



# Billiards Club News Letter

## January 2019 Issue



This year has flown by so fast. The Holiday season is now behind us and now we look forward to a great 2019. As we look back on 2018, so much has happened to the Pool Club. Our Club Room enhancements have made our playing environment so much better than it did in 2017. With the expanded League activities, current and new club members will now have many club sponsored options to participate in.

There are still some club members that have **NOT** paid their 2019 club dues. If you are one of the members that haven't paid your dues, please complete and put the renewal form in the mailbox located in the billiard room.

The Club had elections take place for Officers and Board Members on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. This election process was run under the capable hands of Paul Roy. All the Club Officers ran unopposed and thus were reelected. There were seven candidates running for the five available Club Board Member Positions. John Campbell was the only person elected that was new to the board. Congratulations to all the 2019 Club Officers and Board Members that were elected. The final election results are as follows:

Club President	Rob Pulvino
Club Vice President	Jim Janssens
Treasurer	Larry Smith
Secretary	Joyce Miller

Board Director	John Campbell – Board's newest member
Board Director	Gene Krajeck – Creator of the News Letter
Board Director	Chuck Ramsey
Board Director	Paul Ertman
Board Director	Rich Wear

### Person of Interest Story

This is a piece from the News Letter writer. I normally don't do this this type of thing but I felt this story needed to be told. I recently needed to have a replacement tip for my pool cue. So, I contacted our club cue tip specialist, Rick Haskell. I gave him my cue shaft one night after Tuesday Night League play. I received a call from Rick the next day to pick up my newly tipped cue at his home. After I arrived at his home, Rick took me to his work space that is located in his garage. What a work space it is. A fully enclosed work shop that contains a vast array of tools that can be used for many types of projects. He showed me what is involved to replace a cue tip. There are several tools and processes that are involved to accomplish a cue retipping. Then Rick took me inside his home to show me his other talent. Rick is an accomplished creator of metal mobiles. While inside his home, he showed me several wonderful examples of his work that were hanging from his ceiling. These metal mobiles were really impressive. Who knew Rick had such a talent for creating beautiful metal pieces of art. I certainly didn't.

We should be **Very Appreciative** that Rick lends his expertise to our Club Members who need to have their pool cues retipped. And he does this service at **NO** charge. Such a wonderful deal for the club and its members. Thank you Rick Haskell!!

The Club initiated a new format competition consisting of a Bank Pool event. Over the two new sessions, approximately fifteen people participated and had a lot of fun. The club is considering having future events of this type.

This past month, Jerry Briesath conducted four clinics for the club. These clinics consisted of two intermediate and one novice sessions. In addition, Jerry had a very successful lady's clinic. All the participants that attended these clinics felt that they were worthwhile and that they got a lot out of it.

### **Hot Items**

Remember, the **Welcome to New members and Welcome Back for Snow Birds Pot Luck** that will be held on January 6th in the Apache Room at 6:30 PM. The Apache Room is located across the hall from the Pool Room main entrance. The Pot Luck signup sheet is located by the Pool Room entrance. Please select the food type you will be bringing to the Pot Luck.

### **League News**

The 9 Ball and Wednesday Afternoon Players Leagues will be ending their fall sessions in January. Signup sheets for the Spring sessions of both leagues are now located in the pool room. If interested in participating in these leagues, please sign these sheets by January 8<sup>th</sup>. These spring session leagues are looking for additional participants so that several teams can be created. New team members will be then selected for the spring season. Wednesday Players League starts on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 9 Ball League starts on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Remember, all the league directors are always looking for subs. So, if you can sub, please do so.

### **Novice**

After the sixth week of play, the Sharks lead the pack by one round. The top five teams are so evenly matched that they are only separated by two and half points. The Top Player spot is occupied by David Huelster of the Breakers with a 84.2% winning percentage.

### **Players**

On Tuesday Night, the competition is fierce. First place is shared by three teams. There are; Bank Shots, Magicians and "Hot" Cues 2. Brian Pin of the Bank Shots is the Top Individual Player with a 76.5% winning percentage.

For the Wednesday Afternoon session, the Lazy 8's continue to occupy first place by three rounds. Bill Martin of the Lazy 8's and Rich Dibenedetto of the AZ Stars share the Top Shooting spot for individual players with a 67.9% winning percentage.

### **Grand Masters (Advanced)**

Pocket Aces is in First Place by 5 rounds. Randy Bilko of the Blue Jays is in First Place for individual players with a 72.2% winning percentage.

## **9 Ball**

Believe it or not, there is also a Pocket Aces team in First Place in the 9 Ball League. They are leading the rest of the pack by two games. The top Individual Shooter is Jim Janssens of the Pocket Aces with a winning percentage of 60.9%.

### **Rule of the Month**

#### **Name Badge Rule**

League Players are required to wear their name badges. If they don't, the offending player gives up a "Ball in Hand" for each game. So, if you don't want to provide your opponent with a Ball in Hand opportunity, wear your Name Badge at all club league events.

Speaking of Name Badges, the Club **requests** that **All Members** wear their name badges any time they play in the Pool Room. Doing this helps identify club members from SCG members that are not part of the club. It also identifies individuals from outside the SCG community that are in the Pool Room.

Since the above rule isn't very elaborate, I decided to include the following second rule.

#### **Rule Procedure used to calculate League Member Handicap**

The Handicap Number has always been a mystery value to me. Where does it come from? I always knew, the higher the number, the higher the individual's winning percentage is. And conversely, the lower the number, the lower the individuals winning percentage is.

To determine the handicap value, let's use the following example. If a league player has a winning percentage of 55%, we take  $.55 \times 17 = 9.4$  (rounded off). Thus, the resulting Handicap Value is 9.4. The Handicap Value will vary as the league season progresses depending on the individuals ball count changes.

Thus, after reviewing the Handicap Calculation Procedure, the Handicap Value isn't really a mystery number after all.