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

South OC APA Local Team Championships (LTC)



The Local Team Championship (LTC) is the "year-end" tournament among all South OC qualifying teams from weekly league play. For 8-Ball, the qualifying teams include all Division Winners (1st place from regular session) and Playoff Winners for each night of

play from the Summer '07, Fall '07 and Spring '08 sessions. For 9-Ball, the qualifying teams include the two playoff finalist teams from the same sessions. The following teams have already been determined:

SAVE THE DATES!

8-Ball LTC Qualifying Teams

Balls In Hand • Hazzard of Dukes • Kellie's Heroes (Outrigger) • Hail Cesar • Balls-N-Racks • Blue Dolphin • High 5 • Team IDK (Wed) • Mother Buckers • Coco Puffs • Sexy Pool • Sultans of Stroke • Woo-Ten Clang • *(Tues Playoff Winners TBD)*

9-Ball LTC Qualifying Teams

Poke & Hope • Blue Dolphin • Hail No! • Hustlers In Training • Ides of March • Cheap Q's • Sultans of Stroke • No Mulligans Here

GOOD LUCK TO ALL LTC QUALIFYING TEAMS!

Prestige • Skill • Determination • Endurance



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 into the playoffs of the Spring Session to determine the remaining LTC slots. Visit "Stats & Schedules" online for the tournament board draw and match schedule. Don't forget all players must have 10 matches within the format played in order to compete in the LTC.

The Summer Session will be starting in June. See page 2 for details and attend the Players Meeting for a chance at a free cue!

Happy Flag Day and Happy Shooting!
Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

9-Ball Local Team Championship

Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8 @ Mulligans

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 @ Coconuts

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 @ Coconuts

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.

Local Singles Qualifiers

Check Your Email and Visit the Website

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. Call the League Office for details.

Summer Session Starting Soon!

With The South OC APA Being So New...Come and play with fewer teams and currently only one level (weekly league play) to get to the national qualifier (called the Local Team Championships, or LTC). Playing in the Summer Session gives your team the most number of chances to qualify!

Format	Night	Start Date
Double Jeopardy*	Sunday	Jun 22
8-Ball Ladies	Monday	Jun 23
8-Ball Open	Tuesday	Jun 24
8-Ball Open	Wednesday	Jun 25
9-Ball Open	Thursday	Jun 26

MANDATORY PLAYERS MEETING

At least one member from each team must attend.

Sunday, June 8th @ 3:00 p.m.
Coconuts Café

League Operations, Rule Changes, Q&A

*All attendees will be entered into a
POOL CUE RAFFLE!*

8-Ball Doubles Tournament

(May 18, 2008) Coconuts Café, Capistrano Beach - The South OC APA held its first annual 8-Ball Doubles Qualifier Tournament on Sunday, May 18. Nine doubles teams consisting of any combination of male/female players competed in this double elimination tournament. Congratulations **Meghan Knox & Bill Toy** for winning the tournament undefeated. They received a \$100 entry into the the *National 8-Ball Doubles Event* in Las Vegas (Aug 15-17), plus \$100 cash. And on Bill's special day, although his teammate was completely in sync, he received a few birthday gifts in the form of 8-ball scratches from their opponents, while everyone else shared homemade cheesecake from Kimberly Pelton. The second place team, **Max Ahmadi & Scott Johnson**, received \$70 cash and a couple "atta boys."

Everyone in the league should take advantage of going to the National Team Championships this August and experience the largest pool tournament in country. Whether you show your support and watch the teams playing from South OC, or if you want to compete in individual mini-tournaments throughout the week, this is one experience you'll want to revisit every year.

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

Administrative Stuff

ALL PAST DUE FEES MUST BE PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLAYOFFS OR LTC

Teams must pay weekly team fees in full by the end of the regular session (before playoffs) to be eligible for any Wildcard Drawings, trophies, prizes, playoffs and LTC.

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

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.

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 and online.

Rule of the Month

BALLS ON THE FLOOR

If the **8-ball** is knocked on the floor, it is loss of game. Other object balls that get knocked on the floor will be spotted. If the spot is taken, then the ball would be placed on a line directly behind the spot as close to the spot as possible. **Knocking a ball other than the cue ball on the floor is not a foul.** It might occur that a player pockets his ball while simultaneously knocking some other ball on the floor. In this situation, it is still his turn and the ball is not spotted until he misses. If the ball on the floor is one of the shooter's balls, then it is spotted when the shooter has pocketed all of his other balls or misses.

In **9-Ball**, knocking the cue ball off the playing surface is covered under fouls. Object balls that get knocked off the playing surface would be *immediately spotted* on the foot spot or on a line directly behind and as close to the foot spot as possible. If two balls are knocked on the floor, they are placed in numerical order with the lowest numbered ball closest to the foot spot. Spotted balls are frozen to one another. It might occur that a player legally pockets a ball while simultaneously knocking some other ball(s) on the floor. In this situation, the ball(s) is spotted and the player continues shooting until he misses.

See pg 47 & 65 of the *Official Team Manual*.

