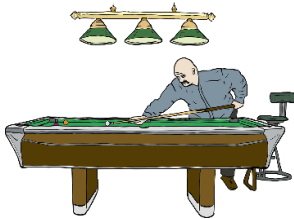


Billiards Club News Letter

March 2019



February was an exiting month for the Billiards Club. Several great events were held during the month for Club members to enjoy.

The first of the outstanding events that took place was the **Dr. Cue Exhibition** that took place on February 15th and 16th. As hoped, the attendance for the event covered all the club's associated costs.

Six great exhibitions were held by Dr. Cue (Tom Rossman) over those two days. I had the good fortune of attending his Friday 10:00 AM session. At this session, Tom spent a good part of the exhibition time going over his philosophy of life. It consisted of living by the Golden Rule with a spiritual bent. By treating people in your life well, life will treat you well. Having a **Positive attitude versus a Negative one** will provide Life's rewards. This positive attitude will also spill over onto how one acts on the pool table. Getting those negative thoughts out of your mind and replacing them with positive ones will make you a better pool player. Tom illustrated several common-sense points to improve your pool game. He used humor throughout his presentation to get his points across. And finally, he provided a few trick shots that were very entertaining. Tom did a great job and all that attended enjoyed it.

The next outstanding event were the **Club Championships**. These Championships are one of the **Premier Club events of the year**. This was a great competitive event that brought club member peers competing against each other for bragging rights to the number one spot. This year, the Players and Masters tournaments were organized and run by Doug Asleson. Jim Janssens administrated the Novice Tournament.

The 2019 Club Championships began on February 21st with a strong field competing in the Players Division. We had a record 27 participants this year which was 11 more than last year. This increased participation rate illustrates the increased importance of this tournament.

The star of the day was newcomer Dale Halder who went undefeated with a 15 and 4 record. Doug Weis defeated Tim Mahony in the final match on the loser side to be able to play for the Championship. Thus, Dale will be playing Doug for the Players Championship. Tim Mahony came in third.

The **Novice Championships** began on Wednesday, February 27th. Thirteen people participated in this competition. Duane Hoven went undefeated in the winner bracket with 12 wins and only 4 losses. Scott Kovac defeated Bruce Lowe to win in the loser bracket. Duane will be playing Scott for the Novice Championship. Bruce Lowe came in third.

An observation regarding **Pool Etiquette** must be made at this point. At several times during the Club Championship tournament, a few club members kept either walking or loitering around the tables while play commenced. This type of activity can be very distracting to the players shooting at that time when these types of etiquette infractions were taking place. The point is, please observe common sense pool etiquette while either playing or watching **Any Club Pool Tournament or League Event**. Club Participants will be extremely grateful.

The **Masters Championships** begins on Friday, **March 1st at 9:00 AM**.

Ladies championships begin Saturday, **March 2nd at 8:30 AM**

Rob Pulvino, our hard-working Club President, is continuing to be a very productive Club Officer. This past month, Rob has been working with the Diamond maintenance technician, Zach, to become Diamond Table Leveling Certified. After working with Zach this past month, Rob has obtained the necessary skills to perform that task. Thus, Rob is now Diamond Table Leveling Certified. This means that the Club (Rob) now has the ability to level our tables whenever needed, not when CAM thinks the leveling is required. However, CAM will still be responsible for new cloth replacement when required.



Continuing the news regarding the Club Championships, the **Finals** for all these events will conclude on **Friday, March 15th at 1:00 PM**. Prior to the Championships, the regularly scheduled 9 Ball League session will be held. Please come out and watch these finals. Being there provides support to the finalists and gives you, the attendee, insight into how good pool is played.

On Monday, March 11th, our **Annual Club Luncheon** will be held at the Pavilion adjacent to Angela's restaurant from 12 PM - 3 PM. This is an event you really don't want to miss. The Club Luncheon always provides a great time, good food, and an opportunity to meet new friends.

As an added incentive to attend, the Club will be raffling a **J Pechauer 19-ounce Pool Cue** from Jerry Briesath's personal collection. This cue has a 13mm pro taper shaft with upgraded soft tip. The cue is on display in the glass cabinet located by the pool room front entrance. Raffle tickets are \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10. The **Raffle Winner**, who need not be present, will be announced at the club luncheon. So please attend the luncheon, you won't regret it.

Look for the **Luncheon Sign-Up Sheet** that is hanging on Club Bulletin Board and sign up. This Sign-Up Sheet will remain up until March 4th. So, if you haven't signed up, what are you waiting for??

And finally, how about our annual rivalry match between **Team USA and Team Canada (otherwise known as the Briesath Cup)**. If you haven't seen this event in the past, don't miss it. It's time to come out of the shadows and dress up in your favorite team colors and support your team. The Ryder Cup has nothing on us, as this event tends to get loud and rowdy. The first year that this event was held, Team Canada won. Last year, Team USA won. Which team will win this year? You have to attend this event to find out.

The Club will host this event, coupled with a potluck luncheon. The Potluck will take place across the hall from the pool room. Both events will take place on **Friday, March 22nd. The Briesath Cup event itself will be held between 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The potluck luncheon will be 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

League News

Please note, **All League Play will be ending in March with the exception of 9 Ball. The 9 Ball League will be ending in April.** And as always, the League Directors continually are looking for subs. Please sign-up to contribute to a League Team.

Novice

This League has truly a **Cut-Throat Competition** for the first spot. There are three teams in a dead heat for first place with only 1 round separating them. The Sharks are in first place leading the second place Fireballs by one half round. The third place Pick Pockets are behind first by only one round. This looks like a Photo Finish will be taking place with only three weeks to go. Sandy Ptacek is the top individual player with a 73.1% winning percentage.

Players – Tuesday

Side Pockets are leading the pack by 5 rounds. Brian Pin remains the top individual player with a 70.3 winning percentage.

Players – Wednesday Part 2

Cue Ball Magic is on top in a close race over Royal Flush by only 2 rounds. Chuck Ramsey is in the top spot for individual players with a 80% winning percentage.

Grand Masters

Pocket Aces is far beyond the second-place team, Jersey Boys, leading by 22 rounds. Will any team be able to catch them? Randy Biko remains the top individual player with a 72.9% winning percentage.

9 Ball – Part 2

9'ers are leading the 9 Ball Magicians by just 3 games. Jim Janssens is the leading individual player with a 75% winning percentage.



Due to the fact that there was so much to report this past month, I have decided to forgo this month's **Rule of the Month**. There will be a Rule outlined in the April Edition of the News Letter.