

## Women's 2017 State Snooker Championship

The preliminary round was held at Cheltenham Billiards and Snooker Club this year.

I would like to thank the ladies who participated, it was a great day that was fun at times and very serious and intense once the competition started.

I would like to mention that we had two junior ladies present, Isabella DiGorgio 2017 Australian female U18 snooker champion and also the 2017 U18 Australian runner up, Teah Raeburn. Both of these young ladies showed determination and skill beyond their years, also included in the mix was another young lady, Heidi Fridman. I must compliment all three of them on the attitudes that I witnessed on the day, regardless of a win or a loss, they held their heads high and got on with the next match with grit and determination.

All of the top seeded ladies proved too strong on the Saturday and all progressed to the semifinals that were held at Brunswick on Sunday.

Group A - 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Howden      2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Lynch

Group B - 1<sup>st</sup> Theresa Whitten      2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Ruscitti

The Semifinals started at 10:00am Kathy V Caroline & Theresa V Anna. Playing the best of 5

1<sup>st</sup> Semi - Anna won the first frame and Theresa won the next 3 to progress to the grand final (3-1).

2<sup>nd</sup> Semi - Kathy & Caroline played and it was a very close fought match with Caroline eventually winning the 5<sup>th</sup> frame to progress to the grand final (3-2)

The Grand Final was between Caroline and Theresa that was an epic match that swung back and forth between the contestants until the last frame, where Caroline stepped up the pace and got away to win 3-2.

Thanks again to all, Alan Croft for his dedicated support, George Hoy as Brunswick Tournament Director for the weekend, Larry Eforagan allocating referee's to ensure the tournament ran well, Neil Allison and again, all of the ladies that participated in the 2017 Victorian Women's State title, it was a pleasure to be involved in this year's championship, well done to all.

Finally Congratulations to Caroline Ruscitti, well done on your 2017 women's state championship win.

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