



**Ryan McGuirk - Under 14  
National Champion**



**Wayne Doyle - Long Up Senior  
Billiards National Champion**



**Ross Bulman - Under 21  
National Champion**



**Ronda Sheldreck - Ladies  
Intermediate National Champion**



**Aidan Murray - 150 Up Senior  
Billiards National Champion**



**James Bateman - 150 Up Intermediate  
Billiards National Champion**

# Memories - 2017 Championship Weekend



**Brendan O Donoghue - National Senior Champion**



**Michelle Sherwin- Ladies Senior National Champion**



**Brendan Thomas - Intermediate National Champion**



**Ross Bulman - Under 19 National Champion**



**Leone Crowley – 147academy Under 12 National Champion**



# 2018 EBSA U-18 & U-21 Snooker Championships - Bulgaria

## Ross Bulman U-21 Semi Finalist



Our RIBSA juniors had an excellent EBSA U-18 and U-21 Snooker Championships in the Ramada Hotel in Bulgaria.

Ross Bulman, Stephen Bateman, Aaron Holland, Aaron Hill, Mark Gleeson and Ronan Whyte represented RIBSA in the Championships.

Ross Bulman had a fantastic run to the semi finals in the Under 21 Championship losing 5 frames to 3 to Tyler Rees from Wales.

The Tournaments were won by Jackson Page from Wales in the EBSA U-18 Championship and Simon Lichtenberg from Germany in the EBSA U-21 Championship.



## The RIBSA Under 18 Team



## The RIBSA Under 21 Team



# National Under 21 Championship Final



The 2018 RIBSA National Under 21 Snooker Championship final will be between Aaron Hill from Crucible SC and Stephen Bateman from the Kilkenny Shed after both players played fantastic snooker on the day in the Ivy Rooms on Sunday the 22nd of April.

The final promises to be an exciting match with two fantastic junior players and we are guaranteed a new name on the famous cup. Aaron Hill hold the high Break with 107 in the event just pipping Ross Bulman's 106 and Aaron Hill's 105.



Q-FINALS			
<i>ROSS BULMAN</i>	0	3	<i>RONAN WHYTE</i>
<i>STEPHEN BATEMAN</i>	3	0	<i>LEONE CROWLEY</i>
<i>AARON HILL</i>	3	0	<i>AARON HOLLAND</i>
<i>NOEL LANDERS</i>	3	0	<i>MARK GLEESON</i>
S-FINALS			
<i>RONAN WHYTE</i>	2	3	<i>STEPHEN BATEMAN</i>
<i>AARON HILL</i>	3	1	<i>NOEL LANDERS</i>

# National Under 14 Championship Final



The 2018 National RIBSA U-14 Snooker Championship final will be between Sean Walsh from the Douglas Snooker Club in Cork and Leone Crowley from Shooters Snooker Club in Cork after both players played fantastic snooker on the day in the Ivy Rooms on Sunday the 11th of March.

The standard all day was very high from our young stars and in the Q Finals Ryan McGuirk beat Keilum Reid 3-1, Sean Walsh beat Adam Quinn 3-1, Leone Crowley beat his brother Sean Paul Crowley 3-1 and in the final Q-Final Alex Currid beat Aaron Smith 3-2 to set up two fantastic semi-finals. The high break stands at 45 by Sean Walsh



Q-FINALS					
<i>RYAN MCGUIRK</i>	3	1	<i>KEILUM REID</i>		
<i>SEAN WALSH</i>	3	1	<i>ADAM QUINN</i>		
<i>LEONE CROWLEY</i>	3	1	<i>SEAN PAUL CROWLEY</i>		
<i>ALEX CURRID</i>	3	2	<i>AARON SMITH</i>		
S-FINALS					
<i>RYAN MCGUIRK</i>	2	3	<i>SEAN WALSH</i>		
<i>LEONE CROWLEY</i>	3	2	<i>ALEX CURRID</i>		



# 2018 EBSA Men's Snooker Championships - Bulgaria

**Brendan O Donoghue Semi Finalist**



Well done to the five RIBSA players in the 2018 Men's EBSA Snooker Championships in Sofia Bulgaria. The five Republic of Ireland players Stephen Bateman, Brendan O Donoghue, TJ Dowling, Greg Casey and Noel Landers all performed excellent in the event and qualified out of their groups for the knock out stages.

Stephen reached the last 96 round, TJ and Noel reached the last 32 and Greg reached the 16 round with Brendan reaching the Semi Finals losing to Jordan Brown from an All Ireland clash.

The Championships was won by Harvey Chandler from England as he won the prestigious title and a two year World Snooker professional tour card for 2018—2020 season.

RIBSA would like to congratulate all the Senior and Junior players in Sofia for giving it their best and representing our Association to the max.

# Well done Team Ireland



## 2018 RIBSA Club Membership

The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association (RIBSA) have announced details of the 2018 Club Registration fees.

The new fees are the following.

1 – 4 Snooker Table €20.00

5 or more tables €40.00

RIBSA are offering complementary entry fee cards that can be used for any RIBSA Junior, Senior, Masters, Intermediate, Ladies or Billiards event to encourage the clubs to sign up for 2018 Registration.

### ENTRY FEE CARDS

1 – 4 Snooker Table—One Complementary entry fee card

5 or more tables – Two complementary entry fee cards

RIBSA Club Registration runs from January to January each year.



# National Under 16 Championship Final



The 2018 National RIBSA U-16 Snooker Championship final will be between Aaron Hill from the Crucible Snooker Club in Cork and Joe La Cumbre from Portarlinton Snooker Club after both players played fantastic snooker on the day in the Ivy Rooms on Saturday the 10th of March. The Current High break is 102 by Aaron Hill.



## Q-FINALS

<i>JOE LA CUMBRE</i>	3	0	<i>KEITH O REILLY</i>
<i>AARON SMITH</i>	3	2	<i>JACK SHERIDAN</i>
<i>NOEL GLEESON</i>	3	0	<i>PATRICK DALY</i>
<i>JOHN LANDERS</i>	0	3	<i>AARON HILL</i>

## S-FINALS

<i>JOE LA CUMBRE</i>	3	1	<i>AARON SMITH</i>
<i>NOEL GLEESON</i>	0	3	<i>AARON HILL</i>

# National Under 19 Championship Final



The 2018 National RIBSA U-19 Championship final will be between Noel Landers from Youghal CYMS and his teammate Ross Bulman after both had impressive wins on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in the Ivy Rooms SC. The Current High break is 97 by Aaron Hill



## Q-FINALS

<i>ROSS BULMAN</i>	3	2	<i>RYAN McGUIRK</i>
<i>MARK GLEESON</i>	3	0	<i>LEONE CROWLEY</i>
<i>NOEL LANDERS</i>	3	0	<i>DARRAGH CUSACK</i>
<i>AARON HILL</i>	3	0	<i>SHANE HOURIHANE</i>

## S-FINALS

<i>ROSS BULMAN</i>	3	0	<i>MARK GLEESON</i>
<i>NOEL LANDERS</i>	3	2	<i>AARON HILL</i>

# 2017 Home Internationals - Leeds

## Ireland Seniors Wins Home International Title



The RIBSA Senior team Michael Judge, TJ Dowling, Robert Murphy and John Farrell won the 2017 Home Internationals Senior Snooker Championships in the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds.

The Republic Of Ireland Seniors remained unbeaten in the event with six superb wins: Republic of Ireland 10-2 Isle of Man, Republic of Ireland 8-4 Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland 8-4 Scotland, Republic of Ireland 12-0 Guernsey, Republic of Ireland 9-3 Wales and Republic of Ireland 7-5 England.

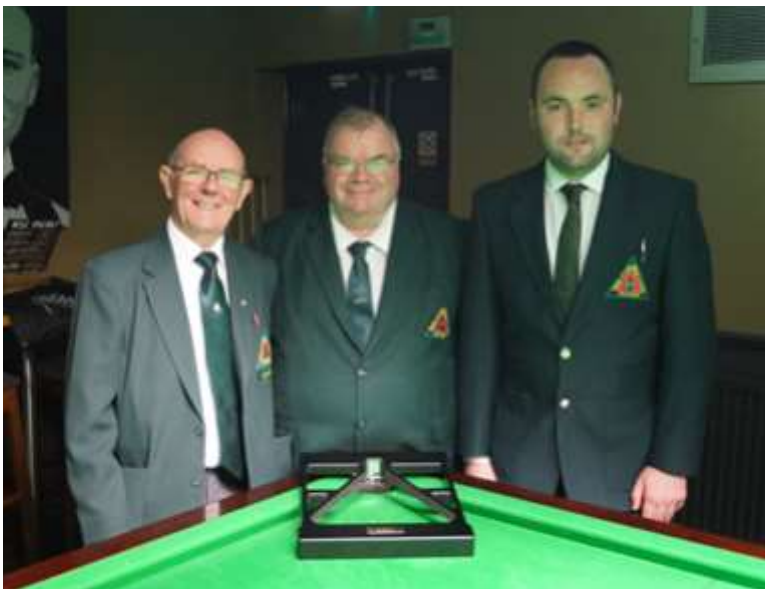
Ireland's John Farrell had the highest break of 132 in the Championship and John also won the player of the tournament winning 16 frames out of his 18 in the event. RIBSA president Eamon Kearns presented team captain Robert Murphy the Prince of Wales shield in front of a large cheering audience.

The Republic of Ireland Under 16's played outstanding snooker to stay unbeaten and earn second place in the 2017 Junior Home Internationals Snooker Championships in the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds.

After the results earlier in the day Ross Bulman, Aaron Hill, Aaron Goldrick and Ryan McGuirk needed to win 10-2 against England to clinch the title. Early on the English went ahead but the boys fought back from 3-6 down to level the match at 6-6 and earn second place in the Championship.

Aaron Hill was player of the tournament with 13 out of his 15 frames and Ross Bulman won the tournament high break with his 82 break.

# Well done Team Ireland



The Republic Of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association Referees Pat Mooney, John Kehoe and Ger Murray HIBSF Assistant Tournament Director were all in action for the Home Internationals Snooker Championships.

RIBSA would like to congratulate all the RIBSA teams on a superb performance and it was a special week with the Seniors winning back the title for the first time since the event was moved from Pontins

# R.I.B.S.A. Coaching Review 2017 - 2018



RIBSA held an Intro level Snooker Coaching Education Course in the Ivy Rooms SC in Carlow with Robert Malynn from Shannonbridge, County Offaly and Paddy Hanafin from Thurles Co. Tipperary.

The course was given by our National Coach PJ Nolan and was approved by Sport Ireland Coaching who governs Coaching in the Republic Of Ireland.

This one day Intro Level Course is designed for RIBSA members who want to start coaching basic skills in their local clubs. The course covered everything in the approved coaching syllabus featuring Playing Techniques, Role of Coaches, Training Routines plus the Rules of the Game.



## **RIBSA Chairman Congratulations**

RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy and RIBSA Vice Chairman Ger Murray were on hand to congratulate both on beginning the coaching process. RIBSA feel this is an important area in helping grow the game all over Ireland with qualified RIBSA coaches spreading the word.

## **Safeguarding 1 – Child Welfare Awareness Course**

Both coaches will now need to attend a sport partnership 3hr Safeguarding 1 – Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Course in their own area.



Finally both need to complete the Garda vetting before being presented with their Intro Level Accreditation RIBSA / Sport Ireland Certificate later in the season.



# 2017 EBSA Men's & Masters Team

Championships - Albania

**Ireland reach two European Finals**



The European Billiards & Snooker Association Masters Singles, Men's Team Championships, Masters Team Championships were held in Albania. Michael Judge reached the Final of the European Open. Mark Tuite & John Farrell reached the final of the Men's Team Championships and Michael Judge & Anthony Bonnar reached the final of the Masters Team Championships. All the Irish Teams played each other with Greg Casey & David Cassidy losing to Mark & John and Stephen Walsh & Brian McPhee losing to Michael & Anthony in the Q-Finals. RIBSA congratulate everyone on their excellent performances.



# Ireland Win 2017 Celtic Snooker Challenge



The Republic Of Ireland Junior teams won the Celtic Challenge in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow on Sunday the 25th of June. This event featured the best Under 14 and Under 16 players from the Republic Of Ireland and Wales and in the end Ireland won the title 106 points to 90 points.

Team Captains Ross Bulman and Noel Gleeson were presented with the perpetual cup by RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy and RIBSA President Eamon Kearns. Noel Gleeson won player of the Tournament with 10 points from the possible 12 frames.

National Coach PJ Nolan said he was delighted with the win as 12 of the 14 players are underage for next years event. There was five sessions played on Saturday and two sessions of play played on the Sunday.

- Session 1:** Ireland 15 - 13 Wales
- Session 2:** Wales 16 - 12 Ireland
- Session 3:** Ireland 15 - 13 Wales
- Session 4:** Wales 15 - 13 Ireland
- Session 5:** Ireland 20 - 8 Wales
- Session 6:** Ireland and Wales drew 14-14
- Session 7:** Ireland 17 -11 Wales

**Total Score: Ireland 106 - Wales 90**





# IBSF World U-18 & U-21 Championships

## Landers reaches World U-21 Q Finals in China



The 2017 World IBSF Under 18 and Under 21 Snooker Championships were held in the Tian Tan Hotel in the amazing city of Beijing China. The RIBSA U-18 players were Noel Landers, Darragh Cusack and Ronan Whyte. All three will also compete in the World U-21's along with Shane Bates and Aaron Holland. They were guided by our National Coach PJ Nolan in China. RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy is the IBSF Vice President and was the Team Delegate.

RIBSA Referees Neil Shanahan and Don O Donoghue were in action at the IBSF Championships. Best result for the Republic of Ireland player was Noel Landers who reached the Q-Final in the 2017 World IBSF Under 21 Snooker Championships in Beijing China. Noel was beaten by No.3 seed Zhang Jiankang from China 5 frames to 1.



# 147academy Under 12 Championship Final



The 2018 147academy sponsored RIBSA National U-12 Snooker Championship final will be between Defending Champion Leone Crowley from Shooters Cork and Jack O'Brien from Rathkeale SC Limerick after both players played fantastic snooker on the day in the Ivy Rooms on Sunday the 22nd of April.

# 147academy Under 14 Girls Championship



11 year old Aoife Gleeson from the New Institute SC in Nengah won the first ever RIBSA Under 14 Girls Irish National Snooker Championship sponsored by The 147 Academy of PJ Nolan on Saturday the 21st of April in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow. In the final Aoife beat her sister Marie Gleeson in a great final that was refereed by International Referee Conor Doyle. Aoife won the final 2 frames to nil.

# National Under 18 Championship Final



The 2018 National RIBSA U-18 Snooker Championship final will be between Aaron Hill from Crucible SC and Sean Devenney from Northwest SC in Letterkenny after both players played fantastic snooker in the Ivy Rooms on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. In the Q Finals Ross Bulman beat Mark Gleeson 3-1, Aaron Hill beat Noel Gleeson 3-1, Ronan Whyte beat Adam Halnon 3-0 and Sean Devenney beat Aaron Smith 3-1. The current high break is 69 by Aaron Hill. Well done to all the players who took part.



## Q-FINALS

<i>ROSS BULMAN</i>	3	1	<i>MARK GLEESON</i>
<i>AARON HILL</i>	3	1	<i>NOEL GLEESON</i>
<i>RONAN WHYTE</i>	3	0	<i>ADAM HALNON</i>
<i>SEAN DEVENNEY</i>	3	1	<i>AARON SMITH</i>

## S-FINALS

<i>ROSS BULMAN</i>	2	3	<i>AARON HILL</i>
<i>RONAN WHYTE</i>	2	3	<i>SEAN DEVENNEY</i>

PRELIMINARY	SCORE	TIME	LAST 64	SCORE	LAST 32	SCORE	LAST 16	SCORE
		12:30	<b>Michael Judge</b>	4	Michael Judge	4	Michael Judge	
			Shane Sexton	0				
Kashif Rehman	2	12:30	Kevin O'Leary	3	Adrian Doran	0		
Kevin O'Leary	4		Adrian Doran	4				
		12:30	Barry Sinnott	N/S	Lewis Casserly	4	David Cassidy	
Shane Bates	N/S		Lewis Casserly	W/O				
Lewis Casserly	W/O	12:30	Dane Daly Mulpeter	2	David Cassidy	0		
			<b>David Cassidy</b>	4				
		12:30	<b>Robert Murphy</b>	4	Robert Murphy	3	Johnny Connors	
Colm Gilcreest	1		Tony Corrigan	0				
Tony Corrigan	4	12:30	Johnny Connors	4	Johnny Connors	4		
			Paul McGrane	1				
Paul McGrane	4	12:30	Anthony Bonnar	4	Anthony Bonnar	0	Aidan Devenney	
Roy Duffy	0		Liam Brady	0				
		12:30	Aidan Devenney	4	Aidan Devenney	4		
Aidan Devenney	4		<b>Stephen Bateman</b>	3				
Aaron Holland	3	12:30	<b>David Morris</b>	4	David Morris	4	David Morris	
			Frank Sarsfield	1				
		12:30	Hughie O'Donnell	4	Hughie O'Donnell	0		
Dylan Rees	N/S		Ryan McGuirk	0				
Hughie O'Donnell	W/O	3:00	Mark Nagle	4	Mark Nagle	1	Noel Landers	
			Paul Arnold	1				
Michael O'Connor	N/S	3:00	James Bateman	3	Noel Landers	4		
Paul Arnold	W/O		<b>Noel Landers</b>	4				
		3:00	<b>Philip O'Connor</b>	4	Phillip O'Connor	4	Phillip O'Connor	
Darragh Cusack	4		Darragh Cusack	0				
Karl Ellis	1	3:00	Johnny Williams	3	Michael Mullen	0		
			Michael Mullin	4				
		3:00	Brian McPhee	3	Alan Cusack	0	TJ Dowling	
Brian McPhee	4		Alan Cusack	4				
Fionn Comerford	1	3:00	Benny O'Brien	1	TJ Dowling	4		
			<b>T J Dowling</b>	4				
Peter Dunne	N/S							
Benny O'Brien	W/O							

PRELIMINARY	SCORE	TIME	LAST 64	SCORE	LAST 32	SCORE	LAST16	SCORE
		12.30	<b>Rodney Goggins</b>	4	<b>Rodney Goggins</b>	4	<b>Rodney Goggins</b>	
<b>Colvin O'Brien</b>	N/S		<b>Ivor Fitzpatrick</b>	0				
<b>Ivor Fitzpatrick</b>	W/O							
		12.3	<b>Johnny Farrell</b>	4	Johnny Farrell	0		
			<b>Adrian Morrissey</b>	3				
<b>Ian Smith</b>	4	12:30 PM	<b>Ian Smith</b>	4	Ian Smith	2	<b>Joe Delaney</b>	
<b>James Flaherty</b>	1		<b>Mark Gleeson</b>	0				
<b>John McBride</b>	N/S	12:30 PM	<b>Joe Delaney</b>	4	Joe Delaney	4		
<b>Joe Delaney</b>	W/O		<b>Chris Cooney</b>	2				
		12:30 PM	<b>Philip Browne</b>	4	<b>Philip Browne</b>	4		
			<b>Keith Sheldreck</b>	1				
<b>Noel Gleeson</b>	4	12:30 PM	<b>Noel Gleeson</b>	4	Noel Gleeson	2		
<b>Paul Ludden</b>	2		<b>Neil White</b>	0				
<b>Jason Devaney</b>	4	12:30 PM	<b>Jason Devaney</b>	4	Jason Devaney	3	<b>Greg Casey</b>	
<b>Diarmuid O'Connor</b>	2		<b>John Sutton</b>	2				
<b>Patrick Daly</b>	4	12:30 PM	<b>Patrick Daly</b>	1	<b>Greg Casey</b>	4		
<b>Darren Savage</b>	2		<b>Greg Casey</b>	4				
		3.00	<b>Aaron Hill</b>	4	<b>Aaron Hill</b>	4	<b>Aaron Hill</b>	
			<b>Mark Tuite</b>	0				
<b>Nigel Power</b>	4	3.00	<b>Nigel Power</b>	4	Nigel Power	3		
<b>Killian Ronan</b>	0		<b>Alan O'Connor</b>	1				
		3.00	<b>Chris Humphries</b>	4	Chris Humphries	3	<b>Ross Bulman</b>	
<b>Martin Thorpe</b>	W/O		<b>Martin Thorpe</b>	0				
<b>Morgan Thomas</b>	N/S	3.00	<b>John O'Sullivan</b>	3	<b>Ross Bulman</b>	4		
			<b>Ross Bulman</b>	4				
		3:00	<b>Ryan Cronin</b>	4	Ryan Cronin	4	<b>Ryan Cronin</b>	
<b>Dylan Carey</b>	N/S		<b>Amen Goel</b>	0				
<b>Amen Goel</b>	W/O	3.00	<b>Jim Carrick</b>	4	Jim Carrick	2		
			<b>Stephen Reddington</b>	2				
<b>Paddy Brady</b>	4	3.00	<b>Paddy Brady</b>	1	John Torpey	4	<b>John Torpey</b>	
<b>Ronan Whyte</b>	3		<b>John Torpey</b>	4				
<b>Glen Redden</b>	4	3:00	<b>Glen Redden</b>	1	Brendan O'Donoghue	3		
<b>Tyler O'Connor</b>	0		<b>Brendan O'Donoghue</b>	4				

# R.I.B.S.A. Ladies Snooker Promotion 2017 - 2018



The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association held two promotional days for women in sport with our National Coach PJ Nolan in the Ivy Rooms in Carlow and in Q's Snooker Club in Dublin.

All standards were welcome and the days were a huge success. RIBSA are working on developing the RIBSA Ladies Game with Senior, Intermediate, 6 red and promotion days held this year.

This season the first ever RIBSA Girls U-14 Championship was held in April and this is an important area of the development of the sport.

Ger Murray and Eamon Kearns were appointed TD's for the event and Jim Leacy RIBSA Chairman said " RIBSA will again next season promote the ladies game with a good national tournament structure and promotion days planned. " He hopes more ladies will compete to qualify for the International IBSF, EBSA, HIBSF, WSF & WLSA events ".

Any lady wishing to play National Snooker and qualify for International Snooker are invited to attend any event. If you need more information contact [info@ribsa.ie](mailto:info@ribsa.ie)



# R.I.B.S.A. Ladies Snooker 2017 - 2018



# RIBSA JUNIOR ELITE SQUAD LAUNCHED



Jim Leacy Chairman of the Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association launched the RIBSA Junior Elite Squad on Saturday the 16th of September in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow.

Ross Bulman from Youghal, Aaron Hill from Cork, Noel Gleeson from Nenagh, Ryan McGuirk from Meath and Patrick Daly from Killarney will receive a snooker scholarship to play in all RIBSA events free of charge for the 2017-2018 season. RIBSA National Coach PJ Nolan will be in charge of the squad.

## WSF Snooker Championships - Malta



WORLD SNOOKER FEDERATION

**World Snooker Federation  
Championship Malta 2018**

The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association would like to congratulate our players in the first WSF championships which was held in Malta

**Ladies Players:** Paula Judge & Ronda Sheldreck

**Masters Players :** Michael Judge, John Farrell, Nigel Power & James Flaherty.

**Senior Players :** TJ Dowling, Philip O Connor, Noel Landers & Daniel O Regan.

**Best Result** was Michael Judge reaching the Semi Finals of the Masters Championship. Well done Team Ireland.

# UP COMING RIBSA NATIONAL FINALS

## 2018 Intermediate Billiards Long Up Championships

James Bateman Vs Anthony O Flaherty



Vs



Vs



## 2018 Intermediate Billiards 150 Up Championships

Joe Doheny Vs John Kehoe

## 2018 Senior Billiards Short Format Championships

Aidan Murray Vs Wayne Doyle



Vs



## 2018 Senior Billiards Long Up Championships Semi Finals

Aidan Murray Vs Joe Doheny & Wayne Doyle Vs Eugene Hughes



Vs



Vs



## 2018 RIBSA Ladies Senior Snooker Championships

Michelle Sherwin Vs Claire Mill



Vs



## 2018 RIBSA Ladies Intermediate Snooker Championships

Ronda Sheldreck Vs Leah Brady.



## 2018 RIBSA Masters Snooker Championship Final

Rodney Goggins Vs John Farrell



Vs





## 2017 IBSF Men & Master C-Ships - Qatar

### **Brendan O Donoghue reaches Q-Finals**



Irishman Brendan O Donoghue reached the Q Finals of the 2017 Men's World IBSF Snooker Championship in Qatar. The World Men, Masters and Ladies IBSF Snooker Championships were held in Doha, Qatar.

Big well done to the RIBSA team of Brendan O Donoghue, Ross Bulman, Karl Fitzpatrick, Brian McPhee, Anthony Bonnar and John Farrell on playing their best in Qatar. RIBSA Referee Pat Mooney officiated at the event along with IBSF Vice President Jim Leacy.





# 2017 IBSF 6 Red & Team C-Ships - Egypt

## Goggins & Walsh reach World Semi Finals



Well done to the RIBSA players in the IBSF World Team & 6 Reds Championships in Hurghada, Egypt in reaching the Semi Finals and Q-Finals in the World Team Championships. RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy said the players performed excellent and they should be very proud of themselves.

### Men's Team Championships

RIBSA players Rodney Goggins and Mark Walsh reached the Semi Finals of the Men's Team Championships with fantastic performances all week but unfortunately lost to Pakistan.

### Masters Team Championships

Tom O Driscoll and Dylan Rees also performed superbly in reaching the Q-Finals of the Masters Team Championship losing a final frame shoot out to the UAE.



## ANTI DOPING INFORMATION



The WADA Prohibited List is an International Standard issued annually by WADA that identifies classes of substances and methods that are prohibited in-competition, out-of-competition, and in particular sports. [www.wada-ama.org/en/](http://www.wada-ama.org/en/)

Athletes can easily check out what over-the-counter medications, bought in the Republic of Ireland, are prohibited or permitted by checking the 'Drugs in Sport Database' on [www.eirpharm.com](http://www.eirpharm.com) and [www.irishsportsCouncil.ie/Anti-Doping/](http://www.irishsportsCouncil.ie/Anti-Doping/) Athletes who are required to take a prohibited medication for a legitimate medical reason may apply for a therapeutic use exemption (TUE). Check [www.irishsportsCouncil.ie/Anti-Doping/TUEs and Medicines](http://www.irishsportsCouncil.ie/Anti-Doping/TUEs_and_Medicines) on TUE Applications.

# RIBSA Junior Developmental Days



The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association held three very successful Junior Snooker promotional and developmental days during the season in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow.

All junior U-21 players in Ireland were invited to attend the day with our Irish National Coach PJ Nolan and his team of RIBSA Qualified Coaches to learn some skills of the game.

The cost to each player was €5.00 and they got advice excellent about the Stance, Using the rest, Cue Action, and Cue Ball Control. They played in some mini games tournaments.

Ger Murray also gave a seminar on the rules of the game at each developmental day. The final developmental day will be held on the 16th of June in the Ivy Rooms and RIBSA would like to thank all the clubs who encouraged as many of their young members to attend these promotion days.



# RIBSA hold session with Mind Coach



RIBSA held a successful Mental Training session and a Training Camp on Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th of July in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow to prepare our players for the upcoming Championships.

All the players were invited to a 3hr Mind Session where Denis trained the players on a specific program to help them improve the mental side of the game. Denis Coen from [elitemindsets.ie](http://elitemindsets.ie) is one of the leading mind coaches assisted our National Coach PJ Nolan in preparing our RIBSA Senior, Masters, Billiards, Under 21, Under 16 players.

RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy was on hand to wish all the players good luck in their up coming International events and thanked Denis Coen and PJ Nolan for putting on a great event which he hopes the players will learn from it.

The following day RIBSA invited all the Home International players to a training day. PJ guided the players on various training routines to improve their Break Building and Match-Play.

Sixteen players took part in the Break Building Challenge and it was won by Aaron Hill from Cork with a superb total of 498 points. Aaron averaged 83 on each of the break building routines with John Farrell in 2nd place and Noel Landers in 3rd place.

The high breaks on the day were by Aaron Hill with 136 and 117, John Farrell had 120 and 124, Rodney Goggins had 133, Dylan Rees had 109 and Noel Landers had a 121 break.



# RIBSA Intermediate Finals 2017 - 2018



2. Colvin O'Brien beat Fionn Comerford 3 - 2



3. Aaron Hill beat Colvin O'Brien 3 - 2



4. Colvin O'Brien beat Adrian Morrissey 3 - 0



5. Dylan Rees beat Alan O'Connor 3-0



6. Colvin O'Brien beat Neil Guidon 3-2

## 2018 National Intermediate Snooker Championship Semi Finalists



Aron Holland



Vs Dylan Rees



Alan O'Connor



Vs Brendan Thomas

# 2017 - 2018 SEASON SENIOR LAST 16



2018 RIBSA Irish Senior Championships Day 1 Qualifiers



2018 RIBSA Irish Senior Championships Day 2 Qualifiers



2018 RIBSA AGM @ 1.30PM  
12th may - IVY ROOMS  
SNOOKER CLUB CARLOW

# R.I.B.S.A. Senior Finals 2017 - 2018

## The Barracks Classic Cup



1. Michael Judge beat Stephen Bateman 4 - 2

## The Hickson's Centra Irish Open Cup



2. David Morris beat Greg Casey 4 - 1

## The Eamon Kearns Presidents Cup



3. Rodney Goggins beat Ryan Cronin 4 - 0

## The DBSL Premier Cup



4. Brendan O Donoghue beat Michael Judge 4 - 3

## The Douglas Jewellers Irish Masters Cup



5. Michael Judge beat TJ Dowling 4 - 3

## The Gerry Stokes Grand Prix Cup



6. Rodney Goggins beat Davy Morris 4 - 1

# R.I.B.S.A. Masters Finals 2017 - 2018

## The Anthony Bonnar Engineering Cup



1. John Farrell beat Michael Judge 3 - 1

## The Roadstone SC Cup



2. Michael Judge beat John O Sullivan 3 - 0

## The Ivy Rooms Classic Cup



3. John Torpey beat John O Sullivan 3 - 1

## The John Doherty Donegal Cup



4. John Farrell beat John Torpey 3 - 0

## The Nigel Power Executive Pensions Cup



5. Michael Judge beat Hughie O Donnell 3 - 0

## The PrideCraft Construction Cup



6. Rodney Goggins beat Mark Tuite 3 - 2

# R.I.B.S.A. News 2017-2018



The Republic of Ireland Billiards Association held a very successful coffee morning in the Ivy Rooms on Saturday the 16th of December. All Patents, Guardians, Club Owners / Managers, Players and Referees were invited to attend and discuss how to grow the game within Ireland.



The Republic of Ireland Billiards Association launched a new streaming service for streaming four tables at all events held during the season in the Ivy Rooms SC. Each match is published on the RIBSA you-tube channel for players to watch and study. It promises to be an exciting development in Irish snooker to be able to watch our stars from all around the world.



## Lost RIBSA Perpetual Cups

The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association are requesting any players or clubs who has any old RIBSA Perpetual Trophy for events in the past to please return to the Ivy Rooms SC in Carlow.

The cups will be reused for current events and RIBSA would like to ask all the players and clubs to search for any old RIBSA cups they might have.

For more Information – [info@ribsa.ie](mailto:info@ribsa.ie)

# R.I.B.S.A. Sponsorship Opportunity

The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association have just announced details of a sponsor opportunities for members and business to get more involved in the game each season. Gold, Silver and Bronze level of sponsors is available at the cost of €1000, €500 and €100 prospectively per season.

Three tier level allows everyone to get involved and RIBSA would encourage all members to contact anyone they know whom and help RIBSA make the game stronger and more successful.

## Gold Sponsor

- Named as a Title Sponsor
- Sponsor on RIBSA headed paper
- Sponsor to have a RIBSA Tour of their choice re-named
- Sponsor to have a National Senior, Masters, Intermediate championship re-named.
- Sponsor logo displayed during live streaming events.
- Sponsor logo on home screen of web site plus link directly to their own site
- Invitation to present a trophy at Finals weekend
- 5ft tall Banner with sponsor logo used for photos
- Sponsor logo will appear on newsletter or any RIBSA publications
- Sponsors Letter of thanks

## Silver Sponsor

- Sponsor Logo link on RIBSA web site
- Sponsor to have a National Junior or Billiards Championship re-named
- Invitation to present trophy at Finals weekend
- All the silver sponsors will have their Logos appear on a large banner displayed at national finals weekend.
- Sponsor logo will appear on our newsletter
- All sponsors will receive a letter of thanks

## Bronze Sponsor

- Sponsor Logo link on RIBSA web site
- Sponsor to have an Intermediate / Junior or Billiards ranking Tournament re-named
- Invitation to present trophy at Finals weekend.
- All sponsors will receive a letter of thanks

If anyone would like to receive more information on this offer, they should email [info@ribsa.ie](mailto:info@ribsa.ie)

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Photo of four men on a stage, one holding a trophy.

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**GOLD** €1000 per Season

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# 2017-2018 Billiards Review

The game of Billiards in Ireland, although not nearly as popular as the game of Snooker, nonetheless, has its own core of keen and dedicated players. Also, while operating on a much smaller scale than its Snooker counterpart, Billiards enjoys a very active season every year with a full calendar of both National and International events.

The first event of the season was the annual Home Internationals, held in Leeds at the end of August. England A, with a very strong international team were winners for the sixth time in succession, followed by Ireland and Jersey A in joint second place, the remaining places going to Scotland A, Wales, Scotland B, England B, and Jersey B.

The National senior series of monthly tournaments commenced in September. Six monthly tournaments took place comprising two timed events, two 400up, and two short format 150up events. At the completion of the six events reigning Short Format champion Aidan Murray held a close lead over last season's top ranking player and Long-up champion Wayne Doyle. The final outcome will not be known until ranking points earned in the forthcoming championships.

The Intermediate series, inaugurated in the 2004-05 season and run on a handicap basis, has been discontinued for the last three seasons, due mainly to lack of numbers. An Intermediate Championship however, played off scratch, was played down to the last two in both long-up and short 150up formats, the finals to be contested as part of the Championships Weekend in early May. The finalists will be Joe Doheny versus John Kehoe in the 150up format while the Long-up final will be James Bateman versus Anthony O'Flaherty.

Billiards did not entirely lose its handicap events. Two memorial tournaments, The Pat O'Sullivan Handicap and The Timmy Murphy Memorial both attracted a large entry in memory of two well loved billiard players. Pat O'Sullivan's brother Noel was in attendance to present the Pat O'Sullivan Trophy, while Timmy Murphy's family were well represented at Timmy's event where his wife Phyllis presented the winner with a beautiful trophy sponsored by AOH Cork.

Another international event in the billiards calendar was the Four Nations International, held in November in Vienna. England restored its supremacy at this event by retaking the 2017 trophy, followed by Northern Ireland in second, Ireland third and Austria fourth.

The international season of team events was wrapped up at the annual North-South Challenge Trophy, held in Celbridge at the end of April. Yet again, the event produced a keenly contested tournament in an atmosphere of a very enjoyable blend of friendship and rivalry, resulting in a close win for the home team.

## Up Coming International Events

Currently, preparations are under way for two other international events, the Irish Open and the European Open, to be run by World Billiards Ltd at the Ivy Rooms, Carlow in May. Both carry World Ranking points and are expected to attract entries from the world's top players. Might we see a repeat of the fabulous 1000 break made by Peter Gilchrist in 2014?

Another aspect of the game of billiards, worldwide, is the social side of the international events which almost universally includes an evening dinner. This gives the players, officials and supporters alike, an opportunity to renew friendships, exchange experiences and enjoy the camaraderie of their shared fraternity. In this regard, the 2017-18 season was no exception.

Brendan Devlin, Billiards Secretary



David Causier from England won the 2017 **LITetask Irish Billiards Open** in association with RIBSA and the Ivy Rooms in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club. In the final David beat Rob Hall.



Mike Russell from England won the 2017 World Billiards **LITetask European Billiards Open** in association with the Ivy Rooms & RIBSA. In the final it was Russell who won the final 1058 – 873 against Peter Gilchrist after a stunning display of world class billiards.

# 2017-2018 Billiards Gallery



# Crucible SC win All Ireland & Munster Club Titles



The Crucible Snooker Club in Cork City won their first ever All Ireland Snooker Club Championships in the Gleneagles Hotel in Killarney.

In the final the current Munster Club Champions faced the current Leinster Club Champions and it was the Crucible who beat the Kilkenny Shed in a thrilling final 3 matches to 2. The win created a fantastic double for the Cork men who won the Munster Club Title the previous weekend.

## RIBSA Awards 2016 – 2017

Referee of the year Award



Volunteer of the year Award



Coach of the year Award



RIBSA Chairman Jim Leacy and RIBSA President Eamon Kearns and RIBSA Vice Chairman Ger Murray made the presentations to the 2016 – 2017 RIBSA Volunteer of the Year to John Doherty. RIBSA Referee of the year went to Paddy Hanafin. RIBSA Coach of the year went to Brendan Cooney and the RIBSA Club of the year award went to Fairview SC in Dublin.

# RIBSA Juniors win North V South Challenge



The Republic of Ireland Juniors defeated the Northern Ireland Juniors by 63 frames to 37 frames to win the 2017 Irish Junior Challenge in the Ivy Rooms on the 2nd of September. The RIBSA Under 21's won 31 to 19 and the RIBSA Under 16's won 32 to 18. The RIBSA Juniors won 4 sessions and drew one session.

Stephen Bateman was the Republic team captain and he was presented with the cup. Noel Landers won the highest break with 93 break. NIBSA manager Anthony Heaney thanked RIBSA for their generous hospitality and said his players enjoyed the day.

RIBSA would like to thank Shane Mason and Pat Mooney who refereed on the day. TD James Bateman, Stephen Bateman for arranging the teams and to the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow for hosting another great day of Junior snooker.

## UP COMING EVENTS

June 2nd & 3rd - **EBSA / IBSF Training Camp** with PJ - Ivy Rooms SC  
June 9th & 10th - **Celtic / IBSF Training Camp** with PJ - Ivy Rooms SC  
June 16th - Junior Developmental Day with PJ - Ivy Rooms SC  
June 17th - 28th - **EBSA Masters, Ladies & Team C-Ships** - Romania  
June 29th - July 1st - **Celtic Challenge** - Wales  
July 3rd-13th - **World IBSF U-18 & U-21 Championships** - China  
July 28th & 29th - **HIBSF Training Camp with PJ** - Ivy Room SC  
August 10th -17th - **Home Internationals** - Leeds  
August 16th - 29th - **IBSF Teams & 6 Reds** - Egypt  
August 25th—31st - **IBSF Under 16 Worlds** - Russia





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