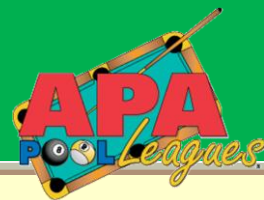


# OAHU APA NEWSLETTER



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## A Message from your League Operator

- Dante Guagliardo

Aloha Oahu APA Poolplayers,

Let me start by congratulating all the teams that participated in our Local Team Championships. Thanks to you players, and a great new LTC venue, the tournaments came off without a hitch. For the first time ever, Hawaiian Brian's and Oahu APA brought in eight 3 ½ x 7' tables. We received many compliments from both players and spectators. The smaller tables were so well received at Hawaiian Brian's, they remain there still.

Three teams advanced to Nationals: In 8-Ball, Pool Hall Junkies shooting out of Maddog Saloon Waikiki, and Ekahi Pu'uwai shooting out of TJ's Sports Bar. In 9-Ball, Y's Guys shooting out of Y's Sports Bar. In addition this year, we're also sending a Masters Team, and a doubles team in both 8-Ball and 9-Ball. You can read more about

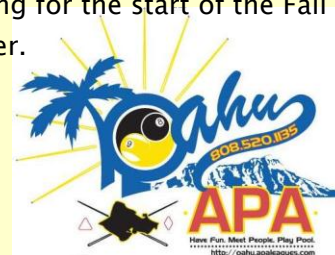
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them later. Good luck to all our teams heading out to Las Vegas!

Kailua/Kaneohe Division Update: After trying to start a division for several months now, there are still not enough players to start even a 4 team division yet. Any players interested in starting in Kailua/Kaneohe area please contact me at the League Office ASAP. Hopefully we can get this division up and running for the start of the Fall Session this September.

Mahalo,  
-Dante



## 3 Teams headed to Las Vegas for 2012 Nationals!

August 16-25, 2012 at the Riviera Hotel & Casino.



Pool Hall Junkies: Captain John Lehman, Dave McKinney, Melissa Love, Ben Walker, Emile Dixon, Clay Bryant. Not Shown Holley Morin, Don Monroe.



Ekahi Pu'uwai: Tee Tee Tanielu, Captain Carol Furutani, Ano Tauala, Maria Savea, Tila Tauala. Not shown Al Savea, Jason Alcantra and Lena Tauala.

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## Pool Etiquette

### Keeping Matches 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.

## US Amateur Tourneys Yield 2 Winners



Both the Men's & Women's US Amateur qualifying tournaments were held at Hawaiian Brian's Billiards in Honolulu on April 7, 2012. 7 men & 2 women played 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 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the tourney with a 9-7 victory over U'I Vita on the women's side, but can't attend, so Vita will advance. 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/>

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Oahu APA is proud to send these 3 extremely competitive teams. Not only are they good players, each consistently shows good sportsmanship throughout the year. We are sure will they will continue to exhibit the same qualities at Nationals, win or lose, and represent Oahu APA, and Hawaii with honor.



Captain Ron Omoto, Craig Hirokawa, Grace Castillo, Freeman Sasao, Timmy Nakamura, Shana Hinokuma, Lyle Chan. Not shown Kimo Nakama

## Masters & Doubles Teams Advance to Nationals to Vegas!

Congratulations to the following local players, who will compete in the APA National Masters and Doubles Championships, Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on August 16–24, 2012. These events are run in conjunction with the APA National Team Championships & Mini Mania events. In Masters: “Poolplayers in Paradise” (top, left to right) Steven Weakly, Ryo Yokawa, Captain Steve Van Ness and Hank Kuhn . Joining them in the doubles events are; In 9–Ball: “Double Trouble” (lower left) Tila Tauala and Dawn Takemori. In 8–Ball: “Kala Koa” (lower right) Kevin Higuchi and Ilima Vega. Mike Vater originally won this qualifier with Vega, but is unable to attend. He was replaced by Vega with Higuchi. First place prize money is \$10,000 for Masters, \$6500 for 8–Ball Doubles, and \$5000 for 9–Ball doubles.



# How Your Handicap Is Calculated

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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 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!

*"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.