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THE GOVERNING BODY OF AMATEUR POOL

HIDDEN (***Except when in parenthesis***) **somewhere in this Newsletter are"5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered.** Well not another single soul from the October 27th newsletter bothered to call into the office and join Gary in avoiding the loser's corner. So, there's going to be a "family" of 4 for you viewing pleasure and ridicule tis next week.

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From the November 3rd Newsletter none of the five has yet to call in as well. With all this cold weather about to set in one would think people would want to have some nice warm "FREE" clothing! Sheeeesh!!!

So folks, there are now TEN numbers out there just looking to be found… 5 from November 3rd and 5 from this week! If you want to snooze and loose—go ahead— It's your loss and certainly no skin off of Boomer's Patootie… If it were me though, I'd get to looking. Otherwise you'll end up in the loser's corner so everyone can laugh their butts off at you while flipping you the old "L" sign—Not a particular disgrace that I would care to want.

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!**

OPAL- APA NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE At Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City was Awesome !

FLORIAN "VENOM" KOHLER

November 6 – 9 at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City was the place to be. Those who were there will have many cherished memories from witnessing the young "Phenom" ***Florian*** *"Venom"* ***Kohler*** first hand—up close and personal— He was awesome just like he was on that video that went around the email video circuit these past few months. Some of the skill shots and other artistry items that "Venom" performed has never been duplicated by any other performing artist.! *(Continued on Page 8.)*

EARLY BIRD SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday Nov. 6th the Modified Single elimination "Early Bird" 9-Ball Scotch Doubles started off promptly at 9:00 AM with a board of "80" APA pairs from all over the Northwest. We paid down through the top 32 places or roughly 42% of the field.

Making it into the money and are listed in the table chart at right:

RANK	$$$$	Team Name, Players, & Where/From
1st	$ 700	Frozen Stones– James English & Nate Klinginsmith……..Seattle
2nd	$ 550	White Rice Scott Fukuda & Michael Kirby……..Seattle
3/4	$ 450	Pole Positions—Sadis Paripoonyo & Sophia Tran ……. Seattle
3/4	$ 450	One Night Stand—Chad & Alisha Hepler ……. OPAL
5/8	$ 300	Forty—two - Jason Scheck & David Bowler …..… OPAL
5/8	$ 300	4 Earl / Casino Snoq — Josh Morgan & Staci Moses …. Seattle
5/8	$ 300	Smash & Dash—Jason Bramble & Neal Robbins ….. OPAL
5/8	$ 300	Kuh-Plah!—Cliff Strom & Jessica Madden …….. Seattle
9/16	$ 200	Keep It Simple—Margaret Howard & Robin Adams …… OPAL
9/16	$ 200	These Ninjas—Kevin Castillo & Andy Man …….. Seattle
9/16	$ 200	Eye of the Niner– Crys Kyle & Monica Peterson …… Salem
9/16	$ 200	Chalking Dead—Josh Poche & Jamie Manzo …….. OPAL
9/16	$ 200	In Soviet Russia—Terry McCurdy & Pavel Birman …. Seattle
9/16	$ 200	Got One By Me—Robert Crowley & Nathan Lannoye …. Seattle
9/16	$ 200	Did You Call That? - Jason Williams & Gary Mitchell ….. OPAL
9/16	$ 200	Cloud Atlas—Verrell Poston & Ricci Jean-Bart …… Salem
17/32	$ 100	Scratch This Way—Toby Roberts & Stephanie Serocki … OPAL
17/32	$ 100	Something Shiny—Cory Bananto & Amanda McConnell … OPAL
17/32	$ 100	Happy Strokers—Rodney Clay & Michelle Bishop ……. OPAL
17/32	$ 100	Easy Vibes—Megan Misules & Kainoa Kama …….. Seattle
17/32	$ 100	Ball Busters—Ryan Quilin & Mandy Smith …… Seattle
17/32	$ 100	Sea Chalks—Mark & Nath Stacey ……. Seattle
17/32	$ 100	Whatever—Aaron Nelson & Lyman Reed …….. OPAL
17/32	$ 100	Scratch Shots—T J Koch & Cindy Garvin …….. Salem
17/32	$ 100	Pinoy's Grove—Drew Guillen & Reyjun Cueto …….. Seattle
17/32	$ 100	Hookum—Azea Piko & John Kiske …… Seattle
17/32	$ 100	Special Needs—Keith Bender & Anjelea Johnson …… Salem
17/32	$ 100	Pool Ball Wizards—Brian Holgate & Andrew Ebalaroza .. .. OPAL
17/32	$ 100	Good Times—Jim Stockett & Cody White …….. Idaho
17/32	$ 100	Barb & Adam—Michael Pranz & Jeff Martini …… OPAL
17/32	$ 100	It's Our Turn—Kim Norn & Maria Argueta …… OPAL
17/32	$ 100	Gotcha—Kevin Blodget & Phanna Pich ……. OPAL

JAMES & NATE

SCOTT & MICHAEL

SINGLES

At 2:00 PM on Thursday Afternoon we repeated the Singles 9-Ball competition that had turned out to be such a popular hit in last year's 9-Ball Event, and again when we did the 8-Ball event in the Spring.

We had a total of 96 participants in the different Skill Level Categories competing for the fun of the competition and possibly a piece of the cash prizes .

In the Skill Level 1-3 Category we had 21 participants that paid out to the top 8 places.

WINNING 5/8 and $25 each were: OPAL'S Anna Mixon, Seattle's Veronica Lang, OPAL's Margaret Goodman, and OPAL's Bob Albers.

WINNING 3/4TH and $55 ea. were: Salem's Tony Lones, & OPAL's Susan Ross.

WINNING 2ND and $90 was: OPAL's John Moore, and

WINNING 1ST, and $120 Plus all of the hard fought for bragging rights, was ***Vic Berg*** who is from up north in Auburn Washington. *(Continued on Pg. 3)*

SINGLES

(*Continued from Page 2.*) In the Skill Level 4 Category we had 21 participants that paid out to the top 4 places.

WINNING 3/4TH and $40 each were: OPAL's ***Troy LeMaster*** and ***Delores Petrich***

WINNING 2ND and $80 was: Seattle's ***Eleanor Bonoan***, and then...

WINNING 1ST, and $100 for his pocket with all the fun wholesome bragging rights to go right along with it was OPAL's ***Lucas Sturdy .***

In the Skill Level 5 Category we had 17 participating that paid out to the top 8 places.

WINNING 5/8 and $20 each were: OPAL'S ***Ray Lumos***, Seattle's ***Garrett Studhalter***, Seattle's ***Chris Christensen***, and a Salem DQ (Forfeited Money added to 1st Place)

WINNING 3/4TH and $40 ea. were: OPAL's ***Jennifer McKune***, and ***Dara Koch***.

WINNING 2ND and $80 was: Arlington Wa.'s ***Chuck Irwin***, and...

WINNING 1ST, and $120 plus all the great bragging rights for winning the SL-5 competition, was OPAL's ***Thomas Cord.***

In the Skill Level 6 Category we had 13 participants that paid out to the top 4 places.

WINNING 3/4TH and $40 each were: OPAL's ***Richard Kiltz*** and ***Connie Carlson.***

WINNING 2ND and $80 was: OPAL's ***Robbie Solomon***, and...

WINNING 1ST, and $100 with all the fantastic bragging rights, was Seattle town's ***Michael*** *"Yoda"* ***Pendleton.***

In the Skill Level 7-9 Category we had 17 participating that paid out to the top 8 places.

WINNING 5/8 and $20 each were: OPAL'S 7-***Wayne Wakabayashi***, Seattle's 8-***Pru Peltier***, Seattle's 9-***Ken Morano***, and OPAL's 7-***Tim Higginson***

WINNING 3/4TH and $40 ea. were: OPAL's 9-***Phil Bremer***, and 9-***Adam Drew***.

WINNING 2ND and $80 was: Seattle's 7–***Dan Gates***, and...

WINNING 1ST, and $120 plus the all to elusive bragging rights, was Seattle's SL-7 ***James Boxley.***

Congratulations to all of the winners. Enjoy your bragging' rights, 'cause you earned 'em

THE LINCOLN CITY OPEN

36 players competed in the **$25**.entry ***"Lincoln City Open"***—a double elimination single's event directed by "Billiards and Barstools," There was a **$900** purse accumulated which was paid out to the top eight finishers. The grueling race to 7 competition on both sides got underway right after the 1 PM Saturday afternoon deadline.

There were a lot of people spectating this event with interest especially since word was out that touring pro Rafael Martinez was participating. The competitors enjoyed a race to seven on both sides of the bracket ***Steve*** and ***Rafael*** met early on with Steve coming out on top. ***Martin Wragg*** stormed through his half of the bracket to the hot seat, but fell short to Steve and then got Freight trained by ***Rafael.*** The final results were as follows:

Steve Linglebach from Portland and ***Rafael Martinez*** from Seattle took 1st & 2nd place money (***$250 + $175*** *respectively)* ***Martin Wragg*** of Portland took 3rd (***$135***), ***Dom Cardoso*** of Seattle took 4th & ***$100.*** Tied 5/6 and winning ***$70 Ea*** was ***Jim Shelton*** of Newberg and ***Ken Morano*** of Seattle. Tied 7/8th & winning **$50** Each was ***Ben Dwan*** and ***Scott Carroll***.

3-PERSON TEAM EVENT

Starting on Friday Morning after the player's meeting we entered into the round robin phase of the 3 person team competition. There were 116 teams entered which were-broken down into two flights. There were 29 boards of four teams. Half played in the first round, and the other half had a two hour break. Then the other half played allowing the first half to take a two hour break. That's how it went throughout the day and into the evening. When the Round Robin portion Concluded the two top teams in each board plus 7 wild card teams drawn from the 3 place finishers would go on to compete in a Modified Single Elimination 64 board on Saturday morning. Play continued all through Saturday and again Sunday morning to complete the Quarter, the Semi, and then the Final match rounds which ended at 4 PM on Sunday afternoon. For brevity purposes, we just listed just the top 24 finishing teams on the table to the right.

I SAID JAEGER

GOT ONE BY ME

RANK	$$$$	Team Name, Players, & Where/From
1st	$ 900	*"I Said Jaeger" – Robert Huntley, Michael Eichinger, & Carlos Cadena ..... Salem*
2nd	$ 700	*"Got One By Me"— Robert Crowley, Nathan Lannoye, & Andy Men ..... Seattle*
3 / 4	$ 550	*"Team Shadow" —Ryan Kauziarich, T.J. Riddle & Jennifer Riddle ..... Seattle*
3 / 4	$ 550	*"Groovy Pinoys—— Drew Guillen, Reyjun Cueto Jr., & Ken Kreutzer Sr.— Seattle*
5 / 8	$ 450	*"U Don't Want Nun"—John Tran, Penny Phal, & Jimmy Samael ..... Seattle*
5 / 8	$ 450	*"Forty Two"—Jason Scheck, David Bowler, & John Mohr ..... OPAL*
5 / 8	$ 450	*"Money Shot" —Kyle Klinginsmith, James English, & James Boxley ..... Seattle*
5 / 8	$ 450	*"3 Young Guys"— Destin Hornych, MacKenzie Hornych, & Phil Bremer ... OPAL*
9 / 12	$ 350	*"Poke-N-Hope" Colby Garvin, Amy Coleman, & Michelle Vargo ..... Salem*
9 / 12	$ 350	*"Slightly Slurred"—Adam Drew, Kevin Blodgett, & Crystal Funderburk .... OPAL*
9 / 12	$ 350	*"Muggers"—Brian Goodman, Katrina Calvo, & Evan Gaffney ..... Seattle*
9 / 12	$ 350	*"Skillz By Luck"—Tim Wiest, Manny Estrada, & Travis Gutcher ..... Seattle*
13 / 16	$ 300	*"2 Marmots & A Jeweler"—Larry Draper, Tony Lones, & Steve Boucher ... Salem*
13 / 16	$ 300	*"Kuh Plah!"—Cliff Strom, Jessica Madden, & Stephanie Birman ..... Seattle*
13 / 16	$ 300	*"Dirty Stix"—Pru Peltier, Chris Christensen, & Debbie Charbonneau .... Seattle*
13 / 16	$ 300	*"S1sh9on2dogs"—Jeff Hayes, Keith Bender, & Sunshine Hornych ..... OPAL*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"Oops Wrong Pocket"—John Russell, Brandon Delfino, & Lee Chapman .. Salem*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"Threeplay"—Leonard & Barb Duval, and Dusty Jackson ..... OPAL*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"3 Blind Mice"—Lacey Remster, Jason Hollenbeak, & Ryan Todd ..... OPAL*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"Grimm Reapers"—Mike Grimm, Will Ford Jr., & Bill Ford Sr. ..... OPAL*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"Casino Snog/Jennifer"—Marcus Haskins, Jennifer Davis, & Paul Gray .. Seattle*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"I'll Decide"—Wendy Curtis, Glen Curtis, & Ken Kreutzer Sr. ..... Seattle*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"Wanna See My RV?"—Eddy Bickle, Claudine, Elzey, & Eugene Skinner. OPAL*
17 / 24	$ 250	*"Burrr!!!!— David Scarth, Ray Lumos, & Michael Murphy ..... OPAL*

BEAT THE MERLE

IN THE BEAT THE MERLE CONTEST...Merle, took on any and all challengers playing a total of **368** racks of 9-Ball from Thursday Noon through the draw time on Sunday. After a slow start of losing 9 of his first 12 games, ***Merle*** eventually lucked out **223** wins and **145** losses—about a 66% win average. *(Seventeen of those losses were fourteen 9-Ball Breaks and three Break 'n Runs —1 by **Daniel Sie** of Seattle, and 2 by **Adam Drew** from Portland.)* On Friday afternoon, ***Merle***, finally got a little relief. ***Steve Linglebach*** convinced touring pro ***Rafael Martinez*** *(who was entered in the Lincoln City Open)* to come by and take over the challenges for a couple of hours. ***Rafael*** played 33 racks—winning ***27*** of the ***33*** games. *Merle's tired feet were so very much appreciative.*

The contest rules were simple. **$5.** would get challengers 3 games of 9-Ball. They always racked and broke their own rack. If they won the game they got a chance at winning a cue. The prizes were a nice high end Cue Tec playing cue, A Cue Tec Break stick, and a phenolic tipped Jump Cue. If the Challenger Broke 'n Ran they got 5 tickets. If they snapped the 9 off on the break they got 3 tickets. If they beat ***Merle*** they got two tickets and if they *"cheesed"* the 9 early they received 1 ticket .

Winning the Cue Tec playing cue by the skillful drawing fingers of people who were close by the podium at the time of the draw—was ***Dave Pasciyo*** from Lincoln City. Winning the Cue Tec breaking cue was OPAL's ***Eddie Parenti*** who plays for Touche's "*Can't Touche This*" in the Central 9-Ball divison, and winning the Jump Cue was ***Nate Klinginsmith*** from up north in Snohomish County Seattle way. ***(Continued Bottom of Page 5.)***