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We will be doing weekly drawings for free play certificates starting the first week in November for those who go online to pay their 2017 member dues prior to January 9, 2017. The sooner you get your dues paid the more drawings that you will entered into. Make sure you are making any corrections necessary to your address and phone number prior to paying your dues. Complete address, including apt number needs to be in the address 1 block and your primary phone number needs to be in the home phone number block to keep from having a \* show up on the score sheet next to your name.

## Singles Regional Scores Are In

The scores from Fall Singles have been averaged in each participant's permanent record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play last week.

## Double Jeopardy Strategy

Double jeopardy teams need to strategize so that the same player is not needed on two tables at once. The other team does not have to wait for a player to finish one format so they can play in the other. Use some common sense. If you are going to be short players or having trouble with skill levels and there are extra tables available, get one of the races over with early in the match on a third table so you don't get yourself in a bind.



November 10-13, 2016  
Chinook Winds Casino  
Lincoln City, Oregon

## Entry Deadline for Chinook Winds

Is Fast approaching!

Get Your Entries In Today!

You can download an entry packet off our local web site:

[www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com)

## Important-Do Not Ignore

We get more complaints about improperly rated players than anything else. Incredibly, the majority of the complaints come from teams that do not keep score properly. The biggest problem is not marking defensive shots. In order for the handicapping system to work, defensive shots need to be marked each and every week.

If you or your teammates are not marking defensive shots, you are half the problem

Keep an eye on the table and mark the innings and defensive shots as you see them. If you are not sure of the player's intent, ask them. Most players are honest and will let you know what the intent was. There is rarely a race, even with the lower skilled players, that there is not a defensive shot made by either player. Properly keeping score gets new players to their proper skill level sooner and is your best defense against sandbagging.

Reminder: The innings and defensive shots do not have to match your opponent's score sheet and should never be a reason to argue. If you think the shot was defensive, mark it. Every person on your team should know how to keep score and be able to recognize what a defensive shot is. Every league member should go to either [poolplayers.com](http://poolplayers.com) or our local web site [www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com) and watch the defensive shot videos.

Here are some examples that you should be looking for:

**#1** A player is left "hooked" and unable to shoot directly at one of his object balls. He "kicks" at a ball sitting midway between the side and corner pockets, almost touching the rail. **He hits the object ball just hard enough for it to contact the rail**, making a legal hit and just hard enough for it to contact the rail, making a legal hit and not giving up ball in hand. **This does not make every attempt to do a kick shot a defensive shot. The speed at which the cue ball is struck should be the determining factor.**

**#2** A player does not have a "makeable" or "high percentage" shot and decides to leave his opponent in a difficult situation, rather than attempt a difficult shot. He shoots one of his object balls softly to the rail and makes the cue ball roll in behind his object ball, leaving his opponent with no shot or a difficult one at best.

**#3** Rather than breaking up a group of balls to leave their opponent wide open, the player purposely shoots in one of their opponent's balls or picks up the cue ball to hand to their opponent, giving up ball in hand.

**#4** A player is well ahead in a game or match and decides to purposely miss a few shots. **This is unethical and a form of cheating, better known as sandbagging and can get your skill level raised arbitrarily, get you and your team disqualified during tri cups, regional and national play and/or get you kicked out of the league.**

After nearly 25 years of doing this job, it becomes quite obvious, during my weekly review of the score sheets, who is keeping score properly and who is not. Any team who consistently does not keep score properly, will have players on their team artificially and arbitrarily raised by the league office.

Please take this seriously!

We want you to have fun! What could be more fun than playing players who are properly rated, giving you an equal chance to win.