

League Operator Spotlight

James & Trina Henry – Eden Prairie, MN

APA: How long were you an APA member before deciding to become a League Operator?

James: I've been an APA member since 2007 and my wife joined last session. We both enjoy the camaraderie among players and love to play pool. As a member, I quickly began to do everything I could to support the League, and became a Division Representative.

APA: What made you decide to look into becoming a League Operator?

James: I was approached by the previous League Operator and some of the established poolplayers to become a League Operator. I was very honored and eager to learn more about the "ins" and "outs" of running a League. Because I work full-time and my wife works a full-time and part-time job, I knew it would be a challenge. However, since I'm nearing retirement, my wife and I decided that buying into the League would be a good investment. We started our journey as League Operators in September of 2011.

APA: Did you have to relocate?

James: No. Fortunately, we did not need to relocate. We invested in part of an existing League that we were originally members of.

APA: Was the process of becoming a League Operator difficult?

James: The transition was not as difficult as we originally thought because of the amazing support of the National Office, established poolplayers in our region and the previous League Operator. We have a very strong support network both locally and nationally, and this has helped solve problems and overcome barriers that arise when running a League.

APA: Briefly describe life as a League Operator.

James: The life of a League Operator is unpredictable, hard work and rigorous, but rewarding. As League Operators, my wife and I meet people from all walks of life. It's so wonderful to see team members grow and become more involved within the League from session to session.

APA: What do you enjoy most about being a League Operator?

James: We're passionate about the game of pool and the APA. We enjoy recruiting prospective members and creating avenues for existing players to earn slots to compete nationally. We believe when you're dedicated and committed to something the challenges almost become obsolete and it's destined to grow!

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