



2008 8-Ball Southwest Challenge

(March 27-30, 2008) Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas -

Three South OC APA teams competed in the 13th Annual 8-Ball Southwest Challenge. Players enjoyed competition among 233 three-person teams from regional league areas in California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico.



Any APA member in the southwest region was eligible to compete in the mini tournaments that were run alongside the main event. Tournament entry fees ranged from \$10 and \$20 for individual events and \$40 for doubles events, with **100% cash payback** for 1st -3rd Place finishers.

Local singles qualifier tournaments were also run with Diana Nunn and Max Ahmadi from the South OC APA winning their tournament boards. They will compete along with other local

Have you ever been sitting in Las Vegas with 24-hour pool, gambling and drinking available to you and still get bored? If this happens to you contact Kimberly Pelton and Isaac Wooten for ways to pass the time (Meghan Knox will be the lookout). In between matches they decided to throw paper airplanes out of their hotel window and got banished from the Riviera for a whole year. So if you don't like your room or if you enjoy the thrill of possibly being arrested just for stepping on the Riv's sidewalk, please consult your fellow SOC APA members.

qualifiers from South OC in the Fall Regional on Oct 4-5 for a chance to qualify for the National Singles Championship in Vegas! Refer to the Upcoming Pool Events section for this year's tournament and see the article on page 2 for more info. Don't miss the Annual **9-Ball Southwest Challenge** coming this Fall. Details and sign-up will be available in August.

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

We hope you're enjoying the Spring Session, along with the weather and daylight savings that come with it! Remember that this session your team is competing for the remaining qualifying spots in the 2008 Local Team Championships (LTC) in June. The LTC will be among only South OC teams (those that qualify in the Summer '07, Fall '07 and Spring '08 sessions). **ONE 8-BALL TEAM** will be going to Nationals in August. And it's official...the South OC APA will be sending **ONE 9-BALL TEAM** to Nationals also!

Happy Shooting!
Liza & Scot



Upcoming Pool Events

South OC APA Masters Tournament

Saturday, April 26th

Form a 3- to 4-person team of any skill level to compete in a **one-day** event for a slot in the National Masters Triple-Play event in August. See the flier in your team packet for details.

2008 APA Jack & Jill Championship

in conjunction with the **National Singles Championship**

April 30 - May 3, Las Vegas

See page 2 for details.

8-Ball Doubles Tournament

Sunday, May 18th

Form any combination of male/female teams with a skill level limit of 10. The winner receives an entry into the National 8-Ball Doubles Event in Las Vegas (Aug 15-17). See the flier in your team packet for details.

9-Ball Doubles Tournament

Saturday, June 21st

Form any combination of male/female teams with a skill level limit of 10. The winner receives an entry into the National 9-Ball Doubles Event in Las Vegas (Aug 20-22). See the flier in your team packet for details.

Money Tournament Results

(March 15, 2008) Blue Dolphin, Dana Point

Twenty-two players entered the first Money Tournament held by the South OC APA. The entry fee for each player was \$30 with 100% payback.

This double elimination tournament ran as a race

to 3 on winner's side, a race to 2 on one-loss side, and a final race to 5 in the finals. Here are the results:

1st Place	Chris Nicholas	\$400
2nd Place	Baron Domey	\$200
3rd Place	Isaac Wooten	\$60

This non-skill-level event is the first of many events that will be run to promote host locations as well as the area pool league. Future tournaments will include 9-Ball Tournaments, Scotch Doubles Tournaments, Bring-A-Buddy (non-APA member) Events, etc. Visit the home page and read the monthly newsletters for upcoming events!

Visit the Website!

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



2008 Jack & Jill Championship

April 30 – May 2, 2008

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas

This preregistered event is held in conjunction with the 2008 APA National Singles Championship. Take

a trip to Vegas and support South OC APA's own doubles team, **Steve and Robbin Styck**, the winners of the recent Jack-N-Jill Doubles Tournament. Good Luck!

2008 National Singles Championship



This annual event consists of two individual National Singles

Championships: **8-Ball Classic** and **9-Ball Shootout**.

Competition is played on 7' tables using a modified single elimination format that allows every person the opportunity to play at least twice before being eliminated. All nationally qualified players receive free lodging (based on double occupancy) and travel assistance, compliments of the APA. Players in these events compete in Skill Level Tiers, and competition is open to both men and women.

Watch national qualifiers compete, play in mini tournaments as an APA member and visit various billiard vendor booths within the tournament rooms.

Visit <http://www.poolplayers.com/nsc.html> for more information and national onsite coverage of these events!

Compete within your Own Skill Level Tier for a Chance to Win \$15,000!

(March 10, 2008) Blue Dolphin, Dana Point - Local South OC APA players competed in various 8-ball singles board qualifiers. Three winners qualified for the Fall Singles Regional to be held on October 4-5 (location in the Southwest region TBD). Congratulations John Sperka, Isaac Wooten and Allison McGhie!

Each regional qualifier will compete in their own Skill Level Tier and will have a 1 in 16 chance to compete in the **2009 APA National Singles Championship** in Las Vegas...for a chance at \$15,000 in cash and prizes! Along with the 3 qualifiers from March 10th are the qualifiers from the Top Gun Tournament. Visit the Stats & Schedules page online for all current qualifiers.

We will be conducting local singles board qualifiers through June 15th 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 tournament board.

Administrative Stuff

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Unless you've joined in the last week, all membership cards have been distributed in the team packets. Please check your packet thoroughly and contact the league office if you have not received your card. This will come in handy when you go to nationals and play in the mini tournaments...otherwise you'll have to pay a whole 5 dollars to get a temporary card!

HOW IS THE TOP GUN SCORE CALCULATED?

Top Gun Points were originally the sum of your opponents' skill levels for the matches you've won. Using Bill Toy's logic, effective this Spring '08 session, your **Top Gun Score** is now a combination of your *Win Percentage* multiplied by the *Top Gun Points*.

Rules of the Month

CUE BALL FOULS

Exercise caution when picking up or placing the cue ball in a ball-in-hand situation. The cue ball is always alive. If the cue ball, **or the hand holding or moving it**, touches another ball it is a cue ball foul and your opponent has **ball-in-hand**. Be especially careful when you are picking up or placing the cue ball in a tight spot.

SPLITTING TABLES / MATCHES

Occasionally, lengthy matches make it logical to put a second table in action, if one is available (regardless of table size). So, if the **fourth match** has not started by **official League time** (5 PM on Sundays and 7 PM on any other league night) **plus two hours**, then it would begin on the second table. The fifth match would then be played on whichever table becomes available first. Splitting matches is waived if both teams want to continue on one table. Refer to page 24-25 of the *Official Team Manual*.

TABLE SIZE / EQUIPMENT

The home team gets the choice of which table to use for league play, regardless of table size. They may also select which cue ball to use, and this cue ball must be used for all matches played on the selected table.



WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL
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The WPBA's San Diego Classic Event At Viejas Casino, April 9-13

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