

## **A LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR**

Our Monday night, 3-Player, 9-ball division at Skip & Jan's will be ending in a few weeks. The next session start-up begins August 11<sup>th</sup>.

We are also starting a new Tuesday division at Clicks Billiards on 40<sup>th</sup> Street & Thomas on 8-ft tables. The scheduled start date is August 5<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in bringing in a team or playing on a team for either of these divisions, please let me know.

We finally received the membership labels we have been waiting for. Membership cards and patches will be sent out this week. We apologize for the delay. The corporate office will be printing out cards on a monthly basis from now on. If you joined T.A.P. anytime between January 2002 and April 2003, and have not received your membership card and 2003 patch, please write your name on the back of the score sheet this week so we can follow up for you. This one has been a bear. Thanks for your patience.

We are still having some problems with teams not looking at new information we have sent in the packets, especially new schedules that have changed. I always hear, "You didn't put one in my packet." The answer to that is, "**Yes we did!**" I know this because when I make a revision, I make the exact number of copies needed for the division. I highlight all changes in yellow and put one in each packet. If I make a mistake, then I will have one extra schedule or one extra packet with no schedule. I am very careful to make sure each packet receives one. Any member of the team can take responsibility for looking at the packet. It doesn't have to be the Captain only. Help your captain out. Everybody look in the packets for new information. That way you won't miss anything important.

To all new players that have recently joined the T.A.P. family; We offer "8 on the break" & "break & run" patches for \$2.00 each during league night and give them away FREE at all tournaments. We design a new series each year so you can collect them. We are currently offering Series II. The \$2.00 can be included in your weekly packet and we will send the patch to you the following week.

In a few weeks we will be introducing "NEW" T.A.P. 8-Ball pins. They will be the same design as the patches, and sell for the same \$2.00 each. You will have your choice of either a patch or a pin at the tournaments.

Robert

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## **Yearly Schedule Adjustments**

We want to adjust the session start times for all the division to reduce the time gap between the Phoenix Masters and the Las Vegas Nationals. Currently we have a 4-month gap. This is too long a period of time. Over the next two years we will be shortening this gap by extending the sessions by approximately 4-5 weeks per year. We will accomplish this two ways. (1) The break week at the end of the session will be added back in after the playoffs. The current team schedules list the next session start date at the bottom. Please make a note to extend that date by one week. I am not going to send out new schedules for this adjustment. (2) I will look for more holiday weeks and give all teams the entire week off for all major holidays. This will also make for a nice break in the middle of the session.

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## **Obscure Scoring Scenario**

I had a great question regarding scoring posed to me by Sean Eckes last week. I had never been asked this before and had to think about it for a while. Player #1 breaks and makes two stripes. They shoot their first shot and miss. Player #2 shoots their first shot, misses and E-8's. How do you record the LOT's for each player since neither player has established a specific category of balls? After much deliberation, the answer is: Since the breaking player did make two stripes and was credited with those balls in their MOB box, they would be credited with the 5 remaining stripes and the losing player with 7 solids. Great question Sean!

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## Singles Tournament...Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Singles Tournament will be held at Skip & Jan's on Saturday, July 26th. This one is on the Barbox tables. One board for 2-3-4's...one board for 5-6-7's. Entry fee is \$10.00 per player. Full money payback plus T.A.P. cash add in. Quarter tables.

Sign-up sheets will be in your packets this week. Doors open at 11:00 a.m./Tournament starts at 12:00 Noon. Walk-ons will be accepted if there are any bye spots left on the board. The number of pre-paid entries determines the size of the board.

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### BlackJack David Sapolis

This billiard instructor offers group pool seminars called "Be The Best" to players that want to take their game to the next level. We can contract to have him come to Phoenix to give a two-day pool seminar. The cost would be approximately \$50.00 per player (\$40.00 for the school and \$10.00 travel expense). If anyone is interested, please give me a call. The group will be limited to 12 players. He will provide the following: One on one individual instruction, private coaching and assessment and free follow-up instruction via the Internet or by phone.

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### Phoenix T.A.P. Volunteer Program

Over the last year, a number of T.A.P. players have volunteered to help us with the operation of the pool league. They were not looking for financial compensation, but rather offered their assistance in helping us grow the league because they enjoy the league and want to see it grow. I can't tell you how appreciative I am of those offers. However, I've always felt guilty asking anyone to contribute his or her time for free. I know how valuable free time can be.

As the league has grown, the responsibilities have increased substantially and I now find myself having less time to accomplish some of the tasks required to continue growing the league at the same pace, while at the same time maintaining the standards that we have set for managing the league and giving deserved attention to all the players. For this reason, and at the suggestion of several players, we have developed a volunteer program for anyone that would like to become more involved in the T.A.P. organization. While we cannot pay you for your services, we will provide some perks along the way to show our appreciation. Below is a list of things we can always use help with. If anyone is interested, please contact Robert at 480-706-2889. I don't want anyone to feel obligated to volunteer. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated and remembered.

- **Flyer Distribution:** We have close to 100 bars in the Valley that all need flyers. This helps us get the word out that T.A.P. is in town and helps increase the competition in your Division.
- **T.A.P. Posters:** The more posters we hang in local bars, the more exposure T.A.P. will get.
- **New Bars:** approach new bars that don't currently have T.A.P. teams. Speak with the owner or manager and give them my business card and information sheet.
- **Recruiting Players:** When you are out shooting on league night or any other night, talk to other players about joining the T.A.P. pool league. The more players that know about us, the players will join.
- **Recruiting Nights:** We schedule 15-20 recruiting or registrations nights every session to sign up new members. They are usually between 6 to 9 p.m. in various bars. We walk around, talk to players and try to get them to join.
- **Phone Calls:** periodically we need to make phone calls to the captains for various reasons.
- **Referees:** at tournaments is always helpful.
- **Trophy Deliveries:** At the end of the session we want the trophies available for the two teams playing in the finals. As the league grows this becomes more difficult to accomplish.
- **Rules & Scoring Seminars:** We hold mandatory trainings before each session for new teams and players. These are much easier, run smoother and are much more effective with more assistance.

- **New Teams:** Having a league representative with a new team their first night is helpful, even though they attended the seminar. The purpose is to insure they have a good experience and do understand the rule and proper scoring.

Don't forget to check out the latest story from our league writer, Sharkey. "Visions of glory"  
[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](http://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
Bar Nun	4142 E. Chandler Blvd.	480-706-5564
Brewski's	5235 S. Kyrene Rd. Tempe	480-345-8431
Chasers	8005 E. Roosevelt	480-945-4985
Chico's Paradise	1948 E. McKellips, Mesa	480-615-8636
Copper Canyon Brewery	5945 W. Ray Rd., Tempe	480-705-9700
Chuy's	1948 E. McKellips	480-615-8636
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
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 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Thomas	623-247-8540
Stray Cats	2433 E. University Dr.	480-967-1040
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 Sets	Southern & Mill, Tempe	480-829-1822
The Wild Hare	801 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler	480-857-3088
The Wild Hare	4910 W. Ray Rd., Chandler	480-897-6200
Thunder Pass	9303 Apache	480-986-5572
U B's	1911 W. Broadway, Mesa	480-962-9000
Uncle Bears	825 S. Cooper, #86	480-792-1945