

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS NARROWLY AVERTED

Marrickville Wed 7 Dec 2022:

Dave C, never one to shy away from controversy, last night stepped squarely into the spotlight again after causing a flurry of confusion following his win of the 2022 Nick Power Cup in Enmore, Newtown and Marrickville last Wednesday evening. Since the introduction of the “kissing of the cock” ceremonial handover of the highly-treasured trophy, the situation has never arisen whereby the giver and taker of the famed cock are the same person. A hastily-convened *Constitutional Crisis Committee* quickly agreed that it would be appropriate for the outgoing trophy holder (the giver i.e. Dave C) to kiss the cock’s butt and then, as the receiver of the cock, also kiss its beak. The official ceremony proceeded according to plan and the loser and winner and the cock and onlookers all appeared to be highly satisfied.



Above: Dave C (NPC winner 2019 and 2022), giving then taking the prized cock like a champ

The final night of the 2022 NPC challenge proved no different from previous years with no clear winner till the finish line was in sight.

Dean, confident that he was to have his name on yet another plaque on the venerated trophy had his hopes dashed in the first round by fellow contender Alex. Although Dean was still in the running, Dave C clinched it with his win in the 3rd round. **Alex** had still been in with a chance until taken out by late contender **John L** who had failed to

impress in the first two weeks, however, pulled out all the stops on the last night and played some very fancy pool that took him into the final and just missed out to Dave C who took out the night’s honours and, more importantly, the glory of winning the 2022 NPC.



Above: A delighted John L after taking out 2nd place on the night

Peter T went into the evening with higher hopes than he should have had following his woeful previous weeks’ attempts. Those false hopes were quickly dissolved with **Aidan a.k.a. Jink Junior Senior** whipping his derriere in the 1st round adding just 4 meagre points to Peter T’s tally but still leaving him in 8th equal place with Garth whilst Aidan crossed the finish line in 10th.



Above: The rapidly-filling “Losers’ Corner”

The gleeful crowd were further gleed at the presence of long-standing members of the HPDP community **Stella, Bo, Kat** and **Phil** as well as more-recent addition **Sean**. Whilst Kat and Sean were taken out in the 1st round, Phil went on to the semis in his typical stoic style.



Above: Jink Senior on his way to taking out Justin from contention

The crowd was also treated to the presence of who they initially thought was Cheech Marin, however, turned out to be his stage double, **Dave G**. And

speaking of Dave G... nah let’s not... 1st round knockout again.



Above: Cheech lookalike Dave G

In a startling disclosure from the *HPDP Integrity Committee*, the Glebe Globe management was asked to highlight a number of rather concerning incidents observed on the night. Whilst going nameless, those responsible should take special note to prevent a recurrence. The heinous violations were:

- ✘ One of the top contenders deliberately attempting to snooker the black ball instead of making an honest attempt at their own ball
- ✘ Another of the top contenders deliberately sinking their opponent’s ball which was set up over a pocket

Players are requested to review the official HPDP rules adopted by majority consensus in March 2006. These rules are always prominently displayed at every NPC event and include the following rules and etiquette:

Rule 2. Honest attempt at own ball.

... and....

*“Deliberate snookers and potting of opponent’s balls are strongly **discouraged** in the interests of a friendly game.”*

Special thanks, as always, to the HPDP remote Webmeister and Scoremeister, Henare, for his sterling efforts in keeping the website accurately updated with the latest scores. Check them out at the NPC statistics page: stats.hpdp.org.au/2022/npc

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