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Incentive Point Program is back up and running

The computer that we run the Incentive program on crashed right at the end of the year. Since it was the oldest computer in the office, that prompted us to go ahead and update all of the computers to Windows 7. That caused a whole new set of problems because the program we use for the incentive program doesn't run on Windows 7. After multiple phone calls and many hours of trial and error, Terry Pinto got the program back up and running and we did not lose any data. It will take about a week for us to get caught up on giving the points that you have earned and deducting the points that you have used. By the first of next week, we should be back on track. Many thanks to Terry Pinto and Skip Muelners for volunteering their time to help us get this back up and running.

Why Do Incentive Points Expire?

Several former captains have found out the hard way recently that incentive points expire after they have taken a few sessions off. You may ask why? Here is the answer. The money used for the incentive program comes out of the "Players Trust Account". This money is set aside and budgeted by us for not only the incentive program, but all of the other benefits that you enjoy as members, including the payback fund, tri-cup funds, travel fund for the teams that go to nationals, trophies, patches, Summer Bash, session end parties, 500 club jackets, etc. It is also used to help supplement the "Play Till You Win" qualifiers that the members have really become attached to, Chinook Winds tournaments, entry fees for National Scotch Doubles teams and the National Wheelchair participants. National headquarters monitors and audits this fund that we have set up on a regular basis. The money is for the players and is to be spent on the players. We are also required to deplete that account each and every year. The only way to budget for the potential use of the incentive points is to go with the current captains in a year. We cannot "roll over" money that may or may not ever be used. So, once again, you may take one session off as captain. As long as you come back as captain the following session, your points will be good. If you do not come back as captain, your points will expire approximately 4 weeks after the second session begins. So, use them or lose them.

Last Chance Jack N Jill Qualifiers

There are only two more opportunities to get qualified for the Jack N Jill 8-Ball Scotch. Regionals are March 3.

Please call the league office by 5 pm on the Friday before the qualifier that you wish to participate in. 503-243-6725

Feb 11th and Feb 25 1 pm

Wichita Town Pub, 6106 King Rd, Milwaukie

All Qualifiers are posted on the calendar on our web site at pacificnw.apaleagues.com

BOOMER'S PAGE



MARK THOSE DEFENSIVE SHOTS

APA's definition of a defensive shot is there is no intent to pocket a ball. Examples:

1. You are hooked and you have to kick at your object ball to try and just get a good hit.
2. There are a cluster of balls on the table and you shoot just hard enough to drive something to the rail.
3. Hitting your ball just hard enough to make a legal hit and hopefully leave your opponent tough.
4. Missing shots on purpose or moving your balls around the table trying to get position for future shots.

If everyone marked defensive shots properly, there would be no sandbagging and everyone would be properly rated. The new to the league players would also get to their true skill level faster.

Warning: All teams advancing to the Spring session tri-cups and regionals will be highly scrutinized. Anyone not keeping score properly, will have players arbitrarily raised in skill level. Keep the game honest and fair. Mark those defensive shots!

Chinook Winds Entry Packets are Posted on our website

pacificnw.apaleagues.com

Do Not Wait Until the Last Minute.

\$\$\$ NEXT TO A PLAYER'S NAME

\$\$\$ next to a player's name means that player owes us money. It could be from a returned check or money owed from a previous session. That money needs to be paid or that person will not be allowed to play in playoffs, tri-cups or regionals and may not be allowed to return next session. Encourage your players to call the office to make arrangements to get this taken care of. Players that are already making payments do not need to call the office.

Happy Valentine's Day

