

## SUMMER SESSION MEETING NOTES

1. **Welcome** – Welcome and thank you for attending our **Summer Session Meeting!** As usual, I would REALLY appreciate you all giving me your full attention. Please show respect during this meeting by keeping the chit chat down to a minimum. Remember that you are here representing certain teams and it is your responsibility to listen and relay any important info and changes to your team members.

We always like to start off by getting a round of applause for all our Team Captains and Co-Captains. Let's give it up! They work hard to run their team efficiently and lead them to victory. Also, if any Team Captains and Co-Captains have never gotten a Captain or Co-Captain Patches, please see Joyce after this meeting to get one. If you already have one of the new ones, you won't need another one.

2. **Meeting & Tournament Location Info** – For those of you who do not know, this is a non-smoking facility so please wait until the meeting is over to go outside and light up. ***"Host Location Staff"*** are here to make sure that you have a fun and enjoyable experience today so please don't forget to pay your tab and take care of them before you leave today. In fact, let's draw for a couple of free bar tabs right now.

3. **Prize Drawing (2 Winners) – (TWO Bar Tabs)**

4. **I Beat The League Operator Patch** – One of the things I like about these Session Meetings, besides getting to see everyone, is that I finally have some time to shoot some pool. I get challenges all the time from players wanting to try their chance at winning the ever popular ***I Beat The League Operator Patch***. However, when I'm out visiting teams or running our Tri-Cups and APA WQs, I never really have the time stop and play for a patch. Our Session Meetings are always the best time to play for one. We have a sign-up list up here for those of you who have never gotten the chance to play for one and, after this meeting, we will draw out SIX lucky players from the list. **If you've already played for a patch, whether you won one or not, please wait and let someone else get the chance to try. We will just draw someone else if you have had your chance already.** THREE of the SIX will play Joyce, who is a SL 2, in a 9-Ball APA race. The other THREE will play me, a SL 6, in an 8-Ball race. We're NOT going to LAY DOWN so you better have brought your game with you today!

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5. **Team Captain Preliminaries** – Also, after the meeting, we will host the first of **THREE APA Team Captain Preliminaries (TCPs)** for this new pool year. These TCPs are the only way for our APA Team Captains to get eligible for our **Team Captain Vegas Qualifier (TC-VQ)** which will be held next May. Our Vegas Qualifier Champions will then advance to compete in our *APA Team Captain Championships* which will be held in Las Vegas the following August.

Our APA Co-Captains can play in these *Team Captain Preliminaries* as long as there are at least TWO current Team Captains on the same roster. However, Co-Captains will NOT be able to advance to our TC-VQ in May or the Vegas *APA Team Captain Championship* in August. Those two events will still be for **TEAM CAPTAINS ONLY**. Co-Captains will have to become Team Captains and meet the other requirements for them to be able to advance further than our session TCPs.

The links to our TCPs were included in our recent Session Meeting email. We also have copies available up here. All of the entry fees will be set aside to build up the Vegas travel assistance monies so there will be NO money or trophies awarded today. Team Captains **MUST** compete in at least TWO of these TCPs to be eligible for our TC-VQ. Please see our Rules & Guidelines for more eligibility and requirement details for both events. If want to play on a team or need to register your team to play, please see Michael Glass after this meeting.

### 6. Last Session Meeting Reminders

- a. **2021 APA World Qualifiers (WQs)** – We had also discussed how our APA WQs were going to be held back at the Pelham Civic Complex (PCC). Who attended these recent WQs at the PCC? I thought everything went pretty well and that seems to be everyone's favorite venue, right? We also continued what we started in 2020 by splitting our APA WQs into 3 weekends. This allowed us to only run TWO rounds per day which gave everyone more time to rest. A Friday night round then THREE rounds a day for TWO days is a brutal schedule. I know that some of you may be good with that kind of schedule but you're not there from start to finish as our Tournament Staff has to be. After my past heart issues

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and surgery, the doctor told me that I needed to take it easier. I tend to not always follow what my doctor advises but I have found out recently that, the older I get, I may not have any choice in the matter. This is one of the reasons that we will continue the three weekend schedule in the future. We will also continue having only ONE WQ Meeting for each format and drawing out even more CASH for those who attend and represent their teams.

- b. 2021 APA Poolplayers Championships (PPCs)** – At our last Session Meeting, we discussed how this year's *APA Showdown Championships*, *APA Poolplayer Championships*, and *APA World Pool Championships* would be the largest pool events in the history of Billiards. This was due to the merging of our 2020 and 2021 events into two **MEGA Vegas Championships**. Even though some APA League areas are still down or just now starting back up, these events will still be HUGE and amazing. Whoever is lucky enough to be attending these events in August and October, whether they are competing or just supporting their friends, will be experiencing firsthand history in the making.

At this time, in our *APA Showdown Championships* in August, there are approximately 747 8-Ball Doubles teams, 488 9-Ball Doubles teams, 368 Jack & Jill teams, 356 Team Captain teams, 354 Ladies 8-Ball teams, and 354 Masters teams. (See Meeting Agenda Chart.) In our *APA Poolplayers Championships* in August, there will currently be 826 8-Ball players in our *APA 8-Ball Classic* and 635 9-Ball players in our *APA 9-Ball Shootout*. In **2019**, there were 692 and 482.

- c. 2021 APA World Pool Championships (WPCs)** – Usually, this event takes place in August and the *APA Poolplayers Championships* take place in May. However, due to last year's Rona influence, this year's APA WPCs will be in October for the first time ever. As of today, there will be 1,140 8-Ball teams and 867 9-Ball teams competing in October. In 2019, there were 720 and 530. Even with the missing teams from so many APA League areas, such as Canada and Japan, these numbers are impressive and will be setting a record for the World's Largest Pool Tournament in *Guinness World Records*. Pretty exciting, right?

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APA VEGAS EVENTS	2019 EVENT TOTALS	YTD 2021 EVENT TOTALS
<b>8-Ball Classic (players)</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>826</b>
<b>9-Ball Shootout (players)</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>635</b>
<b>8-Ball Doubles (teams)</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>747</b>
<b>9-Ball Doubles (teams)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>488</b>
<b>Jack &amp; Jill Doubles (teams)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>Team Captain (teams)</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>356</b>
<b>Ladies 8-Ball (teams)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>354</b>
<b>Masters (teams)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>354</b>
<b>8-Ball WPC (teams)</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1,140</b>
<b>9-Ball WPC (teams)</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>867</b>

- 7. Prize Drawing (2 Winners) – (TWO APA Ball Caps)**
  
- 8. Online Registration For Vegas Events** – COVID-19 has changed a lot of things. One of the main changes for our APA Vegas events is how players will now register to compete. Starting with this year’s August and October Vegas events, players and teams competing will need to register and certify their skill levels online. About two weeks before the Vegas events, players who are in the APA database as attending the events, will receive a notification and link at the top of their main screen in their APA App. This link will lead those players through the registration process. This is why it’s extremely important that all players get signed up for their Member Services account and download the APA App. There will still be a limited sign up station at each event but I’m not sure how many stations will be set up or how long the lines will be. You’re much better off having the APA App and the ability to register online. How many of you here today do NOT have the APA App downloaded? Why not?
  
- 9. APA App For Division Playoffs** – Another reason to have the APA App is for it’s built-in notification system. If you don’t have your APA App notifications turned on, I highly recommend doing so. To check and make sure your notifications are turned on, click on the “Bell” next to your initials in the top right corner of your main screen.

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These notifications will let you know when we post important stuff in your "News" section of your APA App. They will also let you know when your division schedule has been updated and scoresheets have been previewed for your next matches. This match notification is especially important because we will NO LONGER be emailing who made their Division Playoffs. Due to our APA App, most of you know way before you even got the email whether you were Division Champions or if you made your Division Playoffs or not. Of course, we will still contact any team who drew the Wildcard for their Division Playoffs and any teams who may need to play their Division Playoff matches at a different Host Location than the online Division Schedule shows. We just won't email who was Division Champs and who made their Division Playoffs anymore. Division Champions will be congratulated in an APA App "News" post by the beginning of the next session and shared via Facebook posts.

**10. Session Match Requirements** – We had announced a few weeks ago that we were changing our Session Match requirements for players. How it was currently stated in our local Bylaws was a little confusing, so we decided to make it simple. To meet "active" requirement status and to be eligible for your Division Playoffs and Session Tri-Cups, here are the current requirements:

- If there are 13 weeks or LESS in your Division Schedule, only FOUR matches are required to be played in each format (8-Ball and/or 9-Ball) with your specific team.
- If there are 14 weeks or MORE in your Division Schedule, at least SIX matches are required to be played in each format (8-Ball and/or 9-Ball) with your specific team.
- If your team has a "New" player with under 20 lifetime matches in a specific format, they **MUST** play at least SIX matches in that format (8-Ball and/or 9-Ball) with your specific team, no matter how many weeks are in the Division Schedule.
- Having a BYE in your Division Schedule does NOT change any of these eligibility match requirements.

These changes went into effect immediately this session and will really only affect our Summer Session because our Fall and Spring Sessions usually have 15-17 weeks. Are there any questions regarding these match requirements?

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### 11. Prize Drawing (2 Winners) – (TWO APA Collectible Cue Balls)

**12. October Match Rescheduling** – As mentioned previously, due to the merging and rescheduling of last year's events, this year's APA WPCs will be held **October 21-30**. This means that there will be players and teams in Las Vegas while our Fall Session is being played. This will affect us even more due to it being qualified teams and players from both years, 2020 AND 2021. We expect all teams to work with these Vegas teams by trying to play early matches or rescheduling their match while they are competing in Las Vegas. You will want the same courtesy if it was your team that was competing in our Vegas events. However, if a team only has a couple of players gone to our Vegas events, we expect those matches to be played as scheduled even if they are just partially completed and reschedule the missing players' matches.

**13. Q & A** – Everything we covered today, including any attachments given out, will be available in PDF format on our *Birmingham APA* website in the left menu under "Captains Corner/Session Meetings". Does anyone have any final questions about anything discussed today in this meeting or any other APA subject?

**14. Meeting Ends** – As most of you know, we always have one more drawing at the end of each meeting for two \$50.00 Bills. Afterwards, we will start getting ready for our *Team Captain Preliminary*. Please make sure that you see Michael Glass immediately after the meeting ends to get your team registered. **Another tourney for other players?** We will also be drawing to see which 6 players will get the chance to try and win the MOST COVETED of all patches, the ***I Beat The League Operator Patch***.

Joyce and I wish you GOOD LUCK in your final weeks of this session. After your Division Playoffs, we hope you all have a wonderful APA Summer Break and look forward to seeing you all in our Fall Session which starts **Sunday, Aug 15**. GOOD LUCK also to all our teams and players who are competing in Las Vegas in just a few weeks.

Before you leave, please don't forget to pay your bar tab and take care of Poppa's staff. Thank you all for coming and for being part of our *Birmingham APA Family*!

**15. Prize Drawing (2 Winners) - (TWO \$50.00 Bills)**