



## South County Team Takes \$2,400 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize in the 8-Ball SWC

**(March 25-28, 2010) Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas** – The southwest league operators held the fifteenth annual 8-Ball Southwest Challenge (SWC) with 175 three-person teams competing from AZ, CA, NM and NV for a piece of over \$20,000 in cash.

The final match was played on Saturday night with South County (**Dana Shinpo, Franco Blanchard, Diana Nunn**) vs. Riverside County (Jimmy Seanez, Lula Dayzie, Jose

Mendoza). Franco (SL6) played the first match against Jimmy (SL5) in a tough 5-4 race, with Jimmy pulling out the first win. Then Diana (SL4) played the second match in a must win against Lula (SL3). Although it was another close match, Riverside County took home the championship trophy and \$3,599 cash. Our South County team took home a nice \$2,400 second place prize and trophies for each player. All South County teams finished well in the tournament with seven teams finishing in the money!

Place	Team	Prize Money
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dana Shinpo, Franco Blanchard, Diana Nunn	\$2,400
9 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Fukushima, Chester Hipple, Lisa Larson	\$450
9 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Brooks, Shawn Strietbeck, John Schultz	\$450
9 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Trujillo, Clay Bryant, Steve Sirbu	\$450
17 <sup>th</sup>	James Haslip, Josh Anders, David Oconnell	\$270
17 <sup>th</sup>	Baron Domey, Dave Cuneo, Aubrey Thompson	\$270
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Nicol Reeves, John Topolewski, Darin Reeves	\$120

The SWC is a great opportunity to compete in Vegas without having to qualify for nationals. It's a smaller close-knit regional tournament, and for a package price that includes a room for 3 nights, tournament entry and open pool tables throughout the weekend, you get to take a road trip to Vegas and play some competitive pool!

Look for details on the next *9-Ball Southwest Challenge* on October 7-10, 2010 and save the date!

### Local Pool Tournaments: Support Our Host Locations

When you're not playing league, check out these weekly tournaments.

- **Friends:** Mondays @ 8:00 p.m., 8-Ball Race to 2
- **Boscoe's:** Mondays @ 7:30 p.m., 9-Ball, Double Elimination, \$7 entry, \$100 guaranteed payout, space is limited
- **Knuckleheads:** Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m., 8-Ball Double Elimination, \$5 entry
- **Boscoe's:** Fridays @ 7:30 p.m., 8-Ball Race to 1, Double Elimination, \$7 entry, \$100 guaranteed payout, space is limited
- **Mulligans:** Saturdays @ 3:30 p.m., 8-Ball Race to 1, Double Elimination, \$10 entry, modified APA rules (call pocket)

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

At the end of this month, players have yet another excuse to head to Las Vegas...if you're not competing in the National Singles Championship, you can root for the South County players or compete individually in mini-tournaments.

Hope you have a Happy Easter and enjoy the Spring weather!

Scot & Liza



### Upcoming Pool Events

#### WPBA Southern California Ladies 9-Ball Tour Kick-Off

April 17-18, 2010

Mr. Pockets Sports Bar, Manhattan Beach

This is a WPBA-sanctioned event, where women of all levels can compete in a professional 9-ball format, and even qualify for a pro event! This is a great forum for ladies who want to improve their game and want to meet other women who have the same love for the game.

Please contact Liza for details.

#### 2010 National Singles Championships

April 29-May 1, 2010

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas

See pg. 2 for details.

#### 2010 APA Jack & Jill National Championship

April 28-30, 2010

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas

See pg. 2 for details.

#### 2010 South OC APA Local Team Championships

8-Ball LTC

June 4-6, 2010

Coconuts Café, Capo Beach

9-Ball LTC

June 25-27, 2010

Mulligans Sports Bunker, San Clemente

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



## 2010 National Singles Championships

April 28-May 1

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas

Six players from South County will be participating in the 2010 National Singles Championships in Vegas. In order to qualify for this event, these players won a local qualifier board (within Orange County), and then won a regional tournament in the Fall or Spring to advance to the national competition.

Matt Amalong	8-Ball Classic Purple Tier (S/L 6-7)
Robert Brooks	9-Ball Shootout Black Tier (S/L 6-9)
Clay Bryant	9-Ball Shootout White Tier (S/L 4-5)
Adam Fukushima	8-Ball Classic Purple Tier (S/L 6-7)
Chad Lucewicz	8-Ball Classic Green Tier (S/L 5)
Isaac Wooten	8-Ball Classic Purple Tier (S/L 6-7)
Isaac Wooten	9-Ball Shootout Black Tier (S/L 6-9)

Visit the website [Local Stats Archive](#) > [2010 Singles Qualifiers](#) for player details.

About the Singles Program: APA members who are currently playing on an active 8-Ball or 9-Ball team, and have attained at least ten League match scores during the past two years in their respective format(s), are eligible to participate in the National Singles Program. Local qualifier boards are about \$15 to enter and consist of 4-8 players with one advancing to regional competition. Board winners advance regionally and nationally to one of three Skill Level Tiers (four for 8-ball) that corresponds with their Skill Level.

## 2010 APA Jack & Jill 8-Ball Championship

April 28-30

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas



This modified single elimination tournament is run in conjunction with the NSC. Male/female teams compete in a scotch doubles format in which teammates alternate shots during a single turn at the table. Two teams who competed in the South County annual qualifier will be participating in this event: **Cesar Brandes/Diana Nunn** and **Travis Smith/Allison McGhie**.

Take a road trip to Vegas and support our players! You can also compete in mini-tournaments throughout the weekend...\$10-20 entry fees with 100% cash payback!

### Prestige • Skill • Determination • Endurance



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This year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this highly competitive event which features both a Men's and Women's Division. The winners in each division 2011 pro event, as well as the coveted U.S. Amateur Championship trophy.

Preliminary rounds will be held across the country, September 17-19, the closest being Stix Billiards in Rancho Cucamonga and Shoreline Billiards in Northern CA. The winners advance to the Championship Rounds, November 5-7, in Tampa, FL.

Entry Fee for Preliminary Rounds is \$40 for APA members (\$50 for non-APA members). **Sign up by June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Contact the League Office for details or visit [usamateurchampionships.com](http://usamateurchampionships.com) for additional information.

## Administrative Stuff

### Spring Session Playoffs

The Spring Session is coming to an end, so don't forget that players must play 4 matches this session and must have 10 lifetime matches in order to compete in the Local Team Championships in June. Division and Playoff winners will join qualified teams from the past Summer and Fall Sessions for a chance to compete in the National Team Championships in Vegas! Visit the Local Stats page for current standings and qualified teams from previous sessions.

### Player Credits

Team balances may not reflect credits for players who either get a free week or session, e.g. captains of new teams, or players who get a Top Gun Bounty credit. Please make sure to note these in the **FEES SECTION** at the bottom of the scoresheet, or for electronic teams, note credits in the MEMO of checks that are mailed.

All player credits will be applied by the last week of the regular session (before playoffs).

## Happy Birthday!

### South OC APA April Birthdays

Jared Linge	4/2
Evan Huck	4/3
Preston Strait	4/3
Albert Levine	4/4
Ryan Cheng	4/6
Ashley Reeves	4/6
Chris Truong	4/9
Cheyenne Dixon	4/10
Linda Lewis	4/13
Shawnee Rodriquez	4/15
Robbin Styck	4/16
Daniel Kim	4/16
Jacques Terblanche	4/18
Victoria Smith	4/20
Joshua Flatt	4/21
Jamie Shinpo	4/21
Kyle McIntosh	4/22
William Burch	4/27
Victor Burke	4/29

## Rule of the Month

### THE 23 RULE

The total of the skill levels of the five players fielded in any team match cannot exceed 23. A team playing fewer than five matches must show that it would not have exceeded 23 if the five matches had been played. If the 23-Rule is broken, the offending team would receive zero points for that League match. The non-offending team would receive all points they won plus 1 point for the match in which the 23-Rule was broken and any subsequent matches.

A violation of the 23-Rule has officially occurred when the **balls are broken** in the individual match that causes the violation. If your opponent violates the 23-Rule, notify the opposing Team Captain, and then note the violation on your scoresheet. If the notation (protest) is not on the scoresheet when received by the League Office, it is too late to protest.

This new wording will appear in the upcoming *Official Team Manual for League Years 2010/2011 & 2011/2012*, and the South OC APA currently follows this rule.