

D.O.R. Report 2020

I would first like to start with a little preamble from 2019 which is as follows.

Goals for the coming year remain as this year, i.e. recruitment and mentoring, plus the ongoing process of upgrading those deserving. It is also the ambition to test the new referee teaching program and to iron out any adverse aspects which may show up once in use. It is also the intention to present it to the A.B.S.R. for use nationwide once that has been achieved.

That was the final paragraph in my report for 2019 and following that A.G.M. 4 new referees have been accredited using the system. Board member Dr. Shelly Ames along with Mark David and Bryan Hickey have all become accredited and been helpful pre Covid. Alexa Wong also passed the exam but nothing has been heard from her since.

The Snooker program along with a teaching manual and its supplement and the Referee Handbook has since been presented to the new ABSC Referee Subcommittee through Paul and has been received tentatively but favourably.

The success of the accreditation system was evident, with all students showing increased understanding, not just of the rules, but also the other demands of refereeing. The Referee Handbook and the third practical seminar will prove especially helpful I feel.

That handbook has now been upgraded to include chapters on Billiards.

With so much time at hand due to our present circumstances there has now also been developed a PowerPoint presentation to accompany each of the theoretical accreditation seminars, and equipment purchased to enable an acceptable display of those presentations and with which a number of students can participate.

This is an ongoing project in consultation and with advice from Paul and fine tuning will keep me from being idle in the near future and as with the handbook a presentation has also been developed for the accreditation of Billiards referees.

The other project which inactivity has both enabled and curtailed in different ways, is the induction of Jon Moss into the new referee mentoring project. This program is also work from 2019 and Jon is somewhat of a Guinea Pig. The eventual aim over a few years rather than months is to ascertain the merits of Class 2 referees for their possible upgrade to Class 1 Examiners and in making that determination ensure the ongoing succession of examiners and teachers of a high standard for future generations.

The goals for this year are obviously to get back to competition as soon as is allowable and to continue the accreditation process for those of the class of 2019 who missed out and to start the process and utilise the new tools with others who have expressed interest.

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