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The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



Summer 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results!

September 18-20th

Midway, and Rodders in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup with the Sunday final being held at Midway's Public House. Both locations

and their crews did a fantastic job as hosts. The food and drink service were excellent and the sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. Except for delays in between some of the rounds as a result of some internet connection problems.

There were exactly 43 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— guaranteeing that all teams got to play twice, but not necessarily lose twice. It was a weekend of close competition with the majority of all team matches going right down to the wire in deciding the winner. Once a team reached the point where it was mathematically impossible for one of the teams to win the match was declared over.

There was a total payout of **\$13,124** which was dispersed throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday at the Midway with four rounds finishing up about 8:15 PM. The results are as follows:

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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the September 7th newsletter no one called in uttering the magic words to claim their prize. Therefore, as you'd expect you'll find all five of those poor lost souls boldly visible on the back page this week.

Meanwhile two people from last week's newsletter have already found their numbers hidden and called. They were: **Earl Stoddard Sr.** (97204883) who plays for Midway's "Latecomers" in the Southern D.J. division; and **Lonnie McCann** (97206383) who plays for the "Mousetrap" in the No-Po division. So there will be "8" numbers still out there with the 5 new one's this week to be found.

Really, folks, all you have to do to avoid finding yourself in the loser's corner is to find your number, and call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" Hey a free shirt's a free shirt... don't lose out!

BE AN OPAL WINNER

FINISHING 33 / 43rd and winning **\$150** were: **Sweet Home's "Wreckers;"** **Back Alley's "Pool Hustlers;"** **Yur's "Wild Shots;"** **Ickabod's "Nacho Mama;"** **Dugout's "Overcutters"** **Wichita Town Pub's "Sanchos;"** **Silver Star Saloon's "Quack Pack;"** **River Road House's "Money In The Bank;"** **Slingshot Lounge's "All The Almonds;"** **Jake's "Momz Nite Out;"** and **Cascade Bar's "Blitzkrieg."**

FINISHING 25-32 and earning **\$175** for their team were: **Fortune Star's "Trick Shots;"** **McAnulty & Barry's "2 Many Shots;"** **Ringo's "Bustin' Balls;"** **Fortune Star's "Lost Minds;"** **Maui's "Cue-Tang Clan;"** **Ickabod's "Lemonheads;"** **Scotty's "Bugger Off;"** and **Big Red's "Silver Bullets."**

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$235** were: **Midway's "Totally Tober;"** **Pub 181's "Kue Krue;"** **Sellberg's "Grouch Patrol;"** **Andy Inn's "City Hunters;"** **Shamrock's "Off In Church;"** **River Road House's "8's & A's"** **Sundowner Inn's "Nine Hangin';"** and **Touche's "Crazy Train."**

FINISHING 9-16 and just 97206952 missing a medal, but winning **\$325** were: **Underground Sports Bar's "Grade 'A' Fools;"** **Scotty's "Sweet Baby Jesus;"** **Andrew Water Hole's "Secret Society;"** **Underground Sports Bar's "Why So Serious?;"** **Kenton Club's "Motorboaters;"** **Star House's "Fear This;"** **Fortune Star's "Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin';"** and **Columbia DJ's** (Continued on Page 2.)

TRI-CUP

"Quarterdeck."



FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$470, plus the "Bronze Medallions" were: **Cascade Bar's** "Breaking Cues" from the River City-APA division with Team Captain: **Anthony Darnell** and teammates-- **Darrien DeMars, Chris Rohlfing, Erik Seward, Clinton Johnston, Meagen Kincaid, and Kenneth Tse**; **Watertrough Saloon's** "Hawthorne Kids." from the Sunrise D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Kevin Smith**, and teammates--**Nancy Harvey, Graham Sanchez, Junior Collar, Chris Boutourline, Michelle Boston, Ryan Knipe, and Robin McCoog**; The **Hungry Tiger's** "Tiger Sharks" from the Northeast D.J. division with Team Captain: **Taylor Williams**, and teammates: **Ross Becker, Dane Nicklas, Nicole Donisi, Justin Yaquinto, Colin Stana, and Paul Robertson**; and **Shamrock's** "Watch Our Balls Drop" from the Midnight division with Team Captain: **Ben Foss**, and teammates-- **John Niederhofer, Aaron Probert, John Ullrich, Don Clark Sr., Brian Kempton, and Alex Willett**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$700 for each team were two **McAnulty & Barry's** teams: "Main Street Madness" from the Willamette D.J. division—with Team Captain: **Leonard Duval**, and teammates--**James Smith Jr., Kevin Jones, Cindy Kingrey, Lawrence Kingrey, Michael Cox, Shawn Edwards, and Yelena Voytenko**; and also **McAnulty & Barry's** "Rawhide" from the Mt. Hood D.J. division with Team Captain: **Michelle Clay**, and teammates **Rodney Clay, Kimberly Marrone, John Meister, Diana Warnock, Amy Zauner, David Rankin, and Ted Baden**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,000 was **River Road House's** "Under8ted." from the Southeast D.J. division with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates-- **Alex Hoyt, Michael Keating, Jennifer Windell, Cory Kalteich, Corynne Evans, Jennifer Gilley, and Richard Fry**.

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,314—from the Southeast D.J. division was **3 Monkey's** "Nice Rack" with Team Captain **Bryan McPherson**, and teammates: **Alisha Newman, Paul Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Rachel Wooldridge, Lynn Leflore, and Michael Dowell**.

It was almost a mirror image journey to the finals for both "Under8ted," and "Nice Rack". "Under8ted" started out at Rodders with a Friday Night "Bye" in slot 27. Saturday morning they were sent foolishly flying to the loser's side by the "Grade 'A' Fools. There in the Sat. 1 PM Round they ended the journey for "Sanchos" and then out tricked the "Trick Shots" in the 5 PM round sending them permanently out the door. With that win, "Under8ted" gained passage back across the board to the 9 AM Sunday round where they would face off "Fear This" in what is known as the dreaded bridesmaid round—The winner would go on to be guaranteed of a medal and a spot in the regionals whereas the loser went home with only a little money "Under8ted" prevailed over "Fear This" to claim both a medal and a spot in the Regionals. "Fear This" disappeared out (Continued on Pg 3.)



BRONZE -- BREAKING CUES



BRONZE -- HAWTHORNE KIDS



BRONZE -- TIGER SHARKS



BRONZE -- WATCH OUR BALLS DROP



(Continued from Pg. 2) the door with their \$375 bridesmaid check.

In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round "Under8ted" broke "Breaking Cues" from the competition sending them home with the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round "Under8ted" subdued the "Main St. Madness" with \$700, the Silver Medallions, and the door to home. After that, it was off to the final Gold/Platinum round, where they could admire the beauty and grace of the "Nice Rack" that would be awaiting them.

"Nice Rack" had equal work in their journey to the finals. But different then "Under8teds" The "Nice Rack" started out Friday night at the Mid-way in slot # 58 by firing "Silver Bullets" to the one-loss side. The next morning at 9 AM "Quarterdeck" motorboated the "Nice Rack" over to the backside. At 1: PM, "Nice Rack" come upon a backside "Bye" to move on to the 5 PM round where they took the "Tang" away from "Cue-Tang-Clan.." Graciously, they opened the door to home for them so it wouldn't hit any of 'em in the butt on their way out. "Nice Rack" meanwhile, began making strategy plans for Sunday's Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round "Nice Rack" drained the "Secret Society Water Hole" to claim their spot in regionals, and at least, a Bronze Medallion necklace. In the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. "Nice Rack" watched "Watch Our Balls Drop" right out the door holding the Bronze and a \$470 check to the road home In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round "Nice Rack" tanned the "Rawhide" leaving them the "Silver" and \$700, while "Nice Rack" headed off into the Gold/Platinum finals arena against "Under8ted."

After a HORRIBLE color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables the final competition began and the results ensued as follows:

On Table 1, "RACK's" SL-5 **Paul Johnson** went double hill with "8TED's" SL-5 **Jennifer Windell**. Jen got Paul 4-3 Score 2-1 (8Teds)

On Table 2, "8TED's" SL-3 **Corynne Evans** went double hill with "RACK's" SL-3 **Alisha Newman**. Corynne got Alisha 2-1 Score tied 3-3.

On Table 3, "RACK's" SL-5 **Bryan McPherson** 4-zipped "8TED's" SL-5 **Alex Hoyt** to win 3-Zip. Score 6-3 in favor of "RACK's."

On Table 4, "RACK's" SL-6 **Michael Dowell** stomped "8TED's" SL-3 **Richard Fry** 6-zip for a 3-0 win. Match 9-3 in favor of the "RACK's" ..

On Table 5 "8TED's" SL-7 **Phil Bremer** annihilated "RACK's" SL-3 **Zach Johnson** 6-Zip for a 3-0 win.

FINAL SCORE: NICE RACK — 9 & UNDER8TED — 6

The 3 Monkey's team "NICE RACK" from the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. Division therefore won the match, won \$1,314, the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions, won all of the bragging rights, and claimed the crown of: Summer Session 2015 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions. For their hard fought valiant efforts "Under8ted" won \$1,000.

The next step will be the June 2016 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other worthy finalists from both the Fall and Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cups.

Most likely we will have seven slots allocated to us for the APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, come next August, 2016. You really want to be there.

Special Thanks again to KC's Midway, and Rodders for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our dedicated OPAL Referees: "Derby Dan Fendall, Steve Chandler, Kevin McCarthy, Shawn Kellar, Cory Bananto,, and John Blue..



SILVER -- MAIN ST. MADNESS



SILVER -- RAWHIDE



GOLD -- UNDER8TED



PLATINUM -- NICE RACK

If you think women
are the weaker sex,
try pulling the
blankets back to
your side.

Submitted By:
Jeff Clahessy

One, two
three,
BREATHE



He's
dead,
Jim

WHAT HAS BEEN SEEN....



CANNOT BE UNSEEN....

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE MAD AT SOMEONE
DOESN'T MEAN YOU STOP LOVING THEM



MEN DON'T GROW UP,



THEY JUST GET BIGGER.



MARRIAGE

The Only War Where You Sleep With The Enemy !

"THE PESSIMIST COMPLAINS ABOUT THE WIND;
THE OPTIMIST EXPECTS IT TO CHANGE;
THE REALIST ADJUSTS THE SAILS."

WILLIAM A. WARD



THE LOSER'S CORNER

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The 5 people listed below are verified losers from the Sept. 7th 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—ROBERT MOODY (97208506) who plays for Back Alley's "**Alley Dogs**" in the T.P.M. division.

2—MATT ROUSE (97208792) who plays for Underground's "**Spicy Pickled Tacos**" in the NW D.J. Division.

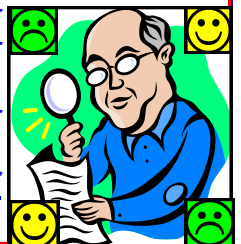
3—JASON HOLLENBEAK (97215321) who plays for Mousetrap's "**Powershots**" in the Northern D.J. division

4—SCOTT NELSON (97220032) who plays for Silver Star's "**Monkey Sharks**" in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. divn.

5—CALEN THOMPSON (97220702) who plays for Skyland's "**Nice Tries Finish Last**" in Gateway D.J. div.

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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