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This is a monthly newsletter published on the first Monday of each month.

The Newsletter is Back!

The South OC APA will start publishing newsletters monthly to spread league news throughout the community of pool players. We'll include items like A Message from the League Operators, Upcoming Pool Events, Rule of the Month and articles from recent events.

Bragging Rights will still be published weekly for each division. This contains Weekly Team Standings, Individual Patch Winners (8-On-The-Breaks, 8-Break-N-Runs, Rackless Nights, 20-0 Skunk Matches), and the Top Gun List.

Spring Singles Regional

(March 1-2, 2008) The Pen, Huntington Beach - Local singles board qualifiers competed in a bi-annual regional tournament for a 1 in 16 chance to play at the 2008 APA National Singles Championship in Las Vegas (May 1-3). The following South OC APA players qualified during the Fall Top Gun Tournament:

8-Ball: Brock Noteboom, Adam Fukushima, Isaac Wooten, Cesar Brandes

9-Ball: Cesar Brandes, Scott Johnson

We will be conducting local singles board qualifiers through June 30th for a chance to play in the 2008 Fall Regional and through November 30th for a chance to play in the 2009 Spring Regional. Please review the Upcoming Pool Events section of the newsletter for upcoming tournament dates, and call the League Office if you're interested in playing or running your own board.



Rule of the Month

FOULS BY DOUBLE HITS

If the cue ball is touching ("frozen to") the required object ball prior to the shot, the player may shoot toward it, providing that any normal stroke is employed. If the balls are not frozen and if the cue stick strikes the cue ball more than once on a shot, or if the cue stick is in contact with the cue ball when or after the cue ball contacts an object ball, the shot is a foul. If a third ball (or the rail) is close by, care should be taken not to foul that ball (or rail) under the first part of this rule, i.e. the cue tip cannot be touching the cue before or after the cue ball contacts the other ball or rail.

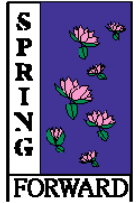
JUDGING DOUBLE HITS

When the distance between the cue ball and the object ball is less than the width of a chalk cube, a double hit will most likely occur if you aim the cue straight into the object ball. In such a situation, the cue should be aimed at a 45 degree angle (either to the left or right, or by elevating the butt of the cue) to avoid a foul. Although a foul can still occur, it is less likely and this rule will be used to determine whether a legal shot has been performed.

Please call the league office during your match to settle disputes regarding rules.

A Message from the South OC APA League Operators...

Welcome to the Spring Session! We hope you're all getting into the swing of the new year and getting your game on. Remember you'll need at least 4 matches this session to play in the play-offs and at least 10 lifetime matches to play in the Local Team Championships (LTC) in June. Happy Shooting! Liza & Scot



Upcoming Pool Events

Singles Qualifier

March 10, 7:00 p.m. - Blue Dolphin, Dana Point

John Sperka will be running an 8-Ball Singles Board for Skill Levels 2 and 3 only. The winner will qualify for the 2008 Fall Single Regional to be held Oct 4-5 (location TBD).

Money Tournament – 100% Payout

March 15, 1:00 p.m.
Blue Dolphin, Dana Point

\$30 entry – SOC APA Members Only – 8-Ball – No Skill Level
Double Elimination; Race to 3 on winner's side; Race to 2 on one-loss side; Final Race to 5



Contact League Office for details.

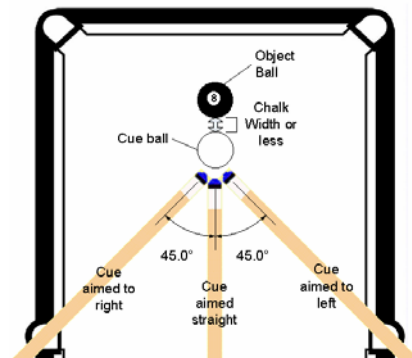
2008 8-Ball SWC

March 27-30, The Riviera in Las Vegas

3-person teams from Southern California, Arizona and Nevada will compete in the annual 8-Ball Southwest Challenge (SWC). Good luck to the following South OC APA teams:



- Cesar Brandes – Diana Nunn – Josh Pavy
- Max Ahmadi – Ryan Buist – Chad Lucewicz
- Meghan Knox – Kim Pelton – Isaac Wooten



The butt of the cue stick may also be elevated to a 45 degree angle from the table surface. In this case, a foul may only be called if the cue ball moves in the same direction as the object ball.

Top Gun Tournament Results



(February 23-24, 2008) Mulligans Sports Bunker, San Clemente - The Top 20 players from all 8-ball divisions and Top 16 players from the 9-ball divisions had a chance to compete for cash and prizes at the end of the Fall Session.

Fifteen 8-ball players competed in the 8-Ball Top Gun tournament on Saturday, February 23.

Congratulations to **Mark Marsh** and **Nathan Igo!** They were the top two finishers who received \$100 qualifying spots in the 2008 Fall Singles Regional tournament. Both players will be competing in the Purple Tier (S/L 6-7) with a 1 in 16 chance to qualify for the 2009 National Singles Championship in Las Vegas! In addition to the qualifying spots, Mark received a \$100 jump-break cue. Third place winner, Josh Pavy, received \$40 cash.

Fifteen players competed in the 9-Ball Top Gun tournament on Sunday, February 24. Congratulations to **Kimberly Pelton** for running through the double-elimination tournament undefeated. She received a \$100 qualifying spot (for the 2009 Singles Spring Regional) plus a \$75 pool cue (and bragging rights as a Skill Level 2!). Second place winner, Chris Nicholas, received \$50 cash. Third place winner, Stan Wylasowski, received \$30 cash.

Jack-N-Jill Doubles Tournament Results

(February 9, 2008) Coconuts, Capistrano Beach - The South OC APA held its first annual Jack-N-Jill Doubles Tournament, with the winning couple receiving an entry into the 2008 APA Jack-N-Jill National Championship in Las Vegas!

Thirteen mixed double teams entered the modified single elimination tournament, with one winning couple...CONGRATULATIONS,

Steve and Robbin Styck! Not only did they receive a \$100 entry into the national tournament in Vegas...they also received \$100 spending cash! But wait...they also accepted the final challenge vs. the League Operators to double their cash. In a 5-3 race, they crushed the LOs 1-3 and received another \$100!

Other top finishers include 2nd Place, Scott Johnson and Lynne Berniche, and tied for 3rd Place, Kevin Miller/Susan Perry and Dan Groenewold/Lindsay Hearne.

Visit the Photo Gallery (pg 13-15) online for additional photos of the event!



Visit the Website!

Go to <http://southoc.apaleagues.com> for more League News, updated Stats & Schedules, the Photo Gallery and more!

Administrative Stuff

TEAM PLAYER VERIFICATION FORM

In order to get email updates and national mailings from the APA, review the player information enclosed in your team packets and return the form with any updated information. **Please print clearly.** (Note: This information will be used for APA operations only.)

DROP OFF SCORESHEETS ON TIME!

In order to get stats (Team Standings, Rosters, Top Gun Rankings) posted online in a timely manner, please drop off your team packets at any designated location (Duke's or Shooters) **by 7:30 PM the day after league play.**

Remember: Shooters is open from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m

DON'T LOSE YOUR BONUS POINT!

8-ball teams receive ONE bonus point and 9-ball teams receive TEN bonus points if packets are dropped off **on time, with completed scoresheets and dues paid in full.**

Have you bought your Girl Scout cookies yet?



WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL
BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

The WPBA's San Diego Classic Event At Viejas Casino

April 9-13

Go to www.viejascasino.com for more info
Tickets are available at
www.ticketmaster.com
or at the Viejas Gift Shop - 800-847-6537

Must be 21

Charity Pro Am Event - April 9th

6pm Check-in

For signups, please contact
sandra@viejasproduction.com

2008 Women's California State Championship

End of June, location TBD

Attention, all female players! This is a qualifier tournament, with top finishers receiving spots in a WPBA pro event.

(Details in the next newsletter)