

Diablo Valley Pool League

POOL CLINIC WITH BONNIE BOWMAN



The Diablo Valley Pool League had the pleasure of inviting Bonnie Bowman to do a pool clinic for our intermediate level players. She is a 9-ball player and has won several tournaments including the BCA Canadian 8-ball Championship in Toronto among many other high level tournaments. This was the opportunity for those of us who wanted to grab more knowledge of the game that we love to play.

She covered the basic shots of pool, stop, follow and draw the ball, and a bit of English when applied to the cue-ball. She also provided the attendees to specific drills to improve our skills and proper techniques. But more than anything she gave everyone involved individual attention with her hands on approach. The clinic was \$25.00 per participant and lasted one and half hour which flew by due to Bonnie's humor and ability to coach participants threw the drills. It was worth it ladies.

She does offer private lessons for a reasonable fee and 8-Ball is her strong game.



Annette Wood, Jess Quinata Bonnie Bowman
Tina Mendoza, Laura Tow, Linda Henry, & Cony Mendoza,

A participant who was very pleased with the guidance she received during the clinic shares her thoughts below.

"Pool players from the Diablo Valley Pool league (www.dvpool.com) out of Concord CA were delighted at the opportunity to attend a clinic by Bonnie Plowman, held Saturday December 5, 2009.

Bonnie is a tough competitor who has won numerous major tournaments including the BCA Canadian 8 ball championships in Toronto four of five years, 1999-2004, as well as the Valley masters 8-ball and 9-ball tournaments in Vegas in both 2006 and 2008. After residing in Longmont CO for the past five years, we are privileged to benefit from her recent move to the San Francisco Bay Area.

The clinic covered "basics," however Bonnie offered a great amount of individual attention; even though participants represented a wide range of skill levels, the consensus was that everyone came away with useful pointers and new ideas to consider.

We drilled on stop shots, follow shots, draw shots and applications of using English; Bonnie also discussed breaks and presented various practice patterns. She particularly emphasized the value and challenge of concentrating on each stroke, "don't just go through the motions!"

All the material was presented with great clarity, patience and humor; the time flew by too quickly. Hopefully there will be future opportunities to continue to learn from this skilled player and excellent instructor.

Laura Tow"