



Billiards Club Newsletter

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The Holiday Season is over. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful and joyous Christmas Holiday. I wonder how many of you have probably "Overspent and Overeaten" during this Holiday Season. 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. We should look back over the past year and at least appreciate the positive things and events that did occur. January is also the time for "New Year Resolutions". Remember, those are the things we say we will do over the course of the upcoming year. But, how many of us actually accomplish and continue those resolutions as the year progresses? Maybe some of your resolutions could relate to the game of pool. Consider a smooth easy straight stroke, no jerking, concentrate on striking the cue ball in the exact spot you want to, and being considerate of your fellow pool players. Good resolutions to think about as we enter 2026. Maybe we can at least stick to the pool resolutions.

We are currently in the height of the flu season. Hopefully, you have gotten your flu shots. If you're not feeling well, please don't come into the pool room and share your symptoms with the rest of us. Please, take care of yourself, stay at home and recuperate there.

Before I get into the Newsletter, I wanted to mention the issue of Club Dues. Club members must have their dues paid for 2026 in order to participate in Club League events and sanctioned activities. So, if you haven't paid them by the time you are reading this Newsletter issue, you better get your butt in gear and pay them.



All Club championship tournaments are tentatively scheduled. The dates will be announced soon. These upcoming events will include the Women's, Players and the Masters tournaments. The finals for each event will take place on Championship Saturday. The date for Championship Saturday will be held in March. That date will also be announced soon.

Championship Saturday is also the date for the Club's premier event, the Briesath Cup. There will be the usual Briesath Cup qualifying event for club members that want to be on one of the Cup teams.

In addition, as Rob mentioned at the Club General Meeting, the Board is also planning several upcoming events. Once these events are finalized, details will be provided.



The Billiards Club General Meeting was held on December 9th at the Palo Verde/Palms Room in the Sonoran Plaza at 1:00 PM. Unfortunately, as in past years, club member attendance at this important meeting was again minimal at the very least. Only 46 club members including members of the Club Board attended the

meeting.

For those club members that were not there, the newly elected 2026 Billiards Club Board were introduced to the club members that were present. Those introduced 2026 Club Board Members are as follows:

**President: Rob Pulvino Vice President: Geoff Iverson Treasurer: Becky Iverson
Secretary: Joyce Miller**

Directors: Jay Delich, Paul Ertman, Scott Kovac, Bruce Rebout and Doug Asleson

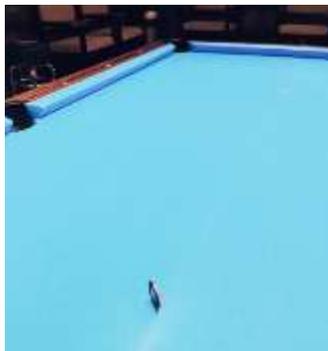
After the 2026 Club Board introductions, our new president, Rob Pulvino, said a few words to the group. In case you don't know, Rob was our club president several years back. He said that he was excited to be our Club President again. He spoke about having more Club social events during the upcoming year. Rob also wants to become more interactive with The Grand Governing Board to gain their support of our club. Our club is a community facility and as such, The Grand Board should be supportive of the Billiard Club facilities. Rob stated he would work to accomplish that goal.

Many of the 2026 Club Board members have been reelected and there are also a few new names. **Congratulations to all our newly elected Club Officers and Directors.**

Before we get into the latest league news, I have a "I Didn't Know That" piece. When we are in the Billiard Room, to determine who breaks, we flip a red and black chip that rests on the corner of the overhead pool table light fixture. There is a small magnet on that light fixture corner and also in the chip. That's how the chip remains on the light assembly corner. That chip arrangement was not always there. Have you ever wondered how those chips got there? I know I have.

Recently, in speaking with Jerry Haas, he stated that he created those chips. Having an inquisitive mind, I asked him how he did it. Jerry said he took a black and red poker chip, glued them together, drilled out a center hole, inserted a small circular magnet in the hole, and finally glued a front and back penny image over the magnet. And voila, Jerry created a pool break determining item. Jerry made a hundred of these special chips in January of 2022 for the Club to use. **Thank you, Jerry, for this wonderful club contribution.**

The above conversation with Jerry came about concerning a once in a lifetime event that happened to Jerry during a recent Monday Morning Drop In event, When Jerry flipped the above-described chip to determine who breaks, it landed on its edge and remained there. Since this was a newsworthy event, I took a picture so I could share it with all of you. Talk about a "Believe it or Not".



2025 – 2026 Fall/Winter Season League News

By the time you read this Newsletter, the Fall Session of Club League activity for this year has been completed. All the club members that participated had a good time. All the leagues ended the week of

December 14th with the exception of Friday Morning 9 Ball which ended December 12th.

Sign-up sheets for the upcoming Winter Leagues were on the Pool Room bulletin board during the month of December. If you were interested in participating in these Winter leagues and didn't sign up by now, well, now you are out of luck. These sign-up sheets were taken down at the end of the December. However, there is an exception, and that is for the ACS Thursday Night League. The sign-up sheet for this league is still up and will remain so until January 7th. This league will start on January 14th.

If you did sign-up for the other Winter Leagues, following are their start dates:

Monday Night 8 Ball League on Jan 5th
Tuesday Night 8 Ball League on Jan 13th
Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball League on Jan 14th
Friday Morning 9 Ball League on Jan 9th

There is one more league that I didn't mention and that is the Billiard Club Travel League. Competition in this League will begin on Tuesday, January 12th. Our Travel League will be defending the title which we have held for the past several years.

This year's team will have a new member, Steve Crnecki. He will be replacing Richard Wear who has been on our team for many years. Thank you, Rich for your valuable contribution. The other team members are Linda Asleson, Tim Ell, Jim Janssens, Randy Salzwedel and finally, our Team Captain, Doug Asleson.

Before I delve into the final Fall League standings, I wanted to say a few words of gratitude to our own Jim Janssens. For those who know or do not know, Jim is our club EXCEL resident expert. For League Operators to provide league statistics at the end of every week, team and individual player data must be input into an EXCEL spreadsheet program. That EXCEL spreadsheet application needs to be formatted so that the inputted data provides the latest team standings and individual player winning percentages. Jim, through his EXCEL expertise, provides our league operators with the knowledge needed to accomplish that goal. In addition, Jim also assists the League Operators to upload the latest league statistics onto the Club website. As our Club's resident technical consultant, Jim's wealth of knowledge is assisting in providing our club members with the latest league information. **Thank you, Jim for a job well done.**

Following up on that, if you want to know the latest league standing information, club members need to go to the Club Web Home Page and click on the League Info tab located on the upper left-hand corner.

And now, following are the Fall League winners and the top individual league players. Congratulations to all the league top teams and their team members.

Monday Night 8 Ball League – League Operator Jim Janssens

Rack em Up took first place over second place Sticks & Balls by 13 games. Randy Salzwedel was the top individual player with a 78.3% winning percentage.

Tuesday Night 8 Ball League – League Operator Tim Fitzpatrick

There were some BIG surprises at the end of the final night of play. Due to some very lopsided victories, team positions changed drastically on the last night. In the end, Straight Shooters came out on top over second place Good Vibes by three scoring points. Felt Fiends rounded out third six scoring points out. Ian Kelln was the top

individual player with an 84% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball League – League Operator Mike Garrett

One Shot Wonders came out in first place. There was a two-way tie for second place between Chalk-a-holics and Point Predators 3.5 scoring points out. Gimme a Break came in third 6.5 scoring points out. Jake Eggleston was the top individual player with an 79.2% winning percentage.

Thursday Night 8 Ball ACS League – League Operator Doug Asleson

The session that just completed was very competitive. The first-place winner was not decided until the final night. Corner Pockets came out in first place over second place Caster Raiders by 1 game. Rack Em up rounded out third 9.5 games out. The top individual player was John Fenwick who won 31 games, the most of any other player.

In addition, Al Robl won a brand-new pool cue that the league gave away. **Congratulations Al.**

Friday Morning 9 Ball League – League Operator Charlie Fox

Hot Hitters took first place over second place Ball Busters by 10.5 scoring points. There was a three-way tie for the top individual player. The top players were Tim Ell, Jim Janssens and Linda Asleson with each having an 80% winning percentage.



Rule of the Month: Billiard Room Sign-In Guidelines

At the Club General Meeting, our Vice President, Geoff Iverson, outlined some recent Open and League Play Sign-In sheet issues that need to be addressed.

When any member or non-member comes into the Pool Room to play, they must put their name on the yellow sign-in sheet located by the entrance door on the left side. If you are entering the Pool Room to participate in any Club sponsored event such as a league, please write your name on the white sheet located by the entrance door on the right side. Please write your name legibly on these sign-in sheets. Also, only write one name per line on these sheets. If there are two names per line, it is more difficult to determine the total number of names for auditing purposes on the sheet.

For league play, trying to determine who is present becomes difficult if the names are illegible. The top of the white sheets indicates what Club Sanctioned Event is taking place. The proper event should be circled. Geoff showed an example of a person who had torn off part of the top of a white sheet that indicated what event had been played for scrap paper. So, please don't use completed sign-in sheets for scrap paper. Just so you know, the Club provides scrap paper and it is located on the left side of the cabinet that contains the new pool cues. Our Club Vice President keeps track of both the yellow and white sign-up sheets to provide CAM our monthly activity usage. These figures are used to justify The Grand to pay for our pool room maintenance expenses.

So, use common sense when signing either the yellow or white Sign-Up sheets to enter the pool room. The correct sign-up procedures allow for easier tabulation of our monthly participation activity.

