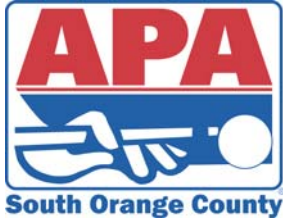




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South OC APA Local Membership Discounts

Did you know about the South OC APA local merchant discount program? Visit the new **Member Discounts** page on the website at <http://southoc.apaleagues.com> for current

discounts on pool equipment and other supplies, pool lessons and various other local merchants.

If you're a South OC APA member and would like to offer the league a discount on a product or service, please contact the League Office.

APA Membership Dues Increase to \$25 in 2009

Membership renewal for current 2008 APA members will increase from \$20 to \$25. For non-active members and new members, the South OC APA will be running a membership promotion in December. New memberships paid in December will be \$20 and will remain active through the end of 2009. Look for upcoming promotional events to build membership in the South OC.



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

We hope you had a great Halloween and are preparing for the upcoming holiday season. We'll be hosting our annual South OC APA Holiday gathering in the coming months so look for details online and in the message center at the bottom of your scoresheets.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

Local Singles Boards

Monday Nights @ Mulligans

The window to qualify for the Spring Regional in March '09 closes on November 30th. Come play on a 4-8 person board for a chance to compete against players within your own skill level tier. Winners of the Spring Regional will compete in the



in Las Vegas April-May 2009.

Contact the league office if you're interested.

2009 8-Ball Southwest Challenge



March 12-15, 2009
Las Vegas
\$510 per Team
(package includes room and entry)

Any three APA players with a team skill cap of 14 may play in this annual pre-registered tournament, where players rotate through their team roster in the order they specify (rather than posting). Teams play against other teams in the surrounding southwest region, including CA, AZ and NV.

For details and sign-up, look for fliers online and in your team packets.

Visit the new **Event Calendar** online for all upcoming events!

2009 Spring Singles Qualifiers

Below are the current South OC APA qualifying players who will compete in the 2009 Spring Singles Regional in March 2009.

 8-Ball Classic Regional Qualifiers	Blue Tier (SL 2&3)	Travis Smith
	Yellow Tier (SL 4)	Frankie Barajas (Spring Top Gun 2 nd Place); Robert Brooks; Victor Burke; Meghan Knox; Allison McGhie
	Red Tier (SL 5)	
	Purple Tier (SL 6&7)	John Morrin (Spring Top Gun 1 st Place); Chris Nicholas; Josh Flatt; Bill Toy (Summer Top Gun 2 nd Place); Isaac Wooten (Summer Top Gun 1 st Place)
 9-Ball Shootout Regional Qualifiers	Green Tier (SL 1-3)	
	White Tier (SL 4&5)	Max Ahmadi (Top Gun Winner); Baron Domey (Top Gun Runner-up); Diana Nunn
	Black Tier (SL 6-9)	Jim Stanley

The winners of the Spring Regional will join the National Qualifiers from the Fall Regional. **Congratulations National Qualifiers!**

- **Eli Veach** (playing in the 8-Ball Classic Purple Tier)
- **Adam Fukushima** (playing in the 9-Ball Shootout White Tier)
- **Cesar Brandes** (playing in the 9-Ball Shootout Black Tier)

Any active APA player with at least 10 matches is eligible to qualify on a local singles board, but you better hurry because the window closes on November 30. (The window for the 2009 Fall Singles Regional is Jan 1 to Jun 15.)

Summer Session Top Gun Results

(Saturday, October 18, 2008) Coconuts Café – The **8-Ball Top Gun Tournament** kicked off at 11 a.m.

with 30 players taking part in a modified single elimination tournament. All Summer Session players were eligible to play, with the top finishers receiving a discount on entry fees. During the event the unthinkable happened and the hands down favorite (crowd and odds) Scot “Sure Shot” Burnell was taken out by a single family. Robbin Styck threw the first punch and Steve Styck finished him off. As he walked away a tear could be seen dropping from his eyes. Now back to everyone else’s hopes and dreams... hard battles were fought along with some quick ones, but our final four was made up of one 6 (**Bill Toy**) and three 7’s (Darin Reeves, Steve Styck and Isaac Wooten). Both games were excellent matches and could have gone either way but Isaac and Bill were victorious in the semifinals and each received a qualifying spot in the 2009 Spring Singles Regional . When it was all said and done Isaac Wooten pulled out the victory and the right to be called 8-ball Top Gun.



(Saturday, October 25, 2008) Mulligans Sports Bunker – The **9-Ball Top Gun Tournament** kicked off at 11 a.m. with 13 players in a modified single elimination tournament. A couple of upsets happened but none greater than that of Liza beating Scot in the first round. The odds of this were greater than the Tampa Bay Rays making the World Series, but even a blind squirrel finds a nut. Chantel Osuna fought her way to the semifinals match up against Baron Domey. Baron pulled off the victory but not without a fight from Chantel first. Up from the other side of the bracket was Max and Chad to meet in the semifinals for a chance to play Baron for it all. Max got the better of Chad this time but the match was back and forth before Max pulled away. Baron and Max met in the finals with Max prevailing and receiving a qualifying spot in the Singles Regional for a chance to qualify for the National Singles Championship in Vegas.



5-Star Sportsmanship Program Rating Guidelines

At the start of the 2007 Summer Session, the South OC APA implemented a 5-Star Sportsmanship Program designed to reward teams that are consistently great teams to play and to identify teams that deliver an unpleasant experience. Weekly team scoresheets have

a section to enter the five-star rating of your opponent. Please review the Five-Star Rating guidelines below, and call the League Office if you have questions.

Rating	Suggested Guidelines
5	“Top” rating - Team is one of the nicest in the League. Not only do they cause no problems and are a pleasure to play, but they go beyond the call of duty to show Good Sportsmanship and make your night out feel special. Your team (win or lose) had a “Super” night out.
4	“Target” rating - Team causes absolutely no problems and is a pleasure to play. Your team (win or lose) had a “Great” night out.
3	“Average” rating - No major problems, night went well with only a few “minor” problems, maybe minor rule disagreements or someone’s attitude got slightly out of hand, but opposing team Captain got them in line, apologized for the infraction, and night continued without further incident. Your team (win or lose) had a “Good” night out.
2	“Poor” rating - Opposing team members in no way threatened or intimidated your players, however they did cause multiple problems while the opposing team Captain did nothing to get his/her players under control..... enough so that your evening wasn’t fun. Ex: opposing team made degrading remarks to your players, tried to manipulate handicap by simply banging balls around table, or were just rude and unfriendly. Your team (win or lose) “did not” have a fun night out.
1	“Totally Unacceptable” rating - Opposing team members may have threatened or intimidated your players or may have caused multiple “major” problems. Opposing Team Captain did nothing to get his/her players under control. Your team (win or lose) had a terrible night out. Write-Up must accompany this rating!

NOTE: for Ratings 1 and 5, please provide a written explanation on the back of your scoresheet, otherwise the rating will not be considered and will default to 3.

Administrative Stuff

PLAYER INCENTIVES

Help the South OC APA league grow and take advantage of these player incentives!



- **Free session** for players who captain a brand new team
- **Free session** for players who captain 3 or more teams
- **\$20 discount** for weekly team fees on Double Jeopardy Sundays
- **Free cue** if you sign up 3 or more players who play at least 10 matches

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA November Birthdays

Jim Stanley	11/1
Patrick McElligott	11/3
Diana Nunn	11/4
Sara Washburn	11/4
Annette Brooks	11/5
Chris Welke	11/7
Tim Nedden	11/9
John Morrin	11/10
Mike Doyle	11/11
Stanley Wylazlowski	11/12
Brock Noteboom	11/13
Joseph Garruba	11/15
John Sperka	11/17
Shannon Battistone	11/17
Tifney Hudson	11/19
Vicki Beasley	11/23
Jared Neville	11/23
Jeff Christensen	11/23
Leslie Kalil	11/24
Steven Sirbu	11/28

Rule of the Month

UNIQUE GAME LOSING SITUATIONS?

Q: Does a loss of game occur for a shooter if while shooting the 8-ball, the 8-ball hits the pocket marker as it is going into the pocket.

A: No. This will be considered a legal pocketing of the 8-ball as this is an amateur league and we do not want to take that away from the shooter.

Q: If the cue ball is touched by the shooter prior to coming to a complete stop (after pocketing the 8-ball), has a foul been committed and would the game be awarded to the opponent?

A: Yes, and it would result in loss of game at the National level (see note below) or if it is contained in local bylaws. However, if the opposing player does not object and does not call it as a loss, and it is not against local bylaws, it may be allowed at the local level.

NOTE: Each situation will have to be considered on a case by case basis. Common sense and the “spirit of the rule” must prevail. In general, if the cue ball is not going into or near a pocket (no chance for cue ball to scratch), then it will NOT be loss of game.