



Billiards Club Newsletter

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I can't believe that it is November already. For you Snow Birds, you missed an absolutely horrible summer heat wave. Over this past summer, I personally lost two saguaro cactuses and a grapefruit tree. And getting those two saguaros removed was a very expensive experience indeed. So, I am very relieved that that this past summer and all the heat that it entailed is over. On the lighter side, the club conducted the Summer 8 and 9 Ball leagues. That made for at least some pleasurable moments to offset the heat. And now, on to the Clubs 2023 – 2024 Season news and upcoming events.



With the coming of Summer, the Challenge Board activity has dropped off dramatically. Following are the latest standings:

Masters Board: Rob Pulvino is in the top position.

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

Ladies Board: Roxie Collins is the top leader.

Novice Board: Randy VanWagner is on the top spot.

Summer Chip Tournament

This past summer, on September 5th, the Club conducted a new tournament format, an 8 and 9 Ball Chip Tournaments. Chips were given to every tournament participant. The number of chips given related to the players skill level, the better the player, the lower the chips given, the weaker the player the more chips given. When a participant lost, that person had to give up a chip to the tournament director. The winner was the last player to have chips.

Ken Vidak was the winner of the 8 Ball tournament. Karen Bendickson took the top spot of the 9 Ball tournament. Congratulations to both winners.

For those of you that don't know, the club had our billiard tables re clothed during the week of October 10th. The largest part of the work was checking to make sure the tables are true and level. If you haven't had a chance to play on the revitalized tables, please do so. They are great.

Some club members asked if there can be claims for the removed table cloth for their personal use. The answer is yes. If interested, contact Paul Ertman if you would like to get the discarded cloth. As always, first come first served until the cloths are gone.



Your Board met recently to plan the Fall season. A topic discussed was the term length for Board Officers and Directors. The board agreed to request a change to have each officer position as a one-year term. This change should assist members that have an interest in seeking a position on the Board. Thus, for the next election, there is a proposal that all board positions have one-year terms. This major change requires a vote by club membership. The Club sent out an email on October 24th requesting your vote regarding this officer term change issue. The voting process needed to be completed by October 31st.

NOTE: The Billiard Club Annual Meeting will be held in the Palm and Palo Verde Rooms in Sonoran Plaza on December 5th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Voting can be done at that time or on line for Club Officers & Directors. This and other club topics will be discussed and possibly voted upon. A meeting agenda will be emailed to club members for you to review prior to this meeting. Due to last year's low member attendance, the club has tried to improve attendance by combing the Annual Meeting and the voting process to take place at the same time and to also provide donuts and coffee. The items discussed at this Annual Meeting are important and can impact club members. Thus, it is important for everyone to attend this meeting.

In order to conduct the club elections, an Election Committee will need to be formed. If anyone is interested in helping with this year's election, please contact Paul Ertman.

League News

This past summer, the Club had the good fortune to have two leagues, Tuesday Night 8 Ball and Friday Morning 9 Ball. I participated in both leagues but unfortunately, both of my teams were not in the money. However, the following teams had the good fortune to be in the money. Congratulations to the following teams and their respective members.

8 Ball Summer League

Congratulations to the Ball Busters for their league Championship. 2nd Place went to MisCues, 9 scouring points out. In 3rd Place was Chalk & Awe 13 scouring points out. Paul Ertman was the top individual shooter with an 80% winning percentage.

9 Ball Summer League

Congratulations to Diamond Dawgs as the winners of the Summer 9 Ball league. Second place went to the 4-9er's team 8 points out. Ken Vidak was the top individual shooter with an 63.5% winning percentage.

2023 – 2024 League Information

Moving on from the Club's summer league activity, our Fall Season is arriving soon for our leagues. Our club wants to provide an opportunity for interested players to participate and enjoy league play. **Signup sheets for all leagues were posted in the pool room and needed to be completed by October 31st AM.** So, if you didn't sign up and your reading about this now, unfortunately, you are too late. On the afternoon of October 31st, the league team members were picked. Team rosters will be posted November 1st. League playing times can be found on the Club website calendar.

It was decided that all leagues with the exception of the Travel League will have a two-session format.

The first shorter session will be start in November and end in December. The second longer session will begin in January and end in March. League names have also been changed. The new league names and their respective league operators are as follows:

Monday Night - Jim Janssens This league is now open to all club members and has No Handicap. The league will consist of 4 teams. The league will start on Monday November 6th.

Tuesday Night - Bruce Low This league has a handicap. There will be 6 teams starting Tuesday November 7th.

Wednesday Afternoon - Charly Fox This league also has a handicap. The league will consist of 4 teams. The league will begin Wednesday November 8th.

Friday Morning - Mike Garret There is no handicap with this league. This league will have 3-4 teams and will start Friday November 10th.

If a league player is going to miss multiple weeks due to scheduled plans, we recommend for you to sign up for the Sub List instead.

All leagues will be comprised of up to 6 teams with a maximum of 30 total players. The team captains will select up to 5 team members per team. The number of players on a team will depend on the number of people that sign up for a particular league. If more than 30 people sign up for a specific league, anyone that is not picked will automatically be placed on the league Sub List. **The Sub List for each league will be posted on the Bulletin Board. Club members have the opportunity to add their name to the posted Sub List any time during the League Season and are encouraged to do so.**

The Club is considering creating a Ball-n-Hand Event starting on Thursday November 9th. In order to have a Ball-n-Hand event will depend on the number of people that signup.

Travel League

The Travel League will begin the 2024 season in January '24 to retain their current championship title.

Rule of the Month



As mentioned earlier in the Newsletter, our pool tables were recently reclothed. In order for the tables to remain in their current pristine condition for as long as possible, please do not bring any food item other than water into the Billiard Room.

In addition, please use blue colored chalk. Chalk other than blue leaves spots on the cloth that are difficult to remove.

The Club thanks you for your cooperation.