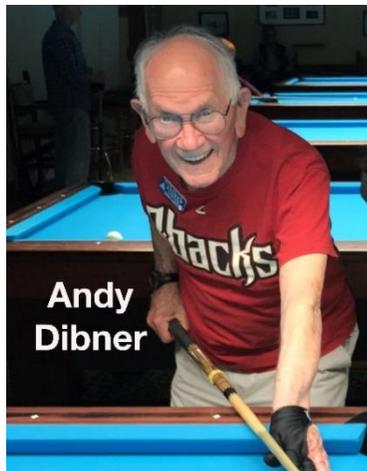


Billiards Club News Letter

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Person of Interest Story



Club Tribute

To

Andy Dibner

As you may know, our beloved friend and Pool Club Member, Andy Dibner, passed away last July. This event affected me personally as I knew Andy and his wife Jean Dibner out-side the world of pool. Besides loving the game of pool, he was an appreciator and also a creator of art. My wife and I spent many Sundays having lunch with them in Phoenix and then visiting an exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum.

With the brief period of time we all had the privilege of spending with Andy, we knew he loved the game of pool and being a member of the Pool Club. Even though wasn't a top player, he exhibited to everyone who knew and played with him his enjoyment of being at the pool tables. He made everyone around him have a greater appreciation and love for the game of pool.

He loved and enjoyed his fellow club members and the pool club itself so much that he gave a sizable financial contribution to the Club. His contribution has helped in part to upgrade the appearance of our current Pool Room. As club members, when we look around the Pool Room today and appreciate how great it looks, we can give special thanks to Andy Dibner and his great generosity.

What you may not know is that Andy had a remarkable career before he moved to SCG. By training, Andy was a psychologist who taught psychology at Boston University. While shaving back in 1972, Andy thought about what happens when a frail person, living alone, falls and cannot move. "How does someone who can't call for help call for help?" he wondered.

He and then wife, Susan Schmidt Dibner, a sociologist, answered the question in 1974 by starting Lifeline Systems, widely recognized as the first company to sell personal emergency response systems in the United States. The system the Dibner's designed provided at-risk people with transmitters that are worn as pendants or bracelets. If a person was immobilized, they could push a button on the transmitter which sends a signal to a console linked to their home telephone which in turn automatically dials a central monitoring station.

So, Andy was a man of many talents, a man we were all very fond of. Andy Dibner, we are all thankful for your being a part of the SCG Pool Club.