

OAHU APA NEWSLETTER



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A Message from your League Operator

By Dante Guagliardo

Aloha Oahu APA Poolplayers,
Hope you all had a great Holiday. In an ongoing effort to improve our league, I decided to start publishing this newsletter in 2012. The main purpose is to keep you educated on a variety of local and national news & events, including upcoming tournaments, past tournament results, tips, player news, member discounts, etc. The goal is to create a league of well informed players by getting this information to you in as many ways as possible. We offer so much more than just weekly league play, like Singles Qualifier Boards, 3 different Doubles Tournaments, US Amateur Tournament, and Charity events just to name a few, but only a handful of players are even aware of these events. You will continue to receive fliers in your weekly packet about upcoming events as usual, but in addition, the Oahu APA Newsletter will be available online (oahu.apaleagues.com) to give you a more long term perspective on what's going on in your league. In the near future we plan to email and/or snail mail our newsletter to every player. I expect this to be a

Claim Your Online Member Account

Renew your 2012 Membership too.

You can access your stats, schedules, rosters and more by creating an account at:

<http://members.poolplayers.com>.

When you create your account:

-Your name, birth date must match what we have on file for you, so if you encounter any difficulties, please contact us to verify that we have your correct info.

-You will also need your membership number. Your 8-digit number is printed on your APA membership

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constantly evolving project, and welcome your suggestions.

I'd also like to introduce our new office manager Mary Failma. Mary started working in the League Office in mid December and is quickly learning our systems. She will be handling the administrative side of things, as well as contacting Host Locations and players, by phone/email, while I spend more time building our league. The bigger we get; the more teams we can send to Vegas. It will also allow me get out to see you players more often. Wishing you all the best in 2012.

Mahalo,
-Dante



card. Your member number is 968 plus the 5-digit number you see on your scoresheets. 968 signifies that you're a member of the Oahu chapter of the APA. It does not print on your local scoresheets since all Oahu member numbers begin with 968. You will be able to use the 5 or 8-Digit number to signup.

-You will receive a confirmation email once your account has been set up. If you do not receive the email in your inbox, please check your spam folder to see if it was misdirected by your email server as spam. -You will need this email to

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Pool Etiquette

Keeping the match fun.

1. Home team should give any players present from the visiting team, 15 minutes practice time on the match table prior to start of the match.
2. Pay attention and be ready to shoot when it's your turn.
3. Avoid loud noises when your opponent is shooting.
4. Do NOT approach the table when it's your opponent's turn at the table. Step away from the table (out of your opponent's line of vision) when your turn is over.
5. Closely observe the "house rules." Many bars do not allow jump shots or masse' shots. House rules always prevail!
6. No food or drinks on the table.
7. Don't break your cue down early. Wait until the



Treat your opponents like you want to be treated.

- game is officially over.
8. Don't celebrate your opponent's misfortunes, and don't make excuses for your own.
9. If you lose, congratulate your opponent, after all, they just beat the best poolplayer in town!
10. Maintain a fun, light-hearted attitude.

Remember these 10 simple guidelines to guarantee a great night out.

Upcoming Tournaments

2012 Dates to Remember

Fall 2011 8-Ball Top Gun

Saturday, February 11 at TJ's Sports Lounge

\$10 Entry-Single Elimination-100% Payout

Top Gun Plaque & Patch for Winner

SL 2-3 @ 1:00 pm

SL 4 @ 2:30 pm

SL 5 @ 4:00 pm

SL 6-7 @ 5:30 pm

Fall 2011 9-Ball Top Gun

Sunday, February 12 at TJ's Sports Lounge

\$10 Entry-Single Elimination-100% Payout

Top Gun Plaque & Patch for Winner

SL 1-3 @ 1:00 pm

SL 4-5 @ 2:30 pm

SL 6-9 @ 4:00 pm

Hawaii Singles Regional 8-Ball

Saturday, March 3 at TJ's Sports Lounge

Only Qualified Players -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-Ball NSC, Ryo Yokawa (SL7) placed 33rd, and Glenda Aggasid (SL5) placed 17th in their tiers.



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

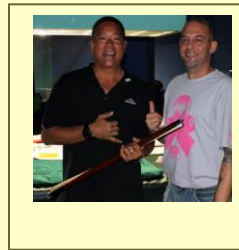
2nd Annual Shoot for the Cure

Raises over \$2000.00



Hawaiian Brian's Billiards in Honolulu was the site for the 2nd Annual Oahu APA Shoot for the Cure, held Oct. 30. The single elimination 9-Ball tournament raised \$2,043.00 for the Hawaii Affiliate of the Susan G Komen for the Cure. Participating players raised money by getting sponsors to pledge between ten cents and one dollar per ball pocketed. Kevin Higuchi was the high pledge earner, taking that honor for the second year in a row.

Kimo Polk took 1st Place in the tournament with a victory over Gene Starling in the finals.



High pledge earner, for the second year running, Kevin Higuchi.

Tony Bonelli and Sophina Placencia finished in 3rd Place.

Oahu APA and Poison Billiards sponsored the event and donated over \$1000 in prizes. Hawaiian Brian's Billiards hosted the event and donated table time. Mahalo to all who were part of this event.

For more information about Susan G Komen for the Cure visit komen.org

2012 Hawaii Singles Regional Players

Congratulations to the following players, who qualified for the Hawaii Singles 8-Ball & 9-Ball Regionals. They will play March 3-4, 2011, at TJ's Sports Lounge & Grill, for their chance to compete at The National Singles Championships in Las Vegas.



2012 Singles 8-Ball Regional Qualifiers

Roni Annesley

Grace Castillo

Phil Felix
Kenneth Hicks
Jason Ishizuka

Dennis Galisa
Kyle Higa
Dwayne Kelley Jr

Landy Kimura
Mark Mitchell
Rochelle Peralta
Kalani Roy
Ron Shioji
David Stevens
Dawn Takemori
Steve Van Ness
Florie Ybanez

Hank Kuhn
Greg Okamoto
Sophina Placencia
Al Savea Jr
Joe Stevens
Tee Taira
Doug Thurman
Steven Weakly
Ryo Yokawa.

Total Players-26

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Claim Your Account from page 1

confirm your account.

-Open the email and click the link to confirm your account.

Once you have created and confirmed your account, log into your APA Member Account using the "Log In" link at the top of any of the pages of this site and then select "Online Member Services" from the left menu, which will take you to your Member Page.

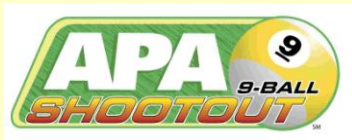
-To access stats, standings, rosters and schedules,

select "Stats" from the top menu.

-You will also have the ability to print your membership card, update your membership profile and see your membership, team and tournament history and much more.

Note: We are working closely with the APA National Office to improve the services rendered in the Member Services site. It is still a work in progress and we ask for your patience as we help them make improvements. Thanks!

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2012 Singles 9-Ball Regional Qualifiers

Glenda Aggasid	Marcel Apilado
Phil Felix	Julio Fonoti
Rena Lamb	Garick Nakagawa
Ron Omoto	Trish Park

Sophina Placencia	Derrick Sakai
Freeman Sasao	Al Savea Jr
Tiare Tagaloa	Dawn Takemori
Ano Tauala	Steve Van Ness
Ui Vita	Steven Weakly
Ryo Yokawa.	

Total Players-19

Participating Merchant Discount Spotlight

Contact us to become a Participating Merchant



Rene' Lyle, Charlene Stevens, and Terry Bell.



AFLAC offers supplemental health insurance including, but not limited to, vision, dental, accident, and more. APA members and host locations receive 10-20% Discount.

Contact Charlene Stevens for quotes at
808-351-4307

Or

charlene_stevens@us.aflac.com

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Hawaii Singles Regional 9-Ball

Sunday, March 4 at TJ's Sports Lounge
Only Qualified Players –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 Jack & Jill Doubles

Sunday, March 4 at TJ's Sports Lounge
\$100 Entry/Team–Single Elimination–100% Payout
Player Check–In 1:00 pm
Player Meeting 1:30 pm
Matches begin at 2:00 pm

Hawaii Regional Masters Tournament

Saturday, March 24 at Hawaiian Brian's Billiards
\$200 Entry/Team–Single Elimination–100% Payout
Player Check–In 1:00 pm
Player Meeting 1:30 pm
Matches begin at 2:00 pm

More detailed information can be found at:

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How Your Handicap Is Calculated

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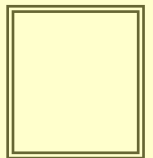
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changing, which would cause problems with the “23–Rule”. An unstable handicap is technically inaccurate; when you consider that your handicap is a reflection of your true ability.

- 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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