



# HALLOWEEN

## Boomer's Page

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**Merle & Boomer will be out of the office Oct 23-25 while we attend our regional meeting**

### Important Tips for the Mail-In Divisions.

- 1. Do not send cash through the mail.**
- 2. Put your return address on the envelope-**You can make up your own labels, write your address on the back of the envelope or use the free labels that you get in your junk mail. That way, if for some reason, your envelope does not get to us, it will be returned to you.
- 3. Thick or heavy envelopes need extra postage-**We provide you with self-addressed, stamped envelopes to cover a standard letter. If you are including several membership applications, multiple Chinook entry forms or score sheets for a make up match, you may need to add additional postage. An envelope that is short postage can be delayed up to two weeks.
- 4. Do not mail your envelope from home or work-**Most Postal delivery personnel work from a delivery unit. In most cases, that delivery unit does not postmark the mail. The mail goes from the delivery unit to a central processing station. If your carrier's vehicle breaks down, has to deliver part of another route or gets bogged down during their route with excessive mail or packages, there is a good chance that they will not get back to their delivery unit in time for the mail to get processed that day. This means that it will sit in their station overnight and not get postmarked until the next day. Just because you get it to the post office before they close, does not mean it will get postmarked that day. Contract stations, such as UPS stores or Postal Plus, have varying pick up times.
- 5. Next day Service Not Available for First Class Mail-**Recent changes to Postal Service standards means there is no longer next day service for first class mail. There is a minimum of 2 days delivery time. When there is a holiday in the week, you can add up to 3 extra days for your mail to get to us and for us to get it back to you. If you do not get your score sheet in time for your day of play, you will need to print your score sheet off the web site at [www.poolplayers.com](http://www.poolplayers.com). Anyone on your team can print it for you. If you need help with this, please contact us and we will talk you through it. It's very easy!

### Tips For Sending Your Paperwork Electronically

**Please note that this option is available for all teams, even if you are not in an electronic division.**

1. Scanning and emailing to [apaboomer@aol.com](mailto:apaboomer@aol.com) is the preferred method. Please have your score keepers keep score in blue or black ink. Pencil does not copy well. Use white out for those occasional errors. We would prefer to get a messy score sheet that we can read, rather than one that we cannot read at all. Remember we need both sides of the 9 ball score sheet.
2. If you are using your smart phone to take pictures, make sure that you have good lighting. Pool table lights generally do not provide enough light to get a good clear image. Please make sure to get close enough that we can read the score sheet. We need to be able to see the entire score sheet. There is important information at the top of the score sheet that we need. Again pen must be used in order for us to get a clear image. Unreadable score sheets may cause your team to lose bonus points.
3. If sending by email, I will always send you a confirmation stating that I have received your paperwork. If you do not get a confirmation by your deadline, you need to investigate. Always put something in the subject line indicating what team name or number the score sheets are for. If I am not here, the office staff will only open what they need to process for that day. If there is nothing in the subject line, your email may be skipped. Please open the confirmation, there may be questions that we have regarding your paperwork that we need clarification on.
4. Anything that is paper can be sent by email including special performance forms, nickname changes and applications. We do not need the originals. Sending a copy of your check or money order, is not proof of payment.
5. We do accept Paypal, Chase QuickPay, Capitol One Person2Person, Clear Exchange, Popmoney and Square Cash. You can set up a Paypal account by going to [Paypal.com](http://Paypal.com). Payments and score sheets must be received by the deadline for your division in order to receive the maximum number of bonus points.

## MAKE UP MATCHES NEED TO BE COMPLETED

All make up matches, including matches from Chinook Winds week, need to be completed by November 20. Thanksgiving matches need to be pre-played if you will not be able to field a team for that week. If you have not made arrangements with the other team to get your make up or pre-plays completed, you need to do so immediately. Failure to complete a make up match may result in your team not being eligible for playoffs or tri-cups no matter what position you hold in the standings. Makeup and pre-play matches need to be turned in when your next week's score sheet are due, even if you have a bye that week, to be considered on time. Be sure and call the league office before you do a make up to get the most current skill levels. Remember, the office is closed all day on Sunday.

## Scores Have Been Entered

The scores from last weekend's Play Till You Win 9 Ball Singles Qualifiers have been entered and averaged into each participant's permanent record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play last week.

## Lowballing

For some odd reason, we have been getting a lot of complaints on this. The complaints are mostly coming from the higher skilled players who are getting put up blind and get mad when the opposing team puts a low skilled player up against them, when there was a higher skilled player that could have played. So, what? Several of you are under the impression that when you put up a player, that the other team has a moral obligation to try to match up to your player as closely as possible. Don't know where you are getting that one from. The other team can put up whomever they want as long as they can meet the skill level cap. You can always return the favor when they put up their higher skilled player. Yes, it is more fun when teams are evenly matched, however, if you have a heavy hitter on your team, sometimes it makes strategic sense to put up a sacrificial lamb to get that match over with and move on to possibly save their stronger player for a match up that is more in their favor. There is nothing wrong with that. To lower a team's sportsmanship rating, based solely on that is absolutely ridiculous. If you have a higher skilled player that is constantly getting lowballed, QUIT PUTTING THEM UP BLIND! Let the other team put up first if you have that option. That way you can control the match ups for 3 out of the 5 races. Your strategy will change with each team that you play. It will also change when you get to tri-cups and regionals. Don't fault the opposing team for their strategy in matchups. They are trying to win, just like you are.

## Breaking The 23 Rule Is Forbidden

Every week we have teams breaking the 23 rule, some are habitual. For the sake of this article, we will refer to the Skill Level Cap, which is 23 for Open 8 and Open 9 ball, 13 for Ladies Only divisions, 26 for the Super Division. The skill levels of the players are updated and printed on the score sheets each and every week. The captain and co-captain should be checking the score sheets every week prior to the start of the match to see if anyone's skill level has changed. Keep a running total of the skill levels that are put up for both teams as you go next to the roster on the score sheet. It is each team's responsibility to watch their own skill levels and make sure that the Skill Level Cap is not broken. Breaking the Skill Level Cap will result in your team losing all points won for the evening. Official team manual pages 36-37.



### 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)