

DONEGAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

(David Hanna Memorial Cup)

The 33rd Donegal Snooker Championship final took place at the CYMS snooker club on Friday last. The final was contested between two previous champions, John Connors who had won the tournament on two previous occasions, and Johnny Whyte who had also won the tournament on two occasions.

The MC and referee on the night was Ken Kerwin who got the proceedings under way at 7 pm. The first frame was a slow affair with neither player willing to give his opponent an opportunity to get amongst the balls. Both players made a couple of small breaks but it was Johnny Whyte who made the most of his opportunities to take the first frame.

In the second frame John Connors got off to the best start with a 34 break and 28 break to take the frame. In the third frame John Connors kept up the pressure on his opponent with two more breaks of 42 and 30.

Johnny Whyte got off to the best start in the fourth frame with a break of 38. After a long safety battle John Connors got back into the frame and eventually took it on the Pink ball. So John Connors went into the break 3 frames to 1 up, in the best of nine contest.

After the break John Connors was not letting go of his lead in this final as he seemed to relax into the game and become more fluent in his break building. After two good breaks of 43 and 28 he took the fifth frame and a 4/1 lead in the match.

Johnny Whyte was not going to let this final drift away without a fight as he got the frame started with a 46 break and a 25 break to pull one back in the match.

In the next frame both players had small breaks in the early exchanges. It was John Connors who came to the fore with the best break of the match, an excellent 64 break. This pushed the frame beyond the grasp of his opponent who reluctantly conceded the match to his young opponent.

Congratulations to John Connors on winning his third Donegal Snooker Championship 5/2.

The high break was won by Anthony Bonnar who scored 96 in his Quarter final match. Donegal Snooker League would like to sincerely thank the sponsors Hanna Hats Donegal Town, North West Snooker Club Letterkenny, BBBuses Letterkenny and especially the CYMS Snooker club who provided the excellent facilities for the tournament.

NORTH WEST SNOOKER CLUB

COACHING; Junior coaching is on from 5.30 to 7.30 every Friday. The coaching is for all players between the age of 10 and 18 years. There is no need to have any previous snooker skills as we will start everyone with the very basics. The coaching will be led by NCTC Coach John Doherty. If you have any enquiries you can contact John on 087 2223164 or the club at 9121384. .

The North West Snooker club is open to the public from 11am to 12 midnight, 7 days a week. We are situated on the Port Road behind the Movie Bank where there is lots of free parking for our customers. There is a large stock of new snooker and pool cues in our new display area, also available is a large selection of cue cases and all snooker and pool accessories, at very keen prices. As well as 10 championship snooker tables we also have 4 competition American Pool tables and 4 English Pool tables. There is also an internet café where you can catch up on your e-mail's or just browse the internet. Also for the younger kids we have some amusement games. If you have any enquiries please contact the club at 9121384.