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## Boomer's Page

*OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing*

### 8 Ball Scores Are In

The scores from last weekend's 8 ball tri cup have been averaged into each participant's permanent player record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play last week.

### PLAYERS MISSING FROM YOUR ROSTER?

If you have a player missing from your roster, it is because we have not received their membership dues and/or membership application. We can no longer allow unpaid members to be on a roster. If someone has paid their dues and still has been removed, please call us immediately so that we can get this corrected.

### Permanent Schedules and Captain's Lists

All divisions, except Saturday and Sunday, have permanent schedules and a captain's list in their packets this week. Saturday and Sunday divisions will get theirs next week. **There is one copy of the schedule specifically for the captain, which includes the phone numbers of all the captains in your division.** There is also a copy of the schedule for each member of the team, minus captain phone numbers. Please note that we have included a copy of the schedule marked specifically for your host location. Please make sure they get a copy of your schedule so they can staff properly for league night. If you need to reschedule a match, please call the opposing captain well in advance, that does not mean the night of play, so they have time to notify their teammates. Also enclosed, you will find score sheets for any make up matches that you may need to complete. Please contact the opposing captain to schedule a date and time to play your make up, then call the league office so that we can notate the make up date on our records. All make up matches must be completed by March 27. Completed makeup matches need to be turned in with your next regularly scheduled league match, do not hold them until the due date or you will lose your bonus points and be marked past due. Failure to complete a make up match will disqualify your team for post season play no matter what position you hold in the standings. If you are having trouble agreeing on a time to complete your make up match, notify the league office as soon as possible and we will set a date that may not be the best for either team. You must use the most recent skill levels when completing a makeup match. The skill levels that are on the make up sheets may not be correct. Protect yourself, schedule early and call to get the most current skill levels. Remember the office is closed on Sunday.

All "to be announced" in a schedule that have not been filled have been replaced with byes. All bye points have been awarded for weeks 1-4 and are reflected in the total team points. For 8-ball a bye is worth 11 points (8 plus 3), in 9-ball a bye is worth 90 points (60 plus 30). Master Divisions byes are worth 15 pts. Ladies Divisions byes are worth 7 pts (4 plus 3 bonus)

## **No More Adding Players Without Office Permission**

For the rest of the session, you must get office permission before adding a player to your roster. We have specific instructions that you must follow or you will not be allowed to add a player or you may forfeit any matches that they play. Teams that are qualified for regionals cannot make any more changes to their roster for any reason without losing your eligibility. Remember, the office is closed on Sunday.

## **Courtesy, Please!**

Along with common sense, courtesy is a must. You and your teammates can make or break an evening of pool by the way you treat the other team. When your team is hosting the match at your location, don't hog all the good seats for yourselves. Make sure that both teams have an equal number of "good" seats around the match tables. We realize that not every location is perfectly set up for pool league, but by sharing the available seating, you can create a more relaxing atmosphere.

Talk to your bartender and make sure that they give everyone, including the visiting team, good service. We have heard of instances, where the bartender treats the home team great and basically ignores the visiting team.

Loud and obnoxious players should be sent home. This is generally caused by too much alcohol. If someone is stumbling down drunk, don't play them. They will slow things down, causing frustration by both teams. They will also generally be the first ones to want to argue the rules or argue about a "good hit, bad hit situation". Certainly, do not have them keep score! If they tend to get this way week after week, you should consider replacing them. Their actions do reflect on the entire team, no matter how many times you apologize for them.

Keep an eye on times. 7:00 is start time for the Monday through Thursday teams, 2:00 pm for the Saturday and most Sunday divisions, Ladies division has established their own times. This is real time, not bar time. 2 minutes to get the next race started. 20 second shot clock. One minute time outs. If things get behind, start the next race on another table, if available, to keep the momentum going and get the match completed in a timely manner.

Be courteous to your wait staff and have respect for the host location and their equipment. Do not bring in outside food or drink. Do not get defensive if you get asked for your ID. They are just doing their jobs and you need to respect the rules and regulations that the host location has set for the establishment. Be prepared to pay for your order in advance. Not every location accepts credit and/or debit cards. Pay your tabs before you leave. Tip generously for good service.

Ask the bartender to keep the jukebox at a reasonable level. If you are having to shout at the person next to you to be heard, it is too loud. Playing songs with rude or offensive language should be avoided during league matches. I, for one, do not appreciate hearing that crap and I know that I am not the only one. Save those songs for when you are goofing off with your friends.

**Proper Scorekeeping is essential in making sure all players are properly rated.**

**Watch the scorekeeping videos posted on [www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com)**