



## The Stalybridge and District Sunday Schools Billiards, Snooker and Whist League

Our League is celebrating its Centenary this year. We started in September 1910 and over the past 100 years have been associated with over 40 teams in our league, having started with only 10 teams in our inaugural year.

The league originally started as a winter outlet for Young Men's Societies to run alongside cricket as their summer pastime. They originally played Billiards and Whist with Snooker being added in the mid 1970s.

The league is local to Tameside and our teams have, represented Mosley, Stalybridge, Ashton-under-Lyne Dukinfield and Hyde. Our league has been well looked after by the local news media, particularly The Tameside Reporter and Tameside Radio.



To help celebrate our fantastic achievement we have developed a website to show our history as well as our current league activities. The site can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/stalybridgesnookerleague>. The website shows many of the pictures that have been taken at our annual presentation nights over the years and we would like to hear from anyone who has any historical items, pictures or stories regarding our league.

We are celebrating our centenary with a meal at a local golf club and if you would like to know more about the league you can contact me on 07736678303 or my email [ian.snooker@fsmail.net](mailto:ian.snooker@fsmail.net). We would to thank everyone who has helped our league to reach this amazing achievement and look forward to meeting new friends, players and teams in the next 100 years.

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