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From the South OC APA website, you now have access to the beta version of the Online APA Member Experience. All you need is your APA membership number and an email address. Services include:

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- Your personal and team statistics
- Localized Message Board (Coming Soon!)
- E-Store - Purchase APA Merchandise (Coming Soon!)
- Customize your member profile (Coming Soon!)

2009 National Singles Championship

April 29 - May 2

The annual National Singles Championship (NSC) consists of two individual tournaments held annually at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas: the **8-Ball Classic** and the **9-Ball Shootout**. The South OC will be represented by the winners of the 2008 Fall Regional and the recent 2009 Spring Regional held at the Pen in Huntington Beach.



2009 Spring Singles Regional (March 7-8, 2009) - The regional tournament is the second step in a three-step process to earn a spot in the NSC. Over twenty South OC APA players competed against two other league areas in one of the four California regional tournaments, with a total of 72 8-ball players and 47 9-ball players. Matches ran all day Saturday and most of Sunday and after all the dust cleared South County took five of the ten national qualifier spots, along with two runners-up. In other words, South OC APA kicked some butt and will be representing all skill level tiers and the NSC! Congrats to the following National Qualifiers: **Baron Dorney** (9-ball SL 5), **Lisa Larson** (9-ball SL 3), **Preston Strait** (8-ball SL 5), **Bill Toy** (8-ball SL 6) and **Eli Veach** (9-ball SL 6). They will join the national qualifiers from the 2008 Fall Regional: **Cesar Brandes** (9-ball SL 7), **Adam Fukushima** (9-ball SL 5), and **Eli Veach** (8-ball SL 6).

Jack & Jill Doubles Qualifier (March 21) Coconuts Café -

In conjunction with the two national singles events, the APA runs the annual Jack & Jill 8-Ball Championship, with one team from South OC representing from the Doubles Qualifier Tournament. Starting early on a Saturday morning, fourteen doubles teams played in this co-ed Scotch doubles modified single elimination event. With many good matches along the way, a surprise team snuck up on everyone as **Sam Bernal** and **Korinda Godwin** knocked out the competition one-by-one until they ran into the eventual runner-up **Darin & Nicol Reeves**. **Steve Styck** and **Dani Lachapelle** had some memorable ball in hand moments given they were not ball in hand fouls...the brain is a terrible thing to waste. Probably the craziest match of the tournament was when **Robbin Styck** and **Sean McElligott** worked themselves out of a hole to get to hill/hill versus the eventual champs **Bill Toy** and **Meghan Knox**, only to scratch on the 8-ball... haven't we all been there?...aaaahhhh. **Bill** and **Meghan** went on to defeat **Darin** and **Nicol** in the finals to earn the national slot. Since **Bill** will be playing in the National Singles event at the same time as the doubles tournament, **Simon Trumper** will team up with **Meghan** in the doubles tournament...good luck!



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

The Spring session is quickly coming to an end, which means the final Local Team Championship (LTC) team slots will be determined. Remember that teams must have all dues paid in order to participate in wildcard draws, playoffs or the LTC. All scoresheets display past due amounts. Please contact the league office BEFORE PLAYOFFS if you have questions or concerns about payments and fees.



Happy Shooting!
Scot & Liza

Upcoming Pool Events

Saturday Masters League

Starting Saturday, April 11

No Skill Level ♦ 3- to 4-person teams ♦ \$24 team fee per night ♦ Winning Team goes to Las Vegas to compete in the APA Masters Championship in August.

Visit Local Stats online for current standings.

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.

South OC Local Team Championships (LTC)

8-Ball: June 5-7; 9-Ball: June 25-28

Qualifying teams from Summer '08, Fall '08 and Spring '09 compete for the National Team in August.

National 8-Ball and 9-Ball Doubles Championship Qualifier Tournaments

May/June in South OC

The South OC will be sending at least two 8-ball doubles teams and one 9-ball doubles team to the National events held in Vegas during the National Team Championships in August.

Details on how to qualify are coming soon!

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

2009 8-Ball Southwest Challenge

(March 12-15, 2009) Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas – The South OC APA started the Southwest Challenge (SWC) with nine teams, our strongest showing by far over the last few SWC events. With over ten league areas and 187 teams, we started strong in the first round when five teams went 10-0, not even losing a single match-up. After a long weekend, other areas knew we were in the house as we finished strong as a group. Three teams finished in 97th place out of the money, with one team member going old school with a behind the back shot like something out of the hustler (...you know who you are!). Three more teams finished in 33rd place and made their team entry fee back.



The final three teams finished on the final board of eight teams with two of those teams finishing in **5th place**, each team winning \$750:

- SOC #1: Josh Flatt, Jonathan Higginson, Burt Cigler
- SOC #7: Shawn Strietbeck, Chris Barnes, Chris Nicholas

The highest-finishing SOC team came in **3rd place**, winning \$1500:

- SOC #5: Isaac Wooten, Casey Sheirer, Gavin Aylward

Congrats to all the teams and we hope you had fun as that is what the Southwest Challenge is all about.

The Southwest Challenge is a 3-person team tournament consisting of teams from the southwest region in the states of CA, NV, AZ and NM. It is held twice a year, once for 8-ball in the spring and once for 9-ball in the fall. Any active APA member in this area can participate in this pre-registered event. Look for details online and in upcoming newsletters and sign-up for the next tournament!

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Sign up by June 15!

This highly competitive event features both a Men's and Women's Division. The Champion in each division will receive the coveted U.S. Amateur Championship trophy and will qualify for a 2010 pro event.

Preliminary rounds will be held across the country, September 18-20, the closest being Stix Billiards in Rancho Cucamonga and Shoreline Billiards in Northern CA. The winners advance to the Championship Rounds, November 6-8, in Tampa, FL.

Entry Fee for Preliminary Rounds is \$40 for APA members (\$50 for non-APA members). **Sign up by June 15th.**

Contact the League Office for details or visit www.usamateurchampionship.com for additional information!

Administrative Stuff



Any teams with past due fees will forfeit wildcard chances and any earned playoff and LTC spots.

Printing eScoresheets

Check the **top of the page** for your **Team Number** and **Team Name** to ensure you're printing your team's scoresheet rather than your opponent's (listing the same rosters).

Website Updates

Recent updates include Online Member Services, and local tournament information is coming soon! Also, the South OC APA will soon have a **Facebook page**...stay tuned!

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA April Birthdays

Josh Campbell	04/01
Jared Linge	04/02
Evan Huck	04/03
Preston Strait	04/03
Ashley Reeves	04/06
Christopher Stone	04/07
Chris Truong	04/09
Joshua Boston	04/14
Shawnee Rodriguez	04/15
Robbin Styck	04/16
Jacques Terblanche	04/18
Victoria Smith	04/20
Joshua Flatt	04/21
William Burch	04/27
Thomas Petronio	04/28
Victor Burke	04/29

Rule of the Month

POSTING HIGH-RATED PLAYERS

(In **9-Ball League only**) No more than two senior skill level players (SL 6-9) may play in any given team match. If an ineligible (by this rule) player is chosen to play, then a violation of this rule officially occurs when the balls are broken in that player's match. The ineligible player forfeits the match and the teams go on to the next player match. Both players' skill levels count towards the 23-Rule for that match. On the other hand, once the team match is over and either team has left the match site, or the scoresheets are signed by both Team Captains, the match would stand as played even if an ineligible player has competed.

Refer to pg. 61 of *Official Team Manual*.