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

National Team Championships August 15-23 Las Vegas... Be There!

Each year the APA hosts the world's largest billiard event, consisting of qualifying teams from all around the country, including three main team events, pre-registered events and mini-tournaments where all APA members can participate.

National Team Championship Events		
Tournament	Dates	Representing South OC...
Open 9-Ball - \$15,000 1 st Place	Aug 15-18	Hail No! Shooters
Open 8-Ball - \$25,000 1 st Place	Aug 18-23	Mother Buckers Coconuts Café
Ladies 8-Ball - \$10,000 1 st Place	Aug 16-19	N/A (look for a SOC team next year!)
Pre-Registered Events		
Tournament	Dates	Representing South OC...
	Aug 15-17	Team: Alter Ego Meghan Knox & Bill Toy
	Aug 20-22	Team: Chalk is Cheap Max Ahmadi & Adam Fukushima
	Aug 18-20	Team: Seven Out Isaac Wooten, Chris Nicholas, Doug Masiero & Erik Lentz
	Aug 20-21	N/A
Other Events Running throughout the Week		
	Any current APA Member with at least 10 league match scores	
Visit http://poolplayers.com/2008NTCExhibitors.html for a list of all Billiard Exhibitions	Pro Players, Cue Sales/Repairs, Billiard Clothing, trinkets and more!	

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

This month is the National Team Championships (NTC) at the Riviera in Vegas. Regardless of whether you're on a qualifying team, if you have any interest in pool as a player or a spectator, you should head to Vegas during these events for an experience you won't forget! Support our local South OC teams, meet the pros, find deals on pool equipment, check out the latest gadgets, buy pool clothing, or you can even PLAY POOL! If you're an active APA member with at least 10 matches you can play in mini-tournaments that run all day long for a \$10-20 entry fee with 100% cash payback!



Hope to see you there!
Scot & Liza

Upcoming Pool Events

9-Ball Southwest Challenge

September 11-13
Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas
(see details on page 2)

Local Pool Tournaments

When you're not playing league, support our local host locations at one of these tournaments...

8-Ball Tournament

Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM
Knuckleheads, San Clemente
\$5 Entry Fee, Money Added
Race to 1, Double Elimination

8-Ball Tournament

Saturdays @ 3:00 PM
Mulligans Sports Bunker, San Clemente
\$5-10 Entry Fee
Race to 1, Double Elimination



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

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!

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



Boys vs. Girls Tournament

(Saturday, August 2, 2008) Shooters, Mission Viejo – On a beautiful summer’s day in August, an age old question was about to be answered, who is the superior sex...men or women? The day started as expected with the main game table being temporarily unavailable so the event moved into the back room of the bar. Upon assessing the situation the men acted quickly to prepare the room for competition. By moving obstacles and fixing lighting issues the men came to the rescue again and the day could now start.

A little bit after 12 PM, Liza flipped the coin and the games were on. The boys posted first and came out of the gate with a big gun in John Morrin (SL 6); and the girls countered with Diana Nunn (SL 4). The match was closer than some thought as John started off slowly but pulled off the tough win. In Match 2, the girls posted heavy hitter Ginger Amalong (SL 6) in an even race vs. Jeff Youschak (SL 6). Although Ginger got a break-n-run and got to the hill first, Jeff pulled it out after being motivated by an “*Uh-Oh. Somebody got beat by a girl!*” sticker that girlfriend Krystal smacked on his butt. The boys were winning 2-0, and Match 3 was “make or break” for the girls. Meghan Knox (SL 4) pulled off a 4-2 race win over Sam Bernal (SL 2), giving the girls life. In Match 4, Liza Gazmen (SL 6) vs. Anthony DeRosa (SL 3) entered a 5-2 race, which looked to be one sided as Liza won the first 4 games to get on the hill. But Anthony held strong to win the next 2 games and pull off the victory to give the 8-ball round to the guys.

The 9-ball match started quickly afterwards, as the girls posted Krystal Poss (SL 3) vs. Jim Stanley (SL 5). Jim started strong giving the guys a 16-4 lead. But the girls countered with Chantel Osuna (SL 2) when the guys posted Cesar Brandes (SL 6). Chantel scored 14-6 moving the girls to within 4 points (22-18). In Match 3, the girls put up Ginger (SL 6) and in a daring move the guys went with Daryl Richardson (SL 3), and the gamble paid off as Daryl won 13-7 giving the guys a 10 point lead (35-25). In Match 4, the guys posted Jeff Youschak (SL 6) and the girls countered with Liza (SL 7), who was able to pull off a 15-5 win and tie the team score 40-40. Match 5 would be a meeting of old foes who played in the 8-ball match, Meghan vs. Sam, with the winner deciding who the winning 9-ball team would be. It was a close back and forth battle that was won by Sam pulling off the final victory for the boys. Now all that needs to be settled is ...when will dinner be served?

Your Next Chance to Play in Vegas is at the 9-Ball Southwest Challenge!

September 11-13

This annual 3-person team event is a modified single elimination tournament consisting of any 3 APA players with a team skill cap of 15. Players rotate through their team roster in the order they specify (rather than posting), and teams play against other teams in the surrounding southwest region, including California, Arizona and Nevada. **Call the League Office to sign up!**



Administrative Stuff

Bring Your Membership Cards and Photo IDs to Vegas

You'll need your membership card to play in the mini-tournaments (otherwise you can pay \$5 for a temporary one if you're an active member). In order to receive cash payouts, you'll need to present a picture ID.

Save Gas Money \$\$\$ with eScoresheets



New this Summer Session, teams have the opportunity to print scoresheets online, scan & email or FAX their completed scoresheets after each night of play and mail in their dues.

League Start Time - Grace Period

The 15-minute grace period only applies when no members of a team are present at the playing location. Otherwise, league play must begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA August Birthdays

Mick Daum	08/03
Julie Lautsch	08/05
Lisa Larson	08/11
Spencer Quevedo	08/14
Cesar Brandes	08/14
Anthony Griffith	08/15
Chris Igo	08/15
Salina Ritchie	08/16
Jack Barnes	08/17
Donna Boucher	08/19
Scott Johnson	08/19
Letha Hodges	08/20
Dan White	08/20
Sam Bernal	08/24
Melanie Jenkins	08/27
Bradley Busch	08/28
Philip Antonucci	08/28

Rule of the Month

MARKING YOUR POCKET ON THE 8-BALL

Both teams may use the same marker. Only one marker should be on the table. However, if more than one marker is on the table, as long as you clearly mark the pocket where you intend to pocket the 8-ball, you have properly marked the pocket. If the marker is already at the intended pocket from a previous attempt or game, it is not necessary for you to touch it, pick it up, or reposition it.

Refer to pg. 52 of the *Official Team Manual*.

