

(Harry) ANDREWS / (Ron) ATKINS SHIELD (47 years on....)



Harry Andrews

Ron Atkins OAM (dec.)

On behalf of the Tasmanian Billiards and Snooker Council, State President Rex Swain, host President Lee Morcom, the Committee and Management of the Launceston Workers Club, welcome to the 2019 Andrews/Atkins Shield.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all players and officials every success over the next two days. With the calibre of players on display I am sure the standard will be exceptional. I stand to be corrected, but this is one of the oldest continuous cue sports teams competition event between two States, played anywhere in Australia.

“For those who have not been exposed to the history of this event, please read on”

“The idea of a challenge match between Tasmania and Victoria was originally conceived by two snooker players whose friendship stretched across Bass Strait.

Harry Andrews and the late Ron Atkins, OAM, initiated the first challenge, which took place in 1973 with a team coming over from Tasmania to Victoria. The first challenge was played at the Bently Club and Victoria pocketed the first of their 40 wins in the event.

The following year a Victorian Team came to Tasmania and a Shield (named in memory of the late Sim Crawcour), was introduced and played for. Since then each State has alternated as host and a tradition of good snooker, billiards and friendship has flourished.

The format was altered in 1988 from six senior snooker players and three billiards players to include a Junior and a Woman player and in 2015 a new format was introduced with a new points scoring system, players having two games in the Snooker by playing a double opponent, so two players from the opposing team, while Billiard players get 3-games, as they play the other Billiard players in the opposing team, while the Women and the Junior players play each other twice over the two days of competition. Duration of games was also reduced, to accommodate all of the additional games.

The 1989 challenge saw the “Sim Crawcour” Shield filled and a new Shield was proposed and renamed The “Andrews/Atkins” Shield. The original Sim Crawcour Shield was presented to Tasmania during supper at the end of the 1990 event.”

Victoria is the current holder of the Shield, but Tasmania must still be able to taste that last sweet victory at the Burnie Club in 2012, when the 40th event was contested”

Good luck to all players and Officials, I hope the balls run favorably for each player.

Rob Higgins
Tournament Director



Harry Andrews/Ron Atkins Shield Victoria vs. Tasmania

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Teams event, played between the Victorian and Tasmanian Billiards and Snooker Associations



Each team has *11-players
6 snooker, 3 billiards,
1 woman and 1 Junior

*New format in 1988, added the
Woman and Junior players

Year	Winner (Venue-Score)	Year	Winner (Venue-Score)
1973	Victoria (Bentleigh)	2001	Victoria (Brunswick 10-1)
1974	Victoria	2002	Tasmania (Lindisfarne 8-3)
1975	Victoria	2003	Victoria (Brunswick 10-1)
1976	Victoria	2004	Tasmania (LWC 6-5)
1977	Victoria	2005	Victoria (Brunswick 8-3)
1978	Victoria	2006	Victoria (Burnie 6-5)
1979	Victoria	2007	Victoria (Brunswick 8-3)
1980	Victoria	2008	Victoria (Lindisfarne 7-4)
1981	Victoria	2009	Victoria (Brunswick 8-3)
1982	Tasmania (Ulverstone 5-4)	2010	Victoria (Burnie 6-5)
1983	Victoria	2011	Victoria (RACV 6-5)
1984	Victoria	2012	Tasmania (Burnie 7-4)
1985	Victoria	2013	Victoria (RACV 7-4)
1986	Victoria	2014	Victoria (Burnie 10-1)
1987	Victoria	2015	Victoria (Burnie ^ 41-25)
1988 *	Victoria	2016	Victoria (Brunswick ^38-28)
1989 #	Victoria	2017	Victoria (LWC ^45-21)
1990 #	Victoria	2018	Victoria (Brunswick ^49-17)
1991	Victoria	2019	Victoria (LWC ^36-24) no Junior
1992	Victoria	2020	
1993	Victoria (Brunswick)	2021	
1994	Victoria (Ulverstone)	2022 50 th)	RACV
1995	Victoria (Brunswick)		
1996	Tasmania (Lindisfarne 7-4)		
1997	Victoria (Brunswick)		
1998	Victoria (Launceston RSL 6-5)		
1999	Victoria (Brunswick 9-2)	Summary:	Victoria – won 41
2000	Tasmania (Ulverstone 6-5)		Tasmania – won 6

up until 1989 called the "Sim Crawcour" Shield,
in 1990 that original shield was presented to Tasmania
at the presentation supper. New shield "Andrews/Atkins" ^denotes New playing / scoring system format