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founded our nations most enduring, ladies billiard league in the recorded history of American billiards. The "Frank Oliva Ladies Pool League." While poolrooms and their owners have the reputation of coming and going, this enthusiastic team of ladies have over the past 35 years hosted their events at various locations. Yet over those years their desire to perpetuate Oliva's dreams of a more perfect world of billiards, has been as heartfelt, as their hellfire determination to each win their next game of 14.1 straight pool!

Recently, Bonnie's Dining & Banquets and The Illinois Billiard Club had the distinct honor of hosting the ladies 35th anniversary dinner celebration and tribute to the late Mr. Frank Oliva. Seated at the dinner table was Mrs. Tess Oliva, now 90 years young and as entertaining and inspiring to be with, as she was surprised when learning her late husband was once again that same evening, going to be appearing in his 1950's "Ten-Twenty" program, premiering on the IBC's 2002 television.

Later that evening after watching the epic battles between 1950 billiard legends Irving Crane, Willis Covington, Don Tozar and Joey Canton to name a few, the ladies attention shifted to a few brief billiard instructions and history lesson given by Wisconsin's pool and billiard instructor extraordinaire, Mr. Jerry Briesath. Also in attendance was billiards straight pool champion of the literary world, author and columnist Mr. George Fels. The warm personality of Mr. Chrisman, now retired and former owner of Chicago's Chris's Billiards, brought with him memories of the leagues well spent evenings at his Milwaukee Ave. billiard room. Acting president of the organization, Pat Hays, along with IBC member Joan Rincken organized the event. ...And later in the week called to book their annual December Christmas party at Bonnie's and the IBC.

In tribute to Mr. Frank Oliva, beginning Sunday, January 19, 2003, The Illinois Billiard

Club shall host its first, of four monthly tournaments in a perennial series of national pocket billiards championships, titled: "The Frank Oliva, Ten-Twenty Series." The prestigious 14.1 Straight-Pool events shall be open to the public by advance reservations and governed by similar rules as Mr. Oliva's original TV program. For further information or to register for the "Frank Oliva Ten-Twenty Championships," contact the Illinois Billiard Club by either phone or Email at ...708.839.1331 / PJimandBon@aol.com.

The Illinois Billiard Club is a private club and billiard museum founded in 1975 for the preservation and promotion of the elegant, historical, professional and social side of billiards. The IBC is not a poolroom, barroom or any other form of public place of amusement. Yet by its design, popularizes the game of billiards to all positive sides of society. This Newsletter and all of its contents is copyrighted material and is not to be reproduced without written permission from the Illinois Billiard Club, and its president and founder, Mr. James K. Parker.



Mr. Frank Oliva, King of televised championship billiards in America.

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Registration 11 a.m. • Start Time Noon

Tournament Dates: January 11, 2003 • February 8, 2003 • March 8, 2003 • April 12, 2003 • May 10, 2003 • June 14, 2003
 July 12, 2003 • August 9, 2003 • September 13, 2003 • October 11, 2003 • November 8, 2003

Finals December 13, 2003 • To qualify to play you must play in 6 tournaments

<p>Open Tournament Entry fee \$100 \$10,000 purse based on 64 player fields</p>	<p>B Tournament Entry fee \$75 \$8,000 purse based on 64 player fields</p>
<p>C Tournament Entry fee \$50 \$6,700 purse based on 64 player fields</p>	<p>D Tournament Entry fee \$40 \$6,000 purse based on 64 player fields</p>

*125,000 based on all tournaments having 64 player fields. Finals cash purses will be less if tournament fields are under 64 players or cash purses will be more if fields exceed 64 players.

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