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Players Need Our Help

On Sunday, September 16, while most of you were enjoying the beautiful weather, members, Steve Heavyside and Terry Mason watched helplessly as their home burned to the ground. Steve and Terry play for KC's Midway's "Guilty Pleasures" in the Willamette Division. Steve just moved his family here from Florida and Terry has been a member of our league for the past year. Thankfully, both families got out safely, but they lost virtually everything they owned. We are asking the rest of the league to make donations to help them out while they get back on their feet. If you would like to make a donation, please include with your weekly packet and write "Steve and Terry" relief fund on the finance portion of your score sheet. You can also mail your donations to the league office at 1280 70th Ave SE, Salem, OR 97317. We will forward the money on to them. Anything you could spare would be appreciated.

Permanent Schedules Come Out Next Week

Permanent schedules come out next week. This is the last chance to change your team name for the session. Captains also make sure that we have a good phone number for you. You can go to poolplayers.com to check your phone numbers or write it on this week's score sheet. This is also the time to look over the temporary schedule and make sure there are no conflicts and that we have the correct address and phone number for your host location.

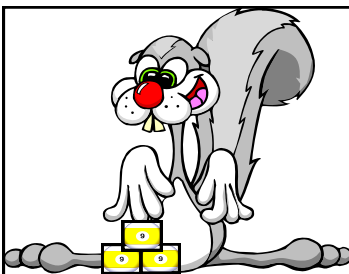
9 Ball Tri Cup Scores Are In

The scores from this last weekend's 9 Ball Tri Cup have been averaged in each participant's permanent record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play last week.

Goodbye to Suzie



Suzie Feinauer lost her long battle with cancer on September 19. Suzie joined the league Spring session of 2000. She played on many different teams in the Vancouver division, most recently with Star House's "Coyote's Pack" in the River City 9 Ball division. Suzie will long be remembered for her great sense of humor and positive outlook on life. Even though you may have never met her, we are sure that you recognize the name. Her jokes made it to the Gem Express more times over the last 12 years than anyone else's. Arrangements have not been made as of yet, but as soon as they are available, we will let you know. Our deepest condolences go to her family, friends and teammates.



Chinook Winds Entry Packets
were included with the team
folders and are available on our web site at
pacificnw.apaleagues.com

The Road To Vegas—Singles

Please note: there are some significant changes to the Singles program going into effect January 1, 2013 for the 2014 National Tournament. For the rest of this qualifying period and the 2013 National Tournament the following applies.

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 has been the most successful for our area.

Play Till You Win-Odds of Qualifying one in four per board. Approximately 80% of the players get qualified, Cost \$30 per person or 46 incentive points (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.

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 4 tiers: Skill levels 6-7, 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 2013. Runners-up in each tier receive a plaque.

National level-Players advancing to the national level receive a travel allowance for airfare, ½ their lodging 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.

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

The following are the only "Play Till You Win" Qualifiers that will be scheduled for this qualifying period

Saturday, November 17 9 Ball starting at 10 am KC's Midway, 1003 7th St, Oregon City

Saturday, November 24 8 Ball starting at 10 am Rodder's 19195 S Molalla, Oregon City

Please pre-register with the league office by no later than 5 pm on the Friday before the qualifier so we can make sure that the location is properly staffed.