



# The B.C.W. Newsletter

Featuring the 25th year of the BCW Open Nineball Tour

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After a year off, the new BCW season starts in a few weeks, so mark your calendars for Class B Stop #1 on Saturday September 13th at Sharkey's in Waukesha and Master's Stop #1 on Sunday September 14th at Bo Dudley's in Oshkosh. Let's get the new season off to a great start!

The Billiard Congress of Wisconsin, or simply the BCW, is a not for profit organization whose purpose is to promote the advancement of pocket billiards in Wisconsin. We do this by conducting quality tournaments on championship tables in the best pool halls in the state. For 33 years, the BCW has conducted the Wisconsin State Pocket Billiard Championships. In 2003-2004, the BCW will be running three separate tours, Master's, Class A, and Class B tours. All tournaments start at 12:00 noon sharp. The Class A and Class B tournaments are open to Wisconsin Residents only, while the Master's tournaments are open to out of state residents.

We will not be running a separate Junior's tour this year like was done in the past. The turnout for these events was just not that large and it will already be a lot of work getting the BCW back up and running. However, I would like to encourage any Junior players to participate in the regular BCW tournaments. If enough Junior players participate in the BCW this season, I will consider re-opening the Junior tour next year. However, I do plan on still holding a separate Junior division at the end of the year Wisconsin State Tournament, and any Junior players that participate in the regular BCW tournaments will be given first priority to play in the Junior Wisconsin State Tournament.

At this time, it is not certain that the Wisconsin State Tournament will be held at the Sports Show due to the fact that the Sports Show has been relocated and the BCW has been off for a year. It is my preference to hold it there again this year if at all possible. I will be checking into that possibility in the near future and will keep everyone informed of any information I receive. However, I will also be checking into some alternative locations for holding the State Tournament and I want to assure everyone that there will be a State Tournament somewhere, and I will announce the dates and location as soon as possible.

### Please Support our Sports Show Sponsors

Once again the Sports Show was a great success. This would not be possible without the significant contributions from our sponsors, Master Z's Dart & Pool Supply of Waukesha, Viking Cue of Madison, Pechauer Cues of Green Bay, Gorina Trading of Chicago, and Premium Waters of New Berlin. Please support these fine businesses.

## The Green Room – Madison 2003-04 Tourney Schedule

Sept 20th	Mixed Scotch Doubles 8-ball
Sept 27th	BCA Pechauer Tour 9-ball
Oct 25th	Women's Singles 8-ball
Oct 26th	The Green Room A/B 9-ball (9-ft)
Nov 15th	BCA Pechauer Tour 8-ball
Nov 22nd	Women's Partners 8-ball (1 master per team)
Nov 30th	The Green Room A/B 9-ball (9-ft)
Dec 20th	Mixed Scotch Doubles 8-ball
Jan 17th	Women's Singles 8-ball
Jan 24th	BCA Pechauer Tour 8-ball
Feb 21st	Mixed Scotch Doubles 8-ball
Mar 20th	Men's and Women's Singles 8-ball
Apr 3rd	BCA Pechauer Tour 9-ball
Apr 24th	Mixed Scotch Doubles 8-ball

We will have separate Class A and Class B tours again this year. Open to all A and B players, the Class A tournaments will be handicapped with players racing to 5 or 6 for B players, and 7 or 8 for A players. The Class B tour is open only to Class B players. The races are to the players rating, 5 or 6. As we have done in past years, there will be three separate point lists. Points earned in any BCW event you play in count in your point list. You must be in the top 32 players in the point list for your class to be guaranteed a spot in the Wisconsin State Championships.

The Master tour is open to Wisconsin residents and out of state residents this year. The Master stops are not handicapped and each match is a race to 9 games. The entry fee for the Master tournaments will be \$50, and there will \$300 added to each event. These events are a perfect opportunity for the Class A and Class B players to match their skills against the best in the Midwest for a reasonable entry fee.

The BCW would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed Mercier for doing such a great job running the BCW for 11 years. He took over for Bruce Venzke in 1991 and not only continued the excellence Bruce started, but continued to grow the BCW into the fine association that it has become. The BCW would not be where it is today without the huge contributions from both Ed and Bruce. Ed and Bruce are both Master's players in the BCW and both are expected to appear at a few Master's stops this year. So if you have the opportunity, I'd be sure to thank them for everything they have given us over the years. I just hope to continue the tradition that they started.



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For the most part, I will be running things similar to how Ed ran the BCW, however I would like to make everyone aware of a few changes that I will be implementing. In an interest to keep things moving at the tournaments, I am going to limit the number of players for each tournament. In the smaller pool halls, the **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR EACH TOURNAMENT WILL BE 32!!!** For the larger pool halls, the **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR EACH TOURNAMENT WILL BE 48!!!** The purpose of this rule is both so the pool halls don't have their tables tied up until very late in the night and also so the players don't have to sit around for so many hours waiting for their matches. Often times when there are too many players for the number of tables in a given room, players would have to wait 2 or 3 hours between matches early on in the tournament. While I want as many players as possible to be members in the BCW and to play in as many tournaments as possible, I also want things to run smoother and the tournaments to be finished on a more timely basis. I want to make sure everyone is aware of these player limits so that nobody gets to a tournament late and gets upset because they are not allowed to play. So please arrive at the tournament well before noon so you can sign up and guarantee yourself a spot in the tournament. You can also get some practice time in before the tournament starts. The tournaments will begin at noon sharp whether or not all the spots for that tournament are filled or not. I will make a note on the following page of which pool halls will have the 32 player limit and which ones will have the 48 player limit. The following pool halls will be limited to 32 players:

Classic Billiards  
J-Riley's  
Outbreak Billiards  
Shark's Club  
Wisconsin Billiards

## PLAYER RATINGS

I'd also like to let everyone know that due to some computer problems, Ed was not able to get me the latest copies of all his documents. So the player rankings and mailing list that I have are about two years old. While I've done my best to update both lists, I'm sure there are going to be some mistakes. For example, I don't even have the Sports Show results from 2002. Ed is going to do his best to get me the updated lists prior to the first tournament, so unfortunately I won't be able to announce which players will have their ratings increased at this time. However, if you finished first, second, or third in the Class A or Class B divisions in 2002, you know who you are and in all likelihood, your ratings will be increased, so I wouldn't show up at a lower tournament, hoping to get in. I will do my best to get everything updated as soon as I can, and when I do, I will send out an email to anyone who's email address I have and will also post it on the BCW website. Also, if anyone you know who was a BCW member in the past or is interested in the BCW does not receive this newsletter because they have moved and I don't have their current address, please have them contact me and I will update my list.



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## 2003/2004 BCW Tournament Schedule

Day	Date	Place	Tournament	Day	Date	Place	Tournament
Sat	Sept 13th	Sharkey's	B #1	Sat	Dec 6th	Bo Dudley's	A #7
Sun	Sept 14th	Bo Dudley's	Master's #1	Sun	Dec 7th	Romine's	B #6
Sat	Sept 20th	Wisconsin B.	A #1	Sat	Dec 13th	Green Room	Master's #7
Sun	Sept 28th	Carom Room	B #2	Sun	Dec 14th	Cue-Nique	B #7
Sat	Oct 4th	Green Room	A #2	Sun	Dec 21st	J-Riley's	A #8
Sun	Oct 5th	Cue-Nique	Master's #2	Sat	Jan 3rd	Shark's Club	Master's #8
Sat	Oct 11th	Romine's	A #3	Sun	Jan 11th	Outbreak B.	A #9
Sun	Oct 12th	Outbreak B.	Master's #3	Sat	Jan 17th	Wisconsin B.	Master's #9
Sat	Oct 18th	Shark's Club	B #3	Sun	Jan 18th	Classic B.	B #8
Sun	Oct 19th	J-Riley's	Master's #4	Sat	Jan 24th	Sharkey's	Master's #10
Sat	Oct 25th	Classic B.	Master's #5	Sun	Jan 25th	Green Room	B #9
Sun	Oct 26th	Wisconsin B.	B #4	Sat	Jan 31st	Shark's Club	A #10
Sun	Nov 2nd	Sharkey's	A #4	Sun	Feb 8th	Romine's	Master's #11
Sat	Nov 8th	Cue-Nique	A #5	Sat	Feb 14th	Bo Dudley's	B #10
Sun	Nov 9th	Carom Room	Master's #6	Sun	Feb 15th	Carom Room	A #11
Sun	Nov 16th	Outbreak B.	B #5	Sun	Feb 22nd	J-Riley's	B #11
Sat	Nov 22nd	Classic B.	A #6				

## BCW Tournament Formats

(All double elimination, Annual \$25 fee for BCW membership)

Master's Division	\$50 entry	\$5 to room, \$4 to Sports Show fund, \$4 to TD, \$37 to Prize Fund and \$300 added	9-ball, race to 9, no handicap. If 3 or more women enter, \$50 to the high woman.
A Division	\$45 entry	\$5 to room, \$4 to Sports Show fund, \$4 to TD, \$32 to Prize Fund	9-ball handicapped, race to 5, 6, 7, or 8 based on rating. If 3 or more women enter, \$50 to the high woman.
B Division	\$35 entry	\$5 to room, \$4 to Sports Show fund, \$4 to TD, \$22 to Prize Fund	9-ball handicapped, race to 5 or 6, based on rating. If 3 or more women enter, \$50 to the high woman.

## Please support your BCW Member Rooms:

(\* - 32 player limit, \*\* - 48 player limit)

<b>Bo Dudley's **</b>	<b>570 N. Main St.</b>	<b>Oshkosh</b>	<b>920-230-4530</b>
<b>Carom Room *</b>	<b>614 E Grand Ave.</b>	<b>Beloit</b>	<b>608-365-1811</b>
<b>Classic Billiards *</b>	<b>7517 22nd Ave.</b>	<b>Kenosha</b>	<b>262-658-8240</b>
<b>Cue-Nique Billiards **</b>	<b>317 W. Gorham St.</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>608-251-1134</b>
<b>The Green Room **</b>	<b>5618 Odana Rd.</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>608-277-8588</b>
<b>J-Riley's *</b>	<b>N85 W15964 Appleton Ave.</b>	<b>Menomonee Falls</b>	<b>262-255-9937</b>
<b>Outbreak Billiards *</b>	<b>1717 Douglas Ave.</b>	<b>Racine</b>	<b>262-638-0821</b>
<b>Romine's High Pockets **</b>	<b>6125 S. 27th St.</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>414-281-2212</b>
<b>Shark's Club *</b>	<b>318 West College Ave.</b>	<b>Appleton</b>	<b>920-830-0083</b>
<b>Sharkey's **</b>	<b>2454 N. Grandview Blvd.</b>	<b>Waukesha</b>	<b>262-650-1599</b>
<b>Wisconsin Billiards *</b>	<b>2715 W. Wisconsin Ave.</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>414-344-5666</b>

Top point finishers in the Master, A, and B point list will receive free entry to the 2004 State Tournament!