

Spring Session Calendar Info and Dates

Starts the Week of November 30th

Local Office Closed December 21-27. Once a Month Divisions will play on their scheduled dates during this time, Master's Sunday @ Steve's and 9 Ball Doubles Saturday @ Steve's.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (Attn Weds & Thurs teams) are SKIP dates; however we are running our Annual Hangover Ball at Bumpers on New Year's Day – LOTS OF FUN!

Ladies – December 20th is your LAST regular Month of Play. I need all reschedules or partials completely finished by January 4th so that I can conduct the Wildcard on Wednesday the 7th for the Vegas Slot Event. The Slot Event will be Saturday, January 31st at Steve's beginning at 9am. This is Double Elimination. New Session starts in February.

Masters – January 17th and 18th is your LAST regular Month of Play. All reschedules and partials must be completely finished by January 28th so that I can conduct the Wildcard on February 4th. Your Slot Events are also Saturday, January 31st at Steve's (regardless of which division you play in). The new session starts in February.

8 Ball Doubles, 9 Ball Doubles, and Jack & Jill – Do not leave your reschedules or partials until the last minute. Jack & Jill ESPECIALLY be pro active and not reactive. ALL divisions Slot Event will be at Chips & Salsa on February 15th. New Session starts in March for all.

Once A Month Double 9 and 2x A month DJ at Buck's: Your last regular playing month is January. Your Wildcard is on January 21st. All reschedules and partials must be completed by January 18th. Your Playoffs are on your regularly scheduled time in February.

February 14th – Save the Date – we are working on a Valentine's Day Tournament (APA members on active rosters only)

February 28th – Save the Date - we are working with the Eagles for a Fundraiser for the National Heart Association. This will be held at Steve's Cue & Grill.

March 7-8 SPRING REGIONALS AT BUMPERS* *depends upon if we get enough qualified to hold

INTERRUPTION: WHY TALK ABOUT WQ'S NOW? CHANGE – 1ST PLACE WILL STILL GO TO VEGAS BUT AUTOMATICALLY THE RUNNER UP WILL BE GOING TO THE SOUTHEAST CHALLENGE. No extra tournament to qualify.

April 14th Easter – Skip Date (psst... we will be bringing back the Easter Egg Hunt

April 11th Spring Session Wildcard for Divisions with 6+ Teams

Week of April 12th – Week 1 playoffs for Divisions with 6+ Teams

April 18th Spring Session Wildcard for Divisions with 4-5 Teams

Week of April 19th – Week 2 Playoffs for Divisions with 6+ Teams and Playoffs for Divisions with 4-5 Teams

Weeks of April 11-24 – HOLD BOARDS FOR FALL REGIONALS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. “WINDOW CLOSE DATE” IS JUNE 15TH TOO MUCH GOING ON IN MAY AND JUNE

See calendar of events on local website

Works in Progress: 1/24, 3/14, 4/25 SURPRISE TOURNAMENTS FOR APA PLAYERS ONLY

5/2-5/3 Spring MVP at Chips

CREATIVE SCHEDULING (I think I called it “creative scoring” on the live) I would like our community to discuss being able to take a week off in the Summer. There is a lot of back stuff to running a league (like you must have a certain number of weeks in a session, team numbers for divisions, etc), I am a franchise owner NOT the owner. (there is a difference). During convention, I learned about “creative scheduling”. The number of weeks we already run and have been running for Summer is 12. That is the MINIMUM amount of weeks

you can have in a session to still Qualify teams for World Qualifiers, to have those teams count for the number of teams that determine how many teams you can send to Vegas, and a lot of other “background” stuff that I don’t need to waste your time with. BUT...if I released the week we are taking off, the scoresheets for THAT week EARLY, for the Summer Session, and y’all arranged between your two teams WHEN you would play those matches (ANY TIME BEFORE OR DOUBLING UP ON YOUR LEAGUE DAY/NIGHT) THEN we could have a week off in the Summer Session. It would require a lot of coordination on everyone’s part (the Team Captains, the league office, and the Host Locations) because Host Locations would need to be notified – they would need to let you know if they have tables available, etc. Double Jeopardy could double up, come in before regular league time starts and play 1 format 1 week and the other the next. Can’t get everyone together? With electronic scoring, players can play & score their own matches and conduct partials.

Before we make a decision, which I would like to do by end of January for a change to the Summer Session, I want your FEEDBACK. Think pros, cons, and suggestions. Thank you!

My Why: Why do I do what I do? Why do I own a league? I LIKE BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. We have been bringing people together for OVER 30 years in the APA of North Alabama (started as Rocket City Pool League 33 years ago by Roger & Cyndi Gilbreath)! When I partnered with Cyndi, we changed the name to APA of North Alabama. I have a passion to create a family, a community, where you have REAL friends. To me, to the North Alabama Team – you are not just a number, you are family.

NOT MENTIONED ON LIVE BUT IMPORTANT:

If you adhere to the 1-minute time outs and the 1-minute player put up limit your team CAN be finished by 9:45-10pm and DEFINITELY by 11pm. APA Scorekeeper is great when teams use the right way.

It is NOT “snitching” when you communicate with me about players playing beneath their skill level. It is KEEPING OUR LEAGUE FAIR. Do you want to know how many times I hear at the end of WQ’s “they were below their skill level all through the session”? A lot, at every WQ (4x per year). I also hear “I told X and nothing was ever done about it. The answer to that may be 1) you didn’t fill out a Handicap Complaint Form (they are in your books of everything) 2) the complaint was vague, not a single specific example of why 3) the complaint did not match the data entered on the scoresheet. For example, you state that Y missed 5x on purpose yet Y did not have a single defensive shot marked on the scoresheet. 4) The complaint reads “Whole team should be watched. Again, with no example. I can probably think of more but my point is if you let this go on all session because you are not a “snitch” and then their team and your team are in WQ and their team beats you, whose fault is it really? Y’all don’t know this (well, you do now) but I have a small group of ANONYMOUS observers who have been sent out to watch players that have specific complaints against them. AND they don’t only watch the player who I have asked them to watch BUT they also watch that player’s opponent.

We have heard you and are REMOVING the following Facebook pages: Ladies, Local Qualifiers, and The Division Rep (btw – that one is on me, I was trying to make an invitation only group like my Board of Governors and I selected “something” that wasn’t quite right). In the future, there will only be the Open page and the Closed Group. Why the two? I learned my lesson WAY back when I did a “pop up swag question” with a reward on the Open page and an APA player in another state won the prize and I had to mail that to them. Also, we do some things for you players in the APA of North Alabama that other leagues do not offer to their players. That kind of thing will be on the Closed Group.