



Billiards Club Newsletter

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The Club welcomes our new members and also our newly returned snowbird members. Our Arizona weather is absolutely fabulous now. The full timers are still trying to forget this past summer. However, it is a great time to be living in Arizona and also be a resident of The Grand. The Billiard Club 2024-2025 season activity has begun in earnest. All the Club leagues started the week of November 4th with the exception of the Travel League. In addition, the Club started the annual board election process. **By the way, if you have any comments, either positive or negative, please E-Mail me at eugene.krajeck@gmail.com.** Over the years that I have been involved with the Newsletter, very few members have communicated with me regarding what they like or don't like. Believe it or not, I do welcome your input.

Remember, the end of 2024 is approaching which means the club \$20 renewal fee is due by January 1st. So please complete the renewal form and enclose a check or cash in an envelope and drop in the box located by pool room main entrance. Remember, the renewal fee must be paid by club members in order to participate in club sanctioned events such as the leagues.



The month of November has just passed and that means it's time to start thinking about the annual Billiards Club Board elections. Every December, there is an election for four Club Officers and five Director Positions. The sign-up sheet for all Club Board positions was posted on the club bulletin board on November 11th and will be there until December 6th. The Billiard Club Board is composed of 4 Officer and 5 Director positions. All of these positions have one-year terms.

There will be two voting options that club members can use in order to vote, either in person using a paper ballot or by using e-mail. Details concerning the e-mail option will be forthcoming by the election committee.

Paul Roy has volunteered to be in charge of the Election Committee again this year. Shelia Kovac and Anne Lowe have also volunteered to be on this committee.

The election will be held between 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM during our Club General Annual Meeting, December 10th, 2024 in the Palo Verde/Palms Room in the Sonoran Plaza. **There will be a table outside the meeting room doors for members to cast their votes. For those of you who don't know, Sonoran Plaza is the building where the puzzle room and community library are located.**

The Club strongly encourages its members to show up during this election time and vote. Once your vote is cast, please support the newly elected Board members.

At this point, I am going to do an editorial regarding the Club Board Elections. Believe me, I'm not a fan of reading the club's CC&R's but you should take a gander of Chapter 3, section 1. **Officers: “The Officers of the CC (Charter Club) shall include but not limited to President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer”.** You'll notice the words: shall include

Failure to comply with the CC P&Ps (Charter Club Policies & Procedures) will result club assessed fines and the Club NOT being able to reserve the Billiard Room for Club Sanctioned Events such as; Leagues, Monday and Thursday Morning Tournaments, etc. Hopefully, you can now see how important this upcoming Club Board Election is.

The Club encourages its members to consider running for a Club Board position. Doing so provides members the opportunity to have a voice in how the Club functions. There have been several board individuals that have been at the helm for several years and now want to pass the baton to somebody else. It is good to have new and younger members shape the future of our Club. So sign-up and help formulate the future of our Billiard Club.

Now that I have said my piece, on to Club News.



This past November, the Billiard Club added a new league to its playing options. And that league is the Thursday Night ACS League headed up by our very own Doug Asleson.

It is great to see the enthusiasm in our club for a new opportunity for our members. All participating league players will qualify for the Arizona State ACS Championships January 31st-February 2nd. These same players should also qualify for the ACS National Championships in Las Vegas in May. This new league is a great addition and provides additional variety to our prior league options.

2024 – 2025 Season League News

Monday Night 8 Ball League – Jim Janssens League Operator

Rack and Roll is leading both We the North and Balls of Fire by 1 game. Steve Crnecki is the top individual player with a 72.2% winning percentage.

Tuesday Night 8 Ball League – Tim Fitzpatrick and Geoff Iverson League Operators

Rack Pack is leading over both Straight Shooters and Bull Shooters by 2.5 scoring points. Hot Pockets rounds out third 4 scoring points out. Bruce Rebut is the top individual player with a 90% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball League – Mike Garrett League Operator

The first-place team is Give us a Break over second place Rak Pak by 6 scouring points. Diamond Dawgs and Poke & Hope are tied for third 7 scoring points out. Ian Kellin is the top individual player with an 86.7% winning percentage.

Thursday Night ACS 8 Ball League – Doug Asleson League Operator

The Billiard Club's new league is off to a terrific start. We have 6 teams of 4 players. After 4 sessions we have a very competitive league with only 3 ½ rounds separating first and 6th place. **Tied for first are Sticks and Balls (Steve Crnecki Captain) and Men with Sticks (Jim Janssens Captain).** Top shooters so far are Steve Crnecki and Rob Pulvino, both at 81% but many players are very close.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this is the first pool league ever sanctioned nationally for our billiard club. This session will conclude December 18th. Is another session possible? We shall see!

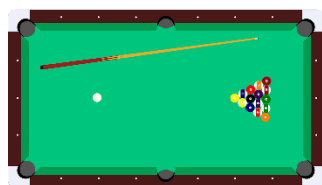
Friday Morning 9 Ball League - Charlie Fox League Operator

Straight Shooters is in first place over second place Awe & Chalk by 7.5 points. Ball Busters rounds out third 8 points back. Linda Asleson and Jerry Haas are tied for the top individual players with a 79.2% winning percentage.

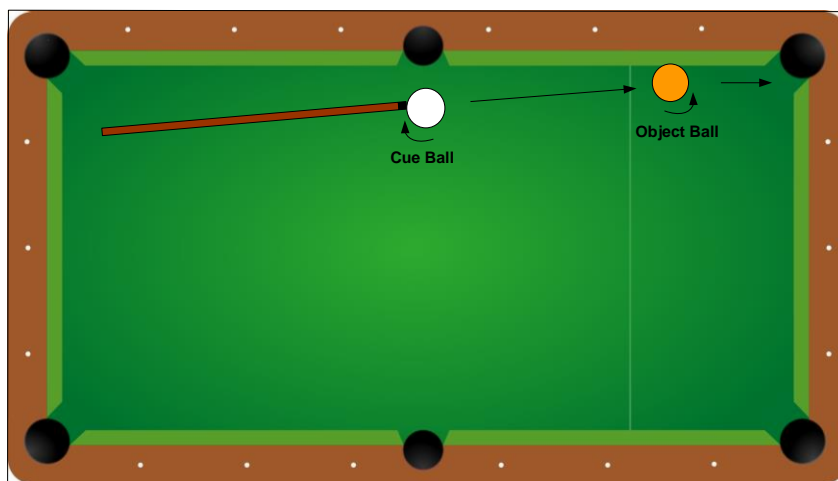
Travel League – Doug Asleson Team Captain

The Travel League will begin the 2025 season in January '25 to retain their current championship title. We wish our Travel Team great success during this upcoming season.

Shot of the Month



Shooting an object ball frozen on the rail



Strike the cue ball slightly off center towards the cushion to send the cue ball away from the rail curving back into the object ball. This puts spin on the object ball to cause it to hug the cushion as it rolls down towards the corner pocket.

