

Captains Log, March 10th, 2019

Last weekend was the 2019 Spring Regional at [Pockets Billiards and Brew](#) with participants from Orange County, South Orange County and San Diego competing to qualify for the [APA Poolplayer Championships](#) in May in Las Vegas. Saturday was the [8 Ball Classic](#) qualifier and 70 players were competing for 6 spots at Nationals. The skill level 2-3 tier was won by Shauna Hawk (San Diego), Gloria Kjergaard (San Diego) won one of the skill level 4 tiers and Cassie Ross (Orange County) won the other. Riff Melancon (San Diego) won the skill level 5 tier. The skill level 6 tier was won by Julio Casarrubias (San Diego). Jeff Sobieski (San Diego) won the skill level 7 tier to qualify for Nationals for the 3rd time. This will be the second time Shauna will be playing in the Poolplayer Championships, although her first qualification was in 9 Ball. All of the other players will be participating for the first time.

The [9 Ball Shootout](#) qualifier for the APA Poolplayer Championships took place on Sunday and 5 more players became qualified through this event. In the skill level 1-3 tier, the winner was Byron Houston (San Diego). We had two skill level 4-5 tier winners and they were George Argerake (San Diego) and Ruby Rivera (San Diego). In the skill level 6-7 tier, the winner was Dennis Bryant (San Diego) and the skill level 8-9 tier was won by Larry Carr (San Diego). This is George Argerake's third (and fourth) trip to the Poolplayer Championships, having qualified once previously in both the 8 Ball and the 9 Ball events. George won an 8 Ball qualifier in the Fall Regional, so he joins John "LJ" Pasquarella as two San Diego players that will be competing in both the 8 Ball Classic and the 9 Ball Shootout in May.

It was an amazing year for our [Singles Program](#). Between the October and March Singles Regional events, we qualified 19 players for the [2019 APA Poolplayer Championships](#), and 18 of those players are San Diego APA league members. Here is the full list of players that will be representing San Diego in the Poolplayer Championships:

[8 Ball Classic](#)- Thuy Tran, George Argerake, Calvin Lee, Marakai Fellows, John Pasquarella, Shauna Hawk, Gloria Kjergaard, Riff Melancon, Julio Casarrubias and Jeff Sobieski.

[9 Ball Shootout](#)- Jennifer Greifendorf, Edward Arciniega, John Pasquarella, Byron Houston, George Argerake, Ruby Rivera, Dennis Bryant and Larry Carr.

Each of these winners will be receiving hotel and travel assistance to compete in the event they qualified for. At the Poolplayer Championships, there will be players from all over North America and Japan competing for more than half a million dollars in cash and prizes. First place at Nationals in each skill level tier for the 8 Ball Classic is \$15,000 in cash and prizes and first place in each skill level tier in the 9 Ball Shootout is \$10,000 in cash and prizes. Congratulate these players when you see them. It's an amazing accomplishment to qualify for the Poolplayer Championships.

We wish to thank Pockets Billiards and Brew for hosting the Spring Regional and we wish to thank all of the players for helping make these Regional events go off without a hitch. This was one of the smoothest events we've ever done and excellent sportsmanship played a big part in this event running as smoothly as it did. We certainly don't have to host Regional events. But if we don't host them, our players would need to travel and possibly pay for hotel rooms, so it's nice to want to host them for the players, and the players show their appreciation for us hosting by being on their best behavior and focusing on pool. It was amazing how close so many matches ended up being. There wasn't a single handicap complaint all weekend.

Qualifying for the Fall Singles Regional to qualify for the 2020 Poolplayer Championships is already underway, and nearly 30 San Diego league members are already qualified to compete in the October event. The Fall Regional qualifier window closes on June 15th. You need to be on an active APA team (Masters does not count as a team) with 10 scores in the last 2 years in the format you wish to compete in to participate in local qualifiers. Follow our [SDAPA Singles Qualifiers Events & Info](#) page on Facebook to find out where qualifiers will be taking place. You can use your MVP vouchers just like cash to compete in our Singles Board qualifiers. It's the only thing those vouchers are good for, so put them to good use. If you were an MVP recently, put that great session to the test and see if you can turn it into a trip to the APA Poolplayer Championships and win thousands of dollars in cash and prizes. You can't win if you don't play!

We are [taking signups for our Doubles leagues](#) which will be starting back up in April. We offer Saturday afternoon 8 Ball Doubles every other weekend and 9 Ball Doubles on opposite weekends from 8 Ball Doubles in case anyone wants to play in both formats. Doubles leagues are 2 to 3 person teams with a handicap limit of 10. Two singles matches and one doubles match make up an entire team match, with normal 8 Ball and 9 Ball scoring for the singles matches and double points for the doubles matches. Doubles league team fees are \$30 per team for a match and there are payouts to standings and playoff champions at the end of each session. Contact the league office if you would like to participate.

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