

A LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR

I would like to officially announce our newest member to the Phoenix T.A.P. Advisory Board. Keith Hart. Keith was selected from 3 very qualified candidates. The Boards decision was a difficult one, but after conducting a 2-hour interview with each candidate, all of whom were very impressive, Keith was our 1st choice. We believe that he will make an excellent addition to the Board and a great contribution to the T.A.P. League. Welcome aboard Keith.

It has always been one of my goals to visit as many teams each session as possible. This session I haven't done a very good job. I apologize for that. I enjoy meeting new members and visiting with those of you that have been with us for some time now. Please don't take my absence as a lack of interest or concern for you as players. I've been investing a lot of my time trying to grow the league and provide more competition for all of you and develop new programs. As the league grows I find my available time becoming less and less. It's a catch 22 situation. I will try to do better in the future. Thanks for your understanding.

The Titleholders on Saturday & Sunday, September 20th & 21st for the 3rd Place and Wild Card teams was originally scheduled at "The Sets." It has been moved to Skip & Jan's. This information will be on the sign-up flyer during the playoffs for all eligible teams.

Robert

Singles Tournament Results From Saturday, July 26th.

"Thank you" to all the players who participated in the Tournament this past weekend. We had a great turnout.

2-3-4's Bracket

1st Place- Kent Bowers

2nd Place- Matt Vierthaler

3rd & 4th Place- Brian Sabow & Bruce McGeathy

5-6-7's Bracket

1st Place- Ed McIntosh

2nd Place- Brian Menker

3rd & 4th Place- Joel Garner & Scott Knapik

"Next Tournament"

Several players showed up at Skip & Jan's later in the day that didn't know we were having a tournament. **Captains**; make sure your players see the sign-up flyers we send out in the weekly packets for our next Tournament on Sunday, August 10th at Skip & Jan's. This one is on the 9ft tables... Random draw for the entire board. \$10.00 entry fee plus green fees.

Las Vegas Qualifiers

We want to send as many players as possible to compete in the Singles event at the T.A.P. Las Vegas Nationals November 2nd -6th. These qualifiers are being offered to those players who did not win a spot in the team event. We want to spread the wealth to as many T.A.P. players as possible. The details are listed below. We are offering two options. Your choice. The deadline for me to submit all entries is August 19th. We want to make sure we get as many spots as possible. It's first come, first served. There will be two singles boards in Vegas. One for 2-3-4's and one for 5-6-7's. 64 players per board maximum.

Option #1

Buy a spot in the tournament for a \$100 entry fee pre-paid and pay your own expenses.

Option #2

Play in a qualifier and win your entry fee, hotel room for 2 nights, plus spending money.

Two separate brackets: 2-3-4's & 5-6-7's

Dates: Saturday, August 16th and Sunday August 17th

Location: The Sets (Southern & Mill)

Times: 12 Noon...1:00p.m...2:00 p.m...3:00 p.m. each day. A new board(s) will begin at each of these times.

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per player plus quarters (barbox tables)

Format: 4 players only per board. Single elimination. Try as many times as you want. The winners from 4 separate boards will play a final board of 4 to determine the winner.

Payback Breakdown: 4 players per board x \$20.00 per player = \$80.00 x 4 boards = \$320.00 plus \$20.00 per player for the final board of 4 = \$80.00 + \$320.00 = \$400.00 total to the winner.

Entry fee \$100.00...Hotel \$130.00...Cash when you arrive in Vegas \$170.00

Expenses are approximate and depend on each board being full.

Plan ahead now. It's 3 weeks away.

Tournament Green Fees Poll

I've polled about 100 players so far regarding paying green fees or quarters at our tournaments on bar box tables. The majority has voted for green fees. For those of you I have not asked, what would you prefer? The plan now is to standardize all tournaments with green fees unless a significant number of you vote against it. E-mail me with your vote. Thanks

Player Audits

Due to numerous changes and restructuring of the T.A.P. organization, the corporate office has implemented a new policy for us regarding *player audits*. They are only conducting audits on Fridays from now on. I will be submitting all audits on Thursday. In the past I was able to get a direct response on each individual audit, which enabled me to call you with specific results. This will no longer be possible. The corporate office will review them, make their decision and post changes (if any) on the following weeks roster. Be assured that if you request an audit, I have sent it in. The challenge is this. We don't pick up a lot of the packets until Thursday or Friday, which might not give me time to find your audit request and submit it for the week. To insure we do, please e-mail your audit request early in the week. Thanks.

New Division Start-ups

Our Monday night, 3-Player, 9-ball "Money Division" at Skip & Jan's will be ending in a few weeks. The next session start-up begins August 11th. Total team handicap is 18pts.

We are also starting a new Tuesday division at Clicks Billiards on 40th Street & Thomas on 8-ft tables. The scheduled start date is August 5th. If anyone is interested in bringing in a team or playing on a team for either of these divisions, please let me know. We are holding a rules and scoring seminar this Tuesday, July 29th and will be assembling all the teams.

\$1 Million 9-Ball - Las Vegas Tournament

This isn't total prize money! This is \$1 Million dollars on bar box tables for 1st Place; 2nd Place is \$500,000; 3rd Place is \$250,000 and all the way down to 128th Place pays \$11,500. All you have to do is win twice to get 128th Place. Has this sparked your interest yet? Phoenix T.A.P. has the skinny on this one. I'm still working out the details and will keep you posted on the most current developments. Here's what I know so far. The actual tournament will be held on December 2nd -6th, 2003 at Caesars Palace Pavilion, Las Vegas. The expected board is 512 players. Entry fee is \$10,000 per player. That's right, \$10,000. The only way to get a spot on the board is to win a qualifier tournament. I'm helping organize that

tournament. It will take two weekends. The official qualifier will be held at "The Sets" on September 20th-21st & September 27th-28th. It will be limited to 128 players only. \$100 entry fee per player. Single elimination. 9-Ball, race to 21. This will be an endurance match. 1st place wins \$10,000 entry fee. 2nd thru 16th place gets money payback. Registration deadline is September 15th.

To help get you pumped up, geared up and loosened up for this one; Harry, the owner of *The Sets* is offering exclusively to T.A.P. players an opportunity to get in some FREE practice time in preparation for the qualifier. Harry wants a T.A.P. player to win the qualifier and get a shot at \$1 Million. Starting at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, September 14th (one day before the deadline...Bring your \$100) you will have a chance to compete in a practice run using tournament rules for as long as you like for FREE... FREE... FREE. Tables will be open. This will be great experience for the real thing. \$100 for a chance at \$1 Million. It doesn't get any better than that. Remember. If you win two matches in Vegas, it pays \$11,500. Whew! Tell everyone you know. Let's make a T.A.P. player a millionaire.

T.A.P. will be accepting entry fees. You can include your fee in the weekly packet.

BlackJack David Sapolis

We have only had 2 players express interest in this program. Is there anyone else that would like to participate and improve your game? This is an inexpensive way to take your game to the next level.

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.

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, Sharky. "Visions of glory"

http://www.phoenixtap.com/sharky_s_corner

Like all famous writers, Sharky has taken some time off. We hope he is enjoying himself. I don't know where he is, but I suspect he is on a feeding frenzy in deep waters somewhere. When you've gotten your fill, we hope you will have something new to share with us. We all look forward to your return. We need our weekly Sharky fix. Come home soon.

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Participating T.A.P. Locations – Maps can be found 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
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 th 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