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*OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League*



# Boomer's Page



## Attention All Monday Night Divisions

In order for us to get the required number of weeks of play in, we must schedule league on some holidays. Memorial Day is one of those days. Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 27th. Please check with your teammates to see if you will be able to field a team that day. If you cannot, call us at the office so we can give you the phone number of the opposing team captain and you will need to schedule a make up match. Office number is 503-243-6725. The makeup match must be completed by no later than July 20. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Attention All 8 Ball Teams

We are now using the new 3 point scoring system for all 8 ball divisions. Looking over the score sheets from this last week, it is obvious many of you did not get that message. We are using the new score sheets now which have the chart to determine the team match points on the top of the score sheet. Please read the flyer that was included in your team packet. If you have any questions, please call the league office 503-243-6725.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to recognize the following players for earning their Grand Slam Patch during the 2013 Spring session.

Jesse Garner	Milo Warinner	Phil Bremer	Matt Peterson
Don Palacios	Rob Clossen	Tyrel Datwyler	Jason Grijalva
Tim Guimares	Evan Smelser	Steve Kerner	David Scarth
Robert Day-Reynolds	Rod Bair	Milt Harden	Eugene Gee
Glenn Maresh	Brian Goodrow	Mark Woodruff	Grant Walstrom
Rodney Clay	Joe Ladd		

In order to earn a Grand Slam patch, you must be on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. You must get an 8-ball and a 9-ball break plus a break and run in both 8 and 9-ball, all in one session. Only regular league matches count towards the grand slam patch. Playoffs, tri-cups, regionals, and single qualifiers do not count.

## Paying Membership Dues Online

For those who have not paid their 2013 membership dues, paying online is quick and easy. Go to [www.poolplayers.com](http://www.poolplayers.com) "Join Now" and follow the instructions. You will need a credit or debit card to pay your annual \$25 membership dues. We, in the office, are usually notified within the hour when a member pays their dues online. All players must be paid members before they play their first match.

## Double Jeopardy Strategy

Double jeopardy teams need to strategize so that the same player is not needed on two tables at once. The other team does not have to wait for a player to finish one format so they can play in the other. Use some common sense. If you are going to be short players or having trouble with skill levels and there are extra tables available, get one of the races over with early in the match on a third table so you don't get yourself in a bind.

## Attention Thursday Divisions

We do have play scheduled for Thursday, July 4th. Please make plans to pre-play that match if you are not going to be able to field a team that day. If you do plan on playing on the 4th, also check with the host location to make sure they will be open. If you make arrangements with the opposing team, please let us know so if we have to make a schedule change, we can keep the two teams playing each other for that week. Do not wait until the last minute. This is a short session with a lot of people taking vacation time and make ups may be difficult to arrange.

## Adding and Deleting players

If you are adding a player who has played APA before, you must call the league office to get their current skill level and their membership number. Established players, with 10 or more scores, converting from one format to another, in most cases, will start at the skill level they were in the other format. For example, an 8-ball player converting to 9-ball, will start 9-ball with their current 8-ball skill level. If you are not sure if your player qualifies, call the office before playing that player. Starting a player at the incorrect skill level could result in your team losing points. To delete a player from your roster, please draw a line through their name on your score sheet and put drop next to their name. They will not be deleted unless you do this. It is not necessary to notify us before dropping a player. You must notify the opposing team prior the flip of the coin when adding a player to your roster. You need to provide the player's name, member number (if applicable, new players and transfer players will be assigned a number when we receive the paperwork) and their skill level. That means you need to call the office to get this information prior to start time. Remember, the office closes at 5 pm on Thursdays and is closed all day on Sunday. **Failure to provide the opposing team with this information prior to the start of the match, gives the opposing team the option of not allowing the person you are adding to play in that match.**

**Don't forget to circle the 5 Star Sportsmanship Rating on Your Score sheet each week. Double Jeopardy, need to fill it in on both the 8-Ball and the 9-Ball Score Sheets.**

## Mark the Table Size On Your Score sheet

We are seeing a lot of score sheets coming in that do not have the table size marked. There are many locations that we have not been in and we do not know the table sizes that are available. There are also many locations that have more than one table size. Depending on the location, double jeopardy teams may be playing 8-ball on a 7 foot table and 9-ball on an 8-foot. We have no way of knowing which is which unless it is marked on the score sheet. The table size is calculated into your skill level so it is important that the table size be marked. The place to mark this information is directly above the captain's signature on the 8-ball and 9-ball score sheets.



# Have a Fun Summer Session!

