

Captains Log, September 10th, 2017

The deadline to submit fees for the [Southwest Challenge](#) was September 9th. I'm actually typing up this newsletter on Thursday, September 7th, and some captains may see this newsletter before September 9th. With that said, Jill and/or I will be at Pockets on Saturday as the Junior league starts a new session and you can bring it by there. If your entry fee is late, we can't guarantee your spot in SWC nor can we lock in your team's skill levels, and that includes only partial payment received. It is not too late to submit a team for the SWC if you are still thinking about it, but there are no guarantees for anyone sending in their stuff late. Flyers with information regarding the Southwest Challenge can be found at our web site sandiego.apaleagues.com.

APA has created another new site that is eventually going to replace the current version of APA Online Member Services. The address to the new site is league.poolplayers.com. Here you can see a lot of the same stuff that is already offered on the old site, but also some new things. They will be offered side by side for the time being, but now that we are announcing this new site for your viewing pleasure, we would like to express some important info regarding this new one. Here are some basic things you should know about the new site that will take some serious getting used to:

This new site has live updates. Live updates is not while you are playing your match, but when we process score sheets in the office. These live updates only update team and player stats, like standings and MVP points, NOT SKILL LEVELS! While we do like the idea of statistics posting as soon as humanly possible, we already know that this will create some new problems we weren't experiencing with the old site, and most of it has to do with the flow of paperwork in the office. Let me explain.....

Sunday and Monday divisions (all divisions will have the same problem that gets described here, but I'm using Sunday and Monday as an example) start getting processed on Wednesday morning when the office opens. As matches get scored, this new site will actually show you the results as we entered them rather than at the time we update to the web site on the old members site. Handicaps will not update until we print score sheets, just like on the old members site.

Here is where things become a mess for anyone who is excited about the idea of real time updates, and it mostly has to do with paperwork flow. We currently have people sending in score sheets via email, but we still have people mailing them in. Because people use the mail system, we prefer to stay on our same [deadline time for submitting score sheets and payments](#). For Sunday and Monday divisions, that's Thursday morning at 10am. However, we do not wait for everything to come in before we start scoring. For teams that we do not have their stuff yet, we go ahead and score the match anyway and then mark the team past due for league fees and we do not award the bonus points. So, if you look at live updates on Wednesday, you might show that your own team received 6 points in 8 Ball for the week, but your team is missing the bonus points and the team is past due. However, we could still have the sheets and dues show up before the deadline, where we would then update the bonus points to show 8 points instead of 6 and no longer past due. We might also be missing both team's sheets until Thursday morning, so live updates on Wednesday may be incomplete. We really can't change how we do things in the office, so this is going to be a lingering problem. It's only a problem for anyone wanting to peek in before everything is done and completely processed.

If you want the best results from the new site, I would suggest waiting until we typically update the web site from our old member services site. At that time, we will have scored everything, printed score sheets to update skill levels and will be completely done with processing those divisions for the week. So, here would be the best times to view the new member's site each week:

Sunday and Monday divisions: After 5pm on Thursdays

Tuesday divisions: After 5pm on Fridays

Wednesday and Thursday divisions: After 5pm on Mondays and after 5pm on Tuesdays when Monday is a holiday

Friday and Saturday divisions: After 5pm on Wednesday

The new site may eventually remove the live update feature, but it is there for now. If you go to the old site and see that the member's site has been updated for the week for your division, it will also then be safe to view the new site as complete for the week. They will be working in unison until they remove the old site. It is also important to know that these technological advances are designed to make the functionality of our web sites work better in the future for phone apps and potentially electronic scoring.

What would make the live updates work better for everyone is if everyone turns in their score sheets and fees as soon after their matches as possible. There are only a small handful of teams mailing in their sheets each week, so the sooner everything does get submitted, the more complete everything can be when we do start processing. We generally start processing Sunday and Monday on Wednesday, Tuesdays on Thursday, Wednesday and Thursday on Friday and Friday and Saturday on Monday.

We sadly announce the passing of APA league member Connie Armstrong. Connie was playing on Rose Morrison's ladies team "Shot-A-Holics" out of the Library on Friday nights in the Spring Session when she died in her sleep in early August. Connie was the mother to Frankie Surber, who also is an SDAPA member. Connie was 53. Connie only played 8 matches in our league before passing, but she won 5 of them as a skill level 3. She was caring for her 3 grandchildren while Frankie was busy in the military. Our hearts go out to all of her friends and family. RIP!

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