

~ 9-BALL DOUBLES TEAM "VEGAS NIGHT AND DAY" ARE HEADED TO APA NATIONALS IN AUGUST

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On June 19th at the Las Vegas Cue Club, 20 players gathered to compete for only 1 spot in the **APA 9-Ball Doubles Event** to be held during the APA National Team Championships at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, August 25-27th, 2010. It was an early morning start and every team was paired well and it was anyone's win. It was a single-elimination format, skill level limit 10 (handicapped per total skill level) and 1 time-out per rack. **Al Burks 6/Gina Aragon 4** first defeated **Wendy Pickhardt 3/Carlo Bellistri 7** and then won over **Scott Medeiros 7/Elle Reid 3**.

Sondra Friestad 5/Amy Encinias 5 defeated **Ryan Messer 5/Catrina Gallegos 5**. The lowest ranked team (only had to go to 19 points) **Melissa Uptain 3/Gary Frerking 3** defeated **Rebecca Hendrix 3/Don Kervin 6**. But then lost to **Tina Moden 4/Chris Erickson 5**. The other lower-ranked, extremely intimidating team was **Mikhail Lerma 4/Wendy**

Broadhead 3 (only going to 25 points) were surprisingly defeated in their first match...they just couldn't get any rolls to go their way. Semi-final round wins were **Sondra/Amy** over **Gina/Al** and **Rob Womble 6/Tammie Couch 3** over **Tina/Chris**. The final match was nothing but exciting. **Sondra/Amy** having to go to 46 points and **Rob/Tammie** going to 38 points. Before the final rack, the score was 42-33 Sondra/Amy. Sondra to break and for what seemed like the first time all day, did not pocket a ball. Rob missed the 1-ball. Amy pockets the 1-ball and leaves Sondra a very tough shot on the 2-ball for shape on the 3-ball. Sondra needing to force draw the 2-ball, it just barely rattled the pocket. Tammie makes an outstanding cut on the 2-ball in the side pocket, but then scratched! With ball-in-hand, Amy takes their 1 time-out to discuss how to run the next 3 balls for the win. Sondra and Amy agreed to keep it as simple as possible and their plan worked. Sondra & Amy (pictured above with League Operator **Marv Rethman**) named their team "**Vegas Night and Day**". They are the only team representing Las Vegas in the 9-Ball Doubles National Event, so come down to the Riv and support them!