

Letter to the Editor

I just wanted to congratulate the people in the engineroom at Snooker World who put in the long hours and hard yards for a very successful Oceania event.

The leading players get the plaudits, the officials from Dad's Army get the thanks but the glue that held the whole event together were the unsung heroes.

For me personally it was a delightful experience insofar as when I visited on the Thursday and Saturday I met up with so many old friends from around the country and overseas that I hadn't seen for yonks.

The Saturday was brilliant for good snooker full of tension and skill, not the least of which was the clinical and mature way that Ramona Belmont beat her wily Aussie opponent. It was great to see Ramona's very proud Mum and Dad there to enjoy her success.

We had two Kiwis in the semis of the mens but on the day they couldn't foot it with Joe Minici and Steve Misfud who went on to play an enthralling final full of swings and roundabouts and in Steve's case a couple of vital missed opportunities.

On the day Joe played a much more controlled game with great safety and brilliant potting and deserved to win a hard fought battle 6-4. Steve didn't get the rub of the green on the day but Joe took all his chances and will savour the victory for many a long day.

The endeavours and abilities of both players were appreciated by a large and knowledgeable audience.

Well done Snooker World, you did us proud.

Kindest regards to all my friends, especially non-smoking Kerry.

Reg Gould.