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

Who is Representing South County at Nationals in Vegas this year?



South OC APA National Qualifiers:

- Campeones (9-Ball)
- Domey Sideways (8-Ball)
- Sunday Bloody Sunday (8-Ball)

Each year in June, the South OC APA holds their “year-end” regional tournaments, or Local Team Championships (LTC), where qualifying teams from the Summer, Fall and Spring sessions compete for slots in the annual National Team Championships (NTC) in Vegas.

The NTC consists of three main team events held annually at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas: the 8-Ball Open, the 8-Ball Ladies and the 9-Ball Open. The South OC will be represented by two 8-Ball Open teams and one 9-Ball Open team.

8-Ball LTC (June 5-7) Round 1 of this double-elimination tournament took place the first week of June, with eighteen teams competing on two tournament boards to determine two national qualifiers. The tournament continued through the weekend at Coconuts, and after a long Saturday, eight teams were left with only two undefeated teams. On Board #1, *Team IDK*, who lost to *Sunday Bloody Sunday*, came back around to play them again in the finals. But they were only able to beat them once with *Sunday Bloody Sunday* becoming a national qualifier. On Board #2, *Domey Sideways*, who also lost to the hot seat team *Flying South*, came back around to the winner’s side to play them again. With the odds against them, *Domey Sideways* won with grit twice to take the other national qualifying spot.

9-Ball LTC (June 25-28) This double-elimination tournament started on Thursday evening at Coconuts with twelve teams competing. The tournament continued through the weekend at Mulligans Sports Bunker. Oddly enough, a situation similar to the 8-Ball LTC occurred where team *Changing Lanes* lost to *Campeones*, only to come back from the loser’s side to play them again. *Campeones* was victorious and became the one 9-ball national qualifier representing South OC.

2009 National Pre-Registered Events

In addition to the main team events, the APA holds pre-registered events that allow members to play in other competitive events. This includes the Masters Championship (see prior newsletter for qualified team results), 8-Ball Doubles Championship, 9-Ball Doubles Championship and a Wheelchair Challenge.

8-Ball Doubles Qualifier (June 13) Iron Mule, Lake Forest – Eleven teams competed in this single elimination tournament, where any two players with a combined skill cap of ten played Scotch Doubles (alternate shot). Congratulations to Team “Last Minute” (**Victor Burke & Chad Lucewicz**) and Team “J & J” (**Josh Pavy & Jim Stanley**) who earned slots in the annual APA 8-Ball Doubles Championship Aug 21-23.

9-Ball Doubles Qualifier (June 20) Coconuts Café – With events running every weekend in June, only four teams competed in this double elimination event, which was also Scotch Doubles in the 9-Ball format. Congratulations to Team “Deuces Whyld” (**Lisa Larson & Nicol Reeves**) who defeated Allison McGhie and Travis Smith by one ball in the finals. Lisa and Nicol will compete in the annual APA 9-Ball Doubles Championship Aug 26-28.

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

The Summer Session is well underway to kick off the road to the 2010 National Team Championships. Last month we held the South OC regional tournaments to determine this year’s qualifiers. See the front page article for details.

Happy 4th of July and we hope you’re enjoying your summer!

Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

Top Gun Tournaments

All Spring Session Players Welcome
APA individual races, single elimination
Entry is FREE for #1 Ranked players in each division, \$5-10 for others
Singles Regional Qualifiers,
Cash, pool cues, raffles

9-Ball Top Gun Tournament
Saturday, July 11
Iron Mule, Lake Forest

8-Ball Top Gun Tournament
Saturday, July 18
Coconuts Cafe, Capistrano Beach

Visit website or see fliers in packets for details.

National Team Championships

August 21-29 @ Riviera, Las Vegas



Look for details and other events online locally and on poolplayers.com.



Preliminary Rounds Sept 18-20
Championship Round Nov 6-8

Look for details and other events online locally and on www.usamateurchampionship.com.

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

2009 Spring Session Top Gun Tournaments

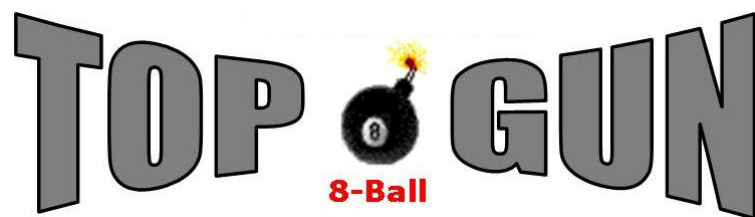
After each of the three sessions per league year (Summer, Fall and Spring)... the South OC APA runs Top Gun Tournaments to allow players to compete individually for cash and prizes. The #1 ranked player in each division also receive a plaque for their excellent pool playing through the regular session. 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, and they include the Top 25% of players from each division.

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 2010 Spring Singles Regional in March 2010 for a chance to qualify for the 2010 National Singles Championship in Vegas!

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!



Saturday, July 11
Iron Mule, Lake Forest



Saturday, July 18
Coconuts Cafe, Capistrano Beach

See fliers in team packets or online for more information.

Socialize Online with Other Pool Players



The South Orange County APA is now on Facebook at the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/South-Orange-County-APA/76753927514>

Here you can communicate with other pool fans by:

- Reading and commenting on **News Feeds**,
- Participating and providing opinions on **Discussion Boards**,
- Reply to, attend and find updates on **Events**,
- Post and view videos of players, fans and other pool-related **Videos**,
- Post/view pictures and tag friends in the **Photo Albums** (with events starting from the 2008 Nationals to the present).

Administrative Stuff

Online Member
Services

Login now!

<http://southoc.apaleagues.com>

Website Updates

Visit Online Member Services to view your personal APA member account, and now view upcoming Calendar events on the home page.

Until the Photo Gallery is revamped, photos are being posted on the South OC APA Facebook page. See related article in this month's newsletter.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA July Birthdays

Matt Amalong	7/5
Dan Walters	7/5
John Hicks	7/10
Korinda Godwin	7/10
Hillary Keyes	7/11
James Ward	7/13
John Roush	7/14
Jaan Mannik	7/17
Travis Smith	7/21
Danielle Lachapelle	7/22
Susan Mason	7/24
Jeff Cho	7/25
Amanda Gorham	7/30
Rebeka Gorham	7/30

Rule of the Month

WHEN BOTH TEAMS HAVE TO DOUBLE POST A PLAYER...

Who gets to pick the player? Teams do not get to pick their own players. In this rare situation, whoever is scheduled to post next (according to alternate posting throughout the night) is the team who must pick a player from the opposing team first. The opposing team then picks a player to counter-post. In other words, if you posted a player in the first match, it's your turn to post a player in the fifth match so you would pick a player on the other team as the double post.

This is part of the South Orange County APA By-Laws. In playoffs and higher level tournaments, a player may only play once in a team match. Refer to pg. 30 of *Official Team Manual*.