



# Billiards Club Newsletter

## December 2022

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Well, November has started out with a bang. All the club leagues started the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the creativity of Rob Pulvino, the Challenge Board activity is gaining in popularity. Most of the snow birds are back which makes for our club to be rolling on all 8 cylinders again. If you happen to see a new club member please introduce yourself and provide any information or help that would make that individual be more comfortable in the club. By the way, if you have any comments, either positive or negative, please E-Mail me at [eugene.krajeck@gmail.com](mailto:eugene.krajeck@gmail.com). I welcome the input.

Remember, the end of 2022 is approaching which means the club renewal fee is due. So please complete the renewal form and enclose a check or cash in an envelope and drop in the box located by club main entrance.



**The annual Billiards Club Membership Meeting was held in the Palms Room in the Sonoran Plaza on November 7<sup>th</sup>.** Many club initiatives and future activities were presented. One of the meeting highlights was the announcement that Joyce Miller would NOT be running for the position of Secretary for the next term. Both Paul Ertman and Rob Pulvino gave tribute to Joyce for her years of service to the club in her secretary role. However, now she has chosen to move on to other areas of interest. Thank you, Joyce, for all that you have done.

Unfortunately, only 28 out of the club's 290 members attended this meeting. At this point, I would like to make a point regarding this. Attending this type of meeting allows members to become informed about the club and gain knowledge about what is happening within the club. In addition, I know there are some members that express some dissatisfaction with certain club procedures and or processes. Being present at the Membership Meeting allows club members a forum to express their opinions regarding whatever issues and gripes they may have and air them. Please, be an active member of the club and attend club meetings.

I will now get off my soapbox and move on. At the meeting, Sandy Miller presented a salute to Jerry Briesath which was published in this month's "The Grand Lifestyles" magazine. Sandy was congratulated for a job well done. If you haven't read this article, you should. It's an informative article about Jerry's past and how he helped to create the Billiard Profession Instructors Association. In addition, this article helps promote the Billiard Club to illustrate to Grand residents the positive attributes our club has offer. **Thank you, Sandy for putting this article together.**

Rob Pulvino recently received an excellent idea concerning the Challenge Boards operation. What if there were periodic updates via E-Mail to share with board sign-ups and club members regarding what is happening on the Challenge Boards. Hopefully, these E-Mail updates will generate more Challenge Board interest and activity. Rob has thus created E-Mail Challenge Board updates. I thought I would include excerpts from his latest Challenge Board update.

**Jim Janssens currently enjoys top honors on the Masters ladder. On the Players Board, Kevin Strong still holds the top spot. Lisa Vidak still retains the top position of the Ladies ladder. And to round out the Challenge Board leaders, Randy Van remains on top of the Novice ladder.**

**To conclude the recent events that happened last month, I would like to inform everyone that our very own Joe Rayo and George Hayden recently celebrated incredible birthdays. Last September, George celebrated his 97<sup>th</sup> and in November Joe celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup>.** How great is that? The two of you are inspiration to all of us regarding what life can be. We all hope that the both of you will be able to enjoy many more to come.



Elections for Billiard Club Board Officers is just around the corner. With Joyce transitioning to new opportunities beyond her current secretary board position, the club needs someone to step up to take her place. The available board position nomination sheets were taken down on November 30th. Hopefully candidates added their names to these nomination sheets before they were removed.

**The club has decided this year to provide the option of either voting in person or remote voting by E-Mail. Remote voting information will be forthcoming. Voting in person will take place the morning of Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 and 11:00 AM.** The club will set up a table outside the pool room entrance to place your vote. This year, Ron Iverson is the club election director and is overseeing the election process. Thank you, Ron, for taking on this task.

**Remember, the Club Welcome Back Social will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM in the Apache Room which is located across the hall from the billiard room.** This is a Pot Luck event so attendees will be asked to bring a food item. A great time will be had by all so please plan to attend.

## **League News**

All the leagues began their 2022-2023 season the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. The league activity provided below is as of November 29<sup>th</sup>. There was no League play during Thanksgiving week. **In addition, there will be NO league play from December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** I know I have mentioned this before, but unfortunately all the leagues are in short supply of substitutes. The league operators would greatly appreciate your volunteering to become a sub when regular league players are out.

### **Monday Night Masters 8 Ball**

**The Breakers are leading the second place In the Money by 22 games.** The Jay's are in third place 14 games out. Randy Salzwedel leads the individual players with an 86.1% winning percentage.

## Tuesday Night Players 8 Ball

**Rack Lovers are tied for first place with Vipers.** Chalk & Awe II is in third place 2.5 rounds out. Brian Pin is the top individual player with an 90.0% winning percentage.

## Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball

**Rail Riders is leading second place All Chalked Up by 0.5 scoring points.** Third place Stick It to 'Em is 1.5 scoring points out. Don Koch is the top individual player with an 75.0% winning percentage.

## Friday Morning 9 Ball

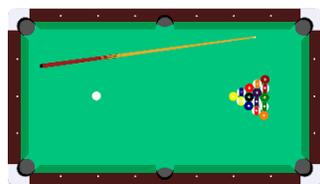
**Stick it to 'Em is leading second place 3 Niners by 1.0 scoring points.** Hustlers rounds out third place 2.0 scoring points behind.

Due to a group of 9 ball league players attending the Mosconi Cup in Las Vegas, the next 9 Ball League session had to be cancelled. This cancelation was due to a lack of subs that can participate on this day. **Thus, there will be NO 9 Ball League play on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Travel League

At this time there has been no activity relating to the Travel League. League play resumes in January. Information and roster make-up will be provided in the January edition of the Newsletter. Our Travel League will be defending the North 40 League Championship. If we win the league championship again, it will be a 3-Peat. Doug Asleson, Travel League team captain, feels that our team has a good chance to retain our winning ways. Therefore, we must cheer our Travel League teammates on to achieve a third championship. **Gooo Billiard Club Travel League.**

## Shot of the Month



### Center Ball Cheat-The-Pocket Shot

I went back to the January 2018 Newsletter issue and found this outline of the Cheat-The-Pocket Shot. I decided to resurrect this shot description for you to read. Please go the next page to see the diagram illustrating

this shot. Looking at the diagram, to get position on the 8 Ball, cheating the pocket provides a solution to get position on the 8 ball. Since the pocket is wider than one ball, don't shoot the object ball straight in. Instead, hit the object ball a fraction, in this case, to the left so the object ball will go slightly to the right. The cue ball then goes over to position X making a shot on the 8 Ball an easy one.

