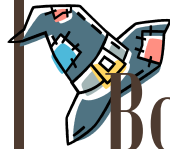


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OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League

9 Ball Scores Are In

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



Final entry deadline for Chinook Winds is Postmarked by
October 25 for most events.

You can download an entry packet off our local web site:
pacificnw.apaleagues.com
Get your entries in today!!!!

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.

2015 Dates

Many of you are having to put in for vacation time now, so here are some dates to help you out. The full 2015 calendar will be posted online at pacificnw.apaleagues.com within the next few weeks.

January 10-Fall Session Capt/Co-Capt Tournament

January 16-18-Fall Session 9 Ball Tri Cups

January 23-25-Fall Session 8 Ball Tri Cups

February 7-Referee School

February 21-22 19th Annual Civil War

February 28-March 1-Spring 8 ball and 9 ball Singles Regionals

April 16-19-18th Annual 8 Ball NW Invitational-Chinook Winds

November 12-15-APA NW 9 Ball Challenge-Chinook Winds

UNDERSTANDING DEFENSIVE SHOTS

Official Team Manual (Page 34-35) Section 23. “.....With the proper understanding and marking of Defensive Shots by the scorekeeper and his teammates during Weekly League Play, The Equalizer handicap system will work perfectly.

A Defensive Shot is a shot where the shooter deliberately misses so as to pass his turn at the table to his opponent. Simply stated, it is a shot where there is no intent on the part of the shooter to legally pocket a ball of his category. **Intent is the determining factor.** Think of it this way, **any time you are not playing offense, you are playing defense.**

Defensive shots fall into two basic categories. The first category is safeties. A safety is a defensive action taken when a player has no makeable or high percentage shot, or chooses to leave his opponent in a difficult situation. Safeties are perfectly ethical, yet intentional misses nonetheless and must be marked as Defensive Shots.... The shooter's intent is the determining factor in these situations. Sometimes intent can be a matter of opinion and judgment, but the scorekeeper's judgment must be accepted by the opposing player.

The second category is intentionally missed shots for the purpose of manipulating one's handicap, also referred to as sandbagging. Players of all levels of skill who learn to recognize this unethical conduct can make it much more difficult for player to unfairly manipulate his handicap.

Players with integrity call all safeties and intentionally missed shots. It is not unusual for scoresheets to differ as to the number of Defensive Shots (editor's note: There should never be an argument as to what is or is not being marked as a defensive shot. It is up to each score keeper to mark defensive shots as they see them).

Note: If a player has a nearly impossible shot and does the best he can do to hit **and make** one of his object balls, but fails to make contact with his object ball, it does not fall into the category of defensive shots, as defined here.”

There is an excellent video on our web site pacificnw.apaleagues.com showing what you should be looking for when marking defensive shots. We strongly recommend that everyone view that video.