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Aloha Challenge

As announced at the Summer Session Captain's meeting, we have been awarded one of the coveted spots to the Aloha Challenge next February. Here are the basics.

Tournament date: February 17, 2018

Where: Hawaiian Brian's, Honolulu, Hawaii

Suggested Travel Dates: February 15-22. Tournament is just one day, the rest is vacation time

Format: 8 person teams, put in flights of 8 teams (based on the number of entries). Modified Round Robin Format. Each team puts up 5 players blind, skill levels listed from high to low (23 rule is in effect). Each player for that round plays one game of 8 ball, with the winner earning one point for their team. At the end of 7 rounds, the team that earns the most points in their flight will advance to the semi-finals. There is no coaching allowed.

Eligibility: Each player must have a skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores (8 Ball or 9 Ball). Players who only have a 9 ball skill level or a player who has not recently played 8 ball will play at their 9 ball skill level plus 1. Each player on the team must be from the same league area (OPAL). Each player must be on active team (8 ball or 9 ball) and must have played a minimum of 4 times in the Spring session 2018. Teams can be made up of any 8 players that meet this criteria, they do not have to be playing together as a regular team.

OPAL will be having a qualifying tournament Dec 2-3, locations to be announced. Entry fee will be \$400 per team with 100%, minus greens fees going to the eventual winning team to pay for the trip to the tournament. Entries will be limited to 32 teams. Start thinking about who you would like to have on your team and start saving your pennies. To give all players an equal chance to participate, entry forms will be available by September 1, 2017 for the qualifying tournament.

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.