

THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



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HIDDEN (Except

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(somewhere in this Newsletter) are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. One person from the Sept 19th newsletter called in to save herself from disgrace and that sharp eyed diligent person was: **Patricia Deitz** (97212919) who plays for Mousetraps "Just 4 Fun" in the No-Po. division.

No one from the September. 26 th Newsletter has yet to find their number and call in and save themselves yet so far. Therefore, there's a Loser's Party of four for you to ridicule this week. There are still 5 numbers out there from this past week, plus the "5" new one's from this week. So that's 10 numbers to be bound. Grab your eye glasses and get hunting or else you might be found on the back page of next week's newsletter like those silly loser's you can see this week.

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, you'll find yourself in the Loser's Corner for all to see, and minus a shirt that'll go to someone else! So, don't let that happen to you...So get on the ball and get to looking!

BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD 97220520

OPAL: 6 out of 9 in FALL SINGLES REGIONAL



"Purple" Tier (SL 7-9) slot. In 9-Ball there was one "Green" Tier (SL's 1, 2, & 3) slot, One "White" Tier (SL's-4 & 5) slot, and one "Black" Tier (SL's 6-9) slot The Format was Modified Single elimination.

The 8-Ball format started and finished at Jake's on Saturday, and 9-Ball was started and finished at Kolby's on Sunday. Both formats finished up around 8:30 PM on their respective days., In the 8-Ball (SL-2 & 3) "Blue Tier" Board, both were OPAL finalist's. **Lonnie Jones** who plays for Midway's Waterlogged in the Willamette D.J. division, and **Jenny McCabe** who plays for Bull Mountain's "Outlaws" in the Midwest D.J. division. **Lonnie** got by Ashley Mai in the first round but got upended by **Kevin Wickes** 0-2 and then had to fight his way through the one loss side taking down OPAL's Kelley Heavyside 2-0, and then OPAL's **Lyn Kelsey** 2-1 to move back to the front side final against OPAL's **Jenny McCabe**. Meanwhile **Jenny** had gone straight away to the final undefeated by taking down Washington's **Devyn Odom** 2-1, then Washington's **Kevin Wickes** 2-1 to reach the finals against **Lonnie Jones**. **Jenny** came out smoking taking the first 2 games giving her the victory, the slot to Nationals, and all the bragging rights to being the 2016 Regional Blue Tier Champion. (Continued on Page 2.)

October 1-2 Jakes, & Kolby's Bar 'n Grill in Salem co-hosted the NW APA Fall Singles Regional with **Randee Lee** 97218576 of Salem, APA League Operator as the tournament director, and **Merle & Boomer** assisting. There were 98 players (57 in 8-Ball & 41 in 9-Ball) that got qualified. All were hoping for one of 7 slots total (6 in 8-Ball & 3 in 9-Ball) to the APA National 8-Ball Singles Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas during May 2017. In 8-Ball there were one "Blue" Tier (SL-2/3) slot, one "Yellow" Tier (SL- 4) slot, two "Red" Tier (SL -5) slots, One "Orange" Tier (SL-6) slot, and one



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SINGLES REGIONAL (Continued)

(Continued from Pg. 1) Moving to the "Yellow" tier bracket it was a match race to 3 unless you were promoted to a SL-5 like OPAL's **Michael Gallucci** who plays for Fortune Star's "Rack 'em & Weep" in the Farside D.J. division —for him it was a race to "4." **Michael** went to the final's undefeated. He drew a "Bye" in the first round, and in round 2 he blasted OPAL's **Deanna West** into the back side 4-1. Next **Michael** defeated OPAL's **Carissa Starreveld** 4-1, showing her the door to the road home while he perched himself on the point to see who would be coming after him in the final. Meanwhile across the room OPAL's **Dale Mick** who plays for Quarterdeck's "8-Ball Idis" in the CCAPA D.J. division also started out with a "Bye" in the first round, but in the 2nd round had found himself being transported to the back side 3-2 by **Carissa Starreveld**. First drawing a 2nd "Bye" **Dale** then took down **Deanna West** 3-Zip to win the back point and move back across the board to the finals against the waiting **Michael Gallucci**. **Dale** was a man on a mission and took out **Michael** 3-1 to claim the victory, the slot to Las Vegas, the bragging rights to being the "Yellow" tier 2016 Fall singles regional champion.



There were two Red Tier (SL-5) brackets. In the first bracket OPAL's **Chris Boutourline** who plays for Watertrough's "Hawthorne Kids" went straight to the finals undefeated by first beating Snohomish's **Dustin Wiediger** in a double hill thriller 4-3. Next **Chris** upended Washington's **Kyle Busolits** 4-2 sending him to the backside. In the Semi's **Chris** went double hill against OPAL's **Mihkel Talviste** and barely squeaked out the case game to put himself to the finals. Meanwhile, after **Kyle** got sent to the dark side in the 2nd round by **Chris**, he too had to take on **Dustin Wiediger**. **Kyle** beat him 4-1 to gain passage to the Semi's where he would meet up with OPAL's undefeated **Robert Ryder**. **Kyle** took on the challenge and won the match up 4-2 to send Robert out the door to home. Now the first red final was to begin. Would it be Revenge, or summer reruns? This time though the match went all the way to double hill. **Chris** won the final game to claim yet another OPAL victory, a slot to Las Vegas, and the bragging rights to being a "Red" Tier Regional 2016 Co-Champion.

In the second "Red" Tier (SL-5) bracket **Michael Davis** from Lakewood Washington went undefeated to the finals by first taking down OPAL's **Chris Elliott** 4-3 and getting promoted to SL-6. In Round two **Michael** sent OPAL's **Ryan Todd** to the dark side 5-3. In round 3 by a score of 5-2 OPAL's undefeated **Aaron Plantenberg** was shown the door to home, and Michael headed for the finals. Back across the room OPAL's little **Sammy McCabe** who plays for the Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks" had found herself being slammed into the loser's side by **Ryan Todd** in a double hill defeat 4-3. Miss **Sampson** proceeded to torpedo **Chris Elliott** 4-1 sending him out the door to home. Next **Sammy** went to double hill against **Kelly Kent-Micheau**, and barely squeaked out the win 4-3 — sending **Kelly** home and go on to do forced battle with her sweetness — OPAL's "Mad" **Maxine Buhler**. The match was tied 2-2 after 4 games, An untimely "Max Scratch" allowed an easy **Sammy** run-out to the hill. Then, another bizarre roll ending in still another "Max Scratch" gave **Sammy** the 4-2 win opportunity and she took it and headed for the finals. Alas, for **Sammy** it was to no avail as **Michael Davis** outscored her 5-1 to claim the victory, the bragging rights, and the 2nd Co-Champion "Red" Tier Regional Las Vegas Slot.



In the 8-Ball SL-6 "Orange" tier bracket it was a match race to 5 and a Washington vs. Washington final. Both **Cory Van-Nortrick** from Bonny Lake, and **Darrow Lewis Jr.** from Marysville went all the way undefeated straight to the finals. **Cory** began by barely sending OPAL's **Dave McDowell** into the one-loss side 5-4 in a double hill thriller. Then boinked **Larry Gee** following 5-2. Next **Cory** took down Washington's **Steven Holthenrichs** 5-2 to get into the finals. On the flip side, **Darrow Lewis Jr** wiped out OPAL's **Tim Watts** 5-2, and Washington's

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(Continued from Pg. 2) Steven Holthenrichs 5-2. In the Semi's **Darrow** ended the day's journey for OPAL's **Tim Watts** 5-3. and **Darrow** headed for the finals .

Winning the "Orange" Tier slot into Nationals, the bragging rights to being the 2016 "Orange" Fall-Regional Champion, by a score of 5-3 was **Darrow Lewis Jr.**

In the SL 7 8-Ball "Purple" Tier board—race to "5" it was an OPAL / Washington Civil War Match up in the finals. OPAL's **Todd Speakman** who plays for Back Alley's "Wait For It" in the Columbia D.J. division began his journey by kicking Robert Alston's butt to the loser's side 5-2 in the first round . In round two OPAL's "Show No Mercy" **Adam Drew** absolutely got no mercy when **Todd** sent him following after **Robert** 5-3. In the Semi's **Todd** put the pedal to the metal to force undefeated Washington player **Jerry Queja** 5-1 out the door to home and then wait on the final point to see who'd be uselessly coming back across the board to no avail. Meanwhile Tacoma player **Robert Alston** had gone into the "Loser's" side to face Herb Sloan who was a "No Show". Next **Robert** ended the journey for OPAL's **Michael Black** 5-1. **Robert** then went on to win the back end point by taking down OPAL's **Francis Fontanilla** 5-3, and move back across to the winner's side Finale.

In the final, **Todd** was a man on a mission and steamrolled over **Robert Alston** 5-1 to claim the match, the bragging rights to being the 2016 Fall Regional Purple Tier Champion, and an 8-Ball slot to the National APA Singles Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas in April 2017. The final 8-Ball Tally was OPAL 4 Slots and Washington 2 Slots

In Sunday's 9-Ball format at Kolby's we had a total of 41 players playing in three skill level groups competing. We had one slot in the "Green" Tier (SL's 1-3), One slot in the "White" Tier category, (SL's 4 & 5) and the last slot in the "Black" Tier board (SL's 6 -9).

In the SL-1-3, Green Tier 9-Ball bracket, with only one slot up for grabs. Reaching the all OPAL final was SL-3 **Jenny McCabe** who plays for Bull Mountain's "Outlaws" in the Midwest D.J. division. and SL-3 **Nancy Lockwood** who plays for Back Alley's "Out Back In The Alley" in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division. In the first round **Jenny** had bested **Nancy** 25-19 sending her off to get lost in the back side maze. In round two **Jenny** barely escaped by Salem's **Cynthia Soli** 25-22 for the win. In round three **Jenny** escaped with a 25-21 win over OPAL's **Kathi Burdge** to perch herself on the winner's point and wait to see what would be coming after her. Meanwhile, after losing a close match to Jenny in the first round, Nancy, destroyed Salem's **Michael Hartel** 25—5 sending her out the door to home. Then for the Loser's Side Point **Nancy** ended the journey for **Cynthia Soli** 25-13. **Nancy** headed for **Jenny** and the "Green Tier" Finale. The final came down to the last rack, and by a score of 25-22 **Jenny McCabe** emerged victorious to claim the 9-Ball slot to Las Vegas, and the bragging rights to being the 2016 Fall Regional Green Tier Champion,

In the SL-4 & 5 White Tier 9-Ball bracket, with only one slot up for grabs. Reaching the final was SL-5 **Stacy Enriquez** who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Kiss Kiss" in the Southeast D.J. division. and SL-4 **Shawn Minchew** from Spanaway Washington. **Stacy** went straight away to the finals undefeated. **Shawn**, on the other hand took a different path. In the first round **Stacy** got by OPAL's **James Briscoe** 38-34 sending him away to the back side. In round two it came down to the last ball and **Stacy** escaped by 1 point over OPAL's **Joni Remster** 38-37 for the win. In round three **Stacy** escaped with a 38-36 nail biter win over OPAL's **Steve Heavyside** followed by a 38-28 rematch win over **James Briscoe** who had emerged back out of the loser's side maze. Now she was able to perch herself up on the winner's point and relax for about 3 minutes to see who she would have to compete against in the finals. Meanwhile, moving back to Round 1, SL-4 **Shawn Minchew** shipped **Craig Martin** off to a back side adventure 31-11. In Round 2 **Shawn** got whammed by Washington's **Erika Wammer** 31-26 to chase after **Craig**. In the loser's side **Shawn** found himself up against OPAL's **Christine Bonin**. **Shawn** let her have the door to home 31 to 7, and he moved back across the board again to compete against OPAL's **Dale Mick** who **Shawn** ended up beating 31-24. In the Semi's **Shawn** out maneuvered Salem's **Chris Valdez** 31-25 to reach the finals. With no rest for the weary and tired, it was off to the finals for **Stacy & Shawn**. Long story short, the final score was 38 **Stacy** and 30 for **Shawn**. **Stacy** had won the match by 1 ball. **Stacy** would be going to Las Vegas to compete at Nationals, Stacy had the bragging rights to being the 2016 White Tier Fall Regional Champion. (Continued on Pg 4.)



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SL-9 **Adam Drew** from Beaverton., and Washington's (SL-6) **Darrow Lewis Jr** from Marysville Wa. were the two players who made it all the way to the finals. **Darrow** made it all the way to the Finals undefeated, Whereas **Adam** found a way to take an alternate route. In the first round **Darrow** Squeaked by Washington's **Dustin** (SL-6) **Izsier** 48-46, then in round 2 he blasted OPAL's SL-6 **Kevin Blodgett** 46-25. In Round 3 **Darrow** bombarded Washington's **Eric Cof-felt** 46-21, and then grossly snuffed out all hopes for OPAL's **Kevin Blodgett** 46-15 who had returned from the back side to the Semi's before going out the door to home. **Darrow**, undefeated, then waited so see who would be coming after him in the finals.

On the other Hand, OPAL's SL-9 **Adam Drew** who plays for Ickabod's "Hooked" in the Triple Play Master's West division started out round one by getting his tushy kicked to the one-loss side by Seattle's SL-7 **Andrew James** 55-59 Then piloting his way through the back side maze Adam snuffed out OPAL's (SL-7) **Jeff Gibbons** 75-36. Next, **Adam** moved on to destroy Snohomish's **Dennis Sanford** 75-42. His stellar shooting performance sent him back across the board to the winner's side again to face **Andrew James** who had sent **Adam** flying to the one loss side in the very beginning.. This time **Adam** pulled the plug and sent **Andrew** out the door 75-49 **Adam** was a man on a mission in the finals. He made **Mr. Darrow Lewis** roll his eyes back into his head several times with some of the fantastic shots he pulled off. **Darrow** though countered with great hits and shots of his own and slowly but surely. **Adam's** train got de-railed time after time. In the end though it was **Darrow Lewis** who reached his winning point of 46 before **Adam** could reach his "75" point. When the air cleared **Darrow Lewis Jr.** reached his 46 points first and won the match 46-67 to take the victory, the bragging rights, and the last 9-Ball Slot to the 2017 APA Singles Nationals at the Westgate Hotel in Las Vegas.



Special Thanks to Kolby's and Jake's for being such gracious and generous hosts for this event. The tables were all in great shape, the food was great, and there was plenty of cold liquid refreshment to be had! Also Kudos' and gratitude's to Referee's: **Lonnie Knotts, Steve Marrs, Adrienne Clevenger, Erin Matoza, John Blue, and Glen Shoup** who had all given up a large portion of their time from the weekend to officiate.

REMEMBER—If you want to participate and possibly get a chance to win your way into the Nationals Singles Championship in April 2015. you will only have until November 30 (That's Only about 7 weeks away) to get qualified for the Spring regional coming in February 2017. Boomer's going to host a play 'til you win 9-Ball blowout at the Midway Saturday October 15th, and an 8-Ball blowout at the Midway the following Saturday October 22nd... There'll be competitions for all skill levels so come and play.

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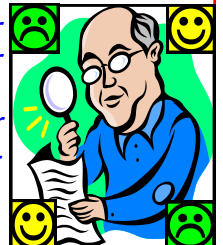
THE LOSER'S CORNER

The four persons listed below are "Losers" from the Sept 21st Newsletter. If you happen to see these individuals, give 'em your best razzing. And don't forget to give 'em the old "L" sign,—while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box—possibly just for you!

- 1-DENNIS WORSHAM** (97208360) who plays for Sellwood's "**Money In The Bank**" in **Willamette D.J.** div
- 2-SHAWN KELLAR** (97211105) who plays for Leo's Lair's "**Um Your Team**" in the **Skyline D.J.** Division.
- 3-DENNIS BROOKS** (97216634) who plays for Moose Lodge's "**Rac Pac**" in the **Gateway D.J.** Division..
- 4-ROB RANDALL** (97220466) who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "**Junk Monkeys**" in the **Mt. Hood 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 97217576 detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**



Good Morning All
Submitted By:
Jim Elphick

Feeling any older this morning?
Few people realize it but...Our
favorite cartoon characters are
also seniors now..!

