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8-Ball Tri-Cups Scores Are In

The scores from last weekend's 8-Ball Tri-Cups have been input and averaged in to each participant's player record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed, even though they did not play last week.

Permanent Schedules and Captain's Lists

All divisions, except Sunday, have permanent schedules and a captain's list in their packets this week. Sunday divisions will get theirs next week. **There is one copy of the schedule specifically for the captain, which includes the phone numbers of all the captains in your division.** There is also a copy of the schedule for each member of the team, minus captain phone numbers. Please note that we have included a copy of the schedule marked specifically for your host location. Please make sure they get a copy of your schedule so they can staff properly for league night. If you need to reschedule a match, please call the opposing captain well in advance, that does not mean the night of play, so they have time to notify their teammates. Also enclosed, you will find score sheets for any make up matches that you may need to complete. Please contact the opposing captain to schedule a date and time to play your make up, then call the league office so that we can notate the make up date on our records. All make up matches must be completed by Mar 31. Completed makeup matches need to be turned in with your next regularly scheduled league match, do not hold them until the due date or you will lose your bonus points and be marked past due. Failure to complete a make up match will disqualify your team for post season play no matter what position you hold in the standings. If you are having trouble agreeing on a time to complete your make up match, notify the league office as soon as possible and we will set a date that may not be the best for either team. You must call the league office prior to starting your make up match to get the most recent skill levels. The skill levels that are on the make up sheets may not be correct. Protect yourself, schedule early and call to get the most current skill levels. All "to be announced" in a schedule that have not been filled have been replaced with byes. All bye points have been awarded for weeks 1-4 and are reflected in the total team points. For 8-ball a bye is worth 6 points (3 plus 3), in 9-ball a bye is worth 90 points (60 plus 30). Master Divisions byes are worth 15 pts. Anyone planning to go to the Chinook Winds tournament in April must preplay that match.. Another date you may need to reschedule: Tuesday, Feb 14-Valentine's Day Notify your opponent well in advance and to reschedule that match if your team has a conflict.

Makeup Matches Need To Be Completed By March 31

All makeup matches need to be completed by March 31. Matches during Chinook Winds week, must be pre-played. Do not wait for the last minute. If the two teams are having trouble coming to an agreement, call the league office by no later than March 15. We will set the date and the time, which may not be convenient for either team. We would rather the two teams come to an agreement on their own. Once you have agreed on a date and time, call the league office to let us know. That way if the other team doesn't show up, you are covered. Envelopes for makeup matches need to be turned in with your next scheduled league match, even if you have a bye that week, to be counted as on time. Failure to complete a makeup match may lead to your team not being eligible for the wild card or post-season play, including playoffs and tri-cups.

PLAYERS MISSING FROM YOUR ROSTER?

If you have a player missing from your roster, it is because we have not received their membership dues. We can no longer allow unpaid members to be on a roster. If someone has paid their dues and still has been removed, please call us immediately so that we can get this corrected.

ATTENTION: QUALIFIED TEAMS

The roster you have right now will be the one that you will take to regionals with you in June. You may make no changes to your roster for the remainder of the session. This is a national rule, not ours. Please read the Higher Level Tournament section of your official team manual starting with page 81. It is imperative that all of the requirements be met in order to participate at the regional and national level. Failure to meet these requirements may put your team at a disadvantage going into the regional tournament and may disqualify your team members from the national tournament. If you have any questions, let's get them cleared up now. 9-Ball regionals will be held June 8-10. 8-Ball regionals will be held June 15-17. Dates for Nationals: 9-Ball Team-August 16-20 and 8-Ball Team-August 19-25. Schedule your vacation time now. We will need to know all of the players that will be attending the national tournament immediately upon qualifying.

There has been talk that some of the teams or individuals that are qualified for regionals are laying down and sandbagging to try to keep their skill levels down. Let me caution you, that any team found to be trying to manipulate skill levels will be disqualified from advancing to regionals and nationals. If anyone on your team is considering this, there are a few things you need to know. First of all, a player will advance to regionals at their tri-cup ending skill level or the highest skill level since qualifying even if they go down during regular league play. **Second, any qualified team that finishes in the lower half of the standings this session will be under extra scrutiny when it comes time to set up the regional tournament. Third, any team that is not marking defensive shots, qualified or not, will have players arbitrarily raised in skill level.** We, as league operators, have the authority to raise the skill level of any player we feel is under rated. We also have the obligation to the league as a whole to make sure that the teams advancing to regionals and nationals are properly rated. Don't take the chance. Play honestly, keep score properly. The integrity of the league and the scoring system are things we take very seriously.

NON-RATED PLAYERS MUST PLAY

All non-rated players, those without a skill level, must play at least once by week 7 or they will be removed from your roster, even if you have a "bye" that week. Double jeopardy teams, the non-rated players must play at least one 8-ball match and one 9-ball match if they are on both rosters.

ELECTRONIC DIVISIONS

Now that we are pretty much through the roughest part of the session, with membership dues and all. And you have all had a chance to get use to the system. We have to take a hard line on you returning your score sheets to us on time a making sure that the money gets to us by processing day. For the Sunday and Monday divisions, score sheets and money must be to us by 11 am on Tuesday. Tuesday divisions, score sheets and money need to be to us by 11 am on Thursday. Wednesday divisions, score sheets and money needs to be to us by 11 am on Friday. If you want your team to get all the bonus points that are possible, we must insist that you adhere to these times. Double jeopardy teams, please make sure that you mark the star rating on both the 8-ball and the 9-ball score sheet. It is not up to us to try to guess what rating you are giving the teams. That is why we offer bonus points, so you will fill it in for us. Thanks.

Some Sad News

Greg Pendergrass lost his battle with bone cancer last week. Greg joined the league Fall session 2010. He played on multiple teams over the course of the last year, most recently on Maui Wowies in the NoPo division and Triple Nickel's "Don't Scratch In Public" in the Sunrise division. Even though he only played in the league for a short time, his passion for the game will long be remembered. He is survived by his parents and two sisters from the Portland area.

Over the break, between session, Clate "Dad" Makin passed away due heart failure. Clate joined the league in Fall session 2000, playing on his daughter's, Fawn, team. He played on multiple teams over the course of the last 11 years, most recently with Katie's Backyard's "Torn8oes" in the Farside division. Being the 2nd oldest member of our league at 86, Clate made many friends and the "Dad" nickname truly was appropriate. He was eager to share his knowledge and life experiences with anyone willing to listen. He truly cared about the friends that he made through the league and would bend over backwards to help our anyone in need. His family and fishing were his other passions. He will truly be missed.

Our deepest condolences go out to the teammates, family and friends of these two members.

Chinook Winds Entry Packets are Posted

On our website pacificnw.apaleagues.com

Entry deadline is April 1st

Pool Etiquette

1 Pay Attention and be ready to shoot when it's your turn

2 Avoid loud noises when your opponent is shooting

3 Do not approach the table when it's your opponent's turn at the table. Step away from the table (out of your opponent's line of vision) when your turn is over.

4 Closely observe the "house rules". Many locations do not allow jump shots or Masse' shots. House rules always prevail.

5 No food or drinks on the table

6 Don't sit on the table

7 Don't break your cue down early. Wait until the game is officially over.

8 Don't celebrate your opponent's misfortunes and don't make excuses for your own

9 If you lose, congratulate your opponent, after all they just beat the best pool player in town.

10 Maintain a fun, light-hearted attitude.