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

Summer Session Playoffs

Session-ending playoffs occur during the next couple weeks. For each division, all teams finishing in First Place during the regular season automatically qualify for the Local Team Championships (LTC) next June, following the Spring 2009 session, and also receive trophies, money and free weeks next session. All 2nd to 4th place teams automatically qualify for the playoffs (as long as all team fees are paid in full), and a wildcard drawing among the remaining eligible teams will be conducted to determine the last spot in the playoffs. All playoff teams receive weeks free next session and playoffs winners receive trophies, money, free weeks next session and a spot in the LTC. Visit the Stats & Schedules section of the website for the latest "Playoff Picture" (tournament brackets).

Fall Session Starting Soon!

We'll be starting 8-Ball on Monday nights for the first time! If this night is more convenient for you or if you want to play on another night, then call the League Office to get your team set up!

Night of Play	Format	Start Date / Time
Sunday	8-Ball & 9-Ball	Sept. 21 / 5 PM
Monday (NEW!)	8-Ball	Sept. 22 / 7 PM
Tuesday	8-Ball	Sept. 23 / 7 PM
Wednesday	8-Ball	Sept. 24 / 7 PM
Thursday	9-Ball	Sept. 25 / 7 PM

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

Need a reason to go to Vegas? This upcoming weekend is the Annual 9-Ball Southwest Challenge at the Riviera in Vegas. Support the two South OC teams:

Eli Veach – Max Ahmadi – Meghan Knox
Nate Igo – Chris Christianson – Cristian Cruz
...or PLAY POOL...If you're an active APA member you can play in mini-tournaments with 100% cash payback and Singles Qualifiers that will run after the main event kicks off.

Hope to see you there!
Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

9-Ball Southwest Challenge

September 11-13

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas
3-person team event, modified single elimination tournament, with 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); teams play against other teams in surrounding southwest region, including CA, AZ and NV.

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!

Players Meeting

ALL FALL SESSION CAPTAINS MUST ATTEND

Sunday, September 14 @ 5:00 p.m.
Mulligans, San Clemente

League Structure & Operations ✧ New Rules & Clarifications ✧ Upcoming Events
✧ Open Forum

Raffle & 8-Ball Tournament
Directly After Meeting

2008 NTC - Results from Vegas



(August 15-23, 2008) Riviera Hotel & Casino

The first SOC APA team to kick off the 2008 NTC was **Alter Ego (Meghan Knox & Bill Toy)**. Their first match started Fri, Aug 15 at noon. The race to 4 went back and forth, with the 7th and deciding game making it a great match to watch. It looked as though Alter Ego would get another chance at the table as their opponent was up against a tough shot. Unfortunately they were able to pull it off and get out of the rack defeating Alter Ego 4-3. Their next match was another back and forth battle, again going to the last rack, only to see their opponent run out...maybe next year!

Open 9-Ball (Aug 15-18): **Hail No!** (Shooters), based on the number of teams and their final standing of 65th place, probably finished the strongest of the South Orange County teams. Going five rounds, they won their first two matches, then lost one, won another and then lost their final match around 4 am Sunday night/Monday morning. Hail No started off strong by winning the first two rounds fairly easily. Round 3 was a little different though as they did not have their best game, but still gave it a fight. Being part of a single modified elimination tournament gave Hail No another bite at the apple. Round 4 they again gained their swagger to pull off the victory and head to an 11 pm match up that eventually ended their incredible run.

The Masters event (Aug 18-20) is a non-skill level race to 7 (each individual match). Once your team reaches a point total that your opponents cannot reach, the match is over. **Seven Out (Doug Masiero, Isaac Wooten, Chris Nicholas)** started the tournament strongly only having to play 2 of the 3 players. The next round required all 3 players to step up and they did. Chris, who did not shoot the first round thanks to his teammates, showed why he was anchoring this strong team as he easily defeated his opponent. The next round the team faced a strong team and were unable to pull off the win. Fortunately they were playing in a modified single format which gave them another chance. Moving to the next matchup this also went 3 rounds but team Seven Out was too strong for their opponent and pulled out the victory. In what would be their final round, Seven out fought every rack but was unable to overcome the other team. Finishing in 33rd place Seven Out proved worthy in their first appearance on the Masters stage.

Open 8-Ball (Aug 18-23): **Flatt Out** (aka Mother Buckers) came out of the gate with a Round 1 schedule starting Monday night. **Vince Newlan** started the team off with a victory giving them a 1-0 lead. Next up was the captain **Josh Flatt** who struggled at first against a strong player but eventually fought back only to come up a little bit short. Tied 1-1 Jared Linge lost his match to the other team's captain. Down 2-1 Flatt Out looked to **Will Borden** to keep hope alive but against some unfortunate rolls, Flatt Out lost their 3rd match which put them in a "do or die" match the next round. Again they started out strong as James Haslip rocked his opponent with a break and run to wrap up his match. Up next was **Jonathan Higginson** who played a relaxed and controlled game which proved most true when he nailed a full table 8-ball that sweetly rolled into the pocket. **Eli Veach** was up next against a very strong 5 and they had a back and forth match but in the end Eli's opponent squeaked this one out. In the 4th match the team looked again to Will, losing no faith in his ability to close things out as he has done before. Against another 5 the game went back and forth but on a much needed 8-ball and some sharking by the other team Will calmly sank the final 8-ball keeping his team alive in the tournament. Playing again at 6 pm there was little rest to be had. In what would be their final NTC match Vince, Jonathan, Doug, Will and James gave everything they had and came up a game short to continue in the tournament.

The final team to start their tournament was the 9-ball Doubles team **Chalk Is Cheap (Max Ahmadi & Adam Fukushima)**. The 1st match (Wed, Aug 20, 11 am) started off quickly with a lead vs their opponent and looked to move smoothly into the next round. Unfortunately the pool gods had other thoughts. As it happens, things don't always roll your way and as Adam and Max learned painfully during the remainder of this match. Needing only 3 balls to win the match they sat back and watched as their opponent either hooked them or ran out. The next round did not fair much better, but some days it rolls your way and sometimes it doesn't.

Visit the website for more info and pics on the local stories, which will also be published shortly in the local newspapers. Also visit <http://www.poolplayers.com/ntc.html> for more information and national onsite coverage of these events!

Administrative Stuff

Membership Cards and SL7 Patches & Bragging Rights

Membership cards and patches earned are distributed in your team packets. If you're an eScoresheet participant, then these items will be hand-delivered to team captains at the end of the session. Please contact the league office if you have not received your stuff.

Save Gas
Money \$\$\$
with
eScoresheets



Continuing in the Fall 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.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA September Birthdays

Eric Moser	9/3
Kimberly Pelton	9/3
Andy Fox	9/4
Allison McGhie	9/4
Liza Gazmen	9/6
Robert Brooks	9/7
Raul Rojas	9/8
Emma Balentine	9/8
Felipe Arteaga	9/8
Joshua Anders	9/8
David Holder	9/9
James Derrick	9/10
Isaac Wooten	9/13
Frankie Barajas	9/14
Bradley Cameron	9/15
Brady Mattox	9/17
Vanessa Knox	9/18
Eli Veach	9/19
Joshua Galovin	9/22
Francis Blanchard III	9/27
Darin Reeves	9/28
Max Ahmadi	9/29

Rule of the Month

TIME GUIDELINES

Each New Player Selection	2 minute limit
Each Coaching	1 minute limit
Average Shot	20 seconds
Special Shooting Situation	45 seconds (max)

Refer to pg. 3 of the *Official Team Manual*.