



Billiards Club Newsletter

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I can't believe that it is May already. Where has the 2024-2025 Season gone? The Club Championships are over, regular league activity has concluded and there are no social activities planned. This is the time when our Snow Bird members migrate back home. They have either packed up and left or are about to do so. The rest of us, me included, remain to endure the Arizona heat. For the Full Timers left behind, we all hunker down in air-conditioning.

For those of you that don't know, the May Newsletter issue is the last one for this season. Unfortunately, as May approaches, the amount of Club News begins to diminish. During this past season, I have tried to provide all the Club news that would be of interest to our members. This season, besides Club News, I also included some personal interest stories about some of our Club Members which I hope you felt was informative and interesting. I will be doing some additional personal interest stories during the upcoming season. The Club Newsletter will resume with the November issue.

For the year-round residents, the Club does have activities planned to make our hot Arizona stay more pleasurable. More on that front to follow later in the Newsletter.



The Club is considering having a Fun Day like we had last summer. If one is held, it will be conducted some time in August. More details to follow.



Our very own Jerry Haas decided to design an 8-ball tournament that would consist of a new format structure. It was decided that the Club would do a dry run of this new format on Monday April 7th. This specific event was called a Fun Tournament. This trial tournament was done in leu of the normally scheduled Monday Morning Drop-in. Since Jerry Haas designed this new format, Jerry decided to host the tournament. It used a blind draw double elimination process but not the traditional bracket format we are used to. Instead of winners in the winner's round and winners in the loser's round playing specific individuals, winners would play the next available winner in their next round. There were some concerns about this new process at the end of the event but overall, tournament participants seemed to like the format.

Thank you, Jerry for analyzing and then creating this new tournament structure. This Fun Tournament had 25 participants. In the end, Linda Asleson and Charle Fox competed for the last person standing. Linda emerged as the eventual winner. Her winning picture is shown below. Congratulations Linda.



If you get a chance, go and take a look at the “On Cue” Wall in the Billiard Room. You will notice it has been updated. The new look features our two national champions, Randy Salzwedel and Linda Asleson. We also have rearranged the pictures of the pool professionals so they stand out a lot more. The Club Board from last year approved this change. A special thanks to Scott Kovac for assisting with the pictures, Rich Wear and Lan Seylar for taking pictures and Rob Pulvino for assisting with the placement of the pictures. The New Look is great! So, check it out! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the new and improved “On Cue” wall.

2025 Summer Season League News

The Billiard Club is once again going to have pool leagues this summer! The number of leagues depends on how many players sign up. The sign up sheets with the format for each league will be posted mid May. As of now here is the plan.

Tuesday Night 8 Ball League Operator will be Tim Fitzpatrick.

Sign up deadline will be Tuesday, June 3rd. Play begins Tuesday June 10th.

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball League operator will be Mike Garrett.

Sign up deadline will be Wednesday June 4th. Play begins Wednesday June 11th.

Friday 9 Ball League Operator will be Charlie Fox

Sign up deadline will be Friday June 6th. Play begins Friday June 13th

Players can sign up as full time or substitutes.

If you plan on missing 3 or more times please sign up as a sub.

We need a minimum of 16 full time players for each league.

Players will be selected by a draft by the captains.

Thanks again to Tim, Mike and Charlie for volunteering to run the leagues!

Rule of the Month



Instead of having a Shot or Rule of the Month for this May issue, I thought I would express an end of the season thought. As the 2024 – 2025 Season draws to a close, I wanted to wish all our Club Snow Bird members a safe trip home and the best summer.