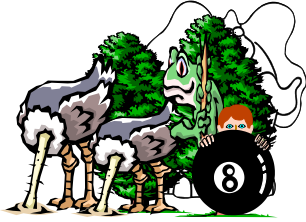


# ORIGINAL POOL AMATEUR LEAGUE OPAL: "A REAL 'GEM' IN YOUR COMMUNITY!"

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## THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



**HIDDEN** (*Except when in parenthesis*) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. No one from the July 7 newsletter called in to claim their prize. So, that puts 5 shirtless losers on the back page this week. So far, only **Becky Beckensten (97205698)** who plays for Pub 181's "Sticklerz" in the Farside Double Jeopardy Division has called in from the July 14th newsletter. Is everyone on vacation? There are still 4 from last week and 5 more numbers this week to be found. Take a minute to see if one of them is yours.

**REMEMBER**, You have only until the writing of the 2nd Newsletter following the one your number is in to call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" Otherwise, it's off you go to where everyone can see you and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them now since you didn't want yours—97211758

**BE AN OPAL WINNER --- FIND YOUR NUMBER!**

### New Divisions Forming For Fall

We currently are in the process of creating at least two new divisions for Fall session. In the Oregon City, Milwaukie area, the new "Berry Hill" Double Jeopardy division will be playing Saturdays at 2 pm. In the Vancouver, North Portland area, Maxine is working on getting a Ladies Only, once or twice a month on Saturdays up and running. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to start a new division, please give us a call at the league office or email Boomer at apaboomer@aol.com. All you need is 4 teams to get a division going. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are wide open for new divisions. Check out the other formats that we offer on pages 75-80 of the Official Team Manual.

### When the Temperature Goes up....60580279

With the high temperatures coming our way, more and more people are getting a little cranky. Let's try to remember that this is a recreational sport and even though there are some nice carrots at the end of the road, this is supposed to be fun. Keep your cool!

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Sherry "Viper" Padrigo, who plays for several teams in the Clark Co. area, broke her leg on July 10. She ended up having to have surgery to put a pin in her leg. Unfortunately, she has no insurance and her teammates have set up an account at Columbia Credit Union to accept donations to help her out. Donations can be made at any branch to the "Sherry Padrigo Fund".

If you have any questions, please contact: Ashlee Wiger 360-213-9486, Edward Hawthorne 971-221-2011 or Janet Wiger 360-852-1756

## Illegal Coaching Is A Ball-In-Hand Foul

We are getting numerous complaints about illegal coaching. Let me remind you that illegal coaching is a ball-in-hand foul. A player's turn at the table begins the moment the balls stop rolling on the table. At this point, the player is to approach the table and all coaching must stop, unless a time out has been called.

### What may be considered illegal coaching:

Telling the player what ball to shoot either verbally, with hand signals or body language. **Exception: If the player is aiming at the wrong category of ball (stripes or solid) in 8 ball or not aiming at the lowest number ball on the table in 9 ball, anyone may tell the player that they are stripes or solids in 8 ball or need to aim at the lowest numbered ball in 9 ball.**

**Anyone approaching the table without the benefit of a timeout. This means that coaches cannot jump up or approach the table to see if a timeout needs to be called.** You have already alerted the player either voluntarily or involuntarily that something isn't right. Position yourself so that you have a clear view of the table. Common sense needs to be used here. For example, if the player needs a bridge or a piece of chalk, someone may hand them one as long as no coaching is involved.

Receiving advice or assistance from someone who is not on the team. **Exception, you may ask another captain or a division rep about a rule clarification. Guests need to keep their thoughts as to who to throw or how a player should shoot a shot to themselves. They cannot get involved in the match whatsoever.**

**Asking a player, who is currently shooting, if they want a timeout may be considered illegal coaching if all timeouts have been used. If timeouts have not been used, then a timeout will be charged, whether a timeout is given.**

Continuing to talk to a player when it is their turn to shoot. Even though the conversation may not be pool related in the least, if the opponent cannot hear what is being said, it may be considered illegal coaching.

Coaches, giving a timeout, must leave the playing area before the player takes the shot or it may be considered illegal coaching. Give your player the advice they need, line them up, if necessary, and leave the playing area immediately before the player takes the shot.

### What is not illegal coaching:

Getting a rule clarification.

Saying things like "Nice Shot", "Nice Defense", "Nice Leave" and general terms of encouragement are not considered illegal coaching.

As with all sections of the rule book, common sense needs to prevail. Stop talking to your player as soon as it is their turn at the table. Do not approach the table, unless a timeout has been called and keep your comments generic and loud enough for all players to hear.



Be Safe As You Enjoy  
Your Favorite Activities  
This Summer!



The 5 people listed below are losers from the July 7th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best blast—and then be sure to give 'em the 'ol "L" sign!

- 1-CASEY PEARLMAN (97218846) who plays for Maui's "The Upsetters" in the Northeast division.
- 2-MICHELE ROYCE-KILTZ (97219768) who plays for Fortune Star's "Trick Shots" in the Fareast DJ division.
- 3-KYLE ST JOHN (97217341) who plays for Wichita's "No Drama" in the Southeast DJ division
- 4-MARGARET HOWARD (97210762) who plays for Legend's "Keep It Simple" in the River City 9 Ball division 97217285
- 5-CALE PRICE (97217569) who plays for Sweet Home's "D.S.F.F.2" in the NoPo division.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look to see if your number isn't hidden somewhere. **REMEMBER, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

