



BOOMER'S PAGE



A Hero Among Us

You may have read in the newspaper or heard on TV about the about the passenger who brutally attacked a Tri-Met bus driver with a knife in Oregon City on October 2nd. If you heard the story, you also know that three passengers on the bus stepped up to subdue the perpetrator and saved the life of the bus driver. Each of these heroes also sustained injuries in doing so. One of those brave people is an APA member. Richard Dickson, who plays for Coney Island's "Coney Dawgs" in the Willamette Double Jeopardy Division and is a cook at KC's Midway, sustained five knife wounds to the abdomen and leg in the struggle. Richard spent seven days in the hospital with his injuries. He is recovering well, but he will be on light duty for about 6 months. He has applied for assistance from the Victim's Assistance Fund to help with his medical expenses, however that will take a few months to arrive. In the meantime, he could use some help from us with his day to day expenses. KC's Midway is running a fundraiser called "2K Race For Richard" until the end of October. For each dollar that is donated, KC's Midway will match it up to \$1000. You can make donations at the bar or you may put your donations in your weekly envelope. Please indicate that the extra funds are for the "2K Race For Richard" fund. We know that money is tight for most people now, but if everyone kicked in just \$1, that would be over \$2500 that we could give to Richard. Surely, some of you can afford even a little more. Please give what you can and show Richard that we are proud to have him as a member of our league and applaud his heroism.

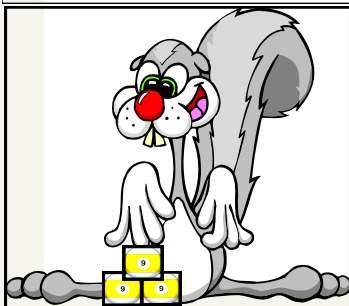
SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Play Till You Win Singles Qualifiers

9-Ball November 17 KC's Midway 10 am

8-Ball November 24 Rodder's 10 am

In order to participate, you must be on an active team and have a skill level based on at least 10 scores in the format that you wish to participate in. Look for more details in future Boomer's Pages.



Chinook Winds Entry Packets
were included with the team
folders and are available on our web site at
pacificnw.apaleagues.com

How To Take the “Bite” Out Of The Shark

League is supposed to be fun, however, we all know that handful of players that take the game too seriously and make the night miserable for everyone. You know who they are. They are the players that don't have enough confidence in their own game and have to try to get you to lose your focus so they can get that edge that they need to win the match. They will call fouls that aren't fouls, bang their stick on the floor or table every time they miss a shot, talk trash to you while you are shooting, slam the balls on the table while racking. They will call you a sandbagger, tell you how lucky you are when you make a shot that required a great deal of skill to execute, stand in your line of sight, root for the 8-ball to go in the wrong pocket or for the cue ball to scratch. They can be loud, obnoxious or drunk on their butts. They will drag out their shots and timeouts to the very limit. Will not shake your hand at the end of the match if they lose, or give you the limp wrist hand shake. They are the ones that complain about the music, the table, the seating, the service or anything else that would explain why they are not playing well. They will argue about the score, not call their own fouls, not get the balls out for you when you are racking, argue about whether a shot was defensive or not, so on and so forth. All of these things are unsportsmanlike behavior and will not be tolerated. If we could have a referee at each and every match, you would never have to endure the antics of these types of players. Unfortunately, this is not possible and many of these things go unreported. These incidents need to be written up so we can get the problem solved. But, should you get mad? Should you let them get you out of your game? Should you retaliate by sinking down to their level and act like they do? Heck no! The best revenge against people like this is to keep your focus and beat them on the table. Turn a negative into a positive. Let their negative energy empower you to play to the best of your ability. Easier said than done sometimes, I know. But ultimately, it is up to you to make the best of a situation like this. Why are they sharking you? It's because they think you can beat them. Sad, I know. The game should be won by the person that plays the best, not by the one that can get their opponent to lose. Think about this the next time you run across one of these poor, pathetic souls.

\$\$\$ NEXT TO A PLAYER'S NAME

\$\$\$ next to a player's name means that player owes us money. It could be from a returned check or money owed from a previous session. That money needs to be paid or that person will not be allowed to play in playoffs or tri-cups and may not be allowed to return next session. Encourage your players to call the office to make arrangements to get this taken care of. In some cases, players have made arrangements with the league office to pay off this amount.

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. Forfeits and byes do not count as a match played.

