

Captains Log, August 27th, 2017

Welcome to the Fall Session! We just finished up Summer Session playoffs last week and now it's time to jump into a new session with everyone tied for first place once again. The APA World Pool Championships finished up at the Westgate Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. San Diego was well represented at the WPC and we had several teams do very well out there. "The Other Team" playing out of the Library in our Ladies 8 Ball league was our highest finisher this year with a 17th place finish out of 256 teams. "The Other Team" is Captain Melisa Goldstein, Jennie Gutierrez, Tracy Cox, Marakai Fellows and Shelley Waltz. We had a Jack and Jill Doubles team (Double Trouble) finish in 33rd and they play out of Stagecoach Inn in Vista. "Double Trouble" is Pablo Martinez and Judy Hedges and they pocketed \$150 for their efforts. In the 9 Ball Open event, our highest finishing team was "Social Cues", who changed their name from "9 Balls Deep" for the event, and they play out of Stagecoach Inn. "Social Cues" finished in 33rd place and won \$750. "Social Cues" is Captain Trishia Beaty, Ray Borduin, Matthew Jagielinski, Jeffrey Cho, Ethan Flores, Megan Scott and Bria Flores. In the 8 Ball Open event, we had a 65th place finish in the biggest tournament of them all. "8 Oddballs" out of O Billiard Café in Kearny Mesa finished in 65th place and won \$1500. "8 Oddballs" is Captain Julie Perry, Ricardo Ramirez, Thomas Welch, Oscar Arechiga, Kelly Matson-Tarantino, Sage Ramirez, John Sluder and Peter Tarantino.

The APA World Championships is just a really fun time if you can make it out as a player, or in my case, as a League Operator. While I'm usually quite busy and don't have much time to spend watching matches, I try to get around and see everyone. And this year, not only did I get to see most of our teams, but I also got to say hi to several former SDAPA members. I ran into Mark Langlais, a North County player now playing in Florida. I ran into Kelly Daniel, a South Bay player that is now playing in Maryland. I ran into Amanda Lansaw, a central San Diego player now playing in Florida. I watched Brian Taylor play a little bit of one of his matches, and his military service moved him to APA in Indiana. I also saw that Mark Lanum (East County) made it out on a team from New Mexico, although I didn't get a chance to see him. I also heard that Larry Jones was there.

The MVP results have been posted to our web site. It is important that you look in the right place to see who the Summer Session MVP's are, because it's not always the top listed player on your division page. If you go to Awards and Milestones on the home page of our web site sandiego.apaleagues.com, this is where you can then click on the MVP/Perfect Session tab and then find the Summer 2017 link. We had a record number of perfect session award winners this session with 18 players never losing a match while playing in at least 66% of the team's total matches and playing one of the final two weeks of the session. That is a very difficult achievement and each and every winner should be very proud of their accomplishment.

The Blast is scheduled for September 30-October 1. Prize money payouts will be going out a week or so before the Blast. The Blast will take place at Pockets Billiards and Brew in Kearny Mesa. Schedules will be posted in the next few weeks.

The Fall Session will go until just before Christmas. Sunday and Monday Divisions should note that there will not be any play next week as we observe the Labor Day holiday. The skipped week should be noted on your division schedules.

The 9 Ball Southwest Challenge deadline is approaching fast. All entry forms and fees must be turned in by September 9th. If you haven't reserved your spot yet, be sure to contact the league office as soon as possible. This is our first event where we are inviting teams from Colorado and other nearby states.

Schedules change quite often in the first few weeks, so make sure you double check the schedule and notify your teammates of any changes as teams get added and/or dropped in the first few weeks of play. If you are scheduled for a bye in the first few weeks, chances are good that your bye match could be turned into an actual match before your scheduled night of play. Keep your players prepared to play in the event of a schedule change, as it's easier to play on the night you are scheduled to play rather than trying to do a makeup match.

There are several new teams out there. We'd like to welcome not only the new teams, but any and all new players to our league. Help them enjoy their first experience by teaching them how to keep score properly and help them along with any rules and policies that might make their experience a positive one. We have sent out new team captain's packets in the mail to any new captains, so please keep a look out for those.

To use our SDAPA league fees e-store to pay your team's weekly fees, please visit www.mysdapa.com. There, you will also find an outline of all accepted payment options, instructions on printing and submitting score sheets, score sheet and payment due dates and important instructions for paying membership dues. All players on a roster must have paid a 2017 membership fee by week 4! If you have a new player on your team and we have given them a player number and they want to pay their membership fees online, make sure they use the player number we have given them and that they select "Returning member" rather than "New member" on the APA Online Members Services website at <https://members.poolplayers.com>. If we have not yet added them to your roster and have not yet given them a player number, they should select "New Member" when paying their membership fees online.

The SDAPA Junior Academy Fall Session begins September 9th at Pockets! Introducing our new Junior/Adult 9-Ball team format! 3 Juniors + 1 or 2 adults per team – 3 matches played in a team match – adults only play if a junior on the team is absent. Team match skill level limit = 13. Junior instruction included! 10 Saturdays between Sept. 9 and Dec. 16 - 1:30 pm until approximately 4:30 pm. Call the League Office or see the Junior Academy Information Page on our website for details. **SPOTS ARE LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY!**

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