

## 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 2014 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 2014 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 on in that was incomplete. We will not score those matches until we have what we need to process the player's membership dues.

I don't care 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.

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. We are trying to save you some money here. What does it take? All of about a minute of your time to fill one out. Captains: please make sure that the dues and the applications come in at the same time. For those of you that received a 2013 membership card, you will receive a 2014 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 81-91 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 13, 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**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to recognize the following players for earning their Grand Slam Patch during the 2013 Fall session.

Jason Bennett	John Hamilton	Don Colins	AJ Sumner
Phil Bremer	Mark Bussiere	James Smith	Greg Sowder
Grant Walstrom	Brian Bancke	Robert Moody	Paul Mullens
Bob Olson	Mick Shillingford	David Cobb	Steve Lambert
Robbie Solomon	Brian Bieberly	Danny Dorton	Isaac Norman
Mark Griffin	Alan Chin	Timothy Stratton	

In order to earn a Grand Slam patch, you must be on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. You must get an 8-ball and a 9-ball break plus a break and run in both 8 and 9-ball, all in one session. Only regular league matches count towards the grand slam patch. Playoffs, tri-cups, regionals, and single qualifiers do not count.

### **Some Sad News**

Brendan Cavanagh passed away on Dec 9 after a long battle with cancer. Going by the nickname of "Irishman" Brendan joined the league Fall session 2004 until he had to quit about a year ago due to health issues. He played out of the Mousetrap on "Trappers" and "Cued and Ready" and seemed to be well liked by all. Services will be held Saturday, Jan 11 at 2 pm at The Church of the Red Sea in St John's on N Chicago. Our deepest condolences to his family, friends and team mates.



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