

Captains Log, August 25th, 2019

The [2019 APA World Pool Championships](#) have been completed and it was an amazing year once again for the San Diego APA. 7 of the 9 Team Captains teams placed in the money in the [Team Captains Championship](#), with the highest finishing team finishing in 9th place. True Grit (Nic Clark, Kevin Petties, Frances Green, Tracy Choate and Red Fellows) advanced to the 9th place spot and won \$800.00 for their excellent finish. ([Last Minute](#)) won the [sportsmanship award in the Captains Championship](#). Last Minute is Kai Fellows, Garrett Ives, Katy Nelson, Angela Elliott and Julio Casarrubias. To be so fun and sportsmanlike that other teams take notice enough to inform the tournament directors is saying something really special about that team. Jill and I are very proud of you for representing San Diego with such pride. That's what makes our league stand out. The highlight this year was in the [8 Ball World Pool Championships](#) where [San Diego team "The Steel That Glistens" \(Pockets Billiards and Brew\) finished in 3rd place](#), and was potentially only one game away from making it to the championship match. The 3rd place finish was good for a beautiful trophy and \$7500.00 in prize money for Team Captain Mark Kackstetter, Jacob Rexius, Johnny Robinson, Nathan Pierce, Chad Austin, Jeff Kaplan, Josh Winkelman and Srikar Dasari. That they came within one game of making it to the finals is impressive when you consider they were actually down 6-1 going into the 4th match. We are very proud of our teams this year. Winning is only part of the experience. The support that many of our teams received was pretty amazing. It was great seeing so many of you out there having a great time! We are already looking forward to see who makes it to Las Vegas next year.

Playoffs just finished up for the Summer Session. The first batch of teams will be competing in the [Blast](#) to try to qualify for the [2020 SDAPA City Championships](#). The Blast takes place on September 14-15 at [Pockets](#). The 8 Ball Blast is Saturday and the 9 Ball Blast is Sunday. End of session trophies, [MVP awards and patches](#) will be available at the Blast. Teams qualifying for the Blast will need to win one match to advance to the City Championships. Blast rosters and schedules will be posted sometime next week.

[Southwest Challenge](#) entry forms are going out soon if they haven't already. They are being emailed to the person that contacted the office to submit a team. It's not too late to sign up for this event. Entry deadline to submit a team without incurring administrative fees is September 7th. The flyer and entry form for the Southwest Challenge can be found on our web site at [sandiego.apaleagues.com](#). Las Vegas has new APA league operators and they will be participating in the Southwest Challenge once again. Those league operators are Lana and Florian "Venom" Kohler. We wish them the best of luck in making Las Vegas a great APA pool league!

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of two former SDAPA members. Paula Englund joined the APA in 2013 and played 8 Ball and 9 Ball in the Ramona area until 2017. She played more than 200 matches in the league and even qualified and participated in the 9 Ball Shootout at the 2014 APA Poolplayer Championships as a skill level 4. Paula was only 34 years old. George Piper first joined our league in 2001 and he's bounced around on teams in the central San Diego and east county areas off and on all the way up to 2014. If you haven't seen George on the pool tables, you might have seen him up on stage, as he's been playing in bands in the San Diego area for many years. George was a 6 in 8 Ball and a 7 in 9 Ball. George was only 53 years old. Our sincerest condolences go out to the friends and families of Paula and George. RIP!

Welcome to the Fall Session! Sunday and Monday teams should note that they will be off for the second week of play as we observe Labor Day. New players to the APA have until week 4 to [pay membership fees](#). There is a right way and a wrong way to submit membership fees. To avoid confusion, please pay close attention to the right way to prevent confusion. If someone is adding to your team and isn't already listed on your roster and has never played APA previously, have them log into the [APA Pool Leagues App](#) and [join as a new member](#). This should be done before you play your first match. If they are listed on a roster already, they should pay as an existing member. However, in order to pay as an existing member, we need their email and birthdate on file. They can call or [email that info](#) in to the league office. The birthdate and email address is necessary to create a match with the player in the database. If they are existing and they pay as new, it's going to create a duplicate record. One will be tied to the team with matches played and the other will be a paid member not on a team. APA will have to merge those records and it can take a few days before that happens.

Please help the new teams and league members out by teaching them [how to keep score properly](#). Everyone was a new member once, and a little help goes a long way.

Shoot Pool Good! Brian, Jill and Lindsay

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To pay weekly team fees electronically, go to mysdapa.ecwid.com Or send via Zelle, PayPal Friends and Family (send to sdapa_office@cox.net) or Venmo (send to Brian-Frankland). **Remember to include the team number(s) and week(s) of play you're paying for!** Email score sheets to sdapa_office@cox.net