

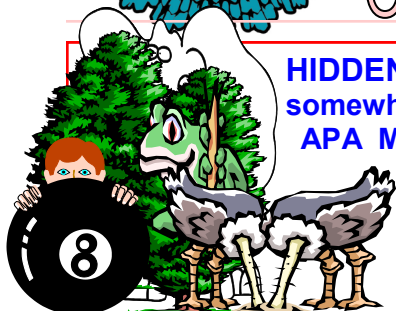


# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

Original Pool Amateur League: (OPAL) --" A Real 'GEM in YOUR Community!"

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**HIDDEN** (*Except when in parenthesis*) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. The Halloween tradition continues — nobody else called in to join Mike Peterse n in avoiding the Loser's corner so there'll be a topless party of "4" for your viewing pleasure and ridicule this week. From the Oct. 14 same story! No has called in yet.

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So folks, the reality is that there are 10 numbers out there for the finding... 5 from 10/14/'13 and 5 from this week! Lose or Snooze—your choice to end up in the loser's corner where everyone can laugh their butts off at you while flipping you the old "L" sign—or instead bask in the salvation of safely winning a prize.

**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!

**BE AN OPAL WINNER – FIND YOUR NUMBER**



November 7– 10 at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City is going to be the place to be. Those who will be there will no doubt accumulate many cherished memories from being apart of this great and fun event.

It has proven to be the perfect get-away where you can relax and enjoy that which most of you cherish the most—playing pool while in the casual company of your friends and loved ones—and, of course, the opportunity to "Beat The Merle," and possibly win a prize.

On Thursday we'll kicking off at 9 AM with our combined Skill Level 11

and below, 9-Ball Early Bird Scotch doubles event. Around 2 PM we'll be running some Singles Qualifier boards for those wishing to get qualified for Spring Regionals in February. From 3 to PM we'll be checking in 3 person teams, and at 6 PM we'll be running some fun social events such as the Pool God's tournament, and/or maybe some rocket pool, and games of survivor as well.

Friday at 8:30 AM begins our official Opening Ceremony with the 3-person teams event kicking off with the first flight at 9:00 AM and then alternating the round-robin flights into the evening.

Saturday morning will be the transition of the 3-person team event from round-robin into the 32 double elimination bracket. At 10:30 AM round one of the Weekender Scotch doubles will begin, followed by the Open to anyone, toe to toe, no handicap singles event —the Lincoln City Open.

Sunday at Approximately 12:30 PM when the 3-person team Semi Final finishes **(Continued Page 2.)**

## Chinook Winds (Continued)

We'll give out the remainder of the door prizes and draw the winners for the "Beat the Merle" contest, the raffle cues and cases, and the **\$1,200.** dollar check for the grand prize winner whose name is drawn, and who is (1) Physically present, (2) has a picture ID, and (3) has on their person—a current Chinook Winds Winner's Circle Card with that person's name on it. Over the years there has been too many to count that had their name drawn out and were not there, or were present but didn't possess—a free and easy to get—Chinook Wind's winner's circle card.

So, if you've not sent in your entry for Chinook Winds you better do it quickly because the sign up deadline is less then a week away.



On October 7-9 Merle & Boomer flew to Phoenix Arizona to attend the Western Regional Conference of APA League Operators. This was a great opportunity for the league operators to network amongst themselves and get with APA Headquarters to gain first hand information on the intricacies of the new 8-Ball scoring system, and on the newly designed T-Nex tournament software which we'll be using when we run our Tri-Cups, Chinook Winds Events, regionals and other important singles and team events.



Two Irishmen, Paddy & Mick, flew to New Zealand on a hunting trip. They chartered a small plane to take them into the bush for a week hunting deer. They managed to bag 6. As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only 4 deer. The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six.

The pilot let us take them all and he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. The plane took off. How-ever, while attempting to cross some mountains even on full power the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down. Somehow, surrounded by the deer bodies, only Paddy and Mick survived the crash. After climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where in the heck we are?" Mick looked around and replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."



## THE LOSER'S CORNER

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The 4 people listed below are September 7th 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—KRISTI PHILLIPS** (97211616) who plays for Jin's "No Whining" in the **Wagon Wheel Dbl. Jeop.** division.

**2—RYAN PHELPS** (97218281) who plays for Touche's "Leftovers" in the **Central 9-Ball** division.

**3—RYAN BURNETT** (97219459) who plays for Falco's "8-Ball Busters" in the **Mt. Hood Double Jeop.** division.

**4—CODY CARPENTER** (97219965) who plays for Ringo's "Breakaways" in the **Midwest Dbl. Jeop.** 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..!

