

VICTORIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Princes played host to a weekend full of junior snooker and 8-ball tournaments. A total of 25 juniors participated in the events, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

This was especially the case for 11 year old Ryan Thomerson who won the players lucky draw and walked away with a new 68cm TV.

The tournaments had players come from many areas of Victoria including Ballarat, Bendigo, Wonthaggi, Geelong and Healesville. Many parents assisted with refereeing and other tasks during the day, which was much appreciated.

Many thanks goes out to our sponsors Princes, Alcocks and the Church of England Association who in total provided more than \$1500 in sponsorship. Princes were very accommodating and their tables played well. Also wish to thank everyone else who assisted in the running and preparation for the tournaments including the VBSA and Vicpool.

On Saturday the Melbourne Under 21 and Under 15 8-ball championships were played.

Nick Howie of Bendigo took out the Under 21's 8-ball, while Daniel Faddoul took out the Under 15's 8-ball. Gus DiGiorgio did very well to make the final of both events. Sam Fitzgerald beat Brendan Lang in the final of the Non-qualifiers comp.

On Sunday the Victorian State Under 21, Under 18, Under 15 and Under 12 snooker were played.

The Under 21 snooker saw James O'Reilly overcome Brock Hodgson in one semi while Eing Hou Lee eliminated Chang Kui Shing in the other. In the final Eing Hou Lee came out the better player and made it a win for a local Princes player.

The Under 18 snooker final four was made up of Daniel Faddoul, Nick Howie, Brendan Lang and Patrick Hood. Daniel and Patrick played a top qualify final with Daniel winning in the end.

The Under 15 snooker final was between Ryan Thomerson and Daniel Faddoul with Daniel the eventual winner. This was an excellent accomplishment for Daniel to win this title after earlier winning the under 18's.

The Under 12 snooker was made up of players Clarissa Kyriakidis (9 y.o), Adam Bleumink (11 y.o), Andrew Lang (10 y.o) and Ryan Thomerson (11 y.o).

Ryan and Adam played a close final and the winner was Ryan Thomerson.

The Non-Qualifiers comp final had another close final with Anthony Kilmartin beating Juo Fei. The semi finalists were Cheng Pan and Steven Border.

Many of these juniors players will be going on to compete in the national junior snooker championships in NSW and represent Victoria in the Interstate Challenge. The VBSA will be providing some funding for this trip. We wish them all the best at those championships.

Aaron Mahoney.