



Billiards Club Newsletter

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The Summer of 2025 has finally come to an end. I would have to say that overall, the heat wasn't as bad as last summer. That doesn't mean that the snowbirds didn't have it much better than we did. But certainly, for the year rounders that remained, it is definitely great that Fall has finally arrived. The 2025 -2026 season is now upon us. We will finally be able to visit and play with our snow bird club members that we haven't been with in quite some time. There is a lot of information to share in this November issue so let's get started.



When entering into the Billiard Room to play or attend a Club sponsored social event or tournament, did you ever wonder how it all happens? It just doesn't happen, there needs to be planning, organizing, scheduling and execution. Behind the scenes, meetings take place to coordinate people, places and times to assure events take place flawlessly. Then, you as a Club member get to attend or participate in the numerous events that make our Club the wonderful organization that it is.

That Club resource behind the scenes is the Billiards Club Board. And once a year, you as a Club member have the opportunity to make your voice heard by voting to elect board members. That opportunity will be here soon. You will have the choice of helping manage Club affairs by running for a position on the board or by voting to select which candidate you would want to represent you on the board.

The election for all Billiards Club Officers and Directors will be here soon. If you are interested in participating on the Club Board, please sign up for your preference of position. Your involvement is important to the club. The Sign-Up sheet for Club positions will be posted on the Pool Room bulletin board during the week of November 1st through November 14th. Please consider being part of the Officers and Directors team. Get the opportunity to chart the future of the Club. Board positions will be determined during our December 9th Annual Club General Meeting to be held in the Palo Verde/Palms Room in the Sonoran Plaza at 1:00 PM.

Jim Janssens will be chairing this year's Election Committee. He and his committee will be administrating the operations of this year's Club Board elections.

At this point, I would like to make a comment regarding the voting turnout for this year's club elections. Our Club now has 231 members and out of that only a total of 50 members voted last year. It is important to know your choices of candidates in order for members to make an educated voting decision. At the October Club Board meeting, voting options were discussed to incentivize club member voting participation.

It was decided to employ a three-prong approach for the upcoming board election. Options are as follows:

- Voting in Billiard Room Nov 16th to Nov 30th up to 6:00 PM
- Voting On-Line Nov 16th to Nov 30th up to 6:00 PM
- Voting at the Club General Meeting on December 9th

It is hoped that by expanding the club member voting options that there will be increased club member participation. The Club really encourages members to vote as the club officers and directors that are voted in represent you, the members, on how the Club is run. Club members are also welcome to be more involved in club events and activities.



Well, you snowbirds may have thought that nothing exciting happened during this past summer, that was definitely not the case. The Club had Summer League with the Tuesday Night, Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball, and Friday Morning 9 Ball. When you come back to the Pool Room, the tables have been re-clothed and leveled and they are great. And finally, we had several Scotch Doubles Thursday Night 8 Ball Tournaments.

The Club also secured 10 new ball sets. That has resulted in the Club selling our previously used ball sets. If you have an interest in purchasing one of these sets, please contact Gary Mize at 623-556-5671.

The re-clothing of the tables was completed on Wednesday evening, 8/13. One thing I noticed immediately after the re-clothing was done is that the head ball doesn't move around when racking the balls. It was so annoying when that head ball kept moving while racking. The cloth is also much smoother so the balls move much further with the same stroke. I think you will agree that the tables look and play much better.

In order to provide some additional competitive play this past summer, Paul Ertman organized a once-a-month Thursday Night 8 Ball Scotch Doubles competition. In order to participate, club members needed to sign up to form a team. Each team member contributed \$10 to the prize fund. There was a pay-out for the first three teams.

The first Scotch Doubles 8 Ball Tournament was held Thursday, June 19th. During the night of competition, the play concluded with a three-way tie for first place. Since play took longer than anticipated, it was decided to split the prize fund three ways. Would you believe, yours truly and my team mate, Randy Blankenbaker were fortunate to be part of that tie.

Since June 19th, these Thursday Night events have grown in popularity. Scotch Doubles play is a lot of fun. Next summer, if you haven't participated, you should give it a try.

When entering into the Billiard Room, we probably never notice and take for granted the condition of the pool balls and tables that we play on. The balls are always clean and free of lint. Well, that just doesn't happen. There is actually someone behind the scenes making that happen. A few years ago, I wrote a piece about Peter Ramos performing that function. Now, that operation is being done by Bruce Rebout.

Just so you know, Bruce goes to the billiard room once a week and cleans the balls with a machine, checks to see if the tables need chalk replaced, and makes sure the tables are clean. Bruce has been performing this job since last January. We all owe Bruce for making our playing experience in the Billiard Room a pleasant one. **So, thank you Bruce from all us Club members for a Job Well Done. Bruce, you are the Best!!**

2025 Summer Season League News

The Billiard Club once again had pool leagues for club members to enjoy this past summer. There were enough summer resident members that remained in the heat to participate in the following leagues. Thanks again to Tim, Mike and Charlie for volunteering to run the Summer Leagues!

Tuesday Night 8 Ball - League Operator Tim Fitzpatrick

First place went to Leave em Bad by 5.5 Scouring Points over second place The Queballers. Bud Anderson was the top individual shooter with a 79.2% winning percentage.

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball - League Operator Mike Garrett

Pure Luck was victorious over 3 Jokers and a Queen by 4.5 scoring points. Gil Withey was the top individual shooter with a 79.2% winning percentage.

Friday Morning 9 Ball - League Operator Charlie Fox

One Shot Wonders was the first-place winner over second place Poke & Hope by 7 scoring points. Mike Chadwick was the top individual shooter with a 63.9% winning percentage.

The League Operators are always looking for Club members that would be willing help run the leagues. Administrating the leagues effectively takes time and effort. So, they are looking for club members to assist in that effort. If interested, please contact any of the League Operators. They would appreciate it.

2025 – 2026 Winter/Spring Season League News

Fall has finally arrived and that means the Fall Session of all our leagues are set and ready to roll. A huge thank you to all our league operators! They all do a great job and all our club members truly appreciate all that you do.

Monday Night 8 Ball League:

The league operator is Jim Janssens. Play will begin Monday, November 3rd and conclude on December 17th. There will be 4 teams with 4 players per team playing 12 games of 8 ball. This is a no handicap league.

Tuesday Night 8 Ball League:

The league operator is Tim Fitzpatrick. Play will begin Tuesday, November 4th and conclude on December 18th. There will be 6 teams with 5 players per team playing 8 ball. This is a handicap league.

Wednesday Afternoon 8 Ball League:

The league operator is Mike Garrett. Play will begin Wednesday, November 5th and conclude on December 19th. There will be 6 teams with 4 players per team playing 8 ball. This is a handicap league.

Thursday Night 8 Ball ACS League:

The league operator is Doug Asleson. Play will begin Thursday November 13th and conclude December 18th. By playing 8 weeks in the ACS league, participants qualify for the National ACS Tournament. This league is nationally sanctioned with American Cue Sports. The Sign-Up Sheet for this league is located on the bulletin board in the Billiard Room. There will be 6 teams of 4 playing 8 ball. This is a handicap league. If you want to qualify to participate in the National ACS Las Vegas Tournament and the Arizona State ACS Championship, you need to sign up for this league.

Friday Morning 9 Ball League:

The league operator is Charlie Fox. Play will begin Friday, October 31st and conclude December 12th. There will be 4 teams of 5 playing 9 ball.

Sign up for all leagues has been completed except the Thursday Night ACS 8 Ball League which will be up until November 10th. Winter Leagues will begin in early January with Sign-Up sheets posted in December. So instead of staying at home watching TV, get out and participate in a league. You will Have Fun!

Before we move on to the Rule of the Month, I would like to provide some background on the Thursday Night ACS League and how it has impacted some of our club members.

The first year our club ran a nationally sanctioned pool league in our billiard room, seven players from our club competed in the huge May 2025 American Cue Sports National tournament in Las Vegas. All our club members played well against some very tough competition. Of the seven players, 2 finished in the money.

Mike Chadwick went undefeated the first day of the tournament and advanced to the final championship bracket where he lost out. Mike finished in 17th place out of 123 players in the Men's Standard 8 ball division and his share of the prize money was \$175. Well done, Mike!

Geoff Iverson competed in the same Standard 8 ball division. He lost out in his bracket but was moved to the second chance tournament where he took 9th place and received \$25. Good job Geoff.

Also completing from our club were Paul Ertman (standard 8 ball), Rob Pulvino (super senior 8ball and 9ball). Jim Janssens (8 ball open and 9 ball open), Randy Salzwedel (8 ball masters) Linda Asleson (8 ball masters and 8 ball scotch doubles advanced division).

Rule of the Month



The following doesn't relate to a specific pool rule but is Common Sense as it relates to using the Club's pool tables. As previously noted, our pool tables were recently reclothed and leveled. The Club would like to keep the tables in the current pristine condition that they are currently in. Please remember not to bring in any open container of liquids, we only allow containers that have lids that close, and only water is allowed. In addition, please refrain from putting your cue bags on the tables. Putting bags on the tables may cause a snag on the new cloth and we don't want that. **So, Bottom Line, please treat our tables with some TLC.**

Also, be aware of non-Club Grand residents and guests and how they are treating our tables. If you notice an activity that isn't right, please notify them.

