



Date: June 9 – June 15, 2006

Event: Local Team Championships 2008 LY

Location: Golden Cue Billiards, Kelly's Pub, and Cue Time Billiards.

WILD JOKERS AND GANG BOUND FOR VEGAS NTC – NO KIDDING!

During the week of June 9th, 10 nine-ball and 19 eight-ball teams from the San Gabriel Valley APA began their bid for the elusive Vegas spot at the APA Team National Championships scheduled for mid August 2008. This year's entries in this Local Team Championships were comprised of past division winners from the previous 3 qualifying sessions. Once the smoke cleared after a long week of competition, 3 teams bested the rest to lay claim to the 3 national entry spots up for grabs.



In the eight-ball format, "Wild Jokers" of Clancy's Sports Bar jumped the gate turbo style as they dispatched team "Smoke This" 3-0. In round 2, team captain Shannon Jeffers SL4 set the tone with a tough win over Roy Compton SL5 of team "Stroke This". Sam Musa SL6 then followed suit with a 5-1 thrashing over Jose Munoz SL6. In the 3rd round, the "Wild Jokers" were finally tested by team "Ball Strikers" from Cue Time Billiards as both squads found themselves in a double hill situation some 5 hours into the match. Sam Musa was able to capitalize off a Gilbert De Guzman SL5 miss to advance his team to the semi-final round. Their next opponent, team "Beaver Shots" from The Cove had

been red hot thus far having advanced past 2 of the leagues best teams. This featured match was streamed over the internet live and did not fail to deliver. Mark Villa SL4 of the "Wild Jokers" opened the match with a 3-0 sweep over Ken Rogers. Team "Beaver Shots" answered back with Bill Zdroik SL6 as he punished Joe Figueroa SL4 5-1. Captain Shannon Jeffers squeaked passed Bunny Mattice SL4 in the 3rd 3-2 to put the Jokers back on top. In the 4th, Captain Jay Keyzers was able to hold on and beat Sam Musa 5-3. The fifth and final paring matched up Alex Posada SL5 of the Jokers against Maria Hernandez SL2. The outcome of this 5-2 race was in doubt all the way to the final shot as Hernandez was determined not to go down without throwing a few swings. Posada did end up closing the match to advance his crew to the final round with a 5-1 win.

In the bottom bracket of the eight-ball draw, team "Dead Punch" of Golden Cue Billiards fresh off a 1st round bye ended the hopes of team "Hard Q's" from Redwood with a smooth 3-1 victory. In round 3, they were tested by a very determined "Get R' Done" team from The Dawg House. Both teams struggled with the super fast conditions trading off the 1st 4 match ups. In the final match, Jose Acevedo SL3 was able to find a working stroke over Robert Estrada SL4 of "Get R' Done" to grab a 2-0 win. In the semi-final match vs. "Bob's Big Boys", "Dead Punch" broke out the dust pan with a



3-0 sweep. Although the score suggested an easy win, the 1st 2 matches were both decided with a single shot. Jose Gutierrez SL3 from "Bob's Big Boys" captured the opening match game to get on the hill against "Dead Punch" captain Jose Munoz SL6. Munoz was facing a long road back having to win 5 in a row. In game 4, Gutierrez over hit a combo and could not negotiate a cut on his final ball with the 8 in the jaws. This proved to be all the opening Munoz needed as he closed the match out 5-1. In the 2nd match, Amy Pavlock SL3 was heads up against Jose Acevedo SL3. At hill (1-1) Pavlock over hits the cue ball and finds the drain giving up ball in hand, game, and match to Acevedo. With a comfortable 2-0 lead, Martin Barragan SL6 of "Dead Punch" toughs out a long defensive battle with captain Steve Serna SL6 to carry his team into the finals.

With the main prize secured, both "Dead Punch" and "Wild Jokers" took to the tables to play for bonus cash and bragging rights in the finals. Joe Figueroa SL3 grabbed the opening lead for the Jokers with a 2-1 win over Jose Acevedo SL4. Tino Contreras SL6 battled back for DP in the 2nd with a 5-0 sweep over Shannon Jeffers. "Wild Jokers" calm and collected, took care of business in the 3rd and 4th, with wins by Mark Villa over Olivia Marines and Sam Musa over Martin Barragan. This was a great win for the Wild Jokers as they had been a single match away from Nationals 4 years in a row coming up short every time. 5th time was indeed a charm for this tenacious crew. Best of luck to both "Wild Jokers" and "Dead Punch" in August.



In the nine-ball format, team "Tommy's Guns" took advantage of a 1st round bye as they pummeled "Moe's Menagerie" from the Aztec Hotel in the second round 50-30 without going into a 5th match. This short work was facilitated by a stellar performance by Justin Bewley SL5 as he routes Bill Sanders SL5 17-3 in match 3. The 3rd round proved to be a cake walk for the Guns as well as they quickly sent team "Pool Mafia" from the Be Back Bar home in 4 matches again. This time, Bewley was in good company as his 2nd 17-3 win over Daniel Mohrman SL5 was followed by a 18-2 blitzkrieg by team mate Eddie Jaime SL2 over Dawn Tarver SL3. In the finals, team "Fighting Hellfish" couldn't get started against the red hot Guns as they fell 42-18 in 4 straight matches. Captain Tommy Chavez opened with a 15-5 over Spring Session Top Gun Daniel Zagala. Bewley captured the 2nd match 14-6 over Joe Maldonado. In the 3rd, Jeremiah

Duggan SL3 steals 6 points from Nicole Hronas SL3 with a 13-7 win. With the tally at 42-18 after 3 matches, "Fighting Hellfish" captain Aaron Schulman SL7 stepped in hoping for a landslide win to keep their hopes alive. Ryan Grega SL6 proved to be too much however as he secured the needed points to close the contest out with an exclamation point. "Tommy's Guns" grabs the national entry without having to play a 5th match at any point in the tournament. Best of luck to you at Nationals and keep up the extraordinary play.



Bunny Mattice



Kelly and Joe



Nicole and Aaron



The boys from Tommy's Guns



Maria, Daniel, and Nicole of Fighting Hellfish



Maria and Bunny



Mando, Frank, and Steve of Bob's Big Boys

Congratulations:

WILD JOKERS (Clancy's Sports Bar, West Covina, CA)

Shannon Jeffers, Victor Martinez, Bash Syed, Mark Villa, Alex Posada, Joe Figueroa, Kelly Buenrostro, Sam Musa

DEAD PUNCH (Golden Cue Billiards, South El Monte, CA)

Jose Munoz, Martin Barragan, Javier Hernandez, Jose Acevedo, Tino Contreras, Olivia Marines, NP Elias Coto, RIP Zeke Trejo

TOMMY'S GUNS (Cue Time Billiards, Covina, CA)

Tommy Chavez, Eddie Jaime, Ryan Grega, Jeremiah Duggan, Justin Bewley, Ruben Virgen, Ruben Sanchez

2008 LOCAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 8 BALL

ROUND 1

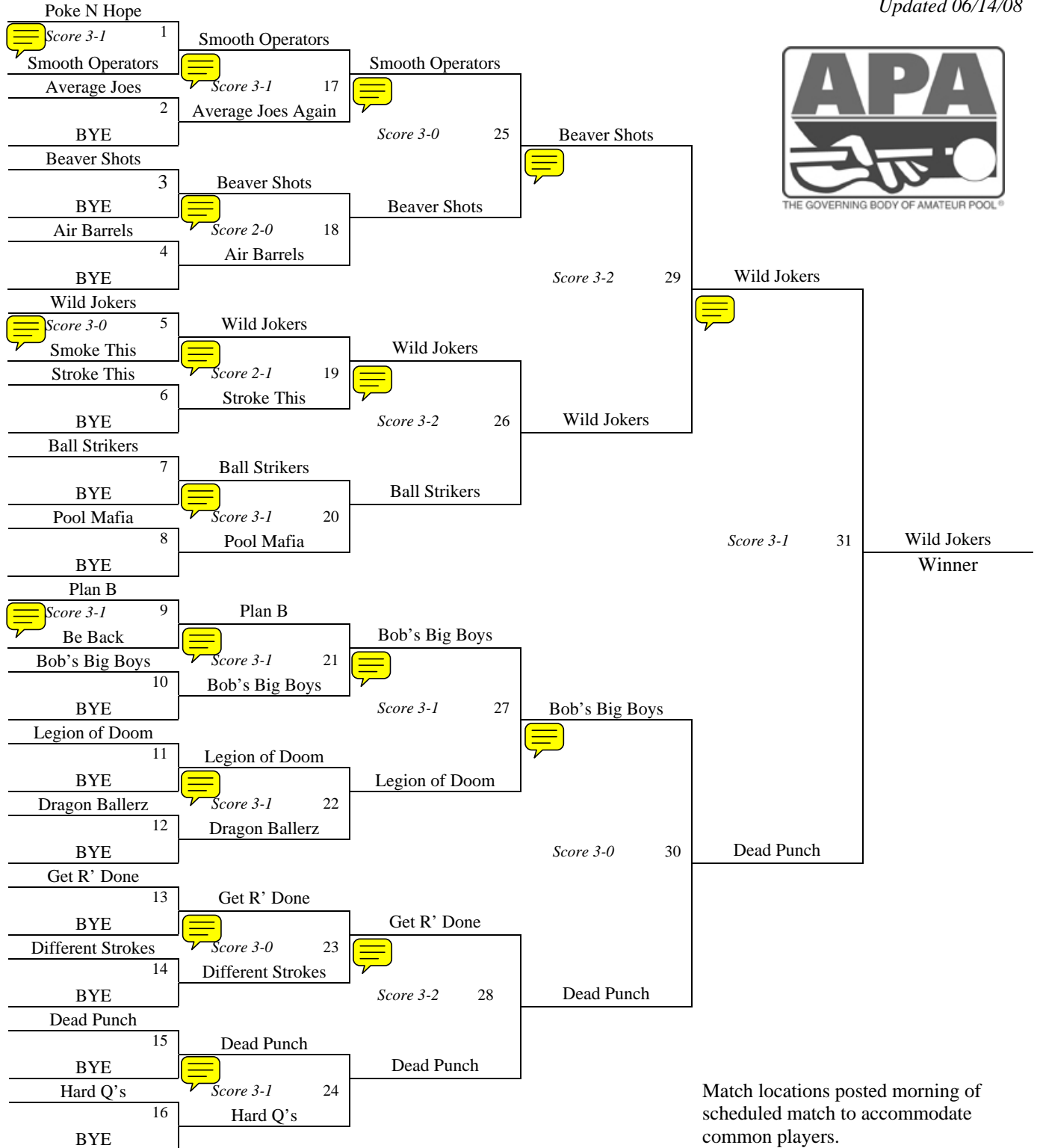
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FINALS

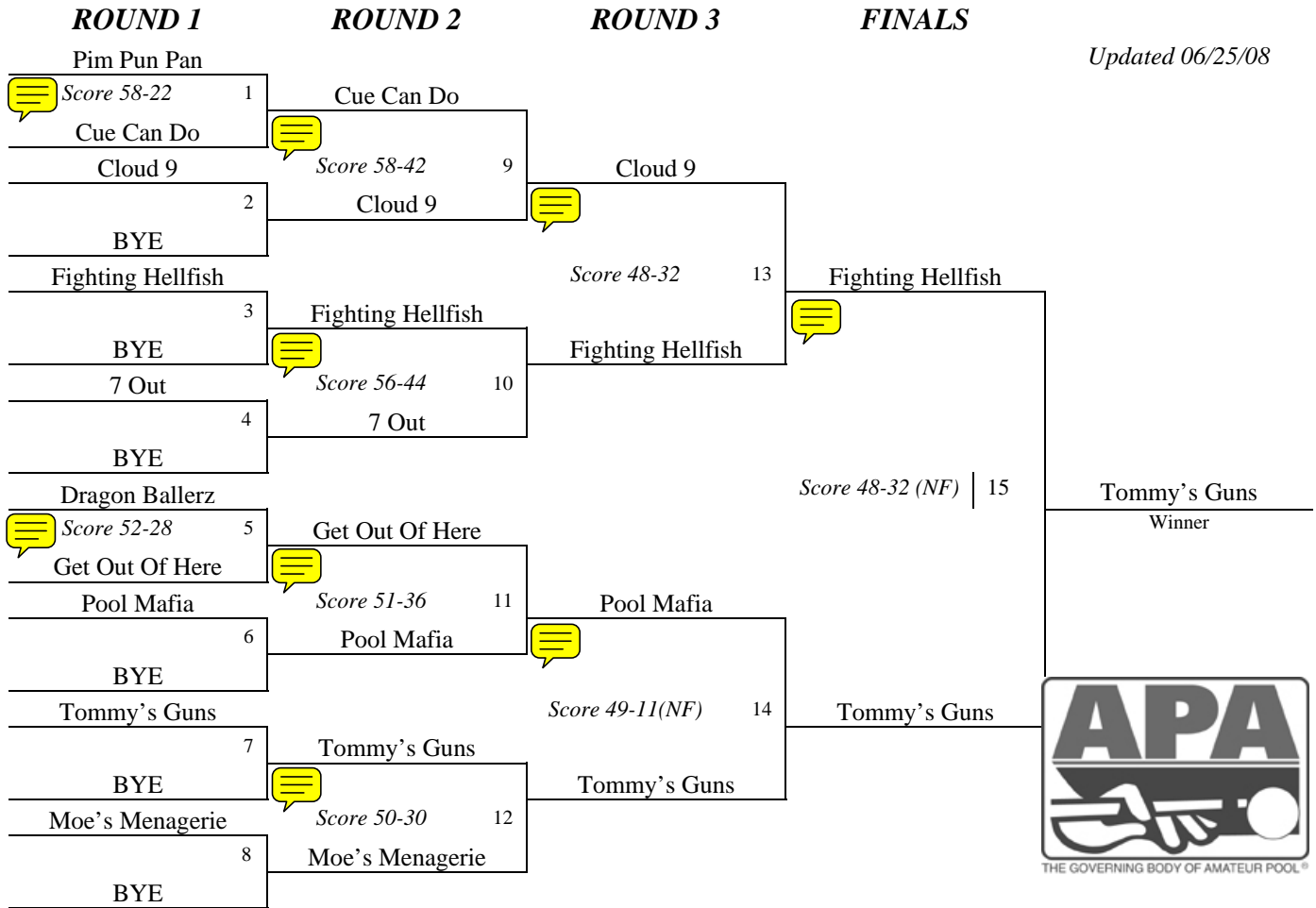
Updated 06/14/08



7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
Mon. June 9, 08	Tues. June 10, 08	Wed. June 11, 08	Sat. June 14, 08	Sat. June 14, 08

2008 LOCAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 9 BALL

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Match locations posted morning of scheduled match to accommodate common players.

7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
Mon. June 9, 08	Thurs. June 12, 08	Sun. June 15, 08	Sun. June 15, 08