Captains Log, June 16th, 2019

The 8 Ball City Championships have been completed and we have 5 very happy teams preparing to play in the <u>2019 APA World</u> Pool Championships in August. Those 5 teams are:

Anywhere But There (DC's Across the Street)- Captain Tony Piacente, Scot Sanders, Julius Raymond Arellano, Marilyn Arguelles, TJ Booker, Julianna Sharp, Bobby Frauenberger and Nadia Benomar.

Beer In The Mailbox (Break Room)- Captain Kyle Paulsen, Richard Soden, Rovi Tapia, Cole Clark, Eleanor McCart, Ben Prevost, Jeremy Freeman and Karina Ward

Tino's Day Care (DV's Cork & Tap)- Tino Martinez, Alex Rubidoux, Lauren Coker, Roberto Sanchez, Zane Gardner, Nicole Baraibar, Josh Staszkow and Paul Thitathan

The Steel That Glistens (Pockets)- Captain Mark Kackstetter, Srikar Dasari, Jeff Kaplan, Jacob Rexius, Nathan Pierce, Johnny Robinson. Chad Austin and Josh Winkelman

Don't Mess With My Rack (Break Room)- Captain Marakai Fellows, Frances Green, Lynn Goodner, Jenny Smith, Kimberly Stephens, Sherri Saunders, Deanne Millard and Brandy Pamintuan

Notice that this last team listed is an entire team of Ladies. 12 of the 39 players advancing to the World Pool Championships have been To Vegas on a team or singles previously. Every skill level is represented among the teams that qualified. Jacob Rexius is the member that has been playing APA the longest that had never previously made it to Las Vegas among the qualified particiants. Jacob started in the APA in 2005.

The APA Junior Championships will be taking place June 2 7-30 at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis, MO. We have 6 Juniors that will be participating in the event. Each Junior has family ties to the APA, which is really awesome. Feel free to download the Compusport app on your phone if you don't already have it and follow along on the progress of each of our Juniors. Joseph Hankins will be returning to defend his 1st place finish in the Black Tier (Skill level 6-9). Justyn Martin is a two time qualifier, having made it to the Junior Championships previously in 2018. The following 4 members are each playing in their first Junior Championship: Geneivieve Ahlers, Laird Hubbard, Jake Barreiro and Damian Rockafellor. We can't wait to see them in action in a few weeks. Our sincerest appreciation goes out to our entire membership for helping to support our Junior program. This year, we raised enough money cover the cost of hotel and travel for each of our 6 Juniors and one of their parents along with Team San Diego APA Junior jerseys for the team. The Junior Booster club did an amazing job of coordinating fund raisers and generating the amazing support. We are proud to announce the winner of the Predator cue and case raffle was Michael Gates, a frequent Pockets Billiards and Brew customer who was legitimately tickled to death to win this beautiful cue. He had never won anything in a raffle before. The Predator break cue raffle was won by Damon Jorde. Damon is a league member in Ramona . Sukey Cardenas won the pool table raffle. Sukey plays APA in Poway and in the Clairemont area. Congratulations to our winners.

It's tough to celebrate our victories right now given that our league has lost a really great guy. Marty Turner joined the San Diego APA family in 2000. He immediately made an impact with his skills and his personality. Confined to a wheel chair with a never ending list of medical ailments that plagued his time in our league and his life in general, Marty rose above the pains and the obstacles and he was an inspiration to those who ever thought they had things tough. Marty smiled and truly wanted to know how you were doing. He was always complimentary of his time in our league and was a pretty good shot as well. Marty participated in the APA Wheelchair championships one year and qualified on a team in the 9 Ball World Pool Championships in 2012. Marty was a skill level 5 in 8 Ball and 9 Ball and played more than 550 matches in the league. He was known by everyone in the Escondido area and he will surely be missed. RIP Marty!

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