



You Can Still Be Part of The Action

Even though your team did not make it to the National Team Championships, you can still keep up on all of the action. Go to poolplayers.com, "Tournament Information". "National Team Championships" for on-site coverage of all the events. The National Team Championships start Aug 16th and end on Aug 25. You will be able to see how the teams from our area are doing, how they finish, send them an email, view pictures and videos of all the action. The featured events that our players are involved in are Open 8 ball, Open 9 ball, Triple Play Masters, Open 8 ball Doubles, Open 9 ball Doubles and the National Wheelchair Challenge. Cheer our players on to victory. On-site coverage will be active starting Aug 16. Congratulations and Good Luck to all of the National Finalists.

Ye Old Rumor Mill

Once again the old rumor mill is at work again. For some reason, players think that if they have a division of 6 or less teams, which several do for the Summer session, that they do not have playoffs, there is no wild card, the number of teams in playoffs is reduced and/or no one from the division can advance to tri-cups! **ALL OF THIS IS FALSE!!!!** Every division, no matter what size will have at least 4 teams in playoffs. For divisions of 6 or less teams, we take the top three teams in the standings and one wild card to advance to playoffs. The only exception to this would be if multiple teams withdraw from playoffs. Please go back to the July 11, 2012 *Boomer's Page* and read the article entitled "**Everything You Need To Know About Playoffs.**" There is also important information about the wild card draws in that newsletter that every team needs to know. If you still have questions, give us a call. The rumor mill lies!

Got Travel Plans For The Summer?

Go to our web site pacificnw.apaleagues.com and check out the discounts that headquarters has secured for our members. There are discounts on hotels, car rentals, theme parks and attractions. While visiting the web site, also check out the discounts being offered by our local area merchants. New ones are being added all of the time, so check back often.

Chinook Winds

We will have the Entry Packets for the 9 Ball Chinook Winds tournament, November 8-10, with the WPBA National 9 Ball Championships, November 7-11, posted on our web site in the next couple weeks. We will also be including the entry packets in the Fall session start up folders. In order to participate, you must be on an active Fall team with a skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. 10 scores in 8 ball and/or 10 scores in 9 ball. 8 ball players are encouraged to participate. If you do not have a 9 ball skill level, you will be assigned one based on your 8 ball skill. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

The Road To Vegas Part 3-Masters

You've got the game, now are you up for the challenge? Masters divisions are basically for the higher skilled players. The matches are a straight race to 7, combination of 8 ball and 9 ball, there are no skill levels or skill level cap. The Master's follow the same rules as the US Amateur. Teams consist of a maximum of 4 players, 3 play in a night. The rules are the same as for the Open 8 and Open 9 divisions with the following exceptions:

1. Players lag at the start of the race. The winner of the lag has the choice of either taking the first break or choosing the format, 8 ball or 9 ball. Up to five 8 ball games and up to eight 9 ball games in a match.
2. Players earn one point for each game won. The maximum number of points that a team can earn in a match is 21 points.
3. No coaching is allowed.
4. After the break, in 9 ball, on the shot immediately following a legal break, the shooter may play a roll out.
5. In 9 ball, it is not a points race. If a player pockets the 9 ball, after a legal hit on the lowest number ball on the table, the game is over.
6. The race is over when one player wins 7 games.
7. Jump sticks are allowed in this format.
8. Once your team become qualified for the regionals and/or nationals, your team must remain active through each subsequent session, including the following Summer session.
9. Each team that qualifies for regionals, which is held in May or June, will advance to regionals with their Spring roster. Each player must have played with your team a minimum of 4 times during the Spring session.
10. There are no tri-cups for this format.

Weekly team fees are \$30. There are no trophies for this format except at the regional and national level. Special Masters patches are given out for 8 on the break, 9 on the snap and break and runs in each format. The patches earned during Masters apply toward the Mini and Grand Slam patches. At the end of the session, each player on the team receives payback money based on the number of games won and bonus points earned during the session. 100% of the players in the division receive payback money.

The number of teams that we are allowed to send to the National Championships in Las Vegas in August is based on the number of active Master's teams we have playing in the Spring session from the previous year. Most of the time we get two slots. Sometimes we get lucky and get an additional slot. The teams advancing to the National tournament get their entry fee paid, plus receive an allowance to help pay for travel and lodging to the tournament.

We currently have a Master's division on the West side (Beaverton, Tigard, Aloha) on Tuesday nights and one in Vancouver on Wednesday nights. We are currently working on getting up a Master's division going on the East side (East Portland, Gresham, Milwaukie). **In next week's Boomer's page we will discuss Singles**