

Linda Asleson



Our Billiard Club has the distinction to have a very accomplished lady within our ranks. And that lady is our very own, Linda Asleson. She has a humble personality but is very outgoing in her accomplishments. As you read the following, I am quite confident that you will agree.

Linda was born in 1955 in Glendive, MT. She spent her youth and also graduated from Glendive High School. After graduating, she decided to move to Billings, MT where her sister Sue managed a Pool Room/Bar named the Corner Pocket. While playing pool there, she met her future husband, Doug Asleson. After playing many matches at the Corner Pocket, their common interest caused them to become an item. Eventually they got married in 1985. They have two children, a daughter named Kari who lives in Vancouver, WA and a son named Ryan who lives in Billings. As a newly married couple, one of the first things they bought together was a pool table. For her day job, she spent the next 39 years working in various positions at Alberson's. She enjoyed her years at Alberson's, especially her position of Price Scanner and Changer.

At that time, women's pool leagues were very popular in Billings. Linda, by participating in these leagues, increased her level of play. Yearning to play in more competitive matches, Linda decided to enter a Montana State Women's Tournament. She didn't win that first tournament but it provided the drive for her to enter many more over the next several years.

The first major tournament she won was the Montana State Women's Tournament that was held in 1995 at Great Falls, MT. This win gave her the confidence to enter many more women's Montana state tournaments. Over the years, she has entered and won many of these tournaments which has earned her several titles.

Additionally, she has won numerous state and national pool tournaments in Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona and North Dakota. Winning tournaments in these states have earned her numerous state and national titles.

Over the years she said that she felt during her pool career that she received more support from men than she did from women. This was specially so when winning women's tournaments than when competing in tournaments where both men and women participated.

I asked her what piece of advice that she would give to novice players. She said to become a better player you should Practice, Practice, and Practice some more. She also said you need to play in competitive venues in order to improve your level of play. That is really good advice.

She currently splits her time between summers in Billings and winters in Surprise, Arizona.

Yes, our Billiards Club is so fortunate to have Linda spend her winters here with us in Surprise. Linda Asleson is an inspiration to us all.