



ovember 5 – 8 at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City was the place to be. Those who were there will have many cherished memories from all the good times that were had. (Storyline Continued on Page 2.)

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**On Thursday Nov. 5th** the Modified Single elimination "Early Bird" 9-Ball Scotch Doubles started off promptly at 9:00 AM with a board of "104" APA pairs from all over the Northwest. We paid down through the top 32 places or roughly 32% of the

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



# ADLY BREAKING

At 4:00 PM on Thursday Afternoon we re-

peated the Singles 9-Ball competition that had turned out to be such a popular hit in the previous 9-Ball Events, as well as when we did the 8-Ball events too.

We had a total of 127 participants in the different Skill Level Categories competing for the fun of the competition and possibly a piece of the cash prizes—up 31 participants.

| RANK  | \$\$\$\$ | Team Name, Players, & Where/From                        |
|-------|----------|---|
| 1st   | \$1,104  | Happy Strokers–Jay Plaisted & Michelle Clay OPAL        |
| 2nd   | \$ 800   | Badly Breaking- Leah Gibson & Josh Servern OPAL         |
| 3/4   | \$ 600   | D RAILED—Kristi Phillips & Katelyn Rogers OPAL          |
| 3/4   | \$ 600   | Luv Dem Racks—Andy Men & Justin Vickers Seattle         |
| 5/8   | \$ 400   | Sleepers - Katie Kemmerer & Kole Roth OPAL              |
| 5/8   | \$ 400   | Bangers & Mash — Terry McCurdy & Brumas NewsteadSeattle |
| 5/8   | \$ 400   | This One's 4 Earl—Staci Moses & Josh Moraga Seattle     |
| 5/8   | \$ 400   | Scott's Renegades!—Scott & Joshua RuegseggerSalem       |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | JR & The Old Man— Randy & Jamie RuegseggerSalem         |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | Senior 9's—Chris Christensen & Paul Gray Seattle        |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | Drunken Talent- Paul Soldan & John MohrOPAL             |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | P J —Patrick Stalmaker & Jessica TanabeSeattle          |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | We Need John Blue- Kim Stoddard & Amanda WinterOPAL     |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | Stealing Third— Erin Matoza & Angie Allen               |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | Seven & Out - Nancy Lockwood & Michael Dowell OPAL      |
| 9/16  | \$ 200   | Q LESS—Azea Pike & Sandy Fernandez Seattle              |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | 2 Duffers—Mike Harlow & Lonnie KnottsSalem              |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Mo Butter—Perry Mixon & Clarice Burkhart OPAL           |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | OCM2—John Moore & Miguel Madrigal OPAL                  |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Whatables—Kim Norn & Maria Argueta OPAL                 |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Ni Hombres—Jose Santiago & Scott Fukuda Seattle         |
| 9721  | \$ 100   | NoP0 10 Show—Wayne Wakabayashi & Phillip Judd OPAL      |
| 9201  | \$ 100   | The Charbs—Ron & Debbie Charbonneau OPAL                |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Pool Ball Wizards—Brian Holgate & Andrew Ebaloroza OPAL |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | I'D HIT THAT—Teressa Heick & Joe Nitz OPAL              |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Queen Kong Lives—Matt Rouse & Olivia BraukmanOPAL       |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Free Ballin'—Gary Grim & Lyman Reed OPAL                |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Up In Smoke—Lucus Sturdy & David Johnsono OPAL          |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | ITLOOG—Drew Gillian & Reyjun Cueto Seattle              |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Crouching Tiger—Daniel Sie & Karen Dhaliwal Seattle     |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Spice Rack—Tom Kerrigan & Jullian Boyett Seattle        |
| 17/32 | \$ 100   | Rather Be Lucky—Glenn Molloy & Emily McCallum OPAL      |

In the Skill Level 1-3 Category we had 29 participants that paid out to the top 8 places. WINNING 5/8 and \$40 each were: OPAL'S *Chris* (SL-3) *Parra* & *Kurtus* (SL-3) *Blodgett*, and Salem's *Bob* (SL-3) *Albers*, and *Sheri* (SL-2) *Ruegsegger*.

WINNING 3/4TH and \$60 ea. were: OPAL's Jennifer (SL-3) Mendick, & Seattle's Stella (SL-2) Rundle.

WINNING 2ND and \$120 was: OPAL's Nate (SL-3) Young, and

WINNING 1ST, and \$180 Plus all of the hard fought for bragging rights, was *Annie* (SL-3) *Driver* from Southern Oregon. *(Continued on Pg. 3)* 



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(Continued from Page 2.) In the Skill Level 4 Category we had 25 participants that paid out to the top 8 places.

WINNING 5/8TH and \$30 each were: OPAL's Herb Williams & Tim Rice, Southern Oregon's Audrey Neill, and Seattle's Wendy Curtis.

WINNING 3/4TH and \$70 each were: OPAL's Jim Dowers and Robert Ryder

WINNING 2ND and \$100 was: OPAL's Anna Mixon, and then...

WINNING 1ST, and \$140 for his pocket with all the fun wholesome bragging rights to go right along with it was Salem's *Dave Woodall*.

In the Skill Level 5 Category we had 31 participating that paid out to the top 8 places.

WINNING 5/8 and \$30 each were: Seattle's *Kevin Castillo, Ken Kreutzer, Gary Del Rosario,* and *Elvin Estrella*,

WINNING 3/4TH and \$80 ea. were: OPAL's Bobby Brown, and Dara Koch.

WINNING 2ND and \$140 was: OPAL's Terry Mason, and ...

**WINNING 1ST, and \$200** plus all the great bragging rights for winning the SL-5 competition, was Seattle's *Susan Ferkovich*.

In the Skill Level 6 Category we had 18 participants and paid out to the top 4 places.

WINNING 3/4TH and \$65 each were: OPAL's *Richard Kiltz* and Southern Oregon's *Eric Driver.* 

WINNING 2ND and \$100 was: Salem's Tricia Heintz, and...

**WINNING 1ST, and \$130** with all the fantastic bragging rights, was Seattle town's *Jose Santiago.* 

In the Skill Level 7-9 Category we had 24 participating that paid out to the top 8 places.

WINNING 5/8 and \$30 each were: OPAL's *Jeff* (SL-7) *Gibbons*, Seattle's *Pru* (SL-7) *Peltier*, & *Jeff* (SL-8) *Lantor*, and Salem's *Scott* (SL-9) *Bernard*.

WINNING 3/4TH & \$60 ea. was OPAL's Phil (SL-9) Bremer, & Kyle (SL-9)Seltmann.

WINNING 2ND and \$100 was: OPAL's Eric (SL-7) Stedman-Falls, and...

WINNING 1ST, and \$140 plus the bragging rights, was Seattle's Cliff (SL-7) Strom.

40 players competed in the **\$25**.entry *"Lincoln City Open"*—a double elimination single's event directed by "Billiards and Barstools," There was a **\$1,000** purse 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 due to the strong known player field. The competitors enjoyed a race to seven on both sides of the bracket. *Mike Grimm* went all the way to the final's undefeated and waited to see who would emerge from the back side to challenge him. *Bob Zack* made it to the quarter finals before getting kicked to the one loss side by *Paul Marquez*. In the backside *Bobby* took down *Randy Baker* in a double hill thriller, then revenged himself against *Paul Marquez* and head to the finals against *Mike Grimm* who he would have to beat in two consecutive races to claim the victory—which is what happened. The final results were as follows:

**Bobby Zack** won the bragging rights and the first place money of **\$300.** *Mike Grimm* got 2nd and **\$200.** *Paul Marquez* claimed 3rd and **\$150.** *Randy Baker* took 4th and **\$100.** *Steve Lingelbach* and *Steve Register* both got **\$75** each for 5th & 6th places, and lastly *Kris Derby* and *Fred Joseph* came in on the caboose at 7th and 8th with **\$50** each.









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 an again Sunday morning to complete Quarter, the Semi, and then the F match rounds which ended at 4 PM Sunday afternoon. For brevity purpos we just listed just the top 24 finish teams on the table to the right.

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| and<br>the           | RANK    | \$\$\$\$ | Team Name,  | Players,                      | &             | Where/From            |  |  |
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| inal<br>1 on<br>ses, | 1st     | \$ 1,200 | Weeee Jeff Lantor, Ste  | eve Lantor, & Amanda McConr   | nell          | Seattle               |  |  |
|                      | 2nd     | \$ 900   | Team Spirit — Vladimir  | r Petrov, Vjacheslav Min, &   | Renal Val     | liulin Seattle        |  |  |
| ning                 | 3 / 4   | \$ 600   | Performance Issues —  | –Lucas Sturdy, Tarek Zah      | er, & David   | Johnson OPAL          |  |  |
| $\triangleright$     | 3 / 4   | \$ 600   | Quickie Mart — Sand   | deep Gonugunta, Vikram E      | Bedi, & Nitii | n Rochlani  — Seattle |  |  |
| eve                  | 5/8     | \$ 450   | Spam, Eggs, & Rice—Kainoa Kama, Mike Thompson, Keary Riem Seattle |                               |               |                       |  |  |
|                      | 5/8     | \$ 450   | No X Cues — Dale Jor  | nes Jr., Amber Jones, & Ste   | eve Keene     | OPAL                  |  |  |
|                      | 5/8     | \$ 450   | Shawn Said I Could —  | Rob Cnossen, Tracii Self,     | & Jessica     | Kellar OPAL           |  |  |
|                      | 5/8     | \$ 450   | Q LESS — Azea Piko,   | Sandy Fernandez, & Darc       | el Neal       | Seattle               |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | Ju Ju On You —- Wend  | dy & Glen Curtis, & Ken Kr    | eutzer Sr.    | Seattle               |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | Where's The Beef? —   | Dwayne Larsen, Dara Koc       | h, & Kasse    | ey Boyd OPAL          |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | Delicious Bass—Tim R  | lice, John Scudder, & Johi    | n Swift       | OPAL                  |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | It's Business Time — K  | Katrina Calvo, Brian Goodn    | nan, & Chri   | isty Berry OPAL       |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | Bad Astonauts — Ryar  | n Kauzlarich, Bijoy Bordolo   | i, & Kevin I  | Moore Seattle         |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | 3 Stooges — Cory Ban  | anto, Nina Corpuz, & Matt     | Bananto       | OPAL                  |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | 3 On The Wire — Nand  | cy Lockwood, Christine Ch     | andler, & N   | /ichael Dowell OPAL   |  |  |
|                      | 9 / 16  | \$ 300   | OBER DRR — Drew Gi  | illian, Rob Crowley, & Reyj   | un Cueto J    | Ir., Seattle          |  |  |
|                      | 17 / 24 | \$ 210   | Knuckleheads — Eric S   | Stedman-Falls, Mark Yone      | y, & David    | Harding OPAL          |  |  |
|                      | 12 / 24 | \$ 210   | We Rack City—Gary D   | el Rosario, Justin Vickers,   | & Tyler Ha    | anson Seattle         |  |  |
|                      | 11 / 24 | \$ 210   | PB&J—Patrick Stai   | naker, Jessica Tanabe, &      | Jason Brar    | mble Seattle          |  |  |
|                      | 12 / 24 | \$ 210   | JohnNHisHookers — J   | ohn & Jessica Gallegher, a    | and Susan     | Ferkovich Seattle     |  |  |
|                      | 12 / 24 | \$ 210   | Going Commando — P  | Pru Peltier, Gary Mitchell, & | Chris Chr     | istensen Seattle      |  |  |
|                      | 19 / 24 | \$ 210   | Pandemonium — Aaro  | n Troyer, Jesse Quellette,    | & Sheri Va    | allespir OPAL         |  |  |
|                      | 13 / 24 | \$ 210   | Why Is Math So Hard?  | —Paul & Michelle Soldar       | n, & Jason    | Scheck OPAL           |  |  |
|                      | 17 / 24 | \$ 210   | Team Vortex — Cliff St  | trom, Jessica Madden, & S     | cott Fukua    | la Seattle            |  |  |

IN THE BEAT THE MERLE CONTEST...Merle, took on any and all challengers playing a total of 360 racks of 9-Ball from Thursday Noon through the draw time on Sunday. After a slow start of losing 4 of his first 9 games,

Merle eventually lucked out 226 wins and 134 losses-about a 65+% win average. (there were only three 9-Ball Breaks and three Break in Runs. Getting the first 5 ticket break and run was OPAL's very own Tyson Croonauist. Then, along came Salem's Dwayne Larsen about 130 games later, Then not to get out done along came OPAL's Steve Register about a hundred games after that.

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 collectors dream "Camel Joe" embroidered denim jacket, a heavy duty APA coat, a nice McDermott playing cue, A Cue Tec Break stick, and a Lucasi 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 McDermott playing cue by the skillful drawing fingers of people who were close by the podium at the time of the draw—was OPAL's Terak Zaher. Winning the Cue Tec breaking cue was Seattle's Daniel Sie. Winning the Lucasi Jump Cue was OPAL's Steve Heavyside, Winning the Camel Joe Jacket was Jeff Hiatt, and winning the APA Coat was OPAL's Perry Mixon. (Continued Bottom of Page 5.)

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The Weekender Scotch Doubles had 77 entries. For the sake of Brevity we'll just list the top 16 who finished in the money and who are listed in the table immediately at right and below: 4



**EEKENDER SCOTCH DOUB** 



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**Cue Tec Break** 

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| RANK   | \$\$\$\$ | Team Name, Players, & Where/From                           |  |  |  |  |
|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1st    | \$1,100  | "Bangers & Mash"-Terry McCurdy & Brumas Newstead-Seattle   |  |  |  |  |
| 2nd    | \$ 800   | "Happy Strokers" Michelle Clay & Jay Plaisted — OPAL       |  |  |  |  |
| 3/4    | \$ 500   | Team Pinoy-Ramil Oregas & Michael Dela Cruz—Seattle        |  |  |  |  |
| 3/4    | \$ 500   | Swamp Dogs- Milo Thomas & Tony Anspaugh Salem              |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8    | \$ 350   | "Man-Boy & Doll"-Alec Christensen & Donna Kingsbury -OPAL  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8    | \$ 350   | Pocket Jammers-Chris Nelson & Lao Keopadapsy Salem         |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8    | \$ 350   | The Way We Are - Scott & Viginia Shoberg .— . OPAL         |  |  |  |  |
| 5/8    | \$ 350   | Got The Leave - Mandy Wells & Shane Stamps — Salem         |  |  |  |  |
| 9/16   | \$ 200   | Kracken Fireballs-Ryan Torrey & Kristen Shellenberger OPAL |  |  |  |  |
| 9/16   | \$ 200   | No-Po 10 Show-Wayne Wakabayashi & Phil Judd —OPAL          |  |  |  |  |
| 9 / 16 | \$ 200   | Watch This — Philip Hupp & Jason Lovell — OPAL             |  |  |  |  |
| 9 / 16 | \$ 200   | Git R Done—Scott Sutherland & Kyle Glass —- Salem          |  |  |  |  |
| 9 / 16 | \$ 200   | We're Not Done—Kimber Sexton & Steve Roberts-Salem         |  |  |  |  |
| 9 / 16 | \$ 200   | Boom Stick-Steve Heavyside & Sean-Paul Salazar OPAL        |  |  |  |  |
| 9 / 16 | \$ 200   | Little Big Man—-Elvin Estrella & Elvin Suico —- Seattle    |  |  |  |  |
| 9 / 16 | \$ 200   | NINE LOVE— Robert Green & Amanda Fuller — OPAL             |  |  |  |  |
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**McDermott Playing** 

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**APA COAT** 

Jeff

**Camel "Joe" Jack** 

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The role of "Pool God" and "*Master of The Universe*" was *Kevin Logan*. *Lori Shoup*, & *Stephanie Serochi* were the official "Pool Goddesses." 64 people were paired up by blind draw to form 32 teams playing "*Fast 8*" race to 2.

Whenever "*The Master of the Universe*" Yelled "**STOP**" everyone immediately froze, A



12 sided dice was rolled and the number that came up corresponded with a command such as "Shoot left Handed" "Lose your turn," or Pool God place the 8-Ball anywhere on the table" to name just three. Some helped the shooter, but most hindered the shooter, but it sure made people laugh— A bit vindictive perhaps, but good hardy laughter never-the-less.

We paid back 100% to the top 8 pairs. Coming in 1st and winning \$48 was **Bob Neill & Duane Allen**, 2nd was **Sammy McCabe & Steve Lambert** winning \$36. Tying for 3/4 and winning \$26 was **Eric Stedman Falls** with **Ken Annen**, and **Brittany Kauffman** with **Sheila Jones.** Coming in 5/8 and winning \$14, was **Stacie Larson & Dena Green**, Kevin **Blodgett & Dee West**, **Angie Allen & Herb Williams**, and **John Moore & Scott Bernard**.

# SUNDAY AFTERNOON

In between the 3-Person Team Semi's and Finals we took advantage of the down time to do the drawings for the Spectacular raffle Cues. We had McDermott and Pechauer custom cues and cases retail valued at

close to **\$1000.** and of course the **\$1200** grand prize [In Cash] to enable someone to take a trip of their choosing whenever they wanted to go whether it be to Hawaii or elsewhere.

The place was absolutely packed and everyone was standing around, or playing in one of the several mini's being run by *"Billiards and Barstools"*, Everyone there was in anticipation of possibly being a lucky winner. At least they were hoping anyhow.

Only one of the raffle cue winner's were present at the time of the drawing and that was OPAL's *Jordan Walden* who won the Pechauer Cue & Case and plays for River Road House's "Off In Church" in the N



plays for River Road House's "Off In Church" in the Mid-Valley D.J. Division. Winning the McDermott Cue & Case (*He won one in last Spring's NW 8-Ball Invitational Also—hence where the picture came from!*) but not present was OPAL's *B.J. Hines* who plays for Rodder's "Body English" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division.

Moving on to the **The Grand Prize \$1,200 Cash Drawing** it was requirement that the winner had to be present in the room at the time of the drawing, have a valid picture ID, and hold a current Chinook Winds winner's circle card or he / she would not be able to claim the prize.

We had A Chinook Wind's bartender draw. She ended up drawing out a total of five different names of people not present before finding a person who was even in the room. In losing out order were: Seattle's **Scott Fukuda**, OPAL's **Evan Collier**, OPAL's **Jennifer McKune**, Salem's **Lonnie Knotts**, and OPAL's **Alec Christensen**. The last name drawn out of the bucket was Seattle's **Geneva Basye** To the moaning crowd's dismay **Ms. Basye** was not only present, but she also had her picture ID, as well as a current Chinook Winds Winner's Circle Card. Therefore the **\$1,200 Grand Prize** went to her, and she was a very happy pool player. (Continued Pg. 7)

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(Continued from Pg 6.) In Summation... In many ways this event was even more Spectacular then past years. Certainly everything went smoothly. Every event went off as scheduled.

Many people we spoke to had nothing but good things to say regarding this tournament, and how much fun that they had while they were here either participating or spectating.

We'd like to acknowledge some very special people—many of which worked well into exhaustion to insure that this grand event came off according to plan. The behind the scene production is enormous and many do not realize what a huge production an event of this magnitude really is to pull off properly. What most see is merely the tip of the iceberg.

The tournament staff: APA League Operators—Merle & Boomer Humphreys (Portland/Vancouver), Randee Lee, (Salem-My Players) Janell Thomason (Bend-Eugene Dechutes & Lane County) and John Blue—Floor Manager,

Officiating: Dan Fendall and Larry Hande Head Referees, Don "Coyote" Walker, Steve Chandler, Maxine Buhler, Glen & Lori Shoup, Kevin McCarthy, Charlie Walker, Rick Snoke, Jeff Hiatt, and Sarah Pearson referees.

The Volunteer Staff Assistants: **Becky Chandler, Christine Chandler, Sammy McCabe, Karen Dhaliwal,, Sarah Pearson, Steve Hart, Dee West, and Brooke Duncan** Also, **Kevin Logan** The "Pool God," & Master of the Universe," and Goddesses: Lori Shoup, and Stephanie Serochi

The Vendors: **Cindy Medina**—Truffles R Us; **Jessi's**—Jessi's Billiards; **Steve Lingelbach & Carissa Biggs**—Biggies Billiards & Barstools; **Adriane & Annie**—Rail 2 Rail Productions, **Rich & Crew** -"Diamond Tables," and **Linda** of RT-9 Apparel.

And last but not least **A very special thank you to: Kelli Duhamel** and all of the Chinook Winds Staff who strived to ensure that everyone had every opportunity to have an enjoyable experience at their great facility.

All of the above people—and more — all gave their time, and effort, towards the making of this event what it was which includes all you who participated and took the time out of busy lives to join in and have some fun. The 2015 NW OPAL-APA 9-Ball Challenge was certainly up there with our most awesome tournament productions. Everything went smoothly, most matches were completed on time, and there were no insurmountable problems that were not quickly solved. Our next Chinook Winds Event will be the NW 8-Ball Invitational on April 14—17th 2016 ... Hope we will be able to see you there as it will be our 20th Anniversary spectacular !



