

Resume for President from Ed Slade

I have been active in pool for 45 years, I've been in the Western BCA since 2005, I play in Everett, WA out of Players Club Limited League #1037. I am a division manager and a Player Rep. The first time I stepped into the pool room at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City I was hooked, that was Oct of 2005 I got my butt kicked in all events and could not wait to come back. I have not missed an event since that date until covid. After a couple of events, I decided I needed to get more involved. I got in touch with Mike Jensen and got on the CC. Back then you couldn't just go to meetings, you had to be a Player Rep, I asked my LO if there were any PR positions available, he said "no". The only meeting I could go to was the Annual Meeting. I waited until the next annual meeting to see how I could help and get more involved. That was a great day, WBCA invented 5 new positions that day called Members At Large. For players, like myself, who could not be PR's, for whatever reason, but wanted a voice and vote at meetings. I was nominated by Bob Cook and elected to a MAL position that day and got more involved. I have missed two meetings since. I ran for a BOD seat at the next Annual Meeting but was not elected, but I stayed involved, in fact got more involved. I ran the next year again and was elected I served 7 consecutive terms on the BOD. I chose not to run for reelection to the BOD at the 2023 membership meeting because I had bigger plans. During my last year on the BOD I was the BOD Chair.

I was the Tournament Coordinator coming out of covid, but was replaced and given no explanation why.

I have been the Competition Committee Chairman and served on the CC for many years under Mike Jensen. Also worked under Ray Cunningham, Bob Olson and John Lewis on the CC. The CC handled all exemptions at that time. That doesn't happen anymore.

I have served as the Tournament Committee Chairman.

I have served on the Caps group to determine the caps we are all using now.

By trade I am a Union Carpenter specializing in Finish work, I pay attention to details. I occasionally run work for the company I work for, but most of the time I work alone or with another person, the job always gets done.

I have been running pool tournaments for 40+ years. Started out with meat shoots at Soundview Bar and Grill and graduated up to running two separate tournaments at the same time at the same venue. I also run larger tournaments in two separate venues. I do my own payout calculations. I still run two weekly tournaments at Players Sports Bar in Everett every Friday and Saturday night.

Western BCA has serious issues, we have gone through a lot in the last two years. We need to make changes, I believe it starts at the top.

The President and all officers need to work hand in hand with the BOD and everything we do needs to be ratified by the membership.

Clean up our Image. We look like fools out there, locally and nationally. We use to be the biggest and the best. Get back to working together for the betterment of the Association.

Bring back the Competition Committee. Keeping a record of all exemptions and report them at every meeting.

Bring back the Tournament Committee. Planning events a year in advance.

Marketing Budget. Update our sponsor proposals, make it professional. Get some big time sponsors. Get back sponsors that we have lost.

Better relationship with Bad Boys. Room setup, table lights lowered, planning a successful Funday so no one is playing till 3am.

Get more TDs on duty to help on the floor with slow play and other issues.

Get Memory lane up to date. It is a very useful tool.

Train #2's for all important offices and duties.

Promote and celebrate players who raise their skill level. Reward those that have. Top players in each division if they play all three events in Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

WBCA has changed a lot, in the last 6 years. Most of these changes are for the better. I think we are close to our goals of providing pool players well-run, well-officiated and competitive regional pool tournaments.

We have more issues that need to be worked out and I would like to continue helping with coming up with solutions that are the best for our players. My hope is to put the last 2 years behind us and we can get back on track, being a family, stopping all the bickering and finger pointing and back stabbing and make the Western BCA the best and biggest regional events anywhere in the country.

I would appreciate your vote for President of Western BCA,

Ed Slade