

## Week 8 of League 27 Winter 2023 Newsletter

The leader board changed a bit as Ray jumped up two spots to move into 1<sup>st</sup> place. Eddie drops a spot into 2nd as does Jason dropping to 3rd. Walter continues to climb back into contention as he has moved up into fourth place tie with Scott Kroll. Our second position round takes place this week. Good luck to all and have fun.



Table 1: #10 Karen & #6 John vs #1 Bye & & 2 Linda: John got on a roll to start the 8 Ball Set posting the opening win and then not slowing down. Some very nice shots and position play kept him on the table a lot. He put together three quick wins in the set and kept Linda from getting on the score sheet. That changed rather quickly as Linda got a few openings and took advantage of the mistakes by her opponents. She nailed down the win in game 4, and then seemed to get into a nice rhythm. She had a four-ball run in game 5 and then closed out the set with some nice shots to finish off game 6. This set turned into a tie even though John seemed to come out of his slump that has plagued him the last few weeks. Linda continued to find shots to get things started in the 9 Ball Set with the opening win. She didn't seem to slow down much as she again potted the 9 ball for the second win in a row in the set. This gave her a 5-game winning streak after closing out the first set with three in a row. A few misses by Linda opened the door again for her opponents and Karen got her chance to nail down a win. A few nice shots with some key position play got her and John the win in game 3. It was John following Karen's lead and putting together a nice run in game 4 to nail down another win and even up the set at 2 games each. Karen seemed to get into a nice rhythm and with misses by Linda notched back-to-back wins and closed out the set with a 4-2 win. This gave her and John a twogame lead in the match heading into the 10 Ball Set. John nailed a win in game 1 of the set and he and Karen made it five straight wins. Linda put a halt to the win streak and put a decent run together to capture the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. John finished off game 3 and Karen followed with the win in game 4 to assure the team of the match win. Linda didn't seem to slow down with some very impressive shots, she nailed the win in game 5 and took game 6. The teams split the set, but John and Karen won the match by 2 points in a close match. Nice shooting all around by everyone in this match.

John (6) - Karen (4)



Linda (8)



Table 2: #8 Scott K & #3 Dale vs #9 Scott S(Sub Cliff) & #1 Walter: Scott K continues to improve his game and he and Dale gave his opponents a tough battle. Scott K opened the <u>8 Ball Set</u> with a game one winner taking advantage of some missed opportunities by their opponents. He continued to get chances in the second and third game and made good with back-to-back wins to take a 3-game lead in the set. Walter was able to close out game 4 with some great shooting and position play to slow down his opponents momentarily. Dale got his chance and closed out game 5 and Scott followed Dale with another win for their team. This gave Dale & Scott a 5-1 set win to get a quick lead in the match. Cliff was filling in for Scott Sharp who is on vacation but will be back in week 10. Cliff got his chance to pot a winner and opened the 9 Ball Set with a game one winner in the set. Then it was Scott again putting together some nice runs and shot making together to nail down the win in games 2 & 3 and giving him and Dale a 5-game lead in the match. But you never count Walter's ability to come through when he needs it too and he got things started with a 4-9 combo in game 4. He continued to shoot well and notched a win in game 5. Cliff, who started the set with a win finish the set with the final win in game 6. This match was all tied up heading into the 10 Ball Set. Walter got his team on the score sheet first as he put together a nice run to finish off game 1. Walter seemed to be on his game more in the last two sets as he nailed the win in game 2. Cliff seemed to get some spark from Walter winning the first two games and seemed to get more comfortable making some nice shots and keeping great position to finish off game 3. Cliff then got more chances from misses by the opponents and strung together two more wins for the team as they win 8 straight games in the final two sets, that gave them the match. Scott got the last game for him and Dale to finish with a lone point in the set. It was a good match and stayed close the entire time. Nice shooting by everyone.

Scott S (5) – Walter (5) (Sub Cliff)



Scott K (7) - Dale (1)



Table 3: #2 Bye & #7 Ray vs #4 Jason & #5 Eddie: This was going to be a tough match for Ray as he was pitted against the first place and second place players in the league. Ray was playing solo, so he got a few more chances to pocket balls against two good shooters. Mistakes cost Eddie & Jason in the <u>8 Ball Set</u> right from the start. Misses and scratches at the most inopportune times favored Ray in the opening game putting game one on his scoresheet. Eddie put together a 5-ball run that put him and Jason on the score sheet in game 2. Then it just seemed like with a few good safeties by Ray and missed opportunities by his opponents the door stayed wide open for him to get into a nice shooting rhythm. He notched wins in the next four games with some very nice shots and very nice position play, taking advantage of the mistakes made by his opponents. When it was over, it was a 5-1 set win for Ray, getting a jump on his competitors early in the match. Eddie seemed to get on track to start the 9 Ball Set. and nailed a 6-9 combo to take game one. He continued to shoot well and with a few nice safeties by Jason, notched a win in game two. Ray got on the scoresheet in game 3 with a nice four ball run and then followed up that win with a 5-9 combo win in game 4. Jason got into the scoring act with a 5 ball run in game 5 as he and Eddie took a one game lead in the set. Ray answered with some key shots and finished off the final game to split the set at 3-3 with Jason and Eddie. After a few misses by Ray, Jason got his chance to notch a win to start the 10 Ball Set. Ray evened up the set with a nice win in game 2. Again, Ray seemed to get extra chances and stayed in a very nice shooting rhythm. Eddie tried to change the momentum for his team pounding a game winner in game 3. Ray found a possible combination shot using the 5 ball and the 10 ball found the pocket for a win in game 4. Ray continued to shoot well and notched the win in game 5 that assured him of no less than a tie in the final set. Eddie closed out the final game with a four ball and out run. The final set was all tied up like the second set. The difference in the match was the eight-ball set that gave Ray the cushion he needed to win the match. All in all, it was a close match with very nice shooting by all.

Ray (11)



Eddie (5) - Jason (2)