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Summer 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results!

September 16-18th Rodders in Oregon City and Witchita Town Pub in Milwaukee graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup with the Sunday final

being held at Rodders. 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 42 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 **\$13,904** 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 5th newsletter we finally had two people call in to utter the magic words and claim their prize. They were: **Terry Holsinger** (97216931) who plays for River Road House's "Little Monsters" in the Willamette D.J. division; and **Bruce Graham** (97217190) who plays for the-Back Alley "Pool Sharks" in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division. Therefore there will be a party of three for your Loser Corner viewing pleasure this week.

From last week's newsletter Nobody has found their numbers hidden and called. They have one more week to get smart. There's "10" numbers out there with the 5 new one's this week to be found so go take a look on the web.

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 / 42nd and winning **\$150** were: **McAnulty & Barry's** "Profanity;" **McAnulty & Barry's** "Rawhide;" **Sundowner's** "Nine Hangin';" **Sweet Home's** "Wreckers;" **Falco's** "Dysfunction Junction" **Coach's** "Racham Asylum;" **Silver Star Saloon's** "Motley Crew;" **Slingshot Lounge's** "Slinging Around;" **Shamrock's** "Watch Our Balls Drop;" and **Jake's** "Momz Nite Out with Bob."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning **\$200** for their team were: **Katies's** "Dude, Where's My Cue?;" **Sunset Lane's** "Sloppy Joes;" **Mousetrap's** "Power Shots;" **Leo's Liar** "Um Your Team;" **Bink's** "Death By Rabies;" **Wrangler's** "Smoke 'em High;" **McAnulty & Barry's** "2 Many Shots;" and **Underground's** "No Slop For The Wicked."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$250** were: **Shamrock's** "Kitty's Happy Hookers;" **Coach's** "Crooked Cues;" **River Road House's** "Under8ted;" **Cascade Bar's** "Why So Hard;" **2nd St. Bar's** "2 Drinks Minimum;" **River Road House's** "Little Monsters" **McAnulty & Barry's** "Accidental Defense;" and **Joe Celler's** "Lucky Mummies."

FINISHING 9-16 and just 97208360 missing a medal, but winning **\$350** were: **Tardis Room's** "Time Lords;" **Back Alley's** "Sloppy Joes;" **Golden Horse's** "Scratch Masters;" **Midway's** "Sotally Tober;" **Andy's Inn** "City Hunters;" **Coach's** "Originals;" **Buffalo Gap's** "Animals;" and (Continued on Page 2.)

TRI-CUP

(Continued. from Pg. 1) Back Alley's "Out Back In The Alley"



FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$500, plus the "Bronze Medallions" were: **Maguffy Pub's "Adam's Angels"** from the Sunset division with Team Captain: **Adam Drew** and teammates-- **Galeena Amyotte, Diane Ramirez, Karen Ronning, Elizabeth Ingram, Nate Irish,** and **Ricci Jean-Bart**; **Epic Sports 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, Thad Wiedmaier, Adrian Macha,** and **Wayne Moore**; **Cascade Bar's "Rack On"** from the Clark County-APA division with Team Captain: **Janet Farris**, and teammates: **Ronald Farris, Josh Farris, Sally Perlioni, Aletia Hambleton, Justin McClintock,** and **Linda Johnson**; and **Pub 181's "Secret Society"** from the Park Rose D.J. division with Team Captain: **David Scarth**, and teammates-- **Robert Taylor, Wayne Moore, Tara Gantz, John Karleskint, Melissa Kruse, Brennan Lemke,** and **Juan Honrado.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$775 for each team was **McAnulty & Barry's "Main Street Madness"** from the Willamette D.J. division—with Team Captain: **Leonard Duval**, and teammates--**Kevin Jones, Lawrence & Cindy Kingrey, Michael Cox, Yelena Voytenko, Julie Blake** and **Brent Sanchez**; along with **Back Alley's "Wait For It"** from the Columbia D.J. division with Team Captain: **Justin Walker**, and teammates **Josh Kidwell, Todd & Whitney Speakman, Deidre Riekhof, Dee Castellano,** and **Richard Fletcher.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,050 was **Andy Inn's "City Hunters."** from the Midnight division with Team Captain: **Wing Li**, and teammates-- **Peter Hale, Luis Cotto, Skip Martin, Zhi Zhao, Quincy Whitfield, Roy Chan,** and **Joanna Miles.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,404— from the Mid-West D.J. division was **Maguffy Pub's "Why So Hard?"** with Team Captain **Jason Scheck**, and teammates: **David Bowler, Paul Johnson, Chris Willard, Sapna Upadhayay, Jonathan Tang, Roy Chrisop,** and **Robert Martyn Jr.**

It was almost a mirror image journey to the finals for both **"City Hunters"** and **"Why So Hard?"**. **"City"** started out at Rodders with a Friday Night "Bye" in slot 11. Saturday morning they slung **"Slinging Around"** into the one loss side to lose themselves in the backside maze. . Then, in the Sat. 5 PM Round they ended the journey for **"2 Drinks Minimum"** sending them permanently out the door and down the road to home. With that win, **"City"** gained passage to the 9 AM Sunday round where they would face off against **"Sloppy Joes"** 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 a mere \$350 check in their pocket. **"City"** ate up the **"Sloppy Joes"** to claim both a medal and a spot in the Regionals. What still remained of the **"Sloppy Joes"** ended up silently disappearing **out the door to the road home** with their \$350 bridesmaid check in their pockets (Continued on Pg 3.)



BRONZE -- ADAM'S ANGELS



BRONZE -- CHALKING SMACK



BRONZE -- RACK ON



BRONZE -- SECRET SOCIETY PUB 181



(Continued from Pg. 2) In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round the "City" exposed the "Secret Society" in a double hill thriller to send them home with \$500 and the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round "City" squelched the "Main St. Madness" leaving them \$775, the Silver Medallions, and the door to home. After that, it was off to the final Gold/Platinum round, where they would meet "Why So Hard?" that would be awaiting them.

The "Why's" had a parallel journey to the finals to that of the "City". The "Why's" started out Friday night in slot #39 at the Wichita with a "Bye" The next morning at 9 AM the "Why's" upended "Main Street Madness" over to the backside and wait to move to the 5 PM round. When 5:00 PM finally came around, the "Why's" took on Cascade Bar's "Why So Hard" team and showed who was the alpha-dominant team. Graciously, "Why's" opened the door to home for them so it wouldn't hit any of 'em in the butt on their way out. The "Why's" meanwhile, began making strategy plans for Sunday's Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round "Why's" took down "Out Back In The Alley" to claim their spot in regionals, and at least, a Bronze Medallion necklace. In the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round the "Why's" watched "Rack On" move on right out the door to the road home holding the Bronze and a \$500 check. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round "Why's" waited for "Wait For It" only long enough to pack up the "Silver" and the \$775 check and head out the door. The "Why's" then headed for the Gold/Platinum finals arena to battle for all the marbles against the "City Hunters."

After a Near PERFECT color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables the final competition began The results were as follows:

On Table 8, "Why's" SL-2 Sapna Upadhayay was shut out by "City's" SL-3 Joanna Miles. 3-Zip Score 3-0 (City)

On Table 9, "Why's" SL-5 David Bowler took down "City's" SL-5 Roy Chan. 4-2 for a 2-Zip Score —Score 3-2 in favor of City Hunters..

On Table 11, "Why's" SL-5 Jason Scheck beat "City's" SL-6 Peter Hale 4-3 to win 2-Zip. Score 4-3 in favor of "Why's".

On Table 12, "City's" SL-6 Don Martin got 2-Zipped by "Why's" SL-2 Chris Willard for a 3-0 win. Overall Match 7-3 in favor of the "Why's" ..

On Table 13 "Why's" SL-7 Paul Johnson defeated "City's" SL-6 Wing Li 5-2 for a 2-Zip win.

FINAL SCORE: CITY HUNTERS — 3 and WHY SO HARD? — 9

The Maguffy's Pub team "Why So Hard?" from the Midwest D.J. Division therefore won the match, won \$1,404, the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions, won all of the bragging rights, and claimed the crown of: Summer Session 2016 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions. For their hard fought valiant efforts "City Hunters" won \$1,050.

The next step will be the June 2017 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 Rodders, and Wichita Town Pub for hosting our 8-Ball Tri-Cup event for us. And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our dedicated OPAL Referees: Don "Coyote" Walker, Charlie Walker, Jeff Hiatt, Maxine Buhler, Sarah Pearson, Stephen Schneringer, and John Blue..



SILVER -- MAIN ST. MADNESS



SILVER -- WAIT FOR IT



GOLD -- CITY HUNTERS



PLATINUM -- WHY SO HARD?

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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 event 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.**



House Colors *Submitted By:* *Dan Boehard*

A woman wants the inside of her house painted and she calls a contractor in to help her. They wander around the house, and she points out the colors she wants. She says, "Now, in the living room, I'd like to have a neutral beige, very soft and warm." The contractor nods, pulls out his pad of paper and writes on it. Then he goes to the window, leans out and yells, "Green side up!"

The woman is most perplexed but she lets it slide. They wander into the next room. She says, "In the dining room I'd like a light white, not stark, but very bright and airy." The contractor nods, pulls out his pad of paper and writes on it. Then he goes to the window, leans out, and yells "Green side up!" The woman is even more perplexed but still lets it slide.

They wander further into the next room. She says, "In the bedroom, I'd like blue. Restful, peaceful, cool blue." The contractor nods, pulls out his pad of paper and writes on it. Then once more he goes to the window, leans out and yells "Green side up!"

This is too much. The woman says, "Every time I tell you a color, you write it down, but then you yell out the window 'Green side up.' What on earth does that mean?"

The contractor shakes his head and says, "I have four blondes laying sod across the street."

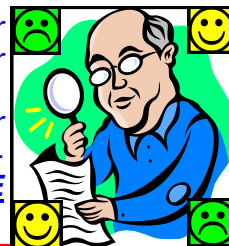


The 3 people listed below are verified losers from the Sept. 5th Newsletter. If you know and see any of these people give 'em your best razzin' and the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—PAUL WIECK** (97200072) who plays for Coach's "Crooked Cues" in the Mid-West D.J. division.
- 2—ED ROSSMELL** (97218523) who plays for Sam's Billiard's "Sofa Kings" in the Downtown D.J. Division.
- 3—DENIRO MOMOTARO** (97221709) who plays for Home Turf's "Ball Droppers" in Horizon Super 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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