

## Fall 2022 Wildcard & Spring 2023 Info Meeting

- 1) **The APA of North Alabama will be CLOSED from December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- 2) Spring 2023 Session starts the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>
- 3) This is a 17-week session with 2 playoff weeks
- 4) Division 071 (Sunday Guntersville 9 Ball) will NOT play on Christmas or New Year's Day
- 5) The Wildcard for SPRING session will be April 15<sup>th</sup>

### Dates to Remember

- 1) The Singles Board Window for Spring Regionals (March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> at Chips) CLOSES on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Dates of upcoming boards:  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Bumpers 3pm 9 Ball Splash Board (Joe Johnson)  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 6 Pockets 4pm signup/5pm start 8 Ball Splash Board (APA Emily)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Chips 6pm signup/6:30 start 9 Ball Splash Board (APA Emily)  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Steve's 6pm signup/7pm start Regular Boards both formats (APA Cyndi)  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Bumpers 5:30 signup/6:30 start LADIES ONLY 8 Ball Splash Board (APA Lee)
- 2) Team Captain Qualifier Dates:  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 6 Pockets 2pm signup/3pm start – **THE WINNER OF THIS QUALIFIER WILL CHOOSE WHERE THE SLOT EVENT TAKES PLACE.**  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Sandy's Roadhouse 1pm signup/2pm start  
January 29<sup>th</sup> Bumpers 1pm signup/2pm start  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Chips 11am signup/12pm start  
March 11<sup>th</sup> Diamonds 11am signup/12pm start  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Steve's 11am signup/12pm start  
May 6<sup>th</sup> SLOT EVENT – location determined by winner of December 4<sup>th</sup> Qualifier
- 3) World Qualifier Dates:  
May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 9 Ball Main  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 8 Ball Main  
June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 8 & 9 Ball Outlying
- 4) Random Acts of Kindness Fundraiser @ Chips on February 18<sup>TH</sup> (All participants will put a suggestion in a bowl and whoever's slip is drawn out – the Fundraising portion will go to that person's suggestion). More details released closer to the event day.
- 5) College Scholarship Fundraiser @ Chips on April 15<sup>th</sup> – All APA players with a senior graduating in the Spring can submit a letter with current copies of grades requesting assistance. Alfredo Ortiz, the owner of Chips, and the APA of North Alabama staff will decide who can use this assistance. More details released closer to the event day.

### Things That Make You Go “Hmmm”

- 1) Talking to some players who had the similar complaint no matter what division they played out of. I am talking about in-house divisions, outlying areas, etc. The players only get to a) play players that they have a history of beating b) only allowed to play their own skill level or lower – never up or c) the Team Captain thinks more about themselves playing than others on the team. These are some of the reasons why we lose players. Please think about the complaints we have heard and ask yourself if this happens on your team. We can suggest that these players find new teams but we know every team is like family and composed of friends.
- 2) When we see scoresheets with a VAST difference in defensive shots, we wonder 2 things: 1) does everyone on the team know how to keep score properly or 2) is a team trying to sandbag by not marking defensive shots? There are videos on YouTube that explain how to keep score and what defensive shots are WITH EXAMPLES. Everyone should watch.
- 3) We love feedback, constructive criticism, etc. We are always on the lookout for how to make a more enjoyable experience for you. So far we have the following in development – a 65 and up tournament, a best of the best tournament, additional fundraisers for our community, etc. It can be a text or a call or an email. Cyndi 256-783-5699 [cyndi1955@comcast.net](mailto:cyndi1955@comcast.net), Lee 256-476-6093 [northalabama@apaleagues.com](mailto:northalabama@apaleagues.com), and Emily 256-387-3637 [eleeth31@gmail.com](mailto:eleeth31@gmail.com)
- 4) Not only have we endured COVID but now FLU season has started rolling in. PLEASE, if you feel that you have the FLU then do NOT go to league. If you have, what you think, are Flu like symptoms or possibly allergy symptoms THEN PLEASE, at least, wear a mask and do not shake your opponent’s hand (give a thumbs up instead). Everyone should wash their hands before and after a match. Better safe than sorry, who wants to be sick or get others sick during the Holiday Season?
- 5) Slow play – think of the delays that can happen in a match, seconds accumulate into minutes, minutes to quarter hours, quarter hours into half hours, etc. You should know if you are playing next and go to the restroom beforehand, have your sticks put together, etc. Time-outs? Player Put-up? Those are ONE (1) MINUTE time limits. If you are the offender OR the opponent and you don’t speak up then you are ALLOWING this delay. Late nights are a common reason given for not playing league. Controlling the time limits is a way to KEEP players on your team. Adhere to the Team Manual Guidelines, practice for the World Qualifiers AND the World Pool Championships so you don’t ever experience the DREAD of Sudden Death. This is a PRACTICED skill, not an inherent one. Divisions that start play at 6pm or 6:30pm should have no reason to be out later than 11pm.
- 6) Rescheduled Matches – please go through our local APA office, we can assist you get the match played by the deadline. Don’t wait until the night the match is due to

reach out. Plan Ahead! Team Captains – know what all your players are doing on your scheduled night in case of conflict. Best practice for Team Captains – set up group text message, contact all who are needed the next week to be sure they are available, don't wait for the night before play – plan ahead!

### End of Session Merit Awards

#### **8 Ball and 9 Ball LEAGUE WIDE end of session points for the Top Two Highest Teams – the Fall Division Patch!**

8 Ball #1 03402 STR8 Shooters with 182 points

8 Ball #2 02209 The Woodpeckers with 180 points

9 Ball #1 04903 Just The Tip 9 with 1106 points

9 Ball #2 07108 SMG with 1077 points

#### **Most Clean Sweeps - \$40 Team Credit for Spring 2023**

8 Ball 04004 Not There with 3 Clean Sweeps

9 Ball **A TIE!** No team had over 2 Clean Sweeps for the Session so we have entered all teams (registered for Spring) with 2 Clean Sweeps into a drawing. (Hard 9's, BSB 9, HTHF 9, Pool Tang Clan 9, Hold My Beer 9, Out of the Zone, Hold My Stick 9, Southern Ballers 9, Just The Tip 9, and DD Jams)

#### **Most Rackless Nights – COMPLIMENTARY 2023 Annual Membership**

Amanda Jackson with 8!

**#1 MVP players by Skill Level based on 6 matches played – An APA T-Shirt** (I will need shirt sizes so when Emily texts you from 256-387-3637 PLEASE answer in a timely manner. These shirts will also be on sale for \$15 in the cabinet at Steve's Cue & Grill soon.

8 Ball S/L 7 – Joe Johnson

8 Ball S/L 6 – William Phillips

8 Ball S/L 5 – Jourdan Kindred

8 Ball S/L 4 – Terona Deitsh

8 Ball S/L 3 – Terry Graves

8 Ball S/L 2 – Macayla Hopper

9 Ball S/L 9 – Joe Johnson

9 Ball S/L 8 – Charlie Whitehead

9 Ball S/L 7 – Jonathan Kindred

9 Ball S/L 6 – Bill Thrift

9 Ball S/L 5 – DJ Johnson

9 Ball S/L 4 – Liz Harmon

9 Ball S/L 3 – Keli McMurray

9 Ball S/L 2 – Stretch Williams

9 Ball S/L 1 – Dee Hart

**Undefeated (minimum of 6 matches played) – A certificate and an \$8 Credit to be used for Spring 2023 Session:** Terry Graves, Liz Harmon, Trevor Hennebeck, Joe Johnson x 3 (was undefeated in 3 divisions!), William Phillips, Mellow Ray, Chance Rosic, and Charlie Whitehead

**Congratulations to all Merit based winners! Cyndi and I are very proud of y'all!**