

OAHU APA NEWSLETTER



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A Message from your League Operator

By Dante Guagliardo

Aloha Oahu APA Poolplayers,
After a busy start to 2012, teams are bearing down on the last qualifying session of the 2011-2012 League year. It's hard to believe that, in just a few short years, our Local Team Championships have more than doubled from 18 to 37 teams. In our first year we sent 8 players to Vegas. Last year 33 players, and this year we expect to send 41. Including two 8-Ball teams, one 9-Ball team, a Masters team, two Open Doubles teams, a Jack & Jill team, and Seven Singles players. I want to send MORE players to Vegas! With continued demand for APA Pool league play across the island we will continue to expand, offering APA pool to more players in more locations. We have recently added new Host Locations on the Windward side, forming teams now for the Summer Session. Please contact any of these 6 new Windward locations or the League Office to Start or Join a Team.

1. Ohana Karaoke, 572 Kailua Rd, Kailua
2. Porky's Sports Bar, 32 Malaniu Ave, Kailua
3. Kailua Palace, 115 Oneawa St, Kailua
4. Bob's Sports Bar, 170 Hamakua Dr, Kailua
5. Boardriders, 201 Hamakua Dr, Kailua
6. Club Komomai, 45-934 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe

Oahu APA @ 5th Annual Big Boys Toys & MMA Hawaii Expo

June 15-17, 2012 at the Neal S Blaisdell Center's Exhibition Hall

For 1 weekend only, come check out the baddest display of cars & motorcycles, body building, fitness & bikini championships, APA Pool, bully dog show, and vendors with the hottest in fight clothing and grappling gear. It's an event that will capture the inner child in every man, but MMA is not just a man's world, there's plenty for the women too.



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We are also currently looking for more Leeward locations, in Waipahu, Ewa, & Ewa Beach areas. Please contact the League Office to recommend any potential new Host Locations. I want to congratulate all the players who participated in the Hawaii Singles Regionals at TJ's Sports Bar & Grill March 3-4, 2012. Great players and great sportsmanship made for a fun, exciting, and competitive tournament for all. I also would like to wish the best of luck to all our LTC qualified teams in this year's Championships!

Mahalo,
-Dante



MMA takes the spotlight at this expo, with live MMA cage fights and a Jujitsu tournament. But there's more to this monster expo than just fighting. The event also includes the Miss MMA Hawaii Contest, where Hawaii's hottest ladies, embodying both beauty and physical fitness, compete for the coveted title of Miss MMA Hawaii 2012.

Oahu APA will be there with 3 pool tables, running speed shot tournaments, raffling off pool cues,

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Pool Etiquette

Rescheduling a Match

Sometimes your team just can't make a scheduled match... Most times you know well in advance, simply contact the League Office to reschedule or pre-schedule a match. Matches must be made up within 2 weeks of original play date.

Other times it can come unexpectedly. Please be considerate of other players that may be coming from far away to attend the match. Just follow our By-Laws; "In the event that you must reschedule a match, you must notify your opponent and the League Office at least 6 hours before the scheduled match start time. Failure to do so will result in the



Treat your opponents like you want to be treated.

team that is requesting the reschedule forfeiting the match. Both teams will owe their own regular weekly fees. Last minute rescheduling is allowed only when both team captains agree."

Remember these simple guidelines and play with Aloha to guarantee a great night out.

Upcoming Tournaments

2012 Dates to Remember



Hawaii Regional 8-Ball Doubles

Saturday, April 14 at TJ's Sports Lounge
Active 8-Ball Players with 20+ MP each
Modified Single Elimination-Winners go to Vegas
Player Check-In 10:00 am
Player Meeting 10:30 am
Matches begin at 11:00 am



Hawaii Regional 9-Ball Doubles

Sunday, April 15 at TJ's Sports Lounge
Active 9-Ball Players with 20+ MP each
Modified Single Elimination-Winners go to Vegas
Player Check-In 10:00 am
Player Meeting 10:30 am
Matches begin at 11:00 am

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At the 2011 8/9-Ball Doubles Nationals, Pilikia Palua, Sophina Placencia & U'i Vita finished 193/384 & 97/256 teams.



APA National Singles and Jack & Jill will take place in Las Vegas, April 25-28, 2012.

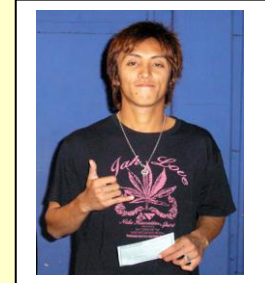
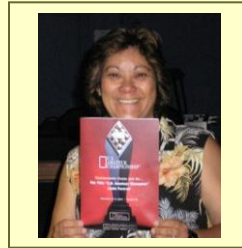
US Amateur Tourneys Yield 2 Winners

Raises over \$2000.00



Both the Men's & Women's US Amateur qualifying tournaments were held at Hawaiian Brian's Billiards in Honolulu on April 7, 2012. Seven men and two women competed for the chance to advance to the Regional Event at Shoreline Billiards in Mountain View, California this September 21-23, 2012

Terri "TEE" Taira took 1st Place in the tournament with a 9-7 victory over U'I Vita on the women's side. Ryo Yokawa edged out Al Savea 11-7 in the finals on the men's side. Oahu APA matched all entry fees and added to prize money for travel assistance to the



California Regional. Winners from 26 Regional events at venues across North America will go on to the National US Amateur Tourney at Stokers in Palm Harbor, Florida, on November 9-11, 2012.



For more information about the USAM visit <http://usamateurchampionship.com/>

9 Hawaii Players Advance to Nationals in Las Vegas!

Congratulations to the following local players, who will compete in the APA \$500,000 National Singles Championships, and Jack & Jill Championships at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on April 26-28, 2012. This event consists of 7 tiers in two individual National Singles and is run in conjunction with the Jack & Jill Championships & Mini Mania events. In 8-Ball: (top row, left to right) Terri "TEE" Taira, Kenneth Hicks, and Steven Weakly. Joining them will be U'I Vita who qualified last year, but was deployed during the 2011 event. In 9-Ball: (bottom row, left to right) Sophina Placencia, Grace Castillo and Lyle Chan make up the Jack & Jill team, "Jus 808", Ron Omoto, and Steve Van Ness. Good luck to all our players. I'm sure they will represent Hawaii well.

2012 Singles 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles and Jack & Jill National Qualifiers



9-Ball Shootout: The champion in each tier of this event receives \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

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cases and other accessories throughout the event. Maybe even a few trick shots. We'll also be educating local residents about the fun and excitement of APA Pool League play here on Oahu. On Sunday, June 17, we will award trophies to our Local Team Championship winners and recognize all our teams going to the National Championships in Las Vegas this August.

Please make plans to attend this very special

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Total purse for this event is over \$150,000. 8-Ball Classic: The champion in each tier of this event receives \$15,000 in cash and prizes. Total purse for this event is over \$280,000.

The APA Jack & Jill Championship is held in conjunction with the APA National Singles Championships and MiniMania at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Players may not compete in both the National Singles

event. The expo runs for three days only, at the Neal S Blaisdell Center's Exhibition Hall: Friday, June 15 from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, June 16 from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sunday, June 17 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. Get more info at:

<http://bigboystoysmmaexpo.com>

Championship (8-Ball Classic/9-Ball Shootout) and the Jack & Jill Championship in the same year due to the concurrent scheduling of matches. MiniMania events are held 20 hours per day during the National Team Championships and the National Singles Championships. MiniMania Tournaments are open to all current APA members with at least 10 League match scores and guarantees 100% payback of each tournament's entry fees. Entry fees range from \$10 to \$50 and must be paid upon registration. Entrants must bring a picture id and their current APA membership card.

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Saturday, May 12 at TBD

\$20 Entry/Player-Returned at Check-In

Single Player – Single Elimination

\$500.00 total prize money

Player Check-In 1:00 pm

Player Meeting 1:30 pm

Matches begin at 2:00 pm

2012 Oahu APA Local Team Championships

8-Ball-June 1-3, 2012 @ Hawaiian Brian's Billiards

9-Ball-June 8-10, 2012 @ Hawaiian Brian's Billiards

LTC Round Schedules and times will be announced at the LTC Meeting 2:00pm Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Hawaiian Brian's Billiards.

How Your Handicap Is Calculated

Reprinted by popular demand.

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. Consider the following:

- Using several good scores when calculating your handicap lends stability. The alternative would result in your handicap constantly

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This year's LTC's will be run on (8) eight 3 ½ x 7' tables supplied by Aloha Ricks Amusements, specifically for our events.

More information can be found when updated at:
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By contacting the League Office at:
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"I lost last week and my handicap is higher this week - what's going on?" OR
"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?"

These questions are some of the most common that League Operators hear from APA members.

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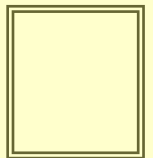
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changing, which would cause problems with the “23–Rule”. An unstable handicap is technically inaccurate; when you consider that your handicap is a reflection of your true ability.

- 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.

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!

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