

Tuks Cue Sports Club

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Introduction

A quick look into what we have planned for this year and what we would like to achieve this year.

by **David Malangu, Club Chairman**

Introduction

Good evening, good day, goeie more, sanibonani, hola to you, I hope you are looking forward as much as I am to a great year of pool in 2020.

We ended 2020 on, not as high of a note as we hoped (not going to USSAs), but that being said it is all the more a reason why 2020 is going to be better. Last year was our first year as a club and the fact that we survived those first year jitters and have managed to stay intact as a group gives me hope that this club has the will to continue long after the first crop of members have moved on.

In this newsletter I will give you guys a brief rundown on what has changed this year as well as what to expect on our schedule for this year.



Registration

Thanks to the fact that we are now a fully fledged Tuks Sports Club, we have full integration with Tuks' administrative processes. This means this year **all registration will be done online.** Yes, that means no need to fill in paperwork or make plans to go to LC De Villiers to hand in your completed form. Online registration will be available for **both students and non-students.**

Registration fees

- R500 for the year, this allows you to play for free at Corner Pocket from ¹12:00 - 16:00 every day except Tuesday

Junior Membership fee for 2020: R1500 which includes -

- Cue ball
- Cue
- Cue Case
- Chalk
- Play and practice at Corner Pocket for free from 12:00 to 16:00

*This is recommended for players new to the game who do not have any equipment. Having your own equipment will help you improve your game much quicker and play more consistently.

Players who are not registered will not be allowed to participate in any games. You have until the 15th of March to register. No late registrations will be accepted.

- [Click this link to begin the registration process](#) (go to the bottom of that page)
- Copy this link and paste in your browser if link above is not working
<https://www.up.ac.za/tukscuesport/article/2867295/how-do-i-join-what-are-the-costs>

¹ Playing Times may be subject to change



Game Days & League Structure

One of the things we learned from last year is that it is a bad idea to let players/teams set up their own games, we did this in an effort to accommodate everyone, that was not a success and as a result 30% of the games were cancelled.

This year however, the schedule is going to be fixed, if you can't play a game you will forfeit the points unless you and your opponent both agree to reschedule the game which would then have to be notified to the league coordinator, failure to do so means you will both forfeit those points.

The schedule will be setup once everyone who wants to play has registered, so please register ahead of time. The league schedule will be hosted on an app called **Challenge Place** which you can download on your phone and keep up to date with the schedule.

League Structure

There will be no team league this year, this is because the admin of managing each team and making sure everyone can be present for the games is simply too cumbersome. **This year there will be 3 leagues, beginner, intermediate and advanced.** This is to ensure that players get to play at their level and have a good time doing so, we do not want players to feel discouraged or overly intimidated. The game is supposed to be fun.

Each league will have its own WhatsApp group so that players can easily communicate with each other to

- Confirm games
- Notify admin of results
- Notify admin and opponent that they can't make a game

League admins will be, so if you are interested please message the admins

- Beginners - David Malangu
 - Intermediate - Cameron Thomson
 - Advanced - Jacques Steenkamp
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Schedule

Dates will be confirmed, but based on our activities last year

- There will be a quarterly intervarsity tournament (dates will be confirmed)
- A weekly tournament on Thursdays with a portion of prize money for the winner and the rest re-invested into the club
- A get together (braai) twice a semester
- USSAs at the end of the year

As for now please prepare yourself for the our yearly opening comp on the 23rd of February, please come by enter the tournament and have some fun.

Contact Thabo Magoro if you would like to enter a weekly tournament



Bios



Jacques Steenkamp

Hailing from Limpopo, he is a fantastic pool player who played at a provincial level for Limpopo for 3 years. He will be the league coordinator for the advanced players. He will also be helping and coaching beginners who are serious about improving their game. Jacques is a member of the Tuks A team.

Thabo Magoro

Currently doing his honours this year, Thabo is the “spin doctor” because he uses spin to the max whenever executing what are basically exhibition shots. Thabo will be organizing weekly comps this year so have him on speed dial.



Cameron Thomson

Currently doing his undergrad, Cameron is both the Vice-Chair and also the league coordinator for the intermediate players. He is the man to speak to if you have general questions.

Daniel Coetzee

The tallest guy I have, personally, ever seen play the game, Daniel is an engineering student doing his undergrad and he loves playing pool. He is the club's marketing manager and is also a member of the Tuks B team.



Darren Nelson



Also doing his undergrad, in both varsity and pool, Darren is going to be responsible for capturing our games into an online database every game week. This will allow us to give you statistical feedback on your game progress as the year goes along.

David Malangu

And this is me, I play for the Tuks A team and will be the league coordinator for the beginners this year. So if you are new and inexperienced to playing league pool holla at your boy.



Closing Remarks

I am happy that we are starting up again and I am looking forward to some great games. It will be nice to see you all interact and compete against one another as we go about enjoying our shared passion for this game.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to ask by joining our WhatsApp group if you haven't. Feel free to distribute this newsletter to your friends who may be interested, whether they are a student or not isn't relevant.

[WhatsApp Group Link](#)

Or copy this link : <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ESX6WZ78KnvCiy6eUoEKCa>

Regards David