

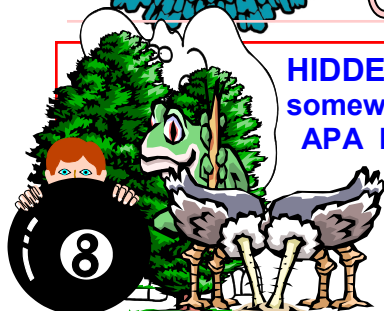


# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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

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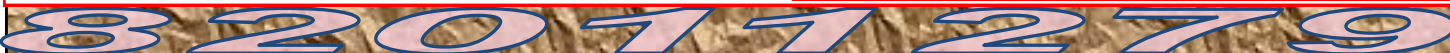


**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. The Ghost of Halloween failed to scare up a single one person to avoid the Loser's corner from the Oct. 13th Newsletter. Every stinkin' last one of the 5 numbers hidden in plain sight went unfound.

That's not going to be true for last week's October 20th Newsletter 'cause **Gary Schoonover** (97219914) who plays for Wrangler's "Chalking Dead" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division already found his number and called in. Still waiting for the other 4 as well as the 5 new ones hidden in this newsletter to call in. The 5 loser's from Oct. 13th you will find on the back page. If you know and see, any of them make sure they get good and embarrassed. Meanwhile, there's 9 numbers out there to be found. We hope you take the time to find yours !

**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**



## KICK SHOTS

*It has come to my attention* that there are some individuals marking down all kick shots as being defensive shots, while there are others who maintain that a kick shot should never be marked as a defensive shot. So what's the correct answer??? Well certainly it's not one of the two stated above. Way back in elementary school we were supposed to have learned that it's quite unlikely that most things are either "All" or "Never"—At least we should be suspicious or skeptical. It all boils down to **INTENT!** Specifically...the **INTENT** of the shooter. You must ask yourself: Did the shooter fire at the ball with enough velocity in hopes of making a good hit and possibly legally pocketing a ball somewhere—somehow? Or, did the shooter just shoot hard enough hoping that he, she, or it, would get lucky enough to possibly make a legal hit on the ball and escape having to give up Ball in Hand to the opponent?

Shooting just hard enough with the simple intent to make a good hit **IS AND WILL ALWAYS BE** a defensive shot, and still should be marked as such. (*even if a foul occurs giving up the shooter's turn in the process.*) Shooting with significant velocity to possibly hit the ball and hoping to make that ball or another ball fall in the pocket somewhere normally wouldn't be a defensive shot.—unless, possibly, you happen to be a Pro Pool Player in which case YOU won't be playing in an APA league anyway!

It doesn't matter how difficult, or how much of a magician one had to be to even make the good hit. What does matter however, is the amount of force and velocity used to execute the shot that determines the shooter's **intent**. A shooter "**hoping to pocket a ball**" is the same as "**Intent to Pocket A Ball.**" Wanting, or meaning, to shoot hard enough is not the same as actually shooting hard enough. Either the shooter **DID** shoot hard enough, or the shooter **DIDN'T**. The physical facts therefore, are the indicator. The physical facts are what your judgment should be based upon.

The bottom line to this dilemma is the same for all shots. It basically all comes down to the reality of whether or not, the shooter actually proved his intent to pocket a ball by the way that shooter executed the shot. Keep in mind however, that APA players with integrity, generally will announce their intent —*if they're going to make a defensive shot*—prior to even shooting. Otherwise, the facts preside and the scorekeeper decides.



NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE

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November 6 -- 9, 2014

**This will be the last notice you will receive in the Newsletter informing you to get off your duff's and get signed up NOW for Chinook Winds if you haven't done so already. We've only got a few tournament slots left to fill before it's full. Keep in mind that we are bringing in the amazing young trick-shot artist—**Florian "Venom" Kohler** to perform live ( Free of cost to you! ) Thursday Night at 8:00 PM.**



Submitted By:  
Jim Elphick

An atheist was walking through the woods. 'What majestic trees!' 'What powerful rivers!' 'What beautiful animals!' He said to himself. As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, & the bear was even closer. Then, he tripped & fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw & raising his right paw to strike him. At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: 'Oh my God!'

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent... Suddenly a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. 'You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist, and even credit creation to cosmic accident.' 'Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?' Am I to count you as a believer? The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?'

First a pause then... 'Very well', said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. The bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head & spoke:

'O Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.'



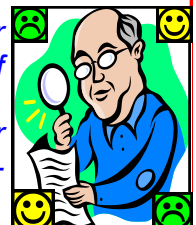
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**The 4 people listed below are October 6th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing and ridicule. and don't forget to give 'em the old "L" sign, Also, thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!**

- 1-RICK LEVINE** (97208364) who plays for Wichita Town Pub's **"Fairy Tale Mafia"** in the **Southeast D.J. div.**
- 2-DON MARTIN** (97217970) who plays for Andy's **"Andy's Bar"** in the **Midnight D. J. division.**
- 3-TYLER VANEK** (97220438) who plays for Silver Star Saloon's **"Profanity"** in the **River City-APA division.**
- 4-JESSICA STURM** (97220582) who plays for Touche's **"Can't Touche' This"** in the **Central 9-Ball div.**
- 5-KATE WINSOR** (97290055) who plays for River Road House's **"Under Pressure"** in **Barry Hills D.J. 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.*

**REMEMBER**, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**



"HE'S ABOUT 5' 3", WEARING A RED JACKET, SMELLS OF BEER, AND HE SHOT A GUN AT ME"

