



9-Ball SWC

November 5-8
Las Vegas, NV

Every year in the Fall, the APA league operators in the southwest region hold the 9-Ball Southwest Challenge. Three-person teams from California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico will compete

at the Riviera in Las Vegas. Good luck to the ten teams competing from South County:

- Team #1: Darin Reeves, Robert Brooks, Nicol Reeves
- Team #2: Shaun Miles, Mike Howard, Julie Damico
- Team #3: Chad Lucewicz, Chantel Osuna, Ryan Buist
- Team #4: Gavin Aylward, Yvette Ocegueda, Nino Abejo
- Team #5: Diana Nunn, John Ishigami, Meghan Knox
- Team #6: Baron Domey, Lisa Larson, Isaac Wooten
- Team #7: Preston Strait, Chester Hipple, Adam Fukushima
- Team #8: Matt DiPaola, Clay Bryant, Steve Sirbu
- Team #9: Tom Ellsworth, Dana Shinpo, Cesar Brandes
- Team #10: Shawn Strietbeck, John Schultz, Phil Joun

If you're an active APA member and are not signed up for the tournament, you can still play in Mini Tournaments and Singles Qualifiers throughout the weekend...so take a trip to Vegas and play some pool!



Championship Rounds

November 6-8
Tampa, FL

Finalists from the preliminary rounds in September will be competing in the nation's most prestigious amateur pool tournament. One of 128 men and one of 30 women will duke it out for the title of 2009 US Amateur Champion. Each winner will receive a championship trophy and jacket, as well as a trip and entry into a pro event.

From South Orange County, **Brock Noteboom** and **Liza Gazmen** will be representing, along with 5 other men and 2 other women from California.

Visit www.usamateurchampionship.com for details and tournament results.

New Formats Offered in Fall

Open Doubles Monday Nights*: Any player combination with no Skill Level cap; Scotch Doubles (alternate shot); Both players must be on an active APA roster; Matches will be handicapped based on combined Skill Level; Double Jeopardy (play one match each of 8-Ball & 9-Ball); \$16 Team Fee per Night (\$4 per match/per person)

Masters Saturday Afternoons*: Four-person teams, three play per match, no handicap; All players welcome (APA membership required upon play); Individual match is Race to 7 (8 games of 9-Ball/5 games of 8-Ball); \$24 Per Match Per Team

* If you have interest in any format but the night and/or time does not work with your current schedule, please contact the league office as we are always open to starting other nights of play based on demand.

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

The Fall Session is in full swing, and we will be offering additional formats later in the season for a little more variety. See bottom for details on Doubles and Masters leagues, and call the league office if you're interested in playing.

We hope you had a Happy Halloween and look forward to Thanksgiving with family and friends!
Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

9-Ball Southwest Challenge

November 5-8 @ The Riv, Las Vegas

See all participating teams on pg. 1 and visit facebook.com/southcountypool for info and onsite coverage.

US Amateur Championships

Championship Rounds Nov 6-8
Strokers in Tampa, FL

See details on page 1

"Splash Board" Singles Qualifier

Saturday, November 21 @ 10 a.m.
Coconuts, Capistrano Beach

\$30 entry, maximum 16 players on a board, 5 will qualify for Spring Singles Regional in March 2010

Both 8- and 9-ball will be offered based on player interest

Regional winners advance to 2010 National Singles Championship



2010 Spring Singles Regional

March, Location TBD

The window to qualify for this event **closes on November 30** so look for upcoming Singles Qualifiers or run one with your friends!

Visit the **Event Calendar** online for details on all events!

2009 Fall Singles Regional

(October 3-4, 2009) **Hungry Stick, San Diego** – Seven players (**Darin Reeves, Chad Lucewicz, John Schultz, John Sperka, Robbin Styck, Nicol Reeves** and **Brock Noteboom**) from South County played in this semiannual singles regional tournament.

Regional and national tournaments are modified single elimination events that are played by separate Skill Level tiers, with four 8-ball tiers and three 9-ball tiers. **Darin Reeves** and **John Sperka** qualified locally for both 8-ball and 9-ball, and they both shot well and played all day. **Nicol Reeves** played 9-ball in the Skill Level 1-2-3 tier, made it to the finals, and took **2nd place** on her board!

Robbin Styck and **Chad Lucewicz** played on the same board, and since they both shot well, they eventually had to go head-to-head, which they did in the semifinals. Chad pulled out the victory, moved on to the finals and won that match also! Congratulations, **Chad Lucewicz**, for becoming a 2010 National Qualifier from South County. Another national qualifier who plays in South OC is **Matt Amalong**, who won his board at the Pen in Huntington Beach.

Chad and Matt will be playing in the 2010 National Singles Championship in Las Vegas (April 29-May 1), both with a chance to win **\$15,000** in their respective skill level tiers...good luck!

Visit www.poolplayers.com/nsc.html for national coverage.

Local Singles Qualifier Results

(October 24, 2009) **Coconuts Café, Capistrano Beach** – Thirteen players participated in this tournament, with all but one player playing in both 8-ball and 9-ball. After a long day, **Isaac Wooten** and **Franco Blanchard** qualified in both 8-ball and 9-ball. They will be competing in the 2010 Spring Singles Regional in March.

The South OC APA will be holding a last chance Local Singles Qualifier "Splash Board" on November 21 at Coconuts. See Upcoming Pool Events on page 1 for details.

Call the SOC APA League Office for more information on how you can compete individually in local singles tournaments and qualify for Nationals.

Players Board Meeting

(October 24, 2009) **Coconuts Café** – The Players Board met to discuss and conclude on the following topics, **effective Spring 2010 Session**:

Unlimited Double-Posting: Currently a team may double post up to four times in a session without approval from the opponent's captain. Starting Spring 2010, a team may double post at any time except in the last three weeks of the regular session. (Note: Double Posting rules will be published in the South OC APA Bylaws in Spring 2010.)

Patches Issued Once Per Session: Any player earning a 2nd patch (or more) will now be entered into a singles board tournament at the end of the session.

New Playoff Format: The team ending in 1st Place during the regular session (formerly the Division Winner) will still qualify for the Local Team Championships, but will now play in the playoffs. Structure will be determined based on the number of teams in a division.

Player Posting Challenge: Any player may purchase a "Challenge Card" for \$10, which may be used once per session per night of play and allows the player to choose their opponent (or "challenge" another player) if the opposing captain counter-posts with a different player.

More details will be presented at the next pre-session Players Meeting.

Administrative Stuff

Website Updates

Feature your product or service on the **Merchant Discounts** page! Call the League Office if you'd like to offer a discount to APA members.

Photo Gallery: Look for new photo albums for each event and improved navigation (for all you Mac users!)



www.facebook.com/southcountypool



Visit Online Member Services to view your personal APA member account and player history.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA November Birthdays

Jim Stanley	11/1
John Schultz	11/1
Patrick McElligott	11/3
Diana Nunn	11/4
Annette Brooks	11/5
Chris Welke	11/7
John Morrin	11/10
Brock Noteboom	11/13
John Sperka	11/17
Shannon Battistone	11/17
Taylor Skibicki	11/17
Tifney Hudson	11/19
Raquel Brown	11/20
David Potter	11/20
Jeff Christensen	11/23
Mike Howard	11/28
Steven Sirbu	11/28

Rule of the Month

GOOD HIT OR BAD HIT?

The shooting player makes a shot where the hit (good or bad) is questionable and both teams feel their ruling is correct. **The call should go to the shooter, if the shot is not watched by a third party.**

On close shots, the sitting player or team should stop the game *prior to the shot* and get a third party to watch the shot. The shooting player must stop and agree to have the hit watched, and both parties must agree to the third party's call on the hit.

Refer to pg. 22-23 of *Official Team Manual*.