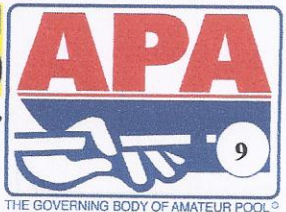


The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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HIDDEN (*Except when in parenthesis*) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Well Happy New Year! 3 People called in to announce that they had found their hidden number in the Oct.22nd Newsletter. They were: **Crystal Maddix** (97218386) who plays for

Mashtun's "Death From Within" in the NO-PO Division, **Alison Chappell** (97205757) who plays for team: "NITE HAWK" in the North-Port 9 division, and **Gerry Moler** (97215641) who plays for KC Sport's "KC's Finishers" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division. So there'll only be a party of 2 for your viewing pleasure this week on page 7. From the October 29th newsletter **Linda Tuve** (97211549) who plays for Legend's "Wait For It" in the River City 9-Ball division called in saying she had found hers!

So folks, there are Nine numbers out there right NOW for the finding... 4 from 10/29/12 and 5 from this week! Get motivated to go and get to looking. Otherwise you'll end up in the loser's corner so everyone can laugh their butts off at you while flipping you the old "L" sign—unless of course you really want that disgrace.

REMEMBER, You have only until the writing of the 2nd Newsletter following the one your number is in to call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt" Otherwise, it's off you go to the loser's corner where everyone can see you and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you must not of wanted yours!

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BE AN OPAL WINNER -- FIND YOUR NUMBER!



OPAL-APA NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE At Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City was Awesome!

November 7– 11 at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City was the place to be. Those who were there will have many cherished memories from witnessing

the WPBA (Women's Professional Billiards Association) first hand—up close and personal— just like they've always seen on TV. All week long the Pro's intermingled among the amateurs and spectators telling stories and giving autographs, doing challenges, and playing in the mini's when ever an opportunity came about.

Starting out with a Pro-Am on Wednesday November 8th: 36 amateurs pre-selected from past pool and winner's circle events at Chinook Winds and OPAL-APA were tripled up with a WPBA pro at the Pro-Am on Wednesday night. WPBA Tournament Director—Steve Tipton—matched up the Twelve teams with one another (3 Amateurs & 1 Pro) on the 9' tables and got underway and the competition and fun began with all the proceeds from the gate all going to the "Taft High School Booster Club". The room was packed with spectators enjoying the festivities of the Pro-Am event with everyone cheering for their favorite amateur or professional player throughout the festive event.

Once play began each match had approximately 20 minutes in which to win as many 9-Ball games as possible. Sharking became the fun thing to do and the WPBA pro's certainly had their fair share of tricks in their possession. They played their opponents to perfection. OPAL-APA players—**Maxine Buhler, Kim Norm, Earl & Ann Stoddard, David Scarth, Joe Dubanski, Steve Hestmark, Robbie Solomon and Glen Shoup** from Salem APA were among the 24 amateurs selected to participate in the event. The Pro's played a whole host of fun tricks. However, the pro's soon learned not to under-estimate the creative tactics of the amateurs because they caught on fast (*Continued Page 2.*)

APA PRO—AM (Continued from page 1.) and were quite inventive of coming up with a few tricks of their own.

Steve Tipton



After 3 rounds of competition the two high point teams were determined and a playoff ensued. But no one really cared because they were all too busy laughing and having a good time. The winning team won gift certificates as well as the "bragging rights" to the same fun evening that everyone else had! Taking 1st was **Steve Hestmark's** team with Pro **Vivian Villareal** "The Texas Tornado" who had made it to the semi-finals with an outstanding accumulation of thirteen 9-ball game wins.

While the final Pro-Am playoff was underway Steve Tipton opened up the room for Pro-Am Challenges. Any amateur could pay and challenge a WPBA pro. For \$20 an amateur challenger could pick the pro he or she wished to challenge. For \$10 the tournament staff picked the pro that the amateur would play—based on whoever happened to be available at the time. Several amateurs even played multiple pro opponents, and of course the charity fund grew and grew. When it was all said and done three things. First over \$2500 dollars was raised for charity, and for sure, everyone agreed on the facts that (1) we all had a blast, and (2) those WPBA ladies were all excellent players and if the amateur didn't break and run—it was rare if they won a game!



The Check For Charity

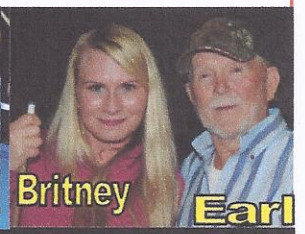
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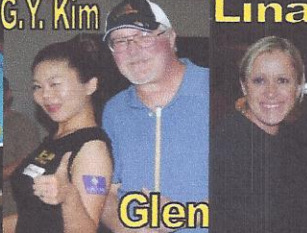
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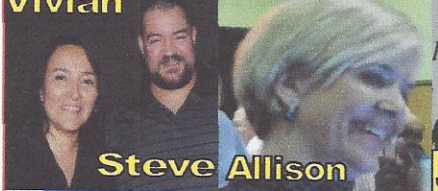
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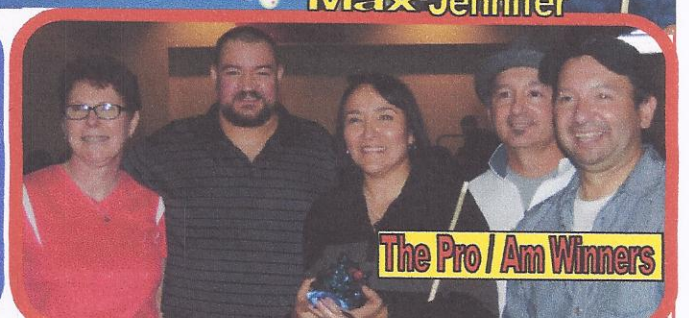
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The OPAL-APA Nine



The Pro / Am Winners

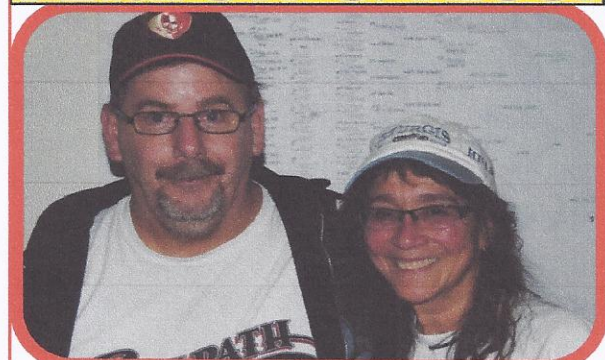
EARLY BIRD SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday Nov. 8th the Modified Single elimination "Early Bird" 9-Ball Scotch Doubles started off promptly at 9:00 AM with a board of "92" APA pairs from all over the Northwest. We paid down through the top 24 places or roughly 27% of the field.

Making it into the money and are listed in the table chart at right: 



Andrew & Ricci



Mike & Nancy Ann Kennedy

RANK	\$\$\$\$	Team Name, Players, & Where/From
1st	\$1,150	What Just Happened?-Andrew Sullivan & Ricci Jean-Bart...Salem
2nd	\$ 750	Efen & Earl — Mike & Nancy Ann Kennedy.....Seattle
3rd	\$ 450	4 Earl—Jeff Moore & Staci Moore-Moses.Seattle
3rd	\$ 450	Easy Cheesy — Robert Crowley & Raymond Young.....Seattle
5th	\$ 300	Mr. F —Dane Cue & Megan Mitsules.....Seattle
5th	\$ 300	Off In The Corner —Larry Burnside & Randy Snyder.....OPAL
5th	\$ 300	Gangsta Boogie—Kainoa Kama & D. Armstrong..... Seattle
5th	\$ 300	Rum A Dum Dumb—Patrick Femling & Dennis Keeler ... Seattle
9th	\$ 200	Spice Racks—Tom Kerrigan & Jillian Boyett.....Seattle
9th	\$ 200	In Cahoots — Rockee Wey & Anton Renz.....OPAL
9th	\$ 200	Just Us 3 —John Meister & Leann Glahn.....OPAL
9th	\$ 200	Last Call —Jeff Hayes & Chahala Hill.....OPAL
9th	\$ 200	Pool Pirates—Naga Ayrasomayajula & Scott Fisher..... Seattle
9th	\$ 200	2 Whacks U Lose—Bob Winfield & Jason WilliamsOPAL
9th	\$ 200	Oops Again —Deana Butler & Lee Miley.....OPAL
9th	\$ 200	Battery Operated —Bob Brown & Sue Zimmerman.....Seattle
17th	\$ 100	Suspect My Authority-Rohit Tatachar & Brumas Newstead -Seattle
12th	\$ 100	Ebony & Ivory—Brent Standridge & Jim Edwards.....Seattle
11th	\$ 100	Who Needs A Six?—Pat Neesham & Susan Ross.....OPAL
16th	\$ 100	Pepsi Please —Jeff Hiatt & "Mad" Maxine Buhler.OPAL
14th	\$ 100	SKSR — Timothy Grant & Nina Doel-GrantOPAL
10th	\$ 100	Stripes or Solids? —Leonard & Barb DuvalOPAL
11th	\$ 100	Black & Beautiful —Karrar Mayweather & Shelby Locati. . .OPAL
17th	\$ 100	Wallow In Follow — Clifford Strom & Vicky Titus Seattle

Opening Ceremony

At 7:30 PM on Thursday evening Nov, 9th we began opening ceremony / players meeting-a-la-Boomer & John Blue. It also included informative later presentations from **Steve Tipton**—WPBA Tournament Director—giving the welcoming invocation,

Steve's a very energetic speaker who informed everyone of what was going to be happening in the pro tournament room and **Jeanette Lee** who is the official WPBA player representative for APA, welcomed everyone to the event.


After the conclusion of the opening Ceremony the 3-person team competition began it's first round-robin-flight with a total combined field of 105 teams entered. The field was broken down into 2 flights of 52 and 53 teams and on into 3 and 4 team brackets. One flight would play while the other flight was free to do what they wanted—gamble, watch the pros, enter mini's, beat the Merle, or just relax and get something to eat.

By Friday night at 7:30 PM the Round Robin Portion of the 3-person tournament had been completed. And by 8:30 PM the new modified single elimination board had been drawn, set up, and underway, as scheduled, with the winning teams in each of the 27 three & four team boards plus the wild cards drawn from 2nd place moving on to the double elimination board part of the competition.

Saturday's play found us resuming with the 3rd round of 3-person play at 9 AM followed by the start of the Weekender Scotch Doubles at 10: AM Followed by countless "Billiards & Barstools" hosted mini's and a 56 person singles tournament. By Nights end it had to be all be over.

In the 56 persons entered "**Lincoln City Open**"—a double elimination single's event directed by "Billiards and Barstools," paid out the \$1,450 purse to the top 16 finishers. **Chad Vilmont** from Illinois and **Mark Haddad** from Denver split 1st & 2nd place money (\$350 + \$225=\$287.50 Ea) **Bobby Zack** of Portland took 3rd (\$150), **Steve Lingelbach** of Portland took 4th & \$125. Tied 5/6 and winning \$100 Ea was **Vince Mellot** and **Grant Walstrom**. Tied 7/8th & winning \$70 Each was **Darin Walding** and **Tavis Wagner**. Tied 9/12 th and winning \$40 Each was **Peni Mesa**, **Tim Guimares**, **Duane Allen**, and **Ira Montour**, and last tied at 13/16th and winning \$25 Each was **Randy Baker**, **Steve Copher**, **Shelby Locati**, and **Martin Wragg**.

3-PERSON TEAM EVENT

The final match concluding the 3 person event was not over until 1:30 AM. In the past we have always continued the final rounds on to Sunday morning, but so as not to conflict with the WPBA ESPN televised pro finals it was necessary that we finish up with everything as early (or late) Saturday night so that the WPBA production staff could ready the room with stadium seating and develop an arena for television. Thanks to Head Referee **John Blue** who oversaw our great referee staff of **Don Walker, Dan Fendall, Kristi Hill-Pratt, James Moore, Glen & Lori Shoup, Cory Bananto, David Scarth, Anton Renz, Shannon Fey-Young, and Larry Hande**, in monitoring the Modified Single Elimination format in phase II of the 3 person team event we managed to get everything done before giving out the door prizes. Even though we paid out to 50% of the field, for purposes of brevity the top 24 finishers are listed in the Table Chart to the right: 



Bad Name 9



He's Not Our Dad!

RANK	\$\$\$\$	Team Name,	Players,	&	Where/From
1st	\$1,200	Bad Name 9	John & Jessica Gallagher, with Pru Peltier		Seattle
2nd	\$ 900	He's Not Our Dad	Bob Brown, Megan Mitsules, & David Stiltner		Seattle
3rd	\$ 600	3 Men & A 9 Ball	Pat Stainaker, Colin Avrech, & Chris Hart		Seattle
3rd	\$ 600	Twisted Cue Club	Cory VanNortrick, Darrell Vanzant, & David Lash		Tacoma
5th	\$ 500	Rum A Dum Dumb	Pat Femling, Dennis Keeler, & Jason Williams		Seattle
5th	\$ 500	Can't Get Right	Brent Standridge, Dane Cue, & Jim Edwards		Seattle
5th	\$ 500	Cruel & Unusual	James Moore, Bill Walker, & Kristy Hill-Pratt		Salem
5th	\$ 500	If U Ain't 1st Ur Last	Colby & Cindy Garvin, Austin Hale		Salem
9th	\$ 400	Where's The Beef?	Dwayne Larsen, Dara Koch, & Sandy Carl		Salem
9th	\$ 400	Smooth Stokers	Brian Eoff, Dick Ohnstad, & Larry Donnelly		Salem
9th	\$ 400	Str8 Be 9in	David Schwarzkopf, Buddah Logan, Justin Kassing		Salem
9th	\$ 400	The Devil Makes 3	Mike O'Jones, Cory Bananto, & Matt Sherrick		OPAL
13th	\$ 300	Boogie & The Babes	Kirk Boyens, Katrina Calvo, Sue Zimmerman		Seattle
13th	\$ 300	Wallow In Follow	Cliff Strom, Mike Schamens, Vicky Titus		Seattle
13th	\$ 300	OMG It's OJPI	Olga Azarova, Jessica Aarhus, & Patrick Loughlin		Seattle
13th	\$ 300	No, We'll Decide	Wendy Curtis, John Duncan, & Jaime Valdez		Seattle
17th	\$ 200	A Handful	Ralph Ghent, Theresa Twedt, & Debie Leelyn		Seattle
17th	\$ 200	Seuss On The Looze	Jessica Madden, Scott Fukuda, & Vince Romano		Seattle
17th	\$ 200	Green Hamm 'n' Mags	Brad & Traci Magnessen, and Wende Hamm		Salem
17th	\$ 200	Mayhem	Larry & Leigh Crain, and Tami Rucker		Salem
17th	\$ 200	Jeff Needs Fireball	Jeff Hayes, Breanne Jones, & Jennifer Windell		OPAL
17th	\$ 200	Catchin' A Buzz	Mike Morris, Jessica LaDuke, & Meagan Marshall		OPAL
17th	\$ 200	Just Cuz	Joe McCraw, Kyle St. John, & Courtney Corda		OPAL
17th	\$ 200	General Jacks	Alyssa Wortman, Tony Graham, & Brandon Lee		OPAL

BEAT THE MERLE

IN THE BEAT THE MERLE CONTEST...Merle, took on any and all challengers playing a total of 354 racks of 9-Ball from Thursday Noon through late Saturday even racking up a total of 222 wins and 132 losses. (Fifteen of those losses were twelve 9-Ball Breaks and three Break 'n Runs by the challengers) Unfortunately, for Merle, none of the WPBA pro's who were competing next door were able to "find" the time to come in and take over the challengers for him although for a while Jeanette Lee & Vivian Villareal did some charity Challenges on their own, but there were no pro relievers that came in to take over some of his challenges. However, early Saturday morning he did finally get a little break when Portland's finest —freshly back from Hawaii— **Bobby Zack**, came in and took over the helm for a few matches giving Merle a much welcomed break.

Several people succeeded in beating Merle and got a ticket in a drawing for 3 prizes—A nice McDermott Cue with multiple inlays, A nice Cue Tec Breaking cue, and a great Lacassi "Jump" cue. The Challenger always got to break and those that snapped the "9" in on the break were given two bonus tickets in the drawing, and those who broke and ran got one bonus ticket in the drawing. Those who just beat Merle only got one ticket in the drawing— which was held just shortly after Midnight on Saturday night.

Winning the McDermott cue by the skillful drawing hand of "Jessie" from Billiards 911— was **Nina Doel-Grant** from OPAL. Winning the Cue Tec breaking cue was **James Moore** from Salem's "My Players," and winning the Lacassi Jump Cue was **Paul Alexander** from up north in Seattle way. (Continued on Page 6.)