

Captains Log, May 21st, 2017

We have had some [schedule](#) changes, so make sure you notify your teammates about any changes in where you are playing this week. Sunday and Monday teams are off next week for Memorial Day.

As some of you are starting your Sunday night matches, the SDAPA League Office is conducting the [City Championship](#) draw at Pockets Billiards and Brew. There is nothing scientific about the draw. We use numbered poker chips to draw names on the board based on a previously-assigned number given to each team. We have one person flipping the poker chips, another searching for the number that corresponds with the team assigned to that number, and that person informs the person writing the names on the board who to write in next. We have 64 teams to draw in 8 Ball, 65 teams to draw in 9 Ball and 8 teams to draw in the Ladies 8 Ball. From there, it's up to each team to defeat the other teams in their bracket. The winner of each board will represent the San Diego APA in the [APA World Pool Championships](#) in August at the Westgate Resort and Casino. We will be sending four 8 Ball teams, three 9 Ball teams, three Ladies 8 Ball teams, three Masters teams and one Jack and Jill Scotch Doubles team to the APA World Pool Championships and we can't wait to see who will earn these spots. We wish every [team](#) that earned the right to participate in the City Championships the best of luck! Please remember that Good Sportsmanship makes it fun for everyone!

Once the draw has been completed, we will post each of the [tournament boards](#) as soon as possible. We expect them to be up on Monday or Tuesday of this week. On each board are the dates and times of each scheduled match. Unfortunately, these matches cannot be changed, so make sure you give all of your teammates plenty of notice to schedule time off to play. The best way to be successful at the City Championships is to have a full roster available so that you can use the necessary strategy to earn enough points to advance to the next round. Rosters will be posted much later in the week, and quite possibly the Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend. If we can post them sooner, we certainly will, but careful review of skill levels and eligibility is a time consuming process.

We will have [MVP](#) trophies and patches available for anyone that earned them. They will be available at any of the 3 City Championship weekends we have scheduled. Those dates again are June 2-4 (Preliminary 9 Ball Rounds and THERE ARE FRIDAY NIGHT MATCHES), June 9-11 (Preliminary 8 Ball Rounds, and THERE ARE FRIDAY NIGHT MATCHES), and Super Saturday, June 17 where we will play semifinals and finals of 8 Ball and 9 Ball and the Ladies 8 Ball will also start and finish that day. [Pockets](#) will be opening an hour earlier than the first scheduled match times on each day we are scheduled to play Cities. No one will be allowed in before that time. Dave Whitsell has his shop at Pockets and he will be there for anyone that has cue needs.

We have SDAPA City Championship T-Shirts for 2017. These shirts will be available for purchase on any of the 3 weekends of City Championships and that is the only time they will be available and only as long as supplies last. We have men's and ladies t-shirts and tank tops. All shirts are \$20 each.

We would like to thank everyone who helped support the [Junior program](#) this year. We are happy to say that we have raised enough money to send 3 Juniors to the [Junior Nationals](#) in Davenport, Iowa in July. The outpouring of support this year has been incredible and we are very, very appreciative! We will start the next Junior Academy session in September, shortly after Labor Day, and will be scheduling a registration and orientation day to coincide with our Spring Session Awards Ceremony near the end of July. Stay tuned for more info in future Captain's Logs and on our [league website](#). We have also created a [Facebook group for the Junior Academy](#). Anyone who's interested in keeping up with Junior Academy info may join the group. Search for San Diego APA Junior Academy.

We are sad to announce the passing of 3 of our former league members:

Emil "Freddie" Kleiner passed away on April 2nd. Freddie hadn't played in the SDAPA since 2015, but he was playing on South Bay teams that are still active in our league. Freddie played about 100 matches between 8 Ball and 9 Ball. Freddie was only 34.

Ken Holland was also a South Bay league member that died way too young. Ken was only 45 and had over 500 matches played in the league. He was a regular at our Southwest Challenge tournaments for years. He was also married to SDAPA league member Cici Gonzales.

We just heard last weekend that **Don Ripley** passed away at the age of 70. Don was a fixture in every pool league in the North County Coastal area for years and years. He always had a great story to tell and he was pretty talented with a pool cue. Don played just over 400 matches in our league over the last 21 years. Our sincerest condolences to all of the friends, family and teammates of these fine gentlemen. They will be missed. ☹

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