

## Captains Log, May 14th, 2017

Welcome to the Summer Session and the beginning of qualification for the 2018 APA World Pool Championships. We just recently returned home from the APA Poolplayer Championships, and wow what a great year for the San Diego APA. **John "LJ" Pasquarella** won the Black Tier (Skill level 6-9) bracket of the 9 Ball Shootout, overcoming a field featuring the best APA players from all over the country to claim the first place prize of \$10,000.00 in cash and prizes. Some of you will see this newsletter before our "Are You Better Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader" tournament this Saturday at Pockets (May 13<sup>th</sup>). The reason I mention this is because "LJ" will have his first place trophy on display sometime after 11:30am for anyone that wants to come by and congratulate him for his amazing accomplishment. Plus, our Juniors tournament is also a fundraiser as we attempt to raise enough money to support the juniors and a parent to be able to attend the 2017 APA Junior National Championships in Davenport, IA in July. This is our last fundraiser, as the Junior City Championships will be taking place during the Blast Tournament next Saturday at Pockets. Did you know that one of our Juniors is only 13 years old and is now a skill level 7 in 9 Ball? Oh, and he only recently turned 13. **Hats off to all of our Junior Academy students and our Junior instructors.** They are doing an amazing job and a huge service to the future of billiards, as well as providing this program to the youth of San Diego, many being the children of our own league members. **THANK YOU!**

This is a busy time. I as mentioned in my previous paragraph, the Blast will take place on May 20-21. Saturday will be 8 Ball and Sunday is 9 Ball. We will post schedules as quickly as we can once all playoff matches have been completed. Some teams will draw straight into the City Championships and others will have to win one match in the Blast to get there. Immediately following the Sunday Blast matches, we will conduct the City Championship draw at Pockets. We will post the City Championship brackets as quickly as possible after the conclusion of the Blast Tournament.

**MVP winners** have been posted to the web site for the Spring Session. We will have MVP trophies, Singles Board vouchers and patches available starting on the weekend of the Blast and at all 3 weekends of the City Championships. We do want these players to receive these awards, so check the list to see if anyone on your team has earned one, and stop by and see us at one of the events. The MVP list can be found under Awards and Milestones on our web page [sandiego.apaleagues.com](http://sandiego.apaleagues.com).

Teams competing in the Blast will receive their team trophies at the Blast. Teams that advance directly to City Championships will have their team trophies available on the first weekend they are scheduled to play. **Prize money checks will be mailed out to the team captain starting on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. If the check is to be made out to someone other than the captain, please contact the office as soon as possible.** Teams that win the division standings can receive a Host Location Sponsor plaque, but you must request one to receive one. Some locations will no longer post these plaques, so please only order it if the location will actually put it up somewhere in the bar. No sponsor plaques will be ready before the City Championships.

**League Fees-** When we started the Spring Session, we weren't quite ready to make the transition from mailing score sheets to electronic, but in late February we did make the switch and it's worked out very well. Only about 4 teams elected to stay on the mail program, and everyone else transitioned quite nicely. We do need to make improvements on submitting score sheets. While taking a photo does work, scanning the score sheet with one of the many free apps is much better. At some point, we will likely need to work on getting anyone taking photographs to either work on making the photographs easier to read or switch to scanning. For any of the new teams out there, please feel free to call the league office to get assistance on printing score sheets or making payments. [www.mysdapa.com](http://www.mysdapa.com) has all of the info you need to be able to do this, but we are here to help if needed. We currently accept payment via personal check, online bill pay checks, money orders and just about every form of online payment we can think of, including through your local bank (Clear Xchange), Paypal, Venmo, Google Wallet, Square Cash and Pop Money. We also have our own payment portal where you can use a credit card or a debit card to pay fees.

**New members and Applications-** While the above paragraph is for paying weekly team fees, memberships are different. Please note that online payments of annual MEMBERSHIP dues can ONLY be made individually by signing in to the APA Online Member Services at <https://members.poolplayers.com>. NEW MEMBERS that have already been added to a roster, but have not yet paid a membership fee, have been assigned a membership number that they must use when paying their membership fees on the APA Online Member Services website, and should select "Returning Members-Join Again" and NOT "New Member- Join Again". New members may call the League Office to verify this information before attempting to pay their membership fees online. On our local site, applications can be found under "Captains Corner" and "League Materials and Forms". Welcome to all of the new teams and members. We hope you enjoy our pool league. Call the league office if there is anything we can assist you with. Good luck this session!

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