

In Loving Memory Of
**JOHN THOMAS
LUND**



4th October 1940 - 6th December 2016
Aged 76 Years

I have known John Lund for approximately 40 years so I feel well qualified to say a few words on behalf of the snooker fraternity of Newcastle & I thank Lonny for that opportunity.

I said approximately 40 years because I'm not sure of the exact year I first met John, but in the mid to late 70's we found ourselves playing in the same team at Merewether RSL.

I don't think he would mind me telling you that back in those days he exhibited a feisty nature, both on & off the table. An extraordinary determination & will to win was an attribute he carried all through his career & which held him in good stead when facing serious illnesses previously & later in his life.

After Merewether, John headed to Adamstown RSL & I played at a few different clubs over the next few years.

Although we were in different teams we always kept in touch & "chewed the fat" when we met, usually about football or snooker amongst other things. We often played against each other as our handicaps were similar & the thing that I remember was that same grit & determination he displayed years previously, was still evident. Never the best player in the team but a very, very hard man to beat, or win an argument against, as I'm sure Lonny would agree.

After many years at Adamstown, John was awarded a Life Membership to Adamstown RSL Snooker Club, in recognition of his many hours of service & dedication to snooker, not only in playing the game, but all the behind the scenes preparation of brushing & ironing the tables, mentoring younger players, assisting in competitions & countless hours of selling raffle tickets, all for the betterment of Snooker.

Years later I was back playing at Adamstown with John, when I had the opportunity to buy the seat next to his at Marathon Stadium to watch the Knights. This gave us more time to catch up, discuss next

week's team selections, tell hard luck stories why we didn't win the previous week & sometimes we even watched a bit of footy. John's **second** sport now was definitely football & he was very passionate about the Knights. I remember one week I said to him that I didn't think I would go the following week ~~they~~ they would probably lose by 40 & I don't think I could watch. He disagreed & went anyway, but alas I was right for a change, as they went down 60 To 0 at the hands of South Sydney Rabbito's . Their worst defeat ever at home. Despite this John told me the following week at snooker why ~~they~~ they got beat & how they were unlucky, a passionate fan indeed.

In 2012, John was awarded Life Membership to Newcastle District Billiards & Snooker Association for a life time of dedication to his sport. A very well deserved recognition.

Now living in Port Stephens & playing up there, when the tables were removed from the local club, he, along with John ~~Howar~~ Howard & Mike Loane, helped establish Nelson Bay Snooker, ~~where they~~ where they have two tables playing from a community hall.

The tables get used every day & night by both social players & competition players alike, a real asset to the area & a great achievement from the boys.

Just in closing I would like to say that John has faced many obstacles in his 76 years. He has met them all head on & displayed the same determination on the snooker table as in life. I, as well as all snooker players, would be proud to have called him our friend.