

Week 13 of League 27 Winter 2023 Newsletter

Walter remained in first place but now has company at the top as Ray moved up two slots to move into a tie with him as we head into the final week of play. This week is our final position round before the payback party on the 20th of April. Good luck and good shooting to all in our final play of the season.



Table 1: #3 Dale & #10 Karen vs #4 Jason (sub Tim) & #6 John: Dale continues to show great improvement in his shooting skills and posted a win in last weeks match. John got him and Tim on the score sheet first in the 8 Ball Set nailing the game winner. Then Dale seemed to capitalize on misses by his opponents and started finishing games one after another. He put together a nice run in game 2 and then seemed to stay in a very focused shooting rhythm. He nailed game 3 and game 4 to jump into a 3-1 lead in the set. John stopped the mini run with his own run in game 5 and cut the lead to a game. It was all Dale in game 6 as both Tim and John could not close out the game. Dale finished the set with a 4-2 lead in the match. Dale continued to get extra chances, especially with two shots each rack. He nailed down the first and second game to get things started in the 9 Ball Set. Dale then seemed to miss his chance to add more games to his win column, and Tim seemed to find great chances to get into the set. He made a couple of nice shots to post the win for him and John in game 3. John followed Tim's lead and with a couple of nice shots and some nice position play notched the win in game 4. Again, too many misses by Dale kept the door open for John and Tim. Tim took advantage and put together back to back wins to close out the set and even up the match heading into the 10 Ball Set. Dale started the set with a game one winner and then watched Tim finish off the second game to keep things even. Then it was all Dale, taking advantage of missed shots and some nice runs to take games 3. He didn't seem to slow down at all and put together winning shots in game 4, 5 & 6 with some very nice shooting and safety play to keep his opponents off the table long enough to post wins. It turned into a 5-1 set win and match win for Dale. Very nice effort and try by Tim & John and nice shooting by Dale.

Dale (11)



(Sub) Tim (4) – John (3)



Table 2: Bye #2 & #7 Ray vs #8 Scott K & & #9 Scott S: This match should have been closer than it turn out as Scott K & Scott S seemed to be off just enough to give Ray several chances to win games. Ray was playing very well and took advantage of missed shots and easy set ups throughout the **8 Ball Set**. Ray just got too many chances and made the best of each one. He put together nice runs and key safeties nailing game one and didn't seem to have any problems from game one and on. He continued to shoot well and posted wins in the next 5 games to shut out his opponents with a 6-0 set win. He continued to get favors from both Scott S and Scott K in the 9 Ball Set as each miss by the opponents opened the door for win after win. He nailed down game one and never looked back. He took game 2, 3, 4 and 5 before the opponents finally put together a nice run and some key safe plays by Scott K to give Scott S a chance and closed out game 6 with the win. This set ended with a 5-1 set win by Ray. This gave Ray a sure win in the match with a 10 game lead. Ray nailed down game one to start the 10 Ball Set. He got a chance for a combination shot using the 3 ball to pocket the 10 ball take and take a 2 game lead in the set. Scott K had a nice run that led up to a nice 8-10 combination that he nailed to post a win in game 3. Scott S followed up his partner with a ten ball on the break to even up the set. It was all Ray from then on as missed shots and good starting positions kept Ray on the table more than his opponents. He closed out the set with back to back wins and a 4-2 set win. It was an admirable try by Scott and Scott and nice shooting by Ray. Ray moves into a first place tie with Walter.

Ray (15)

<u>Scott S (2) – Scott K (1)</u>



Table 3: #1 Walter & Bye #1 vs #2 Linda & #5 Eddie: With Walter playing with the bye, Eddie and Linda had their hands full against one of better shooters in the league. Walter got things going with an opening win in game one of the 8 Ball Set. He continued to get extra shots and made the game winner in games 2 and then again in game 3 to take a 3-0 lead in the set. Eddie finally broke through with a nice run and finish to nail down the win in game 4. A few misses by Walter gave Eddie and Linda more chances and they made the best of it with some nice shots and good safety play to win game 5 to close within a game in the set. Walter closed out game 6 with some very nice position play leading to another game winner and a 4-2 set win. Walter got off to a very nice start in the 9 Ball Set putting together a very nice run to notch game 1. The momentum seemed to stay with Walter with some great shooting and pinpoint position play to nail down game 2. He put another win on the sheet in game 3 and then pounded in a 9 ball on the break in game 4. Eddie and Linda could only watch as Walter continued to shoot fluidly and found a very quick win in game 5 using the 1 ball to drop the 9 ball on a combination shot. It was a clean sweep in the set as Walter finished off the set with a final win in game 6 and a seven game run from the end of the previous set. Eddie and Linda seemed to excel much better in the 10 Ball Set as Eddie nailed down the opening win in game 1 using the 5 ball to drop the 10 ball into the pocket for a combination shot winner. A few good safeties by Linda helped to hold down Walter long enough to give Eddie some extra chances and he made it work. He nailed game winners in 2, 3 & 4 with some very nice shooting and took take a 4 – 0 lead in the set. Walter wasn't going away that easily. He put a very nice run together in game 5 and finished off the game with his second on the break game winner to close out the final set. He lost the set but won the match doubling the total that his opponents had, winning by 6 points. With the win, Walter remains in first place but not alone now as Ray has move up two slots into a tie with him. Nice shooting by Walter and a very honorable try by Eddie & Linda.

Walter (12)



Eddie (6) - Linda (0)