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Masters Qualifier Tournament

(April 26, 2008) Blue Dolphin Restaurant & Billiards, Dana Point – Three- and four-person teams in South OC APA competed in a non-skill-level tournament for a spot in the 2008

Masters Championship. Each team match was the best of 3, with individual matches competing in a race to 7, using the US Amateur format (combination 8-Ball and 9-Ball). Erik Lentz, Doug Masiero, Chris Nicholas and Isaac Wooten will be representing the South OC APA this summer from August 18-20 in Las Vegas! The Masters Championship is held in conjunction with the annual National Team Championships (NTC). For more information, visit

http://www.poolplayers.com/masters_championship.html.

The team of Ryan Buist, Bill Toy, Spencer Quevedo and Dan Shaw played in the finals against the qualifying team. The tournament went into the wee hours of the morning, and even affected Pao's ability to go to church the next day. In the first match of the finals, Spencer took an early 5-3 lead first playing 8 games of 9-ball in a race to 7 against Chris. Then they switched to 8-ball and Chris won 4 games in a row to win the first team match. In the 2nd match, Ryan took another early 5-3 lead playing 9-ball against Doug. Then Ryan won the 1st 8-ball game to get on the hill in a race to 7, but Doug finally woke up from his earlier nap in his truck to win the next 4 games and the match.

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Experience the highest level of amateur billiard play in the U.S.

This year marks the 15th Anniversary of this highly competitive event which features both a Mens and Womens Division. The Champion in each division will receive paid travel, lodging and entry into the 2009 U.S. Open, as well as the coveted U.S. Amateur Championship trophy.

Preliminary rounds will be held across the country, September 20-21, the closest being Stix Billiards in Rancho Cucamonga and Shoreline Billiards in Northern CA. The winners advance to the Championship Rounds, November 7-9, in Atlanta, GA.

Entry Fee for Preliminary Rounds is \$40 for APA members (\$50 for non-APA members). **Sign up by June 15th.**

Contact the League Office @ (714) 862-8566 for details or visit usamateurchampionships.com for additional information!

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

We're nearing the end of the Spring Session and heading towards playoffs. Please review the "Administrative Stuff" on page 2 to make sure all players will be eligible to compete in the playoffs and upcoming Local Team Championships (LTC) in June.

The Summer Session will be starting in June, directly after the LTC tournaments. Visit the website for start dates and player incentives!

Happy Memorial Day and Happy Shooting!

Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

8-Ball Doubles Tournament

Sunday, May 18 @ Coconuts

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). Visit the website for details.

9-Ball Local Team Championship

Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8 @ Coconuts

All 9-ball playoff finalists from the Summer '07, Fall '07 and Spring '08 sessions qualify for this event. The winning team will receive trophies and travel assistance to the 2008 Nationals in Las Vegas (Aug 15-18).

8-Ball Local Team Championship

Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15 @ Mulligans

All 8-ball division and playoff winners from the Summer '07, Fall '07 and Spring '08 sessions qualify for this event. The winning team will receive trophies and travel assistance to the 2008 Nationals in Las Vegas (Aug 18-23).

9-Ball Doubles Tournament

Saturday, June 21st (location TBD)

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). Visit the website for details.



APA \$300,000 NSC

April 30 – May 3, 2008

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas

The culmination of the APA Singles Program is the APA National Singles Championships (NSC), held annually

at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. This event consists of two individual NSC events: **8-Ball Classic** and **9-Ball Shootout**, each with 3 champions competing in different tiers by skill level.

The Jack & Jill Doubles Championship was also run in conjunction with the 2008 APA NSC. **Steve and Robbin Styck** competed from South OC APA, who will run annual qualifier tournaments to play in this preregistered event.

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

Compete in Local NSC Qualifiers in South OC for a Chance to Win \$15,000!

The South OC APA will be conducting local singles board qualifiers through June 15th for a chance to play in the 2008 Fall Regional (Oct 4-5) and through November 30th for a chance to play in the 2009 Spring Regional (in March). Visit the Stats & Schedules page of the website for current qualified players and review the Upcoming Pool Events section of the newsletter for upcoming tournament dates. Or call the League Office if you're interested in playing or running your own tournament board.

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!



WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL
BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

2008 California State Women's 9-Ball Championships

The last state championships were held in 2002...and they're back this year to be held at Hollywood Billiards on May 31st-June 1st...with **minimum \$1500 added!** If you want to try your skill with the best women players in the state, or if you want to gain the experience of playing at a new level, this tournament is the one for you. WPBA professional rules apply and winner qualifies for the **2008 U.S. Open** pro event. Early entry fee is \$55. The South OC APA may be running a \$5-\$10 qualifier tournament before the event to supplement the cost for one of our players. Raffles will also be held for a chance to win a \$700 Morris Custom Cue and cruise to the Bahamas! Contact the League Office for more information.

Administrative Stuff

PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

For each 8-ball division (Tue, Wed & Sun), the team finishing in first place during regular session will automatically qualify for the LTC (unless they are already qualified, in which case the 2nd place team has the option of taking the LTC spot or playing for trophies and money in the playoffs). The 2nd-4th place teams (or 3rd-5th if 2nd place advances), plus a wildcard spot drawn randomly from the remaining teams, will playoff for an additional spot in the 8-Ball LTC.

For each 9-ball division (Thu & Sun), the 1st-3rd place teams, plus a wildcard spot drawn randomly from the remaining teams, will compete in the first round of the playoffs. The final two teams will qualify for the 9-Ball LTC.

All players must have played 4 matches during the Spring Session in order to be eligible to compete in the Playoffs.

10 LIFETIME MATCHES NEEDED

In order to obtain an established skill level, all players must have played at least 10 matches in the corresponding format (8-Ball or 9-Ball) to compete in the LTC.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Coming Soon...Look for South OC APA Weekly Team Standings and Individual Bragging Rights in your local area newspapers!

New Team Manuals

The APA Official Team Manual for the 2008/9 & 2009/10 league years will be available soon. Look for changes published in the next newsletter.

Rule of the Month

CONTINUOUS PLAY - FORFEITS

A team match will result in a **forfeit if your player is not at the table and ready to begin within 15minutes of the appointed time.** *Real Time*, as opposed to *Bar Time*, is the official League time.

Where new teams or new divisions are involved, there shall be some leniency. **You joined to play—not to receive forfeits.** Occasionally a new team misreads or misunderstands the schedule.

A team may begin play with one player present. Upon completion of each individual match, the team must have another player available for play or the remaining match(es) will be forfeited. In other words, **PLAY MUST BE CONTINUOUS ONCE BEGUN.**