

# “THE FIRST TIME IS ALWAYS THE BEST”

*Newtown Fri 1 Feb 2019:*

Those were Alex’ words as, with tears in his eyes, he took the cock for the first time from Garth, the winner of last year’s Nick Power Cup, in a fun night of great pool and excitement as befitting of the very best of NPC finals.



*Above: The traditional Kissing of the Cock ceremony. Garth (left) giving, Alex (right) taking.*

Although at first hesitant, Alex quickly embraced the time-honoured tradition of kissing the cock, the winner on the beak-end and the loser on the arse-end.

While on the subject of rear ends, midway through the first round, punters were looking around bemused as a now-familiar sound loudly permeated throughout the venue. When all eyes fell upon Garth, he admitted it was his Bum Buzzer going off again as he played recently-crippled Peter T who, despite being hobbled (allegedly by shadowy foreign operatives), took an early and significant lead and came within literally an inch of dispatching Garth in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the night.



*Above: Peter T, both wrists injured, focussed despite the near-deafening sound of Garth humming next to him.*

Garth’s lucky escape was short-lived as he was soon dispatched in the next round by spoiler Justin, himself unable to win (owing to his reckless absence the previous week for a trivial task the following day, reported to be a mere job interview) but still intent on causing havoc to the top contenders in classic NPC spoiler fashion.



*Above: Justin offering his condolences after “spoiling” Garth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.*

Another spoiler on the night was Dan T who in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round cruelled Dean’s NPC hopes after Dean himself had done the same to contender and Union local, Dave C, in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. The night was, indeed a fine example of the very essence of world-class tactical and strategic pool only to be expected from the globe’s top sporting event.



*Above: Bo, on her way to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round “twitcher” against Alex.*

Bo, not wanting to be outdone on the spoiler front, took on Alex in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Although being behind Alex, she moved into a good position to tighten the gap. Despite losing the opportunity with an unlucky in-off, she did succeed in

giving Alex what he later described as a serious “Bum Twitch”, apparently a less acute condition than Garth’s.

Another relatively obscure condition that presented on the night was what is known as “premature eblaculation”. This is when the black ball is sunk before its time leading to an instant loss of game. Phil P, normally a top contender for the NPC and twice-winner, suffered from this affliction in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round against Ally who then went on to play Alex in the semis in her brief moment in the spotlight for the series.

Notable absentees on the night included Col who complained of excessive wind compounded by the turning back of his flight to Sydney and Dave G who it is understood is still recovering from his recent ‘procedure’ although the word is he still has the smile on his face.

Full 2018 NPC results at: [stats.hpdp.org.au/npc/2018](http://stats.hpdp.org.au/npc/2018)

The Glebe Globe wishes to extend its congratulations to the 2018 winner, Alex, a newcomer and worthy recipient of the coveted Nick Power Cup. We also pass on our sincere thanks to all 2018 NPC participants for providing such rich paparazzi fodder to grace the front page of this august highly-respected publication.

Everyone is also reminded that the Union Hotel pool competition (themselves displaced persons from the old Sandringham Hotel, Newtown) run a weekly pool competition. Details:

**The Union Hotel**  
**576 King Street, Newtown**  
**Free entry with prizes of:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> \$100 bar tab**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 bar tab**  
**Starts 7:30-8:00pm every Tue**