

Hi there-

I will be running for Member at Large at the upcoming meeting. Having been involved with WBCA since 1997, I helped bring BCA to a few locations around the Portland area way back in the 1990's. I have played league in Cascade Pool League, Rose City Billiards and currently play in the Northwest Players League. I have participated in several of the coast events through the years, starting when we had 8/9 ball events in the same week! Through my time as a member of WBCA, I have made several connections to our local pool players, and beyond, many of which I consider my friends.

I have run my own business since 2002 (fishing guide) and have developed a knack for being able to get along with just about anyone. I speak easily to both large and small groups of people. My personality is such that I often see both sides to an issue and can usually find a compromise that works for the group as a whole. Through my professional career, I have had the opportunity to speak in front of several government agencies, testifying for a resolution while working with the opposing viewpoint for an amicable solution. In the fishing conservation world, I am known for asking tough and pointed questions from those in charge, whether that's our conservation group or the rule makers.

One benefit that I do have with my job is that it takes me to places like Astoria or Long Beach, and reaching out to those members while I'm there to get their pulse will be a plus. I also travel to Hood River and beyond, but spend less time playing pool when I'm working in those locations.

As a player, I have been a Captain of many teams in local league play (BCA//APA) through the years, as well as team events at the coast. This past 8ball event I had players from 3 different leagues on our team. I believe that my connections with players across several leagues and geographic areas make me a great candidate for Member at Large.

My intentions are pretty simple as Member at Large....to represent the players, no matter where they reside or play at, to the best of my ability when it comes to helping decide the direction of the WBCA. I would like to see a continued growth in our membership. I would like to see additional events to compete at throughout the year, spreading out those additional events to neighboring states. I would like to see us build back to the being the premier destination that pool players expect when they join a BCA league or enter a regional tournament.

I was too late to be a voting member for my league. I live in Oregon, but play in a Washington based League. I am here to represent all players, with the players interests at heart. I have no ties with any sponsors or governing bodies. I simply want to represent the players I play with weekly and twice a year (hopefully more).

Thanks,

Chris Nordling