

## Captain's Log, January 22nd, 2017

Blast schedules and rosters are posted to the web site. The Blast is scheduled at the Library on Mission Gorge Rd on January 28-29. 8 Ball will take place on Saturday and Sunday and 9 Ball is on Sunday. Each team scheduled to play will only need to play one match to qualify for Cities. Some teams drew straight into City Championships, and those teams are also posted on the web site. MVP's, patches, Perfect Session trophies and team trophies will be available at the Library on both days between the hours of 9am and 5pm on January 28-29.

Prize money checks will be mailed out this week, BUT ONLY FOR THE TEAMS PLAYING IN THE BLAST. If your team is already qualified for Cities and won the division standings or playoffs in your division, or you drew straight into City Championships from this past session, your prize money check will be available, along with your trophies, at the Library on January 28-29 between the hours listed above. Please notify the league office if you are having someone other than a teammate pick up your prize money check and trophies. If you are coming down to pick up patches for your team, please make sure you check the MVP winner list on our web site first in case one of your teammates has won the award, because you could pick up the award for them while you're there. MVP's are listed in the Awards & Milestones section of the sandiego.apaleagues.com website where you can also find a list of patch winners.

This is week 4 of the Spring Session for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday teams. Sunday teams will be in week 4 next week. Every player on the team must be paid up in membership fees no later than week 4 to stay on the roster. QUALIFIED TEAMS (qualified to compete in City Championships) ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ADD OR DROP ANY PLAYERS AFTER WEEK 4, AND IF THEY AREN'T PAID UP BY WEEK 4, THEY MUST BE DROPPED FROM THE TEAM. Once dropped, they can't be added. This goes for teams playing in the BLAST next weekend. If you become qualified, your roster is frozen until City Championships. So make sure you get everyone paid up this week. Also, payment for membership fees needs to be with the first team you play on that reaches week 4. As an example, if you are on a Monday team and a Thursday team, if you send in your membership fees with your Thursday team, you will have already been dropped from your Monday team, because when we processed the Monday stuff for the next week, Thursday teams haven't even played yet. So send it with your Monday team. Of course, you can always pay your membership online, also. Just make sure you pay online before the day we mail out your score sheets.

Next week we will be offering up a web page with instructions on how you can make league payments electronically. We will be mailing score sheets out next week, but we are looking to move away from that option in the next few weeks. The United States Post Office has become so unreliable at this point, no one should want us to continue doing business with them. We spend a lot of money on postage, and we end up making 3 trips to the post office every day because the first two times there won't be anything there at all, or only partial deliveries. More than anything, we don't know what's going to be there at all. Today, (Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>) I went to the post office and a lot of the Tuesday division stuff was in the box, but we are still missing a significant amount of envelopes from Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday teams. How does that even happen? People that mailed their envelopes to us on Tuesday take longer to get to us than the people who mail their envelopes on Wednesday from the same parts of town? Electronic really is the way to go at this point. Moving to electronic payments, especially credit card, will still cost quite a bit of money on our end, which should answer the question regarding what will happen with the saved money from postage. The money we spend on postage or bank fees for electronic transactions is something that we pay for. Team fees will need to be submitted by a single person in one transaction, so whoever you designate to pay the fees for the week should be the one collecting the fees from everyone on league night.

Southwest Challenge entry forms will be sent to everyone that signed up for either a 3 person team or a doubles team in the next couple of weeks. Deadline to return the entry form and fees is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Slot availability for these events is based on the order in which fees are paid. You are welcome to submit your entry fees before receiving your entry form. The entry form we originally sent out had some mistakes on it. The 3 person team event is a handicap limit of 14 and the 9 Ball doubles has a handicap limit of 11. The handicap limit will be based on your handicap on the day of entry deadline. If you have a player go up before that date and it puts you over the handicap limit, you will need to find a different player or cancel your spot. We will have 64 tables at this year's SWC tournament at the Westgate Resort and Casino, so there will be lots of opportunities to play in minis while you are there. At this time, there are still quite a few openings for San Diego APA 8 Ball 3 person teams for this March.

We would like to take this time to congratulate Jim "Coach" Barnard for making it to 2500 APA matches played. That's a lot of matches! It took Coach just under 21 years to make it to 2500. 1600 of those are 8 Ball matches and 900 of them are 9 Ball matches. Coach is ranked #1 in matches played in the San Diego APA! Congratulations Coach!

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