



# Billiards Club Newsletter

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I can't believe that the 2021 – 2022 season is drawing to a close. It has been such a breath of fresh air not to have to deal with Covid protocols during our past season. The Club was able to bring back our regular tournaments and events for our membership to compete in and enjoy. This will be the last edition of the Newsletter of this season. I hope everyone has found it informative and entertaining. Just because our regular club season is drawing to a close, that does not mean the club will be dormant during the summer months. Summer Leagues will be starting in June along with other planned activities. Keep your eye out for future club announcements relating to these upcoming activities. For all of you Snowbirds, have a great summer. And for the rest of us Full Timers left behind in the heat, enjoy the air-conditioning.



During the month of April, the Club initiated several different pool game formats to garner interest in the game of pool.

**On Tuesday nights, there was the One-Pocket Event and a new challenge "Conquer the Cross" for play.** In One Pocket, each player can only sink balls into their assigned pocket. This is a very strategic game that requires banking skills and utilize player strategy to out fox your opponent. This format was held for a few nights but unfortunately attendance was disappointing.

**On a more positive note, the club's introduction of Equal Offense was more enthusiastically received.** This event is held on Wednesday nights at 5:00 PM. To those members who are not familiar, this format consists of a player breaking a 15 ball rack and then using an allocated number of Ball in Hands to pocket all 15 balls. The object of the game is to sink all the balls utilizing the least number of Ball in Hands. Skill level determines the number of Ball in Hands allocated. For example, if a player is allowed 3 Ball in Hands, participants score is the number of balls sunk with that or a lessor number of 3 Ball in Hands. **Equal Offence has proven to be extremely popular and will be extended through the month of May.** Participating in this type of event will improve your pattern play due to the nature of the game and gives the ability to evaluate your own performance.

**The Novice group has been meeting at 2 PM on Thursdays with Jerry Briesath.** He plans to be there from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. There is an extra hour for those who would like to stay to practice. These sessions will continue through mid-May. **The club would like to thank Harriet Ham for her efforts in advocating for this event. Good job Harriet.**

**A new pool game was initiated during April entitled Bank Pool Ring Game.** It is held on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm. For those of you that don't know, the game consists of 9 balls. It is racked in a triangle like 9-Ball with the 1 Ball in front. All other balls are in random order. All shots must be either a bank or a three cushion or more kick shot. Shots must be called. Players shoot in a drawn order, one after the other until all players have been to the table. The shooting order is then repeated. There was an entry fee (\$10 to \$15) and you get a chip count for the desired match. It's a great event, playing time is limited to 2-2 1/2 hours. **The Club plans to extend this game through the end of May.**



There will be two additional new pool games introduced this summer to keep members occupied during the summer heat. To be honest, I had never heard of either these games so Paul Ertman provided an overview to me which I will share with you.

**The first of these is a Chip Tournament. Format can be used for 8-BALL, 9-BALL, or 10-Ball.**

All players receive numbered poker chips based on an established skill level. The weaker players get more chips and the higher-level players get less chips. Each game starts with a flip for the break and play one game. The loser forfeits one chip to the tournament director and goes on a waiting list for the next assigned table, the winner stays on that table and keeps all his chips.

**The second is Poker Pool.**

The object of the game is to be the first player to lose all of their cards. First thing you must do is set up a standard rack of fifteen numbered balls. These must be racked in no specific order and done randomly each and every time you play. Next you need to deal each player a hand of 5 or 7 cards. Ideally you'll have three players as this is supposedly the best number to get a decent game going. You don't show anyone what's in your hand. Each card in your hand is represented on the table by a numbered ball. All the balls are simply representing the corresponding numbers on the cards. The non-numbered cards represent the following balls:

Ace = 1 Ball    Jack = 11 Ball    Queen = 12 Ball    King = 13 Ball    14 and 15 Balls are neutral

The idea is that the player who is at the table must pocket a ball that corresponds with a card in their hand. Once the ball is pocketed, they must then place the card face up on the table rail for all to see. As with regular pool, they stay on the table as long as they keep pocketing their balls.

This overview will give you an idea about these games. More detailed rules of these games will be posted in the pool room once these game events will be played.

**And last but not least is the annual summer Fun Day that will be scheduled in August.** During this great day the Club supplies pizza, salad, and soft drinks. In addition, there will be an assortment of fun pool games for members to participate in. The various games will test members pool skills in fun ways. There will be a \$3 entry fee to participate in the games which will be used to fund game prize winners. Look for upcoming announcements regarding details about our Club's Fun Day event.

## League News

**All the 2021 -2022 league activity has been completed. The Summer 2022 league events will begin during the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday Night 8-Ball and Friday 9-Ball will be returning for summer league sessions.** Please look out for upcoming E-Mail announcements providing information regarding sign-ups.

**To spark more interest in 9-Ball, the game will incorporate an added twist.** Scoring will change with the introduction of earning a point each for sinking either the 3, 6, or 9 Ball. Thus, the total game score will now be 3 for each game. For example, say if one player sinks the 3 and the 6 balls, that individual gets 2 and if the other player sinks the 9 that individual gets one. Each player receives credit for whatever ball they pocket. If you sink the 9 ball on the break, the breaker gets 3 points and the match is over. Both players get the opportunity to score during the match with this type of arrangement. This new 9-Ball format will be a trial concept during this summer's league to see if club members like it better than the traditional game structure.

**So, for all the club members who are here during the summer, please sign-up for the Summer Leagues.**



**With the current season drawing to a close, I thought the rule of safety comes to mind. Please think before you do whatever activity you choose to participate this summer. I want to see everyone back in one piece and functioning in the fall. Enjoy the summer everyone.**