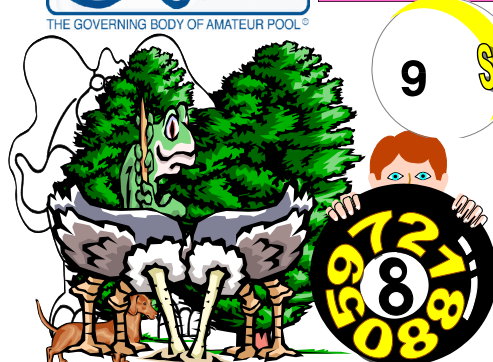




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Summer 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

SEPTEMBER

14—16thm Rodder's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Rodder's hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts. Other than some microphone connection problems at Rodder's everything seemed to go along pretty smooth logistically.

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From last week's September 11th newsletter there was not a single one brilliant observer so far that has found their hidden number and called in. Amazingly enough a whole bunch of 'em played in the 9-Ball Tri cup and were at both the Midway and up at Rodders this past weekend Hmmm !!!

There is still one more week & five unfound numbers to go (plus the 5 new ones from this week's newsletter) before the losers corner comes into effect.

All you have to do if you find your hidden number is to call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt" and you'll avoid the week-long camping trip to the back page where you'll be in full visibility of all your peers. Which possibly means, that they'll be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — 'cause they will know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box simply because YOU weren't observant enough to find yours & avoid the embarrassment!

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There were 38 9-Ball division finalist teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format, — which was double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. It was a weekend of close competition with many of the team matches going right down to the last rack to decide a winner. However, if a team reached 50 points with three match wins, or 51 points the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of \$12,104 (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 75% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost half of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at 8:30 PM. An interesting statistic this time around was that only 2 of the 6 teams that lost on Friday lost their very next match to be put out of the tournament. Apparently Summer Re-Runs wasn't part of the curriculum! The final results were as follows:

FINISHING 33-38th and winning \$150 were: Jake's "Momz & A Dad," 505's "Felt Up," Sweet Home's "Kamikazi !!!," Shamrock's "Shamwow," Vogie's "The Challengers," and Sundowner's "Just Whack It!"

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning \$200 was Calamity Jae's "Crazy 8's," McAnulty & Barry's "Pooligans," Touche's "Godzilla," Broadway Saloon's "Chalk 'N Loaded," McAnulty & Barry's "Blackout," Back Alley's "The Ravens," Ringo's "Scratch 'N Sniff," and Rodder's "Under The Influence."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$250 was: Domenic's "Coulda Shoulda," Don's Dugout's "Shooting Stars," Rodder's "Those Guys Again," River Road House's "Secret Society," Buffalo Bill's Saloon's "BB Sqrew Ballz," Hideaway's "Sarcastic By Nature," Scotty's "Kiss of Death," 18981279 and McAnulty & Barry's "Profanity."

FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$300 was: Sam's "Showtime," Sellbergs's "Cruisin' 8-9," Ringo's "Drunken Monkeys," Cleary II's "Blinker Fluid," Wrangler's "Body English," Fortune Star's "Where R We Next," Sweet Home's "S.H. Rack 'Em," and Sunset Lane's (Continued on Pg 2.)

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FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home **\$450** each were: Under-ground's "Shark Attack" from the Northwest DJ division— with Team Captain: **Gary Meyer**, and team-mates--**Nicole Jackley, Jeff Murry, Rebecca Cowley, Josh Henry, Tammy Holcomb, Sean Pearson, and Jermie Billsari**; Sam's "Mark It ZERO Donnie" from the Central 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Christopher Parra**, and teammates-- **Andrew Hoffman, Morgan Sackett, Kim Engh, Dan Trafican, Jason Stabe, and Paul Marquez**; Back Alley's "Seriously !!!" from the Mt. St. Helen's Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Dan Fendall**, and teammates--**Don Collins, Cynthia Fendall, Lee Hall, Erik Chiddix, Brenda Collins, David Sahlstrom, and Telisha Tripp**; and Ringo's "Dangerous Cues" from the Mid West Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Kristin "Killer" Cambas**, and teammates-- **Tim Higginson, Nancy Ballotta, David Wardrop, Danny Ogilvie, Michael Baruth, Jessica Moore and Scott Moore**.



BRONZE -- SHARK ATTACK



BRONZE -- Mark It ZERO Donnie

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and **\$650** each was: Pub 181's "Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'" from the Far East Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Erik Norman**, and teammates-- **Ryan Miller, Brandi Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Clayton Miller, Steve Waterworth, and Ryan Jones**; AND Underground's "Seriously ???" from the West Hills 9-Ball division— with Team Captain: **Steven Lambert**, and teammates--**Douglas Best, Trisha Stephens, Deana Copeland, Jessica Kellar, Brandon McIntyre, David Bumgardner, and Brandon Stephens**.



BRONZE -- Seriously !!!

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and **\$900** from the Farside Double Jeopardy division was Pub 181's "On The Run" with Team Captain: **Debra Woynowskie**, and teammates: **Jonathan Edwards, Jody Gannon, Cathy Demars, Todd Looney, Angelique Looney, Danny Dorton, and Jaime Parker**.



BRONZE -- DANGEROUS CUES

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of **\$1,204** was: Icehouse's "8 N 9 ERS" From the Mt. St. Helen's Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Kevin Byrnes**, and teammates:—**Nicholas Huesties, Michelle Zenter, Roy Estep, Crystal Quigg, Jeff McDowell, and David Vernwald**.

Both teams ended up taking the long way around to get to the finals. "On The Run" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped out of the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping journey towards the finals. Drawing a "Bye" on Friday Night at KC's Midway, they began right out of the gate on Saturday morning by getting knocked to the one loss side by (Continued on Page 3.)

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"Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'" After another "Bye" in the 1 PM round "On the Run" ran over "Chalk N Loaded" In Saturday's 5 PM round, Then they got the night off to return to the 9 AM Sunday morning medal round up at Rodder's where they ended up showing the door to "Where R We Now" to guarantee themselves a spot in the 2013 June Regionals. After that,, "On The Run" Harpooned "Shark Attack" leaving them out the door with the Bronze, Next, they seriously defeated "Seriously?!?!" and left them behind holding the Silver while they relaxed on waiting seat for the Gold/Platinum finals.

In the meantime, "8N9ERS" took a similar path to the finals. Drawing a "Bye" on Friday night up at Rodder's, they started out Saturday morning by getting zero'd in on by "Mark It ZERO Donnie" and being sent to the one loss side where they also got a "Bye" in the 1 PM round. In the 5:00 Pm round they snuffed out "Scratch N Sniff" to go into Sunday's 9 Am round against the "Showtime." It was "showtime" alright but it was the 8N9ERS doing the showing 'em right on out the door while they lay win claim, and bragging rights, to at least a Bronze Medallion and a slot to regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday 8N9ERS seriously ended the journey for "Seriously!!!" and left them behind holding the Bronze. Moving up into the 3 PM round "Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin" came up short against them, and so it was off the finals for the "8N9ERS" and off down the silver asphalt highway for the "Talkin' Chalkin's."

Whether "8N9ERS" just suddenly came alive, or if "On The Run" simply ran out of steam—when the dust settled after the 5 simultaneous match-play tables the finals result was as follows:

On Table 3: 9-ers SL-4 **David Vernwald** defeated Run's SL-4 **Jonathan Edwards** 13-7.

On Table 4: 9-ers SL-3 **Michelle Zentner** defeated Run's SL-2 **Jaimie Parker** 14-6.

On Table 5: 9-ers SL-4 **Jeff McDowell** over-ran Run's SL-4 **Jody Gannon** 14-6.

On table 6: 9-ers SL-3 **Roy Estep** topsy turvey'd Run's Team Captain SL-5 **Debra Woynowskie** 15-5, and

On table 7: 9-ers Team Captain SL-5 **Kevin Byrnes** was closely scraped by Run's SL-8 **Danny Dorton** 12-8. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

8n9ERS: 64 — ON THE RUN: 36.

After everything was said and done, "8n9ERS" —all grinning from ear to ear were absolutely delighted that they were able to claim the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,204 check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2012 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions.

The next step will be the June 2013 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 9-Ball Tri-Cups for what still appears to be 6 possible team slots that will be allocated to us this next year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas August 14-22, 2013.

Special Thanks again to the owners and staff of Rodders and KC's Midway for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Steve and Becky Chandler, Charlie Walker, David Scarth, and Don "Coyote" Walker, &, of course, bunches and bunches of help and hours from that man of so may hats—the one and only genuine original — Mr. John Blue C.D.S.V.



SILVER - Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'



SILVER - Seriously?!?!?

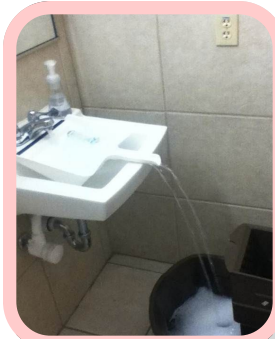


GOLD - On The Run



PLATINUM - 8n9ERS

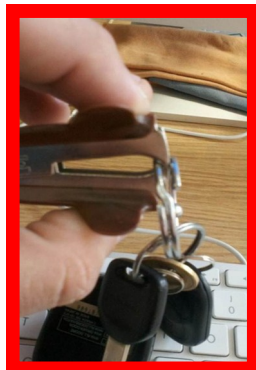
HINTS FOR THE DOMESTICALLY CHALLENGED



Use a (clean) dustpan to fill a container that doesn't fit in the sink



Place a rubber band around an open paint can to wipe your brush on, and keep paint off the side of the can



Use a staple remover to save your fingernails when trying to add things to your key ring!



Use bread clips to save flip-flops with split holes



Put a wooden spoon across boiling pot of water to keep it from boiling over



Use sunglasses or a small convex mirror to avoid people sneaking up on you while wearing headphones
At work



How to keep the straw from rising out of your soda can



Use a microfiber cloth to prevent frost from forming on the windshield.



How to put shoes in the dryer



Use a comb to keep a nail steady for Hammering and Eliminating the risk Of hitting fingers



Use a post it note to catch drilling debris.

Submitted By
Jeff Clohessy



There is no loser's corner until next week! But, there are still 3 numbers unclaimed from week #1 plus 5 new ones from this week-So, get looking !!

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