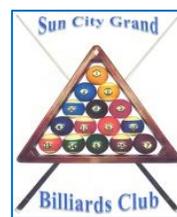


Billiards Club News Letter

February 2019 Issue



Hopefully, the Club members were able to enjoy a great Holiday Season with their families. In addition to the holidays, much has happened regarding the Billiards Club this past month.

On January 6th, the Club hosted our second **Pot Luck Dinner**. This event was well attended by club members and also by their significant others. The members brought a great assortment of main entrees and desserts. Among the wonderful items that club members brought to the Pot Luck, Vince Ericson's wife Patricia created a 'cake pop' pool ball dessert. This dessert consisted of a devil's food cake crumbs mixed with fudge frosting to form the pool balls. The dessert design was admired by many of the club members. Patricia has been performing cake decorating for at least 30 years. The club appreciates that and says thank you, Patricia, for your good culinary work.

At the Pot Luck, two raffles were held, one a 50-50 and the other a raffle for a Viking pool cue and case. The Viking pool cue and case was donated by Jerry Briesath from his personal collection. The lucky winner of the 50-50 was **Joe Wristen**. The Viking pool cue, valued at approximately \$200, was won by **David Huelster**. Congratulations to both raffle winners.



Remember, last November the Club's Membership Survey was made available to the membership. Approximately 25% of our club members responded to the survey. Currently the Club Officers and Board are reviewing and analyzing the survey and will be providing the results in the future. Stay tuned.

February is again upon on us and that means the Club Novice and Players Championships tournament will be taking place. This year, Doug Asleson will be heading up this club tournament. The Players Championships will be taking place on February 21st at 8:00 AM. The Novice championships will be held on February 27th at 11:00 AM. On March 15th, the Championship Finals for the Masters, Players, and Novice's will be held. In addition, the Women's Championships will be held on March 2nd. Depending on the group you are in, please sign up and participate in one of these upcoming events. Remember, members can only participate in **One Championship Category**. Who knows, you just might win the competition.

Don't forget, the **Annual Club Luncheon** is just around the corner. It will be taking place on March 11th. Sign-Up sheets will be posted some time in February.



The following is the First **News Letter News Flash!!** The Club's intent is to put out more in the future when something special comes about.

You have probably read Rob's E-Mail announcement regarding **Dr Cue**. The Billiards Club has been lucky enough to arrange for Tom Rossman (a.k.a. Dr. Cue) to host entertainment and training sessions to Club Members and Guests on February 15th and 16th. Tom is the consummate billiards professional, entertainer, instructor, and 2017 BCA (Billiards Congress of America) hall of fame inductee.

Tom will provide three two sessions daily. Each session will be two hours long. Each session will be slightly different in specific material content but each session would include the following segments:

- 1) **Artistic Pool** (trick shots and so much more) entertainment presentation - Approximate length -- 1 hour
- 2) **Teaching (Points of Instruction)** -- mechanics, diamond systems (banking / kicking), mental / heart tips, etc.
Approximate length -- 30 minutes
- 3) **Challenge Matches** -- 2 or 3 games depending on time -- 8 ball, 9 ball, other (player choice)
Approximate length -- 15 minutes
- 4) **Open Forum** -- Question and Answer format
Approximate length -- 15 minutes

NOTE: Times of each segment above are approximate.

The cost for this fantastic program is only \$20 per person per session. Select from session times of 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Seeing someone of Dr. Cues stature doesn't come about every day. Time slots are filling up fast. So, if you haven't signed up yet, what are you waiting for?

League News

After the holiday break, the Monday Night Advanced Players League resumed play on January 7th. In addition, the Tuesday Night Players League resumed play on January 8th. The Wednesday afternoon new spring version of the Players League started a new season on January 9th. The spring edition of the 9 Ball League starts on February 1st.

Currently, all the Leagues are headed up by only three League Directors. They are Paul Ertman, Chuck Ramsey and Jim Janssens. Through their dedicated efforts, all the leagues run smoothly. However, the leagues efficient operation requires some time and effort. Because of this effort, the current league directors are requesting club members to step up and volunteer to become new League Directors. Volunteering for this opportunity would break up the work load for the existing directors and allow club members new ways to give back to the club.

In addition, all the league directors are always looking for subs. So, if you can sub, please volunteer to do so.

Novice

After the 10th week of play, the Sharks are in the lead by one round. The top four teams are only separated by 4 rounds. The Top Individual Player spot is occupied by Tom Paiser of the Pick Pockets with a 72.2% winning percentage.

Players

For the Tuesday Players Session, after the 11th week of play, the Side Pockets are leading the Bank Shots by 6

rounds. Brian Pin of the Bank Shots remains as the Top individual player with a 70.4% winning percentage.

The Clubs first Players Wednesday Afternoon League concluded with the Lazy 8's winning the competition. They led the second place Chalk It Up team by 6 rounds. Richard Dibenedetto of the AZ Stars was in First Place for individual players with a winning percentage of 68.8%.

After week two of the second season of the Wednesday Afternoon Payers league, Royal Flush leads the pack by half a round. Cue Ball Magic and Power Ball are tied for second. Doug Weis of Power Ball leads individual players with a 80 % winning per centage.

Grand Masters (Advanced)

Pocket Aces is in First Place by 11 rounds after the 10th week of play. Randy Bilko of the Blue Jays is in First Place for individual players with a 74.1% winning percentage.

9 Ball

After the 9th week of play, Pocket Aces concluded the First Season by taking First Place. They led the rest of the pack by five games. The top Individual Shooter was Jim Witkowski of Good Karma with a winning percentage of 58.3%. Congratulations to the Pocket Aces for their great play.

The Second Session resumes on February 1st.

Rule of the Month

As you remember, last month I discussed the club rule concerning the wearing of Name Badges and the penalty associated with not wearing it at Club sanctioned events. I wanted to provide a little background as to how this rule came about.

One of the Policies & Procedures that SCG CAM enforces over Charter Clubs is that **Club Name Badges must be worn at ALL Club Sanctioned events**. So that CAM doesn't get on the Billiards Club case for an offence, the board felt that an incentive be instituted in the form of a penalty so that club members would wear their name badges. Recently, there has been some pushback from some club members relating to the penalty aspect of the rule.

The Club has a challenge with the "Name Badge" issue and sometimes it can be frustrating. To better accommodate both CAM and Club members regarding wearing Name Badges, the club board has come up with a compromise. We will now initiate a new procedure utilizing "**Name Tags**" that will be much more convenient to club members. If a club member comes to a club sanctioned event without their name badge, the member can fill out a blank name tag that will be available in the pool room. These name tags can be easily completed by the club member and thus eliminate the former assessed penalty.

As a club member, **you are required to wear a Name Badge at our Club Sanctioned events & functions**. It is not our rule but SCG's Charter Club Policies & Procedures requirement. Yes, as seniors, we do forget sometimes to bring our name badges. Now we have a policy to address this issue.

One more thing, due to the limited storage capacity of the name badge storage drawer, we recommend you store your name badges in your cue case. With over 200 club members, there is no way that all the name badges can be stored in that drawer.

Thank you for your help regarding these situations.

