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(Except when in parenthesis)
Somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA

Membership numbers.

From the September 11th newsletter not a single solitary soul has called in to utter the magic words and claim their prize. NOT ONE! This means there's a party of "5" for your viewing pleasure in this week's Loser's Corner for you to ridicule & laugh at.

From the Sep. 18th Newsletter guess how many people found their freaking number and called in? Well I'll tell you...NONE! NADA...ZILCH, AND ZIP! Guess what else? One of 'em that didn't call in is in this week's newsletter so I'm going to have a lot of fun next week if that person doesn't wake up and call in.

There are exactly "5" old numbers out there plus the "5" new ones from this current week for a total of 10 numbers to be found. If you haven't checked over the last Newsletter get off your butts and go look.

REMEMBER, You have only until the publishing 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, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you didn't get yours—

BE AN OPAL WINNER - FIND YOUR NUMBER

time was allocated for food, (Continued Page 2.)

The OPAL GEM EXPRESS



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US Amateur Preliminary WASHINGTON & OREGON SWEEP

The Cue Ball in Salem, owned by Jim Lebold, hosted the Western Regional US Amateur Preliminary on Saturday September 22nd, with Merle as director. There were 47 entries representing multiple western regional states—primarily Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada. (5 women & 42 men) Participation was open to any amateur—regardless of Skill Level or league affiliation—who sent in their entry to APA Headquarters in St. Louis prior to the sign up window closing in June of 2012.

The format was double elimination—race to 7 for the men and a race to 5 for the women. The races usually required a combination of both 8-Ball and 9-Ball. The winner of the Lag received the choice of either breaking—or—naming the game to be played first. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent got to choose either 9-Ball, or 8-Ball, to play first. On the other hand, if the lag winner chose the game then the opponent took the break first and it was winner break thereafter. For the Men, If 9-Ball was chosen to be played first then they had to play all eight 9-Ball games. (for the women it was 6 games of 9-Ball) If neither of the men had won 7 games (or the women 5 games) by the conclusion of the final game of 9-Ball the players automatically switched to 8-Ball until one or the other reached their needed game total.

If 8-Ball was the first game category chosen then the men had to play 5 games of 8 ball where as the women played three, then the switch to 9-Ball was made until one or the other reached the required number of games won. The competition began at following registration and the players meeting. From start to finished there wasn't a single sour grape, or altercation. Just lots of smiles and happy faces.

The keen and fierce competition was pretty much continuous once we got underway



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fresh air, and smoke, breaks. Sportsmanship prevailed throughout the day and everyone win or lose obviously was enjoying the competition and having a good time. It was a very long day indeed. However, on the positive side all four of the Final matches—3 Men's and 1 Woman's Final—finished up perfectly 15 minutes apart with the last bracket coming in at 11:15 PM By 11:30 all the forms were filled out, pictures taken, and the etched glass trophies were given out.

In the Men's division the 42 person board produced three individual preliminary champions. In the ladies 5 player bracket one winner was produced. In each of the men's finals it was a race to eleven with 13 games of 9-Ball and 8 Games of 8 ball possibly being played. The ladies final was a Race to 9 game wins and they possibly could play 11 racks of 9-Ball and 6 racks of 8-Ball.

In the Men's 3rd Tier defending 2010 & 2011 Champion **Creigh Dumo** from Bonney Lake Wa, and 2011 Champion **Lee Noble** from Redmond, Wa., repeated their way into the first finishing men's finals. **Creigh** went straight away to the finals match undefeated. He started his journey with a forfeit win over **Jose Rivera** from Des Moines, Wa., who was a "No Show." Next in round two he walloped **Gerry Tierney** also of Redmond. In the third round **Creigh** sent Salem's **Tavis Wagner** off to visit the one-loss side, and in the fourth round, he beat eventual 2nd Tier Champion **Frank Rocha** to win the winner's point and wait at the gate for an opponent for the 3rd bracket tier finals, and a chance to defend his title. For the third year in a row.

Meanwhile Redmond Wa.'s **Lee Noble** had began his journey also from the 3rd Tier. However he took a totally long and perilous path to get to the finals. **Lee** started out of the gate in the first round by getting slapped to the one-loss side by Seattle's **Aaron White**. In the second round **Lee** took the opportunity to regroup himself during a "Bye" . Then, he butchered Spokane's **Mike Hamm**, "ding donged" OPAL's **Gary Bell** from Tigard, made an ugly duck out of Spokane's **Billy Swanson**. Next **Lee**, cold cocked **Travis Babcock** of Spokane then went on to defeat OPAL's **Martin Wragg** of Beaverton to take seventh round giving him access to move into the finals against Bonney Lake's undefeated 2010 & 11 preliminary champion **Creigh Dumo**.

In the end, former 2010 Preliminary Champion **Lee Noble** fought valiantly he proved no match for the determination of **Creigh Dumo** who ended up defeating **Lee 11-4** to claim his third in a row and the 2012 preliminary title. **Creigh** also claimed the bragging rights to being the first preliminary champion to fill out the winner's packet forms and get his picture taken with big chief wooden feather.

In the Second Men's Tier Bracket, **Josh Anderson** from Yakima, hopped, skipped, and jumped his all the way to the finals undefeated. **Josh** started his journey with a win over Seattle's **Mark McElwain**. Next he easily defeated **Jack Tucci** from Burien Wa., as **Jack** was a No Show. In round 3 Josh sent Spokane's **Billy Swanson** flying over to the one-loss side then went on to take the winner's point by sending Seattle's **Greg Fee** to follow immediately afterwards. Now all **Josh** could do is perch himself on the winner's point and wait to see who his final opponent would be.

Meanwhile, starting out on the 3rd bracket was past preliminary champion **Frank Rocha** from Tacoma Wa., **Frank** started out by "ringing the bell"—Opal's **Gary Bell** from Tigard that is, and sent him vibrating over to the one-loss side. In the second round **Frank** butchered another OPAL player **David Scarth** from Portland. In (Continued on Page 3.)



CRIEGH DUMO



FRANK ROCHA

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dominated over **Aaron White** from Seattle. However, then things changed in round four when **Criegh Dumo** stopped **Frank's** progress dead in his tracks at the winner's point to send **Frank** avalanching into the 2nd tier one-loss side semi-finals where OPAL's Beavertonite, **James Knappenberger** was waiting. **Frank** caught **Jim Knappenberger** napping and took the semi's and head to the Tier 2 Finals where Yakima's **Josh Anderson** was waiting. In the Finals, **Frank** went through **Josh** like a hot knife through butter defeating him 11-4 sending **Josh** down the road back to his home in Yakima. **Frank Rocha**, from Tacoma Wa., quickly claimed the bragging rights to being the second preliminary champion to fill out the winner's packet forms and get his picture taken with big chief wooden feather.

In the first Men's Tier, Yakima Wa.'s **Richard Fear**, and **Aaron White** from Seattle Wa., made it to the finals. **Aaron** started his journey in the third tier with a win over Redmond Wa.'s **Lee Noble**. Next he defeated **John Strout** from Renton Wa., and in the next round he got kicked to the one-loss side in the first tier by Tacoma's 2009 champion—**Frank Rocha**. Putting the pedal to the metal **Aaron** spidered Spokane's **Mike Webb Jr.** Then out-Casanova'd Seattle's **Sal Romeo**, and then he freely won over Seattle's **Greg Fee** to earn his spot to play in the finals.

Meanwhile, **Richard Fearr** started out on Men's Bracket #1 with first round "Bye". In the 2nd round **Richard** made "pork chops" out of **Mike Hamm** from Spokane. Next he upended OPAL's **Daniel Olson II**, from Kelso, and then got by OPAL's **Martin Wragg** from Beaverton to find himself on the winner's point to see who would emerge out of the one-loss side to be in final opponent. Of course that turned out to be Seattle's **Aaron White**.

In the race to 11 finals both **Richard** and **Aaron** fought hard and valiantly all the way to double hill finish. Both players had opportunities to close the deal but in the end it was Yakima's past champion **Richard Fear** winning over Seattle's **Aaron White** 11-10, sending **Aaron** down the road to his home in Seattle. Therefore, **Richard Fearr**, from Yakima Wa., claimed the bragging rights to being the third men's preliminary champion to fill out the winner's packet forms and get his picture taken with big chief wooden feather.

Moving over to the women's bracket where there were just 5 hungry for glory ladies who were fighting for the one slot. **Coralene "Stacy" Eilts** of Yacolt, Washington and OPAL's **Rebecca Slyter** from Beaverton were the two ladies who ended up in the Finals. **Eilts** went undefeated to the finals by beginning her journey with a "Bye" in the first round. In the second round **Eilts** blasted Seattle's **Gloria Villa** over to the one-loss side 5-1. In the third round she continued her domination by slaying Opal's **Rebecca Slyter** from Beaverton 5-2, and sending her off with a ticket to the one loss side as well. **Eilts** then perched herself on the winner's point to wait and see who would be emerging back for the finals. **Slyter**. on the other hand, had began her journey in round one by defeating **Angie Weber** from Everett Wa., 5-3. Next in round 2 she plucked the feathers off of **Lisa Byrd** from Spokane in a 5-3 win only to lose in the next round 3-5 against **Coralene "Stacy" Eilts**. In the one-loss side **Rebecca** was up against **Lisa Byrd** again for the backside point. This time **Rebecca** with a 5-2 victory sent **Lisa** out the door and down the road to home while hoping to avenge herself to the race to 9 Finals match against **Coralene "Stacy" Eilts**. Six games of 8-Ball and 9 games of 9-Ball later **Rebecca Slyter** from Beaverton found herself claiming the bragging rights to being the ladies 2012 U.S. Amateur Preliminary Champion and to have the honor of filling out the (Continued on Pg. 4.)



RICHARD FEARR



REBECCA SLYTER

U.S. AMATEUR (Continued from Pg. 3) winner's packet forms and getting her picture taken in the majestically laminated silver-less arms of big chief wooden feather.

Criegh Dumo, Frank Rocha, Richard Fearr, and Rebecca Slyter will be traveling east to compete in the US Amateur in Tampa Florida November 9-11 We wish them all the best of success, and a fun trip.

We wish to extend a very special thank you to **Jim Lebold & Crew** of The Cue Ball in Salem, for being such gracious hosts, and allowing us the use of the clean, and well maintained Cue Ball location as the site for this year's 2012 US Amateur Western Region Preliminary. We received many positive player comments on how nice the room was and the fact that the tables were all in immaculate shape and played absolutely fabulous. The whole long day experience, was both exciting and fun as a direct result of the fine condition and quality of the 4 & 1/2 by 9 foot Brunswick tables.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST WORRISOME STATISTICS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS:

25% of ALL women in this Country are on Medication For Mental illness.

This is Scary as Hell!

Because it means 75% are running around with no medication AT ALL!



Submitted By: Dan Bochard

BUMPER STICKERS:

The Shortest Sentence Is "I Am."
THE LONGEST IS "I DO"

WHERE THE HELL IS Easy Street?

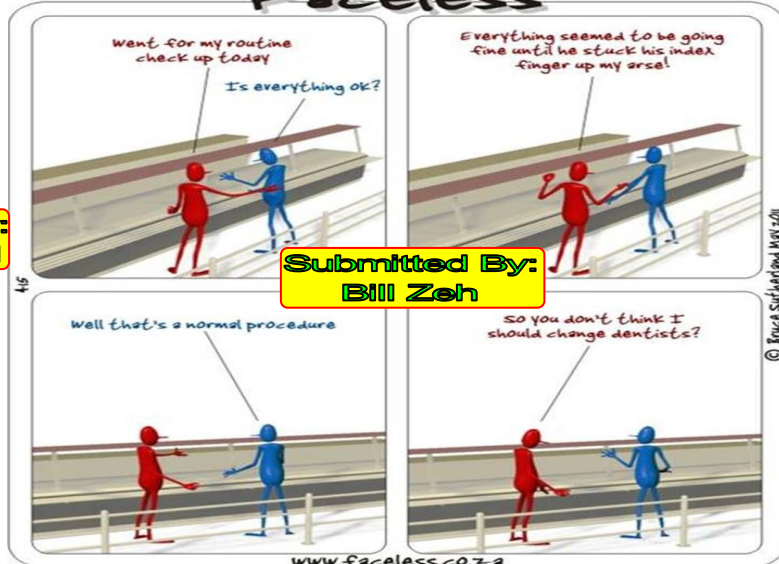
HANG UP AND DRIVE!

Ever stop to think... And forget to start again?

Jesus is coming LOOK BUSY



Faceless



THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 5 people listed below are September 11th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have it LOUD & CLEAR—your best razzing and ridicule. and don't forget to give 'em the old "L" sign,—AND be sure and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—MATT HEGRE** (9725274) who plays for Irishtown's "What? We're Playing Pool?" in the Columbia D.J. div.
- 2—WYNDY MILLER** (97212593) who plays for the Mousetrap's "Trappers" in the No-Po. division.
- 3—BARBARA DUNHAM** (97217715) who plays for Sam's "Sofa Kings" in the Sunrise Dbl. Jeop. division.
- 4—JOSH BOND** (97218226) who plays for Joe Cellar's "Cellar Dwellers" in the Downtown division.
- 5—HEATHER PACKARD** (97219163) who plays for Diamond Palace's "Got Felt" in the Horizon Super 8 div.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully to see if your number isn't hidden somewhere. **RE-MEMBER**, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

