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# AMATEUR BILLIARDS

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## Report Indicates Progress

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Billiards in South Australia is in a strong position and part of the annual report which will be presented at the meeting of the Amateur Billiard Association of South Australia on Monday, May 19, reads:—"It is gratifying to know that numerically we are the strongest association in the Commonwealth, our membership roll having increased to 176, of which number 147 are fully paid up." In New South Wales the headquarters of the Amateur Billiard Association, the membership is 14.

The report also discloses that during the year the State championship resulted in Mr. W. Hindes getting to the front, and he also recorded the highest break of 97, thereby winning the president's trophy.

The Australian championship was contested in South Australia, and resulted in Mr. G. Srailler, of Sydney, annexing the title, after some spirited contests between representatives from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia. Mr. G. Srailler represented New South Wales; Mr. Tricks, Victoria; Mr. Simonds, Queensland; and Mr. Hindes, South Australia.

**Amateur Billiards Association S.A.**  
Annual General Meeting



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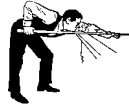
## **BILLIARDS.**

The South Australian Amateur Billiard Association held its annual meeting this week, when the following officers were elected:—Patron, the Lord Mayor (Mr. C. R. J. Glover); President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. W. Bennett, W. A. Richardson, H. Alan Morris, P. J. Flanagan, M. B. Wilson, and J. Netter; Committee, Messrs. A. Hearnden, L. Vaughan, W. H. Buckland, W. Foulkes, A. V. Thomas, P. R. Lee, C. T. Fisher, and P. J. Hennessey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. Steinthal; Auditor, Mr. A. H. Hearnden.



**Mr. S. J. Jacobs**

President of the South Australian  
Amateur Billiard Association.



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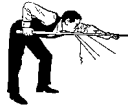
During the week Mr. George Steinthal (secretary of the South Australian Amateur Billiard Association) circularised members advising that the closing date of nominations for the billiard and snooker championship in July 7. It has been decided to hold billiard and snooker State championships, and players who are showing good form should not miss the opportunity of taking part. Most of last season's competitors will take part again.

Mr. E. A. Hinds, winner of last year's championship, has been steadily practising for some weeks, and is showing fine form. Reports are to the effect that he will again be hard to defeat, but while admitting the possibility of this, I predict that he will be given a severe tussle by Messrs. Buchanan, Hearnden, and Wilson, whom I notice are quickly getting into touch. The last-mentioned player is at a disadvantage as he is frequently away from the city, but he is of a type that quickly runs into form.



**Mr. G. F. Steinthal**

Honorary secretary of the South Australian Amateur Billiard Association.

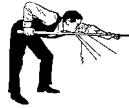


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# BILLIARDS.

By Hazard.

For the benefit of billiard enthusiasts, I propose this week to give an outline of progress made by the S.A. Amateur Billiard Association since its resumption, after going into recess during the war period. The efforts of the President, Mr. S. J. Jacobs, and secretary Mr. G. F. Steinhil, are especially praiseworthy for the manner in which they resuscitated interest, as undaunted by several futile attempts to form a quorum, they eventually succeeded in gathering around them a strong committee, whose combined labours were responsible for the present flourishing condition of the association. Commencing with a membership of less than 10, the first season proved a great success, approximately 120 members joining up. This was only the forerunner of greater things as last season, the second of the association's existence, 170 members were enrolled. This constituted a record throughout Australasia, and the representatives of the other States, when visiting here last August on the occasion of the Australian amateur billiard championship, were loud in their praises of the enthusiasm shown in this State.



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## **Amateur Championship**

The first game in the 1924 amateur billiard championship of South Australia will be played at the Palace Billiard Halls, Rundle street, on Monday night. A table is being specially prepared by Mr. P. J. Brady, and all games will be contested under the amateur championship conditions.

At the completion of the billiard championship a series of games to decide who is the best snooker player in the State will be held.

The draw for both championships and the dates on which the games will be played are as under:—

### **BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Monday, July 14—E. H. Hinds v. V. M. Hanley.

Tuesday, July 15—A. H. Hearnden v. P. J. Hennessy.

Wednesday, July 16—C. T. Fisher v. E. H. Hinds or A. H. Hearnden.

Thursday, July 17—W. Buchanan v. A. H. Hearnden or P. J. Hennessy.

Tuesday, July 22—Final.

### **SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Wednesday, July 23—A. V. Thomas v. R. Sawers.

Thursday, July 24—E. H. Hinde v. M. Hanley.

Monday, July 28—P. Hutton v. A. V. Thomas or Sawers.

Tuesday, July 29—E. H. Hinds or M. Hanley v. Hearnden.

Friday, July 30—Final.

See pages 13 & 14 for reports on the State Snooker Championships



## 1924 ABASA Amateur Billiards Title



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### **BILLIARDS.**

**By Hazard.**

The Palace Billiard Hall was the scene on Monday of the opening of the 1924 amateur championship. The standard table prepared by Mr. P. Brady was indeed a credit to him, and to the S.A. Amateur Billiard Association, under whose auspices these games are played. The curtained-off playing arena, the special lighting effects of the table, the white coats of marker and scorer, and the referee (Mr. W. McFee) standing by, gave quite a businesslike air to the proceedings.

Hinds, last year's champion, met M. Hanley, and though the game proved a runaway for the former, it was interesting as an opening bout of this important annual tournament. The final scores were:—Hinds, 650; Hanley, 324. Hinds's best breaks were, in the order they were made, 31, 45, 20, 28, 34, 28, 27, 43, 25, 33, his average per stick for the game being 8.03. Hanley made only two breaks of over 20, viz., 44 and 24, his average being 4.05 per stick. He could not strike form, but he is confident of turning the tables in the snooker tournament next week. To-night at 7.30 p.m. A. H. Hearnden will meet Pat Hennessy, and a good game should result.

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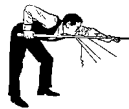
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### S.A. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

By Hazard.

The second game of the S.A. amateur championship tournament was played at the Palace Billiard Hall on Tuesday night and was witnessed by a large gathering of interested spectators. The competitors of this game were A. H. Hearnden and P. Hennessy. At 7.30 the competitors fired to baulk for choice of balls and break. Neither seemed to get his legs for a start and then Hennessy made a nice 26, to which Hearnden replied with a 37. Hennessy, after even play, made a 37 break, and held a lead of about 30 to the first hundred, and was shaping very confidently until Hearnden put up his best break of the game, 55, when the venue of play changed, and he was never again headed. The game was much more interesting than the scores indicate, and even in the last stages Hennessy put up breaks of 22, 22, and 20, but Hearnden was piling on points, and went out with a 32 unfinished. The final scores were—Hearnden, 650; Hennessy, 384. Best breaks:—Hearnden, 37, 29, 55, 33, 31, 20, 24, 25, 41, 34, and 32 unfinished; Hennessy, 26, 37, 27, 22, 22, 20. Averages per stick:—Hearnden, 9.56; Hennessy, 5.73. To-night's match is E. H. Hinds v. C. H. Fisher.





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# BILLIARDS.

## S.A. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

### By Hazard.

The third game of this tournament was played at the Palace Billiard Hall last night, when Hinds met Fisher. It was very closely contested throughout, and after a stirring finish Hinds was victorious by the narrow margin of 8 points. Had it not been for Fisher's inexperience in the concluding stages it is possible that last year's champion might have suffered defeat. Hinds was much below form, and did not exhibit his usual delicate touch and control of the balls. Fisher exhibited form in all-round play, particularly in potting the red, but lost the game by his lack of strategy. The winner averaged a shade over 7 per stick, and the loser a little below. Breaks over 20:—Hinds, 21, 21, 20, 52, 24, 34, 25, 21, 23, 42; Fisher, 21, 53, 32, 27, 25, 25, 26, 34, 20, 21. To-nights' contest will be between A. H. Hearnden and W. Buchanan, and a large crowd is expected.

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### **S.A. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

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A good game was witnessed at the Palace Billiard Hall last night, when W. Buchanan met and defeated A. H. Hearnden. The game was a close tussle throughout, first one and then the other going to the front. Hearnden passed his opponent at 589, and ran to 617. Buchanan crept up to 600, and then Hearnden, with a 32 break, went to within one point of game. Buchanan, however, was not to be beaten, and with a magnificent break of 52 unfinished went out. Both players used the red to advantage, and in addition bright patches of "top of the table" play were shown. An enthusiastic crowd cheered both players at the conclusion of the game. Average:—Buchanan, 6.5; Hearnden, 6.5. Breaks over 20:—Buchanan, 26, 23, 37, 21, 22, 25, 20, 21, 23, 30, 52 (unfinished); Hearnden, 20, 22, 66, 38, 58, 36, 32.

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### **AMATEUR BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**WON BY BUCHANAN.**

The final stages of the amateur billiards championship of the State, arranged by the South Australian Amateur Billiards Association were played off on Tuesday in the Palace billiard hall, Rundle street. The contestants were the holder of the championship title (E. W. Hinds) and W. Buchanan, and the result was a win for the latter by 179 points. The match was 1,500 up, and was divided into two sessions of 750 each. Similar competitions are being held in the other States, and the winners will play off for the Australian championship in Sydney next month. Mr. W. McFee was referee.

Hinds got off the mark smartly, and for some time dominated the play. He brought off a number of difficult shots with ease. Buchanan got into his stride, and forged ahead, playing much better billiards than his opponent, particularly round the table. He had much the better of the run, and after a time it was seen that the champion would have to improve his game considerably if he were to retain the title. Hinds' shots lost their delicacy, and his play was not nearly up to the standard of last year. Buchanan kept steadily in the lead, and at the end of the afternoon's session had scored 750, with an unfinished break of 13, while Hinds was only 548. The evening session was similar to the preceding period, and the play was not of a high standard. The best break of the game was made by Hinds with 57.

A. H. Hearnden won the President's trophy for the highest break of the tournament. He scored 66.

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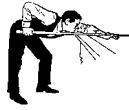


**Mr. W. H. Buchanan**

who defeated E. H. Hines in the South Australian Amateur Billiard Championship

To "Billardist."—The South Australian Billiard Association has decided that Buchanan has not infringed the rules relating to amateur status. The ruling is in this office if you desire to see it.

## 1924 Amateur Snooker Title



Two articles were discovered on the 1924 Amateur Snooker Title

The 1924 Presentation report and 1925 AGM report stated  
M.J. Hanley won with A.V. Thomas runner-up  
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**AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.**  
The South Australian Amateur Snooker championship is an innovation, but nominations show that it is appreciated by enthusiasts.

The first game will be played at the Palace Billiard Hall on Wednesday, July 23, between A. V. Thomas and Ross Sawers. The draw is:—Eyes, P. Hutton and A. H. Hearnden; July 23, A. V. Thomas v. Ross Sawers; July 24, E. H. Hinds v. M. Hanley; July 28, P. Hutton v. winner of Thomas and Sawers; July 29, A. H. Hearnden v. winner of Hinds and Hanley; July 30, final.

It is difficult to predict the winner, but I favor Hanley's chances. These games should prove interesting.

## 1924 Amateur Snooker Title



Note the scores are given as total points

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### **AMATEUR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The first heat in the South Australian amateur snooker championship tournament was contested at the Palace Billiard Halls last night, when Hanley met Hinds, and won by the wide margin of 85 points, the final scores being—Hanley 201, Hinds 116. The game was marked by consistent potting by the winner, but no large breaks were made. The second heat, between A. V. Thomas and Ross Sawers, proved a close and exciting contest. Both players are new to championship games, but proved by their sterling exhibition that this will not be the last occasion on which they will take part in these events. Flashes of brilliance were shown in many shots, both in potting and safety tactics. The final scores were—Thomas 152, Sawers 131. To-night's games are A. V. Thomas v. P. Hutton, at 7.30; A. H. Hearnden v. M. Hanley, second heat.





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## BILLIARDS

### Amateur Association Social

Mr. S. J. Jacobs (president of the South Australian Amateur Billiard Association), supported by Mr. C. R. J. Glover (Lord Mayor), presided at the association's smoke social and distribution of prizes at the Napoleon Hotel.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Jacobs stated that during the year the State billiard championship had been contested. W. H. Buchanan had succeeded in defeating E. H. Hindes in the final game. The snooker championship was won by J. Hanley, with A. V. Thomas runner-up.

An open handicap tournament (in two divisions) had also been conducted, and had the effect of stimulating enthusiasm among members. The first division was won by J. F. Downer with R. Wicksteed runner-up. The prize for the highest break was captured by G. F. Steinthal (74). F. Uren and A. A. Cox were first and second in the second division.

The Australian championship was held in Sydney. W. H. Buchanan represented this State, and he acquitted himself with credit. E. Eccles, the Victorian champion, proved the winner.