

## Summer Session/Wildcard Meeting Agenda

- Are all WPC players and showdown series teams registered for Vegas using their App
  - No-Cobby Cobb and Dana Keller still need to sign
- Please contact Lee after the w/c if you need assistance doing so.

## Florian Divisions

- Waiting to hear back from Florian to see if he will renew this year's deal for 2024. We are scheduled to talk at the convention. If he does not, the backup plan is to turn Florian Divisions into **Destination Divisions**
- My first thought is to still draw players for **World Pool Championship 2024**. If any of you want to throw out other ideas, we are open to hearing your suggestions.
- The 3 players who will be drawn out for **this year** will know at our final **World Qualifier**. We will also be doing this **Live on Facebook!** (Players who played in a Florian Division Summer 2022-Spring 2023, will be flown to Vegas, put up at The Westgate Resort & Casino for 4 days/3 nights, get a one-hour **PRIVATE** tour of Florian's residence where he records his trick shot magic, and will be able to play in Mini Mania Events)

## Important Dates to Remember

- TC Slot event Sat May 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm @ 6 Pockets
- Ladies Friday May 12 and Sat May 13 @ Steves
- World Qualifier Dates
  - 9B-HSV-May 19-21<sup>st</sup> @ Bumpers
  - 8B-HSV-June 2-4<sup>th</sup> @ Chips
  - 8B&9B- Satellite \*-June 9-11<sup>th</sup> @ 6 Pockets
- "Outlying" was changed to "Satellite"\* World Qualifiers. YES, both are the same weekend, when I get the final qualified team count in both formats, Paul McClain, the owner of Six Pockets, and I will sit down and work on timing. It will either be rotating rounds or start 1 format on Friday night and bring the other format in on Saturday afternoon. I will be working on hotel room discounts also. Will post as soon as possible.

## J&J WildCard

- Facebook Live Wednesday 3 Pm
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Half P/Os** starts @ 11am and **Slot event** starts @ 12 pm are Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Only ONE un-scored match – K-Cups for the Win vs. 2Q4U. Needs to be completed by the 16th.

## Custom Shirts

- Represents all areas of APA of North Alabama. Sales through packet system or at any event we are hosting. \$60. All our Single's National Players and Showdown Series team members received a shirt to represent us in Vegas!!

## Lee & Cyndi in Vegas for Convention

- 04/19-04/26 we will be gone
- Call Emily for immediate responses and nighttime rules questions (256) 387-3637.
- You can leave us messages and we will do our best to return your calls in a timely manner.
- We are honored to sit on The Panel of Pros this year. YOU, our players, are what make us Pros. Thank you for being part of our family!

## Summer Divison Information

- New Teams are needed in the following divisions:
  - Monday DJ-Southside (Chips, Diamonds, or Tena's)
  - Monday 8 Ball Tuck's in Minor Hill, Tn In House
  - Tuesday 8B 2 table "Florian" Divisions @ Chips in House or @ Diamonds in House
  - Tuesday Arab/Cullman/Am Legions-Gsv 8B
  - Wednesday DJ Bumpers in House "Florian Division"
  - Thursday 9B HSV Travel
  - Thursday 9B Tucks in House Minor Hill, TN
  - Sunday 9B 2pm Boaz Area-Yonah Pool and the Night Owl
- Starts April 30<sup>th</sup>. 12 week session w/2 week playoff format. Sunday and Monday divisions will be 1wk longer due to no play on memorial day and will have a 1wk playoff format.

## New Divisions in Development

Tuesdays 9 Ball In House at Buck's 7pm (Guntersville)

Thursdays 9 Ball In House at Hot Rods 7pm (Boaz)

STILL IN PROCESS – NOT A FIRM DEAL YET:

Mondays 8 Ball Travel Decatur and Hartselle (VERY NEW DEVELOPMENT)

**DON'T FORGET** – Summer Session is the **ONLY** session that, in Divisions with 8plus teams, Qualify the #1 Point Team **AND** the Playoff Champions for the 2024 World Qualifiers.

## Random Draw Generator

- We will use this to determine who receives a custom shirt. If the generator selects a player who has already received a shirt, then we will hit the button again!!

## Still to come:

- League wide points for top 2 highest teams in 8 & 9 Ball.
- **Most** clean sweeps receive **\$45** team credit during the **summer session 2023**.

- **Undefeated** 6 matches played will receive a **certificate** and **free play**!

## Summer 2023-2024 Weekly Team Fees Increase

Beginning Summer Session, the new APA 2023-2024 League Year, weekly fees will be increasing \$1 per player, making the weekly team fees \$45. The APA of North Alabama last increased our fees 6 years ago. At that time, we stated that we would increase fees every 5 years BUT with COVID we didn't feel that last year was the time to do it, so we waited. There are multiple reasons to increase your fees because we have added (and are adding MORE) to your playing experience. Below is a recap:

- Qualifying players without cost to them for regional singles and a chance to go to Vegas via the MVP program – a \$160 value per player!!
- Sending **MORE** teams to Vegas!! We got an ADDITIONAL 8B slot THIS YEAR (Huntsville will be sending 3 - 8 Ball Teams and The Satellite World Qualifier will be sending 1. We are also on track for 4<sup>th</sup> 9B slot in 2024!! (Can you believe this? When Cyndi and I started together in 2005, we only were qualified to send ONE team in each format to The World Pool Championships!!) Wow!
- Increasing National travel assistance for Vegas teams from **\$4250** to **\$5000** (start for 2023 WPC). That is **NET**, after the National Entry Fee money is deducted and then teams receive that \$250 back when they check in at the World Pool Championship.
- Adding in The Southeast Challenge to RUNNERS-UP of our World Qualifiers. The teams that lose in the World Qualifiers, will now get a chance to go SOMEWHERE (Florida) instead of just being the “Bridesmaids” and WITH TRAVEL ASSISTANCE MONEY. Last year, we sent 1 team as a test, with \$1250 and it was successful! The team had a great time! This event is held in the Fall.
- Other formats we advance to Vegas include Ladies, Masters, 8 Ball Doubles, 9 Ball Doubles, Jack & Jill, Team Captain Event teams, and wheelchair players. We are also striving to increase those team counts as well.
- Being able to return to trophies for Session Ending Awards and not just the T-shirts option.
- Extra fun cash payout events eligible to ALL of our players. There is also the Annual Team Captain/Co Captain Recognition Tournament that has NO entry fee and a total cash payout of \$1200 PLUS the opportunity to Qualify for Singles Regionals at no cost.
- All New APA parents receive a case of diapers as a Welcome Home Gift
- All 75 and up Players only pay their \$1 green fee. We have the LARGEST 75 and up Club, EVER! And...that is REGARDLESS of how many teams on which they play.
- Active and retired military receive their 1<sup>st</sup> year APA membership for free
- Community outreach-**We run as a Family! We treat you like Family!**
- Creating “Florian” Divisions and sending players to Vegas! (See the details under the Florian Division Info tab)
- We've hired two employees since the last increase in order to keep serving you the same great customer service.
- Increasing App service Technology and associated costs.

Note: I am sure I've left off some other things that we do to increase your playing experience. We stated in the letter of 2017 that our fees would increase every 5 years, but we were experiencing COVID in 2021/2022 and it did not feel right to raise fees at that time. It's now been 6 years since we raised fees!

