

Captain's Log, March 12th, 2017

Last weekend was the Spring Regional qualifier for the 2017 APA Poolplayer Championships, which is a name change from the APA National Singles Championships. We held the Regional at Pockets Billiards and Brew. The 8 Ball Regional was on Saturday and the 9 Ball Regional was on Sunday. We qualified a total of 11 players for Nationals between the two, and below is the list of players that qualified:

8 Ball skill level 2-3 Tier- **Sheila Luna** (San Gabriel Valley)

8 Ball skill level 4 Tier- **Ning Rasch** (San Diego County)

8 Ball skill level 5 Tier- **Agustin Renteria** (San Gabriel Valley)

8 Ball skill level 6 Tier- **Marakai Fellows** (San Diego County) and **Stephen Lamb** (San Diego County)

8 Ball skill level 7 Tier- **Jonathan Haydt** (South Orange County) and **Clint Palaci** (San Diego County)

9 Ball skill level 1-3 Tier- **Shauna Hawk** (San Diego County)

9 Ball skill level 4-5 Tier- **George Argerake** (San Diego County)

9 Ball skill level 6-9 Tier- **Matthew Prieto** (San Gabriel Valley) and **Sina Valizadeh** (San Diego County)

John (LJ) Pasquarella won a Regional qualifier in the Fall in 9 Ball in the 6-9 skill level tier, and will also be advancing to the 2017 APA Poolplayer Championships. Congratulations to all of the winners. Thank you very much, Pockets Billiards and Brew, for hosting this event for us. They basically opened earlier than planned in order to make this event happen for us, and we are grateful.

Qualifying is already underway for the 2018 APA Poolplayer Championships. Keep an eye out on our message board and on the Facebook group SDAPA Singles Qualifier Events & Info on the next Singles Qualifiers taking place in our area. To advance to Regionals and Nationals, you must compete and win a Singles Board. MVP winners in each division receive \$30 in vouchers to compete on Singles Boards, but anyone actively participating on a team with at least 10 scores in the format that they want to compete in are eligible to compete. The APA Poolplayer Championships have 8 players that will win championships in their skill level tier, and all 8 tier groups are actually listed above. If you make it to Vegas, you are in the money when you arrive as every player is a winner at that point. More money can be earned the farther you advance on your bracket, with \$15,000.00 to the Champions in 8 Ball and \$10,000 to the Champions in 9 Ball. That's over \$100,000.00 just for 1st place Champions.

While Singles Boards are typically a mixed bag of skill levels in order to have enough players to run qualifiers at Regionals and Nationals you play players within your skill level tier. If there are a lot of players present for Singles Boards, the tournament directors will do their best to put like skill levels together when possible. So if you haven't tried it, you might want to consider it. It's never too late to start trying. The qualifying windows are basically open year round and if you don't make it this year, there's always next year. Regional qualifiers always fall on the first weekend of March and October. We already have more than 20 players qualified to compete in the Fall Regional in October. While the bigger locations are a great place to participate on Singles Boards, anyone can run one. Call the office if you are interested in running qualifiers.

There is a dedicated email address for sending in your score sheets electronically. It is sdapa_office@cox.net. Sending it to any other email address will not guarantee that we receive it on time. If you are having issues emailing to that address, please call the league office. Also, please do not send it more than once. You also do not need to email back the Captains Log. When submitting fees through our payment portal, if you are paying for more than one team for the week (for example you are on a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday team), you can just submit once for all three teams. Just put 3 \$50 league fees in your shopping cart and make a note in the notes section about what teams you are submitting payment for and submit all at one time rather than 3 separate times. It will save you time. If you are submitting a Monday and a Thursday, just make sure you submit the payment no later than 10am on Thursday, as that's the latest we can get it to be processed in time for Thursday updates to the web site. We will just have your Thursday fees before you play. If they fall that far apart and you'd rather send separately, that's fine, too. This is just to help you save time. All of this is still a learning experience for you and us. We are pleased with the results so far. Thanks for helping make it easier for us to make this transition!

We will be attaching Captains Logs to the score sheets more often now. We don't expect you to print them, but we do recommend informing your teammates that there is a newsletter available to read where they can download it for their own viewing pleasure. While we call it a Captains Log, it really is for every SDAPA league member.

Shoot Pool Good!

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