Captains Log, February 10th, 2019

The Sunday teams took off a week of play for that? Yuck!!! Pretty sure I would have much rather watched some Sunday night 9 Ball over Super Bowl LIII. But, we don't take off Super Bowl Sunday because of who is playing, but because most of the bars are already packed with people wanting to see the halftime show or funny commercials and eating all of the yummy food that gets served on Super Bowl Sunday.

This week we are discussing the league app and the links for some of our other pages. We are beyond week 4 for all of our divisions, so anyone adding (to a team that isn't qualified for City Championships) will need to pay membership fees before they can play. This newsletter will hopefully help teams be able to do that a little easier.

www.poolplayers.com is the APA Corporate Web Site. They provide lots of information on the National level along with the ability to pay memberhip fees. San Diego APA is one of over 300 APA leagues worldwide. There is plenty to see at this web address.

league.poolplayers.com is our stats site. It's also known as APA Pool Leagues if you search for the app on your smart phone/tablets. The log in for this site/app is your email address along with the password you set when you first set up your online account with APA. You can see current stats (Spring '19) as well as history of the divisions by changing the session parameters. This site gives you the capability to receive notifications to your phone about upcoming league matches and league news. On the home page of this site, you can click on the web site link right under the APA logo to access sandiego.apaleagues.com.

sandiego.apaleagues.com provides local information along with league news, newsletters, tournament announcements, rosters, schedules, etc… You can see patch lists, MVP recipients among other things, so you should check in on this site as well.

www.mysdapa.com is our league payment site. Here you can learn how to submit payments and score sheets to the league office. It will also explain how to pay memberships.

Regarding payments for new league members: Typically, if a new league member calls the office to join the league, we will send them to league.poolplayers.com or download the free APA Pool Leagues App. The first thing that pops up when you go to that site is the log in button. If you have set up your account already, you can just log in and even have it remember you each time you enter so that you don't have to type that info in each time. If you haven't set up your account, there is a button at the very bottom of the Log In screen that says "JOIN". The first thing that pops up when you click "join" are 3 blue buttons. One is for a new members, but they should do this before we add them to our database. A unique thing about our database is the player is only "NEW" if they aren't already in our database. So if Del Callanta had never played in our league before and he was joining your Monday team and it's Monday, you should have him download the free app, click on JOIN and click on "JOIN NOW" in the New Member blue box. From there, the app will have you follow the instructions of paying membership fees and setting up your member account. You can use a debit or credit card to pay membership fees this way. If Del waits until we already have the score sheets in our office, chances are good we may have added his name to our database, which now makes him an existing member (even if he didn't play). As an existing member, Del would actually now need to contact the league office to give us all of his information to be able to pay on that app and gain access to member services. Information we would need is correct spelling of name, birthdate and email address. In turn, Del would need to know his assigned membership number in order to find himself with the Join button. If Del waits until after we add him to the database, but he signs in as new, what will happen is APA will assign him a new membership number and will pay him under that membership number while we actually have him listed on a team with a completely different number. This is considered to be a duplicate. It's not the most horrible thing that can happen, but it does take the league office awhile to fix as we have to contact APA to have the records combined once we finally figure out that the player is in the database twice.

The reason that Del Callanta can't just find himself with just his name if he is already in our database is because there might already be 543 other Del Callanta's in our database and the birthdate and email address info will help pinpoint the correct one that might already have previously played matches on their record. The more our captains understand how this stuff works will help our new members claim their accounts and help make their first impression of APA a positive one.

The league.poolplayers.com app has had some weird things pop up on occasion. For example, last night we received an email that a Tuesday team was showing that they were scheduled to play on a Wednesday. If you ever see that, just ignore it. You play on the night you are scheduled to play. The score sheet should reflect that when you print it. I don't think APA has figured out why that happens quite yet, but it is something they are working on preventing from happening. We did post score sheets early this week for two teams that wanted to play a match that was scheduled for next week a week early. In order to do that, we have to post those score sheets for the entire division. If you see score sheets posted

for the following week, do not print those score sheets unless you are one of the teams playing the match early. You should **NEVER** print your score sheets for your match until after we have posted the stats for the previous week. If we do post score sheets early, we will likely post a message on your score sheet that says to reprint your score sheet if you printed it before the posting date. The reason for this is, and I'm going to use Tuesday teams as an example since it was a Tuesday team asking for score sheets early, because handicaps could end up being different on each score sheet, depending on when they were printed. Let's say Danielle sees her week 7 score sheet posted early and they haven't played their week 6 match yet. So to save the hassle of printing score sheets twice, she just sends both score sheets to the printer. Her opponent Haroon waits until after the week 6 score sheets are entered and posted on Friday before printing his week 7 score sheets. Any skill level changes from the week 6 matches will show up on Haroon's score sheet, but not on Danielle's score sheet because she printed hers before week 6 got scored. If that happens, Haroon's score sheet is the one that would be used for that match for skill levels. If both teams print early and there were skill level changes and someone played at the incorrect skill level, those matches would turn into forfeits or need to be finished. The best practice for printing score sheets for any match is to make sure your divisions stats have been posted for the previous week before printing score sheets. We will try to remember to post a message on the score sheet letting you know about score sheets being posted early. This is a fairly rare occurrence, but something to be mindful of.

APA keeps adding new features to our app, so it really does keep getting better as time goes on. The last I heard, they were working on getting player's team history all coordinated to be available on the app. We had that on the old one, but this one is supposed to go even farther back.

The search bar on the app allows you to look for former league members. You just need to type in their name as it is spelled in our database. If they are on a team and a paid member, you can find their membership number and skill level. If they aren't active, you can still get their membership number, but it won't show their skill level. You'll need to call or email the office for that.

There are going to be times where the app is down for updates or maybe it's down because of traffic issues. It actually went down a little more often than previously in January because of people renewing memberships. If it's down, try checking back a little later. Updates are improvements or fixes that are being added to the app to make it better. Traffic issues are just something that happens when a lot of people are accessing the app at the same time.
Other links that you should introduce your new league members to are Facebook pages:
American Poolplayers Association
San Diego APA
San Diego APA Players Group
San Diego APA Team Building Group
SDAPA singles qualifiers events and info group

If you find these pages and click to follow, you will receive posts in your feed letting you know about upcoming events, news and notifications about league activities. Many of these pages are to help keep you informed of league activities, policies and such. Your score sheet has a bar code that will allow you to access the APA team manual simply by pointing your smart phone camera at it. So if you have league rule questions, nearly everyone on your team can pull up the manual with a quick click and point if an actual manual isn't lying around close by.

The Spring Singles Regionals are set for Pockets Billiards and Brew on the first weekend in March. If you did not receive your paperwork, please contact the league office and we can send you a copy. To be eligible for the Spring Regional, you must have won a Singles Board between June 15 and November 30 of 2018, or have been bumped from a previous regional. We will talk about Regionals a little bit more in the next newsletter.

We sadly announce that long time SDAPA League Member Denise Jenkins lost her battle with cancer recently. Denise joined the SDAPA back in 2007 and played exclusively for one team for 8 years out of the Hungry Stick. Many of you will remember the team "Thirsty Balls" on Tuesday nights. Shauna Quatman wasn't going to join APA originally because she was a little bit scared, but with her close friend Denise joining with her, it made it a little easier to do so and then they were teammates for 8 years. Denise played 254 9 Ball matches in our league. She was 51 years of age. Our condolences to everyone that knew Denise.

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