

A LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Just a reminder since it is early in the session. To gain eligibility for the playoffs and the Titleholders at the end of the session, team players must have a minimum of (6) matches played with their team. Plan ahead now so no one gets left out. Last session there were a few players who did for various reasons. Don't wait until the last couple of weeks to get that 6th match.

This session we introduced new and improved score sheets. One of the additions were separate boxes to record 8 Ball Break and Break & Runs. Last week we received (6) score sheets from teams that wrote this information on the back of the score sheet without recording it on the front in the appropriate boxes. Maybe it is out of habit. Please record these scores in the boxes provided on the front of the score sheets. Also remember to use whole numbers instead of hash marks when recording LOT's. Both will help us conduct more accurate player audits.

One more think about score sheets...it's very important to record first ***AND LAST*** names of the players. There are times when I.D. numbers get switched or transposed and if there is no last name, a mistake will certainly go unnoticed by the data entry people – and the stats will be incorrect.

Robert

“It's Almost Here”

The ever popular, always exciting, a must play, can't miss event is right around the corner. That's right, it's the **Captain/Co-Captain “Poker” Pool Singles Tournament on Saturday June 21st**. The reason we call it the Captain/Co-Captain tournament is because the tournament is intended as a reward for the extra efforts they put forth in managing the team. This is a singles tournament, not a doubles tournament. Do both players have to play? NO. Can just one play? YES. Can the Captain and one other player other than the Co-Captain play? YES. If the Captain and Co-Captain can't play, can two other players play in their place? YES. Two members from each team are invited to play. It doesn't matter which two, however, the Captain and Co-Captain have first choice. I wanted to clarify this because every session I get these questions and players don't come because they didn't think they could when in fact they could have.

If you have never played this tournament, you are missing a good time. Sign-up flyers will be in your packet this week and the information is on the website. Entry fee is \$10.00 and must be pre-paid for a guaranteed a spot on the board. If there are any bye spots open, walk-ons will be accepted at the door only. First ones to show up get the open spots. I look forward to seeing you there.

“Patch Collectors”

If you are one of those players that collect patches, I have some news. We are currently distributing the Series II patches, as you know. I ran across some 8 on the break patches from Series I. We have (6) available for \$1.00 each. I was also able to acquire (29) of the original 8 on the break patches the T.A.P. National office produced in the past. These patches are \$2.00 each. If you are interested, specify which patch you are purchasing on the back of the weekly score sheet. If you don't specify one of the above, we will send you one of the Series II. If you want to make sure you get one and don't want to wait until you make an 8 on the break, you can buy one now, put it in a drawer and pull it out when you do.

“Ruling Clarification”

Marking the pocket: When shooting the 8-Ball, the player must mark the pocket with a physical object. Any object is allowed with the exception of a “standard” piece of chalk. The reason a “standard” piece of chalk cannot be used is because there are usually several pieces of the same “standard” chalk on the pool table during the match, which could undoubtedly cause controversy for obvious reasons. The marker must be clearly distinguishable from anything else customarily found on a pool table. “Standard” chalk is not. We have been playing under this rule since our first session in January 2002. I will admit that this is not clarified specifically

in the T.A.P. rulebook or the addendums. Call that one our mistake, but it is standard practice in all leagues that require marking the pocket on an 8-Ball shot. We have said this many times before at every Rules & Scoring Seminar and at all tournaments. Consider this e-mail an official ruling clarification that a “standard” piece of chalk cannot be used as a pocket marker. Anything else is acceptable providing it is not offensive in nature. As a side note, I am currently re-writing the National T.A.P. rulebook with several other licensees. This rule will be clearly stated in the new addition.

“Player Poll”

What do you think about an M.V.P. Tournament at the end of each session? All the 2-3’s, 4-5’s & 6-7’s from each division battle it out to determine who the real M.V.P. is in each bracket. We could call it “The Ultimate M.V.P. Challenge”. \$10.00 entry fee per player. Winner takes all in each bracket, plus a trophy. E-mail me your thoughts. robertontap@yahoo.com.

“Membership Cards”

I’m sorry to report some difficulty we are having with the timely distribution of membership cards and patches. The corporate office has the master database of players. We periodically receive an updated version and as a result it is difficult for us to accurately track those we have sent cards and patches to due to ever changing rosters, team numbers and divisions. We are looking at different options for improving the system but that is going to take some time. The tracking has become more difficult since converting to a full year membership from the time of purchase. We are sending out about one hundred this week that we received from corporate which you will find in your packets. For those of you that have not yet received your cards and patches, we haven’t forgotten. We are still waiting on approximately 150 cards that originally came in with an incorrect expiration date. Once we have received this additional batch of cards, we will send out a form requesting the names of all players who still have not received their cards and patches. We apologize for the delay. We are doing our best to complete this task Thank you for your patience and understanding.

T.A.P. Player’s Perk

Skip and Jan’s on Priest & Elliot offers FREE pool on the 9 foot tables exclusively to all T.A.P. players on Saturday’s & Sunday’s from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. The only requirement is the purchase of any food or drink item.

They also offer an 8-Ball tournament on Saturday’s at 2:00 p.m. (8’s and under, race to 2, \$10.00 entry, 100% payback)

Wednesday nights, open tournament, 7:30 start time, 9-Ball, Race to 5, \$10.00 entry, 100% payback. Check out their web site at www.skipandjanssportsbar.com

Don’t forget to check out the latest story from our league writer, Sharkey. “Paranormal Pool phenomena” [http://www.phoenixtap.com/sharky s corner](http://www.phoenixtap.com/sharky_s_corner)

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Participating T.A.P. Locations – Maps can be found at our web site at www.phoenixtap.com/maps :

1st Quarter	4729 E. McDowell, Phoenix	602-267-1010
480 Max & Teds	480 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler	480-899-2268
Allstar Bar & Grill	4929 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler	480-785-7827
Angelo's	10444 E. Apache Trail, Apache Junction	480-357-2057
Brewski's	5235 S. Kyrene Rd. Tempe	480-345-8431
Chico's Paradise	1948 E. McKellips, Mesa	480-615-8636
Copper Canyon Brewery	5945 W. Ray Rd., Tempe	480-705-9700
Dukes Sports Bar	7607 E. McDowell, Scottsdale	480-675-9724
Falcon's Roost	4731 E. Falcon Dr., Mesa	480-981-9064
Famous Sam's	430 N. Power Rd., Mesa	480-924-4403
Famous Sam's	720 W. Ray Rd., Gilbert	480-899-9804
Famous Sam's	2860 E. Main Street, Mesa	480-924-0305
Famous Sam's	2730 E. Baseline, Mesa	480-497-1252
Flicka's	2003 N. Scottsdale Rd, Chandler	480-945-3618
Garfield's	10123 E. Apache Trail, A.J.	480-380-0558
Hazelwood's	3626 E. Indian School, Phoenix	602-957-0462
Howies Bar	6045 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler	480-961-4488
Kay's Place	315 Alma School Rd., Mesa	480-833-0961
Main Street Sports Grill	260 W. Main St. Mesa	480-833-4240
Mesquite Sports Bar	75 W. Baseline Rd. #13, Gilbert	480-892-0807
Payton's Place	Chandler Blvd. & 40th St., Phoenix	480-759-4034
The Sets	93 E. Southern, Tempe	480-829-1822
Skip & Jan's	7700 S. Priest, Tempe	480-598-8611
Q & Brew	3400 S. Mill Ave., Tempe	480-968-3722
R. W. Pockets	1807 E. Baseline, Tempe	480-456-3876
Rack & Q	1328 E. Apache, Tempe	480-968-4346
R. T. O'Sullivan's	1010 W. Southern, Mesa	480-844-1290
SixShooter's	35th Ave. & Peoria/3337 W. Peoria	602-993-5035
SixShooter's	75 th Avenue & Thomas	623-247-8540
Thunder Pass	9303 Apache, Mesa	480-986-5572
T.J.'s Bar & Grill	1734 E. Main St., Mesa	480-833-1950
The Bar	1212 E. Apache, Tempe	480-446-7468
The Friendly Irish Pub	1423 S. Country Club, Mesa	480-464-8030
The Wild Hare	801 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler	480-857-3088
The Wild Hare	4910 W. Ray Rd., Chandler	480-897-6200
U B's	1911 W. Broadway, Mesa	480-962-9000

