



SUN CITY ANTHEM

BILLIARDS CLUB

SCA Billiards New Member Orientation

Welcome from the Board of Directors and members of the SCA Billiards Club. This document will hopefully give you a good understanding of our club and how to get the most from your membership. Here in Sun City Anthem there are many clubs and activities to keep everyone busy every day. We have a beautiful Billiard room with various types of tables. We offer both structured and unstructured play and can meet the needs of new players who are just getting interested and more competitive players who have been playing pool seriously for any length of time.

We play pool for camaraderie and friendly competition. Hopefully we will also make new friends. Like many of our members you may not have played pool for quite a while, so relax while you get your stroke back and have fun.

We have two divisions called the Active Flights and the Social List. Before being assigned to either of these groups each person must become a member by paying a ten-dollar membership fee.

Active Flights currently consist of four Flights, or groups of ranked players. A player's rank is initially determined after evaluation by two club Officers, Flight Leaders or other designated members who determine a player's initial placement in an Active Flight. You are assigned to the bottom of an appropriate flight and will be assigned to a tournament as soon as possible. Your ranking will then rise or fall based on the number of tournaments played and success you have when competing in them.

Tournaments occur each weekday from 1:00 p.m. to about 5:00 p.m. Each of the four flights have one scheduled tournament day a week, leaving 1 weekday available for a Doubles tournament. These tournaments have exclusive

use of four 9ft. tables leaving three 9ft. and two 7ft. tables available for the open play by residents. The scheduled tournament days rotate every three months to allow our members to also participate in other club's activities which conflict with the scheduled day you would play in a tournament. Tournaments are scheduled and monitored by Flight Leaders. The Flight Leader will schedule players in his/her flight if they want to play in the upcoming tournament, via email, phone or in person.

The club is presently using the USAPL/CSI rules of competition. They may be a little different in a few respects from what you are used to but not to fear, we'll get you up to speed quickly.

The Social List consist of members who either can't play for various reasons like travel, or illness. Some social members prefer not to participate in tournament competition. Many of these players do participate in league play. Social list members can be found playing in pick-up games quite frequently and when we are unable to field enough players for a tournament a social player may occasionally step up and fill the vacancy.

League Activity

Another aspect of our club is the league play. The club reserves 6 tables one evening a week and 6 tables one morning a week. We currently have six 8 Ball teams playing in the evening and six 9 Ball teams playing in the morning. There are weekly dues each member on a team pays toward a prize fund at the end of the season. Teams may also win an entry to the National USAPL Tournament held at the Rio Hotel every July. Every effort will be made to place a member on a team if there is space available. If space is not available don't quickly get discouraged as that can and does change on a somewhat frequent basis. To find out if any openings exist check with any Officer or Flight Leader or just ask around when you're in the room shooting.

We also have a Three Cushion Billiard league that is playing weekly. We received the carom table just a few years ago and many players had never played this game. The interest has grown steadily and we have a large group of players competing regularly now.

Special Events

We have an Oktoberfest celebration each year. This includes a tournament for each Flight. It is followed by a luncheon for members and guests. The food and entertainment changes each year. We give awards to tournament winners and acknowledge the efforts of many club members. Overall, it is a lot of fun and we can meet both friends and family that attend with the club members.

Other activities like picnics, guest speakers and billiard instructors, or various special tournaments occur depending on the motivation of the members.

As you can see we are an active club and can meet the needs of many types of players. Whether you are just learning, or highly competitive you will find something to interest you in the club. We have instructors willing to help new players, tables of various sizes and types, structured and unstructured activity. If you have any further questions regarding the club contact an Officer and they will be happy to help you. In the meantime, shoot some pool and have some fun.