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We've updated our presence on the web to make it easy to find and remember the South Orange County APA.



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This new southcountypool.com URL forwards visitors to our existing site so you don't have to change your bookmark...

<http://southoc.apaleagues.com> still works!



The South OC APA Message Board will be activated this month, allowing players to communicate with each other and with the league office. In order to use the Message Board, you must create and login to an APA Member Services online account. This is a national account with access to player history from all areas played. When you login and access the message board, this will take you to the local South Orange County message board if you are active in this area. From here you can post message "threads" to which other users can reply. We will be setting up **Forums** that categorize message threads for easier viewing and responding. Users will also be able to send private messages to other message board participants. *We will also be communicating league messages to users of the Message Board, so we encourage all players to **create an online Member Services account.***

The Spring Session Has Started... NEW TEAMS ON EVERY NIGHT OF PLAY!

Teams can still be added through the fourth week of play, so visit the **Player Incentives** page online and build your team today!

This session we will still have only one division per night, with at least ten teams in each division. However, in the next session over the Summer, we will be splitting larger divisions based on area (north and south). Below are the current formats on each night of play.

| Night of Play | Format(s) Offered | Start Time | Spring Start Date |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Sunday | 8-Ball & 9-Ball | 5 p.m. | January 10 |
| Monday | Doubles (8- & 9-Ball) | 7:30 p.m. | TBD |
| Tuesday | 8-Ball Open | 7 p.m. | January 5 |
| Wednesday | 8-Ball Open | 7 p.m. | January 6 |
| Thursday | 9-Ball Open (8-Ball option) | 7 p.m. | January 7 |
| Saturday | Masters | 12 noon | TBD |

Rosters for the Spring Session should be finalized by the fourth week of play, and these are the players who will compete in the South County Local Team Championships (LTC) and at Nationals in Vegas. If your team qualified in the Summer or Fall Sessions, you'll need at least 4 players to continue playing in the Spring to keep your eligibility. All players must have at least 10 lifetime matches (by end of Spring) and 4 Spring Session matches to play in the LTC.

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

Welcome all Spring Session players! The South OC APA continues to grow each session, offering players various opportunities to play with teammates and individually. Remember that both Division and Playoff winners on each night of play will qualify for the annual Local Team Championships (LTC) for a chance to go to Nationals in Vegas... so good luck and shoot well!

If you were able to make it to the Holiday Party, we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Thanks again for a great 2009 and have a happy and prosperous 2010!

Scot & Liza



Upcoming Pool Events

Fall Session Top Gun Tournaments

9-Ball: Saturday, January 30
8-Ball: Saturday, February 27*

Locations TBD

*depending on Spring Singles Regional dates

Jack & Jill Qualifier

Saturday, February 13

Boy/Girl teams with a combined 8-Ball Skill Level Cap of 10 can compete in this tournament for a chance to play in the APA National Jack & Jill Championship (Apr 28-30) in Las Vegas!

2010 Spring Singles Regional

Feb 27-28 or Mar 6-7

Location (determined on Jan 18)

Winners advance to the National Singles Championships (Apr 29-May 1) in Las Vegas!

8-Ball Southwest Challenge

March 25-28, Riviera, Las Vegas

3-Person Teams with a combined skill level cap of 14 compete with other teams from AZ, CA, NV and NM.

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

Doubles and Masters Leagues

The Fall session for Doubles and Masters is still in progress and **teams can still join**, with winners qualifying for the Doubles National Championships in Vegas. We have multiple slots available for these events, so we will run additional qualifiers (either leagues or tournaments) in the Spring.

Open Doubles Monday Nights: Any player combination with no Skill Level cap ♦ Scotch Doubles (alternate shot) ♦ Match Points Race based on combined Skill Level ♦ Play one match each of 8- & 9-Ball

Masters Saturday Afternoons: 3- to 4-person teams, three play per team match ♦ No handicap ♦ All players welcome (APA membership required upon play) ♦ Individual match is US Amateur Format (Race to 7: 8 games of 9-Ball/5 games of 8-Ball)

2010 Annual APA Membership Due on the First Night You Play

Please include membership fees along with the weekly team fees for all players on the first night they play. Annual APA dues are \$25 per person, unless they joined after August 15, 2009, in which case the dues are prorated at \$15. Anyone who joined in December 2009 is paid through the end of 2010. The amount owed for each player is listed next to the player's name on the rosters of each scoresheet.

NEW MEMBERS should complete an Application Form located in your team packet or online.



EXISTING MEMBERS, save time and paper by updating information online.

Create an APA Online Member Services account to view personal information and player history. From the South OC APA website, click "CREATE ACCOUNT" in the menu bar on the top right.

[LOG IN](#) | [CREATE ACCOUNT](#)

Players Meeting Highlights

(January 3, 2010) Dave & Buster's, Irvine Spectrum – To kick off our annual holiday party, the SOC APA held its pre-session players meeting for Spring 2010. We had our largest turnout to date and appreciate everyone's participation. Below are some of the highlights from the meeting.

New South OC APA Bylaws Effective Spring 2010 Session

- Unlimited Double-Posting, except during last three weeks of session
- Patches Issued Once Per Session, multi-patch earners get entry into session-ending tournament
- New Playoff Format – "Division Winner" (1st Place regular session team) enters playoff with 1st & 2nd round BYEs
- The "Challenge" Card – for \$10, get a once-per-session chance to call out your opponent

League Structure & Operations (Spring Session Requirements, Weekly Team Play, Singles Program, Rewards Program, Member Discounts with Merchant Partners, Weekly Scoring & Payment Procedures, etc.)

Upcoming Events (Spring Session, 8-Ball Southwest Challenge, Spring Singles Regional, Top Gun Tournaments, Local Team Championships, etc.)

The Meeting Presentation is now available online!
([link on Local Stats page](#))

Administrative Stuff

Defensive Shots on Scoresheet

In addition to totaling the number of innings per game, in the Defensive Shots block, please ENTER AND CIRCLE the TOTAL number of DEFENSIVE SHOTS in each match.

Host Location Finder

This is located on the top menu bar of the website and features existing APA locations based on user search. Host Location information includes address, phone, map, directions and number of tables. (Note: The Host Location page accessible from the left menu still exists and lists all South County host locations in alphabetical order.)

Rules & South OC APA Bylaws

We will be posting Defensive Shots and Scorekeeping videos on the Rules/Bylaws page. In addition, updated SOC APA Bylaws will be published by Jan 17, 2010, effective for the Spring Session.

Happy Birthday!

South OC APA January Birthdays

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|-------------------|------|
| Linda Marsh | 1/1 |
| Casey Scheirer | 1/7 |
| Alyx Hathaway | 1/7 |
| John Hagedorn | 1/9 |
| Douglas Ensor | 1/10 |
| Beth Sutter | 1/11 |
| David Stephenson | 1/15 |
| Ellis Brooks | 1/20 |
| Joseph Wilson | 1/21 |
| Douglas Masiero | 1/22 |
| Meghan Jenkins | 1/23 |
| Christine Ferrian | 1/26 |
| John Hafler | 1/27 |
| Izack Ortiz | 1/27 |
| Brenden Murphy | 1/27 |
| Phil Joun | 1/29 |
| Johnny Way | 1/30 |

Rule of the Month

TEAMS WITH AN ASTERISK

If your team name is preceded by an asterisk, which is a default setting for all teams, then your team may not be asked to bend the rules. If you don't mind being approached to bend a rule on occasion (captains must agree), then please ask the league office to remove the asterisk from your team name.

This is a *South OC APA Bylaw*, developed for teams who wish to play by the rules.