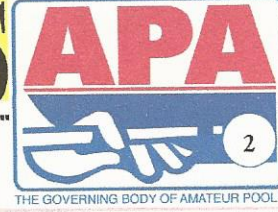


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**HIDDEN** (*Except when in parenthesis*) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. The early Ghost of Halloween did not scare up any more people from the October 10th newsletter which would help them join Penny in avoiding this week's unfortunate Loser's Corner. Furthermore, there has not been anyone yet to call in avoiding the future back page illumination possibly coming out from the October 17th newsletter either!

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Therefore, for your viewing pleasure on the back page this week there is an enclosed box of 4 names prominent for all to see—**Theresa**, by the way, has the distinction of residing there for 2 straight weeks now in a row.

The reality is that there are now 10 numbers still out there for the finding—5 from Oct. 24th, and 5 from this week! Lose or Snooze—your choice to end up in the loser's corner where everyone can laugh their butts off at you and give you the old "L" sign—or instead congratulate you on being a winner instead.

**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 didn't make the effort to find yours

**BE AN OPAL WINNER -- FIND YOUR NUMBER!**



## 68 Singles Qualify For 8-Ball Spring Regional

**D**uring last weekend Saturday Oct 22, at Rodder's and the MidwayHouse in Oregon City, **Boomer & John** directed tournament singles qualifiers in the **"Play 'till You Win"** 8-Ball Singles Qualifier blowout that saw 68 people get qualified for the February 2017 8-Ball Singles Regional. **Boomer** was at **Rodders**, and **John** was down the hill at the Midway. **94** people participated, and 68 got Qualified..

Winning a Regional spot in the SL, 2 & 3's Skill Level category were: **Pauline (SL-3) Fox** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks" in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division; **Bree (SL-3) Drew** who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Junk Monkeys" in the Mt/ Hood D.J. division; **Carol (SL-3) Dallmann** who plays for Mike's Place's "Apotheosis" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division; **Bridget (SL-3) Callahan** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Rack 'em & Crack 'em," in the Columbia D. J. division; **Clarice (SL-3) Burkhardt** who plays for Prairie Tavern's "DOMS" in the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. division; **Crysta (SL-3) Rankin** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Muffin Stuffers" in the Columbia D.J. division; **Ruben (SL-3) Mestas** who plays for Wrangler's "Kings Table" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division; **Bobbi (SL-3) Wilson** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks" in the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. division; **Denise (SL-3) Wentzel** who plays for Auto's "DeeZee Nutz" in the Clark County-APA division, , **Brad (SL-3) Hall** who plays for Scotty's "Bugger Off" in the Sunset division; **Chris (SL-3) Dix** who plays for Aloha Station's "The Luckee Ones" in the Northwest D.J. division; and **Britani (SL-3) Featherstone** who plays for Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects" in the Farside D.J. division.

Winning a Regional spot in the SL-4 Category were: **Terry (SL-4) Drake** who plays for Silver Star Saloons "Rackless Behavior" in the Columbia D. J. division; **Josi (SL-4) Bridges** who plays River Road House's "Jimenez" in the in the Southeast D.J. division; **Julie (SL-4) Duvall** who plays for Aloha Station's "Puck It" in the Sunset division; **Bo (SL-4) Hyder** who plays for Wrangler's "Smoke 'em High" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division, **Bruce (SL-4) Micheau** who plays for Mousetrap's "Power Shots" in the Northern D.J. division; ; **Chris (SL-4) Lytsell** who plays for Bink's "Death By Rabies" in the Northeast D.J. division; **Whitney (SL-4) Speakman** who plays Back Alley's "Wait For It" in the Columbia D. J. division; **Falaniko (SL-4) Setefano** who plays for Auto's Pub's "DeeZee Nutz" in the Clark County-APA division; **Jordan (SL-4) Walden** who plays for Slingshot Lounge's "All The Almonds" in the Southeast D.J. division; **Zack (SL-4) Wicke** who plays for Slingshot Lounge's "Off In Church" in the Mid Valley D.J. division, **Kristy (SL-4) Heltne** who plays for Bink's "Just The Tip" in the Northeast D.J. division; **Caiti (SL-4) Hupp** who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Wichita" (*Continued on Pg. 2*)



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(Continued from P. 1) **Mobsters** in the Mt. Hood D.J. division; **Kim** (SL-4) **Ouimet** who plays for Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Jo's" in the Sunset division; **Ron** (SL-4) **Patterson** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Motley Crew" in the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. division; **Jim** (SL-4) **Dowers** who plays who plays for Mike's Place's "Apotheosis" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division; **Dan** (SL-4) **Lemons** who plays for Quarter Deck's "8-Ball Idis" in the in the Clark County-APA division, and **Katie** (SL-4) **Kemmerer** who plays for Wrangler's "Chalking Dead" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. division.

Winning a Regional spot in the SL-5 Category were: **Stacy** (SL-5) **Enriquez** who plays for Wichita's "Kiss Kiss" in the Southeast D.J. division; **Kelly Kent**-(SL-5) **Micheau** who plays for Mousetrap's "Mousetrap" in the North Port 9-Ball division; **John** (SL-5) **Swift** who plays for Mousetrap's "Just 4 You" in the No-Po division; **Wayne** (SL-5) **Delatte** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Pool Puppies" in the Northern D.J. division; **Logan** (SL-5) **Bishop** who plays for Bink's "Death By Rabies" in the Northeast D.J. division; **Gary** (SL-5) **Grim** 97203350 who plays for Wrangler's "Nothin' But Luck" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division; **Mike** (SL-5) **Gallucci** who plays for Fortune Star's "Rack 'em & Weep" in the Farside D.J. division; **Scott** (SL-5) **Brickwood** who plays for Back Alley's "Sloppy Joe's" in the River City-APA division; **John** (SL-5) **Moore** who plays for Midway's "Performance Issues" in the Willamette D.J. division; **Chris** (SL-5) **Elliott** who plays for Shamrock's "Kitty's Happy" in the Mid-Valley D.J. division; **Aaron** (SL-5) **Griffin** who plays for Back Alley's "Wait For It" in the Columbia D.J. division; **David** (SL-5) **Johnson** who plays for Midway's "Performance Issues" in the Willamette D.J. division; **Joe** (SL-5) **Dubanski** who plays for Underground's "Stacked & Racked" in the Northwest D.J. division **Mark** (SL-5) **Yamamoto** who plays for McAnulty & Barry's "Twisted Stix" in the Willamette D.J. division; **Andrea** (SL-5) **Flores** who plays for Bink's "Death By Rabies" in the Northeast D.J. division; **TJ** (SL-5) **Helwig** who plays for Wrangler's "Nothin' But Luck" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division; **Mark** (SL-5) **Hilands** who plays for Twilight Room's "Beyond The Influence" in the Northern D.J. division; **Anthony** (SL-5) **Gerardot** who plays for Shamrock's "Kitty's Happy Hooker's" in the Mid-Valley D.J. division; **Mary** (SL-5) **Wiltshire** who plays for Sellwood Inn's "Just The Tip" in the Southeast D.J. division; **Su Su** (SL-5) **Migaki** who plays for Ringo's "Loose Rails" in the Sky Line D.J. division; **Perry** (SL-5) **Mixon** who plays for Prairie Tavern's "DOM" in the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. division; **Robert** (SL-5) **Ryder** who plays for Sellwood Inn's "Money In The Bank" in the Willamette D.J. division; **Nick** (SL-5) **Wimmer & Jennifer Windell** who both play for River Road House's "Under8ed" in the Southeast D.J. division; **Rick** (SL-5) **Hall** who plays for Scotty's "Bugger Off" in the Sunset division; **Ted** (SL-5) **Baden** who plays for Sundowner Inn's "Nine Hangin'" in the Outback division; and "Smiley" little **Kim** (SL-5) **Norn** who plays for Fortune Star's "Devils Rejects" in the Farside D.J. division!

Winning a regional SL-6 slot were: **Phil** (SL-6) **Hupp** who plays for Wichita Pub's "Wichita Mobster's" from the Mt. Hood D.J. division, **Steve** (SL-6) **Kemp** Chalk and Awe in the Midwest D.J. division; **Dave** (SL-6) **McDowell** who plays for Underground's "Sticks & Chicks" in the Skyline D.J. division; **David** (SL-6) **Hoggatt** who plays for Pub 181's "on the Run" in the Farside D.J. division; **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson** who plays for Underground's "No EZ Shots" in the Skyline D.J. division; **Ron**(SL-6) **Bissell** who plays for Ringo's "Loose Rails" in the Skylinet D.J. division; and **Jeff** SL-6) **Hiatt** who plays for Back Alley's "U Rack 'Em" in the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. division.

Then in the last category there were just three 7's that eventually managed to cross over the finish line to claim a slot into regionals. They were: **Francis** (SL-7) **Fontanilla** who plays for Sunset Lane's "Knockouts" in the Sunset division; **Izzy** "Wizzy" (SL-7) **Lemus** who plays for McQuillans "Just Chillin" in the Willamette D.J. division; and just barely slipping in last was Mr. **Tarek** (SL-7) **Zaher** who plays for Midway Publiik House's "Performance Issues" in the Willamette DJ division.

The Spring Singles Regional will take place over the last weekend in February 2017. The qualification window for this Regional will close on November 30th. Keep in tune with the "Boomer's Page" for qualifier board notices. If you'd be interested in directing an 8 or 9-Ball qualifier at your host location then please contact the league office to get set up. If you've not gotten qualified and you want to compete in regionals and possibly win your way to Nationals in Las Vegas during May 2017 then don't procrastinate or wait. Instead strike while the iron is hot because — the deadline will be here before you know it.



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## APA Western Regional League Operator Conference



On October 23rd through the 25th Merle & Boomer traveled to attend the 2016 Western Regional Conference of APA League Operator's in Lake Tahoe—Just up over the Mountains from Reno at Incline Village. This was a great opportunity for the league operators to network amongst themselves while getting together with some of the leaders from APA Headquarters including President Rene' Lyle and share goals, ideas, and gain first hand information on the intricacies of all the new exciting developments that are being worked on, sought after, and developed to improve, energize, and enhance the APA pool league system for the betterment of the entire membership community, and supporting current, and future, Host Locations.

My daughter suggested I get the names of my children tattooed on my body. I told her I already did... they're called stretch marks.

**Submitted By:**  
**Dan Bochard**



**SOME MORNINGS**

You Need A Cafe-Mocha-Vodka-Valium-Latte



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The 4 people listed below are ALL October 17th 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-THERESA CHESNEY** (97203547) who plays for River Road's **"No BS"** in the **Southeast D. J.** division.
- 2-RICHARD DUVALL** (97206456) who plays for Tardis Room's **"Time Lords"** in the **No-Po** division.
- 3-NATE IRISH** (97211890) who plays for MaGuffy's **"Taco Flavored Kiss's"** in the **Sunset** division.
- 4-WILLIAM POLK** (97220560) who plays for McAnulty & Barry's **"Rebels & Outlaws"** in the **Southern 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..!**





## **No Boomer's Page This Week-But Here Are a Few Notes From Boomer**

### **RESCHEDULED MATCHES**

If you need to reschedule your Thanksgiving or Chinook matches, you need to make arrangements now. Thanksgiving matches need to be pre-played. Thanksgiving is November 24 and all divisions, except Thursday divisions, are scheduled to play that week. When a team gives advance notice that a match needs to be rescheduled, the opposing team must do everything in their power to accommodate them. If you are having trouble agreeing on a time and place, give us a call, we will set the date and time, which may not be to your best advantage. Do the best you can to work things out between you. Failure to show up for a match may disqualify your team for playoffs or tri-cups, even if your team is in first place and you will be responsible for both team fees. Get with your team and make arrangements now.

**Get a jump on Spring session. Pay your 2017 member dues online now at  
[www.poolplayers.com](http://www.poolplayers.com)**

**We will be doing weekly drawings for free play certificates starting the first week in November for those who go online to pay their 2017 member dues prior to January 9, 2017. The sooner you get your dues paid the more drawings that you will entered into. Make sure you are making any corrections necessary to your address and phone number prior to paying your dues. Complete address, including apt number needs to be in the address 1 block and your primary phone number needs to be in the home phone number block to keep from having a \* show up on the score sheet next to your name.**

### **MAKE UP MATCHES NEED TO BE COMPLETED**

All make up matches, including matches from Chinook Winds week, need to be completed by November 20. Thanksgiving matches need to be pre-played if you will not be able to field a team for that week. If you have not made arrangements with the other team to get your make up or pre-plays completed, you need to do so immediately. Failure to complete a make up match may result in your team not being eligible for playoffs or tri-cups no matter what position you hold in the standings. Makeup and pre-play matches need to be turned in when your next week's score sheet are due, even if you have a bye that week, to be considered on time.

