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The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



Summer 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

SEPTEMBER 9-11th Wichita Town Pub in Milwaukie and Rodder's in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Summer Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. With Wichita hosting the Sunday finals.

The Hosts and crews of both places were both very good hosts and took care of everyone very well. Boomer had some printer problems which slowed things down on Saturday, but that got rectified 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 **\$11,504** which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 74% 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 8:00 PM. An amazing statistic this time around was that Every one of the teams that lost on Friday also lost their way out of the tournament in the very next round. Apparently Summer revenge 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: **McAnulty & Barry's** "Corner Hookers," **Prarie Tavern's** "DOMS," **Sellwod's** "Money In The Bank," and **Wichita Town Pub's** "Sanchos."

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning **\$175** was **Ickabod's** "That 1 Team," **Dugout's** "The Luckee One," **Twilight Room's** "Beyond The Influence," **Scotty's** "It's A Stupid Game," **Katies's Back Yard** "Swinging Sticks," **Back Alley's** "Pool Sharks," **Dugout's** "A Stick Shy," and **Wrangler's** "Smoke 'Em High."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$225** was: **Wrangler's** "Timmy," **Fortune Star's** "We Popular," **Ice-house's** "Bus Boys," **Cascade's** "Why So Hard," **Sellwood Inn's** "Milwaukie's Best," **Back Alley's** "Shark B8," **Tardis Room's** "Bad Wolf," and **McAnulty & Barry's** "Profanity."

FINISHING 9-16 and winning **\$300** was: **Fortune Star's** "Fugetaboutit," **Bull Mountain's** "Outlaws," **Sam's** "Hit Squad," **Shamrock's** "High Noon Shooters," **Sam's** "Justice League," **Underground Sport Bar's** "Why So Serious?," **Sellwood Inn's** "Just The Tips," and **Sling Shot Lounge's** "Slinging Around."

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From way back in Last Week's Newsletter no one else called in to avoid the Loser's Corner this week, but as luck would have it they do have one more week to look and hopefully find their number. So there's 10 numbers to be found 5 from last week, and 5 from this week. So find them and avoid the Loser's corner.

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



Be with those that
bring out the best in you,
not the stress in you.

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(Continued from Pg. 1) FINISHING 5/8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$450 each were:

Wichita Town Pub's "Kiss Kiss" from the Southeast D.J. division with Team Captain: **Stacy Enriquez**, and teammates-- **Larry Gee**, **Desiree Oberman**, **Shaun Ritchie**, **Delores Petrich**, **Jesse Bliss**, **Candy Greer**, and **Daniel Wanet**;

North Port Division's "Mousetrap" with Team Captain: **Gerald Krum Sr.**, and teammates--**Kelly Kent-Micheau**, **Bruce Micheau**, **Eartha Gilbert**, **Sharon Utterback**, **Joni Remster**, and **Forrest Ewen**;

Midway Publik House's "Pool Ball Wizards" from the Southern DJ division— with Team Captain: **Brian Holgate**, and teammates--**Andrew Ebalaroza**, **Wayne Wakabayashi**, **Dale Schroder**, **Larry Poe**, **Buck & Teri Campbell**, and **James Briscoe**; and

Golden Horse's "Scratch Masters?" from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Greg Heffler** and teammates—**Jake Narruhn**, **Arson Ludwig**, **Ben Robert**, **SG Narruhn**, **Danny Duran**, **John Manuel**, and **Steve Smith**.

FINISHING 3 / 4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$600 each was: Andy's Inn's "City Hunters" from the Sunrise D. J. division with Team Captain: **Wing Li**, and teammates-- **Peter Hale**, **Don Martin**, **Zhi Zhao**, **Roy Chan**, **Jia Li**, **Quincy Whitfield**, and **Crystal Miller**; AND Wild Horse's "Pocket Pounders" from the Outback D. J. division— with Team Captain: **Lynn Baker**, and teammates--**Brett Noble**, **Tara-leigh Lantz**, **Andrew Good**, **James Shirley**, **Tim Anderson**, **Ian Lindquist**, and **Daniel Roth**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$950 from the Midwest D.J. division was MaGuffy's "Why So Hard ?" with Team Captain: **Jason Scheck**, and teammates: **David Bowler**, **Paul Johnson**, **Chris Willard**, **Sapna Upadhayay**, **Johnathan Tang**, **Robert Martyn Jr.**, and **Roy Chrisop**.

FINISHING 1ST and winning the coveted Platinum Medallions— the top money prize of \$1,254—and the bragging rights to the title of 2016 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Champions was: Epic Sport Bar's "Chalking Smack" From the Farside D. J. division with Team Captain: **Joseph Shaffer**, and teammates:—**Shannon Norton**, **Jennifer Hibberd**, **Les McIntosh**, **Glenda Flygare**, **T;haddeus Wiedmaier**, **Adrian Macha**, and **Wayne Moore**.

The Journey to the finals was straight away undefeated for both teams "Why So Hard ?" started out Friday night at Rodders by taking McAnulty & Barry's "Corner Hookers" for a joy ride in the Loser's side. Saturday morning "Why So Hard ?" laid out a trap for the mice and the "Mousetrap" disappeared to the back side too. In the 5 PM round "Why So Hard ?" put Ice House's "Bus Boys" out the door to home and headed on to do battle in Sunday morning's "Bridesmaid" round at the Wichita.

Sunday morning started as a battle of the "Why's"—"Why So Hard ?" vrs "Why So Serious ?" (Continued on Pg 3.)



BRONZE -- KISS KISS



BRONZE -- MOUSETRAP



BRONZE -- POOL BALL WIZARDS



BRONZE -- SCRATCH MASTERS

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Afternoon "Why So Hard?" ended up seriously defeating Underground's "Why So Serious?" and sent them out the door with \$300 and no medal.

Now sitting with a guaranteed spot in regionals and at least a Bronze medal "Why So Hard?" went to take on Midway's "Pool Ball Wizard's?" in the 1 PM Silver round. "Why So Hard?" out sorcerer'd the "Wizards" and sent them home with the Bronze and \$450 Next, "Why So Hard?"

In the Silver/Gold round "Why So Hard?" ambushed the "City Hunters" leaving them behind to wander aimlessly out the door to home with the Silver and \$650 in travel out-the-door money as the "Why So Hard?" clan headed for the finals.

Meanwhile, "Chalking Smack" had drawn a "Bye" on Friday down at Wichita and didn't have to play until Saturday 9 AM. Where they had to play Slingshot Lounge's "Slinging Around" "Chalking Smack" didn't mess around and slung them off to do their slinging in the lose's side. In the 5 PM Saturday round the "Smackers" threw Back Alley's "Shark B8" to the out-the-door-sharks and won passage to the Sunday morning round. There they smacked Fortune Star's "Fugetaboutit" out the door to home with only \$300 and no medal. In the Sunday 1 PM winner's side round they "Smacked" a parting smooch to "Kiss Kiss" as they headed out the door to home with the Bronze and \$450. In the 3 PM Sunday Silver / Gold round "Why So Hard?" pounded the "Pocket Pounders" out the door to home to move into Sunday's Gold / Platinum Medal Round against MaGuffy's Pub's "Why So Hard?"

The "Why So Hard?" / "Chalking Smack" 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 10: "Smack's" SL-5 **Shannon Norton** was defeated by "Why's" SL-3 **Ben Wyatt** 28-25 for a score of 6 to 14

On Table 8: "Smack's" SL-3 **Glenda Flygare** defeated "Why's" SL-2 **Sapna Upadhayay** 25-18 for a score of 12-8.

On Table 7: "Smack's" SL-4 **Les McIntosh** annihilated "Why's" SL-4 **Chris Willard** 31-14 for a score of 13-7.

On Table 6: "Why's" SL-3 **Roy Crisop** trounced "Smack's" SL-3 **Jennifer Hibberd** 25-14 for a score of 16-4

On table 5: "Why's" SL-9 **Paul Johnson** took on "Smacks" SL-8 Team Captain **Joseph Shaffer** who ended up winning 65 to 72 for a 12-8 Mach Race Victory and bringing the overall team score to:

CHALKING SMACK: 51 — WHY SO HARD ? : 49.

After everything was said and done, "Chalking Smack" claimed the victory, the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,254 check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2016 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. "Why So Hard" expressed fantastic sportsmanship and totally went out of their way to congratulate the other team for it's victory. For their exhausting Hard work in winning the Gold Medallions "Why So Hard ?" received \$950.

The next step will be the June 2017 Wichita Town Pub 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 9-Ball Tri-Cups for one of six team slots that will be allocated to us for the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas during August 2017.

Special Thanks again to the owners and staff of **Wichita Town Pub** and **Rodders** for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Steve Schneringer**, **Maxine Buhler**, 97216425 **Samantha McCabe**, **Jeff Hiatt**, **Dan Fendall**, and **Don "Coyote" Walker**,



SILVER - CITY HUNTERS



SILVER - POCKET POUNDERS



GOLD - WHY SO HARD ?



PLATINUM - CHALKING SMACK

OPAL-APA NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE

November 10 - 13th, 2017

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.**

FOOTBALL-ISMS Submitted By: Dan Bochard

The Beavers have a good engine but their hands just aren't on the Steering Wheel...

If lessons are learned in defeat, the Beaver's are getting a great education.

Oregon State didn't tackle well their opening day, but they made up for it by not blocking.

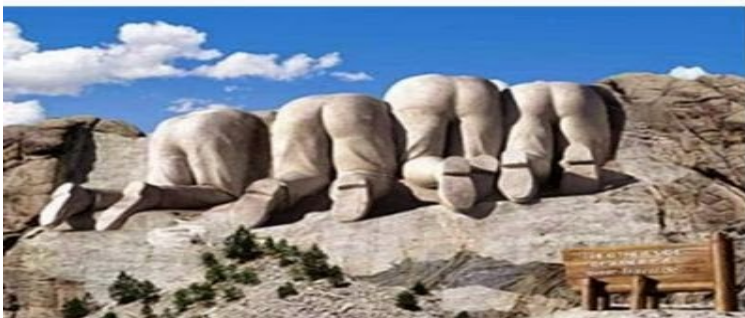
How did the Oregon State football player die from drinking milk? The cow fell on him.

How do you get a former Oregon State football player off your porch? Pay him for the pizza.

What do you get when you put 32 Oregon State cheerleaders in one room? A full set of teeth.

If three Oregon State football players are in the same car, who is driving? The police officer.

You know, there are some things that you just never think of like Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side.



YOU DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE YOU GET OLD,
YOU GET OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP LAUGHING



THE LOSER'S CORNER



There is no loser's corner until next week! But, there are still 5 numbers unclaimed from week #1 plus 5 new ones from this week-So, get looking !!



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