

PLAYER

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

The 2009 Spring Session Has Started

It's not too late to join! Teams may be added up through the fourth week of play. **Only three more 8-ball teams needed** to send another team to the National Team Championships in Las Vegas (the last week of August).

The Spring Session is the 3rd and last qualifying session in the league year. Qualifying Teams from this session will join the division and playoff winners from the Summer '08 and Fall '08 sessions and will be playing in the South OC APA 2009 Local Team Championships (LTC) in June '09.

Below are the current nights of league play.

Night of Play	Format	Start Time	Start Date
Sunday	Double Jeopardy*	5 PM	Jan 11
Tuesday	8-Ball	7 PM	Jan 6
Wednesday	8-Ball	7 PM	Jan 7
Thursday	9-Ball	7 PM	Jan 8

^{*} Double Jeopardy allows you to play both 8- and 9-Ball on the same night at a discounted rate (for a limited time only)!

Baby Brooklyn Is Here!

Please welcome the newest and dearest addition to our family...



Brooklyn Gazmen Burnell

Born: December 28, 2008 Time: 3:53 p.m. Weight: 5 lbs, 9.5 oz Height: 19"

2008 Fall Session Top Gun Tournaments

After each of the three sessions per league year (Summer, Fall and Spring)... the South OC APA runs Top Gun Tournaments to allow players to compete individually for cash and prizes. The #1 ranked player in each division also receive a trophy for their excellent pool playing through the regular session. Entry fee is FREE for #1 ranks, \$5 for qualified players and \$10 for others) Top finishers from the regular session (excluding playoffs) will get first dibs on tournament spots,

nights and the Top 10 players on Thursday and Sunday nights. Separate 8-ball and 9-ball tournaments will be run, with each match played as an individual league match (with skill levels). The top two 8-ball finalists and the 9-ball winner will qualify for the 2009 Fall Singles Regional in September for a chance to qualify for the National Singles Championship in Vegas!

and they include the Top 20 players on Tuesday and Wednesday

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME! We'll run additional singles boards (table time permitting) and all tournament players will be entered in a raffle for exciting prizes including cue chalk holders, and other pool trinkets. so come join the fun!

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

Welcome to the 2009 Spring Session! We've been quite busy the past month, moving to Lake Forest and having our little baby girl. We hope you had happy holidays and are enjoying the new year.



Scot & Liza

Upcoming Pool Events

2009 Spring Singles Regional

March 7-8 @ The Pen, Huntington Beach This tournament is in Orange County this year, so please support our South OC Qualifiers who

will be playing for a chance to compete in the



Singles Nationals April 30-May 2 Riviera Hotel & Casino Las Vegas

Contact the league office if you're interested in playing in local qualifiers for the '09 Fall Regional.

2009 8-Ball Southwest Challenge

March 12-15 @ Riviera, Las Vegas \$510 per 3-Person Team (includes room & tournament entry fee)

\$100 deposit reserves your spot!

For details and sign-up, see page 2 and look for fliers online and in your team packets.

Jack & Jill Championship

April 29-May 1 @ Riviera, Las Vegas
Look for upcoming South OC Qualifying
Tournament in February...boy-girl couples only

8-Ball and 9-Ball National Doubles Championships

August '09 @ Riviera, Las Vegas
These events occur during the National Team
Championships. Look for upcoming South OC
Qualifying Tournament in June!

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



South OC APA Holiday Event

Saturday, December 27

Shooters, Mission Viejo



Thanks to everyone who supported celebrated the holidays with us and supported the Canned Food Drive!

Congratulations to:

Darin Reeves, Speed Pool Champion Spencer Quevedo, 3-Ball Champion John Schultz, 9-Ball Break Champion



2009 8-Ball Southwest Challenge

March 12-15 @ the Riviera, Las Vegas

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.

- 3-person teams Only one Skill Level 6 or 7 per team
- Maximum combined Skill Level 14 Male 2s allowed
- Modified single elimination format (guarantees two chances to play)
- 10 lifetime matches in 8-ball required (must be on active roster)

Mini tournaments and guaranteed Singles Boards (win or it's free!) will be run throughout the weekend.

\$100 deposit reserves your team's spot...contact the league office to sign up!

South OC APA Rewards Program

The South OC APA has started a new program to offer members more flexibility as it relates to any awards they obtain while playing in the South Orange County APA. The idea behind the program is to provide players who earn awards (patches, sportsmanship bonuses, patch buy-back program, etc.) with the ability to accumulate points (or "South OC Balls") that can be used towards other rewards.

Rewards currently available include Patches, Pins, League Play (dues), and Single Boards Entries. This list will continue to grow as we include additional rewards and ways of obtaining South OC Balls.

Visit the website to view current points ("South OC Balls") accumulated by players, and to access the Request Form for obtaining rewards.

Administrative Stuff

New Website Design

Visit the new website design at: http://southoc.apaleagues.com ...

We will be adding additional pages and improving existing ones, including:

- About South OC APA page
- Calendar views & event details
- **Photo Gallery** views & albums
- South OC Rewards Program
- Host Locations update

As we continually improve the site, please e-mail your comments to southoc@apaleagues.com. Thanks in advance for your input!

2009 Annual Membership Dues

All APA \$25 memberships **must be paid by the 3**rd **week** of the '09 Spring Session. After Week 4, any unpaid players will be dropped from the roster, and any points won by that player will be removed, and the player cannot be added back to the team... **No Exceptions**.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA January Birthdays

Linda Marsh	1/1
John Hagedorn	1/9
Beth Sutter	1/11
David Stephenson	1/15
Michael Birch	1/17
Ellis Brooks	1/20
Kevin Miller	1/20
Douglas Masiero	1/22
Tom Knight	1/23
John Hafler	1/27
Izack Ortiz	1/27
Lisa Newlan	1/28
Christopher Leighton	1/28
Jeff Provance	1/29
Johnny Way	1/30

Rule of the Month

CUE BALL KNOCKED ON THE FLOOR WHILE SHOOTING THE 8-BALL

Q: Does a loss of game occur for a shooter if while shooting the 8-ball, the cue ball is knocked on the floor?

A: Yes. Knocking the cue ball on the floor is a foul. If the shooter is on the 8-ball, this is a cue ball scratch, which is a loss of game, regardless of whether or not the 8-ball is pocketed.

Refer to pg. 47 (BALLS ON THE FLOOR) and pg. 51 (VARIOUS WAYS TO LOSE IN 8-BALL) of the *Official Team Manual*.