

Dated 4th December 2016

Attention All Players ...

After 13 years, Mingara's annual **Double Trouble** snooker tournament (handicap doubles) now has a new position on the calendar – moving from end November to early in the New Year.

The 14th staging of this successful event will now be **held on 28th – 29th January 2017**.

Mingara's **Double Trouble** tournaments will now be played as part of the established annual Tournaments conducted by the Greater Western Snooker Circuit (GWSC).

The GWSC group, based in NSW's Central Western Districts, have conducted successful doubles snooker tournaments for many years now at various clubs in Lithgow, Bathurst, Cowra, Dubbo, Mudgee, etc. In recent years their popular monthly circuit has expanded to also include clubs in the Illawarra and Nowra areas.

All players would be aware that our sport has been severely impacted by the decision of many registered clubs to remove billiard tables from their premises. Unfortunately, this is a trend being faced by players throughout NSW and the GWSC circuit has also been adversely affected, with loss of club tables over the years resulting in several GWSC events being forced to find alternate hosting venues – if at all possible. This situation is the reason behind GWSC's approach to Mingara.

Mingara Snooker & Billiards Club's committee understood the importance of maintaining the GWSC concept and that its continued viability and success was much greater than just our own tournament. In a show of support and solidarity for our sport, we've had no hesitation in affiliating with GWSC as a host venue and are proud to bring our future **Double Trouble** tournaments under their banner.

Our committee trusts that players will understand this decision and the subsequent change in programming in order to accommodate both the GWSC and Mingara annual calendars.

PLEASE NOTE: Mingara (and the GWSC) are now looking for the support of all players to ensure this special joint venture tournament will be a success.

Men, women and juniors are all welcome. No membership/affiliation fees required. Great facilities. Come and play at the home of the Australian Masters Snooker Championship – April 2017 will mark the 10th consecutive year for Mingara as host venue.

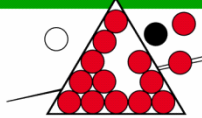
A flyer for Double Trouble is attached. We hope to see as many players as possible come and visit us in January! *Start planning your weekend now – it's only 8 weeks away!*

Gary Knight

Tournament Organiser

MINGARA SNOOKER & BILLIARDS CLUB





DOUBLE TROUBLE

HANDICAP DOUBLES SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

Mingara Snooker & Billiards Club has affiliated with The Greater Western Snooker Circuit and our major *Double Trouble* event will now be conducted as part of the established annual Tournaments sanctioned by the GWSC

- WHEN** : to be held on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January 2017
- WHERE** : Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi NSW
- STARTING TIME** : Play will commence at 9.30 a.m. **SHARP** on both days
- ENTRY FEE** : \$60.00 per nominated pair - *players pick their own partners*
- ENTRIES CLOSE** : Nominations close at 9.00pm on Wednesday 25th January 2017
- PRIZE MONEY** : **\$3,000** subject to nominations



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Format

Saturday : Single frame Round Robin in groups.
 Black ball **MUST** be potted or fouled to end frame.
 Top 16 advance to Sunday knockout stage
 Number of wins, then aggregate points will determine Top 16.

Sunday : Top 16 pairs Knockout – best of 3 frames, Final best of 5 frames

Prize Money :	Winners	\$500 each	
	Runners Up	\$250 each	
	Semi Finals	\$125 each	\$3,000 total prize money
	Quarter Finals	\$75 each	
	Last 16 Qualifiers	\$25 each	

Tournament Dress

Saturday : Casual, neat & tidy - but no thongs, track suits, T-shirts, singlets, shorts and torn, soiled or offensive clothing

Sunday : Standard tournament dress - long sleeve shirt buttoned at wrist, dress trousers & shoes, waistcoat or vest, necktie optional

- **Format, playing conditions, etc. will be as adopted and enforced by GWSC**
- **All handicaps will be as per current handicap listings of GWSC Handicap Committee - or their determination for new players**
- **Tournament Committee decisions will be final in all instances**

To nominate, please contact

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