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Missing Points?

First of all, a big THANK YOU, to all of the individuals who went online at poolplayers.com and filled out their application and paid their 2015 member dues online. It saves us countless hours in the office and allows us to get score sheets processed and back out for the next week of play sooner. Thank you to all of the captains that collected what member dues were left to be paid and complete applications from those members who could not pay online. While it takes longer to process the paper applications, having them come in complete with the dues, makes things run smoother.

FOR THE REST OF YOU, a player cannot play their first match until they pay their 2015 member dues and completely fill out an application. Period, end of story. Many of you paid the money, but failed to turn in an application or turned one in that was incomplete. We will not score those matches until we have what we need to process the player's membership dues.

It doesn't matter if the person has lived at the same location for 40 years, if they pay the captain their dues, they have to completely fill out a membership application every year. If they don't want to fill out an application, they can go online and pay their dues and fill out their application at poolplayers.com. We will not mark a player paid until we receive their complete application. It is all or nothing, either they pay and fill out their application online OR they pay the captain and fill out the paper application.

As soon as we mark a player paid, it starts the process of generating a membership card and packet. Membership cards are being mailed directly to the individuals. They are no longer mailed to the captain of the team. That means that if for some reason, your address is incorrect, you will not receive your membership card. You will need your membership card several times throughout the year, especially if your team makes it to Vegas. The new membership cards are a more permanent card which will serve as proof of your APA membership for 5 years. You will still pay every year, but your card will only be replaced once every 5 years. If you lose your card or don't receive it because of a bad address, it will be \$5 to replace it. Captains: please make sure that the dues and the applications come in at the same time. For those of you that received a 2013 or 2014 membership card, you will receive a 2015 sticker to be placed on the card. Do not throw that card away. It will be replaced in 5 years.

Qualified teams

Teams that have already qualified for regionals, or who get qualified during the upcoming tri-cups, please read pages 85-96 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 only scores that count are regular league, playoff and tri-cup scores. Scores acquired during Summer session, which begins May 18, 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.

Expect Schedule Changes In The First 4 Weeks of the Session

Some Sad News

Bill Backman lost his 1 1/2 year battle with lung cancer on December 2nd. Bill joined the league Spring session 2012. From the get-go he became one of our most enthusiastic members, participating in every possible event. When he found out that he had lung cancer, he did not let that stop him. He faced every challenge that the disease threw at him with a positive attitude, not letting it define his life or the way he lived it. His infectious smile and great attitude towards life made him many friends in the APA and he will be sorely missed. Bill played for Sellberg's "Grouch Patrol" and Back Alley's "Warriors" right up to the last month of his life. He truly loved the sport and the people that he met along the way. There will be a military memorial service for Bill on January 20th at Willamette National Cemetery.

Bill Allison passed away on January 6th due to complications from a recent heart attack. Bill joined the league Summer session 2011. He was instrumental in getting Andy's Inn involved in the league, captaining two to three teams a week out of that location. Bill loved the game and competition that came with it. We have not received any information regarding arrangements at the writing of this newsletter.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences go to the both player's families, friends and teammates.

Ways To Send Us Money Electronically

We do not have a way to accept debit or credit card payments. It is not cost effective for us to do so. There are several alternatives, however, that are available to you at no charge. Paypal is the most popular method. Please contact the league office before sending your first Paypal payment to get instructions on how we need to have you send your payment. Other alternatives are Square Cash, Chase Quick Pay and Capitol One Person2Person are some of the ones that we are aware of and have proven successful. Check with your bank to see if they have a program that will allow you to send money directly to us without them having to cut a check and mail it to us. There are several advantages to sending money this way.

1. Paying by check is no longer the norm. Many have told me that the only reason they have checks is to pay the weekly team fees. So no more buying checks.
2. You don't have to worry about your check getting lost in the mail or not postmarked on time. No offense to the Postal employees that we have in the league, but we are experiencing a great deal of trouble getting our mail delivered to us in a timely manner. Since your bonus points are at stake, you might want to look into one of these other alternatives.
3. You get an email confirmation that your money has been received.

Even if you are not an electronic division, you may still send payments and score sheets to us electronically. Give us a call and we will tell you how.