

Captains Log, January 20th, 2019

It's week 3 for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday divisions and week 4 for Wednesday and Thursday divisions. [Membership fees need to be paid](#) on week 4 with your team in order to stay on the roster. Please see the [week 1 newsletter for this Spring Session](#) posted in the [Captains Corner](#) link of [sandiego.apaleagues.com](#) for assistance in getting your teammates' membership fees paid. We offer plenty of options and we are in the office to assist, also. You only need to submit one membership regardless of the amount of teams you play on. Your membership is good for a lot of discounts. Visit the APA National web site at [www.poolplayers.com](#) to see a [list of the available discounts](#) your APA membership provides. There are several major rental car options, hotels, billiard supplies, flowers, candy, TLC laser eye surgery, Liberty Tax service, Nationwide Insurance among many other possibilities. Savings at just one of these places can pretty much cover the cost of your membership fees.

Any members that aren't paid up by the time we process week 4 score sheets will be dropped. You can add them back, but do not play them unless they pay their membership. If you do add them and they do play and do not submit membership, we will mark them paid and the team will become responsible for paying those fees as we do not allow anyone to play without being a paid member after week 4 of any session. If your team is marked past due, you will lose bonus points until the past due is collected. Lost bonus points cannot be recovered. Paying off the past due will prevent future bonus points from being lost.

The 2019 APA [8 Ball Southwest Challenge](#) is taking place on the last weekend in March. We posted the [flyer for the event](#) last week and it can still be found on our web site. Signups are still happening. We will start emailing entry forms to the teams that are signed up 2 weeks from today. Entry forms and fees are due on February 23rd. If you have never played in a Southwest Challenge tournament, give it a try. We sent over 70 teams from San Diego last March, which should give you an idea how fun it really can be. The cost this year is \$540 for a 3 person team and that package price pays for one room for 3 nights for the team, entry fee into the tournament and free play on the pool tables all weekend.

[The Blast](#) is taking place at [Pockets Billiards and Brew](#) on Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27. [Schedules and rosters](#) for the Blast have been posted at [sandiego.apaleagues.com](#) under Local and Regional events. Blast rules will be made available with your score sheets. Players competing in the Blast must have a minimum of 6 lifetime matches and 4 with the team for the session to be eligible to compete in the Blast. Ineligible players will be listed with an "I" next to their name if they are not eligible to compete.

[MVP trophies, Patches and Perfect Session awards](#) will be available at the Blast for pickup. We do have MVP trophies from the previous two sessions if someone did not get theirs at the last Blast tournaments.

Prize money checks were mailed to the team captains competing in the Blast, unless other arrangements were made with the League Operators. If your team won the playoffs or standings and your team qualified for [City Championships](#) in the Summer Session or got a bye in the Blast this session, your prize money checks will be available for pickup at the Blast along with your end of session trophies/plaques.

ATTN: Doubles league teams. The 8 Ball and 9 Ball Doubles Championship Qualifier is set for February 16th at Pockets. An announcement with details will be posted to the web site, but you can start signing up. This will be a qualifier for Nationals, and there is an entry fee which will be paid back 100% based on finish. We have 2 slots to Nationals in the 8 Ball Doubles and 1 slot for the 9 Ball Doubles. The dates for the Doubles Championships are May 2-5 for 8 Ball and May 1-2 for 9 Ball. You must be competing in the doubles league and in the format in order to be eligible to compete in the qualifier. If you are on an 8 Ball doubles team, you are eligible to compete in this event with any other 8 Ball doubles league member. In other words, you are not required to team up with someone from your team to play in this event. And 3rd players on the roster of a team are welcome to team up with anyone else on a team. Entry fee for the qualifier is \$30 per team. More details will be available in the announcement on the web site.

It is with great sadness that we must share the news of the passing of longtime APA member, Joe Berardino, who died tragically a few weekends ago in a traffic accident. Joe joined the APA in 2008 and had played over 500 matches. He played most recently at The Break Room and in previous years at the Hungry Stick, Players and Elbow Room. He was very well-loved among his friends and teammates and was always quick with a joke or some good-natured teasing. He will forever be missed by all of his APA family. Please keep Joe's wife, Sheri, and all of his family and friends in your thoughts throughout this difficult time.

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