



## Presidents Corner

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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has been a very busy summer. Even though I took some time to visit my children back in NJ, I have continued my effort toward improving our Billiards Club. My thanks to those who support me.

My update is twofold. I would like to begin by welcoming all the new members. To date we have 206 club members. As I have said many times before, you have just joined the best charter club in Sun City Grand. This fall when the snowbirds return, we will plan a social get together to welcome them back and welcome all new members. In the past this has proven to be a fun time for all. I look forward to meeting each of you. Remember to log on to our website ([grandbilliards.org](http://grandbilliards.org)) for updates on all club activities.

Back to business. I remain in constant negotiations with CAM and HOA for their support involving club improvements. To date, we have accomplished many of initiatives that came about as a result of last year's renovations of the Chaparral building and our room in particular. I am certain that you have noticed our efforts.

What remains? Improvements to lighting. Just yesterday we completed a trial installation of LED lighting on table 4. The change is dramatic. You will notice that upgrade next time you are in the room. The remainder of the tables and ceiling lighting will be completed by mid-October when the building LED project takes place.

Additional seating. We have ordered 6 additional armrest seats. They are in transit from the Diamond manufacturer, and should be here shortly.

Wall artwork. By now you have noticed the two metal prints hanging in two frames on the wall. One was purchased by the club, and the other was donated by Mrs. Thompson (Art Thompson's widow). Our gracious thanks to her; Art's memory lives on in our club. We hope to obtain three additional prints in the near future once CAM approves that expense. Remaining artwork in the room will be purchased at a time in the future when the club can raise the funds to do so. If any of you have any ideas for fund raising events to help, please share with myself or another board member.

Table leveling. We are waiting for CAM to approve the expense for table leveling. They were last leveled upon installation last December 2017. They need work, some more than others. It is unfortunate that they (CAM) will not allow us to maintain our own tables, as we have two trained members that have volunteered to do that when necessary. Until we can, we are at the mercy of CAM, and the wheels of progress move slowly. I do hope to have this corrected by the beginning of our fall leagues. Thanks for your patience.

Last item of interest. I and two other club members have volunteered our time to join committees regarding space allocation. We are all aware that our current room does not support the interest and growth our club has experienced the past few years. For the second time in our club's history, we have outgrown our space. We are not alone in our request. There are 8 other charter clubs that have experienced growth as we have, and submitted formal proposals for additional space. The good news is, we have gotten the attention of the HOA board of directors. They have put together a group consisting of HOA board members, club members and concerned residents to analyze the requests and make recommendations. If, where, and when we are granted a larger room, still remains to be seen. But I see this as a positive step in the right direction. Occasionally these meetings will be open to all residents. I encourage you to attend; voice your concerns and listen to what is being said.

Thanks again everyone. We have many plans for upcoming events, leagues, tournaments, social gatherings, etc. Next year we hope to have the renovations complete and we can focus on enjoying some fun and competitive play.

Sincerely,  
Your President