

## Captains Log, July 23rd, 2017

There are two weeks left in the Summer Session. This is the point where make up matches aren't allowed. We have a few outstanding makeups happening this week that were approved, but they will be finishing up so that the standings will be up to date for the final week of play. If the message "is your team playing next session? Yes/No" is printing on your score sheet, please take a moment to fill out the form to let us know your team's intentions for the Fall Session. It helps us get a head start on creating schedules. The Fall Session begins the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

With only two weeks of play left, it is also important that you know what eligibility requirements are necessary to have all of your players qualified for end of session playoffs. A player must have 4 matches with the team for the session to be eligible for playoffs. A player needs 6 lifetime matches and 4 with the team that session to be eligible for the Blast. Playoff matches do count towards the necessary 6 lifetime for the Blast. Every team still has an opportunity to qualify for the playoffs because of the wild card draw, so make sure you get all of your new players the necessary matches. To be eligible for the wild card draw, you cannot be behind on league fees, you must be caught up on all league matches and have no more than 5 forfeits for the session. It is extremely important that you get the score sheets turned in on time during these final weeks, as you don't want missing bonus points to contribute to missing out on the playoffs.

The playoffs for Summer are split up by a week because of the APA World Pool Championships in Las Vegas. The first week is the week of August 6<sup>th</sup> and the second week is the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will give out more information regarding the APA World Pool Championships in next week's newsletter. However, the APA WPC Event Guide has been published and is available online.

The October 9 Ball Southwest Challenge takes place on October 12-15. We have done away with the Doubles format and it's just 3 person 9 Ball for this event with a handicap limit of 15 for each team. The flyer will be published soon. The Southwest Challenge is expanding the amount of league areas that can attend. The new areas being invited are: Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Colorado. Not all will likely participate right away, but they are invited to help boost up attendance for our annual weekend getaway tournament. It should be a lot of fun once again. The event will take place at Westgate Resort and Casino!

Masters League starts back up the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>. Masters is a league for higher skilled players where you compete in a format that mimics the US Amateur Championships with a combination of 8 ball and 9 Ball with no handicap races. If you are interested in putting a team in the Masters Division, please contact the league office as soon as possible. Masters Division prize money will be mailed out this week.

Junior Divisions start back up in September. The Juniors party is July 29<sup>th</sup> at Pockets Billiards and Brew at 1pm. Congratulations to our Juniors who just recently returned from the APA Junior Nationals in Davenport, Iowa last week. Deanna Hernandez finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the 1-2 tier group. Alem Shinkawa finished in 25<sup>th</sup> in the 4-5 tier group and Kristina Gonzales finished in 49<sup>th</sup> place in the 4-5 tier group. We were so proud of their great sportsmanship and they played very well. In between matches, they managed to dip their toes in the Mississippi River, enjoy shakes at Steak n Shake and run around catching fire flies in the early evening. They really had a great time and they helped keep us entertained in the process. Alem actually got to be a prop during one of the trick shots performed by Florian "Venom" Kohler at the Junior Nationals. They all got Florian's autograph! Their parents had a great time, also! We can't wait to see who makes it to Nationals next year!

Our San Diego billiard community has suffered tragic losses with the passing of Hilary Morse, Betsy "Bets" Douglas and Joe Klein. Joe joined our league in March of '05 and played more than 480 matches in our pool league playing in the Central San Diego divisions. He was a skill level 5 in both 8 Ball and 9 Ball. Joe was 63. Hilary Morse hasn't played APA since about 2009 and only played a little over 120 lifetime matches in our league from the time she joined in 2000, but we recognize the value she brought to the billiard community as a whole, mostly as a kind and friendly soul that got along with everyone. She was a good poolplayer and her passing has devastated the entire billiard community as she was so well known throughout San Diego County and beyond. Hillary was only 39. Bets Douglas was one of the best players in East County. She joined our league in 2009 and rose to a 5 in 8 Ball and a 6 in 9 Ball while quietly battling cancer. Bets was 52. Cancer took all three of these people way too young. They will be missed. The first annual Bets Douglas Memorial Pool tournament will take place August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Library. Please go to Memorial Tournament For Bets Douglas Facebook page for more details on the event. All proceeds for the event will go towards cancer research and to help with Bets' hospital bills. Our hearts go out to all of the friends and families of each of these good people. Rest In Peace!

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