Captains Log, June 2nd, 2019

This newsletter kicks off our 2019 City Championships . By the end of June 15th, we will have conducted 3 weekends of City Championships. The first weekend is 9 Ball and Ladies 8 Ball City Championships. Four 9 ball teams will qualify to compete in the World Pool Championships in August. Two Ladies 8 Ball teams will advance to the Ladies 8 Ball Championships . Weekend #2 is 8 Ball City Championships. Five 8 Ball teams will advance to the World Pool Championships. Weekend #3 is the Masters City Championships and the Jack n Jill Doubles Championship Qualifier. We have 2 slots for the Masters Championships and 1 slot for the Jack n Jill Doubles Championship . For anyone participating or just coming by to see the City Championships at Pockets , please do not park in front of the Pet Hospital or anywhere along the Telsa building. It's best to carpool. There are plenty of spaces to park around back and you can also park along the street where necessary. If you are playing in the City Championships, be sure to get your cue tuned up by Dave Whitsell on site or at Billiards Direct in La Mesa. We will have Spring Session patches and MVP trophies on hand during the City Championships for anyone that wasn't able to get them at the Blast. We have SDAPA City Championship t-shirts and tanks available on the first two weekends of City Championships for \$22 per shirt while supplies last.

This is a reminder that there is no outside food or beverage allowed inside of Pockets. That goes for pretty much all of our host locations unless they don't serve their own food. You should never, ever, ever bring in a drinking cup or beverage of any kind at locations that serve beverages. The same applies for food at the venues that serve food. If management asks you to leave for not following this simple rule, we can't help you. To take this another step further, there is no drinking of alcoholic beverages allowed in the parking lot. Not only are there cameras situated in different places in the parking lot, but there are several businesses open and our behavior in the parking lot is being monitored. Sadly, we have had reports of people urinating out in the parking lot, smoking weed and drinking. If you are caught doing any of these things, you will be told to leave and likely to never come back.

We apologize to those of you wanting to play in the <u>Jack n Jill Doubles Qualifier</u>. There was a time you could just sign up locally for a Doubles Championship event that took place at the APA World Pool Championships and we could accommodate as many as 15-20 teams. Now you have to be competing in doubles leagues to play in the local qualifiers. We've had a lot of calls from people wanting to play in these qualifiers, but the APA rule is now that these slots go to the leagues that run doubles leagues and the slots belong to only those competing in the doubles format. We can organize more doubles leagues around the county if people are interested. Currently we have every other Saturday for both 8 Ball and 9 Ball divisions in central San Diego. It's a fun format where you play a couple of singles matches and then a doubles match where all of the points earned in each match count towards the standings. We don't like telling people they can't play in these events, but that is the way these events are progressing. To play in 9 Ball Cities, you have to be competing in a 9 ball division and qualify to compete in Cities. The same applies for Ladies 8 Ball, Open 8 Ball divisions, Masters and Doubles leagues.

Our Masters divisions are starting back up on Saturday, June 22nd. Masters is a non-handicapped league with 3 to 4 players per team and they play a combination of 8 Ball and 9 Ball. Every game won is worth a point for your team. Fees are \$30 per team and 3 people play. We do play on Saturday afternoons, but it's typically no more than twice a month. We play 2 sessions per year instead of 3 and we do qualify teams to compete in the Masters Championships in Las Vegas. Contact the league office if you would like to know more about the Masters Division.

Shoot Pool Good! Brian, Jill and Lindsay

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