

Captains Log, June 9th, 2019

Weekend one of the 2019 SDAPA City Championships is in the books. Four 9 ball teams will be advancing to the 2019 APA 9 Ball [World Pool Championships](#) . Those 4 teams are:

See You Next Cuesday (Pockets)- Captain Nathan Wallace, Chuck Scafidi, Gary Christensen, John Pasquarella, Brian Scafidi, Michael Poce, Sarah Poce and Emily Hussong

Pizza Party (formerly Balls Out) (Pockets): Captain Mathew Nix, Berna Bauer, Jae Enginco, Ruby Rivera, Nichole Mae, Esteves-Magpayo, Mary Beth Mirador, Lulu Williams and Eric Lefever

Ginger's Snaps (Blarney Stone)- Captain Ginger Beedie, Dawn Dee Gallegos-Elliott, Terri Mitchell, Bryan Paul, J Daley, Ary Gravesen, Liela Hoeschen and Matt Newton

Fire In the Hole (Shooters)- Captain Eric Pomeroy, Nels Torguson, Michael Radcliff, Johnny Robinson, Brian Wells, Julii Dennstedt, Nikki Steen and Mikey Wilborn

Interesting group of teams. One team qualified all three sessions. Another team qualified in 2 sessions. Another team finished in last place in the standings in the Fall Session, got the wild card in playoffs and won both weeks of playoffs. Then they finished in last place in the Spring again and managed to struggle through 4 City Championship matches to win a trip to Nationals. Proof that you can get there by being lucky and/or good. Only 5 of the 32 players that qualified for Nationals has ever been to Vegas in Singles or Team previously. The team "Fire In the Hole" goes back as far as 2002 with at least one person still on the roster. 2 of the teams that qualified have more ladies on the roster than men. 2 of the teams have no one higher than a skill level 7 on the roster. Every skill level is represented between the 4 teams.

We also qualified 2 Ladies teams for the 2019 [APA Ladies 8 Ball Championships](#) . Those teams are:

Pockets Starlets (Pockets)- Captain Frances Tiumalu, Mona Manu, Theresa Dimapilis, Leslie Jackson and Alice Carr.

Last Minute (Hearth House)- Captain Holly Knepp, Amy Ward, Stephanie Brown, Nanette Arnold and Ary Gravesen

Congratulations to all of our winners. Thanks again to [Pockets](#) for hosting, Dave Whitsell and Kathleen Argerake for being available for cue repairs and supplies, our many referees who helped make our tournament run smoothly, and all of the league members who participated.

It was recently brought to my attention we never announced the winners of the Team Captains Tournament. It was an amazing event that took place over two days with 28 teams at the Library in Mission Valley. The Day 1 winners were "Just Enough" (Captain Mike Macalos, Jessica Youngs, Wayne Cockett and Mauricio Martinez). The Day 2 winners were "Q-Bert 222" (Captain Mel Roach, Blake Kamiab, Jay Roach, Phil Oh and Scott Zuckerman). These two teams will be representing the San Diego APA in the [Team Captains Championship](#) in Las Vegas during the World Pool Championships in August. Q-Bert 222 is the defending champion in this event, having won \$10,000 for first place in 2018. They managed to make it back to defend their title. Good luck to both teams!

Ladies 8 Ball Divisions are starting back up on Friday, June 14th. [Contact the league office](#) if you would like to put a team in or need help finding a team. Ladies divisions are 3 to 5 person teams, with 3 players playing in a match with a handicap limit of 13 for the 3 matches. Fees are \$30 per team for each match. We play on average every other week, so the schedule doesn't take all of your Friday nights. We run 2 sessions per year and this Summer/Fall Session is the first one to qualify teams for the 2020 SDAPA City Championships.

Masters Divisions are starting back up on June 22nd. Masters Divisions are 3-4 person teams with no handicap limit. Masters is a combination of 8 Ball and 9 Ball played in the style of the US Amateur Championships. A match consists of up to 5 games of 8 Ball and 8 games of 9 Ball and every game you win is worth a point for your team. Fees are \$30 per team for a match and 3 people play. We run 2 sessions per year and this upcoming Summer/Fall Session is the first session we will be qualifying teams for the 2020 SDAPA Masters City Championships. [Contact the league office](#) if you would like to put a team in or need help in finding a team.

We are entering week 4 of the Summer Session for Sunday and Monday Divisions. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday divisions are already past week 4. We do not allow players to be listed on a roster after week 4 if they aren't paid up in membership. You can add them back provided they [pay their membership fees](#) . Be sure that they are in fact paid up in membership fees if you play them beyond week 4. We charge the team a past due fee for the membership of any player that plays after week 4 and does not submit membership fees. The team is responsible for paying this whether you drop them or not.

[The Season 1 Singles Qualifier window will be closing on June 15th](#) . We have had an amazing turnout for this first window to qualify so far and I'm aware of a few more qualifiers taking place by June 15th. We already have 78 players qualified to participate in the Fall Regional and it will be pretty close to 100 when the window closes. That's outstanding. [Singles Qualifiers](#) (aka Singles Boards) is how you start the qualifying process for the [APA Poolplayer Championships](#) , which is the APA Singles Championships program.

Our sincerest thanks go out to our Singles Qualifier tournament directors for their hard work and dedication to this program. They do this voluntarily. We've had some recent complaints about really long days getting players qualified. There is a lot of prep work in creating a "Boards Day" in creating flyers and promoting it to our league members. Once the announcements go out, it's pretty much set in stone that the qualifier must take place. The next problem is how many people show up. In years past, the biggest problem was not getting enough participants to show up, thereby wasting people's trip to the location and interrupting their Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Our newest problem is having way too many people showing up in relation to how many tables we have available to run qualifiers. With too many people showing up, decisions have to be made. Do you turn people away that took time out of their day to show up and play? Do you try to accommodate everyone? Then there are the decisions of who plays on what boards, what matches get called, keeping the tables busy and doing everything possible to try to keep everything moving smoothly. I can't tell you that the best decisions will always be made, but the decisions that do get made are generally in the best interest of the players participating. We will make sure in the future when doing a Boards Day, with a large gathering of players, that we don't start up too many Splash Boards and we will announce beforehand that it will be a long day so that people have the choice to step out if they so choose. We don't like hearing that anyone was discouraged with the Singles program, as it is our intention to keep qualifying players for the APA Poolplayer Championships, and the only way to get there is to win a Singles Board and a Regional event.

What might help make the Singles Program be a bit more successful is to have more people doing qualifiers throughout the county, and don't wait until the window is close to closing before trying to qualify. Boards can be done on any pool table(s) at any time you have enough people and enough table time to play. You only need 4 people to do a board. We will have Singles Board qualifier materials available at weekend 2 of the City Championships (June 8-9) at Pockets if you would like to run one at your host location. In the meantime, check out our Facebook page [SDAPA Singles Qualifiers Events & Info](#) about qualifiers that are already scheduled. While the window to qualify for the Fall Regional closes on June 15th, the Season 2 window to qualify for the Spring Regional opens on June 16th. Both the Fall (October) and Spring (March) Regional events are qualifiers for the 2020 Poolplayer Championships. The benefit of qualifying for the Fall Regional is if you lose at the Fall Regional in October, you still have November to try to qualify again for the Spring Regional. We thank you for your participation in the Singles Program. The success of our local program has turned into success on the world stage, as we have two first place finishes and a 3rd place finish just in the last 3 years. Thanks again to our Singles Board tournament directors for helping to make this happen.

Shoot Pool Good! Brian, Jill and Lindsay

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