

Mohawk Valley APA Newsletter

March 2025

A Message from your APA League Operator

Congratulations to all of the players that went to Singles Regionals, the teams that played at the Fall Tri-Cups, and those that have cashed in the Bounty by beating a player. The race is on for the Bounty. We will update you with March's Bounty in a future post.

Highlights

Congratulations to the Regional qualifiers winners

8 Ball: Kim Oleksiak and David Dreidel

9 Ball: Jake Camidge

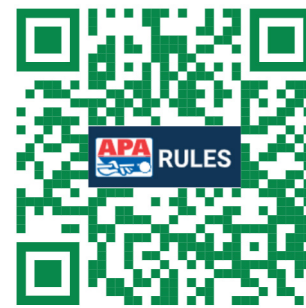


Congratulations to the Tri-Cup Winners:

8 Ball: Mandy's, Average Joes, Not Rotted Just Rusty, 1 Chick 7 Sticks, 8 Ball Bandits, Banks and Spanks, and Straight Jacket

9 Ball: Definitely Table Drift, Are You Chalkin To Me, Utica Club, Align the Nine, Boomsticks, and Backcuts With A Z

APA Rule Reminder



You can always access the online rule book using the QR code or by visiting <https://rules.poolplayers.com/>. It is highly recommended that you bookmark the site.

If there is ever a question about a rule, the rule book is the best place to find the answer. Take the time to look before an issue occurs between teams.

Game Rules:

Double-Hit: An illegal shot involving the tip of the cue stick coming into contact with the cue ball twice during the execution of a single shot. This foul may occur through double clutching the cue ball, or in situations where the cue ball is nearly frozen to the object ball or rail. In the latter case, the double-hit often occurs due to the difficulty in moving the stick away from the shot quickly enough to avoid the cue ball rebounding back into the stick. In general, the shooter can lessen the likelihood of committing this type of foul by hitting the cue ball into the object ball or rail at an angle, or by elevating the butt of the cue about 30 degrees. This does not guarantee that a foul will be avoided; however, it cuts down the length of the follow through, which is the principal cause of a double-hit.

Fouls

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If any of the following fouls are committed, the penalty is ball-in-hand for the opposing player. Make certain you have ball-in-hand before you touch the cue ball by confirming it with your opponent. Ball-in-hand is the advantage given to a player when their opponent scratches or otherwise fouls, whereupon the player may place the cue ball anywhere on the playing surface.

EXCEPTION: In 8-Ball, a scratch on the break requires the ball-in-hand to be executed from behind the head string and contact made with a ball outside the head string.

Even after having addressed the cue ball a player may, if not satisfied with the placement, make further adjustments with their hand, cue stick or any other reasonable piece of equipment.

Only the player or the Team Captain may officially call a foul, although anyone may suggest to the player or the Team Captain that a foul should be called.

NOTE: A foul that is not called when it occurs cannot be called once the next shot has been taken.

These are the only fouls resulting in ball-in-hand. All other violations are sportsmanship violations. The ball-in-hand fouls are:

- a. If the cue ball goes in a pocket, on the floor, or otherwise ends up off the playing surface.
- b. Failure to hit the correct ball first.
- c. Failure to hit a rail or pocket a ball after contact. A rail must be struck by either the cue ball or any other ball after the cue ball contacts the object ball. If the ball bounces back onto the playing surface, it is considered to have struck a rail.
- d. If, after contacting a ball that is frozen to a rail, the shooter fails to:
 - Drive the cue ball to any rail after the cue ball touches the frozen ball.
 - Drive the frozen ball to another rail or into a pocket.
 - Drive the frozen ball away from the rail and into another ball which, in turn, causes the frozen ball to hit any rail or go into a pocket, or causes the other ball to hit any rail or go into a pocket.
- e. Intentionally scooping the cue ball over another ball.
- f. Receiving advice regarding game strategy from a fellow player, other than your designated coach, during a time-out.

g. Touching or causing the cue ball to move, outside of a ball-in-hand situation.

Altering the course of a moving cue ball, including a **double-hit**.

i. Anytime the cue ball makes contact with an accidentally moved ball.

j. The cue ball does not touch any object ball during the course of a shot.

k. Touching another ball on the table, while placing or adjusting the position of the cue ball, during a ball-in-hand.

Doubles Only - Shooting Out Of Rotation. Once a team has shot out of rotation, the foul has occurred. If the sitting team does not call the foul before the next shot is taken, they do not receive ball-in-hand and the team that shot out of rotation will assume the new rotation for the remainder of the match.

8-Ball - If the 8-ball is pocketed during the shot, it is loss of game, if called.

9-Ball - If the 9-ball is pocketed during the shot, the 9-ball is spotted and the opponents receive ball-in-hand.

Note: Change of Billiards Balls

A host location can swap out balls at any time and those balls will be used as they are what the host location wants to use.

If a player on a team wants to switch out balls with a set that they brought with them, they must get permission from the opposing team to do.

Sportsmanship:

It is expected that all teams will treat each other with mutual respect during a match. Sportsmanship is big part of playing in the APA. This is a weekly night out for many people and a break from the regular work grind. This is not a money league, and any sharking, hustling or anything of that nature will not be tolerated. We are all here to have fun and a good time. Please don't spoil it for others!

There is a fine line between cheering for your player and against your opponent. As a rule, cheer for your player's accomplishments and not the opponent's misfortunes. Individuals who are consistently deemed to not be displaying sportsmanship values may be subject to match forfeits, probation, suspension or termination of League and/or APA membership. For example, jumping out of your chair during a match that you are watching to say a hit was bad or the 8-Ball was not marked, will be deemed poor sportsmanship, and the player is liable to a suspension. It is fine to cheer for an 8-on-the-Break, but it is considered poor sportsmanship to cheer for the cue ball to scratch as it heads towards a pocket. When you are not playing, please sit, watch, and enjoy the match. Let the two players get on with their own match. They will ask for your input if necessary.

Verbal abuse consists of name calling, threats, profanity or any other language that could be considered as harassment or that could cause embarrassment to other League members or nonmembers. Physical contact is the hostile physical contact between two players or player and nonmember(s). This contact can be in the form of bumping, shoving, pushing, or hitting.

Refer to the Conduct During League Play section of the Official Team Manual or call your Division Representative for further clarification.

Approaching Events

Splashboards: Must be on active roster and have 10 league matches in the format you are playing

Tournaments and Qualifiers

Please remember that registration for most events can be done at our Mohawk Valley Website <https://mohawkvalley.apaleagues.com/Default.aspx>

Northeast Challenge: (See attached flyer for more information about the event including cost) We will not be doing tournaments for this. We will take entries and pick names for the spots and the player that wins the spot can form a team and pay for the spot.

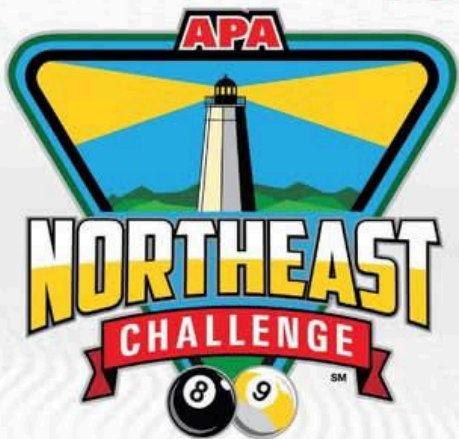
- The team has to consist of 6 original members of your current team and you can add 2 others.
- I have
 - (3) 8 ball spots
 - (1) 9 ball spot
 - (1) Masters
 - (1) Ladies 8 Ball
 - (1) Scotch triples

If interested Register on the Mohawk Valley App. Please see Facebook post for more information.

NORTHEAST CHALLENGE 2025

MOHEGAN SUN CASINO & RESORT UNCASVILLE, CT

JULY 13, 2025 - JULY 18, 2025



TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR:

9-BALL TEAM EVENT:

- **Sunday July 13th - Tuesday July 15th**
- \$1760 per team with 3 rooms & \$2200 with 4 rooms
- 96 Teams (2nd Chance Toledo Style Tournament for the first 32 teams out)

LADIES TEAM 8-BALL EVENT:

- **Sunday July 13th - Tuesday July 15th**
- \$1300 per team with 2 rooms & \$1740 with 3 rooms
- 3-5 players per team - Line up is 3 players to 13 in S/L
- 48 Teams (All APA National Ladies Team Rules apply)

SENIORS 8-BALL DOUBLES EVENT:

- **Monday July 14th - Tuesday July 15th**
- \$400 per team with 1 room
- 32 Teams, 2 players must add up to 10 or less
- Players must be 60+ in age
- All APA Scotch Doubles Rules apply

8-BALL TEAM EVENT:

- **Tuesday July 15th - Friday July 18th**
- \$2400 per team with 3 rooms & \$3050 with 4 rooms
- 128 Teams (2nd Chance Toledo Style Tournament for the first 32 Teams out)

MASTERS TEAM EVENT:

- **Tuesday July 15th - Thursday July 17th**
- \$1300 per team with 2 rooms & \$1740 with 3 rooms
- 48 Teams (All APA National Masters Team Rules apply)

TRIPLE PLAY EVENT:

- **Thursday July 17th - Friday July 18th**
- \$720 per team with 2 rooms
- 48 Teams (3-4 players on a team)
- This will follow the APA Team Captain Format & rules EXCEPT that all current APA players are able to participate - Line up is 3 players to 15 in Skill Level

- All Tournament fees include: Lodging, Awards, Table Time for Event & commemorative Poker Chip!
- All events are Modified Single Elimination! 8 & 9 Ball events teams are guaranteed 3 chances to play (main event and/or 2nd chance). All other events - teams are guaranteed 2 chances to play.
- Players can only be on one team in a format and can have up to 2 players common to another team.
- All players must be on an active Summer 2025 team in the format which they are competing.*
- All players must have 20 scores in the last 2 years in the format which they are competing.*
- *Masters players can be 8B, 9B or Masters scores & team and Triple Play players can be 8B or 9B scores & team.

- Over 100 Tables!!!
- Vendors
- Mini Events starting Monday
- Fun Events - I Beat the League Operator, I Beat the Diamond Rep, and more!
- 40 Restaurants on Premises
- Plenty of Entertainment
- 2 Full Service Casinos

ALL SLOTS MUST BE REQUESTED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE OPERATOR

Important Dates

May

Summer Session Begins (5/24/25 - 8/16/25)

- 17th
 - Spring Tricup 8 Ball @ CCB
- 18th
 - Spring Tricup 9 Ball @ CCB
- 30th- June 1st (Friday start @ 6:30pm)
 - World Qualifier 8 Ball @ NW

June

- 6th - 8th (Friday start @ 6:30pm)
 - World Qualifier 9 Ball @ NW

July

- 13-18 Northeast Challenge
 - Mohegan SunCasino & Resort
 - See attached flyer and Facebook Post
 - 8 Ball July 15-18
 - 9 Ball July 13-15
 - Ladies 8 Ball Team July 13-15
 - Masters Team July 15-17
 - Seniors 8 Ball July 14-15
 - Triple Play July 17-18
- 20th
 - Appreciation Day @ NW

August

Fall Session Begins (18/17/25 - 12/20/25)

September

- 13th
 - Summer Tricups 8 Ball @CCB
- 14th
 - Summer Tricup 9 Ball @ CCB
- 20th
 - Heavy Hitters 8 Ball @ CCB
- 21st
 - Heavy Hitters 9 Ball @ CCB

October

- 3rd - 5th
 - Singles Regionals @ TBD

November

- 8th - 9th
Team Cash Tourney

December

- 13th
 - Holiday Tournament @ NW

MOHAWK VALLEY APA'S BOUNTY

How it works 🤔

Every month 3 Pool Criminals will be chosen to be on the run!! There will be 3 in each format, 8 and 9 Ball. During that month, they are on the run and trying to evade capture. If they can make it without getting caught, they will receive 3 weeks of play free. If they are caught, the person capturing them gets the bounty.

QUICK NOTES:

- You can capture the bounty by beating that person in a standard APA match on league nights.
- Bounty is division specific (If they are the bounty for 9 ball Herkimer, beating them in 8 ball Herkimer doesn't count, nor does 9 ball Oneonta count.
- Dues are dues every night! Bounty awards will be credited to your team for you to use. Credits will be credited at the beginning of the following month - The chosen bounty HAS to play at least 3 of the four weeks to collect the bounty.
- Once chosen for the bounty, you will NOT be chosen again, but may be chosen for a different division.

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Please send in your picture to Rob once you beat the bounty!



MOHAWK VALLEY APA Players that

Captured the Bounty



Matt Vohid
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Robert Fairchild
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Bradbury 024

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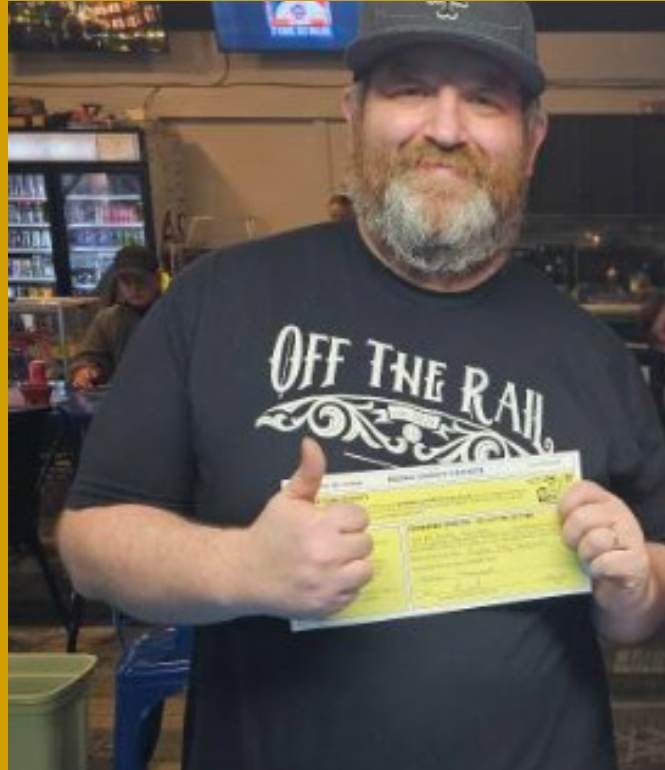


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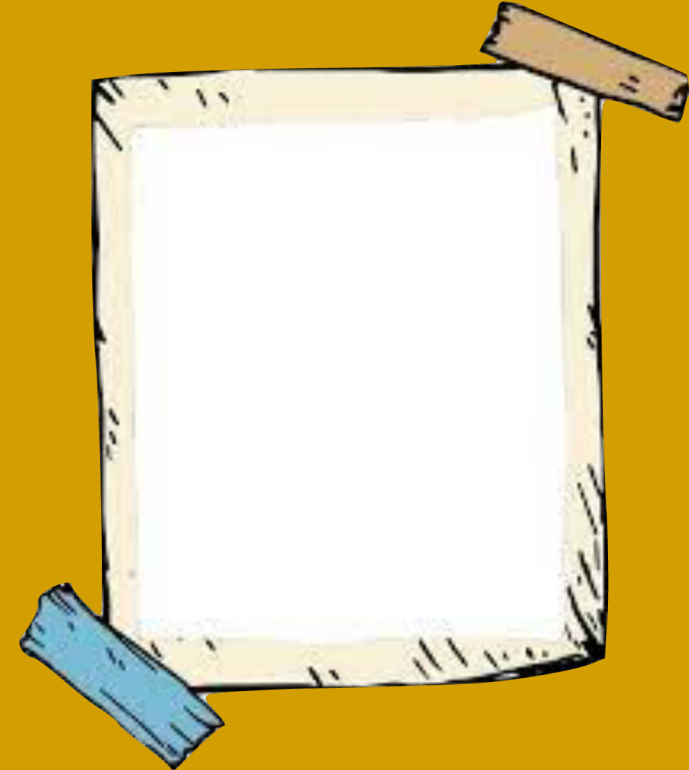
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Peter Servello
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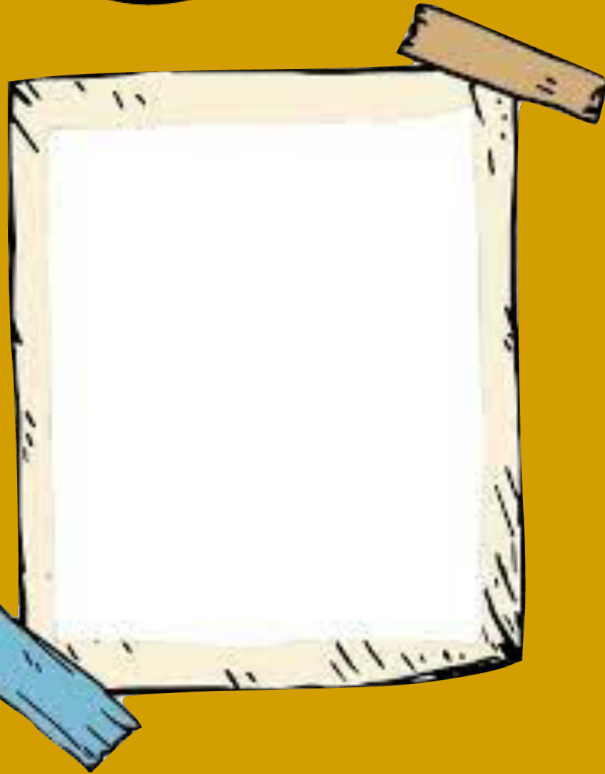
David Marks
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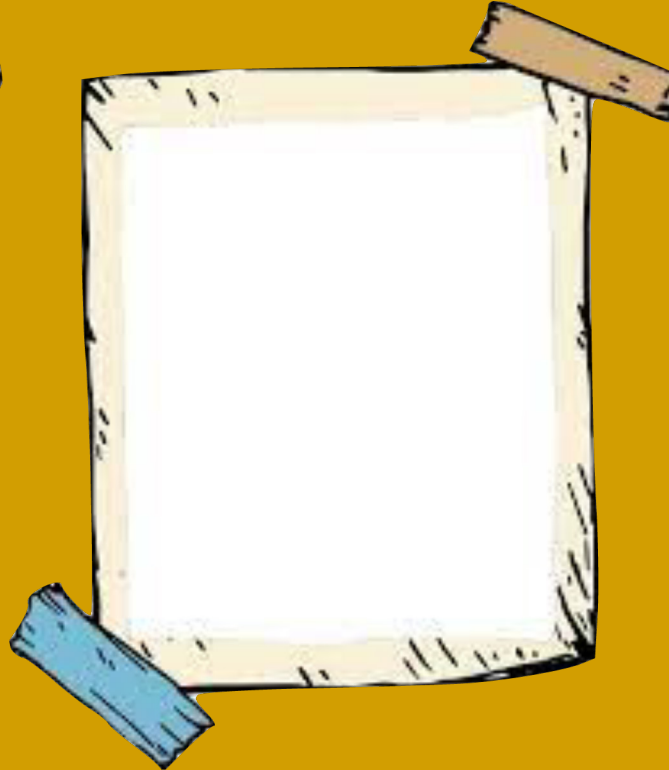
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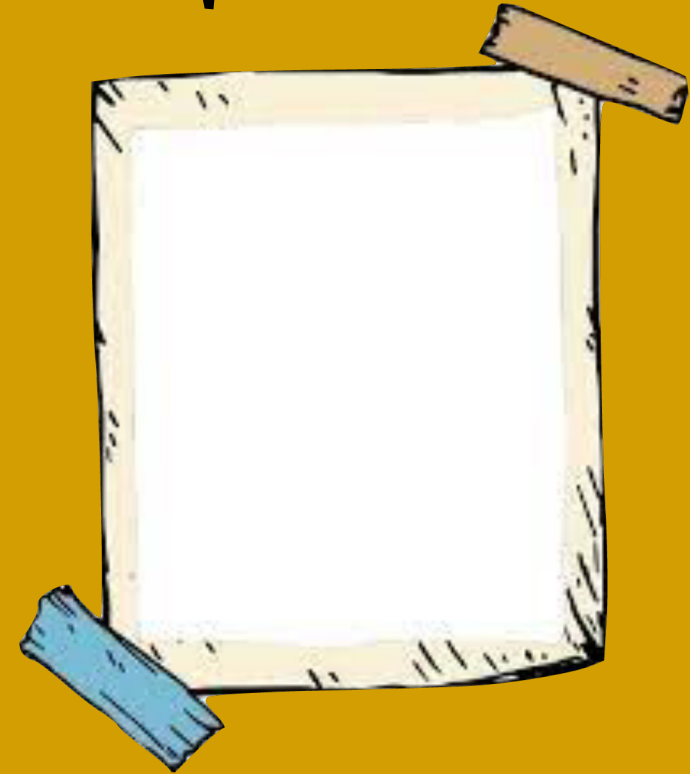
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Matthew DiFondi
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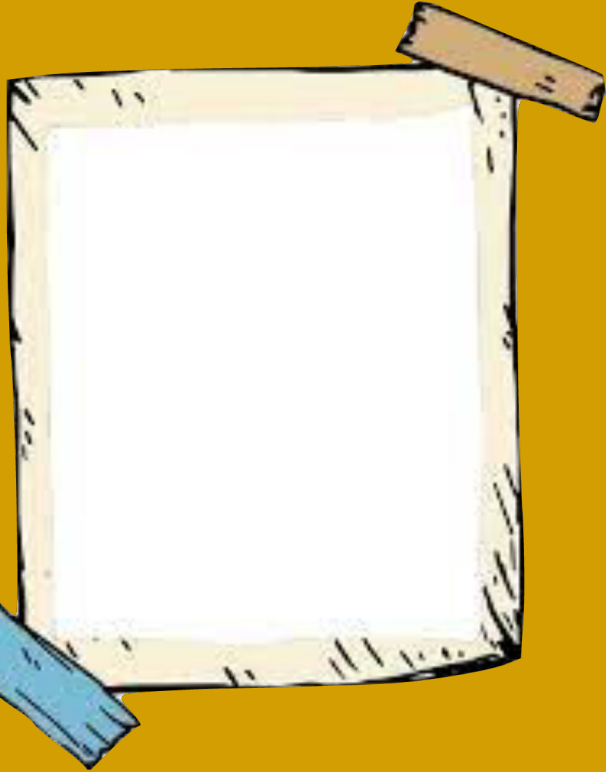
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**Don't let them get away!!! Collect the
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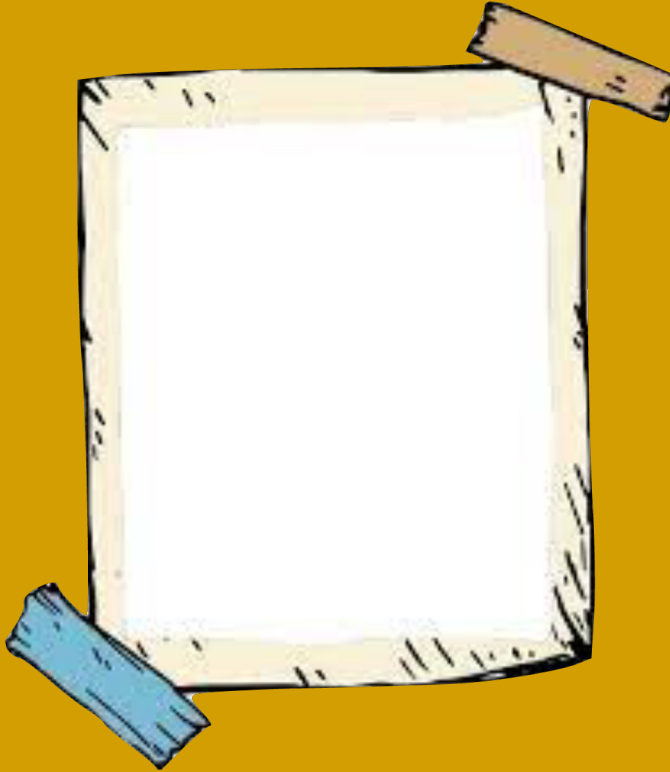
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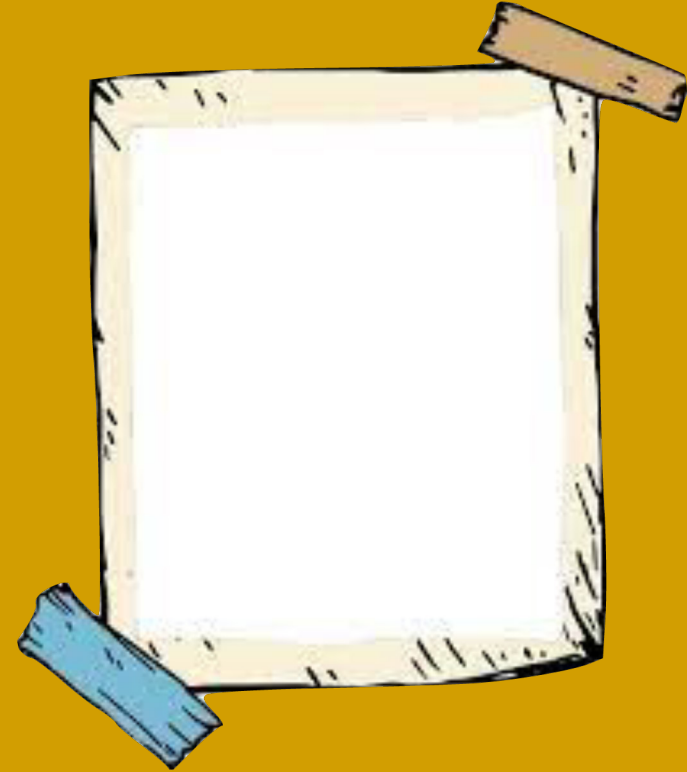
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Joseph Little
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Katie Johnson
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