

Captains Log, January 5th, 2020

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to the Spring Session, which is the last qualifying session for the [2020 APA World Pool Championships](#) . 2020 begins our 25th year of running APA Pool Leagues in San Diego County. We still have quite a few league members that started with us in 1996 and are still playing. 2020 will be another exciting year for the APA. This Spring Session is supposed to be the last session of using score sheets to score matches. APA will be [launching their new electronic scoring system](#) at the start of the Summer Session. I've seen the prototype at work, and there is a lot to like about this app. My favorite part is that anyone on the team with the app on their phone can take over scoring in seconds and without missing any crucial data that needs to be entered. Battery died? No problem. Have to leave in the middle of a match? Not a problem. Don't want someone else scoring on your phone when you are playing? No problem. It was really easy to navigate the scoring app as well. We are looking forward to the release, and we hope you are excited as well.

The start of the Spring Session is [membership renewal time](#) . Everyone has to renew each year. It's \$25 for any member that is new or joined before August 15th of the previous year. If a member joined and paid after August 15th of the previous year, they will have a \$15 renewal. Memberships must be paid for all league members by week 4 of the Spring Session. Players on a Masters, Ladies or Doubles division will need to submit their memberships before January closes out. Membership payments in check or money order should be sent to San Diego APA PO Box 19848 San Diego CA 92159. Memberships paid online should be done through the [player app](#) . If a captain has collected all of the membership fees for their team and wants to send through Venmo or Paypal [Friends and Family](#), we can accept payments that way as well, but please specify who you are marking paid in the notes in Venmo and PayPal F&F.

****Important information regarding new league members paying membership through the pool league app:** If the new league member is already listed on a roster, they will need to give the league office their birthdate and email address so that we can make it where they can find their info on the app. When they give this information to us, they can then find themselves using the "returning member" link on the app. If they are not listed on a roster already, they can register as a new member and they can then plug in all of their information that way. If they are listed on a roster and register as new, APA will create a duplicate account where one member is paid up in our database and the other one is listed on a team but not paid up in membership. There really is no easy fix for this. The reason it can't just find someone by their name is because there could be hundreds of people with that name that have played APA previously, and without the birthdate and email address, APA doesn't want to assign a name and skill level that doesn't belong to that person. Therefore, it's important for us to have that information. Duplicates happen and they can be fixed, but it sometimes takes a while to realize that a person is in the database twice.

[The Fall Session Blast](#) will take place at Pockets on January 25-26. Schedules and rosters will be posted in the next week. Prize money checks for the Fall Session will be mailed out in the next week or so, also. If someone other than the captain should be getting the prize money check, please [contact the league office](#) to let us know. Also, please make sure your address info is on file before we mail out the checks. End of session [MVP](#) trophies and [patches](#) and such will be available at the Blast.

Please introduce all of the new league members joining your team to our [APA Pool Leagues app](#) .

Anyone that was a team captain in the Summer or Fall Session and resumes/maintains that status for the Spring Session is eligible to participate in the annual Team Captains Tournament qualifier. The qualifier will qualify teams to compete in the [2020 APA Team Captains Championship](#) . We have scheduled the qualifier for April 25-26. We will provide more details on this event as we get closer to the date. This memo is just to remind anyone that you have to maintain your captain status to be eligible to compete in this event.

The League Office sadly announces the passing of APA member Matthew "Shawn" Morgan (11-23-19). Shawn first started playing in the APA in September of 2005. He was a Monday night fixture on teams in Poway for the last 15 years, playing on "Ball Knockers" and "Break 'Em & Shake 'Em". He played APA on 485 different Mondays during that time and never once played a 9 Ball match. Shawn was 57. Our condolences to all of Shawn's friends and family.

We offer up bonus points on league night. Weekly bonus points are earned, not just given. We award 2 points per match in 8 Ball and 10 points per match in 9 Ball by submitting score sheets and fees in a timely manner. Score sheets must be legible. Losing out on bonus points is an easy way to miss out on the playoffs. It happens every session. If your captain isn't turning in score sheets and/or fees by the due date, consider changing your captain to someone who can. We need both sheets in the office when it's time to process so that we can compare the data and process with as much accuracy as possible. Thanks and have a great week!

Shoot Pool Good! Brian, Jill and Lindsay Office Hours 9am-7:30pm Daily 619-303-0183 [Find us on Facebook as San Diego APA](#)

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sandiego.apaleagues.com (league web site)

To pay team fees go to mysdapa.ecwid.com

Email score sheets to sdapa_office@cox.net