

Captains Log, October 21st, 2018

We made it through a string of tournaments and San Diego did quite well. The first event was the [US Amateur Preliminary](#) rounds held at Stix Billiards in Rancho Cucamonga. We had several male and female players competing in the opening round of this prestigious event, and Paul Langley was the lone San Diego APA qualifier to make it through. Paul will be competing in the US Amateur Championships on November 7-11 in Palm Harbor, FL. Good luck, Paul!

The next event was the Summer Session [Blast](#) at [Pockets](#) . All of the Summer Session standings and playoff champions of our 8 Ball and 9 Ball Open divisions from each San Diego APA division competed for [City Championship World Qualifiers](#) qualification at Pockets Billiards and Brew. The Fall Session Blast is scheduled for January 26-27. The Spring Blast is scheduled for May 18-19 and the 9 Ball and Ladies 8 Ball City Championships are scheduled for June 1-2. The 8 Ball City Championships are scheduled for June 8-9. These dates are all tentative at this time, but we hope to have confirmation soon.

[Pockets Billiards & Brew](#) and the San Diego APA hosted the Fall Singles Regional qualifier for the 2019 [APA Poolplayer Championships](#) . We qualified 7 players to compete in the 2019 Championship event, and those 7 players are: Thuy Tran, George Argerake, Calvin Lee, Marakai Fellows and John Pasquarella in the 8 Ball Classic Regional, and Jennifer Greifendorf, Edward Arciniega and John Pasquarella in the 9 Ball Shootout Regional. This year marks the 3rd time in 4 years that John Pasquarella has qualified for both of the 9 Ball Shootout and the 8 Ball Classic, and he did win the 9 Ball Shootout in 2017. Congratulations to all of the qualifiers. Qualifying for the Spring Regional is currently underway. The qualifying window closes on November 30th. You must win a Single's Board in order to qualify for the Regionals. All [MVP winners](#) each session receive \$30 in Singles Board vouchers that can help you take a really successful session and possibly turn it into a Championship session by qualifying for the Poolplayer Championships.

We announced last week that APA has added a 4th tier to the Poolplayer Championships, and it's going to be the "Gray" tier, which separates the skill level 6's and 7's into their own tier away from the skill level 8's and 9's in 9 Ball. Each added tier is a lot more added money to the Poolplayer Championships, as it adds several more top finishers and big prize money. Join the Facebook group "[SDAPA singles qualifiers events and info](#)" to find out dates and times for the next qualifiers.

The 2018 [9 Ball Southwest Challenge](#) at [Westgate Resort and Casino](#) has completed, and it was another amazing trip to Las Vegas. 56 San Diego teams took over the hotel and attempted their skills on the pool tables against teams from California, Arizona, Colorado and Nebraska. San Diego had won 2 of the last 4 events in the 9 Ball SWC, but this time it wasn't to be. Our top finishers were 5th place finishes by Jay Roach, Scott Zuckerman and Phil Oh, and Kevin Gerow, Brian Jones and Paul Clotar. In all, 183 teams competed in the event and San Gabriel Valley had a team win the 9 Ball event for the first time. The 9 Ball SWC has been doing this tournament since 2003. Many of the San Diego teams cashed. Download the free [CompuSport](#) app to see the final results and to see how everyone did. The next Southwest Challenge tournament is the [8 Ball event](#) , which is scheduled for March 28-31, 2019.

Old Member Services will be going away permanently at the end of October. Old Member Services site address [members.poolplayers.com](#) is the link that won't be around anymore. Some of you may have accessed Old Member Services through our local web site [sandiego.apaleagues.com](#) and then clicking on the top left link called "Member Services and Stats". Starting on November 1st, when you click on that link, it will now take you to [league.poolplayers.com](#) and the New Member Services page. New Member Services can also be accessed directly using the link [league.poolplayers.com](#) or through the app APA Pool League. Your screen name (email address) and password for the old site works exactly the same for the new site. Many of you have transitioned to the new site already. APA is not done adding new features to the newer site, but they are constantly working to improve navigation and features to make your experience more satisfactory. If anyone needs assistance with this transition, please give the office a call between the office hours listed below. We are happy to help.

Just so that we are clear, the [sandiego.apaleagues.com](#) and [www.mysdapa.com](#) sites aren't going anywhere. You can create a direct link to the New Member Services by bookmarking [league.poolplayers.com](#), but we do still prefer that you link to that site through [sandiego.apaleagues.com](#) as we still post important local related league info to that page. The other thing that is now gone is the message board on our local web site. It wasn't getting much traffic locally on any site anywhere in the country, as quicker response times for questions is handled on our Facebook pages. We recently created a page called [San Diego APA Players](#) on Facebook for just that. Feel free to follow and like that page to add it to your feed.

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