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Summer 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results!



September 28-30th

KC's Midway, and Rodders in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. Both locations and their crews did a fantastic job as hosts. The food and drink service were excellent and the sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. This event even turned out to be extra-special for Boomer, and Myself, because we received several positive compliments from many of the teams and players this past weekend.

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the September 18th newsletter no body has called to utter the magic words, so therefore there'll be a "Loser's Party of FIVE" on the back page this week for you to ridicule!—'Tis a shame 'cause Rebecca Slyter was playing in the US Amateur Last weekend — Tsk Tsk!!!

Moving right along, no one from the September 25th Newsletter has called in yet either...Ya got one more week folks—get off your donkey's and get visual!

Really folks, it's simple...All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause they know that a shirt possibly awaits them 'cause you simply failed to find yours! There's 9 numbers still out for you to find so go look!

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We had exactly 43 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— guaranteeing that all teams got to play twice, but not necessarily lose twice. It was a weekend of close competition with the majority of all team matches going right down to double hill in deciding the winner. Once a team reached three match race wins though the match was declared over.

We had a payout of **\$14,244** which was dispersed throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday at the Midway with for rounds finishing up about 7:45 PM. The results are as follows:

FINISHING 33 / 43rd and winning **\$150** were: River Road House's "Table Scraps;" Slingshot Lounge's "Let's Play Doctor;" Icehouse's "8N9ERS;" Tryon Creek Grill's "The Biz;" Touches' "Godzilla;" Back Alley's "The Bald Eagles;" Joe Cellar's "Cellar Dwellers;" Scotty's "Summer of George;" Gator's "Gimme The Loot;" Underground Sport Bar's "Underground Shark Tank;" and Ringo's "Scratch 'N' Sniff."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning **\$200** for their team were: Fortune Star's "Kung Fu Cues;" Mousetrap's "Let's Pool Around;" Gateway Division's "Cleary's II;" McAnulty & Barry's "Pooligans;" McAnulty & Barry's "Blackout;" Star house's "Playing For Fun;" Star house's "Double G's Fireballs;" and K.C. Midway's "When Pigs Fly."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$250** were: Mashtun's "Death From Behind;" Dominic's "The God Fathers;" Back Alley's "Couve Kings;" Joe Cellar's "Amateur Hour;" Fortune Star's "Behind The 8-Ball;" River Road House's "8 's' & A 's'" Underground's "Money On The Table;" and Shamrock's "Shamwow."

FINISHING 9-16 and just 97205902 missing a medal, but winning **\$350** were: Lion Eye's "Eye of the Tiger;" Timeout Pub's "The Misfits;" 505's (Continued on Page 2.)

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"Felt Up." Rodder's "O.C. Bomb Squad." Tillcum Club's "That's Gonna Leave A Mark." Sellberg's "Cruisin' 8-9." Fortune Star's "City Hunters." and Dog House Saloon's "Puppy Patrol."

FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$500 ,and the "Bronze Medallions" were: **River Road House's** "Off In Church" from the Mid Valley division with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon** and teammates-- **Evan Moore, Craig Martin, Phil Bremer, Mark Adams, Don Palacios Jr., Michael Watkins,** and **Tyler McManus**; **Sam's** "Showtime." from the Sunrise division—with Team Captain: **Blake Fierro** and teammates--**Robert Anderson, Stacy Carnahan, Tim Watkins, Michael Black,** and **Danny Turner**; **Scotty's** "Silver Bullets" from the Southwest division with Team Captain: **Bill Bishop,** and teammates: **John Hess, Connie Bishop, Donna Taylor, John Howard, Steve Kemp, Jeff Harrison,** and **Daren Adams**; and **Underground Sports Bar's** "Why So Hard?" with Team Captain: **Jason Scheck,** and teammates-- **David Bowler, Paul Soldan, Erich Keane, Josh Boelter, Natalia Garza,** and **Paul Johnson.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$800 for each team was **Fortune Star's** "Devil's Rejects" from the Far-side Double Jeopardy division—with Team Captain: **Nina Doel-Grant,** and teammates--**Timothy Grant, Amy Hansen, Craig Irwin, Eric Harmon, Kevin Jones, Chris Schwartzkopf,** and **Brandy Van Riper.** **Gator's** "Lemon Heads" from the Midwest division with Team Captain: **Jason Bennett,** and teammates **Elise Piscitelli, Humberto Buitron, Dana Minor, Danielle Minor, Ray Cooper,** and **Aaron Pavlinac.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,100 was **Auto's Pub's** "Double O.C." from the River City-APA division with Team Captain: **Anthony Darnell,** and teammates--**Ron Farris, Josh Farris, Marcia White, Justin McClintock, Janet Farris, Linda Johnson,** and **Kyle Davis.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,494—from the Northern Double Jeopardy division was **Back Alley's** "The Ravens" with Team Captain **Jonathan "Windex" Hahn,** and teammates: **Helen Hecimovich-Hahn, Brian Newcomb, Anthony Bittner, Brett Usher, Lindy Taylor,** and **Daniel Olson II.**

"Double O.C.'s" journey to the finals was all the way straight forward and undefeated, but certainly not without peril, nor certainly without panic and underwear changes either. They started out at the Rodders on Friday Night by plucking the feather's off of "The Raven's" alter ego "The Bald Eagles" and booting them to the one loss side. Then, the next morning they flattened "Why So Hard?" 3-1 and forced them to fast wing it over to the one loss side as well. At this point, although still in the winner's side, the format changed to Single Elimination—Lose now, and it'd be out the door and down the road. In the late afternoon 5 o'clock round "Double O.C." killed "Death from Behind." only they did it from the front 3-Zip and sent them home. Next, it off to Sunday's 9:00 AM Morning Medal round where they would face "That's Gonna Leave A Mark" who play out of the Tillcum Club in the South-west Double Jeopardy division. (Continued on Page 3.)



BRONZE -- OFF IN CHURCH



BRONZE -- SHOWTIME



BRONZE -- SILVER BULLETS



BRONZE -- WHY SO HARD?

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(Continued from Page 2.) "Double O.C." definitely left a mark on "That's Gonna Leave A Mark" as they sent them out the door with a 3-1 loss leaving "OC" securely with both a medal and a place in the Regionals. In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round "OC's" 3-Zipped "Showtime" sending them home with the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round "OC's" hit a double hill wall against "Devil's Rejects" but manage to out fiddle, and leave them behind with the Silver by the narrowest of margins. After that, it was off to the final Gold/Platinum round, where they would face off against the seasoned "Ravens" and the "Windex" phenon—Jonathan Hahn.

The "Ravens" had a much longer journey to the finals. then did the "OC's!" The Blackbirds started out Friday night at the Midway by getting dog-boned to the one-loss side 2-3 by the "Puppy Patrol." Returning at 1: PM the next day, "The Ravens" let the water out of the "Underground Shark Tank" 3-Zip to move to the 5:PM round. There they avoided double sudden death by 3-Zipping and sending Mousetrap's "Let's Pool Around" out the door to home while "The Ravens" made plans to head on into Sunday's Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round "The Ravens" detonated the "O.C. Bomb Squad" by blowing them out of the water 3-Zip to claim their spot in regionals, and at least a Bronze Medallion necklace. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. "The Ravens" and "Why So Hard" went double hill and double sudden death against each other before "The Ravens" barely squeaked out the win and left them behind holding the Bronze. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round "The Ravens" stopped the undefeated "Lemonheads" with a convincing 3-1 win-leaving them the "Silver"-and head to the finals against "Double OC."

After a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables the final competition began and the results ensued as follows:

On Table 1, Raven's SL-6 **Daniel Olson** was playing against OC's SL-5 **Josh Farris**. The match was tied with 2 games to go, but did not finish .

On Table 2, Raven's SL-3 **Lindy Taylor** wiped out "OC's" SL-3 **Linda Johnson** 2-zip. Score 1 Zip so far in favor of the Ravens.

On Table 3, Raven's SL-7 **Jonathan "Windex" Hahn** conquered OC's SL-5 **Ron Farris** 5-1. to take the race. Score 2-zip in favor of the Ravens.

On Table 4, Raven's SL-4 **Brian Newcomb** was tied double hill 2-2 with OC's SL-4 **Kyle Davis** but they did not finish.

On Table 6 Raven's SL-3 **Helen Hahn** was matched up against OC's SL-3 **Janet Farris**. Janet won the lag and the first game and put herself on the hill. Helen won the 2nd game to bring the match to double hill. In the case game both had their chances but it was **Helen** who brought it home to win the game, the match, and to claim for her team the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions, all the bragging rights, and the crown of: Summer Session 2012 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions.

The next step will be the June 14-16, 2013 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other worthy finalists from both the Fall and Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cups. We probably will have seven slots allocated to us for the APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, August 22-26, 2013.

Special Thanks again to KC's Midway, and Rodders for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Mr. John Blue, Shannon Fey-young, Don "Coyote" Walker, Corey Bananto, Becky Chandler, Charlie Walker, and Stephen Schneringer,



SILVER - DEVIL'S REJECTS



SILVER - LEMONHEADS



GOLD - DOUBLE O.C.



PLATINUM - THE RAVENS

This is for all you grandfathers out there! (Submitted By: Dan Bochard)

Last week, I took my grandchildren to a restaurant. My six-year-old grand-son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Grandpa gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my grand-son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my grand-son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my grand-son asked. "Cross my heart," the man replied. Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "*Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.*"

Naturally, I bought my grand-children ice cream at the end of the meal. My grand-son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you....Shove it up where the sun doesn't shine you grouchy old bag!" *Kind of warms the cockles of your heart doesn't it?*

BLONDE "MAN" JOKES (Again, Submitted By: Dan Bochard)

- ◇ Friend says to a blond man: "Christmas is on Friday this year." The blond man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."
- ◇ Two blond men find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."
- ◇ A woman phoned her blonde neighbor man and said: "Close your curtains the next time you & your wife have sex. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday." To which the blonde man replied: "Well the joke's on all of you because I wasn't even at home yesterday."
- ◇ A blonde man goes to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," he tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems O.K. to me". The blonde man says, "Hold on—you can see better when I take it out of the bowl !!!"
- ◇ A blond man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No", the blond guy shouts back, "this is her husband!"
- ◇ A blonde man was driving home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over, so he tells the cop about all the trees in the road. The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about!"
- ◇ A blonde man's dog goes missing and he is frantic. His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. His wife asked, "What did you put in the paper?" the blond man told her: "*Here boy! Here boy!*"
- ◇ A guard looks in a blond man's cell and sees him hanging by his feet. The guard says: "Just WHAT are you doing?" The blond prisoner replied: "Hanging myself!" "The rope should be around your neck" said the guard. "I tried that," said the blond guy, "but then I couldn't breathe!"

(This one actually makes sense...lol)

- ◇ An Italian tourist asks a blonde man: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the blonde man replied: "Hellooooooooooo, If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat!"

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The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the September 18th, 2012 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1—REBECCA SLYTER** (97208824) who plays for Underground's "*Pool Therapy*" in the **TPM-West** division.
- 2—CURTIS SALAZAR** (97216710) who plays for "*The Greek Village*" in the **Southwest Dbl. Jeop.** div.
- 3—MIKE MCCARTHY** (97217149) who plays for Back Alley's "*Off Kilter*" in the **River City-APA** division..
- 4—ALEXANDRA LAWRENCE** (97218805) who plays for Rodder's "*OC Bomb Squad*" in the **MT. Hood** division.
- 5—LYLE HUBER** (97218981) who plays for Royal Panda's "*Scramble Together*" in the **SOUTHWEST** division.

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

