

Billiards Club News Letter

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November is the first month that the Billiard Club's sanctioned activities start off with a bang. It is also during the November's first weeks that most of the Snow Birds return. This is the time for renewing acquaintances and friendships, to reminisce about this past summers events and relive the good times that took place.



The annual Club Membership meeting took place on November 6, 2019. Coffee and donuts were provided as an incentive for members to attend. However, only a small percentage of the membership turned out. In contrast, the Club's membership continues to grow. As of November 6th, the Club now has 265 members. Several important topics were discussed at the meeting including planned enhancements to the retail shop and web site, Club Committees, Code of Conduct and League handicap systems among others.

The process of the election of the Billiard Club Board continues. The election Sign-Up Sheet has been removed so the candidate sign-up window is closed. Under the guidance of Paul Roy and Annie Lowe, voting will take place on Monday, December 16th between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. **It is your duty as a club member to show up on that Monday and vote. Once your vote is cast, please support the newly elected Board.**

November '19 – April '20 League News

All League play resumed during the month of November. **Hopefully, all participating players have given their League contributions by now.**

Remember, all the Leagues will be taking a Holiday Break for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. So, celebrate these special times with your family and friends. League play will resume after the holidays during the week of January 5th.

Masters

Optimistic ended the month by leading the second place Fargo Rate by 7 games. Randy Biko leads the individual players with a 77.8% winning percentage.

Players – Tuesday

Diamond Dawgs and Vipers are tied for first place. Second place is tied one round out by the Pool Q's and Wonder Sticks. Tim Maloney is the top individual player with a 90.0% winning percentage.

Players - Wednesday

The Deplorables, Power Balls, Fire Sticks and Hot Pockets are all tied for first place. The Graduates are in second place one round out. John Reed is the top individual player with an 86.7% winning percentage.

Novice

The "Q" Tips are leading the pack by 5 rounds over the second place Day Dreamers. Barry Cohen is the top individual player with an 80.0% winning percentage.

9 Ball

Three teams ended the month by tying for first place. These teams are: Niners, Rack Attack and Making 9's. The next three teams are tied for second place one round out. These teams are: Intimidators, Rack Runners and 59'ers. Chuck Ramsey was the top individual player with a 90.0% winning percentage.



9-Ball and 10-Ball - Push-Out Option at the Beginning of the Game

This is one of the most misunderstood rules in the game of 9 or 10 Ball. It has been a unique rule for me to understand as I know for many of you to understand. Thus, I felt it was important to provide an explanation of it.

If there was no foul on the break, **the player taking the first shot after the break has the option to shoot a Push-Out.** When choosing this option:

- a. **You must notify your opponent before the shot and your opponent must acknowledge your intention.**
- b. **The cue ball does not have to contact any object ball at all.**
- c. **However, the cue ball may contact or pocket any object ball including the 9 or 10 Ball.**
- d. **If the 9 or 10 Ball is pocketed, it is then spotted.**
- e. **No ball has to contact a cushion.**
- f. **All other rules and fouls still apply.**

Any object balls except the 9-ball or 10-ball that are pocketed on a push-out, they remain pocketed. If the 9-ball or 10- ball is pocketed, it is spotted.

After a push-out without a foul, your opponent may:

- a. **Accept the table in position and shoot.**
- b. **Require you to shoot again with the table in position.**

If you push-out and foul, your opponent receives ball in hand.