

Captains Log, October 29th, 2017

Just checking in since it's been a few weeks since the last Captain's Log. This one will mostly be to talk about our recent tournaments, as we had lots of locals do very well. We completed the Summer Session Blast tournament at Pockets Billiards and Brew on the first weekend of October, and we now have lots of teams qualified to compete in the [2018 City Championships](#) for both the 8 Ball and 9 Ball formats. Qualified teams are marked on the score sheet and on the web site. If you see the qualified designation, it means the team is qualified to compete in the City Championships, provided they continue to meet all of the eligibility requirements. So congratulations to all of those teams that made it.

We did the Fall Singles Regional on the 7th and 8th of October with 8 ball on Saturday and 9 Ball on Sunday. We had San Diego players competing against players from Riverside, Orange County and San Gabriel Valley to try to qualify for the [2018 APA Poolplayer Championships](#). On Saturday, we had 7 brackets to play down to a winner on each board to advance to Nationals. We had a skill level 2-3 board, a skill level 4 board, 2 skill level 5 boards, 2 skill level 6 boards and a skill level 7 board. On Sunday, we had 5 brackets to advance 5 players to Nationals. We had a skill level 1-3 board, two skill level 4-5 boards and 2 skill level 6-9 boards. San Diego participants won 6 of the 12 slots for Nationals and here is our list of winners:

John Pasquarella qualified in both 8 ball and 9 ball (John is also the defending 9 Ball National Champion)

Katie Hindorff won in 8 Ball

James Dery won in 8 Ball

Bernadine Diaz won in 9 Ball

Rowan O'Brien won in 9 Ball

Also winning boards, but not from our area are: Javier Salas Jr., Tyler Buffington, Jonathan Gomez, Cory Frutos, Mike Novelli and Donnie Spraggs. Congratulations to all of the winners and good luck in Las Vegas in the finals! Qualifying for the 2018 APA Poolplayer Championships is still taking place until the end of November. Check our web site and our [SDAPA singles qualifier and other events Facebook page](#) for more information on how you can qualify to compete in the biggest Singles tournament in the world!

The [APA 9 Ball Southwest Challenge Tournament](#) took place from October 13-15 at the Westgate Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. We had 167 total teams participating from not only the Southwest Region, but we even had 8 teams from Nebraska and Colorado competing at this event. San Diego sent 42 three person teams with a handicap limit of 15 to compete against all of these other areas, and we were also the defending champion of this event (Nayan Tamrakar, Ducky Holt and Kim Nguyen). 15 of the 42 teams cashed in the tournament. San Diego #2 (Jay Roach, Scott Zuckerman and Phil Oh) and San Diego #39 (Bill McNaughton, Lauren Coker and Travis Gibson) each finished in 3rd place for San Diego's highest finish this year, and 3rd place paid \$1350.00 per team. San Diego #27 (Wayne Joyner, Jayson Pritchard and John Dietrich) and San Diego #32 (Shawn Liles, Michelle Cummings and James Wilson) finished in 5th place. 5th place paid \$900.00. 2 more teams placed in 9th place from San Diego. Several others, as mentioned previously, finished in 17th and 33rd. The list of how everyone did is posted on the web site. Orange County took first place this year with Riverside finishing in 2nd place. Congratulations to all of the teams that won money. Of the \$25,000.00 purse, San Diego players won more than \$7000.00 in this event, which is a fantastic accomplishment. The APA 8 Ball Southwest Challenge is scheduled for March 22-25. Team handicap limits for this event is 14. We will have a package price for this event soon.

[The SDAPA Halloween GhouL Tournament](#) is this Saturday (October 28th) at Pockets Billiards and Brew. You must be an active 9 Ball member with at least 7 lifetime scores in 9 Ball to be eligible to participate in this event. There will also be a costume contest for tournament participants only. Prize money added for the tournament and for the costume contest. Hope to see you there. A shortened handicap race chart will be used for this tournament.

Next up will be [the SDAPA Turkey Shoot](#) the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Pockets Billiards and Brew. That will end our tournament schedule for 2017. But we plan on more tournaments in 2018, including a brand new APA tournament only for Team Captains which will qualify teams locally to compete in the APA Team Captains Tournament in Las Vegas during the World Pool Championships. Details coming soon!

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