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# Boomer's Page



**US Amateur Entries must be postmarked to APA Headquarters by June 15. No Late entries will be accepted.**

## **NUMBER OF TIMES YOU MUST PLAY**

In order to advance to playoffs and tri-cups, you must play at least 4 times with your team this session. In double jeopardy, you must play 4 times with the 8-ball team to advance with the 8-ball team. In order to advance with the 9-ball team, you must play 4 times with the 9-ball team.

## **NEW PLAYERS AND THEIR SKILL LEVELS**

As with every session, we have many new members in the league this session. Anyone with a membership number of 18800 or higher is new to the league. Please be aware that these new players will bounce around the whole skill level range until they get 6 or 7 scores in. We don't mind comments about these new players such as "has good cue ball control" or "good ball selection" but calling these players sandbaggers at this stage in the session does not even make sense. I dare to say that 90% of you did not start at the proper skill level or get there within the first few weeks. Give these new players a chance to get their scores in before assuming that they are purposely keeping their skill levels below what they should be. It is very rare that a player goes straight to their true skill level after only a couple of plays.

## **All Membership Dues Must be Paid this Week**

All membership dues must be paid this week or players will be dropped from the roster, even if they have not played yet this session and even if you are not scheduled to play this week. We get fined \$45 per person from headquarters, if we allow anyone to play without paying their dues. We are not willing to absorb this penalty. Players must pay their dues on the first team they play on this week. The membership dues must be paid to the captain and captains need to get their envelopes in on time to keep from losing players. Captains, please make sure that everyone has paid and turned in a membership application.

Opposing teams, it is not your responsibility to make sure that the other team has all members paid. Many players play on more than one night, and may have paid their dues, but it hasn't caught up with your score sheet yet. Play the match as normal and we will determine in the office if a player has been played illegally and award points as necessary.

## **Only 2 Senior Skill Levels May Play in a 9-Ball Match**

**Senior Skill Levels are 6 and Above**

## **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. Masters divisions do not have a skill level cap.

## **We Are So Sorry William**

We have been informed that we mistakenly failed to recognize William Rouska for helping set up the trophies at the session end party. We do appreciate everyone's help and wanted to make sure that William was not left out.

## **Some Sad News**

We regret to inform you of the passing of two more of our APA members over the last week.

Paris Brown, age 89, passed away on May 24. Paris joined the league in Fall of 1998 and instantly became a favorite among the pool community. Ever the consummate gentleman with the brilliant smile, Paris last played for KC's Midway's "Dysfunctional Family" in the Southern Double Jeopardy division. He could often be found playing 3 ball at the Midway with his close circle of buddies. A Celebration of Life is planned for some time in June. We will keep you informed.

Mike "Buckeye" Gardner, age 70, passed away on May 26 after year long struggle. Mike and his wife, Lucille, joined the league Fall of 2003 and most recently played for McAnulty and Barry's "Tenacious D" in the Southeast Double Jeopardy Division. Mike and Lucille's favorite events of the year were the scotch doubles tournaments at Chinook Winds.

Our deepest condolences to the families, friends and teammates of these players.

## **Weekly Newsletters**

In an effort to have a more informed membership, starting next week, any one that has provided a current email address will be receiving the weekly newsletters and flyers by email. After extensive research, we have found that many captains do not share this information with their teammates or their teammates find it difficult to find time during league to read this information. If you do not wish to receive this information, you may opt out by clicking the link at the bottom of the email. We are hoping that providing this addition avenue of communication will help to suppress the old rumor mill syndrome, that seems to be so prevalent, by giving out the information first hand.

Don't Forget to rate the sportsmanship of your opponent on your score sheet every week. Double jeopardy teams need to mark the rating on both the 8-Ball and the 9-Ball sheets to get all of the extra bonus points. An explanation of the 5 Star Sportsmanship program was provided in your team folder.