

Captain's Log, February 19th, 2017

This is the first newsletter that we've attached to score sheets on the web site. We will be providing these newsletters attached to your score sheet going forward. There won't be one every week, but you should be receiving them more regularly now. It is very important that we keep up communications with the league to keep everyone apprised of what's going on in the league. If your team is scheduled for a bye, we would still like you to download and send us your bye sheet. This lets us know that you received any newsletter attachments and it also helps remind us to score your bye match for your bye points. With that said, so far the electronic payment program is working much smoother than we had ever imagined and we want to thank everyone for their understanding, their assistance and for a great job in the first week of this transition. As usual, please either print off this newsletter to share with your teammates, or point them to the score sheets page to find this. We will also look for other means to share our newsletter with the league so that important information isn't missed.

Jill has provided a link in the left menu on the sandiego.apaleagues.com web site (Pay League Fees) that provides info about all the different forms of payment we accept, as well as info on how to submit score sheets. As has been stated before, the post office has failed us too many times to ignore and it is just no longer an option that we can trust going forward. You can still mail payments to the league office if you choose, but we will no longer be able to provide envelopes. If you decide to use your smart phone to send your score sheets, we encourage you to download a free scanner app such as Evernote Scannable (iPhone) or CamScanner (Android) to help you produce a good quality image of your score sheet. This will greatly help us with processing the league matches. Also, if you play on more than one team and would like to pay for more than one team in one transaction, you may do so (regardless of which payment method you choose) as long as we receive payment for each team by its due date and you include with your payment all team numbers you're paying for. You may also pay for more than one week at a time if you wish. Any prepaid weeks will appear on your score sheet as a credit. We thank you for helping to make this such a smooth transition so far. We know the change is not as welcome to some as it is to most, but we hope that if you are having any issues with the new process that you will call us so that we can work with you on a solution.

What was formerly the Locker Room is re-opening on February 18th as Pockets Billiards and Brew. This is a new ownership group and they're not only long time APA members, but are highly respected in the billiards community. They have been in close communication with us and it's their goal to create an enjoyable pool playing atmosphere for everyone. They're opening in the middle of the session, so it's a bit of an awkward situation. We know that teams are going to want to move back there and there are teams that we will allow to move back immediately, provided that it doesn't disrupt divisional play at all. Teams that moved into an existing in house division will need to stay in those divisions until the end of the session. Teams that were in a Locker Room in house division that moved entirely to a new location will be allowed to move the entire division back. Teams that moved to another bar in a travel division will be allowed to move their team immediately. We wish to thank all of the locations that accepted teams when the location closed, and we hope that the business promotes teams in the future.

The Spring Singles Regional is taking place at Pockets Billiards and Brew. We will have players participating from San Diego, Orange County and the Los Angeles area. Saturday will be 8 Ball and Sunday will be 9 Ball. Jill and I will be the tournament directors. Everyone that was qualified to participate in the Spring Regional should have received their player packets by now. If not, please call the league office as soon as possible.

Southwest Challenge entry forms were due on February 18th. If you were signed up (or want to sign up) and you haven't paid your entry fees yet, you will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list for spots, but that doesn't mean you are out of luck. We will not be able to confirm the waiting list teams, however, until after February 25th, so please do not contact the league office until after that date. Chances are good that we can get a lot of the waiting list teams in, but every league area has to submit their teams before we will know how many extra spots we will get. Because rooms have to be paid in advance, entry fees are due a month before the event (Feb. 18). Skill levels will be locked at the end of the day on February 20th. If your team is over the maximum limit on the day of the skill level lock, you will need to replace a player. Teams that go over the maximum skill level limit by one after the skill level lock will still be allowed to compete in the tournament. Teams with 2 or more over the maximum skill level limit will need to replace a player.

We have 2 slots for the APA 8 Ball Doubles Championship and 1 slot for the APA 9 Ball Doubles Championship, and we will be taking signups starting today for these slots. You must have a minimum of 20 matches in the format to compete in these events, and you must be active on a team in the format to participate. 8 Ball Doubles is May 2-4. 9 Ball Doubles is May 4-6. Handicap limit is 10 per team for both events. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Events take place at Westgate Casino in Las Vegas during the APA Poolplayer Championships. Tournament format is Modified Single Elimination. All of the details can be found at www.poolplayers.com. We will do a draw at the Spring Regionals to determine who gets the slots. Payment is due and signup sheets will need to be filled out by both participants once the winners have been determined. Teams are on their own for hotel rooms. Westgate has a reasonable rate during that time frame, but you can stay wherever you want. Eligibility will be passed down during the draw if the same team wins in both draws. To be in the draw, you must submit both player names so that teams are only entered into the draw one time.

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