



# Billiards Club Newsletter

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The Snow Birds have begun their annual migration back to Arizona. I always enjoy seeing and visiting with everyone that has recently returned. If you happen to see a new club member please introduce yourself and provide any information or help that would make that individual be more comfortable in the club. By the way, if you have any comments, either positive or negative, please E-Mail me at [eugene.krajeck@gmail.com](mailto:eugene.krajeck@gmail.com). I welcome the input.

**Remember, the end of 2023 is approaching which means the club renewal fee is due. So please complete the renewal form and enclose a check or cash in an envelope and drop in the box located by the club's main entrance. The fee for new members is \$25 which includes a name badge. For existing members, the club renewal fee is still \$15 at this time.**

Every once in a while, I like to include a human-interest story of one of our club members. I have done two stories in the past, one on John Fenwick and the other on Bobby Brown. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to read and enjoy them. This time I would like to write a piece about Joe Rayo. I have created a separate piece about Joe that will be sent separately. Please read it as Joe has had a very interesting life.



**The election for all Club Officers and Directors will be here soon.** The sign-up sheet for this election was posted on the Club bulletin board in November in the Billiard Room. The last day to enter your name to be an Officer or Director candidate on the sign-up sheet was November 27<sup>th</sup>. This sign-up sheet was taken down on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul Roy is the chairman of the Billiard Club Election Committee. Club members can vote in one of two ways; one by E-Mail and the other by voting in person.** If a club member chooses to vote by E-mail, that individual must send a request to Paul Roy at [hproy20031@gmail.com](mailto:hproy20031@gmail.com). Paul in turn will E-Mail the requester a voting ballot. The requester will then complete the ballot form with your CAM# and send to the following E-Mail address: [scgvbilliard@gmail.com](mailto:scgvbilliard@gmail.com). If voting by E-Mail, you must have it sent in By December 4<sup>th</sup> to be recorded.

**If you decide to vote in person, the club member can vote either one hour before or at the Club's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a table outside the meeting room doors for members to cast their votes. The Club General Meeting will be held between 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Palo Verde/Palms Room in the Sonoran Plaza. For those of you who don't know, Sonoran Plaza is the building where the puzzle room and community library are located.**

**At the Annual Club Meeting, this and other important club topics will be discussed and possibly voted upon.** A meeting agenda will be emailed to club members for you to review prior to this meeting. Due to last

year's low member attendance, the club has tried to improve attendance by combining the Annual Meeting and the voting process to take place at the same time, and also provide some treats for members to enjoy. **Thus, it is very important for everyone to attend this meeting.**



**The Club Challenge Board activity has picked up with the return of the Snow Birds.** Rob Pulvino, the Challenge Board Coordinator, has the following comments:

The challenge boards, with a few exceptions, were more or less dormant for the summer. Now that the snowbirds are returning, there are some ground rules for getting the challenge matches going again.

If you left, your name tag was taken out of the rotation. The position you vacated when you left was numbered. You'll see that number on your name tag.

To get back on the board, you can challenge the position you vacated. If you WIN, place your tag in that position, and everyone else moves down one. If you LOSE, you cannot challenge that position for 2 weeks. However, you can challenge anyone below that as often as you like until you win a spot back on the board.

Following are the latest Challenge Board standings:

**Masters Board:** Rob Pulvino is in the top position.

**Players Board:** Tim Fitzpatrick is now in the top position.

**Ladies Board:** Roxie Collins is the top leader.

**Novice Board:** Randy VanWagner is on the top spot.

## League News

The Fall Pool League season commenced during the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>. It began with a new time period format. It consisted of a short Fall season and a longer Spring season. The shorter playing seasons also resulted in a reduction in the entrée fees. The League activity provided below is as of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**A new twist was added to the Wednesday Afternoon format.** The change has been a hit with the league participants. A description of the new format is provided under the league activity.

### Monday Night – Jim Janssens League Operator

**Breaking Bad is leading second place Behind the 8 Ball by 10 games.** Castor Raiders are in third place 17 games out. Randy Biko and Steve Crncki are tied for top individual players with a 75% winning percentage.

## **Tuesday Night – Bruce Low League Operator**

**Straight Shooters is in first place. There is a tie for second place with On Cue VI and Rack Pack 2 scoring points out.** Jerry Haus is the leading individual player with a 73.3% winning percentage.

## **Wednesday Afternoon - Charlie Fox League Operator**

As previously mentioned, this league has changed the format of the fifth team match. With the 4 member teams, the 5<sup>th</sup> match now consists of a scotch doubles match. Each member of the winning team gets a win and each member of the losing team gets a loss.

**Hot Shots is leading second place Balls of Fire by 3 scoring points.** Home of the Brave rounds out third place 6 scoring points out. Rod Lutz is the top individual player with a 100% winning percentage.

## **Friday Morning - Mike Garret & Paul Ertman League Operators**

**Rack & Roll is in first place over by 4 scoring points.** Breaking Balls is in second- place 4 scoring points out. Awe & Chalk rounds out third 5.5 scoring points out. Jim Janssens is the top individual player with an 75% winning percentage.

## **Travel League**

The Travel League will begin the 2024 season in January '24 to retain their current championship title.

### **Rule of the Month**



**As the club league activity has started this past November, it is important to remember to be respectful of your fellow league players by being quiet during league play. Loud talking can easily distract the players at the tables and prevent them from their optimum play.**

**If loud side conversations are distracting a player at the table, it is that players right to stop play until the area becomes quiet. So please be considerate of your fellow league players during their time at the table.**