

Elm Park Snooker Report 2025

The 2025/26 season was one of the most active in years, and the snooker section continues to go from strength to strength. We are very fortunate to have such a great facility with three full-size snooker tables. With brand new snooker lights installed, a new trophy cabinet and regular table maintenance, it is fast becoming one of the best rooms in Elm Park.

Throughout the year, Bernard Barron and Andreas Saul-Rotne ran the popular Flyers competitions. The league was won again by Peter Cosgrove, while the Flyers Cup was won by Joe Meehan. Our thanks to Bernard and Andreas for keeping this weekly fixture so active and enjoyable.

The internal competitions were fiercely contested, with the biggest entry in years. The Club Championship was won by Conor O'Boyle, who beat Mark Poland in the final. The Michael O'Sullivan Handicap Singles was won by Owen McDermott, who beat Louis Murphy, while James Kelly and Brian Rooney won the Sean Cox Doubles, beating John Shorten and Gerry Irvine.

Our technology has also improved. The original booking system has developed into a full snooker app, thanks to Aidan Maher. Members can register through the link on the Elm Park website to access competitions, obtain a snooker handicap and book tables. Summer and winter ladders also keep competitive snooker going throughout the year.

In inter-club competition, this was the year of the A team. They reached the league final, narrowly losing to Grange, but won the Paddy O'Brien pennant. They beat Grange 3–0 to secure the pennant, giving Elm Park wins in successive years. The B team reached their league semi-final, while the C team had a rebuilding year. Conor O'Boyle also won the Champion of Champions, rounding off an excellent season. Well done to all our panels, and thank you to our captains: Aidan Maher for the A team, Bryan Kilty for the B team and Joe Meehan for the C team. We celebrated everyone's achievements at a very successful prize-giving and drinks evening in the Rose Garden in April.

The committee has also introduced clearer handicap rules and a new Snooker Club Constitution. The honours boards and trophies have been updated, and the lockers reviewed. A short video shows members how to brush, block and maintain the tables, while cues, chalk and other equipment are regularly checked and replaced. We continued to offer ladies' snooker lessons and playing opportunities, and would welcome more members getting involved. Our active WhatsApp group helps keep everyone informed and involved, alongside the updated snooker section on the Elm Park website.

The AGM was held on 29 September 2026, when the same committee was re-elected. The committee comprises Peter Cosgrove (Chair), Bernard Barron (Treasurer), Aidan

Maher (Handicaps & Competitions), Conor O'Boyle (Facilities) and Andreas Saul-Rotne (Communications). Our thanks to everyone who helped make this such a successful year.

We'd love to see as many members as possible getting involved, whether you're a regular or haven't set foot in the snooker room before. Drop by for a frame and some good company; you'll find a warm welcome. The standard continues to rise, and this year we celebrated the club's first century break!

Peter Cosgrove
Elm Park Snooker Chair
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