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OPAL: *Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League*

New 500 and 1000 Club Members

The following members have earned their 1000 club jackets. I will be in touch with each of you within the next week to get the information I need to get your jacket for you. Congratulations to:

Don Palacios, Isaac Norman, Jeff Gibbons, Barb Bierman, Susu Migaki, Wayne Delatte, Tim Conklin, Kim Norn, Robin Patrick-Fleming, Joe Dubanski, Milt Harden, Perry Mixon, Lola Watson and Connie Carlson.

Those that are getting close:

Rick Nagy (984), Steve Hestmark (978), Jaye Folsom (976), Ted Baden (975), Carol Krum (969), Robert Warren (963), Wayne Wakabayashi (955), and Jim Upshaw (953)

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Shawn Self, Mike Grimm, James Messersmith, Julia Farman, Richard Kiltz, Randy Taylor, Jeff Martini, Katie Kemmerer, Steve Lambert, Craig Whitlock, Kassey Boyd, Jeremy Cook, Michael Pranz, Steve Lobdell, TC Manz, Robert Brown, Henry Corbin, Dana Minor, Jeff Braun, Michael Black, Andy Winslow, Desiree Oberman, Jason Chun, Jack Daniels, Sue Jensen, Mia Anderson, Sharon Gulledge, Brian Goodrow, Nic Perez, Shawn Gunderson, Keith Horton, Clay Miller, Dara Koch, Mary Laidlaw, Steve Heavyside, Nancy Hodge, Gerrie Moler, Verrell Poston, Heidi Puckett, Chanell Boyce, Jennifer Hibberd, Jennifer McKune, Brandi Franklin, Guy Long and Tim Drewery.

Those that are getting close

Terry Holsinger, Ken Nellis, Blaine Goff, Steve Lingelbach, Evan Moore, Dave Ankney, Charlie Meser, Tony Morgan, Joe Nitz, Dustin Gunderson, Ken Bonham, James Conner, Teresa Magana, Heidi Dennis and Skip Martin

Correction To Chinook Winds Entry Packet



Some of the Chinook Winds Packets that we sent out a couple weeks ago are incorrect. The entry fees for 3 person team are now \$165, instead of \$150 and the entry fees for Early Bird Scotch and Weekender Scotch are now \$110 instead of \$100. Please note these changes on your entry forms. The increase in entry fees will allow us to pay for the installation of table lights, which many have been asking for and add more money to the payout fund for these events. There is no change to the Singles or Tournament of the Pool God entry fees.

NOT PLAYING DEFENSE-WHY NOT?

If you are not playing defense, you are only playing half the game. It would be like playing tennis with a hole in your racket, playing the drums without ever using the cymbals, typing on your computer without ever using the upper case letters, playing basketball with no air in the ball. Get the idea? Most of you that claim that you never play defense, are playing it without even knowing it. Every time you are hooked and just trying to get a good hit. Every time you are moving the balls around to get position for a run out. Every time you miss on purpose to drive up your innings, you are playing defense. There is rarely a match goes by where there is not at least a couple defensive shots made. When score sheets come in with little or no defensive shots and above average innings on them, I know those teams are not keeping score properly. These are also the teams that will get their players either locked in or bumped to the next level arbitrarily. If you still do not understand what should be marked as a defensive shot, please go to www.poolplayers.com and watch the defensive shots video. Keeping score properly is your best defense against players who are trying to manipulate the system to keep their skill level down.

Common Sense

It never ceases to amaze me, what some teams want to argue about during league. Some people are so insistent on being right, that they go out of their way to fight to the bitter end instead of using common sense to make the night go smoothly and more enjoyable for everyone. Case in point. It is so easy to get distracted and possibly miss a ball when keeping score in 9-ball. Sometimes, it is so crowded in the host location, that the score keeper does not have a clear view of the table.

Here are some tips. First and foremost, the score keepers need to have the best seat in the house. If you cannot see from where you are sitting, move to a position that gives you a better view of the table, even if it is away from your team. The scorekeepers should save their socializing and electronic devices for later, when they are not keeping score and pay attention to what is happening on the match table. Common Sense!

Check the ball count after each and every rack with the opponent. If there is a discrepancy in the ball count, get it settled before the shooter breaks the next rack. (Remember innings and defensive shots do not have to match). If both score keepers have the same ball count for each player and there is a ball missing, first check with the players involved in the match to see if they remember who made what balls. If they do not remember or cannot agree, make the ball a dead ball and move on. Don't sit there and argue over one ball. Common Sense!

If the ball count is continually off, get a 3rd person to also keep score. The 3rd person can be from either team. They should also be sitting away from both teams. If a discrepancy arises, it can usually be settled instantly by comparing with the 3rd person. Generally, you will find that both scorekeepers will occasionally be off on the ball count, no matter how strongly you believe you always keep perfect score. Common sense!

The players involved in the match can help keep the scores straight by announcing to both teams when something unusual occurs, like making two balls in one shot ("2 fer"), making a ball and scratching ("one dead"), making an early 9-ball ("5 dead balls") or making a 9 on the break, plus 2 balls ("9-ball break, 4 points, 6 dead"). Common Sense!

Who Can Rack?

Answer: Anyone on the team. There is nothing in the rule book that says only the opposing player can rack. Anyone on the team can rack. Some people have difficulty racking or bending over. It makes sense, rather than delaying the match, to have someone else rack the balls. The shooting player may inspect the rack before breaking and request a re-rack, if needed.

Have a Great Week!