

Billiards Club News Letter

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Recently I was advised that there are several club members that don't really know who organizes and creates this News Letter. To address this situation, you will now notice with this News Letter edition, I have revised the News Letter title with the addition of my name. So now, for better or worse, you the reader, now know who creates what you are now reading.

The May News Letter issue is the **last one** for this season. Many of our members will be off to cooler temperatures. The rest of us who remain during these "HOT" summer months still will have several pool playing options to while away the warm days. As May approaches, the amount of Club News begins to diminish. That is why you will notice this month the **Rule of the Month** returns.

With the amount of Club Activity in March, I forgot to mention the appearance of John Schmidt's (Mr. 400) appearance after the conclusion of the Briesath Cup matches. John has been dubbed Mr. 400 because he is the only other pro player to have run more than 400 balls playing straight pool on 9-foot tables. He performed several times at Bull Shooters Billiard Hall located in Phoenix in March and April attempting to break his previous record.

On Tuesday, April 16, John started playing at noon and finished at 8:00 PM in the evening with one of the most epic performances in the history of the game! On that wonderful day, John pocketed a record 464 continuous balls. John did this with unbelievable precision, accuracy, determination, endurance and stamina! What an achievement. As the Club's way of saying congratulations, we are hanging John's picture in the pool room to complement the rest of the great pictures in the room.

As a Club, we need to thank Rob, our president, for convincing John Schmidt to make an appearance after the Briesath Cup and also visit our Pool Room and have great conversation with our club members.

The billiards club board of directors take great pride in our club. The past two years have presented us with many significant challenges. The biggest challenge we currently face is completing the room. The board felt that the most immediate challenge was the addition of two pictures to complete the existing empty frame areas. In order to finance this venture, the board decided to have a member pledge drive. The Billiard Club Board is happy to announce we have reached our pledge goal of the required approximate \$2,000 cost. As a result, the two pieces of artwork have been ordered and have been hung up. We wish to thank all that pledged.



The Sun City Grand Board of Directors recently approved a promotional video project. SneakyBig is producing the video, and they're coming to Sun City Grand on May 8-9 to film it.

The SCG Board wants to include footage of the Billiard Club in the video. They want to showcase what activities our club offers. The video wants to show when the Billiards Club has the most activity on May 8th or May 9th. If you have the opportunity to play on either of these days, please wear your club shirt and name badge. We want to exhibit the best our club has to offer.

Rob has been working with CAM and through those efforts the Club has just obtained a new Diamond Ball Cleaning Machine. This unit is a top of the line cleaning device. The Billiard Club is quite fortunate to have such a top quality unit.

The Club will also be expanding our retail store capabilities. Our current cabinet housing the retail store items will be expanded so cue sticks and other pool items can be easily viewed. That project will be accomplished this summer.

And last but not least, Rob has worked with CAM to have our tables leveled and recovered with new cloth. This project will be done in August.

So, as you can see, this coming summer will be a very active and productive one for our club.

League News

The only remaining league that was still active during the month of April was the 9 Ball - Part 2 League. Their final day of play was April 12th. The final league results are as follows:

9 Ball – Part 2

The 9 Ball Magicians Clinched the title over the Niner's Miners by 3 percentage points. The 9'ers came in third. Top individual player was Bill Parker with a 75% winning percentage.

Additional League News

During the Hot Summer Months, the Billiard Club League activities don't disintegrate. Many of you may be wondering what is happening this summer. The Club has lined up a variety of playing options for members to select and participate in. These options are as follows:

9 Ball begins as Scotch Doubles (alternate shot) 9 Ball starting on May 3rd. This will be a round robin tournament. Please be at the billiard room by 9:30 am the day of play to sign in for the game and for us to choose partners. Play starts promptly at 10 AM. We will list all A and B players and have them choose partners at random (pea bottle). There will be a \$5.00 prize fund contribution per player. We will payout to the top three teams.

The Tuesday Night 8 Ball Players Summer League will be having the sign-up sheet posted on May 6th at 8:00 AM. League play will start June 4th at 6:00 PM and conclude on September 17th. There will be a \$20.00 prize fund per player contribution. The number of top teams receiving a payout will be determined by the number of participants that sign up.

The Thursday Novice 8 Ball Summer League sign-up sheet will be posted May 6th at 8:00 AM. This league will have a new summer director, Scott Kovac. Thank you, Scott, for your participation. League play will start June 6th and end on September 26th. There will be a \$10.00 per player prize per player fund contribution. The number of top teams receiving a payout will be determined by the number of participants that sign up.

The 10 Ball Summer League sign-up sheets will be in the billiard room on May 6th at 8:00 AM. This will be a handicapped league similar to our past 9 Ball League. Play will begin on June 5th at 1:30 PM. 10 Ball is a called shot rotation game and is played with rules of both Eight Ball and Nine Ball. It is a called ball and pocket game. There will be a \$20.00 prize fund contribution per player for a full season of 16 weeks ending on September 18th. The number of players receiving a payout will depend on the number of sign ups. This is a new tournament and it may be foreign to many of you. If you enjoy 8 Ball and/or 9 Ball, you will probably have a great time playing 10 Ball. Try it, you may end up liking it!



You were probably wondering where the Rule of the Month disappeared to. Due to the large amount of news that occurred over the past two months, I decided to postpone the rule until a calmer period. May is that month. Thus the following is the long delayed Rule of the Month.

8 Ball Break Requirement Rules

The following 8 Ball Rule has been taken from the “**Official Rules of CueSports International**”. This rule can be found on the Club Website under **Documents**. You need to log on in order to access this document.

Break Requirements

You begin the break with ball in hand behind the head string. The break is not a called shot, and you may not call a ball or a safety on the break. There is no requirement for the cue ball to contact any particular ball first. You must legally pocket a ball or cause at least **four** object balls to contact one or more cushions or it is an illegal break. If you legally pocket a ball, you continue to shoot. If you do not legally pocket a ball or you commit a foul, your inning ends.

If your break is illegal, with or without a foul, your inning ends. Your opponent may:

- a. Re-rack the balls and break;
- b. Require you to re-rack the balls and break again;

The game cannot continue until there is a legal break. If your opponent’s break is illegal and there is also a foul, the illegal break takes precedence and you must choose either option (a) or (b) above.

8-Ball Pocketed on the Break

If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and do not foul, you may:

- a. Have the 8-ball spotted and accept the table in position;
- b. Re-rack the balls and break again.

If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, and it is not noticed until after another shot has been taken, the game will be replayed with the player who broke the game breaking again.

