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*To the women billiardists of our land.*







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The germ that started this book was latent for 53 years and only through certain unforeseen circumstances did it begin to grow.

First, by the author's retirement;

Secondly, by the encouragement received from many persons including Jake "The Wizard" Schaefer, who praised the author's playing when he was only ten years old.



# Introduction

The author's objective:

1. To encourage the women folk to participate in and enjoy the pastime of pocket billiards. The great champion Willie Mosconi said, "The key words in billiard shotmaking are 'soft' and 'softer'." Since a soft gentle touch is so important haven't the women indisputably that particular prerequisite? The fact that more of them are becoming professionals and entering tournaments speaks for itself. The great appeal to women is that pocket billiards is a beautiful and refined game and is ideally suited to them. It is relaxing, beneficial to the health and can be played in the home with husbands, children or friends.
2. To assist the vast numbers of beginners and amateurs who play pocket billiards and who desire to know more about their game. And, hopefully, this book may merit the interest of all billiardists, including the pros.
3. To contribute his little bit toward the advancement of billiards by retrieving the lustre of this old royal game and to do all possible in behalf of the welfare of the professionals to whom so much is owed for the scientific knowledge we have of billiards today. While at lunch with professional Joseph Procita (high run of 182 on a 5 x 10 table, page 100 of *The 1968 BCA Rule Book*) he said there probably were not more than ten out of all the pros who can make a living from billiards alone. What a deplorable situation when you think of how much better off the professionals are in other sports? We are confident

that real progress will soon be made for the well-being of the billiard pros through expanded televised tournaments which will result in more exposure, better incomes and hopefully the creation of benefit and pension funds for them. Among those who are working hard toward attaining these goals there immediately come to mind the names of Brunswick Corporation, Chicago; Billiard Congress of America, Chicago; Billiard Room Proprietors Association of America, New York; and the newly and important Billiard Players Association, Johnston City, Illinois.

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# Part 1



