REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 30 June 1998

COMPANY NO: 1607454



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COMPANY INFORMATION

President

Lord Archer

Directors

DR Williams (Chairman)

R Reardon

(Vice Chairman)

J Meadowcroft

R Close D Taylor T R Crabb J McMahon

Secretary

M D Blake

Registered number

1607454

Registered office

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Clifton

Bristol BS8 2AT

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC

40 Corn Street Bristol BS99 4AJ

Auditors

Robson Rhodes

Chartered Accountants 10 Queen Square Bristol BS1 4NT

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the group for the year ended 30 June 1998.

Principal activities

The company is the association for professional snooker and billiards players throughout the world. The principal activities of the group throughout the year were the promotion and regulation of professional snooker and billiards. The group promotes tournaments on behalf of its members to ensure a thriving circuit and to maximise returns to the members from the events.

Review of the business and future developments

The directors are pleased to report that significant profits have been earned in the period under review. Pre-tax profits of £845,164 have been achieved increasing capital and accumulated reserves to £4,562,410.

The Board made a commitment to members to review all financial aspects of the company and to reduce expenditure in certain activities should they not contribute to the long term plan for the Association. The Board inherited and honoured various tournament commitments, however it was able to make sufficient changes to bring in economies to minimise the earlier commitments.

Having undertaken this review, the Board has re-focused the objectives of the Association, namely to maximise its members' earning opportunities whilst maintaining the long term financial future of the game. This has resulted in the extension of the ranking tournament calendar for 1998/99 in addition to the introduction of new events, providing new marketing opportunities and expanding TV coverage.

The Association will continue to develop its links with potential markets around the world. This has been hampered by the strength of the pound and the major recession experienced in South East Asia, however the introduction of new events and sponsorship, particularly in China has been encouraging.

The Board has welcomed the invaluable support from the members particularly with their views on future policy. This will ensure that this closer relationship continues to be a priority when reviewing and completing the future development and plans for the Association.

Dividends

In accordance with the Articles of Association of the company no dividends are payable.

Year 2000

Many of the world's computer systems store only the last two digits of the year and need to be adapted to cope correctly with the year 2000. The estimated costs for the company of year 2000 issues are not expected to be significant.

Having made enquiries of suppliers, customers and staff, the board do not expect material disruption to our business from the year 2000 problem but the complexity of the matter prevents any business offering absolute assurance on this issue.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Directors

The present directors of the company are set out on page 1. The directors who served during the year are as follows:-

D R Williams

J McMahon (appointed 22 January 1998)

J Meadowcroft

D Taylor (appointed 22 January 1998)

R Close

R Reardon (appointed 25 February 1998)

T R Crabb (appointed 4 June 1998)

M R Wildman (retired, not re-elected at the AGM

held on 19 December 1997)

JSE Chambers (retired, not re-elected at the AGM

held on 19 December 1997)

S Pulsirivong (resigned 4 June 1998)

The maximum number of directors is seven.

The company has insurance against the liabilities of all the directors in relation to the company.

Donations

Charitable donations made by the group during the year amounted to £70 (1997: £910). No donation was made in the year to the players' Benevolent Fund. There were no political donations.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the company and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements the directors have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- followed applicable accounting standards; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Auditors

The auditors Robson Rhodes have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 10 November 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

Martyn D Blake

Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 23 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at 30 June 1998 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Robson Rhodes

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

Bristol

10 November 1998

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Turnover: continuing operations	2	10,946,391	11,189,412
Cost of sales	3	(8,513,332)	(9,172,725)
Gross profit	4	2,433,059	2,016,687
Administrative expenses		(1,927,471)	(1,871,436)
Operating profit: continuing operations	5	505,588	145,251
Interest receivable and similar income	8	339,765	238,110
Interest payable	9	(189)	(1,455)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		845,164	381,906
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10	(219,621)	(23,422)
Retained profit for the year	17	625,543	358,484

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year.

NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES for the year ended 30 June 1998

	1998 £	1997 £
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	845,164	381,906
Excess of actual depreciation charge over historical cost depreciation	2,159	1,799
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation		
tanation	847,323	383,705
Historical cost retained profit	627,702	360,283

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	653,604	578,813
Current assets			
Debtors	13	1,003,660	1,001,590
Cash at bank and in hand		5,429,175	4,605,561
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	6,432,835	5,607,151
g = 11 main one your	14	(2,420,779)	(2,249,097)
Net current assets		4,012,056	3,358,054
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Total assets less current liabilities		4,665,660	3,936,867
Provision for liabilities and charges	15	(103,250)	-
Net assets		4,562,410	3,936,867
Capital and reserves			
Capital reserve	17	22,238	22.220
Revaluation reserve	17	127,942	22,238 127,942
Profit and loss account	17	4,412,230	3,786,687
Members' funds	18	4,562,410	3,936,867
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BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 1998

Note	1998 £	1997 £
11 12	653,604	578,813 103
	653,707	578,916
13	1,003,054 5,416,893	1,012,256 4,586,616
14	6,419,947 (2,415,321)	5,598,872 (2,244,911)
	4,004,626	3,353,961
	4,658,333	3,932,877
15	(103,250)	-
	4,555,083	3,932,877
		
17	22,238	22,238
17	127,942	127,942
17	4,404,903	3,782,697
18	4,555,083	3,932,877
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 10 November 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

Rex Williams

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Director

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	19	821,490	(139,091)
Returns on investment and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid		341,365 (1,629)	216,110 (15)
Taxation UK corporation tax paid		339,736 (146,925)	216,095
Capital expenditure and financial investment Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets		(146,925) (204,272) 13,585	(156,715) (168,018) 35,851
Management of liquid resources Net movement in money market deposits		823,614 (992,780)	(132,167) 308,609
(Decrease)/increase in cash	20	(169,166)	96,731

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold property.

As permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the profit and loss account of the parent company has not been separately presented in the financial statements.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the company and all its subsidiary undertakings at 30 June using acquisition accounting.

Foreign currencies

Trading transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Exchange gains or losses are included in operating profit.

Turnover

Turnover consists of the invoiced value (excluding VAT) of tournament income relating to the current season from sponsors including prize monies, venues, television fees, royalties and entry fees; and non tournament income including subscription fees.

Prize monies

Prize monies receivable from sponsors are included in turnover. Prize monies payable, including any contributions by the company, are included in cost of sales. An analysis of the prize monies is included in the notes to the financial statements. Prize monies include all sanctioned events including those promoted by third parties.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or, in the case of freehold property, at an independently determined professional valuation.

Depreciation is provided evenly on the cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets to write them down to their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives. The principal annual rates used are:

Freehold buildings 2%
Motor vehicles 25%
Fixtures, fittings and equipment 10% to 20%

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

Taxation (continued)

Provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method only to the extent that it is probable that the liability will become payable in the foreseeable future.

Tournament sets

The cost of construction and repair of tournament sets is written off in the year incurred.

Recognition of tournament revenues

Tournament income received and costs incurred before the year end are accounted for in the year in which the finals are played. Where, in the opinion of the directors, tournaments started in the year are expected to result in a loss, full provision for the estimated loss is made at the outset.

Pension fund contributions

Pension contributions are made by the group for permanent employees (excluding directors) to a group personal pension scheme. The new defined contribution scheme replaced the money purchase pension fund on 1 January 1996.

2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

(a) Class of business

All of the group's turnover is derived from the company's principal activities. The following analysis is provided to illustrate the sources of turnover:

Tournament income:	1998 £	1997 £
Prize money received from sponsors Other income derived from promoting	3,053,016	3,717,528
tournaments	7,786,831	7,356,133
Non tournament income:	10,839,847	Γ1,073,661
New members' joining fees Annual subscription fees Other	150 72,333 34,061	1,900 77,368 36,483
	10,946,391	11,189,412

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

(b) Turnover by geographical market

The analysis of turnover by geographical markets is as follows:

	1998 £	1997 £
United Kingdom Rest of Europe Asia North America	9,896,388 293,934 260,657 495,412	9,125,368 364,940 1,177,323 521,781
·	10,946,391	11,189,412

3. COST OF SALES

Cost of sales comprises:

	1998 £	1997 £
Prize monies paid to players Tournament and other direct operating costs	5,283,286 3,230,046	5,734,758 3,437,967
		
	8,513,332	9,172,725

4. GROSS PROFIT

Gross profit comprises:

-	1998 £	1997 £
Contribution to prize monies by the group Returns from tournament activities	(2,230,270) 4,556,785	(2,017,230) 3,918,166
	 	
Non tournament income	2,326,515 106,544	1,900,936 115,751
		
	2,433,059	2,016,687

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

5. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	1998 £	1997 £
Auditors' remuneration Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets Tournament cost provisions (see note 15)	14,000 118,161 (2,265) 103,250	13,300 79,494 1,550

6. EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONS

Average monthly number of employees, including directors:

	1998 £	1997 £
Directors - all non-executive	6	5
Full time administration staff	28	25
Part-time tournament staff	4	5
	38	35
		33
Staff costs: (Directors receive no remuneration - see note 7)	1998	1997
	£	£
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	738,602 66,328 43,125	627,851 61,263 32,779
	848,055	721,893
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7. DIRECTORS

(a) According to the Articles of Association of the company, no director may receive remuneration in respect of services as a director to the company. No remuneration has been paid to directors in the year in respect of their offices as directors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

7. DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

(b) The Articles of Association do, however, allow the directors to be reimbursed for expenses incurred. Reimbursed expenses are as follows:

Directors	Traveling expenses £	Telephone and sundry expenses £	Total £
D R Williams R Reardon J Meadowcroft R Close J McMahon D Taylor T R Crabb M R Wildman S Pulsirivong J S E Chambers	16,034 1,611 5,786 7,440 1,990 1,865 - 5,805	6,598 316 2,197 237 1,162 583 - 3,019	22,632 1,927 7,983 7,677 3,152 2,448 - 8,824
Total this year Previous year	44,528	1,569 15,681 12,538	5,566 60,209 58,595

(c) Interest in contracts

All directors have made a full declaration of their other interests so that the Board is aware of any potential conflicts of interest.

R Reardon has a three year contract to head the company's Coaching Committee and will be paid annual fees of £12,500.

8. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	1998 £	1997 £
Interest received on bank deposits	339,765	238,110

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

9. INTEREST PAYABLE

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank borrowings Other interest payable	7 182	15 1440
	189	1,455
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10. TAXATION

The tax charge is based on the profit on ordinary activities for the year and comprises:

	1998 £	1997 £
United Kingdom corporation tax @ 31% (1997: 31.9%) Amendment to previous years' estimates	250,170 (30,549)	173,200 (149,778)
	219,621	23,422

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group and company

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings	Total
Cost or valuation	*	æ	£	£
At 1 July 1997 Capital expenditure Disposals	360,000	141,031 49,500 (46,429)	577,549 154,772 (105,622)	1,078,580 204,272 (152,051)
At 30 June 1998	360,000	144,102	626,699	1,130,801
Depreciation		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
At 1 July 1997 Charge for the year Disposals	5,700 5,700	39,326 38,870 (36,538)	454,741 73,591 (104,193)	499,767 118,161 (140,731)
At 30 June 1998	11,400	41,658	424,139	477,197
Not bealess		-		
Net book value At 30 June 1998	348,600	102,444	202,560	653,604
At 30 June 1997	354,300	101,705	122,808	578,813
				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The freehold property was valued by external valuers, Lambert Smith Hampton, Chartered Surveyors, as at 30 June 1996 at £360,000 on the basis of Existing Use Value in the open market in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. If the property had not been revalued it would have been included in the balance sheet at the following amount:

	£
Cost	292,561
Depreciation	
At 1 July 1997	46.04
Charge for year	46,811
	3,901
At 30 June 1998	50.712
	50,712
Net book value	
At 30 June 1998	241.940
	241,849
Net book value	
At 30 June 1997	245 750
	245,750

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

12. INVESTMENTS

The parent undertaking's investments in the subsidiary undertakings are made up as follows:

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Shares at cost At 30 June 1997 and 30 June 1998

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The parent undertaking holds a 100% shareholding in EASB Limited. The parent company also holds a 100% shareholding in the subsidiary undertaking WPBSA (Promotions) Limited which did not trade during the year and accordingly made neither profit nor a loss. Both companies were incorporated in England and Wales.

13. DEBTORS

	Group		Company	
	1998 £	1997 £	1998 £	1997 £
Trade debtors Amounts owed by	120,743	482,331	120,061	481,746
subsidiary undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued	35,431	53,829	10,616 35,431	11,834 53,829
income	847,486	465,430	836,946	464,847
	1,003,660	1,001,590	1,003,054	1,012,256

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	1998 £	1997 £	1998 £	1997 £
Payments in advance Trade creditors Amounts owed to	279,669 351,302	285,795 131,295	279,669 351,302	285,750 131,295
subsidiary undertakings Corporation tax Other taxation and social security Accruals	- 245,896	173,200	100 245,014	100 172,000
	458,021 1,085,891	392,803 1,266,004	458,021 1,081,215	392,801 1,262,965
	2,420,779	2,249,097	2,415,321	2,244,911
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Payments in advance represent entry fees received in advance for tournaments due to be completed after 30 June 1998.

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

Group and company

	1998 £	1997 £
Tournament provision At 1 July Transfer from profit and loss account Utilised in the year	103,250	364,500 - (364,500)
At 30 June	103,250	-

The association organises a number of tournaments which do not have, or are not fully backed by, sponsorship. Therefore the association contributes to the cost of running the tournaments from its own resources. The accounting policy adopted requires provisions to be made to cover the estimated net cost of those loss making tournaments which have started but not finished at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full except in respect of the revaluation surplus on the property. It is anticipated that no liability would arise if the property were sold at its revalued amount because the proceeds would be invested in replacement assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

16. COMPANY STATUS

The company is incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 with no share capital and is limited by guarantee.

17. RESERVES

	Capital reserve £	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account
Group At 1 July 1997 Retained profit for the year	22,238	127,942	3,786,687 625,543
At 30 June 1998	22,238	127,942	4,412,230
	Capital reserve £	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account
Company At 1 July 1997 Retained profit for the year	22,238	127,942	3,782,697 622,206
At 30 June 1998	22,238	127,942	4,404,903

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

Group	1998 £	1997 £
Total recognised gains Opening members' funds	625,543 3,936,867	358,484 3,578,383
Closing members' funds	4,562,410	3,936,867
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Company Total recognised gains Opening members' funds	622,206 3,932,877	354,690 3,578,187
Closing members' funds	4,555,083	3,932,877

19. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1998 £	1997 £
Operating profit Depreciation (Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets Net increase/(decrease) in provisions for future tournament losses Increase in debtors Increase in creditors	505,588 118,161 (2,265) 103,250 (3,670) 100,426	145,251 79,494 1,550 (364,500) (313,034) 312,148
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	821,490	(139,091)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 June 1998

20. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASHFLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET CASH

	1998 £	1997 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash Cash inflow/(outflow) from movement in liquid resources	(169,166) 992,780	96,731 (308,609)
Increase/(decrease) in net cash	823,614	(211,878)
Net cash at 1 July 1997	4,605,561	4,817,439
Net cash at 30 June 1998	5,429,175	4,605,561

21. ANALYSIS OF NET CASH

	1 July 1997 £	Cashflow £	30 June 1998 £
Cash at bank and in hand Money market deposits	334,170 4,271,391	(169,166) 992,780	165,004 5,264,171
Net cash	4,605,561	823,614	5,429,175

22. CONTINGENCIES

Legal actions

The nature of the company's business means that from time to time legal action, or threats of legal action, arise against the company or its directors. After consultation with legal advisors, the directors have not considered it necessary to make any further provision in the financial statements for the cost of actions not settled at 30 June 1998.