

Billiards Club News Letter

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The Holiday Season is upon us again. I can't believe how quickly 2019 has flown by. Many of us will either be traveling or having family come to visit. Please take a moment to appreciate all that we have and to enjoy a wonderful Holiday Season. By the time you are reading this, the New Year's celebrations will be over. **Let's hope that 2020 will be the best ever for our Club and all its members.**



By the time you read this and if you haven't paid your annual club dues, YOU ARE LATE. They are due by December 31st. If you haven't done so already, please complete the renewal forms that are located either in the Pool Room or on the Club Website. If dues are not paid, you cannot participate in Club Sanctioned Events. So, don't be a Johnny Come Lately, get those dues paid.

On December 16th, under the guidance of Paul Roy and Annie Lowe, the club had its election for Board Officers. The results of that election are as follows:

President: Rob Pulvino Vice President: Jim Janssens Treasurer: Al Robl Secretary: Joyce Miller

Officers: Paul Ertman, Chuck Ramsey, John Campbell, Doug Asleson, and Jan Clark

Congratulations to our Board Officer winners. Remember, these people are representing you regarding our club affairs. **Please support their efforts to make our club a better organization for all of us.** Our heartfelt thanks to outgoing board members Rich Wear, Larry Smith, and Gene Krajeck for their past years of service as Board members.



There will be a Welcome Back Pot Luck with cash bar held on Sunday January 12th at 5:00 PM. This event will take place in the Apache Room located across the hall from the Pool room. The Pot Luck sign-up sheets are located on the Bulletin Board located in the Pool Room. **There will be three raffles held during this event., one for a \$280 J. Pechauer custom pool cue, one for an Elite 2x4 cue case, and finally one for a 50/50.** When signing up, please also indicate what you will be bringing. **If you don't know what you are bringing, please sign up any way so we can get an accurate count of the number of people that will be attending.** Please consider coming as you will have a good time.

November '19 – April '20 League News

League play will resume during the week of January 5th. Part 1 leagues will finish during the week of January 20th. The Part 2 sessions of the leagues will start the week of January 27th.

We will be having sign-ups for the Part 2 sessions for the Wednesday afternoon, Novice, and 9 Ball Leagues in the Billiards Room beginning on Monday January 6th at 8:00 AM. The sign-up sheets for these Leagues will be posted on the Bulletin Board until Monday January 13th at 10:00 AM. You may sign up one person if that person cannot be present to sign themselves. After the sheets are collected and tabulated and it is determined that an odd number of people signed up, a few people will need to be placed on sub lists in order to obtain the required even number of players.

Part 2 sessions will resume as follows:

- **Wednesday afternoon league starts January 29th at 2:00 PM**
- **Thursday - Novice league will start on January 30th at 3:00 PM**
- **Friday - 9 Ball league will start on January 31st at 10:00 AM**

After having lunch one day this past month, Doug Asleson, Traveling League Captain, pointed out to me that there has been **NO** Club Travel League news in the News Letter. So, beginning with this issue, there will be a portion of League News that pertains to our **Club Travel League**.

Many of us, including me, don't know much about our Club Travel League. To research this, I reached out to Chuck Ramsey who then referred me to John Coil of Happy Trails, one of the early participants of the League. Per John, the League was founded in 2000 or 2001 and was composed of teams from Happy Trails, Paradise, and El Mirage. The League, now named "North Forty", has evolved into a group of six teams representing retirement communities across the area. I wonder why this League is named **North Forty**? Anyway, the current teams consist of Happy Trails, Sun City Grand, Sun City, Sun Village, Sunflower, and Sun City West. Teams are comprised of some of the better players from each community and play is very competitive.

Sun City Grand was League champion in 2018 under captain Chuck Ramsey. Our team tied for first place in 2019 headed by team captain Rich Wear.

Our current Traveling Team roster for the 2020 season is composed of the following:

Richard Wear, John Fenwick, Randy Biko, Tim Ell, Jim Janssens, Randy Salzwedel, Linda Asleson and Doug Asleson(Captain).

Congratulations to our Club Travel League players for doing so well and we wish them all the best this upcoming 2020 season.

Travel

Play begins Tuesday January 14th. Please check Club Calendar for future play dates.

Masters

The League decided to try out a new format this season. The new format will include 5 weeks each of the following: 8 Ball, 9 Ball, and 10 Ball. This new format will familiarize players with the different game types. Optimistic leads the pack over second place We the North by 9 games. Randy Biko continues to lead the individual players with a 77.8% winning percentage.

Players – Tuesday

The competition in this league is unbelievable. Diamond Dawgs, Pool Q's, and Wonder Sticks are all tied for first place by two rounds. Closely following in a tie for second place are the Vipers and Crazy 8's. Bud Anderson is the new top individual player with an 80.0% winning percentage.

Players - Wednesday

There is also much competition in this league. The Deplorables and Fire Sticks are tied for first place over the second-place teams by one round. Yes, I said teams. Hot Pockets and Sun Strokers are in a two-way tie for second-place. John Reed continues to be the top individual player with an 80.0% winning percentage.

Novice

The "Q" Tips are still leading the pack. Shot Makers are now in second place 4 rounds out. Barry Cohen remains the top individual player with an 75.0% winning percentage.

9 Ball

This League remains fiercely competitive before the holiday break. Three teams again ended the month by tying for first place. These teams are: Niners, Rack Runners, and Making 9's. Rack Attack is in second place one round out. Linda Asleson was the top individual player with an 80.0% winning percentage.



9-Ball and 10-Ball Opening Break Rules

This is a situation that I recently was involved in. In a 9-Ball game after the break, only 3 object balls hit the cushions. What happened next resulted in why the rule for this situation needs to be explained. Following are the 9 and 10 Ball opening break rules taken from the **CueSports International Official Rules** found on the club's web site.

Break Requirements for both 9 and 10 Ball:

1. You begin the break with ball in hand behind the head string. The cue ball must contact the 1 ball, which is the rack lead ball, before any other ball or cushion or it is a foul. **You must either legally pocket a ball or cause at least four object balls to contact one or more cushions, or it is a foul.** A foul in this case means "Ball in Hand", NOT a rerack.
2. Jumped balls other than the 9-ball or 10-ball are not returned to the table. If the 9-ball or 10-ball is Jumped, it is spotted.
3. If you legally pocket a ball, you continue to shoot. Your inning ends if you do not pocket a ball or if you foul. **If you legally pocket the 9-ball on the break, you win the game.** If you foul on the break and pocket the 9-ball, it is spotted.

4 However, if you legally pocket the 10-ball on the break, it is spotted and your inning continues.