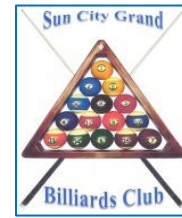
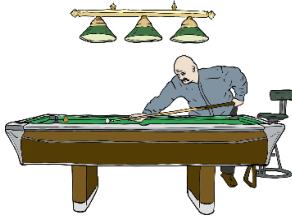


Billiards Club Newsletter

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It is with great sadness that I begin this Newsletter issue informing everyone that our dear friend, Helen Dunlap, peacefully passed away in her sleep on February 15th. She passed with members of her family nearby. Helen loved the game of pool and was very instrumental in establishing our Billiards Club. She will be missed as she has been a real asset to our club. To celebrate Helen, there will be a memorial for her sometime in April. Details to follow.

February has certainly been a very busy month for our club members and for the club itself. **An addition to the Club is the "For Sale Corner"**. If club members have pool cues or pool related items that they wish to sell, they can post the items on this club web site. The site can be accessed at grandbilliards.org. Instructions on how to post sale items will be found there.



February is the month that begins the Billiard Club Annual Championships. This competition is a chance for club members to see if they are the top contender in their category. Remember, championship participants can only compete in one of the event categories with the exception of the Ladies Division who can compete in two. Masters players must only compete in the Masters Division. Player participants can only compete in the Players Division.

This Championship event commenced with the women's competition on February 19th. 13 Women competed in the Women's Club Championship in a double elimination tournament. This was the largest turnout we have had for many years. Joyce Miller was undefeated at the end of the day. Joyce will face Gayle Anderson who won a playoff contest that was held on February 28th.

The final match for this event will be played on Championship Saturday, March 12th at 9am along with the other club finals.

Unfortunately, the novice tournament was not held this year due to a low turnout. Hopefully we will be able to hold this tournament in 2023.

In preparation for next month's prestigious Brieseth Cup event, the cup team captains have been selected. Team USA's captain is Rob Pulvino and Team Canada's is Richard Wear. The remainder of Cup team members were and will be selected in the following processes described next.

On Saturday, February 26th, the qualifying event for spots on the Briesath Cup teams for USA and Canada was held. All billiard club members were invited to participate and we had a number of club players hoping to make the team. **The qualifying winners were: Team USA Linda Asleson Team Canada Brian Pin**

The remaining three Briesath cup team members will be selected by the following:

- 1. Top finishers in the Masters tournament**
- 2. One each team captains pick**
- 3. One selection each team by Briesath Cup committee members. Also, an alternate player will be selected for each team.**

The Briesath Cup committee is composed of: Doug Asleson, Scott Kovac, and Paul Ertman. These selections will be made on or after the Masters Tournament on March 4th. That rounds out the selection process of the 5 team members of each Briesath Cup team.



The Billiards Club Championship competition continues in March. The Players Championship will take place on March 3rd at 8:00 AM and the corresponding Masters Championship takes place on March 4th at 8:00 AM. In the event there is an overflow event required for the club championships, that will be held on March 5th.

The next notable club event of the spring season is the Billiard Club Spring Luncheon on March 7th. The location of this event has changed from previous years. This year it will be held in the Sagebrush Ballroom located in the Sonoran Plaza. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 PM. **Members are free but member's guests will be charged \$15.** Babbo's restaurant is catering the event. **All club members are required to have signed up and all guests must be prepaid in order to attend. Club members are also required to wear name badges.**

Next, our top premier club event of the spring season will be Championship Saturday on March 12th. That day will consist of the **Billiard Club Championships, the Pot Luck, and finally the Briesath Cup Championship.** The club is requiring members who want to attend the Pot Luck to sign the Sign-Up sheet posted in the Pool Room. The Club will be providing sandwiches at the Pot Luck and thus a count is needed to determine the number people that will be attending.

This Briesath Cup will be the 4th edition of this event with Canada winning one and the USA winning two. The schedule of events to be held on this day are as follows:

Championship Saturday March 12th
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Club Championships
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Appetizers and Desserts Pot Luck
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Briesath Cup Championship

March 12th at 1 pm, after our Appetizer and Desert Pot Luck, the 2022 Briesath Cup Tournament will be held in the billiard room. This will be the climax of a wonderful day for our club and a fitting tribute to our friend and mentor, Jerry Briesath. The tournament director will be Doug Asleson and team captains will be for USA Rob Pulvino and for team Canada Richard Wear. All team players will be introduced at the luncheon after the Masters Championships.

The Club is hoping you can attend part or all of these events. WHAT A DAY this will be!!!!

League News

If more detailed league information is desired, please reference the Billiard Club website. The website can be accessed by logging on to: www.grandbilliards.org and going to the League Info tab. The following League information is as of the Newsletter publication date.

Monday Night Masters 8 Ball Info as of 2/21/22

The Breakers remain in first place over second place Dream Team by 2 games. In Que is in third place 18 games out. Randy Salzwedel remains the leading individual player with a winning percentage of 74.3%.

Tuesday Night Players 8 Ball

Submarines are leading the pack by 1 scoring point over the second place Lancers. Vipers are in third 2.5 scoring points out. Lew Oliphant remains the top individual player with an 76.7% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon Players 8 Ball

8 Balls of Fire is still on top of second place Rack Attack by 5.5 scoring points. Pocket Rockets round out third place 8.5 scoring points behind. Gary North continues to lead the individual players by a winning percentage of 88.3%.

Friday Morning 9 Ball Info as of 2/18/22

Rack Attack is leading the pack by 3 matches over a second-place tie between Breakers and Chalk is Cheap. Besides leading in Wednesday play, Gary North continues to be the top individual player with an 83.3% winning percentage in 9 Ball. Congratulations Gary.

Travel League

Our travel team has continued their winning ways by going undefeated in February. They posted wins over Sunflower, Sun City and Sun City West. All Travel Team players are playing very well so it is hard to distinguish any one player. Rich, Randy S, Randy B, Jim, Tim, Linda and Doug are all doing a fantastic job.



In last month's edition of the Newsletter, I discussed some points of pool etiquette during league play. **I would like to continue in that same vain regarding the amount of time taken by a player before actually making a shot.**

When a player consistently takes an excessive amount of time considering what shot to take, the team match play schedule becomes delayed and thus complicates following players match time. There are no specific league time rules for taking a shot at this point but probably taking more than a minute to decide what shot to take would be excessive.

Therefore, when considering what shot to take, please be respectful of your team mates and also members of the opposing team.

