OSSL Newsletter **August 2, 2023**

Greetings OSSL members!

The summer is going by quickly. We are already into August and that means the OSSL 2024 will be starting up again in just a few weeks time.

The first event will be Saturday September 2nd at Frederick St. Billiards.

The fall schedule is now posted on the OSSL.Club website. We will arrange to have hard copies at the rooms over the next few weeks.

Executive

We did not have an election for Executive positions, as there were no candidates.

Therefore the Executive for this year will be Glen Armstrong President, Deo DeDominicis Treasurer, Ron Parker Tournament Coordinator and John Berrigan taking over from Nunzio Zante as Vice-President and Website Manager.

The League Constitution has been updated to reflect the Executive positions and responsibilities.

Costs and Fee Structure

Last year we were pleased to see that we ended in a break even position, and since we don't expect our costs to differ too much this year, we have decided that we can maintain the fee structure of $40.00 membership and $20.00 per regular event for the upcoming season. Seems like the OSSL is the only thing in our lives that is not costing more!

Format Changes

- Kevin Brown and Cisco Boshis suggested that with 20, 21 or 22 players it would speed up play with two groups instead of four, We experimented with this last year and it proved to be a benefit so we have adopted this format for this year and all tournament sheets will be changed.
- Doug Greenaway suggested that five points should be awarded for frames won in majors. We are adopting that suggestion for this year, but only for full rack frames won.
- Rob Hughes asked if we would consider running two tournaments concurrently on Tuesdays, but we felt doing so would water down attendance at each event, so we will not be proceeding with this request.
- Rob Hughes proposed some changes to the tie breaker procedures but we felt the changes would overly complicate things for the room directors so we decided to stay with the current tie breaker format.
- No changes to rules or handicap system.

Room Directors

We have a number of members who have stepped up to fill the role of room director for this season. Kevin Brown, Andrew Ellis, Hermann Schmidt, Sam Collura and Mark Ryall will all help spread the load so we are very good shape for the running of tournaments. Thank you guys!

So it looks like we are all systems go to start the new season.

Hope to see you all soon.

Regards

Glen Armstrong

President OSSL