

Fargo Billiards & Gastropub

Flatland Pool Leagues

-Spring 2010 Newsletter-

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1. A note from us

We have 31 teams this—our inaugural—year in three divisions. Our “masters” night, aka the Thursday 2100 Division, has 15 teams and 101 players. Our Tuesday Intermediate (1850) and our Monday Fun (1400) Divisions have 8 teams each-- 67 and 46 players, respectively. While these numbers may seem pretty good given that we opened for business only a few weeks before the start of the league season, we anticipate from the buzz out there they'll be quite a bit higher next year and in years to come.

Our system of **Fargo Ratings** is gaining attention elsewhere as the way to rate and monitor 8-ball players more broadly. To date, we have 317 players that have between them played 11,650 8-ball games that have contributed

to rating updates. This includes league as well as the weekly Sunday 8-ball tournament.

2. Player Appreciation Night

Thursday evening May 6, 6:30 pm please join us for a special player appreciation party. We invite all players—Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday players—to this event. We'll put out a spread of food that'll get your attention and get your mouth watering. There is no fee to attend, enjoy some good Gastrogrub, and enjoy the tables. The KING-OF-THE-HILL Full-contact Scotch Doubles Speed Pool competition will be a blast. Random prizes and awards. Not to be missed.

3. League Singles & Team Tournament May 8-9, 2010 at FBG

Singles League Championship Tournament – Saturday May 8, 9:00 am

Just two days after the Player Appreciation party is the singles league championship tournament. This is a handicapped double-elimination event that we encourage everybody from every division to enjoy. Each player races to his or her number, as follows

<u>Player's Fargo Rating</u>	<u>Race to this number of games</u>
626 and over	8
576 – 625	7
526-575	6
476-525	5
426-475	4
376-425	3
375 and under	2

Speed-up rules may apply

Entry fee for this tournament is \$15 (includes a \$5 greens fee), and there will be \$1,500 added to the prize fund. So, for example, with **100 players**, the payouts will look like

<u>Place</u>	<u>Payout</u>
1st	\$500
2nd	\$400
3rd	\$300
4th	\$250
5-6	\$175
7-8	\$100
9-12	\$75
13-16	\$50
17-24	\$25

Team League Championship Tournament – Sunday May 9, 9:00 am

We'd like to see all 31 teams take a crack at this one. This tournament too will be handicapped—and with a novel format. Each team will enter with a rating that is the sum of the players' current Fargo Ratings. Suppose team A (2000) plays team B (1500) –a 500 point gap. The teams will race to a predetermined point total, such as 150 points. The higher-rated team racks up points as usual (# balls pocketed for a loss and 10 points for a win). The lower-rated team earns # balls pocketed for a loss and a larger value for a win, such as 15 for a win in this case. A chart will be available for all matchups.

Entry fee for this tournament is \$80 per team. There is \$2,000 added to this tournament as well—for a total of \$3,500 added for the weekend.

4. BCA Pool League National Championships, Las Vegas, NV

Check it out at www.playbca.com. Look for the 20-page pdf document; this is probably the largest pool tournament on the planet. The open singles events (May 15-18) cost \$125 to enter. As of now flights are about \$280 from Fargo. Rooms at the Riviera are \$85 and can be shared! Flatland Pool Leagues will cover \$300 of costs of any player with at least 15 weeks of league. Signup deadline to avoid a late fee is March 28 postmark.

5. League Payout

In addition to other payouts described earlier, Flatland Pool Leagues will do a modest traditional team cash payout as follows:

Thursday Advanced			
1	\$400	7	\$160
2	\$300	8	\$150
3	\$250	9	\$140
4	\$200	10	\$130
5	\$180	11	\$120
6	\$170	12	\$100

Tuesday Intermediate	
1	\$300
2	\$250
3	\$200
4	\$180
5	\$140
6	\$120

Monday Fun	
1	\$300
2	\$250
3	\$200
4	\$180
5	\$140
6	\$120

6. Summer Leagues (Tues & Thurs) Three-player teams begin June 1, 3

Mix it up a little. Play with some different people. This is a great opportunity to bring in some new people—or a great opportunity for folks to give Flatland Pool Leagues a try without making a full-year commitment. So spread the word. Sign-up sheets are available at the service counter.

- 3-player teams
- Six week sessions
- For players at all levels
- Tuesday or Thursday nights
- Play 6 games of 8-ball and 6 games of 9-ball
- Signup sheets at front desk
- \$12/night – Free pool the day of league

Session 1: begins June 1/3

Session 2: begins July 13/15

Sum of three Fargo Ratings determines a team's rank as follows

<u>Sum of Fargo Ratings</u>	<u>Team Rank</u>
over 1600	5A
1451-1600	4A
1301-1450	3A
1151-1300	2A
1150 and under	1A

Payout – Teams play 36 games per night and get paid for every game win

Team Rank 5A - \$0.60 per win

Team Rank 4A - \$0.75 per win

Team Rank 3A - \$0.90 per win

Team Rank 2A - \$1.25 per win

Team Rank 1A - \$1.50 per win

Payouts accumulate for five weeks and are paid out on week six—a tournament week.

7. 2010/2011 Season

Team signups for next year will be accepted beginning June 1, 2010. We expect to reach our maximum number of teams, so sign-up early to ensure a spot in the upcoming league season. We will have the same cutoff for the Thursday Advanced as we did this year: 2100 points. This means the top few teams from this year will be ineligible without a change. It also means more teams will be competitive in the division. The ratings that count are the ratings at the time a team pays its fees and signs up. That is, a team that signs up in June and is under 2100 will remain eligible even if the team is over 2100 in August. Other division cutoffs are still under review.

Any questions feel free to contact

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