Captains Log, May 19th, 2019

Sunday and Monday teams will be off on Memorial Day weekend. We will not have a newsletter next week. We will be making news links on our web site/app regarding <u>City Championships</u>.

Congratulations to our 6 Juniors that will be representing San Diego at the 2019 APA Junior Championships in St. Louis next month. Genevieve Ahlers (Sean Ahlers and Kim Stephens), Laird Hubbard (Daniele Rincon), Damian Rockafellor (Michael Rockafellor), Justyn Martin (Priscilla and Reuben Duffy), Jake Barreiro (Laura Barreiro) and Joseph Hankins are the 6 players that will be representing San Diego. Joseph and Justyn both made it last year, and Joseph is the current defending champion in the skill level 6-9 tier. That was such an amazing tournament. Our sincerest thanks to Pockets Billiards and Brew, all of our Junior instructors, everyone involved with the booster club and those that helped out at the tournament and a big thank you to all of the parents for the participation in this amazing program. There is a fundraiser pool tournament on Saturday, May 25th at the Library at 10am. Even if you aren't playing in the tournament, please stop by and show your support for our Juniors. You can also purchase raffle tickets at the Blast and City Championships.

The City Championship draw will take place on Sunday immediately following the final 9 Ball Blast matches. You are welcome to attend the draw at Pockets if you'd like to see how it's done. We anticipate starting the draws at 4:30 pm. We will start with the Masters City Championships, then the Ladies City Championships, then the 8 Ball City Championships and then finally the 9 Ball City Championships as the last 9 Ball teams finish up their Blast matches. Brackets for the City Championships will be posted to our web site on Monday, May 20th. Rosters will be a few days later after we've had a chance to review and confirm eligibility, originality and skill levels.

The Ladies 8 Ball and 9 Ball City Championships will take place on the weekend of June 1-2 at Pockets. There will be 10 Ladies teams playing for 2 slots for the Ladies Championships in Las Vegas. There will also be 45 teams playing in the 9 Ball City Championships for 4 slots to the World Pool Championships. June 8-9 at Pockets will be the 8 Ball City Championships. We have 59 teams playing for 5 slots to the World Pool Championships. On June 15th is the Masters City Championships. We have 8 teams playing for 2 spots to the Masters Championships. We will also be conducting the Jack n Jill 8 Ball Doubles Qualifier on June 15th. Good luck to all of the teams participating!

We are now taking sign ups for the <u>Jack n Jill Doubles</u> Qualifier. To be eligible to play in that event, you must have been participating in either the Spring or current Summer sessions of our 8 ball or 9 Ball Doubles league, and you must meet the eligibility requirements of 20 matches within the last 2 years and active on an 8 Ball team. The entry fee is \$30 per team and the handicap limit is 10 per team.

We are devastated to announce the passing of two of our league members. Gary Howard joined the San Diego APA in 2009 and quickly established himself as a skill level 6 in 8 Ball and an 8 in 9 Ball right away. He has played on teams out of On Cue Billiards, The Locker Room, McGregor's and Hungry Stick over his 10 years with the league. Gary was only 51 years old. Paul Newark had to stop playing APA a few years ago as he had been battling illness. He certainly had a passion for the game, as he made it to 7 level in 8 Ball and skill level 8 in 9 Ball. Paul was the nephew of Jay Swanson, a famous professional pool player that passed away in San Diego in 1996. Paul's wife Julie also played APA with Paul on most of his teams that played at Hungry Stick, The Library and the Bancroft. Our hearts go out to all of the friends and family of these two legends of our pool league. They will be sorely missed.

Shoot Pool Good! Brian, Jill and Lindsay

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