



## NORTHEAST MASS APA POOL LEAGUE

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FALL SESSION 2015/ WEEK 11 / NOVEMBER 8, 2015



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SINGLES BOARDS

Tewksbury VFW  
87 Vernon St.  
Tewksbury, MA

#### All Skill Levels

7pm on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

#### 2's, 3's & 4's

12pm on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

#### 5's and Up

3pm on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

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U.S Amateur  
Championship Stroker's  
Palm Harbor, FL  
Nov. 4-8

#### SINGLES BOARDS

Village Tavern  
Salem, MA

Sun Nov 15<sup>th</sup> starting at  
1PM

APA Christmas  
Tournament  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

### Announcements

- Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans Day and IS a Postal Holiday. Please consider this when mailing in your scoresheets. To ensure there are no delays, take a picture of your scoresheet and email it to the office the night of play.
- Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve - Captains, if you choose not to play this night, it's your responsibility to schedule your match ahead of time. For your convenience, scoresheets will be mailed out ahead of time.

**APA CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT**

Raffles  
Prize Wheel  
Trophies  
Trick Shot Exhibition

Special Guest:  
Florian Kohler

**Village Tavern**  
Salem Ma  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
8-Ball Tournament  
\$10 Entry  
Doors open at Noon Starts at 1pm

Florian will be here in December!

If you want to book your club, let us know!



**NEW FORMAT**  
**TOP**  
**GUN / MVP**  
**SEE FLYER**

*The window's closing for...*



*Time to qualify for*

*Singles Board*



*Spring Regionals*

*Window Closes November 30, 2015*

## Tips and Tricks

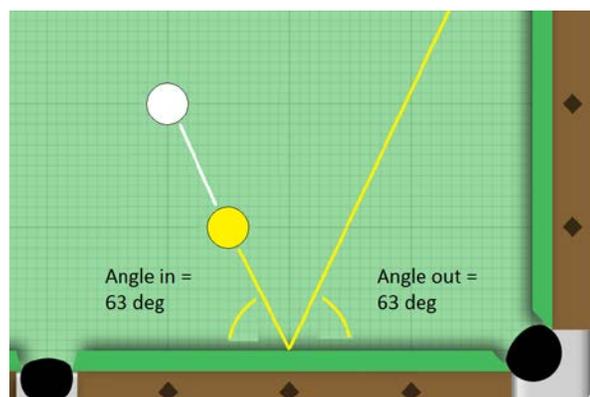
Many people have requested that I add more instruction to the newsletter. I will add a section for tips and tricks in each newsletter for your information and entertainment. Please let me know what you would like to see here to give me ideas for future articles. I hope you find it informative. Please let me know if you do.

### Bank Shots: Intro

Bank shots can be a mystery for many people, and for good reason. There are a lot of subtle intangibles when it comes bank shots. In this series we will discuss some banking systems and adjustments to make. Many good players including myself do not necessarily use banking systems. Bank shots come from a gut feeling and subconscious adjustments based on experience. It is important to understand the angles related to bank shots and the factors involved as a starting point so you can make these smaller adjustments on your own.

### Bank Shot: Physics 101

On the most simplistic level, when a ball contacts a rail the angle that the ball rebounds of the rail is equal to the angle it comes in at. If you were playing pool in a video game or online, this is exactly the way the ball will respond. We will discuss how to visualize this angle in future articles. In the real world there are a lot more physics involved. In the real world we must consider the speed of the ball, English, Draw/Follow, cut angle, humidity, condition of tables, condition of rubber on the rails.



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# Top Gun / MVP

Players that have played a minimum of 8 matches during the Spring & Fall Sessions and 6 matches during the Summer Session are eligible for the Top Gun Award. Using regular session data, qualified players are determined using the following equation to determine their “PA” (Points Available) percentage:



$$\text{Number of Points Earned} \div \text{Number of Points Available} = \text{Top Gun Score}$$

**8-Ball Example:** In an individual 8-Ball match, a player has 3 points available to win. If he/she played 10 matches, they had 30 points available to win. If they won a total of 13 points, then their PA is 43%.

10 matches = 30 points available  
13 points =  $13 / 30 = 0.43 = 43\%$

**9-Ball Example:** In an individual 9-Ball match, a player has 20 points available to win. If he/she played 10 matches, they had 200 points available to win. If they won a total of 162 points, then their PA is 81%.

10 matches = 200 points available  
162 points =  $162 / 200 = 0.81 = 81\%$

Ties will be broken in the following order using regular session play data:

1. Total Number of Matches Played
2. Win Percentage
3. Performance Points
4. Lifetime Win Percentage

\*Note: Playoff/Tri-Cup matches are not considered “regular” session matches.

The new Top Gun / MVP format will be effective immediately during the Fall 2015 session.



Here is why the APA is migrating to the new Top Gun system nationwide:

- 1) Players are encouraged to “Play their hardest” at all times due to the fact they can earn points in both wins and losses, which only strengthens our handicap system.
- 2) By creating a truly “performance based” approach, the PA calculation method is more closely aligned with our philosophy on handicapped League play – win or lose, it’s how a player performs that determines a ranking.
- 3) While there will still be repeat winners from time to time, early testing shows that utilizing the PA field this way will lessen the occurrence of repeat winners from one session to the next.
- 4) Within a system built around the concept of team play, a truly “Most Valuable Player” is a player who on average earns the most points for his or her team over the course of a session. Therefore, the PA calculation is the most accurate representation of this award.
- 5) With the implementation of the 3-Point Scoring System in 8-Ball the PA field is now a part of the 8-Ball program as well. This means that this approach can now be applied to both formats for consistent purposes.