

# Billiards Club News Letter

## March 2018 Issue



Welcome to the third edition of the Billiards Club News Letter. The News Letter is still an evolving process. With this issue, I have downloaded a nicer pool table diagram to better illustrate the Shot of the Month.

On Monday, February 5th, Rob Pulvino proposed to a general club meeting eight items to enhance the club. Each item was presented and then discussed by the members present. A majority of the members then voted yes to approve all eight proposals. The approved items must now be approved by CAM.

The club board at its last meeting discussed ways to rejuvenate the Friday morning 9 Ball playing format. A new format was adopted and Chuck Ramsey organized and presented it to the membership. The inaugural Scotch doubles (alternative shot) round robin tournament was a rousing success. The mood was upbeat and all had a good time and said they will be back. \$100 was collected and was paid out to the top 3 teams.

The annual Women's and Men's Club Championships were held during the third week in February. Congratulations goes to Helen Dunlap for winning the Women's Club Championship. Sandy Miller came in second out of a field of five participants.

For the annual Club Championships, three tournaments were played. The finalists for the Novice, Players and Masters tournaments will be played on March 30th.

The Club felt that all levels should participate in club championships. So it was decided the Novice players should be recognized for their contribution to the club. In the Novice group, 16 players participated. Tom Paiser and Bob Herbal were the two finalists.

The Players tournament also consisted of sixteen players. The finalists were Doug Asleson and Paul Ertman.

The Masters tournament had eight participants. Randy Biko holds the top seed with Rich Wear and John Fenwick battling for being in the championship round. This playoff match will be played on March 4th.

In addition to the Club Championships being played on the morning of March 30th, the Briesath Cup will be held in the afternoon. The Club leadership looks forward to hosting both of these events. Remember, this is the competition between the Club's best Canadian and American players. This event is being held in honor of Jerry Briesath, the most renowned billiard instructor in the world. The pool room will be set up so that the maximum number of people can view the event. Play starts at 9:00. The club is sponsoring a Pot Luck between the hours of 12:00 and 3:00. There will be a cash bar. The Briesath Cup follows at 1:00. Please come out and watch the best players that our club has to offer and also enjoy the Pot Luck.

March will be a very active month for the Club, In addition to the above mentioned activities, the Club Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 19th at 12 noon. The meal will be great and door prizes will be given out. The location of the Luncheon will be in the SCG Pavilion.

## League News

Tom Paiser of the team "Bank Shots" and Bob Herbal of the team "Breakers" will be in the finals to determine the Novice league champions.

In the Players League, the top players are Rich Ulrich @ 77.1% and Rich Wear @ 76.5%. The top team is still the "Hot Cues".

The Icemen continue to dominate in the Advanced League and are 50 points (games) ahead of the second place team. Jersey Boys are second with the Straight Shooters rounding out the top three.

Wow! Talk about competitive. Can you believe 29 table runs in our advanced league in the month of February? The only perfect night belongs to Randy Biko who went 12 and 0 in week 10.

Top shooters in the league are Richard Wear with a blistering 84.7 win percentage. Second place belongs to Linda Asleson who is shooting 72.9%. Rounding out the top three is Rob Pulvino at 70.8%.

For more detailed league info, go to [www.grandbilliards.org](http://www.grandbilliards.org). After logging in, click on the **League Info** tab.

### Shot of the Month: The Throw Shot

When two balls touch, they are said to be frozen. In the following diagram, the 5 and 2 balls are frozen and dead on to miss the pocket. If the cue ball hits the center of the 5 ball, the 2 ball will travel dead on and hit the cushion on the left side of the pocket. If the cue ball hits left of the center of the 5 ball, the 2 ball is thrown to the right. Conversely, if the cue ball hits right of the center of the 5 ball, the 2 ball is thrown to the left.

When you throw a ball, the softer you shoot, the more the throw. The harder you shoot, the less the throw. If the cue ball strikes the center of the 5 ball, it makes no difference how hard the cue ball is hit, the 2 ball will travel down the dead on path. Thus, one needs to judge how hard you hit the cue ball to determine how much to throw, in this case, the 2 ball, to put it into the pocket.



