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Fun Ways To Enjoy Pool & Billiards

By Dennis Conner

Billiards is a term used to describe a family of games that are played on a table and with a cue

stick. Commonly, the stick is used to strike billiard balls and move them around the table. Billiard games are played indoors and the most popular, which many people enjoy, is the game of pool.

Common pool games include 8-ball, 9-ball, straight pool and one-pocket. Pool tables are large square units that feature pockets for players to attempt sending the balls into. Previously exclusive to pool rooms, the game of pool has now become a popular household addition to many homes. Pool enthusiasts often include a pool room in their own home, which features a table, cue sticks and billiard balls. This is a terrific game for entertaining and is one of the most enjoyable games of competition that can be played indoors.

Because the game of pool is so very popular, it is used to entertain on many occasions. This article will attempt to provide a few ideas for hosting a pool tournament or competition in the comfort of your own home.

\$ Pool is a terrific pastime to enjoy in the company of friends and family. Perhaps a family game of men against women or friends playing on teams against one another would make for a fun evening.

\$ If you are having a family reunion or other social event, consider inviting everyone into your home for a friendly game of pool.

\$ What if boys night out transformed into boys night in with a game of pool? This is a terrific way for him to have fun with his friends, but still enjoy the comforts of home.

\$ If you are entering a professional pool tournament with the opportunity to win cash or other prizes, you will need to be on top of your game. Having a pool table in your home or basement may just provide you with the additional practice time and edge that you need to win out over the competition. If practice makes perfect, then you will be glad to have a pool table within your reach at any given moment.

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\$ Pool doesn't have to be a competition. In fact, there is nothing wrong with practicing alone and just mastering some of your best pool moves.

Pool tables are available in a variety of sizes and are designed to fit an array of budgets. Large tables are designed for adults, but even the kiddies often love to play. For the youngsters, small pool tables are designed of sturdy plastic and feature small cue sticks and billiard balls for their enjoyment. Large tables range in price from several hundred dollars and up depending on the quality and type of table that you purchase. Children's pool tables, on the other hand, are very inexpensive and can be found for less than \$50.00. Thanks to the creative minds of toy manufacturers, pool really can be a family sport.

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Billiards

By Jennifer Brown

Billiards is an age-old game and to some, a serious sport. While your idea of fun might involve a casual game of snooker or eight ball, you should also possess a general knowledge of the grand old game of billiards.

The rules of billiards are quite simple, and not too unlike the barroom sport you're more inclined to play.

* In billiards, all of the balls within the racking triangle must be touching. If you take the break shot, strike the cue ball with your cue stick to initiate play of the game. Anything other than a direct strike of the cue ball can result in your disqualification.

* In regulation billiards, it is essential to call every shot. If you are playing under these rules, you must call the shot out loud before the stroke of the cue stick, indicating the ball you are shooting for and the pocket or combination you are attempting to hit. If you do not pocket your shot, your turn comes to an end. Any extra balls that are pocketed however, are credited to you.

* A billiards ball is only considered pocketed when it falls into the pocket and stays there. This includes balls that may fall through the pocket onto the floor. If the billiards ball bounces out of the pocket and

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back onto the table, it is not considered pocketed and the ball is still in play.

* Each of your shots must be made with both feet set firmly on the ground. Any billiards shot that you make with one foot raised off the ground, even slightly, is cause for disqualification.

* As the shooter, you can also be disqualified from the billiards game if you make a shot while one or more balls are still in motion. Billiards players must wait for all of the balls to come to a complete stop before taking the next shot.

* At any time, if the cue ball is pocketed on a shot, that player's turn is over.

* If a billiards ball jumps off of the playing surface as a result of a shot, that shot is considered foul. The ball can jump, but not leave the playing surface (rail or floor) without penalty. If your ball lands on the floor or rail, it is considered foul and must be replaced after all other billiards balls from the shot have stopped moving.

You never know when a new opponent might challenge you to a game of billiards. If you know the rules you'll be ready to join in the fun. Besides, having an understanding of proper billiards might just help you to become a better pool or snooker player.

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