



*OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League*



# Boomer's Page

## Permanent Schedules and Captain's Lists

All divisions, except Sunday, have permanent schedules and a captain's list in their packets this week. Sunday divisions will get theirs next week. There is one copy of the schedule specifically for the captain, which includes the phone numbers of all the captains in your division. There is also a copy of the schedule for each member of the team, minus captain phone numbers. Please note that we have included a copy of the schedule marked specifically for your host location. Please make sure they get a copy of your schedule so they can staff properly for league night. If you need to reschedule a match, please call the opposing captain well in advance, that does not mean the night of play, so they have time to notify their teammates. Also enclosed, you will find score sheets for any make up matches that you may need to complete. Please contact the opposing captain to schedule a date and time to play your make up, then call the league office so that we can notate the make up date on our records. All make up matches must be completed by Nov 16. Completed makeup matches need to be turned in with your next regularly scheduled league match, do not hold them until the due date or you will lose your bonus points and be marked past due. Failure to complete a make up match will disqualify your team for post season play no matter what position you hold in the standings. If you are having trouble agreeing on a time to complete your make up match, notify the league office as soon as possible and we will set a date that may not be the best for either team. You must call the league office prior to starting your make up match to get the most recent skill levels. The skill levels that are on the make up sheets may not be correct. Protect yourself, schedule early and call to get the most current skill levels. All "to be announced" in a schedule that have not been filled have been replaced with byes. All bye points have been awarded for weeks 1-4 and are reflected in the total team points. For 8-ball a bye is worth 11 points (8 plus 3), in 9-ball a bye is worth 90 points (60 plus 30). Master Divisions byes are worth 15 pts. **Anyone planning to go to the Chinook Winds tournament in Nov must makeup that match by Nov 16. You may need to reschedule: Thursday-Oct 31, Halloween. All Thanksgiving week matches must be pre-played if you cannot play on your regular scheduled night. Thanksgiving is on Thursday, Nov 28. Notify your opponent well in advance.**

## Makeup Matches Need To Be Completed By November 16

All makeup matches, including the reschedules for Chinook Winds and Halloween need to be completed by Nov 16. Rescheduled matches for the week of Thanksgiving must be pre-played. Do not wait for the last minute. If the two teams are having trouble coming to an agreement, call the league office by no later than Nov 1. We will set the date and the time, which may not be convenient for either team. We would rather the two teams come to an agreement on their own. Once you have agreed on a date and time, call the league office to let us know. That way if the other team doesn't show up, you are covered. Envelopes for makeup matches need to be turned in with your next scheduled league match, even if you have a bye that week, to be counted as on time. Failure to complete a makeup match may lead to your team not being eligible for the wild card or post-season play, including playoffs and tri-cups.

## **NON-RATED PLAYERS MUST PLAY ON OR BEFORE WEEK 7**

**Non-rated players have a 0 under the SL heading on the score sheet**

## PLAYERS MISSING FROM YOUR ROSTER?

If you have a player missing from your roster, it is because we have not received their membership dues. We can no longer allow unpaid members to be on a roster. If someone has paid their dues and still has been removed, please call us immediately so that we can get this corrected.

## NO MORE ADDING PLAYERS WITHOUT PERMISSION

We are now entering the 5th week of the session, which means that you may not add any more players to your team without getting league office approval first. If you need to add a player to your roster, you must call the league office at least 1 hour prior to your match to get approval. **You must notify the opposing team prior to the flip of the coin of the new addition to your team. You must provide the opposing team with the player's name, their membership number and their current skill level.** The player you are adding, must pay their membership dues and fill out a membership application that night if they are not already paid. Their member dues are \$25 for all players that have not paid for 2013 ( They will get a pro-rated amount for 2014.) Member dues and complete applications must be received in the office by processing day. **Remember that the office closes at 5 pm on Thursdays and is closed all day on Sunday.** If you play on those days you need to get approval during regular office hours. There are no changes allowed to your roster in the last 4 weeks of the session, except in extreme circumstances.

## ELECTRONIC DIVISIONS

Now that we are pretty much through the roughest part of the session, we have to take a hard line on you returning your score sheets to us on time and making sure that the money gets to us by processing day. For the Sunday and Monday divisions, score sheets and money must be to us by 11 am on Tuesday. Tuesday divisions, score sheets and money need to be to us by 11 am on Thursday. Wednesday divisions, score sheets and money needs to be to us by 11 am on Friday. If you want your team to get all the bonus points that are possible, we must insist that you adhere to these times. Double jeopardy teams, please make sure that you mark the star rating on both the 8-ball and the 9-ball score sheet. It is not up to us to try to guess what rating you are giving the teams. That is why we offer bonus points, so you will fill it in for us. When faxing or emailing in score sheets, remember we need both sides of the 9-Ball score sheet. **We do have some mailing holidays coming up that you need to be aware of. These mailing holidays and affect the delivery of mail for the entire week, so mail early so you get all of your bonus points. Monday, October 14, Monday, November 11 and Thursday, November 28.**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

We enjoyed some pretty good Summer weather this year. But, as you know, it will not last forever. Rain, snow and ice are all part of the experience of living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Here is our policy for bad weather. **We never cancel league!** Each team must decide for themselves if their team can make it to league. This needs to be done early enough in the day to notify the other team. If you need to reschedule, you must complete the makeup match as soon as reasonably possible. This means that you may have to play on a different night of the week. As a courtesy also notify the location that you were scheduled to play at that night. If the weather is bad enough and you are not going to be there, they may want to close early. You must contact the league office as soon as you and the other team have decided to reschedule so we can get it marked in the books and you do not get penalized.

# The Road To Vegas – Singles

**This is a singles event. There are no timeouts and coaching is not allowed.**

**8-Ball**-In order to participate, you must be an active APA member, on an active 8-ball team, with an 8-ball skill level based on at least 10 league scores. You must play on an open 8 ball team to earn scores and keep your eligibility, once qualified. *Playing only on a Master's team does not count.*

**9-Ball**-In order to participate, you must be an active APA member, on an active 9-ball team, with a 9-ball skill level based on at least 10 league scores. You must play on an open 9 ball team to earn scores and keep your eligibility, once qualified. *Playing only on a Master's team does not count.*

**Local level**-In order to qualify for the national tournament, you must first qualify by entering into a qualifier board. There are several ways to run qualifiers. The following are the ones that we have had the most success with.

**Play Till You Win-Odds of Qualifying one in four per board. Approximately 80% of the players get qualified, Cost \$35 or 54 incentive points, plus a \$3 greens fee (Good for all day)**

4 person boards, grouped by skill level whenever possible. Single elimination, win two matches on a board and get qualified. 1 person per board advances to regionals. Play on as many boards as it takes to get qualified for one entry fee. Because of the cost of running these types of qualifiers, only one will be held for each format per qualifying season.

**Splash Boards-Odds of winning are 1 in 3.5. Double Elimination. Maximum 16 players. Cost is \$40 person or 62 incentive points, plus table fees.**

16 person board, grouped by skill level whenever possible. 5 players out of 16 qualify for regionals. This type of board pays for itself, so multiple Splash boards can be run in a qualifying period.

**Regional Level**-Once you have qualified at the local level, you are now eligible to compete at the regional level. Both 8-Ball and 9-Ball have two regional tournaments, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. In order to participate in the Fall regional, you must win a qualifier board between December 1 and June 15. In order to participate in the Spring regional, you must win a qualifier board between June 16 and November 30. As long as you are on both an 8-ball and 9-ball team, you may qualify and play in both 8-ball and 9-ball formats. Once qualified you must remain active in the format that you qualified in. The Fall regionals are generally the first weekend in October in Salem, the Spring regionals are generally the last weekend in February in Oregon City. Both the regionals and national tournaments are Modified-Single elimination. You are guaranteed to play at least twice, not necessarily lose twice. Just like we run our tri-cups.

At the regional and national level you will only play against players of similar skill levels. 8-ball is broken into 5 tiers: Skill level 7, Skill level 6, Skill level 5, Skill level 4 and Skill levels 2-3. In 9-ball there are 3 tiers: Skill levels 6-9, Skill levels 4-5 and Skill levels 1-3. At least one player from each tier will advance to the national tournament. The brackets at the regional and national levels are seeded so that you will be playing other players of like ability. If you are a low skill level 4, you will be seeded against other skill level 4's that are low in their skill level to start the tournament.

The regional winners receive a trophy/plaque and a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the national tournament around the end of April 2014. Runners-up in each tier receive a plaque.

**National level**-Players advancing to the national level receive a travel allowance for airfare, their own room at the Riviera and a commemorative jacket upon registration in Las Vegas. 8-ball and 9-ball tournaments are broken into the same skill level brackets as regionals, with a national winner in each tier. 8-ball tier winners receive \$15,000 in cash and prizes with at least half being paid in cash. 9-ball tier winners receive \$10,000 in cash and prizes with at least half being paid in cash. If you are eligible to qualify in both 8 & 9-ball you may compete in both events at the national level. You may not participate in the National Open 8 Ball Doubles, Open 9 ball Doubles or the Wheelchair challenge if you are participating in the National Singles Championships.

Think you are not good enough to compete? Think again!

# SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Get qualified for the 2014 Spring Regionals. This is what we have scheduled so far, there will be more coming.

## **ONE ENTRY FEE—PLAY TIL YOU WIN!**



*In order to participate must be on an active 9-ball team and have an 9-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. (Playing only in a Masters division does not make you eligible, you must be on an active Open 9 Ball Team)*

*Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active Open 9-Ball team.*

**Saturday, October 26 starting at 10 am**

All skill levels—9-Ball Only (boards will be grouped by skill levels whenever possible)

Entry fee \$35 or 54 incentive points, plus a \$3 greens fee (good for all day)

**KC's Midway, 1003 7th St, Oregon City 503-656-9501**

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## **Splash Board**

*In order to participate, you must be on an active 8-ball team and have a 8-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. (Playing only in a Masters division does not make you eligible, you must be on an active Open 8 Ball team)*

*Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active Open 8-Ball team.*

**Sunday, October 27 starting at noon**

All skill levels—8-Ball Only (boards will be grouped by skill levels whenever possible)

Entry fee \$40 or 62 incentive points, plus table fees

**Lu's, 11530 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard 503-246-4055**

Tables will be closed

**Please pre-register with the league office by 5 pm on the Friday before the qualifier you wish to participate in.**

# Have a Great Week!