

# Michael Hough Wins 2016 State Minor Grade Billiards

Rooty Hill once again played host to the 2016 State Minor Grade Billiard Title.

A field of 16 players contested the event in a 4 group round robin format.



## Quarter Finalists

In the round robin Chris Neloski came out firing setting a high break benchmark of 64. This was equalled in the final by Michael Hough.

Mick Boyne and Peter Tankard were consistent performers knocking in regular 30+ breaks as well as Adwin Teh, Gene Crossingham and Michael Hough. This was rewarded as all these players reached the knockout stage of the event.

In the Quarter Finals Gene Crossingham and Jeff Middleton had a close tussle with Gene coming up trumps 176-143.

Peter Tankard produced a quality 48 Break to comfortably beat Chris Neloski 230-121 and Michael Hough had similar result beating David Walsh 179-102 with a nice 51 break along the way.

In the last Quarter final Adwin Teh had a great win against one of the tournament favourites Michael Boyne in a close match 207-174.

## Semi Finals

Last years runner up Peter Tankard faced a red hot Gene Crossingham who raced away with a 334-191 . Gene had a 41 in this match.

In the other semi final Michael Hough defeated Adwin Teh in a high scoring match 365-256. Michael had breaks of 51 and 41.



## **FINAL**

**After a number of years contesting this event Gene Crossingham made his first final and his opponent Michael Hough was contesting this event for the first time. Michael a seasoned snooker player with numerous title wins came out firing with an early 64 break.**

**Gene responded with a 49 and 50 break to take a close early lead.**

**The first hour of the 2 hour final was neck and neck with both players trading 30+ breaks.**

**A late 50 break from Michael gave him a comfortable lead of 130 points heading into the last 15**

**minutes of the match. Gene lifted his tempo with a late run of 35 but it was not enough with Michael running out the winner and winning the title in a very high scoring match 562-473.**

**Thank you to Rooty Hill RSL and the snooker club for their continued support of this event.**

**Thank you to tournament director Andrew Stoermer and assistant David McMahon for the smooth running of this event.**



