

Billiards Club Newsletter

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March is probably the busiest and most exciting time of the season for our club members. The month heralds the Annual Club Luncheon, Club Championships, and finally the Briesath Cup. Buckle Up, the March good times are coming.



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

Masters Board: Steve Crnecki is in the top position.

The Players have been busy. Paul Roy, who had worked his way to the top of the Players ladder, took a shot at Kevin Strong on the Masters Board. Paul won 100-74 which places him securely on the Masters board.

Players Board: Bruce Rebout is now in the top position.

Ladies Board: Annie Lowe is the top leader.

Novice Board: Randy Van is on the top spot.

On February 11th, the club conducted it's Fun Day Celebration. It was held in the Billiards Room and adjacent Apache Room. There were several fun and competitive pool challenges for all skill levels. The challenges included: Lag of Cue Ball, 2 Positioning Challenges, and 2 Skill Ball Rolls. Challenge participants were charged an Entry Fee of \$5 per person which was applied to cash prizes. The club provided salad, stadium food, coffee, desert, and a cash bar.

Even yours truly was recognized for creating the Newsletter that you are currently reading. I think we all want to be appreciated and even respected for what we do. That's why it was especially gratifying for me to be recognized for creating the club Newsletter by all the event attendees. Thank you!! **Moving on, a 50/50 raffle was held and Annie Lowe won. Congratulations Annie!!**

All challenge participants enjoyed the challenges and had a great time. The top Challenge winners were:

- 1st - Sheila Kovac - 210 scoring points
- 2nd - Tim Fitzpatrick - 160 " "
- 3rd - Paul Gargano - 140 " "

This wonderful Fun Day celebration concluded with a Left Right Center competition. Lan Seylar, June Janssens & Harriet Ham were table champions. There was then a playoff of the winners of each

table. **Harriet Ham** came out supreme as the **Left Right Center Champion**. **Congratulations to all the Fun Night winners.**



March brings an exciting and busy end to our billiard season. The best part of our Billiard Club is the great participation of our wonderful members in our many events. The Club Championships is a perfect example of the opportunities for our members to participate and have a great time. The top two finishers will compete on Championship Saturday at 9 AM to determine the Club Champion in each category. Consider playing in these events, as there is an event for you. The sign-up sheets for all these events are located on the bulletin board in the billiard room. Please participate to make these events an outstanding success.

Masters Tournament	Thursday March 9th	at 9:00 AM to Completion
Players Tournament	Friday March 10th	at 9:00 AM “ “
Women’s Tournament	Saturday March 11th	at 9:00 AM “ “

The Briesath Cup that will be held on Championship Saturday will soon be upon us. Please remember, the upcoming Briesath Cup is a club event to honor our beloved Jerry Briesath. **This year, the Briesath Cup will be employing a new format consisting of two teams in an all-star type format competing against each other. The 2023 Cup captains have been determined and they are Randy Biko and Randy Salzwedel. Final Cup details are still being worked out. Doug Asleson, Briesath Cup Coordinator, will be sending club members more detailed information regarding the final Cup structure after March 10th.**

The Briesath Cup qualifying dates are as follows:

Briesath Team Qualifier	March 4th	(Open to all Billiard Club members)
Masters Championship	March 9th	
Players Championship	March 10th	

All these events will take place between 9 AM to completion

Sign-up sheets for all these events are posted on the bulletin board in the Billiard Room. The sheets will be left up until the day before these events take place. Thus, participants must sign up between now and the day before each tournament.

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

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

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 holding its annual Spring Club Luncheon. This event will be held on Monday March 13th in the Agua Fria Room in Cimarron at 3:00 PM. There will be three entrees consisting of: Tri Tips, Grilled Chicken, and Salmon. Club members are free but there will be a guest charge of \$15. The sign-up sheet for the luncheon is located on the bulletin board in the Pool Room. When signing up please mark your preference of entrée. Please sign-up by March 9th.

This is a great time to meet and socialize with your fellow club members. So please sign-up.

League News

The following League information is as of February 28th. I and maybe you have wondered why the Friday 9 Ball and Wednesday 8 Ball Leagues ended early. **After doing some research regarding this issue, I learned that the number of people that sign-up for a league then determines the number of league teams. The number of teams then determines the number of weeks that a league will play. Thus, the more teams, the longer the league schedule will be. The fewer the teams, the shorter the schedule will be.**

Monday Night Masters 8 Ball

There will be two more weeks of Masters League play. The Breakers are leading the second place In the Money by 48 games. The Jay's are in third place 49 games out. Randy Salzwedel leads the individual players with an 78.3% winning percentage.

Tuesday Night Players 8 Ball

On Cue IV is leading the pack over second place Rack Lovers by 2 scoring points. Vipers round our third place 3 scoring points out. Kevin Strong is the top individual player with an 70.8% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon Players 8 Ball

The Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball league season was over February 8th. The Storm 1 finished in first place. Balls of Fire and Solid 8 tied for second 2.5 scoring points out. All Chalked Up came in third 4 scoring points out. **Congratulations Storm 1.** Gary North is the top individual player with an 85.4% winning percentage.

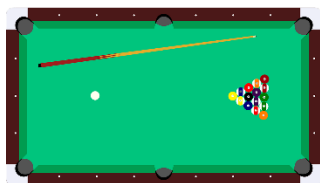
Friday Morning 9 Ball

The Friday Morning 9 Ball season ended Friday, February 17th. **3 Niners ended the season on top over the second place Hustlers by 2.5 scoring points.** Stick it to Em rounded out third place 3 scoring points out. **Congratulations 3 Niners.** That includes your truly as I am a member of the 3 Niners team. Gary North was the top individual player with a 76.2% winning percentage.

Travel League

Our team has completed the first six weeks of a ten-week schedule. We continue to be undefeated with our latest wins over communities from Sunflower 30-20, Sun City 29-21 and Sun City West 37-13. Playing against some of the best players from these communities. These teams are very good. It has been a real challenge but we managed to pull out wins. There is currently a three-way tie for second place, all with two losses. All our players have played well and contributed to our wins. On another note, a singles tournament was held for all the teams and Jim Janssens took 4th place and Randy Salzwedel took 2nd place among 24 players. We need three more wins to secure our third consecutive championship. It is not going to be easy but we are up for the challenge.

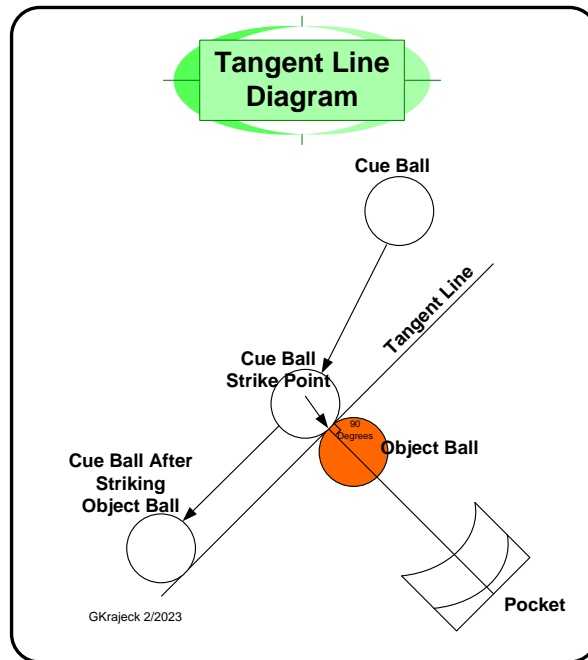
Shot of the Month



What is the Tangent Line and How does it Relate to Pool?

Yes, we are referring to the same tangent line that your geometry teacher at school was talking about years ago. So, let's look at the tangent line and its practical application in the game of pool.

The definition of a tangent as it relates to pool is the imaginary line that touches an object ball at right angles, 90 degrees, to a line that goes straight to the pocket. After reading that you probably are wondering, what does that really mean? They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. I hope the following diagram will provide a better explanation.



The above diagram shows the cue ball is approaching the object ball from the right. If the cue ball approaches from the left, the reverse would take place.

If you strike the cue ball in the center and if the cue ball hits the contact point as shown in the diagram, the edge of the cue ball will follow the tangent line. This principle is true when aiming at the object ball from any location on the pool table.

On all cut shots the cue ball will travel down the tangent line so long as there is no spin or English, left on the ball at impact. If topspin is applied and is present upon impact, the cue ball will move above the tangent line. If back spin or draw is applied and is present upon impact, the cue ball will move below the tangent line.

Since the cue ball always leaves the object ball at the same angle, we can use that information to visualize the cue balls path after contact with a fair degree of accuracy. Thus, it is helpful to look at the tangent line of a shot first. Will the tangent line enable to you to get good position for your next shot? Knowing this will help you know where the cue ball is going to predict a likely path for your next shot.

Yours truly has scratched a number of times not thinking about the tangent line principle. So, consider the tangent line before your next shot and your pool game will improve.