

Captains Log, June 18, 2017

By the time many of you read this newsletter, the 2017 City Championships will be over and we will already know the teams advancing to the 2017 APA World Pool Championships in August. As I write this letter, we still do not know who our winners will be. We will post the results of all of the brackets in next week's newsletter along with posting pictures of the winning teams on our APA Facebook page. Our Facebook page is San Diego APA. This site is not to be confused with the SDAPA Team Building Group Facebook page or the SDAPA Singles Qualifier Events and Info Facebook page. If you haven't taken the opportunity to "like" the San Diego APA Facebook page, we recommend doing so, as we like to share SDAPA League related info to that page along with our regular web site.

For those of you reading this newsletter before Super Saturday, we do still have patches and MVP trophies on site this Saturday at Pockets Billiards & Brew if you haven't had a chance to pick them up yet. Super Saturday is the day we qualify all of our 8 Ball, 9 Ball and Ladies teams for Nationals.

Players have been dropped from rosters if we have not received their membership fees yet. They can be added back to the roster, but they do need to submit membership fees. When adding them back, you must make sure you are adding them back at the correct skill level. You should contact SDAPA to make sure you are adding them back at the correct level. Matches played at a skill level below the correct level will be considered a forfeit. For the remainder of this newsletter, I'm going to talk about membership fees, as these fees are different than league fees.

Membership Fees- Membership fees have been a bit confusing to everyone as far as why they aren't available as a form of payment on our web site www.mysdapa.com. The biggest reason we don't provide a link to pay them there is because membership fees get paid to the APA National Office. If you have a credit card to pay your membership fees, you might as well pay them directly. The address to the site to pay there is members.poolplayers.com. The problem you may run into when paying your membership there is actually finding yourself in their database. Imagine if you will, a person named John Smith trying to find his information on APA's site, and then imagine once again that a huge database with more than a million names in it that traces back 30 years and how many John Smith's there might be in that database. The same may not be said for Bingo Carlton. While it's a really cool name, there might only be one in the entire database. But APA has to be sure with each one, and that includes everyone in between. So in order to find your information in the database, you need your name, membership number, birthdate and an email address on file to confirm the final steps of membership in the league. If you email or call us with that info, we can plug the information into the database and you will soon be able to find your info and pay your membership. Once you have done that, you will also be able to see our entire web site. It certainly would be easier, I suppose, to provide a link to pay your membership fees to us directly via www.mysdapa.com, but there are a few problems with that. One, you wouldn't be registered for the National site to see all of the stats APA offers. Two, we have to pay credit card service fees for each transaction, and if we pay fees for that, we no longer have the entire \$25.00 you submitted to us to turn around and pay APA.

So, if you are paying membership fees with a credit/debit card, go to members.poolplayers.com and pay them there. If you are paying by cash, check or money order, (cash is mentioned for Library In House Leagues or by handing cash directly to us) and mail to San Diego APA, PO Box 19848, San Diego CA 92159.

In a huge pinch, we can accept membership fees if sent via Venmo or PayPal Friends and Family where there are no fees associated with payments. We don't encourage this form of payment for membership fees, but we will accept them this way. Others have sent \$30.00 via Ladies, Playoff or Masters League Fees. While we will accept that form of payment for membership fees, there will not be a credit issued for the difference.

You can download APA applications off of our web site sandiego.apaleagues.com at Captains Corner, League Materials and Forms. You can scan or photograph the application and email those in with your score sheets.

Since we left the Post Office, we get only a couple of pieces of mail daily now. Most of them are from people who use Online Banking where the bank mails a check to the league. We are still monitoring delivery times, and the Post Office is not getting any better. We actually had mail take 5 days to get to us a few weeks back, although it was right around Memorial Day. While we are saving money on postage both ways now that we aren't using the post office anymore, we now pay fees for credit card purchases and we also pay monthly fees for the use of several sites to make credit card payments possible. The difference is negligible at best. But, the great news is we now have all of these ways to accept payments.

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