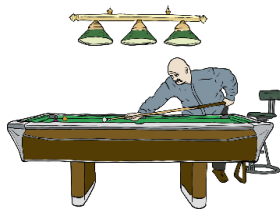


Billiards Club News Letter

November 2018 Issue



Welcome to the first fall edition of the News Letter for the 2019 season. It has been a **LONG HOT SUMMER**. The writer really knows as he has experienced every sweltering day. With many club members returning from summer homes and trips, we welcome all Club members back to SCG.

From a Club perspective, much has happened during the past summer. Through the expert leadership of our Club President, Rob Pulvino, the Pool Room has undergone several important upgrades. As you look around the room, you will see Rob's handy work in action. Going from the logo on our pool club shirts, Rob has duplicated its image into an expertly crafted wooden replica. This wooden masterpiece is located in one of the large picture frame units. Rob definitely knows his way around wood crafting and the Club is now benefiting from that talent.

In addition, Rob worked with CAM to procure three more additional metal pictures and also have them installed. The Club needs to thank the duo of Rob and Rich Wear for coordinating and selecting these great pictures that the Club can now enjoy.

The next big room enhancement was the overhead pool table lighting change. The old florescent tubes have been replaced with the latest LED technology bulbs. The new lighting now gives the table cloth a more bluish and attractive appearance. The tables have also been leveled. So now those soft shots will not drift like they used to. And last but not least, the Club has procured three sets of dual chair arrangements. This addition will allow more people to be able to sit and watch the games.

So now when Club participants and SCG members enter and gaze around at the new room enhancements, they will be treated to viewing a Club Room with a "**Touch of Class**".

Hot Items

The next annual **Club General Meeting** will be Tuesday Nov 13, 9-11 AM in the Apache room across from billiard room. Please mark your calendar for this event. We appreciate your participation.

Election Sign-Up Sheets for the election of Club Officers and Board Members are currently posted in the Billiards Room. These sheets will remain posted until November 10th. If you want to participate in any of these positions, please sign up before November 10th. Voting for these positions will take place in December.

A **League Rules and Etiquette Meeting** was held on October 30th hosted by John Fenwick. He went over the Do's and Don'ts of League play. One of the most important topics discussed was **Communication** between players. The more communication that is done, the less disputes there will be. Disputes when they do occur must be handled in a nondisruptive way. The Billiard Club wants to be viewed in a Positive Way by the SCG Community. Negative publicity due to disruptive behavior takes away from the Positive Image the Club wants to project. If you missed the October 30th session, John will be holding more such sessions in the future. If for some reason you missed the first session, please attend a future one. Believe me, you will learn something that you were not aware of.

League News

One of the important requirements for League Participants is wearing **Club Name Badges**. The Club strongly encourages league members to wear these badges during league events for two reasons:

1. SCG requires club members who participate in **Club Sanctioned Events** must wear **Name Badges**.
2. For club new comers, it is good to know the names of your fellow team members.

It is very important that League Team Members know the rules of the pool games that are played in our leagues. The rules that our leagues abide by can be found in the Billiard Club Website: www.grandbilliards.org Log In and then go to Documents. There you will find rules for all the various pool games.

During the summer months, the Novice and Players Leagues had competitions. Congratulations are in order to the following league participants:

Novice

Novice summer league champions were Team Reyes (Bruce Lowe, Art Silknitter, Al Ziegler and Tom Paiser)

Novice tournament on Sep 20.

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| 1st | Bruce Lowe |
| 2nd | Art Silknitter |
| 3rd | Scott Kovac |

The 2019 Novice League begins on November 8th at 2:30 PM. The league format will consist of eight teams with four members per team. Substitutes will be determined by League Director Jim Janssens. When subs are requested, Jim will pick one from a predetermined list. This allows for subs from all skill levels to be given an opportunity to play.

Players

Players summer league champions were Team Stokers (Jim Janssens, Rich Dibenedetto, Don McMahill and Bill Martin)

The 2019 League begins on November 6th at 6:30 PM. The league format has changed with four instead of five-member teams. The scheduling of subs has also changed. Now subs will now be determined by the same process that the Novice League will be using. Subs will be picked by League Director Paul Ertman.

Grand Masters (Advanced)

The Advanced League has changed its name to the Grand Masters League. This league did not play during this past summer. 2019 League begins play on Monday November 12th at 5:30 PM. The format for this season has changed from only 8 Ball to a combination of 8 Ball, 9 Ball and 10 Ball matches.

9 Ball

A new first ever Nine Ball League is being formed for the 2019 Season. This is a new league headed up by Chuck Ramsey. It will be beginning on Friday, November 16th at 10:00 AM. The league format will consist of six teams composed of four team members per team. Based on a player's level of skill, (win %), a new handicap system is being created. Nine ball requires different strategies and skills than eight ball. Thus, a unique handicap system is required. At this point, this is a work in progress. We will provide information about this system once it is developed. Stay tuned.