



Billiards Club Newsletter

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The Holiday Season is upon us. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful and joyous Christmas Holiday. In addition, this time also means that the year 2022 is drawing to a close. I hope that the past year was a good one for all of you. However, there are some of us that have not been blessed with a positive year. But we should look back over the past year and at least appreciate the positive things and events that did occur.

Before we start, members must have their dues up to date for 2023. If not, you will NOT be able to participate in league events and club privileges. The Club will be giving a grace period till January 31st since we do have some late returning members. In addition, I would like to have a discussion regarding Pool Chalk. The Club only wants members to use Blue Chalk only. Since the pool cloth that we use is blue, if members use chalk other than blue chalk, the non-blue chalk residue leaves an unsightly cloth appearance. So Please only use Blue Chalk.



The Billiards Club Board of Directors annual election was held on Monday December 19, 2022 from 8:30-12 AM outside the Billiards Room entrance door. This year the club decided to have two voting options, one On Line and the other In-Person using paper ballots. Since this year's election had two voting options, I wanted to let members know how the voting distribution went. Eleven members participated in the On line option and 39 selected to vote In-Person. From these numbers, club members were more inclined to use the In-Person option. Ron Iverson was the club election director and oversaw the election process. If you have any election questions, please contact him.

At this point, I would like to make a comment regarding the voting turnout for this year's club elections. Our club now has almost 300 members and out of that only a total of 50 members voted. It is important to know your choices of candidates in order for members to make an educated decision. The club has recently received some ideas to encourage member voting participation. I really encourage club members to vote as the club officers that are voted in represent you, the members, on how the club is run. Club members are also welcome to be more involved in club events and activities.

OFFICERS:

Paul Ertman ran unopposed for the 2-year term of President and Harriet Ham ran unopposed for the 2-year term of Secretary. As anticipated, they both won. The Treasurer (Geoffrey Iverson) and Vice President (Jim Janssens) are in their first year of a 2-year term and thus are continuing in their current positions. DIRECTORS:

There are 5 Directors on the Board and all are 1-year terms. Eight club members ran for the five open Director positions. The eight were: Scott Kovac, C Ivde Krebs, Bruce Lowe, Doug Asleson, Sandy Miller, Lan Sevlar, Jay Delich, and Rick Haskell.

The following five Director candidates won: Scott Kovac, Bruce Lowe, Doug Asleson, Sandy Miller, and Jay Delich.

Congratulations to all our newly elected Club Officers and Directors.

The EQUAL OFFENSE Drop-in Games have started up again. This system of play was designed by Jerry Breisath to improve a player's level of play. They have been reintroduced this winter season by Harriet Ham. It is a drop-in format and not a league. Thus, attendance varies from session to session. The goal is to increase participation by having EQUAL OFFENSE sessions every Wednesday at 5:45 PM all year around.

The COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL GROUP met on Thursdays throughout the past month. Our very own Hall of Fame coach, Jerry Breisath participated during some of these sessions. He shared his skills and wisdom with the club members that attended.

Rob Pulvino provided an update to the Challenge Board standings. Following are excerpts from his latest update.

Masters Board: Steve Crnecki won over Rob Pulvino in a straight pool match 100-65 to become the new leader. Dave Bowlin then challenged Rob to 10-ball for the 2nd place position. Rob prevailed 5-2. Gary North won over Paul Ertman 5-0 in 8 ball.

Players Board: Scott Kovac fell to Ricky Haas in a close match. Ricky won 5-4 in an 8-ball race to 5. Conrad Kreick won over Geoff Iverson 5-1 in an 8-ball race to 5. We had our first JUMPER. Yes, you heard right; Jake Eggleston took that great leap of faith and challenged Tim Flerity on the Players Board. Jake successfully defeated Tim Flerity 5-4 in an 8-ball race to 5. Kevin Strong still is in the top position.

Ladies Board: Lisa Vidak remains the top leader.

Novice Board: Randy Van is on the top spot.

Unfortunately, there has been very little activity on the Ladies and Novice Challenge Boards. Hopefully in the New Year there will be more enthusiasm for participants to challenge each other.



Remember, the Club Welcome Back Potluck Social will be held on Sunday January 15th @ 6:00 PM in the Apache Room which is located across the hall from the billiard room. This is annual event is to welcome new members and our returning snowbird members. A great time will be had by all so please plan to attend.

League News

With this being the Holiday Season, there was No League Play during the holidays. Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday, the following league statistics will include play as of December 19th.

League play will resume in January in a staggered format with the following dates:

Monday Night Masters starts January 9th

Tuesday Night Player starts January 10th

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball starts January 4th

Friday 9 Ball starts January 6th

Before the latest League statistics are presented, another note about membership dues is warranted. The League requirement is that league participants must be active members. That means player membership dues must be paid in order to participate. If you haven't paid your membership dues yet, please do so.

Monday Night Masters 8 Ball

The Breakers are leading the second place In the Money by 31 games. The Jay's are in third place 39 games out. Randy Salzwedel leads the individual players with an 81.3% winning percentage.

Tuesday Night Players 8 Ball

First place Vipers are leading second place Rack Lovers by 4 scoring points. Chalk & Awe II is in third place 4.5 scoring points out. Jerry Haas is the top individual player with an 80.0% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball

Balls of Fire is leading second place Solid 8 by 0.5 scoring points. Third place All Chalked Up is 1.5 scoring points out. Gary North is the top individual player with an 83.3% winning percentage.

Friday Morning 9 Ball

Stick it to 'Em is leading second place 3 Niners by 2.0 scoring points. Hustlers rounds out third place 2.5 scoring points out. Linda Asleson is the top individual player with an 88.9% winning percentage.

Travel League

January is the start of 2023. That means the Billiard Club Travel League season also begins. The first match will take place on Tuesday January 10th. The team roster will be the same as the last two years. They are as follows: Doug Asleson, Captain with his teammates Richard Wear, Randy Biko, Linda Asleson, Tim Ell, Jim Janssens, and Randy Salzwedel.

Our scheduled home games at Sun City Grand will be held on January 10th, 24th, 31st, February 28th, and March 21st. Our pool room is reserved from 12 noon to 4 PM on those dates.

Rule of the Month



With the Holiday Season upon us, I thought I would dispense this month with a Pool Rule or Shot thought. During my senior years, I haven't really been a very religious person. However, I have always believed in the golden rule, **do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** I feel this is a good life practice to follow and hopefully during this Holiday Season, we will all practice this rule with our fellow pool club members and also with all the people we come in contact with. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and may 2023 be a positive one for each and every one of you.