



Billiards Club Newsletter

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The 2022 -2023 pool season is moving rapidly along. In the future weeks and months, the club will be providing several great events and tournaments that members will be able to partake in. So, the “Good Times” of upcoming events in 2023 will be something that club members will be able to look forward to. Later in this Newsletter, these upcoming events will be presented in detail. Please review these upcoming events so you will be fully informed as to when and how to either both attend and or participate. You won’t regret it.



The Club Welcome Back Potluck Social was held on Sunday January 15th in the Apache Room. This was the club’s annual event to welcome new members and our returning snowbird members. We had a very good turnout. But best of all, the food was plentiful and delicious. The Club would like to thank everyone that made the effort to participate. Club President Paul Ertman provided a detailed summary of the 2022 Club event highlights. He also gave a tribute to Joyce Miller for all her years of service to the club. In addition, Paul recognized Jerry Briesath for his recent induction into the BCA Hall of Fame. Both tributes received a standing ovation by all that attended. Doug Asleson outlined the 2023 calendar for the upcoming March Club tournaments. A great time was had by all.

For those of you that follow the Challenge Board, there was a lot of activity on both the Masters and Players Boards. There was less activity on the Ladies Board and no activity on the NOVICE Board. Here are the latest standings.

Masters Board: Rich Wear is now in the top position.

Kevin Strong was the leader on the Players Board and by challenging and beating Paul Ertman, Kevin now has jumped to the Masters Board. CONGRATS Kevin, welcome to the Masters Board.

Players Board: Conrad Kreick is now in the top position.

Jake Eggleston was the leader on the Novice Board and by challenging Ricky Haas, he leaped from the Novice Board to the Players Board. Congratulation Jake, welcome to the Players Board

Ladies Board: Annie Low is the top leader.

In Rob's latest update, he mentioned the following contests. Karen Bendickson fell to Roxie Collins in a HILL / HILL race to 3, 8 ball. Roxie prevailed 3-2. Sandy Miller then took a shot at Karen Bendickson, only to come up short 3-2 in another HILL / HILL match. Karen won 3-2.

When yours truly saw the term HILL / HILL match, I didn't know what it meant. There may be some of you that don't know either. So, I decided to ask Rob for an explanation. He replied, in a match that for example is a race to say to 3, the first person to reach 2 games is said to be on the HILL. If the match is tied at 2-2, it is called a HILL / HILL match. Thus, in a match that can be a race to any number of games and it is tied where both players need 1 game to win the match, it is called a HILL / HILL match. I hope that clarifies the term.

Novice Board: Randy Van is on the top spot.

There was no activity on this board.



In order to break up the winter chill and enjoy a day and night of billiard fun, the Billiard Club will be hosting its annual Fun Day Challenge celebration on Saturday February 11th from 2 PM till 8:00 PM. This event will be held in both the Club Billiard Room and the adjacent Apache Room. In the Billiard Room, there will be 5 different challenge events to test the skills for all caliber of player. These challenges will consist of: Lag of Cue Ball, 2 positioning challenges, and 2 Skill Ball Rolls. In order to participate in the Challenge competition, there will be a \$5 fee which in turn will be distributed to the Challenge participant winners. The Challenge competitions will start at 2:00 PM in the Billiards Room.

In the Apache Room, the Club will provide salad, pasta, beef sandwiches, chicken tenders, coffee, and desert to attending club members. There will also be a cash bar. The Apache Room activity will be available about 4:00 PM.

This will be a fun time to be with your fellow club members and enjoy a fun challenge. **Please wear your name tags as points will be deducted from your score if you are not wearing a name tag.** There is a sign-up sheet for this event located in the Billiard Room. **Please sign-up for what promises to be another amazing GRAND Billiards event.**

As many of you are aware, March will be filled with our annual Billiard Club tournaments. Although it is still a month away, it is important to be aware of these upcoming event dates so we can continue to have great support from all our club members. The sign-up sheets for these upcoming events will be posted in the Billiard Room in early February. Please consider playing in the appropriate event for your skill level. Review the following March dates so that you can plan to either attend and or participate!

Tournament Event dates are as follows:

**Briesath Cup qualifier tournament is Saturday, March 4th, 9 AM
(Open to all Billiard Club members)**

**Masters Tournament Thursday March 9th
Players Tournament Friday March 10th
Women's Tournament Saturday March 11th**

Playing times for all the above events is 9 AM to 6 PM

Championship Saturday March 18th This day consists of the following events:

**Club Championship Finals 9 AM - 12 Noon
Briesath Cup Championship 1 PM – 4 PM
Potluck Luncheon 11 AM – 1PM**

We are hoping to have another great turn out from our Billiard Club members!

To round out the month of March, the Billiard Club will be conducting its annual Spring Club Luncheon. This event will be held on Monday March 13th. More details regarding the luncheon will be forthcoming.

League News

The following League information is as of January 30th.

Monday Night Masters 8 Ball

The Breakers are leading the second place In the Money by 41 games. The Jay's are in third place 56 games out. Randy Salzwedel leads the individual players with an 78.6% winning percentage.

Tuesday Night Players 8 Ball

First place Rack Lovers are leading second place Vipers by 2 scoring points. On Cue IV is in third place 7 scoring points out. Jerry Haas is the top individual player with an 77.5% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon Players 8 Ball

The Storm 1 is leading second place Balls of Fire by 2 scoring points. Third place All Chalked Up is 5 scoring points out. Gary North is the top individual player with an 80.6% winning percentage.

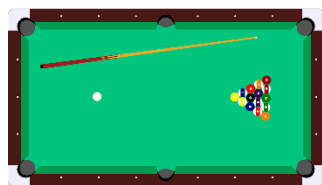
Friday Morning 9 Ball

3 Niners is leading second place Hustlers by 0.5 scoring points. Stick it to EM rounds out third place 4.0 scoring points out. Linda Asleson is the top individual player with an 80.6% winning percentage.

Travel League

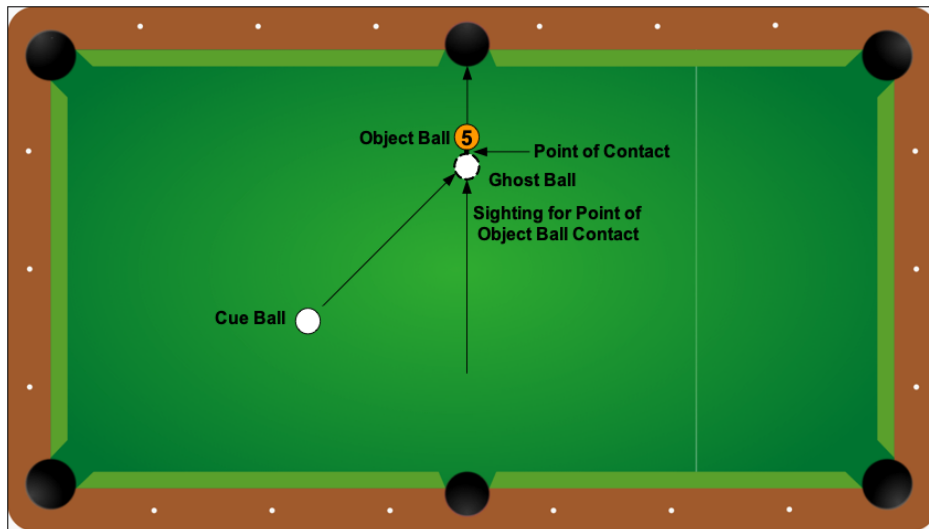
The Sun City Grand Travel Team is off to a great start. We won our first three matches against some very good players from the other communities. The Team is currently tied for first place with the team from Sunflower. We play them in our next match. Since they have a very strong team we are hoping for the best. All our team members have played well. Thanks to Steve Crnecki for subbing in our last match against a very good team from Happy Trails. Steve won 7 of 10 games. The Travel Team won our first 3 matches as follows, 36-14 over Sun City West, 31-19 over Sun Village, and 28-22 over Happy Trails. We are hoping for continued success in February! Thanks to all our Billiard Club members for respecting the Billiard Room during home Travel League matches. It is very much appreciated.

Shot of the Month



The most frequent shot in pool is the cut shot. To sink the object ball below, the cue ball must hit the object ball at an angle. The question is, at what point should the two balls make contact?

In the following diagram, there is an imaginary point shown as a small black spot located at the center of the object ball in line with the pocket. If the cue ball strikes the object ball at this point, the object ball will go into the pocket. However, if you sight the center of the cue ball to this imaginary point, you will never hit it. In this case the cue ball will strike the object ball to the left of the contact point causing you to miss the shot.



So how do you determine the point of aim? Some people aim the cue ball at the center of a ghost ball sitting at the contact point of the object ball. Depending on the angle, the distance from the object ball contact point may be slightly more or less than this distance.

The best way to determine where to sight the cue ball to make this shot is to practice angle shots over and over. After many practice angle shots, you will begin to know where to line the cue ball up in order to sink this type of shot.