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Message From the League Operator

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The fall session has started. Thank you for coming back and playing with the APA of North Harris County. Congratulations to the teams that have won a spot to the Local Team Championships in June. Please remember that qualified teams cannot fall below the middle of the field, or they may lose their spot. Also 4 members must stay on the team every successive session. The teams that qualified are:

Division 021

Crazy Eights
Stars & Stripes
Cue Controllers
Playoff pending

Division 022

Slop Counts
JT's Players

Division 031

Team Death Strokes
The Holy Rollers

Division 056

The Usual Suspects
Mad "Cue" Disease
The Snipers (playoff winner)

Division 243

Respect the 9s
Just 4 Fun

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OPEN TOURNAMENT WINNERS AUGUST 15, 2009

Skill level	Winner	Runner up
6,7	Ronnie Jones	Jelani Daniel
4,5	Steven Kasper	Sonny Wright
2,3	Rebecca Trujillo	Aurelio Navarro

MVP TOURNAMENT September 26, 2009

1 PM AT FAST EDDIES

Must be on the first page of Top Gun list.

Winners win plaque, pool cue and case, or 2X4 case, break cue

Winner of loser brackets win Plaques and choice of cards, training video, signed cue ball
A total of 6 winners.

Eight ball on winners bracket and nine ball on losers bracket.

Bracket will be split by skill level 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Captains & Co Captains tournament

October 31, 2009

If Captain cannot attend, you can appoint alternate

Fall Open Tournament

December 12, 2009

Cash prizes added. Open to all.

Jack and Jill after each tournament.

Singles after each tournament if enough players

HOW YOUR HANDICAP IS CALCULATED



“I won my match two weeks ago and my handicap went up, but when I lost last week it didn’t go down. How can that happen?”

“I lost last week and my handicap is higher this week – what’s going on?”

These questions are some of the most common that the American Poolplayers Association and Local League Operators hear from the APA members from around the country. Although the process of calculating your handicap is explained in your APA Team Manual, we have addressed some of the effects of routine weekly handicap calculation below. Your handicap is based on your performance in each match you play. Your score is calculated from the information recorded on your weekly scoresheet. When that score is averaged in with your previous scores, some surprising effects can occur. Here are some possibilities:

- You could shoot a very good score but not increase your skill level.
- Losing a match, which usually results in a poor score, probably won’t lower your skill level because handicaps are calculated by counting your best scores first.
- In a very close match where each player plays very well, it is possible for you to lose the match but still receive a good score for the week. This score, if it is among your best, could possibly raise your handicap even though you lost.

Now that you understand what can affect your handicap, you might be wondering if this is the best method to use. Remember, **The Equalizer®** scoring and handicap system was developed over a period of years by a committee of professionals with extensive league and tournament experience. Consider the following:

- Using several good scores when calculating your handicap lends stability. The alternative would result in your handicap constantly changing, which would cause problems with the “23-Rule”. An unstable handicap is technically inaccurate; when you consider that your handicap is a reflection of your true ability.
- Using your best scores eliminates the matches where playing conditions were bad, you weren’t feeling well or you just had a bad night. Only the matches where you play your best should determine your handicap. Other sports’ handicap systems leave out scores for the same purpose, and all effective handicap systems attempt to stabilize handicap ratings at or near a player’s true ability.

The Equalizer® scoring and handicap system works perfectly when players concentrate on the game and let the system take care of itself. In fact, BOTH players in a given match must break the rules before the system will fail. One player must deliberately miss shots resulting in more turns (innings), and his opponent must fail to mark the deliberate misses on the scoresheet as defensive shots. If you mark deliberate misses as “defensive shots”, they don’t count. For more information about defensive shots, consult your Team Manual or ask your APA Team Captain, Division Representative or League Operator for more details.

As you can see, **The Equalizer®** scoring and handicap system really does work! It effectively equalizes the difference in player abilities, which creates a more exciting and competitive match. However, it is dependent on a player’s willingness to follow the system. There has never been an 8-Ball or 9-Ball team handicap system as accurate as ours. All that’s required is a positive team spirit in order to achieve its full potential. The rest is up to you!

PATCH WINNERS FOR AUGUST CONGRATULATIONS

Eight on the break

James Akoma
Silk Brown
Martin Christianson
David Delorge
Marty Farrell
John Gonzales
Jacob Perkins
Robert Villaseñor
Steven West
Deuce Young

Eight break and Run

Cayce Cassells
Clay Cates X2
JefferyChauncey
Steven West
JonBoy Zumudio

Eight ball Team 5-0

5608
Christine Maldavon
Andrew Baird
Dean Shelton
Ty Mathews
John Anders
5610
Darrell Beal
Kimberly Heath
John Gonzales
Dean Picou
Mike Hartman

2101
Patrick Ojeda
Joe Juarez
Manual Amaro
Jason Pitcock
Noe Hernandez

Rackless Night.

Bobby Adams
John Anders
Leon Austin
Mike Hughes
Gary Irwin
Ricky King
Ramona Lacaba
Jay Loring
Justin Lutz
Joseph Malcolm
Ty Mathews
Timothy Miser
Vanessa Myre
Patrick Ojeda
Julio Rodriguez
Mike Sibits
Paco Torres
David Truillio
Tina Truillio
Tim Wheeler
Willie White

Nine on the Snap

George Buckner
Mike Crump
Marcia Gehring
Jimmy Nguyen X2
Jared Singletary

Nine Break & Run

none in August

Nine Ball Team 5-0

24305
Chris Webb
Ricky Landerich
Tim Wheeler
Mark Kamal
Belinda Ong

24305
Tim Wheeler
Mark Kamal
Cindy Sherman
Ricky Landerich
Belinda Ong

Nine Ball 20-0

None in August

Congratulations to all the winners. Congratulations to the 2 teams that went to Vegas. Just 4 Fun placed 129th and Mad Cue placed 513. The competition was tough but fair. We hope to have more teams experience Las Vegas next year.

WEEKLY TEAM FEES

Weekly team fees are \$ 35 per team. Under most circumstances it calculates to \$7 per player a night. When there are only 4 players the fee is still \$ 35.00. This means that the fee becomes \$8.75 or the missing person pays the extra next week. If there is a playback the fee is \$ 35.00 total. There has been some confusion and hope this clears it up.

TOURNAMENTS

In an attempt to make playing in the North Harris County APA more fun we hold three tournaments each session. The tournaments are played on Saturdays. We award prizes and plaques to all the winners. Please join the fun and participate in these tournaments. Do you have any suggestion to have more fun? Call me or E mail me. At the Halloween tournament how about a costume party? How about a tournament for all guests. Let's grow the league together. The larger the league the more things we can do.

JONES ROAD AREA

If you know anyone that would like to start a team on Mondays playing in the Jones Road area please have them contact me. We have two teams that want to play but we need at least 4 teams to start.

JACK & JILL

We will hold a Jack and Jill qualifier in Humble, Slick Willies on I 45 or any bar that has at least 4 willing teams that will play. The fee for Jack & Jill is \$ 35.00 per team. All the money will be given out as travel money to go to Vegas in April. If you can't make it to one of our tournaments then talk to the other couples in your area and call me to help with the actual tournaments.

MASTERS DIVISION

We are still looking for at least 6 4 man teams that want to play this format. There is no skill level in this format. You play a race to 7 games. You will play 8 games of 9 ball and 5 games of 8 ball. The winner of the lag determines the game or break. If interested in playing this format please call the office. The proposed day for this format is Sundays at 6.00 o'clock. If you choose to play this format only you will not be eligible for the singles program. (you must be on a open roster with a assigned skill level)

Thanks again for playing in the APA of North Harris county. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Office. The Number is 281-682-2144
Roger



HOST LOCATIONS

Thanks to all the current Host Locations

Barneys	59 & 1 st street Humble
Crazy Frogs	Willowbrook
Crazy Frogs Cornerstone	1960 W & Falling Creek
Division One	Kuykendahl South of Ella
Fast Eddies Champions	1960 W & Wunderlich
John's Place	Louetta between Champions and Champion Forest
JT's Sports Bar	1960 E Atoscocita
Shamrocks	59 & First Street
Slick Willies	I 45 & Richey
Texas Rock Café	1960 W & Kuykendahl
Time Out Sports Bar	I 45 & Richey
Tin Cup	FM 2100 Huffman
Well Diggers	1 st Street Humble

Do you know of any bars that would like to included on this list. Help them start a team, or have them call the league office to get information. The more Bars that are playing the more fun leage can be. It is always more fun to play new teams instead of the same teams all the time.

