

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

2016-17

Massé / noun Billiards: a stroke made by hitting the cue ball with the cue held almost or quite perpendicular to the table



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CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Congratulations on applying to become a member of Massé Incorporated, New Zealand's premier cue sports club!

As a member of Massé you have access to all Massé Club branches in Hamilton, Pukekohe, New Lynn and Glen Eden. In each of these Clubs you'll find the best resources you need to play the game you love, whether it be 8 Ball, 9 Ball, 10 Ball, Snooker, or Billiards. You also have access to free cue sports coaching through our Club Coach and Tournament Director, the former New Zealand 8 Ball Champion, Jimmy 'The Professor' Henry.

Through your membership of Massé you are able to enjoy the facilities that our Club has built up over the years. For those who are Financial Members you can participate in the many tournaments that the Club organises. These range from our in-house tournaments and leagues such as the VNEA Senior and Junior 8 Ball Leagues to the Predator 9 Ball League, the Poison 10 Ball League, and the McDermott 8 Ball League.



Massé Hamilton Clubrooms

Massé Financial Members also qualify to play in all regional and national tournaments through their automatic membership of the West Auckland Pool Association, the Counties Pool Association or the Waikato Pool Association, depending on where they live. Social Membership allows members to try the Club facilities out and play pool in a fun and no pressure environment. From 2016 Social Membership is a one-time only membership meaning from 2017 onwards, if you have been a social member before, you can only join Massé as a financial member in future. However, if you are a Social Member and you find yourself becoming addicted to the game and wanting to get serious about your pool, consider joining as a Financial Member and start saving with cheaper table hire and the numerous other benefits that come with Financial Membership including our weekly Cash Membership Draw.

Remember, as a member you own this Club. The more you put into the Club and participate in whatever way you can, helps build and improve the Club. Above all, make sure you have fun, play by the rules and enjoy what we think is the world's greatest game! We can guarantee that not only will you make some new friends, but you'll also improve your skills!

Jason Robottom

Board Chairperson – Massé Incorporated







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ABOUT MASSÉ

Massé Incorporated was founded February 11, 1991 and was originally called the Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club. The Club was set up by a group of players who loved to play snooker, billiards and pool. Over the years the Club has grown from one Club in Hamilton to having three additional branches in Glen Eden, New Lynn and Pukekohe. Membership has grown from a few dozen members in 1991 to over 14,000 in the 2015-16 membership year. The achievements of our members over the years has been phenomenal with numerous Club members winning nearly every New Zealand title available; representing the Club or New Zealand overseas; playing professionally in the UK; and even winning numerous world titles across the sports of snooker and pool.

With the Club's expansion beyond the Waikato region it made sense to change the Club's name to one that focused more on what we're about, hence the name Massé. Massé is a name for a cue stroke that we ironically don't allow to be played on our tables due to the potential damage to the cloth being caused by those who do not know how to play the shot properly! Massé is derived from the French word *masser* which means to strike from above with a hammer.



Hamilton Clubrooms (2002)

The Club has also expanded from just offering facilities and activities for its members, to offering cue sports and recreational equipment and products to not only its members, but also the general public. Massé is the New Zealand distributor or dealer for most of the world's leading brands in cue sports including Riley, Predator, Valley, Poison, McDermott, Dynamo and many more.

Massé is also the New Zealand Charter Holder for VNEA Pool Leagues meaning the Club not only organizes and runs VNEA 8 Ball Leagues within New Zealand, but that it is also responsible for the selection of the New Zealand senior and junior teams that travel to the United States each year to compete in the VNEA World Pool Championships. In 2016 New Zealand will be represented by 24 players at the World Champs!



Hamilton Clubrooms (2016)

Our Club provides a safe and welcoming environment for its members across the Waikato, Franklin and Auckland regions. We ensure that no matter whether our members play socially or competitively, they have the best possible resources and support to enable them to have fun and achieve the level of skill that they aim for.

MEMBERSHIP OF MASSÉ

Membership of Massé comes with many benefits including playing on the best tables, with the highest quality tournament cloth, against the best players if you wish, including some who have proven themselves to be the best in the world! Members also have access to great facilities including our flagship Hamilton branch which won an architectural award for its design.

Membership is a privilege and not a right. We are a private Club and therefore set our own rules which we must all abide by. Along with the full Club rules, members must pay special attention to those rules relating to entry into the clubs, behaviour (especially towards staff), and the use of tables and equipment.

"membership is a privilege not a right"

While we offer different tiers of membership, the different types of Financial Membership come with a far greater range of benefits compared to Social Membership. However, if you are a social player who may not play that often or just want an opportunity to see if the Club is right for you, try out our one-time Social Membership option. As you can see below though, Financial Membership pays for itself after just a few hours of pool!

Membership Benefit	Financial Members	Social Members
Yearly membership fee -Full	\$20.00	\$0.00
Yearly membership fee –Student, Junior, Senior, Community Card	\$10.00	\$0.00
Renewable membership	Yes	No
Replacement membership card	\$1.00	\$2.00
Able to sign in guests	Yes	No
Table hire per hour (peak hours)	\$6.00 *	\$10.00
Table hire per hour (off-peak hours)	\$4.00 *	\$6.00
Table hire per hour for juniors (off-peak hours)	\$2.00 *	\$6.00
Discounted cue and accessory rates	Yes	No
Automatic entry into weekly membership cash draw	Yes	No
Able to enter and play in all Club tournaments and leagues	Yes	No
VNEA sanction fees paid by Massé	Yes	No
NZPBA membership fees paid by Massé	Yes	No
Regional pool association fees paid by Massé	Yes	No

^{*} If more than one player is playing on the table being hired, then at least two members must be financial members for the discounted member rates to apply.







i-Shaft Construction

McDermott's Intimidator i-Shafts allows players the freedom to change power and spin-rate to maximize the speed and accuracy of their shot. The patented i-Shaft system has identified the variable characteristics required in your game (Power, Control and Feel). Utilizing our proprietary Intimidator Carbon Energy Technology (ICE), we have designed the industry's most radial consistent shaft to help maintain accuracy at all speeds.

Tenon Tip Technology

The i-Shaft's Tenon Tip Technology transfers energy from the tip into the carbon fiber core producing a solid hit that maximizes the speed and accuracy of your shot.

Radial Consistency

Radial consistency is the shaft's ability to perform the same way on every shot, regardless of its orientation. The carbon fiber core technology found in the i-Shaft makes it the most radial consistent shaft on the market. The i-Shaft will consistently provide a straighter cue ball path, minimizing the need to compensate for spin and throw.



Intimidator i-Shaft Comparison



i-1 Big Boy Shaft

The i-1 Big Boy is the most powerful shaft in the Intimidator series. It uses a 13.25mm impregnated hard leather tip that holds contact with the cue ball longer. This makes the i-1 Big Boy ideal for breaking and jumping with extreme control.



Samsara Ultra-Hard Leather Tip

- · Break/Jump Tip
- · 9 layer laminated calf skin
- · Ultra-hard with cue ball grip



- · 3/8"-10 joint (standard)
- · 13.25mm Samsara Ultra-Hard Tip
- · Short Jump/Break Taper



i-2 Shaft

The i-2 is the most popular shaft in the Intimidator series. Known for its incredible control and consistency, the i-2 is the perfect all-around performance shaft. It is designed for players that want maximum control without sacrificing power and finesse. The i-2 has a 12.75mm tip and comes standard on all McDermott cues \$700 and up.



Kamui Black Soft Tip

- · High-porosity allows chalk adhesion
- · High-elasticity increases grip; reducing miscues
- · Excellent balance between ball control



- · 3/8"-10 joint (standard)
- · 12.75mm Kamui Black Soft Tip
- · Pro Taper



i-3 Shaft

The i-3 is performance at its highest level. It is designed for incredible spin and finesse. With a 11.75 mm tip, the i-3 is engineered for highlyskilled players who have great control of their stroke mechanics and are looking for more cue ball action.

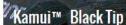


- · 3/8"-10 joint (standard)
- · 11.75mm Kamui Black Super Soft
- · European Taper



Kamui Black Super Soft Tip

- · Highest elasticity of the Black tips
- · Maximum contact time between the cue ball and tip
- · Generates more spin with a lower stroke speed



JIIWY

The Kamui™ Black tip consists of the highest quality Japanese pigskin leather. It has a higher porosity, allowing the tip to hold its shape and chalk more effectively. The enhanced cue ball grip results in more control and accuracy with less force.

More Control

Kamui™ tips create more ball spin with less force. Increased spin on the cue ball means increased playability.

More Accuracy

Kamui™ tips limit squirt and deflection by gripping the cue ball. Your shots will be consistently more

More Chalk

Kamui™ tips hold more chalk because the high quality leather has more porosity. More chalk means less miscues

Less Mushroom

Kamui™ tips are specially treated to resist shape distortion and mushrooming of the sides of the tip.

Available in all major joint sizes





5/16"-14







McDermott Standard 3/8"-10

5/16"-18

CLUB RULES

Being a Club and an incorporated society, Massé has a set of rules and constitution which governs the way our Club is run, structured along with a number of other items that are required under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. These rules are available to download online from the Incorporated Society web site (do a societies register search for Massé), or a copy is available to read at each Club branch (laminated on the notice board).

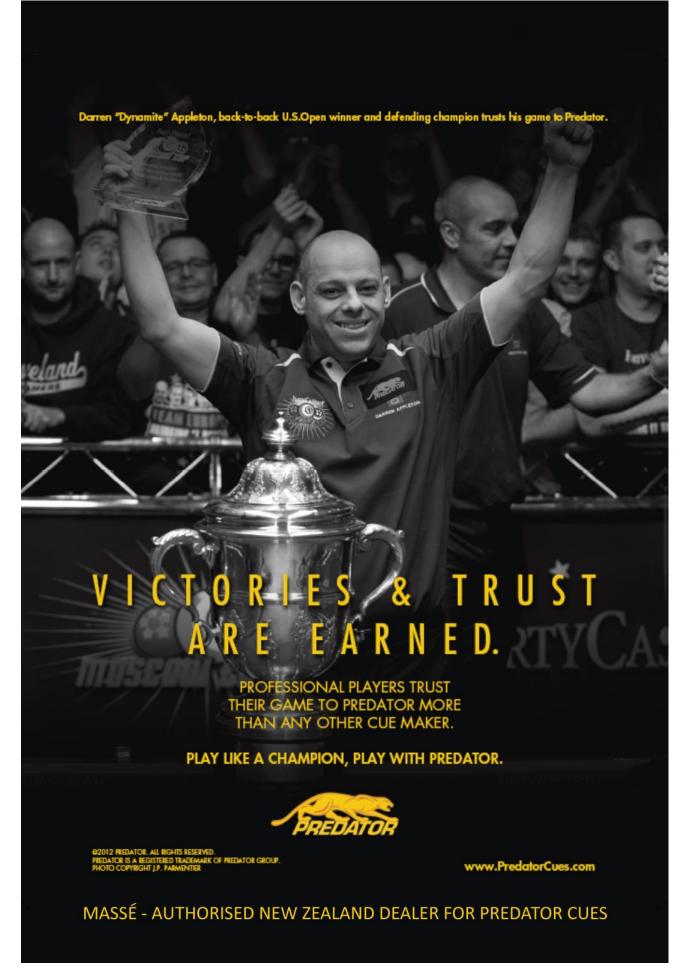
While these rules cover our Club as a legal entity, we have numerous other written and unwritten rules concerning entry to the Club, behaviour in the Club and of course, the rules of the games we play. The game rules are available at each Club and are also available to download from the various world body web sites (VNEA, WPA, IBSF, etc.). Rules concerning your behaviour when you are playing are included in the next section, Table Etiquette. Our other rules include:

Rules of Entry

- You must have your membership card with you at all times. No card, no entry. If a member loses their card they may get an instant replacement at the Club. Replacement card fee is \$1 for Financial Members and \$2 for Social Members.
- Only Financial Members may sign guests in.
- A neat and tidy standard of dress is required at all times
- Footwear is required in the Club at all times
- Absolutely no entry for any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Absolutely no entry for any person wearing or displaying gang regalia or colours
- No admittance for children under the age of 10 years old unless they are pool playing financial junior members

Behaviour in the Club

- Treat all staff and other members with respect
- The staff have absolute authority, what they say goes!
- Keep your noise levels to a minimum especially during tournaments
- Never put a drink on or near the tables. They are covered in the best tournament standard cloth which stains easily and costs around \$1,000 a table to recover.
- Always have clean hands when you play on the tables. Again the cloth stains easily!
- Never sit on a table. You will permanently damage the table rubbers and the balls will not bounce off them
 truly meaning they have to be replaced. Again this costs the Club a lot!
- Never try to lift a table as you will probably put it off level. It's never fun to play on a table with a roll!



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MASSÉ PREMIER LEAGUE

In 2015 New Zealand's best players in New Zealand's competed in the inaugural Massé Premier League for a cut of \$25,000! This year they'll be back to fight for a share of an even bigger prize purse of over \$30,000!

This year the Massé Premier League consists of over 30 weeks of play, playing weekly 8 Ball, 9 Ball and 10 Ball tournaments in Hamilton, Pukekohe and West Auckland. At the end of the year the top player from each Massé Premier League event (8, 9 and 10 Ball), in each League location, will receive a \$500 voucher to spend on that league sponsors products (Predator, Poison, McDermott). Then for the main event, the Massé Premier League Grand Finals, every player who has played a minimum of 55 of the 90 weekly tournaments qualifies to play for a cut of the cash.

The Massé Premier League Grand Finals consist of separate 8, 9 and 10 Ball events that will take place in late 2016. The prize pool for each of these three events will be \$10,000 with the prize money spread throughout the field.

Entry into the Predator 9 Ball League, the Poison 10 Ball League, and the McDermott 8 Ball League is \$10 per round/night with half of the entry fees being paid out as prize money on the night with the other half of the entry fee going into the Premier League Grand Final prize pool.

The Predator 9 Ball League, the Poison 10 Ball League, and the McDermott 8 Ball League are only open to Financial Members of Massé. So if you think you're a gun on the table but you're not a member of Massé, stump up \$20 to join for the year (or \$10 if you're a student, a junior under 20, a senior over 65 or a community services card holder), and head down to your local branch and give it your best shot to win a spot in the Massé Premier League final and your shot at a share of \$30,000!



PREMIER LEAGUE







8 Ball League

VNEA 8 BALL LEAGUES

As of January 2015, Massé Incorporated became the Charter Holder for the VNEA 8 Ball Leagues in New Zealand. While we've only been running leagues in our own Club, it means we can look to promote the game and spread the word of Pool throughout New Zealand, encouraging participation in the sport we love and growing the game as a whole; things that not only benefit our Club and the game in New Zealand, but also the skill level of those who play.



Each year we run two to three seasons where teams of players compete against each other over a number of weeks. For those competing in the Massé VNEA Senior 8 Ball Leagues, teams of four players each play a frame of pool against each member of the opposing team. Typically we play two rounds per league night meaning each team member will play 8 frames per league night. The Massé VNEA 8 Ball Leagues are open to Financial Members only.

At the end of each season the teams from the three Club leagues all come together to battle it out to find the champion team for the Season. The Massé VNEA Junior 8 Ball League operates in the same way except teams are made up of 3 players and all must be 20 years old or under on January 1 of the calendar year they are playing in.



Pool tables as far as the eye can see - the main ballroom at Bally's Las Vegas where 148 of the 250 tables used in the VNEA World Pool Championships are located.

By competing in the weekly leagues, players become eligible for selection in the team that travels to the VNEA World Pool Championships in Las Vegas to represent not only Massé, but also New Zealand. 2016 sees the 36th anniversary of the event. Our junior league players also become eligible to make the New Zealand team to travel to the USA where this year's 26th anniversary of the VNEA Junior International Pool Championships will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania in late June. A handicap system operates in the leagues so an inexperienced player can compete equally against the pros! So get some friends together for a fun night out each week playing pool!



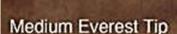
VNEA Senior 8 Ball League



VNEA Junior 8 Ball League

OB SHAFTS

OB-1, OB-2 Classic, Classic Pro Break Shaft



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All OB shafts incorporate Ultra-Low Deflection technology which produces significantly reduced cueball squirt that will alow you to be much more accurate when you use english on the cueball.

(OB-1 Model Shown,



OB shafts utilize our patented SR-6 construction which combines 6 stress relieved segments of laminated hard-rock maple. This unique construction makes for a more radially consistent shaft which will allow you to play more consistent pool.

CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Massé hosts numerous tournaments throughout the year. Between February and mid-December this year our combined Club branches will host nearly 600 separate pool tournaments and league rounds!

Our in-house weekly tournaments for individual players include the Predator 9 Ball League, the McDermott 8 Ball League and the Poison 10 Ball. These leagues cost \$10 entry per night/round and combine to make-up the Massé Premier League. Half the entry fee is paid out on the night in prize money while the other \$5 goes into the Club fund for the Premier League Grand Final prize pool. The individual rankings for these weekly leagues are combined to give an overall Massé Premier League ranking for each Club branch.

For teams of players we have the Massé VNEA Senior 8 Ball League which sees teams of four compete against each other; and, the Massé VNEA Junior 8 Ball League which is run which sees teams of three compete against each other. To compete in the junior league players must be aged 20 years old and under as of January 1 in the calendar year they are competing in.

Players from these leagues are selected to represent New Zealand and Massé at the VNEA World Team Championships in Las Vegas each year, and in the VNEA International Junior Pool Championships which is also held each year in the United States of America.

Financial Members of Massé are entitled to play in all Club tournaments and are automatically affiliated with the New Zealand and International VNEA organisations, the New Zealand Pool and Billiards Association, and their local pool association. Social Members are unable to play in any Club tournament.











VNEA Senior 8 Ball League



VNEA Junior 8 Ball League

Massé Hamilton

Tournament	Day and Time Played	Format
Massé VNEA Senior 8 Ball	Monday at 7pm	Teams of 4 players
Predator 9 Ball League	Tuesday at 7pm	Singles
McDermott 8 Ball League	Friday at 7pm	Singles
Poison 10 Ball League	Wednesday at 7pm	Singles
Massé VNEA Junior 8 Ball	ТВА	Teams of 3 players

Massé Pukekohe

Tournament	Day and Time Played	Format
Massé VNEA Senior 8 Ball	Saturday at 7pm	Teams of 4 players
Predator 9 Ball League	Wednesday at 7pm	Singles
McDermott 8 Ball League	Monday at 7pm	Singles
Poison 10 Ball League	Friday at 7pm	Singles
Massé VNEA Junior 8 Ball	ТВА	Teams of 3 players

Massé New Lynn

Tournament	Day and Time Played	Format
Predator 9 Ball League	Wednesday at 7:30pm	Singles
Poison 10 Ball League	Sunday at 5:30pm	Singles

Massé Glen Eden

Tournament	Day and Time Played	Format
Massé VNEA Senior 8 Ball	Monday at 7:30pm	Teams of 4 players
McDermott 8 Ball League	Tuesday at 7:30pm	Singles
Massé VNEA Junior 8 Ball	ТВА	Teams of 3 players



UPCOMING EVENTS

We've got a few key events coming up at the Club and also some exciting new benefits of being a Financial Member.

Weekly Membership Cash Draw

In the first week of May we'll be launching our weekly membership draw where a randomly drawn member number will win \$500 cash! The winning member will have 5 minutes to claim the prize from when the draw takes place. The winning member must also have their membership card on them and be able to present suitable identification. If the weekly prize is not won, the cash will jackpot to the next weeks draw (up to a maximum of \$5,000). The weekly membership draw starts on Friday May 6th and the weekly draws will take place at a random time between 6pm and 8pm every week.

"\$500 weekly cash
membership draw with a
maximum jackpot prize of
\$5,000 starts Friday May 6"

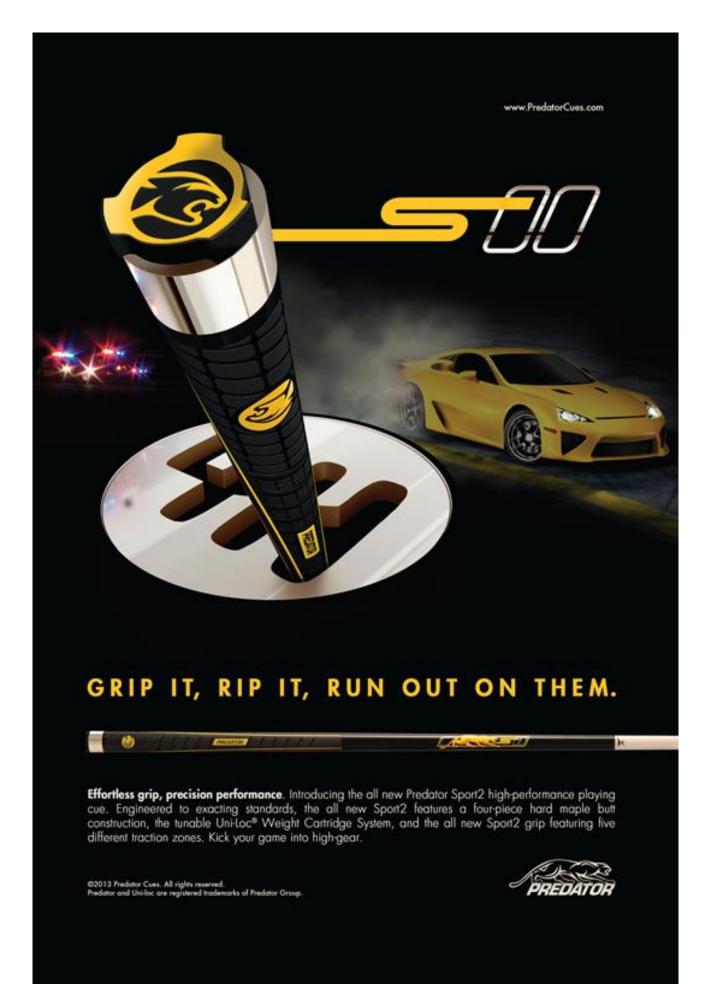
Annual General Meeting

June is a busy month at the Club with our Annual General Meeting being held at Massé Hamilton on Saturday June 11. Following the AGM we'll have another of our ever popular member's social function including our drawn pair's competition which has always been a fun event for members to socialise with members of other Club branches. No doubt this will be a fun but highly competitive event as members try to get their names on one of the Club's more sought after trophies!

Country of Origin

Massé Tournament Director and Club Coach, Jimmy Henry, is working on the format of a Country of Origin League whereby Club members will form teams based on their country of birth or citizenship. Teams will compete in leagues in their local Club branches for ranking positions which will then be used when all the teams come together for the grand final of the Country of Origin. Looking around our club we should have teams from all corners of the globe! This event will likely take place sometime in the second half of the year. More details to come soon!

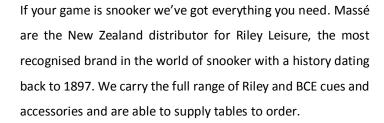




CUE, TABLE, AMUSEMENT AND ACCESSORY SALES

Massé is the New Zealand distributor for some of the biggest brands in the world of pool and amusement games.

If you are looking for a cue to play with, no matter if your budget is below a hundred dollars or stretches into the thousands we'll ensure you get the best value for your money! We sell the full range of Predator cues, the brand the biggest pros in the game choose to play with, along with the Predator produced Poison brand of cues. We are also the New Zealand distributor for McDermott cues and also carry a wide range of others as well. Typically, if you want something we can source it for you. Massé also carries a wide range of cases and accessories to ensure that your playing equipment is protected and stays in shape.



Massé is also the New Zealand distributor for the Valley Dynamo range of products. All are made in Texas, USA and include the bullet proof range of Valley pool tables that are built to take the punishment of operating in bars. These one piece slate tables are also the choice of table for the VNEA and APA pool leagues in the United States and are used at their annual world championships in Las Vegas. These tables are great value for the home and are surprisingly inexpensive.















Each Massé Club branch has a Tornado Firestorm Air Hockey table for our members to enjoy. Again built in Texas, these high quality tables, along with Dynamo Air Hockey and Tornado Foosball tables are distributed by Massé in New Zealand. Massé is also the distributor of the Champion range of Shuffle Boards and Sun-Glow Shuffle Board accessories. A Champion Shuffle Board table can be found at Massé Hamilton where it's proving extremely popular.

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So if you are after a cue or looking to deck out your games room or man cave, come and see us to see how we can help!



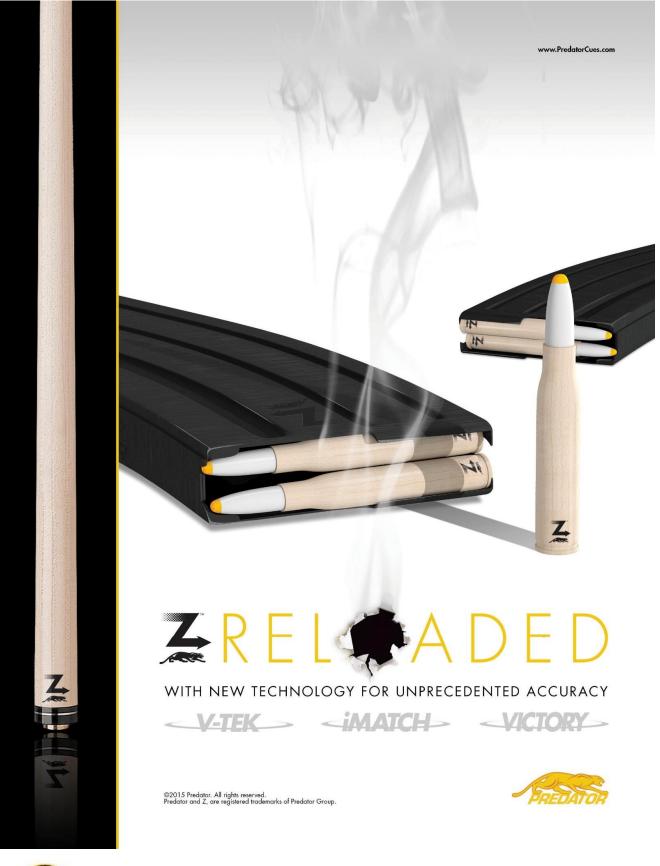


CONNECTING WITH MASSÉ

Keep up-to-date with what is happening at Massé and your local branch by either checking on your Club notice board, or to get the news first, check us out on Facebook. All our tournament posters, results and rankings are posted there along with any news or anything happening around the Club. Members can also get more information on the Club by checking out our web site at www.masse.co.nz.









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CLUB LOCATIONS, OPENING HOURS AND CONTACTS

All members of Massé are able to access, use and enjoy the facilities of all Massé branches with their membership swipe card at the following four branches:

HAMILTON



60 -62 Rostrevor Street Hamilton



07 839 5922



Hamilton@masse.co.nz

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Tuesday 10am to 12am Wednesday - Friday 10am to 2am Saturday 11am to 2am 11am to 12am

GLEN EDEN



62-64 Glenmall Place Glen Eden



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GlenEden@masse.co.nz

OPENING HOURS

Sunday – Monday 10am to 11pm Tuesday – Wednesday 10am to 12am Thursday – Saturday 10am to 1am



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Sunday - Tuesday 10am to 12am Wednesday - Saturday 10am to 1am

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