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Membership numbers.

From the September 14th newsletter no one else has called in uttering the magic words to join up with Earl and Lonnie in claiming their prize. NOT ONE! This means there's a party of "3" for your viewing pleasure in this week's Loser's Corner for you to ridicule & laugh at.

From the Sep. 21st Newsletter **Shaun Ritchie** (97206952) surprised us with a call informing us that he had found his number. **Shaun** plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Kiss Kiss" in the S.E. D.J. division. That means there still 4 orphan shirt's remaining (plus the 5 new one's from t his week) for a total of 9 — still out there to be found. So, If you haven't checked over the last Newsletter get off your butts and go look.

REMEMBER, You have only until the publishing 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, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you didn't get yours—Don't let it happen to you.

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The Cue Ball in Salem, owned by **Jim Lebold**, hosted the Western Regional US Amateur Preliminary on Saturday September 26th, with Merle as director. Jim provided free donuts and coffee which were available to all. There were 42 entries representing multiple western regional states (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada). (10 women & 32 men) Participation was open to any amateur—regardless of Skill Level or league affiliation—who sent in their entry to APA Headquarters in St. Louis prior to the sign up window closing in June 15, 2015.

The format was double elimination—race to 7 for the men and a race to 5 for the women. The races usually required a combination of both 8-Ball and 9-Ball. The winner of the Lag received the choice of either breaking—**OR**—naming the category of games to be played first. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent got to choose either 9-Ball, or 8-Ball, to play first. On the other hand, if the lag winner chose the game then the opponent took the break first and it was winner break thereafter. For the Men, If 9-Ball was chosen to be played first then they had to play all eight 9-Ball games. (for the women it was 6 games of 9-Ball) If neither of the men had won 7 games (or the women 5 games) by the conclusion of the final game of 9-Ball the players automatically switched to 8-Ball until one or the other reached their needed game total.

If 8-Ball was the first game category chosen then the men had to play 5 games of 8 ball where as the women played three, then the switch to 9-Ball was made until one or the other reached the required number of games won. The competition began immediately following registration and the players meeting at 10:30 AM. From start to finished there wasn't a problem to come up that wasn't easily fixed.

The competition was both keen and fierce in addition to being pretty much continuous once we got underway. However, we tried to make allowances



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Bathroom breaks whenever possible. Sportsmanship prevailed throughout the day and everyone win or lose obviously was enjoying the competition and having a good time. It was a very long day indeed. However, on the positive side all three of the Final matches were all underway just past 9:00 PM— The Men's 2nd Tier, and the Woman's —finished up just 8 minutes apart at 9:40, and 9:48 PM. The 1st Men's Tier finished at 10:05 PM.. By 10:30 PM all the forms were filled out, pictures taken, and the etched glass trophy plaques were awarded.

In the Men's division the split level tournament board bracketed two individual preliminary champions. The ladies tournament bracket board was designed to produce one winner. In each of the men's finals it was a race to eleven with 13 games of 9-Ball and 8 Games of 8 ball possibly being played. The ladies final was a Race to 9 game wins and they possibly could play 11 racks of 9-Ball and 6 racks of 8-Ball.

In the second Men's Tier, OPAL's **Adam Drew**, from Newberg, and 2014 US Amateur runner up—OPAL's **Martin Wragg** from Beaverton, Or, ended up in the finals. **Martin** started his journey in the first tier with a win over Newberg's **Austin Hale**. Next **Martin** defeated **Brian Vance** from Happy Valley, Or **7-5**, and in the very next round he took out Lyle Wa.'s **Randy White 7-4**. For the winner's side point **Martin** got upended by Salem's **Jon Mesa 5-7** who took the winner's point giving **Martin** a ticket to the back side point where he met up with "Happy Valley's **Brian Vance** again. this go-around **Martin** defeated **Brian 7-3** to go back over to the winner's side tier 2 finals match where **Adam Drew** was waiting.

Meanwhile in the first Men's Tier **Johnathon Mesa II** from Salem, Oregon had began his day long and into the night journey by getting a forfeit from Bonny Lake, Washington's **Criegh Dumo** who had "No Showed." In round two, **Jon** out-cued fellow Salemite **Q Robertson 7-5**, to send him over to the one-loss side. In Round three, **Jon** continued on his winning journey by taking down Tacoma Wa 's **Tracey Hampton 7-4**. In round four, for the winner's point—**Bob** took-out OPAL's **Martin Wragg 7-5** to claim the winner's point and to just kick back, relax, and wait to see who would be emerging back later on out of the one-loss side with the delusional hopes of trying to take his potential title away. He got to enjoy about a two hour wait.

Moving, back to **Adam Drew** in the Men's Tier 2. **Adam** started out the day going into a double hill thriller against Sammamish Wa's **John Mason**. Coming down to the wire **Adam** somehow escaped by taking the case game to move on ahead **7-6** while **John** slithered on into the one-loss side to eventually lose to **Brian Vance** and never be seen again. In round 2 **Adam** put the pedal to the metal and wiped out Yakima Wa's, **Scott Dzurik 7-1** sending him off to the back side to disappear. Next **Adam** was pitted up against OPAL's **Jim Knappenberger** from Beaverton in round three. **Adam** took **Jim** down **7-4** and sent him off to the one-loss side to also disappear. In round four action for the winner's point **Adam** found himself being faced off against **Johnny Brown** from Bend Oregon. It was a pretty well fought battle but **Adam** took **Johnny** down **7-5** to claim the winner's point, and leave **Johnny** behind to fade away into oblivion inside of the one-loss side. **Adam** however, leisurely perched himself there on the tier 2 Winner's point, but soon tired of the wait and went on outside and took a nap in his car.

Across the tournament room, **William Randall White (Randy)** from Lyle Wa., had began his journey from the 1st tier bracket. **Randy**, began his ascending up and down journey by taking out OPAL's **Francis Fontanilla 7-5**. Then **Randy** sent OPAL's **Todd Molinari** from Portland off to the backside with a decisive **7-3** win. In round three however, **Randy** ran into a brick wall owned by OPAL's **Martin Wragg**. **Martin** toppled the wall onto **Randy** leaving him buried under the pile of bricks **7-4**. Digging his way out from beneath the pile of bricks **Randy** found himself in the one-loss side matched up against **Brad Ehlers** from Kent Washington. **Randy** wasted little time and sent **Brad** out the door to home with a **7-2** loss while **Randy** headed into the Quarter Finals against **Scott Dzurik** from Yakima Wa. **Randy** was completely focused and showed no weakness in showing **Scott** the way to the door by taking him down **7-Zip**. In the bridesmaid Semi-Finals match **Randy** had to play Bend Oregon's **Johnny Brown**. It was a hard fought battle and it was much closer then the score indicated, but Randy took him down **7-4** and got to move back across the board to the 1st Tier Final —**race to 11**—against the awaiting **Jon Mesa II** from Salem Oregon. The loser would be going out the door to home with emptyhanded. The Winner would get his picture taken with Chief Wooden-feather "Woody" for short, and then get to pay his **\$60** or **\$75** entry —depending on whether, or not, he was member of APA, fill out some paperwork, and receive a glass etched trophy. Then for November 4-8th the finalist would have to arrange their travel to Stroker's Billiards in Palm Harbor Florida where they would compete in the prestigious finals of the US Amateur Championship (Continued on Pg. 3.)



ADAM DREW

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(Cont. from Pg. 2) Moving along to the women's bracket where there were 10 ladies who were fighting for just the one slot. OPAL's **Rebecca Slyter** of Beaverton, Oregon and **Cristy Barsky** from Corvallis, Oregon were the two ladies who ended up in the race to 9 women's Finals. **Rebecca** went undefeated all the way to the finals. She began her dominating journey with a decisive win over a "Bye" in the first round, but then came back with 5-Zip win in the second round over OPAL's **Claire Lewis** from Portland. In the third round **Rebecca** found herself egg-shell walking her way into winning the case game in a double hill thriller against OPAL's **Missy Cnossen** from Milwaukie. Now at the forth round's winner's point Rebecca out-scored Cristy Barsky from Corvallis 5-3 to perch herself up on the winner's point and await to see who would be foolish enough to come back out of the one-loss side with the delusions of taking Rebecca's potential preliminary title away. It was about a two hour wait.

Cristy Barsky, had started her journey to the finals by taking down **Bev Schantz** from Salem Or, 5-1. In round two **Cristy** blew open the door to the one-loss side for OPAL's **Nancy Ballotta** from Tigard Or, with a 5-2 win. Next, in round three **Cristy** remembered the Alamo, and chased **Stacy Enriquez** from Milwaukie, Or., into the one-loss side to follow after **Nancy**, & **Beverly**. Going to the Winner's point, **Cristy** fell short of her winning ways when she was taken down 5-3 and sent off to the one-loss side by **Rebecca Slyter**. Finding herself on the point of the one-loss side up against **Missy Cnossen**, **Cristy** managed to come out on top taking the match 5-3 and go back across for a rematch for all the marbles against the awaiting **Rebecca Slyter** in hopes of getting revenge by winning the race to 9 match final, and the coveted and prestigious, US Amateur Preliminary title.

All three finalist matches were underway shortly after 9: PM. The Tier 2 Men's race to 11 final between OPAL's **Adam Drew** and **Martin Wragg** was on table 3. The Ladies race to 9 Championship final between Corvallis's **Cristy Barsky** and OPAL's **Rebecca Slyter** was on table 4 , and the Tier 1 Race to 11 men's final between **Jon Mesa II** from Salem, and "**Randy White**" from Lyle Washington was going on table 5.

The first table to finish was table 3 at 9:42 PM. Opal's **Adam Drew** had wound up defeating OPAL's **Martain Wragg 11-2**. Thereby allowing **Adam** to be the first to claim the bragging rights to the title of 2015 US Amateur Preliminary Champion, pose for a picture with big chief wooden feather, and be the first to fill out the paperwork and pay his money.

Just 8 minutes later, at 9: 50, The women's final championship round finished. Opal's **Rebecca Slyter** had won over **Cristy Barsky 9-4** to claim the bragging rights to being the 2015 US Amateur Women's Preliminary Champion. She was obviously very happy to pose for a picture with big chief wooden feather, and even more thrilled to fill out the paperwork, and get to go..

Fifteen minutes later on table 5 at 10:05 PM. the Tier 1 final match concluded. **Randy White** from Lyle, Washington had wound up defeating Salem Oregon's **Jon Mesa II** in the race to 11 final by a score of 11-5 to claim the final victory, the bragging rights, and the prestigious title of being the 2015 US Amateur Preliminary Champion. Plus he received the undoubted-ly fantastic honor of having his picture take with Big Chief Wooden Feather, and fill out the necessary paperwork.

Adam Drew, **Randy White**, and **Rebecca Slyter** will be traveling east to compete in the US Amateur in Palm Harbor Florida November 4-8 2015. We wish them all the best of success, and a fun trip.

Special thanks to the Cue Ball and Staff for being such diligent and gracious hosts and giving that extra effort to insure everybody had a good time, that the equipment and room was in excellant shape and in superior operating order. Also extra thanks to the efforts of referee's Larry Hande, and Glenn Shoup who gave up their time and energy to officiate this awesome and prestigious event.

Last, to all those who attended, participated, and competed because of YOU, this day was truly extra special. Thank You.



RANDY WHITE



REBECCA SLYTER

EVERYTHING
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Jack says to his friend Mike: "I'm having an affair with the minister's wife. Can you keep him back in church for an hour after service for me?" Mike doesn't like it, but being Jack's friend, he agrees.

After the service Mike starts talking to the minister. He asks him all sorts of questions, just to keep him talking and occupied. After Awhile the minister starts getting a bit suspicious and annoyed, and asks Mike just what it is that he's really up to.

Mike feeling really guilty, confesses to the minister, "My friend is sleeping with your wife right now, and made me promise to keep you occupied." The minister ponders this over in his mind for a minute, smiles, and then puts a brotherly hand on Mike's shoulder and says: "I think you better hurry home now...MY wife died a couple of years ago."

THE LOSER'S CORNER

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The 3 people listed below are September 14th 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,—AND be sure and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—DEVON GULLEDGE (97213057) who plays for Rodder's "Monster Strokes" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division.
- 2—ADRIENNE PELHAM (97220133) who plays for dug-out's "A Stick Shy" in the NW D.J. division.
- 3—MICHELLE MAY (97220409) who plays for Katie's "Whats The Matter?" in the Midnight division.

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..!**

