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Paying Membership Dues

First of all, a big THANK YOU, to all of the individuals who went online at poolplayers.com and filled out their application and paid their 2013 member dues online. It saves us countless hours in the office and allows us to get score sheets processed and back out for the next week of play sooner. Thank you to all of the captains that collected what member dues were left to be paid and complete applications from those members who could not pay online. While it takes longer to process the paper applications, having them come in complete with the dues, makes things run smoother.

FOR THE REST OF YOU, a player cannot play their first match until they pay their 2013 member dues and completely fill out an application. Period, end of story.

I don't care if the person has lived at the same location for 40 years, if they pay the captain their dues, they have to completely fill out a membership application every year. If they don't want to fill out an application, they can go online and pay their dues and fill out their application at poolplayers.com. We will not mark a player paid until we receive their complete application. Many of you will find that there are some races did not get scored from last week. That is because while the player may have paid their dues, they did not include a complete application. We will score those matches as soon as we get the applications that we have requested.

As soon as we mark a player paid, it starts the process of generating a membership card and packet. Membership cards are being mailed directly to the individuals starting this session. They will no longer be mailed to the captain of the team. That means that if for some reason, your address is incorrect, you will not receive your membership card. You will need your membership card several times throughout the year, especially if your team makes it to Vegas. The new membership cards are a more permanent card which will serve as proof of your APA membership for 5 years. You will still pay every year, but your card will only be replaced once every 5 years. If you lose your card or don't receive it because of a bad address, it will be \$5 to replace it. We are trying to save you some money here. What does it take? All of about a minute of your time to fill one out. Captains: please make sure that the dues and the applications come in at the same time.

WHAT IS "TO BE ANNOUNCED"?

"To be announced" means that we do not have a team for this slot at this time. This does not mean that we will not have one, but that at the time the score sheets had to go out, we hadn't filled the slot. We will be getting calls everyday with new teams wanting to get in for this session, sometimes these calls do not come in until after that night's score sheets have been put in the mail for the following week. If you are scheduled against a "to be announced" team, assume that you are not playing that week, unless we call you and let you know that a team has been added to fill that slot. We will call you no later than the day prior to your scheduled match. No points will be awarded for the "to be announced" team until after the 4th week of play. If the slot is filled by that time, then you will have a make up match to complete. If we do not fill that slot, then it will become a "bye" and all bye points for the previous 4 weeks will be awarded at that time. Permanent schedules will be sent out with your week 5 score sheets.

LOOKING FOR A JOB? APPLEBEE'S AT THE LLOYD CENTER IS LOOKING FOR A PART TIME MAINTENANCE/CLEANING PERSON. THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED COOK. CONTACT JIM 503-284-8040 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Expect Schedule Changes In The First 4 Weeks of the Session

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to recognize the following players for earning their Grand Slam Patch during the 2012 Fall session.

David Scarth	Tarek Zaher	Don Collins	Don Palacios
Tony Kontonasakis	Craig Irwin	Mark Woodruff	Greg Sowder
John Scudder	Phil Bremer	Evan Smelser	Doug Hayes
Danny Dorton	Timothy Stratton	Duby Dubendorf	Rich Burns
Jason Bennett	Jason Manolian	Jimi Bailey	Tim Guimares
Johnny Van	Ron Pfingsten	Brian Bancke	

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.

Qualified teams

Teams that have already qualified for regionals, or who get qualified during the upcoming tri-cups, please read pages 81-91 of your team manual to make sure you understand what it takes to keep your team eligible. Basically, you only have the first 4 weeks of this session to make changes to your roster. The players that you have on your roster at the flip of the coin week 4 will be the team that you go to regionals with as long as they have enough scores in by the end of the session. No substitutions can be made on your regional roster. Every player on your roster must have a skill level based on at least 10 scores in the format you are advancing in. The only scores that count are regular league, playoff and tri-cup scores. Scores acquired during Summer session, which begins May 13, do not count towards the 10. All players must play with your team at least 4 times this session before playoffs. You must have at least 4 original members on this session's roster. All players must be in good standing with the league. We will do our best to make sure everyone meets the requirements, but team captains must take on the bulk of the responsibility in ensure all of the requirements are met.

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.

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