Captains Log, July 15th, 2018

Our APA Masters Division is starting back up on July 14th. We have an opening for one team if anyone would like to give this format a try. Masters is 3 person teams with no handicap limit. Races to 7 featuring both 8 Ball and 9 Ball formats. We play on alternating Saturdays for most of the session and team fees are \$30. 4 of our Masters teams from last session will be representing San Diego at the 2018 APA Masters Championships next month.

Our first ever 8 Ball Doubles league starts on July 21st. There are still openings for teams in this new format. Handicap limit of 10 per team. Up to 3 people on a team. Alternating shot. Each match will consist of two singles matches and a doubles match. Give the league office a call if you are interested. We will be playing on alternating Saturdays at 3pm.

Our first ever 9 Ball Doubles league starts up on July 28th. There are still openings in this division, also. All the same stuff from the previous paragraph applies to this league, except we play 9 Ball in this format. Give it a try!

The doubles leagues will have their own web pages on the web site like the other divisions. We will provide links to <u>blank score sheets</u> along with the doubles leagues fact sheets to better familiarize you with how the league will work for that first week. Thanks to everyone who has signed up so far. We will have schedules posted the Wednesday before the first scheduled league match! Good luck!

We just got back from the APA Junior Nationals in St. Louis, MO and what an amazing time it was. 6 of our local San Diego Juniors competed in the National event over 4 days. We started off the trip with some St. Louis style pizza and watched the 4th of July fireworks over downtown St. Louis and then our Juniors went to work on competing in a tournament with a total of 375 participants from all over North America. The good news is every single one of our Junior participants won at least 1 match. The great news is Joseph Hankins (age 14 and a skill level 8) won first place in the Black Tier! Joseph was competing mostly against 17 and 18 year old kids, and his terrific shot making ability and defensive work made him the best Junior in the APA for the next year. You can still catch the stream of the final match . which was broadcast by Jeannette "Black Widow" Lee and APA commentator Jason Bowman. Also, Jaelynn Imamura made a video of her APA Junior Championship experience and it was done so well that APA posted the video on their own Facebook page for everyone to see! Be sure to check it out on the American Poolplayers Association Facebook page. We are so proud of all of our Juniors. James Hindorff was competing in his last Junior event before joining the military later this month. All of the kids from San Diego are children of SDAPA members, except Joseph, who has a grandfather that plays APA in San Bernardino. The other kids competing and the parents that were there to cheer them on were Jaelynn Imamura (Bermellyn Imamura), Savannah Kolander (Jolene Picard), Justyn Martin (Priscilla Duffy), Mason Santos (Michelle and Joel Cummings) and James Hindorff (Heather Hindorff). We are so proud of all of the Juniors for the way they represented San Diego in the tournament. There was so much outstanding sportsmanship and lots of laughs from these cute kids. Our thanks to all of them for helping make our little vacation to the Midwest complete!

The APA World Pool Championships at Westgate Resort and Casino are less than a month away. While the teams are all set, there are many other exciting things happening at the WPC that might interest you if you didn't qualify to compete this year. There are dozens of vendor booths for everything billiards related throughout the entirety of the event. There are mini's going on 20+ hours a day. There is spectator seating for anyone that just wants to watch any of the events. APA will be hosting a big Poolapalooza pool party on Sunday, August 12th. While the Westgate Resort and Casino is pretty much sold out, hotels are generally pretty inexpensive in August. Whether or not you are going, make sure you download the CompuSport app on your phone to follow along with any of the teams from San Diego that are competing. We will post a complete list of teams sometime before we leave for Las Vegas.

Fun stuff: In the Spring Session of 2018, SDAPA league members played a total of 58,683 safeties! Masters not included.

Shoot Pool Good!
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