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

The Summer Session Has Started...

With the South OC APA league still being new, your team can compete against fewer teams than other league areas, with only one level (weekly league play) to get to the national qualifier (called the Local Team Championships, or LTC). The Summer Session is the first of three sessions per year, so playing in the Summer Session gives your team the most number of chances to qualify!

Play 8-ball or 9-ball on one to four nights of the week.

Format	Night	Start Date
Double Jeopardy*	Sunday	Jun 29
8-Ball Open	Tuesday	Jun 24
8-Ball Open	Wednesday	Jun 25
9-Ball Open	Thursday	Jun 26

You can still join up to 4 weeks into the session.

We are building a Ladies Only League to send a team to the 2009 Ladies National Team Championships. To spark interest, we'll be running Ladies Only Tournaments on Mondays @ Coconuts.

See *Upcoming Pool Events* for details!



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

Summer is here and we're introducing exciting new formats and tournaments. Look for upcoming information on the first annual "Battle of the Sexes" tournament, where Liza will form a ladies team and Scot will form a men's team to compete against each other. Contact the league office if you're interested in participating.

Don't forget to take some time off this August to go to Las Vegas for the National Team

Championships at the Riviera. If you haven't been to this annual event,

We hope you had a Happy 4th of July!

Happy Shooting...

Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

Spring '08 Top Gun Tournaments

8-Ball: Saturday, July 19 @ Coconuts

9-Ball: Sunday, July 20 @ Mulligans

Are you the best of the best in South OC?

Play in this session-ending tournament to find out! Check online or in your team packets for fliers and more information.

Ladies Night on Mondays

Tournaments @ Coconuts, 7:30 PM

8-Ball ▪ APA Rules ▪ \$5 Entry Fee ▪ Double Elimination ▪ No Skill Levels ▪ No APA Membership Required

ALL LADIES WELCOME!

9-Ball Doubles Qualifier Tournament

(June 21, 2008) Coconuts Café, Capistrano Beach - The South OC APA held its first annual 9-Ball Doubles Qualifier Tournament on Saturday, June 21. Nine doubles teams consisting of any combination of male/female players competed in this modified single elimination tournament. Congratulations **Max Ahmadi & Adam**



Fukushima for winning the tournament undefeated. They received a \$100 entry into the the *National 9-Ball Doubles Event* in Las Vegas (Aug 20-22), plus \$100 cash. In addition, the team accepted a "double or nothing" challenge to play one more match against the league operators. In a 65-46 point race, Max & Adam were able to squeak in the win by one point with a 64-46 victory and another \$100 cash! The second place team, **Krystal Poss & Jeff Youschak**, received \$70 cash with a come from behind after losing their first match.

With the South OC being so close 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!



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

This highly competitive event 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, Sept 20-21, the closest being Stix Billiards in Rancho Cucamonga. The winners advance to the Championship Rounds, Nov 7-9, in Atlanta, GA.

Visit usamateurchampionships.com for additional information!

Local Team Championship (LTC) Results

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.



9-Ball LTC (June 8-9, 2008) Mulligans Sports Bunker, San Clemente – Eight South OC teams competed in this 2-day event, with the dramatic final match taking approximately four hours as it went to the 5th match after a 2-2 tie to decide a winner. The *Hail No!* team (consisting of captain Jim Stanley, Greg Stanton, Stan Wylazlowski, Evan Huck, Vicki Beasley, David Holder, Daryl Richardson and Kimberly Pelton) competed not only in the first round but also in the final match against the *Ides of March* team (consisting of captain Josh Pavy, Cesar Brandes, Kevin Miller, Jaan Mannik, Ricardo Brandes, Diana Nunn, Robert Perdomo and Chantel Osuna).

The finals started at 10am on Sunday morning and *Ides of March* started off to a good lead only to have *Hail No!* close the gap. The final match featured Daryl Richardson vs. Jaan Mannik, with Daryl needing 22 points to Jaan's 31 points. The race went back and forth until the 5th rack in which Jaan still needed 9 points and Daryl needed 6 points. Daryl then did something that I think even surprised him... he ran 6 straight balls including a couple of very tough shots to send *Hail No!* to this year's 9-Ball National Team Championships in Las Vegas (August 15-18). Congrats to *Hail No!* for earning this spot and defending their title from last year's LTC.

8-Ball LTC (June 14-15, 2008) Coconuts Café, Capistrano Beach – Fourteen 8-ball teams, each consisting of 5-8 men and women players, qualified for this event, with only one team advancing to the 2008 8-Ball National Team Championships. After two long days of competition, the Mother Buckers team (consisting of captain Josh Flatt, Vincent Newlan, Eli Veach, Will Borden, Jonathan Higginson, Jared Linge, James Haslip and Doug Masiero) competed in the finals against the returning '07 champs Blue Dolphin (consisting of captain Nathan Igo, Chris Igo, Chad Lucewicz, Baron Domey, Jonathan Meadows, Alex Kirkpatrick and Brad Cameron).

Mother Buckers started off strong with a 2-0 lead from Vince and Eli, needing only one more match to advance to nationals. Then in the 3rd match, Blue Dolphin's captain posted himself to a victory to keep their repeat appearance in sight. In the 4th match, Blue Dolphin's Chad Lucewicz, claiming to have invincible “tiger vision” that day, played against Mother Bucker's giant Doug Masiero. Although Chad was able to get to the hill for his match, Doug eventually had his opportunity to close out the match and send his team to the National Championships in Las Vegas (August 18-23).

Check out these stories and read about all Vegas Qualifying Teams in the Local Papers (Dana Point Times & San Clemente Times)

Administrative Stuff

The South OC APA Goes Green with eScoresheets

New this Summer Session, teams have the opportunity to scan & email or FAX their completed scoresheets after each night of play and mail in their dues. Teams selecting this option can print their scoresheets online by 7 PM the evening before league play. Visit the **Stats & Schedules** page for printing instructions and call the League Office for details.



MARK DEFENSIVE SHOTS ON YOUR SCORESHEETS

A defensive shot or a “safety” occurs when a player makes no attempt at pocketing a ball. **Help keep players at accurate Skill Levels.**

New Team Manual Changes

The APA Official Team Manual for the 2008/9 & 2009/10 league years is now available and you can view changes published online under **Rules/Bylaws**.

Rule of the Month

BREAKING AND SCRATCHING

If the break does **not** qualify as legal,* the balls are reracked and rebroken by the same player. If the break does **not** qualify as legal* and results in a **scratch**, the balls are reracked and broken by the opposite player. **THE RACK MUST BE STRUCK BEFORE A FOUL CAN OCCUR.** [i.e. If the rack is not struck and the player scratches, the same player retries the break.]

(To be a legal break, players must break from behind the head string, the head ball or second ball must be struck first and at least four object balls must be driven to the rails or a ball must be pocketed. The cue ball may not be shot into a rail before the rack.)

Refer to pg. 45 of the *Official Team Manual*.

ACCIDENTALLY MOVING A BALL

It is not a foul to accidentally move any ball (including the 8-ball, except the cue ball) unless, during his turn at the table, a player moves a ball and it in turn comes in contact with the cue ball. Any balls moved accidentally during a shot **must be replaced by the opponent** after the shot is over and all balls have stopped rolling. If it occurs before the shot, it **must be replaced** before the shot is taken.

Refer to pg. 50 of the *Official Team Manual*.