

Billiards Club Newsletter

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On behalf of the Billiards Club, I would like to welcome back all the Snow Birds to Sun City Grand. Just so the Snow Birds know, it's been a scorcher of a summer. But as the following will show, the rest of us that remained did not dry up in the hot desert heat. Summer League play flourished and a good time was had by all. We have a lot to present in this issue so let's get started.



As you may know we have some very talented players in our club. It is with great pleasure to announce that we really have a star within our ranks! **Linda Asleson and her team have captured the ACS, American Cue Sports, Championship title in Las Vegas.** Congratulations to Linda and her team on their great accomplishment.

As you may or may not know, JERRY BRIESATH has lent his teaching expertise to instruct club members of the NOVICE Group. The Club thanks Jerry for sharing his incredible skills. We are so fortunate to have him.

Continuing with Jerry's numerous pool accomplishments, the Billiard Club hosted a Party to Honor his being elected to the BCA Billiards Hall of Fame. This event was held on Saturday July 30th, 2022 in the Apache Room. The club supplied the main meal and volunteers brought a side dish, salad or dessert. All that attended had a great time.

The club's summer social agenda continued with a "Fun Social Night" that was held on Monday, August 15th 2022. It was held in the Billiards Room and adjacent Apache Room. The event consisted of both competitive billiard challenges and meal consisting of pizza, salad, snacks, coffee and desert, plus a cash bar. There was a Challenge Entry fee of \$3 per person which was applied to cash prizes.



If you have been in the billiard room lately, you may have noticed the Club Members Challenge Boards located near Jerry Briesath's picture. The club would like to have its members challenge each other in their perspective skill level to test their level of play. Rob Pulvino started to develop and finalize the challenge board concept over the past several months. Thanks, Rob for putting this challenge board together. Please read the challenge rules on the billiard room bulletin board to understand how this challenge process works. To make

the challenge concept more interesting, we have made the following change. You may now challenge anyone up to 3 players above you on the board. This includes the number 1 player.

When a participant challenges someone, that individual can choose one of the following options:

The Masters challenger can pick any game of 1 pocket, 8,9,10 ball, and straight pool (first to reach 100) to challenge the person above them.

The Players can select from 8, 9, or 10 ball to challenge, race to 5.

Ladies, 8 ball race to 3 only.

Novice, 8 ball (ball in hand) race to 3 only.

A memorable note about one of our own, Jerry Briesath. Following is an article from USBMA.

The Billiard Congress of America (BCA) Hall of Fame will welcome a world champion and one of the game's most revered teachers to the Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The United States Billiard Media Association (USBMA) today announced that Filipino star Dennis Orcollo and legendary instructor Jerry Briesath have earned induction into the sport's most prestigious club.

Orcollo, 43, was the clear choice of voters in the Greatest Players category and will be the fourth player representing the Philippines to be inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame, joining legends Efren Reyes, Francisco Bustamante and Jose Parica.



Briesath, 85, was a unanimous selection in the Meritorious Service category. The longtime and legendary instructor is considered the father of formal billiard instruction in America, having helped develop and guide the program from concept to its current roster of more than 300 professional instructors across the globe.

For Briesath, an active pro player in the 1960's and '70s, the award is validation of years of service to players and the sport. "This is just super," Briesath said. "The Hall of Fame is about having the admiration of people in the sport and in the industry for what you've done."

I've been to almost all of the Hall of Fame banquets and it was always wonderful to see great players and good people get recognized." A longtime poolroom owner in Madison, Wis., Briesath helped launch the BCA Certified Instructor Program (now known as the Professional Billiard Instructors Association) in 1992 and the BCA Summer Youth Cue Camps in 1993. He was awarded the BCA President's Award in 1997 for his ongoing efforts to improve how players learn to play. He later helped create the BCA "How to Play Pool Right" book and video.

Orcollo and Briesath will formally be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Va., in conjunction with the 2022 International Open pool tournament.

Changing the subject, with the approaching of fall, it will soon be time for the annual Billiard Club Board Elections. At our last Annual Membership Meeting, it was voted that officers would be elected for a 2-year term, so our Vice President and Treasurer have one more year to serve. Thus, the board elections this year

will be for President and Secretary, both with 2-year terms. In addition, all 5 Directors will be up for election with 1year terms. There's a sign-up sheet currently in the Billiards room for those of you who are interested and willing to be of service on the board for the upcoming year of 2023! The election will conclude on December 19th. Details to follow.

The next important event for our club members to remember is the Club Annual Membership meeting. This meeting is scheduled for November 7th at 1:00PM in the Palm room. All club members are urged to attend. The current club "State of the State" will be presented. In addition, dates for the following upcoming events will also be reviewed:

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| 1. Welcome Back Social | January 15 th @ 6:00 PM |
| 2. Valentines Fun Day | February 12 th @ 4:00 PM |
| 3. Club Luncheon | March 13 th @ 3:00 PM |
| 4. Club Championship | March 18 th @ 9:00 AM |
| Briesath Cup Potluck | March 18 th @ 11:00 AM |
| Briesath Cup Championship | March 18 th After Potluck |

League News

As usual, our annual Snowbirds missed on the outstanding sessions of Summer League play. We had a good turnout for the Tuesday Night Summer League. Unfortunately, we had a limited turnout for 9 Ball. But all the players that participated had a good time. Accolades go to all teams. The results of the Summer League play are as follows:

Tuesday Night Players 8 Ball

Congratulations to the Shooters for their Summer League 8 Ball Championship. Bruce Rebout was Team Captain and his team mates were Scott Kovac, Geoff Iverson, and Randy Blankenbaker. Second Place went to ON Cue III, Third Place went to Just 4 Fun, and Fourth Place went to Fab 4. Paul Ertman had the highest shooting per centage with 73.8%.

Friday Morning 9 Ball

To make this league play more interesting, the Club created a different format for scoring balls. Instead of only the 9 ball being a scoring ball, the league had the 3, 6, and 9 balls as scoring balls. Utilizing this format, unlike the Tuesday Night League, there was No handicap. This new scoring format made for a more interesting game and the players who participated enjoyed it

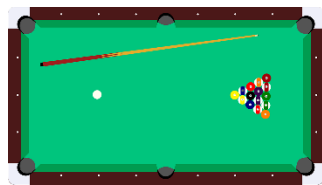
Congratulations to the 3 Amigos for taking first place. Team Captain was Jim Curcio and his team mates were Mike Rapisarda and Ricky Haas. Second Place went to Dirty Dogs. Kevin Strong had the highest winning per centage with 68.4%.

Coming up will be league play for the 2022-2023 season. All leagues will begin play the week of November 7th. Rules for playing in the league have been sent out to club members in a PDF attachment. League participants should review them to minimize confusion and conflicts during league play.

Regarding the upcoming leagues, Doug Asleson has taken on the role of League Director. His responsibilities will include seeing there is consistency in how leagues are run regarding signups, league operations, league results/postings, guidelines for league operators and as a sounding board for all players involved in the leagues. In addition, Doug's responsibilities for tournaments will include assigning directors for all player tournaments including the Briesath Cup qualifying and Cup tournament. He will also be working to promote all these events. His tournament responsibility does NOT include the Monday and Thursday morning 8 ball tournaments. Thank you, Doug, for all that you do regarding leagues.

Each individual league will be headed up by a League Operator. The League Operator coordinates and manages a specific league. Speaking of League Operators, the Wednesday Afternoon Players League is in desperate need of a person to take on that role. At this time there is a vacancy for this position. Anyone that is interested in becoming the Wednesday Afternoon Players League Operator please contact Paul Ertman.

Shot of the Month



Rich Dibenedetto recently shared a copy of the Saturday Evening Post and within its pages I saw this wonderful cartoon. Since it is very timely, I thought I would share it with you to enjoy for this upcoming pool season.



With League play coming up, I'd like to take a moment to review pool etiquette. A most important element of billiard room conduct is for players and visitors to have consideration for the players at the tables. There are

times when all of us need some reminding to be considerate of others. We get so comfortable with such an enjoyable group that we sometimes forget to respect the game. Please keep your voices at a reasonable level, avoid walking between tables while a player is shooting, and especially, don't congregate at the billiard room entrance to watch or observe games. Our entrance is a busy place where people are always coming and going. So please help in keeping the room entrance from getting congested.

Your cooperation is appreciated.