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# Boomer's Page



#### **Qualified Teams**

Teams that have already qualified for regionals, or who get qualified during the upcoming tri-cups, please read pages **85-95** of your team manual to make sure you understand what it takes to keep your team eligible. Basically, you only have the first 4 weeks of this session to make changes to your roster. The players that you have on your roster at the flip of the coin week 4 will be the team that you go to regionals with as long as they have enough scores in by the end of the session. No substitutions can be made on your regional roster. Every player on your roster must have a skill level based on at least 10 scores in the format you are advancing in. The 10 scores must have been earned within the last 2 years. The only scores that count are regular league, playoff and tri-cup scores. Scores acquired during Summer session 2015 scores do not count towards the 10. All players must play with your team at least 4 times this session before playoffs. You must have at least 4 original members on this session's roster. All players must be in good standing with the league. We will do our best to make sure everyone meets the requirements, but team captains must take on the bulk of the responsibility in ensure all of the requirements are met.

#### 20th Annual Civil War

The 20th Annual Civil War against the Southern Oregon league areas, Feb 21-22. Entry forms were included in the captain's folder or you can print one off our web site at pacificnw.apaleagues.com. This is one of our most popular events and the entry deadline is Feb 10, so don't delay. We will be hosting the event this year. Play will be split between KC's Midway and Rodder's. The side, North vrs South, that has the most balanced combination of skill levels is usually the victor in this tournament so current members of all abilities are welcome and encouraged to participate. Last year, we lost by one stinkin' point. The North really needs a win this year! Get your entry in today!

Don't forget to fill in the 5 Star Sportsmanship Rating on Your Score sheet each week. Double Jeopardy, need to fill it in on both the 8-Ball and the 9-Ball Score Sheets.

## There Are No "Byes"

There are no "byes" during the first 4 weeks of any session. Please note that the temporary schedule says "to be announced". This means that there is an opening in the division. These openings can be filled by incoming teams at any point during the first 4 weeks. If we do not fill those positions by the time that we print the permanent schedules on week 5, THEN they become byes. If we fill a vacancy, we will notify the team they are supposed to play by no later than 5 pm the day prior to the day of play. If you do not hear from us by that time, assume that you are not playing that week. No "bye" points will be awarded until week 5.

# **Membership Cards**

New to the league members and those that did not pay their dues in 2014 will receive a hard plastic 2015 membership card. which will be mailed directly to each individual player. It will come in your membership kit, along with your 2015 APA patch, a mini rule book, an APA sticker and a booklet describing the national discount program and general information about the league. Your new card will be a plastic, much like a driver's license, that will be replaced every 5 years. So when it arrives, put it in your wallet and treat it as you would any other piece of ID. Each year you will receive a sticker that you will put on your card, when you pay your dues, to show that you are a current member. It is important that you keep your address current with us. You can update your address at poolplayers.com. Make sure that your complete address, including apt # if applicable, all fits on "Address Line 1". Please allow up to 8 weeks for your membership kit to arrive. The first shipment of cards should be going out in the next week or so. Those that paid before the first of the new year should be the first to receive their membership packets. If you lose your card, it will cost \$5 to replace it.

## Congratulations

The following players earned the Grand Slam Patch during the Fall Session

Evan Smelser	Grant Walstrom	David Scarth	Jeff Farnsworth
Tim Higginson	Phil Sanders	John Scudder	Tyler Hanson
Scott Snyder	Adam Drew	Clay Brown	Bobby Green
Michael Black	Patrick Baccellieri	Isaac Norman	Johnny Van

Special Note: Evan Smelser and Adam Drew earned their grand slam patch by completing all elements in one league match. There are only a hand full of players that have achieved that feat! Good shooting, guys!

# NUMBER OF TIMES YOU MUST PLAY

In order to participate with your team in playoffs or tri-cups, a player must have played with your team a minimum of 4 times in the format you are advancing in. Double jeopardy teams, that means 4 times in 8-ball to go to 8-ball playoffs/tri-cups and 4 times in 9-ball to go to 9-ball playoffs/tri-cups. Get all of your members qualified now. Don't get caught at the end of the session with players still needing to get their plays in. Forfeits and byes do not count as a match played.

### **Online Newsletters**

For quite some time now, anyone who has provided us with an email address is receiving our weekly newsletters and flyers directly to their email address. The best open rate that we have been able to achieve is 30%. While we are glad that we are reaching more members with our information, we do have to pay for the number of emails that we send out each month. If you are not interested in knowing what is going on with the league and do not wish to receive these weekly mailings, please open up one of the emails and click on the link at the bottom of the page to opt out.

Referee School Is February 7th at Rodder's Starting At Noon

Please read the Official Team Manual Prior To Attending