



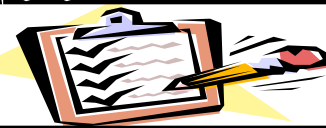
OPAL: "A real 'GEM' in YOUR Community!"

THE OPAL GEM EXPRESS



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WELCOME TO SUMMER SESSION 2013



SIGNIFICANT DATES

Unbelievable isn't it? Twenty years of OPAL / APA is now behind us and here we are starting out year 21! It's just amazing just how fast time flies when having fun! If you're new to APA our regional OPAL / APA boundary is defined by the outside Borders of Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah, and Washington counties. If you are a first time player welcome and we hope that you will soon find it to be a fun experience, and if you're a returning player, Then—welcome back for more keen fun in 2013.. We are so proud that we have made so many positive advances over the years. And, even prouder that we have become one of the most premier examples of excellence both here in the Portland / Vancouver pool community and throughout our great nation.

We are an American Poolplayers Association Franchise (APA), and the corporate headquarters is located in Lake St. Louis Missouri. Our creed is "Sportsmanship Prevails," and we do business locally as: Original Pool Amateur League ("OPAL")—"A real "GEM" in YOUR Community!" But, we remember first and foremost that it is you — the APA player — who truly makes the Opal Gem Shine and Sparkle!

OPAL-APA via the Board of Governors strives to serve all respective divisions as well as the general membership equally. The popular Tri-Cup tournament—a team money tournament that can also qualify your team for Regional play is an integral part of our ongoing program. Starting with the week of May 20th the Opal Gem Express weekly newsletter we will be creatively hiding randomly drawn membership numbers somewhere within it's context. The newsletter, along with Boomer's Page provides a weekly update on what's happening throughout our APA community and serves as a detailed announcement source of upcoming events. Five membership numbers are randomly drawn each week so your number can come up repeatedly. Each time you find your number hidden in the newsletter and call into the league office with the Magic Words "Gimme My Shirt" and you'll win a "Free Shirt"—so good luck and good hunting! Also keep in mind that if you're the first to submit a joke, or cartoon, to apamerle@aol.com that becomes selected to be featured in the newsletter—you'll also receive with a "free" T-Shirt.

You may already know that **Cue Tec Cues & Aramith Belgian Billiard Balls** — Are our presiding National Corporate Sponsors of APA and great supporters of the program. Locally, we have been blessed with Eugene based **NINKASI**. Support. We are looking forward to continuing a great relationship with them.. All, are benefits unique to our OPAL-APA members. We also have local merchants willing to give APA members special discounts on their products and services. If you take advantage of these merchant discounts you will be able to save a substantial amount of money over a very short period of time. It's a two way street—the more you support them, the more they'll support us.

As a reminder to those of you who are new to the league and/or have changed addresses... Please PUT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY SCORESHEET ON THE BACK OF THIS IMMEDIATE WEEK'S SCORESHEET. We need to know who and where to send your new updates. Also, please include your zip code and your home, work, pager, and/or cell-phone number in case we need to contact you right away. 🍷😊

Merle, Boomer, Donna, Cindy, John, and Annette.

- May 12th**
Spring Session End Party
11:00 AM @ Rodders
- May 18th**
Captain Co-Captain Tourny
Noon @ Rodders
- May 24-26**
9-Ball Tri-Cup @
Rodders & Midway
- May 31—June 2**
8-Ball Tri-Cup @
Midway, Jins & Rodders
- June 7-9**
9-Ball Team Regional
Rodders
- June 14-16**
8-Ball Team Regional
KC 's Midway
- June 22**
Masters & Scotch Regional
Rodders
- June 29**
Super Pool Division Regional
Location To Be Announced
- August 2**
Wild Card Draw-Rodders
Mon & Tues Divisions
- August 4**
Wild Card Draws
Wed, Thurs, & Sun. Divisions
- August 15 – 24**
Team Nationals Las Vegas
- August 27**
New Session Information
Meeting @ Rodders
- Sept 1st**
Session End Party—Midway

**Read the OPAL
By-Laws & YOUR
APA TEAM MANUAL**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF POOL

- I LOVE POOL FOR THE GREAT GAME IT IS.
- II BE A GOOD WINNER AND AN EVEN BETTER LOSER.
- III ACCEPT BOTH GOOD AND BAD ROLLS.
- IV RESPECT YOUR OPPONENT.
- V RESPECT THE RULES AND TRADITIONS OF THE GAME.
- VI NEVER TAKE ANY SHOT FOR GRANTED.
- VII LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES.
- VIII SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF POOL WITH OTHERS.
- IX MAKE NO EXCUSES FOR POOR PLAY. ACCEPT THAT SOME DAYS ARE JUST BETTER THAN OTHERS.
- X NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL THE LAST BALL FALLS.

REMEMBER: relax, enjoy yourself and play within the spirit of the rules rather than the written rule. It is impossible to cover every situation 100% with rules Common sense, and good sportsmanship **MUST PREVAIL**. *“Win at the table and not from the chair”* is a generality that promotes harmony, camaraderie, and good times. And that folk’s, to be sure, is exactly what **WE** of OPAL-APA strive continuously to be all about. 👍😊