



# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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## Summer 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

SEPTEMBER 11-

13th Rodder's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Rodder's hosted the Sunday finals.

The Hosts and crews of both places were both very

good hosts and took care of everyone very well. Rodder's had some major internet connection problems which slowed things down on Saturday, but once online again we progressed on without further delay.

There were 36 9-Ball division finalist teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which was double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. It was a weekend of close competition with many of the team matches going right down to the last rack to decide a winner. However, if a team reached 50 points with three match wins, or 51 points the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of \$11,100 which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 69% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost 40% of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at 7:30 PM. An amazing statistic this time around was that none of the teams that lost on Friday lost their way out of the tournament for several rounds. Apparently Summer Re-Runs was NOT a part of the curriculum this time around! A very rare phenomenon indeed. The final results were as follows:

**FINISHING 33-36th and winning \$150 were:** Sundowner's "Nine Hanqin," Star House's "Not Your Best," Ickabod's "Lemonheads," and Back Alley's "Pool Hustlers."

**FINISHING 25-32nd and winning \$175 was** Rodder's "Loose Screws," The Spot's "Scorpions," Mike's Place "Kings Table," Ickabod's "Rack 'Em," Andrew's Water Hole "Secret Society," Back Alley's "Out back in the Alley," Ringo's "May the 4's Be With You," and Ickabod's "Rack 'Em Amadeus."

**FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$225 was:** 4th Plain Tavern's "Miss Cues," Fortune Star's "Trick Shots," Sweet Home's "Stroke 'n Poke," Shamrock's "Ready To Strike," Ickabod's "Maybe Next Time," Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects," Mousetrap's "Powershots," and McAnulty & Barry's "2 Many Shots!."

**FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$300 was:** Fortune Star's "We Popular," Hobo's "Rack Attack," Touche's "Left Overs," River Road House's "The Who?," Dugout's "A Stick Shy," Falco's (Continued on Pg 2.)

**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From way back in the July 20th Newsletter no one else called in to join James Shelton in avoiding the Loser's Corner so there will be a party of 4 in this week's Loser's Corner for your Viewing and ridiculing pleasure this week.

From last week's September 7th newsletter there hasn't been a single person that has yet to call in —pretty amazing since I saw a couple of 'em at the 9-Ball Tri-Cup this past week. Get with it folks if you snooze ya' lose.

There's still one more week & five unfound numbers plus the 5 new ones from this week's newsletter to be found.. That's a total of 10 !

All you have to do if you find your hidden number is to call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**." You'll avoid the illuminative spot light on the back page and make it so your peers, and pals, can't poke fun at you. Because, they'll know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box seeing how YOU didn't take the time to find yours.

**BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD**

# TRI-CUP

(Continued from Pg. 1) "The Rulerz:"

Silver Star Saloon's "Degener8's," and Underground Sports Bar's "Grade 'A' Fools."

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**FINISHING 5—8th** and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$400 each were: Coney Island's "Corner Hookers" from the Mid-Valley DJ division— with Team Captain: **Scott Shoberg**, and teammates--**Virginia Shoberg, James Carlson, Ethan Kyle, Chad & Alisha Hepler, Kristi Denman, and Mary Wiltshire**; Sweet Home's "Sticks Like Jesus" from the North Port 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Paul Hathaway**, and teammates-- **Crystal Mawson, Deborah Mawson Jr, Kelsie Cady, Jodi Barasa, Daniel Trafican, Teresa Magana, and Randell Mahoney**; Katie's "Swinging Sticks" from the Far-East D. J. division with Team Captain: **Robert Sims Sr.**, and teammates--**Chris Nicol, Victor Purplee, Cherri Smith, Ed Billiot, Loretta Heroux, James Rhoden, and Robert Montgomery**; and Ringo's "Why So Hard?" from the Mid-West D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Scheck**, and teammates-- **David Bowler, Paul Soldan, Chris Willard, Robert Block, Michelle Soldan, and Manny Fernandez**.

**FINISHING 3 / 4** and winning Silver Medallions and \$600 each was: Pub 181's "Sticklerz" from the Farside D. J. division with Team Captain: **Tami Travis**, and teammates-- **Rebecca Beckensten, Bill Travis, Mark Fisher, Shelley Goodell, Chris Travis, and John Beckensten**; AND Mid-way Public House's "Waterlogged" from the Willamette D. J. division— with Team Captain: **Steve Heavlyside**, and teammates--**Sheila Jones, Kelley Heavyside, Terry Mason, Joe Ladd, Sam Peterson, and Crysta Rankin**.

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$900 from the Sunrise D.J. division was Slingshot Lounge's "Slinging Around" with Team Captain: **Robbie Solomon**, and teammates: **Alex Willett, Jonathan Hickman, Robert Anderson, Ben Wyatt, Stephanie Lyons, Amber Hinchman-Eastman, and David Muldoon**.

**FINISHING 1ST** and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,200 was: River Road House's "8 's & A 's" From the Mt. Hood D. J. division with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates:—**Shawn Gunderson, Sam Morrison, Jamie Smothers, Jessica LaDuke, Richard Fry, Dennis Worsham, and Vince Aleksa III**.

"Slinging Around" ended up taking the shorter undefeated route to get to the finals whereas. "8 's & A 's" journey—took them all the way through the loser's side from the geit-go, and then back around through the winner's side to the finals. "8's & A 's" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped out of the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping journey. At Rodders on Friday night "8's & A's" got delayed by the Coney Island "Corner Hookers" who would go on to be eventual Bronze medal winner's. Arriving back at 1 PM Saturday (Continued on Page 3.)



**BRONZE -- CORNER HOOKERS**



**BRONZE -- STICKS LIKE JESUS**



**BRONZE -- SWINGING STICKS**



**BRONZE -- WHY SO HARD?**



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Afternoon "8's & A's" wiped out Ickabod's "Lemonheads" and then at 5 PM avoided the Sting of Spot's "Scorpions" to reach Sunday's Medal round against "Falco's Rulerz." "8's & A's" overruled the "Rulerz" and claimed the spot in the June 2016 Regionals, and at least a Bronze Medallion. In the 1 PM round "8's & A's" Pounded Ringo's "Why So Hard", and then drowned Midway's "Waterlogged" in the 3 PM round, leaving them with the Silver, while they placed themselves in the finals for the Gold/Platinum.

Meanwhile, "Slinging Around" had drawn a "Bye" on Friday and didn't have to play until Saturday 9 AM. As luck would have it they had to play Coney Island's "Corner Hookers"—the very team that had sent "8's & A's" flying to the one-Loss side. "Slinging Around" didn't mess around and sent them off to work in the lose'r's side. In the 1 PM winner's side round the "Slingers" slung "2 Many Shots" out the door to home to move into Sunday's Medal Round against River Road House's "The Who?" Come Sunday Who Got Beat—The who? That's who!!! Who went home with \$300 in their pockets and "Slinging Around" had a guaranteed spot in the 2016 Regionals and at least a Bronze Medallion. In the 1 PM the "Slinger's" crucified Sweet Home's "Sticks Like Jesus" leaving them back in the bronze age, and moved on to the silver against Pub 181's "The Sticklerz." The "Slinger's" stuck the Silver to the "Sticklerz" to move to the finals.

The "Slinging Around" / "8's & A's" finale got underway on 5 tables with all five tables breaking simultaneously in a "color of money" break on Merle's command. Each table had an assigned scorekeeper who turned in the score-sheet to Merle when each individual match finished. The final results are as follows:

On Table 1: "8's" SL-3 **Richard Fry** was defeated by "Slinger's" SL-4 **Ben Wyatt** by a score of 8 to 12

On Table 2: "8's" SL-3 **Vince Aleksa III** defeated "Slinger's" SL-3 **Amber Hinchman-Eastman** 18-2.

On Table 3: "8's" SL-5 **Shawn Gunderson** was over-ran by "Slinger's" SL-5 **Jonathan Hickman** 7-13.

On table 4: "8's" SL-3 **Jaime Smothers** got beat by "Slinger's" SL-4 **Robert Anderson** 7-13, tying the match up at 40 to 40. one race to go.

On table 5: "8's" Team Captain SL-9 **Phil Bremer** took on "Slinger's" SL-7 **Alex Willett** and won 16-4. Tallying up the match scores the final results were:

8 'S & A 'S: 54 — SLINGING AROUND: 46.

After everything was said and done, "8's & A's" were able to claim the victory, the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,200 check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2015 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. "Slinging Around" expressed fantastic sportsmanship and totally went out of their way to congratulate the other team for it's victory. For winning the Gold Medallions "Slinging Around" received \$900.

The next step will be the June 2016 Midway 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 9-Ball Tri-Cups for one of six team slots that will be allocated to us this next year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas during August 2016.

Special Thanks again to the owners and staff of **Rodders** and **KC's Midway** for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **John Blue**, **Steve Chandler**, **Maxine Buhler**, **Jeff Hiatt**, **Shawn Keller**, and **Don "Coyote" Walker**,



**SILVER -- STICKLERZ**



**SILVER -- WATERLOGGED**



**GOLD -- SLINGING AROUND**



**PLATINUM -- 8'S & A'S**

## OPAL-APA NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE

November 5 - 8th, 2015

Chinook Winds Casino --- Lincoln City, Oregon



Don't laze around and miss out on one of OPAL-APA's grandest events. The OPAL-APA NW 9-Ball Challenge at Chinook Winds Casino at the beach front in Lincoln City. APA poolplayers from far and wide come from all over just to attend this event.

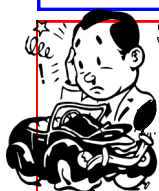
Chinook Winds is going all out again with all kinds of goodies and surprises to go along with the event.

There will be lots of fun side events going on, Chances to win one of several nice cue give-aways, or possibly \$1,200 to buy yourself a trip for two to the tropical isles of Hawaii! Plus you'll get plenty of opportunity to play lots and lots of pool.

If you've never attended one of our APA-Chinook Winds events then this will be your chance to be a part of one and have a blast while

getting away from it all at the same time. If you haven't signed your team up — be sure you do so before it's too late. The last few years we've had to turn teams away—the teams who missed out last time have all made sure that they get in this time because many have already signed up. If you want to play, but need a scotch partner, or another person to fill out your three person team at least send in your portion of the entry fee to hold your slot while you look.

If you need help finding someone to partner up with call the league office maybe we can help find you someone that's to your liking. This is APA where everyone can play and anyone can win—or at the very least be competitive. We offer many extra fun activities to go along with the main even competitions as well....Beat the Merle, Survivor, Rocket Pool, Mini Tournaments and other fun things. So give it a try. No matter what skill level you are, you're sure to be glad you came because like before, it's going to be a grand time. **SIGN UP NOW Call the League Office 503-243-6725.**



**Submitted By:** A very successful **Dan Bochard** attorney parked his brand new Bentley in front of his office, ready to show it off to his colleagues.

As he was getting out of the car, a truck came along too closely and completely tore off the driver's door. Fortunately, a cop in a police car was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the Bentley with his ....lights flashing.

Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the attorney started screaming hysterically how his Bentley, which he had just purchased the day before, was completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how any car body shop tried to make it new again.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" jeered the lawyer. The cop replied, "Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It was severed when the truck hit you!"

"OH, MY GOD!!!" screamed the lawyer.... "MY ROLEX!!!"

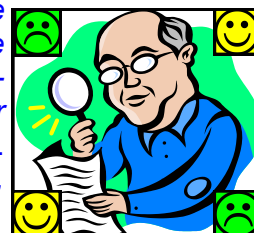


## THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 4 people listed below are verified losers from the July 20th Newsletter. If you know and see any of these people give 'em your best razzin' and the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—**PAUL HOLLICK** (97217563) who plays for Coach's "Show Me Ur Rack" in the Skyline D.J. division.
- 2—**TARA LENTZ** (97212720) who plays for Shamrock's "Off In Church" in the Mid-Valley D.J. Division
- 3—**MIKE PADDEN** (97207263) who plays for Legend's "Mr. 8-Ball" in the Clark County D.J. division.
- 4—**TIM STEERS** (97217543) who plays for Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes" in the Sunset D.J. division.

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 attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**



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