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# **CSI introducing WEB-MAG**

Few know that India is home to some of the best known cue sports legends in the world. India has produced legends like Wilson Jones and Geet Sethi. Its also home to ace cueists like Yasin Merchant, Ashok Shandilya, Devendra Joshi, Pankaj Advani, Alok Kumar, and the list goes on ...



"cue sports has to go beyond the classes and reach the masses"

As we move ahead on this successful journey of cue sports, CSI (Cue Sports India) feels that cue sports has to go beyond the classes and reach the masses. With this thought CSI dedicates this quarterly magazine as a tribute to the rich culture of cue sports in India.

"SMS your query, suggestions, feedback etc to us and we will revert back" In a major development, Cue Sports India has been entrusted with the Info-Tech Division of Olympic Gold Quest. <a href="olympicgoldquest.com">olympicgoldquest.com</a> is the website for promotion of sports & games in India, a foundation started by Billiards maestro, Geet Sethi and ace Shuttler, Prakash Padukone to support Indian athletes who have the potential to win an Olympic Gold Medal.

More details

On the anniversary of Cue Sorts India, we have launched "Short Code Messaging" service. Using this service you can now SMS your query, suggestions, feedback etc to us and we will revert back to you. All you need to do is to type CSIND followed by TEXT and SMS it to 5676775.

More details

During April – June 2008, Cue Sports India, covered 6 National level 12 International tournaments. In Nationals, CSI covered prestigious, National 8&9 Ball Championship at Kolkata and –

- All India Invitational Ladies Snooker Championship :: Hyderabad
- All India Open Handicap Snooker Tournament :: New Delhi
- PCL-Manisha All India Open-Invitation Snooker Championship :: Pune
- KSBA-TNBSA Shoot Out Tournament 2008
- Snooker Takkar @ Mega Pool New Delhi

While in International arena, all details about Indians performance shared through Cue Sports India in following events:

- Guinness 9Ball Tour Leg 2 :: Penang Malaysia
- 9th Asian Under-21 Snooker Championship 2008
- 7th Asian Billiards Championship 2008
- 2008 EBOS Open Billiards Championship :: Glasgow Scotland
- 2008 EBOS Open Billiards Championship :: Prestatyn
- World Ladies Billiards & Snooker Championship 2008
- 24th Asian Snooker Championship 2008
- 2008 SangSom Suphan Buri Cup :: Thailand
- Guinness 9Ball Tour Leg 3 :: Genting Highlands Malaysia
- Hainsworth Snooker Invitational Open :: Singapore
- 8th Annaul Predator 10-Ball Championship
- Qatar World Open 9-Ball Tournament
- Australian Open Billiards Championship 2008

Additionally, entry pack notification of <u>Pontin's International Open Snooker Series</u> 2008-09 & <u>WLBSA Tour Dates 2008-09</u> were published on Cue Sports India.



#### in India ...

On a day of a desperate fight back and a hopeless no-show, Rafath Habib of Railways lifted his maiden 9 ball National Pool title by beating Sumit Talwar of Chandigarh in the final. In a match between a thorough-bred Snooker cue-man and a hard-core Pool player, Rafath Habib, the Asian Games Gold Medalist.



Full story



On the penultimate day of the  $3^{rd}$  National 8Ball Pool Championship being played at the  $S_F$  Club Kolkata, one veteran and one first timer survived the mishaps of the day ...

Full story

Faisal Khan of Railways rocks in PCL Manisha All India Open Invitation Snooker Championship 2008 at Poona Club, Pune. On the way to winning the championship, Faisal accounted Ashok Shandilya, Manan Chandra at group stage, and Pankaj Advani and Kamal Chawla ...



**Full story** 

#### abroad ...



Geet Sethi became the 2008 EBOS Welsh Open Champion on 27 April 2008, beating Paul Dunning in the final at the World Snooker Center in Prestatyn. In the final Geet Sethi beats Paul Dunning of England ...

**Full story** 

Aditya Mehta claimed his Silver medal on his debut in 24<sup>th</sup> Asian Snooker Championship 2008 held in Dubai from 3 to 10 May 2008. After reaching the Final, he got the wild card entry through ACBS to play in Pro Circuit. Earlier Manan Chandra was the only Indian to play in Pro Circuit through ACBS qualifying.



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It was a remarkable tour for all three Indians (Joshi, Pankaj and Dhruv Sitwala) in Australia Open Billiards Championship 2008. All three Indians reached the Semi Finals where Dhruv outplayed Joshi in Semis to play with Pankaj in the Final. Championship was won by Pankaj Advani.

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Indian Duo Pankaj Advani and Rupesh Shah entered the Final of the 7th Asian Billiards Championship in contrasting style. Whilst Advani, the four times and current IBSF World Billiards Champion routed Myanmar's Aung San Oo 4-0, Rupesh, the current Point Format IBSF World Champion staged a remarkable comeback ...



Full story



Dhruv Sitwala reached into the final of 2008 Open Billiards Championship held on April 9-11 at Glasgow (Scotland). Though In the final he lost to Phil Mumford of England, but he showed his class and scored highest break (307) of the championship.

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Chitra Magimairaj reached the Semi Finals of World Ladies Billiards Championship, where she lost to Eva Palmuis of Sweden. She was defending her title, which unfortunately she couldn't.



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## Features during July - September 2008

- → Inter-Club Mumbai League started on 30 June 2008
- → State Rankings of Karnataka :: 21 July 2008 onwards
- → World Professional Billiards Championship 2008, Leeds, UK :: 23-28 July 2008
- → Asian 9Ball Pool Leg 4 Singapore :: 25-27 July 2008
- → State Ranking of Delhi :: 26 July 2008
- → 6-Red Doubles Snooker Pakistan :: tentatively 20 August 2008 onwards
- → APBU 9Ball Championship Kao Hsiung, Chinese Taipei :: 27-31 August 2008
- → World 10 Ball Pool Championship :: 29 September 2008 onwards
- → IBSF World Billiards Championship 2008 Bangalore (India) :: 1-15 September 2008
- → Asian 9Ball Pool Leg 5 Guang Zhou (China) :: 19-21 September 2008

Dates of Ranking Tournaments for other states in India and some International events likely to be announced during the quarter.

Few Dates are tentative and might change by organizing body.
Please Log on to <u>Cue Sports India</u> for further details on above time to time.

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