

# Billiards Club News Letter

May 2018 Issue



Welcome to the fifth edition of the News Letter. With many club members leaving to return to their summer homes, this edition of the News Letter will be the last of the 2017-2018 season. The writer will be getting a rest over the next 5 months. The Club News Letter will resume with the November 2018 issue.

For the members who remain here in the heat during the summer months, the club will continue to have several events to participate in. One of the new pool formats will be a game called "Saratoga". Saratoga requires strategy and some deep thought about playing position pool. A dry run of the game was initiated on Tuesday night, 4/24, and all that participated enjoyed the game. Based on that, we will continue play on Tuesday evenings until the summer league begins. Then we will switch days and times as needed.

The new Friday nine ball format is also alive and well. We will continue play throughout the summer as long as we have a good turnout.

## League News

Novice and Players Summer Leagues will be starting in June. Please review the notices on the Bulletin Board for more information.

Fall leagues will have their sign-up times announced in October. Please review the Bulletin Board and E-Mails regarding signing up for Fall League play.

## Women's Travel League

Ladies, do you know there is a women's travel league? It has been in existence for about 20 years. We play WITH the Sun City West ladies. We play all year long on Wednesday mornings alternating between the two venues. I ask that you be there by 8:50 AM so I can set up the tables. We play 8 games that last until around noon.

This is a handicap league and is open to players of ALL abilities. Even beginners can enjoy the fun and comradery of the league. The ladies will gladly share pointers if you ask them for help. It is a NO COMMITMENT league. Although we would like you to play with us every week, we know that life sometimes gets in the way. You do not need to get a sub, we play with those who show up. We pay \$1.00 a week and the pot is divided up between both the scratch (with no handicap) winners and the handicap winners so ALL players have a chance of winning.

If you would like to join us, we will be playing at the Grand on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. In Sun City West we play on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and give us a try! For additional information, please contact Helen Dunlap at 623-544-9418.

## Novice

Novice League Champions were the Side Pockets. Their team captain was Bruce Difloe with

Karen Thomas & Nicole Ertman to take top honors. It was a challenge for the next three top teams. The Breakers moved up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place from third. Fantastic 3 moved down from 2<sup>nd</sup> to third place. And finally, the Shooters moved up to fourth place.

Top players at the end of the league season were Bruce Difloe, Bob Herbel, Jerry Kemp & David Hoven.

### Players

This past season was challenging with a shorter season than normal due to the rehabbing project of the Chaparral Building and the shortage of subs. For the people who remain in SCG during the summer months, the Summer League will be starting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Paul Ertman will be sending out a notice for signing up.

The “Hot Cues” held onto first place by beating the Scorpion 4 to 2. The Raptors secured third place by beating the Vipers 4 to 2. For the writer, this victory was especially great as I had the pleasure of being the captain of the “Hot Cues” team.

Rich Wear had a table run.

### Advanced

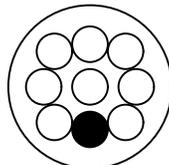
The Advanced League had a short but successful season. Most players had a good time. The league director is always looking for ways to make the league better. If you have any suggestions, please send an E-Mail to Chuck Ramsey at [Chuckramsey@centurylink.net](mailto:Chuckramsey@centurylink.net).

The Iceman secured first place by beating the Straight Shooters 25 to 23. The Jersey Boys came in Second even though they lost to the Blue Jays 33 to 15. The Blue Jays took third place.

### Shot of the Month: The Draw Shot

The **Draw Shot** is one of the most elegant and beautiful shots in pool. What's more, the Draw Shot is one of the most critical shots in pool. About 50% of your shots in pool will involve draw in one way or another. It is a shot you must master completely.

Most players find this the most difficult of all the basic shots. If you remember two things and one mental trick, you will become proficient with this shot. The following diagram illustrates a Cue Ball clock face which shows the point at which the cue stick should hit the cue ball. Thus, for a draw shot, you need to strike the cue ball at where the black dot is located.



Remember that follow through in this shot is essential. Your cue should pass through the cue ball at least 4 or 5 inches to put extreme back spin on the ball.

Also remember, keep your cue as level as possible. Lower your bridge hand so that the cue passes through the cue ball at 6:00 o'clock.

