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

2008 Fall Session Top Gun Tournaments



The session-ending Top Gun Tournaments (for Fall 2008) will be held this month to determine the best of the best in South County. Players will compete individually for cash and prizes. 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, and they include the Top 20 players on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and the Top 10 players on Thursday and Sunday nights.

The 8-Ball Tournament 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!

8-Ball Top Gun Saturday, February 21 10:30 a.m. Coconuts Café	9-Ball Top Gun Saturday, February 28 10:30 a.m. Mulligans Sports Bunker
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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!

2009 Spring Singles Regional

The APA Singles Program allows players to compete individually, providing two qualifying windows to earn a spot in the National Singles Championship (NSC). The Fall Singles Regional is held in October and players may qualify locally from January 1 to June 15. The Spring Singles Regional is held in March and players may qualify locally from June 16 to November 30 each year.

2009 Spring Regional March 7-8 The Pen, Huntington Beach		2009 Singles Nationals April 30-May 2 Riviera, Las Vegas
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The locations of the regional tournaments rotate among various league areas throughout the southwest region. The 2009 Spring Regional for South OC players will be held in Orange County this year. Visit the website under Local Stats Archive > **2009 Singles Qualifiers** for a list of the currently qualified players. Good Luck!

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

Remember that the Spring Session is the last session of the league year to qualify for the South OC APA Local Team Championships (LTC). See page 2 for details and the list of currently qualified teams.

Happy Shooting!
Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

2008 Fall Session Top Gun Tournaments

8-Ball on February 21 @ Coconuts
9-Ball on February 28 @ Mulligans

2009 Spring Singles Regional

March 7-8
The Pen, Huntington Beach

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

Jack & Jill Doubles Qualifier

March 21, 10:30 a.m. @ Coconuts
Boy-Girl teams only; \$30 entry; 8-Ball Scotch Doubles format (alternate shot)
For details, look for fliers online & in packets.

National Singles Championship Jack & Jill Championship

April 29-May 2 @ Riviera, Las Vegas
Look for details and other events online locally and on poolplayers.com

8-Ball and 9-Ball Doubles Qualifier Tournaments

May/June (TBD)
South OC Scotch Doubles teams will compete for spots in the National Doubles Championships in August.

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

2009 8-Ball Southwest Challenge

You still have time to put your team together and play in the best 3-person tournament west of the Mississippi! Pre-register for this annual tournament and compete against other teams in the surrounding southwest region, including CA, AZ and NV.

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! **Sign-up deadline is March 6.**





- Your **Spring roster** will be the one competing in the LTC, regardless of when your team qualified.
- Each player on the Spring roster must have **at least 10 lifetime match scores** in the corresponding format.
- Each player must have played **at least 4 times** during the Spring session.

South OC APA LTC...SAVE THE DATES!

The LTC is the South OC regional tournament where qualified teams compete for the National Team Championships (NTC) in August.

<p>8-Ball LTC Friday-Sunday, June 5-7 Coconuts Café</p>	<p>9-Ball LTC Thursday-Sunday, June 18-21 Mulligans Sports Bunker</p>
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If you're on one of the qualified teams below, or if you're planning on qualifying this Spring, make sure you're available all day on the weekends specified above.

Qualified 8-Ball Teams			
Session	Division	Title	Team
Summer 08	871 Sun	1 st Place	Sultans of Stroke
Summer 08	871 Sun	Playoff Winner	Off the Rails
Summer 08	821 Tue	Division Winner	Hazzard of Duke's
Summer 08	821 Tue	Playoff Winner	Mother Buckers
Summer 08	831 Wed	Division Winner	Loan Sharks
Summer 08	831 Wed	Playoff Winner	Silver Star
Fall 08	871 Sun	Playoff Winner	Flying South
Fall 08	871 Sun	Playoff Runner-up (by default)	Sunday Bloody Sunday (1 st Place: Sultans of Stroke)
Fall 08	821 Tue	Division Winner	Wait For It...
Fall 08	821 Tue	Playoff Winner	Team IDK
Fall 08	831 Wed	Division Winner	BlackJack It
Fall 08	831 Wed	Playoff Winner	Outrigger

Qualified 9-Ball Teams			
Session	Division	Title	Team
Summer 08	971 Sun	1 st Place	Off the Rails
Summer 08	971 Sun	Playoff Winner	Sultans of Stroke
Summer 08	941 Thu	Playoff Winner	Ides of March
Summer 08	941 Thu	Playoff Runner-up	Woo-Ten Clang
Fall 08	971 Sun	1 st Place	Campeones
Fall 08	971 Sun	Playoff Runner-up (by default)	Flying South (Playoff Winner: Off the Rails)
Fall 08	941 Thu	Division Winner	Changing Lanes
Fall 08	941 Thu	Playoff Winner	Flipper

The Spring Session division and playoff winners will fill the remaining qualifying LTC spots. Remember if your team is not a top finisher during the regular session, they are still eligible for a **WILDCARD** spot in the playoffs (provided all league fees are current, no more than five forfeit points were given up, or the team is not judged ineligible by the League Operator for some other reason.

Administrative Stuff

Website Updates

Visit the redesigned website at: <http://southoc.apaleagues.com>
Recent updates include:

- New **About** SOC APA page
- New **Calendar** functionality
- Updated **Host Locations**

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

2009 Membership Kits & Cards

Membership **Kits** (including 09 patch, sticker and rules booklet) are mailed to players directly from the APA National Office. Membership **Cards** will be distributed in person by the League Operator. Please contact the League Office if you do not receive these materials, and *make sure your mailing addresses are up-to-date to ensure you receive TAP Magazines and other APA mailings.*

2009 Fall Session Trophies

Personalized trophies will be distributed and team pictures will be taken this month.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA February Birthdays

Adam Fukushima	2/4
Mark Stropko	2/9
Alex Trujillo	2/9
Thalia Di Bello	2/14
Kenneth Tyler	2/15
Shane Jones	2/16
Scot Burnell	2/18
Benjamin MacGregor	2/22
Chantel Osuna	2/23
Lance Hoffman	2/25
Beth White	2/25

Rule of the Month

POSTING

If a player is present at any time during the night, then he/she cannot leave and cause a double post.

CUE BALL OFF PLAYING SURFACE

A ball-in-hand foul occurs any time the cue ball goes in a pocket, on the floor, or otherwise ends up off the playing surface, EXCEPT if the cue ball returns to the surface (This is not a foul.).

Refer to pg. 49 of *Official Team Manual*.