



## BOOMER'S PAGE

### Matches you will need to pre-play

Now that permanent schedules and captain's lists are out, you need to start planning ahead. If you will not be able to field a team on **Easter, April 12** or the week of **Chinook Winds, April 16-19**, you need to make arrangements **now** with your opponent to **pre-play** your match. You will not be allowed to make it up after the fact. You may also need to reschedule your match for the week of **March 8-15** if you have players participating in the **BCA Chinook Winds tournament**. **Do not wait until the last minute**. Talk with your team, contact the opposing team, set a date, then notify the league office 503-243-6725 so we can get the score sheets to you. If you are having trouble agreeing on a date or are having trouble reaching the other team, contact us asap and we will help you out. Failure to complete a match could result in your team having to pay both teams fees and getting knocked out of a chance for playoffs or tri-cups.

### A Sad Goodbye

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Jacob "Q" McNamee. His death was sudden and a shock to all who knew him. Jacob joined the league Spring session of 1998 playing mostly out of the River Road House, most recently with Sharks Gone Blind in the Mid-Valley division. Q made many friends throughout the years and we certainly thought of him as one of our APA family. I believe that the River Road House will be hosting some kind of tournament or memorial in his honor. Will pass on the details when they become available.

### 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. Players that are playing their first session ever must have a skill level based on at least 10 scores this session in order to advance to the regional and/or national level. The only scores that count are Spring session play, Spring session playoffs and Spring session tri-cups. Summer session scores will not count towards the 10. Every year, we have members going into tri-cups needing 5 or 6 scores. This drastically hinders strategy and if your team does well, chances are your player will not get the required number of scores in. Don't dilly dally, get the 10 scores in during regular league play. We purposely make the Spring session the longest session to allow you to get your new players qualified.

### ACUI Qualifying Tournament

ACUI National 9 Ball qualifying tournament at Portland State University, Feb 14-15. Those placing high enough will be invited to Nationals where they will compete for scholarships to help pay for school. The tournament is 9 ball and split into men's and women's divisions. Participants must be current college students. Registration for the qualifier is February 10. For more information, please go to:

[http://www.acui.org/content.aspx?menu\\_id=14&id=21302](http://www.acui.org/content.aspx?menu_id=14&id=21302)

Andrea Flores from our Northeast division has competed in this competition the last 2 years and has taken first in the women's division. Great opportunity to help cover your tuition.

## **Just a Few More Open Scotch Qualifiers Left**

All are at the Wichita Town Pub in Milwaukie. For more information and eligibility requirements, please refer to Boomers Page 9 11 14 posted on our local web site [pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://pacificnw.apaleagues.com), "Newletters". Open 8 Ball and Open 9 Ball Scotch regionals will be March 14. Nationals are Apr 28-May 3 in Las Vegas. Jack N Jill 8 Ball Scotch Qualifiers will resume after March 14. Please pre-register with the league office by 5 pm, the Friday before the qualifier you wish to participate in. 503-243-6725

February 7th- Open 8 Ball 10 am, Open 9 Ball 1 pm

February 14th-Open 9 Ball 10 am, Open 8 Ball 1 pm

February 28th-Open 8 Ball 10 am, Open 9 Ball 1 pm

March 7th- Last Freak'n Chance Open 9 Ball 10 am, Open 8 Ball 1 pm

## **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 85. 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 12-14. 8-Ball regionals will be held June 19-21. Dates for Nationals: 9-Ball Team-August 13-17 and 8-Ball Team-August 16-22. 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.

## **23 RULE**

Breaking the 23 rule is absolutely forbidden. The skill levels of the players that play must add up to 23 or less. The 23 rule must be met even if all 5 races are not played. You cannot play 4 races to 23 and forfeit the 5th race. You must be able to prove had all 5 races been played, that you could have stayed at 23 or less with the line up that you play. For the Super divisions the cap is 26, Ladies the cap is 13. Masters divisions do not have a skill level cap. Breaking the 23 (26 rule for Super divisions, 13 for Ladies) may result in your team losing all points won for the match.

**YOU CANNOT EARN A RACKLESS PATCH IN 8 BALL IF YOU LOSE THE LAG!!!**