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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Well Starting out this session we have 12 clueless souls taking up residence in this week's Loser's Corner on the back page. Only one person of 10 people called in from the July 15th newsletter and that was: **Mike Murphy** (97218844) who plays for Pub 181's "Secret Society" in the Farside Double Jeopardy division. And, from the July 22nd newsletter 2 out of 5 called in which were: **Lyn Kelsey** (97217695) who plays for Dominic's "Smokin' Guns" in the Southeast Double Jeopardy division; and **Aaron Planterberg** (97210595) who plays for the Star House "Scratch 'n Sniff" in the Clark County Apa division. This means there will be 9 Losers from July 15th and 3 loser's from July 22nd who will be finding themselves flailing around in the back page's loser's corner for your ridicule and viewing pleasure this week.

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"** or you'll find yourself in the Loser's Corner where everyone can see you and know you snoozed and Loozed!

BE AN OPAL WINNER -- FIND YOUR NUMBER!

August 14 — 24th The Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas was wall to wall pool players. Not just any pool players mind you, but APA pool players from all over the US, Canada, and Japan—Each with aspirations and high hopes of being part of a winning team that would be taking home big chunks of National APA prize monies.

From August 15 – 19th Running parallel to each other were the 438 APA National Team 9-Ball Championships, The Ladies APA National 8-Ball Team Championships, and the APA open 8 & 9-Ball Scotch Doubles championships. From the 19th through the 24th it was the 713 team APA National 8-Ball Team Championships competing.

Running in parallel with that was the 256 team Triple Play Masters championship. The Back Alley **"Alley dogs"** finished out of the money at 129th, but the Star House **"Vultures"** with **Jonathan Hahn, Steve Tune, Todd Gooch, & Pat Schumacher**, made it to 17th and won \$275. Then there was the River Road House's **"Bad Shot Dummies"** with **Paul Marquez, Pete Gates, & Cedric** **"The Entertainer"** **Sloan** who won their way into the Semi's barely losing to the team that ended up winning 1st. The Dummies received \$2,400 3rd place money.

We had six 9-Ball teams representing our Portland/Vancouver area. **Pretty In Pink, Couples R Us, 8's & A's, & Blackout**, won \$350 and went on vacation. However, two teams—Sam's **Mark It Zero Donnie** made it to 65th and won \$500, but Sam's **Noelle's Ink** made it to 17th and won \$1,000.

We had seven 8-Ball teams competing in the 8-Ball Las Vegas team Championships. Auto's "You Marked What Pocket,? Fortune Star's "City Hunters," McAnulty & Barry's "Pooligans," Gator's "Lemon Heads," and Ringo's Why So Hard,? Each won \$350 and went on vacation. However, two teams—Back Alley's "The Ravens," and Cascade's "Breaking Bad" both made it to 129th and pocketed \$1,000. before going on vacation!

Neither of the two 8-Ball, or the one 9-Ball Scotch doubles pairs got to make it into the higher money this year, however rumor has it that they really had a good time and enjoyed themselves during their Las Vegas vacation.



We closed out Summer Session 2013 at KC's Midway in Oregon City hosting the event on Sunday Sept 2nd. **Kraig & Carol Pauli**, and staff, hosted the event. There were very accommodating and had reduced beverage prices for everyone's enjoyment.

Greeting all the people with Hi's and smiles at the door were **Donna Kingsbury** and **Jack Spring** who ran the registration booth, taking money, answering questions etc, while **Boomer**, and **Cindy** perched themselves down the lower pool room area handing out the new session folders.

From 8:30 AM till about 9:30 AM, **Anton Renz** spearheaded a group of volunteers namely: **Shannon Young**, **Joe Dubanski**, **Buck Campbell**, and **Jeff Hiatt**. Those people organized and set up the immense 3 table team trophy display in record breaking time, and did an outstanding job. It looked great!

Merle, **Jeff Hiatt**, and brothers **Charlie**, & **Don Walker** organized and ran two tables of "Survivor APA" and a 9-Ball break contest. until it was time to give at the awards at 4 PM. Nine break contests, and seven heats of survivor were run..

First, n the Nine \$3 entry 10-person break contests which paid \$20 for first and \$10 for second. Winning were: #1-**Lucas Sturdy** 1st, & **Buck Campbell** 2nd; #2-**Jason Alexander** 1st, & **Buck Campbell** 2nd; #3-**Lucas Sturdy** 1st & **Pauline Fox** 2nd; #4-**Buck Campbell** 1st & **Don Walker** 2nd; #5-**Jason Gilbert** 1st & **Don Walker** 2nd; #6-**Buck Campbell** 1st & **Jason Gilbert** 2nd; #7-**Mike Black** 1st & **Lucas Sturdy** 2nd; #8-**Buck Campbell** 1st & **Lucas Sturdy**; and #9 **Steve Hofstetter** 1st & **Buck Campbell** 2nd.

In the \$5 entry Survivor games, there were always 12 contestants in each game paying out \$30 for 1st \$20 for 2nd & \$10 for 3rd. The rules were simple—it was a 12 person ring game. When your turn came all you had to do was make a ball—any ball—in any pocket! If you missed 3 separate times during the course of the game you were eliminated. Last 3 people standing after everyone else had been eliminated made it into the money. There were a total of 7 heats completed. In Heat #1: 1st: **Richard Kiltz**, 2nd: **Rodney Clay**, 3rd: **Mr. Merle**. Heat #2: 1st: **Mr. Merle**, 2nd: **Don Jones**, 3rd: **Mike Farland**. In Heat #3: 1st: **Jonathan Hahn**, 2nd: **Tom Moler**, 3rd: **Jim Shelton**. In Heat #4: 1st: **Mr. Merle**, 2nd: **Jose Espinosa**, 3rd: **Andy Winslow**. Heat #5: 1st: **Jason Gilbert**, 2nd: **Jonathan Hahn**, 3rd: **Mike Black**. Heat #6: 1st: **John Loss**, 2nd: **Jose Espinosa**, and 3rd: **Richard Kiltz**, and in Heat #7: 1st: **Bill Hayes**, 2nd: **Tyson Miller**, and 3rd: **Jim Shelton**.

The Tri-Cup Draws Got Started about 2:15... **Merle** was able to snag Rod Bair who assisted him with the process. Ok so maybe Rod did most of the work, but the fact remains that we moved right through the pre-draw for those who had common players with other teams, and then right on into the main draw for the remainder of the bracket in record setting time. We finished drawing both brackets with plenty of time to do the prize drawings before the awards **(Continued on Page 3.)**

Donna

Jack



Registration

Boomer

Cindy



The Trophies

The Crew





(Continued from Pg. 2) were scheduled to go off at 4 PM. Emcee'd by **Boomer** and with assistance from **Coyote** and a bunch of other helpers the awards went off very smoothly. Approximately 1500 Special Awards, Certificates of Merit, and Trophies were handed out.

League play trophies included: MVP, Most Improved, Sportsmanship, 1st place host location, and first and second place individual team trophies. Certificates of Merit were given for shutouts, Break & Runs, Table Runs, and 8, or 9 on the break.

Meanwhile, as the awards were handed out Merle was set up for digital pictures out the back disarmed emergency door to the alleyway for anyone wanting team pictures.

Since **John Blue** was out sending his daughter off to her honeymoon **Merle** stepped in to give the prizes away. In the past John always picked the prize he was going to give away, then called the number. Merle decided to switch it around a bit, and if you were lucky enough to have your ticket drawn you had choice of what prize you won — except for a cue stick of course—for that Merle reverted back to the John Blue way.

Winning Cue stick's given to OPAL on a great discount from the Cue Ball in Salem were: **Anton Renz Silver Cue Tech**, **Derek Washington—Red Cue Tec**, and **Mike Bielman—Blue Cue Tec**.

Special thanks to Carol & Kraig Pauli, and crew of Midway for all their hard work in hosting this session end party event, and to all the people who helped out with the trophy display setup, special activities, awards, tri-cup draws, and registration—thank you too—it was truly most appreciated. Thank you one and all—you really helped to make the day special.



Capt.-Co-Captain Tournament



The first Saturday beginning the new session is the OPAL day of appreciation for all those who commanded teams the previous session. KC's Midway in Oregon City hosted the 20 player turnout. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$45 in added money from KC's Midway and OPAL we had a total payout purse of \$345 which was paid to the top '8' finishers in the field.

The 32 Board tournament chart was modified single elimination which meant that every player was guaranteed to play at least two times, but beginning the 3rd round in the winners side it then became single elimination. The format was patterned similar to that of the US Amateur in that both 8-Ball and 9-Ball games were usually played. The winner of the lag had first choice of either to break or to name the game. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent chose what game to play first. If the lag winner chose to name the game then the opponent got to break. Skill level 2 & 3's had to win 2 games; Skill Level 4 & 5's had to win 3 games; and Skill level 6 & 7's had to win a total of four games.

We got started around 12:30 Pm just after everyone was registered, the board drawn, and a brief player's meeting where it was announced that after the first game it'd be loser's break. the details are as follows:

The race to the "bragging rights" was an interesting journey for both finalists. For **Adam** (SL-7) **Drew**, Captain of "I'd Hit That" who plays out of Scotty's in the Sunset division, was a direct undefeated journey all the way to the finals. Drawing a "Bye" in the first round, He then began by knocking **Allen** (SL-3) **Miller** to the back side 4-0. In Round 3 he defeated **Scott** (SL-6) **Brickwood** 4-0 sending him out the door to home. Now in the money rounds, Adam upended **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson** 4-2 sending him home with \$20. in traveling money. In the Semi Round, **Adam** 4-Zipped **Stephanie** (SL-3) **Tafolla** leaving her behind with a (Continued on Pg. 4)



(Continued from Pg. 3) 3rd place finish and \$45 in her pocket while **Mr. Drew** went on the winner's point to wait and see who his final opponent would be.

Meanwhile, **Kurt (SL-7) Hamm** who Co-Captain's Tik Tok's "Deli-Gators" in the Midnight division started out also with a "Bye." In the 2nd round he lost a double hill thriller to **Don "Coyote" (SL-7) Walker** who had 9-Ball Breaked him to win their match 4-3. In the one-loss side Kurt drew a "Bye" again, then brutally took out **Denise (SL-3) Wentzel** 4-0 to move back to the winner's side and **Tony (SL-7) Darnell**. **Tony** took 2 of 3 games of 8-Ball and the first game of 9-Ball to find himself on the hill, but **Kurt** took the next 3 games of 9 ball to first tie him on the hill then win the match 4-3 and left him behind with \$20 to travel on home with. In the Semi's, **Kurt** walloped **Mike (SL-6) Black**. 4-1 sending him with out the door with \$45 3rd place money.

The Finals was a race to 4 for both **Mr. Drew** and **Mr. Hamm**. **Adam** won the lag and took the break, **Kurt** called 8-Ball to be played first. **Adam** Snapped off the 8 in the first game **Kurt** snapped off the 8 in the 2nd game and then won the 3rd game. Switching to 9-Ball **Adam** won the first two games putting himself on the hill. **Kurt** came back in game 6 to make it Hill-Hill. **Kurt** won the case game to claim the victory, \$100 and all the bragging rights to being the champion of the 2013 Summer Session Capt & Co-Capt Tournament. For 2nd place **Mr. Drew** received \$75.

Special kudo's to KC's Midway Staff & Crew who did a wonderful job as hosts for this event. Also, to **Don "Coyote" Walker** for officiating and helping **Merle** with getting the tournament organized and underway..



The 12 people listed below are verified losers. The first 9 are from the July 15th and the last 3 are from the July 22th News-letters. If you see any of these people then give 'em the old "L" sign,—& be sure & thank 'em for leaving you a shirt !



- 1—LEE ANN WATSON** (97218894) who plays for Pub 181's "**Secret Society**" in the **Farside D.J** division.
- 2—JOSIEL PENA** (97217516) who plays for Sam's "**Noelle's Ink**" in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 3—SARAH PEARSON** (97210359) who plays for Jin's "**Table Scraps**" in the **Southeast D. J.** Division.
- 4—CHAD DELMAIN** (97218916) who plays Gator's "**Bite The Soap**" in the **Midwest Dbl. Jeop.** division.
- 5—CULLEN THOMAS** (97216698) who plays for Cascade's "**Vantucky Pocket Pounders**" in **RC-9** div.
- 6—THERESA MENDOZA** (97205799) who plays for Hideaway's "**Totally Whacked.**" in the **River City-9** div.
- 7—APRIL BIJAK** (97205998) who plays for Ickabod's "**Maybe Next Week**" in the **Skyline Dbl. Jeop.** division.
- 8—MIKE DUBENDORF** (97204613) who plays for Falco's "**Cheap Dates**" in the **Fareast Dbl. Jeop.** Div,
- 9—NANCY BALLOTTA** (97217940) who plays for Big Red's "**Rangers**" in the **Sunset** Division.
- 10—JONATHAN EDWARDS** (97209621) who plays for Pub 181's "**On The Hill**" in the **Farside D. J.** Division
- 11—JIM LEHMAN** (97206709) who plays for Star House's "**Coyote's Pack**" in the **River City-9-Ball.** Div.
- 12—REBECCA SLYTER** (97208844) who plays for Underground's "**Pool Therapy**" in the **T.P.M.W.** Division

Sex after surgery ... Submitted By:
Bill Zeh

A recent Article in the Standard Times reported that Anne Maynard has sued St. Luke's Hospital stating that after her husband had surgery there, he had lost all interest in sex.

A hospital spokesman replied....
"Mr. Maynard was admitted, and underwent surgery in Ophthalmology; all we did was correct his eyesight ! "

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, 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 97209542 attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

