

Beginning/Intermediate Pool Class
5 - 2 hr classes (including up to 20hrs of table time)
Saturdays; March 3 – March 31, 2018
11a to 1pm at Illinois Billiards Club
8446 Archer Ave, **Willow Springs**, IL 60480
Instructors: Drs. Dean Bass and Ron Shepard
Cost: \$100
Space is limited - Sign up @ deanbass@mac.com

Illinois Billiards Club (IBC) is a private club in an historic pool and banquet hall. We have special arrangements with the club to use the facility for the class. It will be taught on 9' tables but they have a 10' billiards table and pool table. This class will focus on fundamentals and is perfect for beginners and a great review for more advanced players. Don't forget friends and family that might be interested in learning. There will be lots of one on one time with the instructors and the class will be highly interactive. It will include at least 10 hours of structured instruction time and an additional 5 to 15 hours of practice/ warm up time before and after the classes where the instructors are available to the students. A syllabus will be available to all students.

Topics include:

Equipment (table, cues, tips, balls)
Fundamentals (Pendulum swing, stance, bridges, etc)
Shot making techniques
Shot selection
Types of shots (bank, kick, carom, throw, limited: masse, jump, trick)
Position play (limited)
English (limited)
Strategies (limited)
Games (8 Ball, 9 Ball, 14.1, Cut-throat, Billiards)

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Week 1

Introductions

- Instructors/Students
- Course Structure

Equipment

- Table (size, types, cloths)
- Cues (length, weight, types, tips)
- Fundamentals (Stance, Bridge, Swing)
- The Pendulum Swing
- Bridge Fundamentals (Shooting off the rail)
- Making Shots (Visualization, thought sequences)

Week 2

- The Pendulum Swing (Review)
- Bridge Fundamentals (Review, Shooting over balls)
- Making Shots (Cut shots, long shots, Shot Selection)
- Playing position
- 15 ball - drill
- Games: 8-Ball (Rules/Strategies)
- Bridge Fundamentals (Review, mechanical bridge)

Week 3

- Making Shots (Kiss shots, Combinations)
- Games: 9- Ball, Rotation (Rules/Strategies)
- Fundamentals review
- Bank Shots
- Cueing off Center (Draw and Follow)
- Practice Drills
- Draw and follow continued

Week 4

Left and right English

Shooting balls off the rail

Games: 14.1 Continuous Call Pocket Billiards; Cut throat (3-person game)

Jump shots

Masse' shots

Throw shots

Week 5

Play the instructors

General game strategies

Coaching

Trick shots

3-Cushion Billiard, Snooker (discussion only)