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9 Summer 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results!

SEPTEMBER 7-9th Wichita Town Pub in Milwaukie and Midway's Historical House in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Summer Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. With Midway hosting the Sunday finals.

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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 way back practically before Christ in the June 25th Newsletter Aaron Pazoit who played for Silver Star Saloon's "Motley Crew" called in to avoid the Loser's Corner. This Mean's 29 of possibly you and your peer's are loser's this week. And just so you know, not a single pea pickin' soul from last week's newsletter has called in yet either. So with those people plus the 5 new people's hidden numbers from this week—there'll be 10 numbers out there available to be found —FIND 'EM 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

You know you're gettin' OLD when you can't walk past a bathroom without thinking, "I may as well pee while I'm here."



The Hosts and crews of both places were both very good hosts and took care of everyone very well. There were a total of 39 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 Saturday 5 PM round on the winner's side. 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 \$12,364 which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 65% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost 32% 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 9:00 PM. An amazing statistic SEEN NEVER BEFORE was that not a single team went UNDEFEATED past the first medal round on Sunday. Every team that won medals had previously either lost on Friday night, or Saturday Morning. A very rare phenomenon indeed. The final results were as follows:

FINISHING 33-39th and winning \$150 were: Back Alley's "Grinders," Billy Blues Bar's "Thumper's Back Door," Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects," Sci Fi Cafe's "Bad Wolf," McAnulty & Barry's "Hump Day Hookers," Back Alley's "Rack On," and Back Alley's "Rack 'n Roll."

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning \$200 was River Road's "No B.S." Ickabod's "Freshly Squeezed," Sam's "Justice League," Midway's "Mehner's Minions," Fuego's "Let 'er Rip," Back Alley's "Bye Bye 8-Ball," Fortune Star's "Fugetaboutit," and Epic Sport Bar's "Pack A Lunch."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$250 was: Auto Pub's "Felt Up," Silver Star Saloon's "Breaking Out," Estacada's "Honeydew Crew," Timber's "Cutter's," Prairie's "D.O.M.S.," N. Port-9's "Sweet Home," McAnulty & Barry's "Sunday Funday," and Midway's "Sotally Tober."

FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$300 bridesmaid status was: Falco's "Arkham Asylum," Sam's "Biggelbach's," McAnulty & Barry's "D' Game Strong," River Road House's "Under8ed," Midway's "8-4-Fun," Underground Sport Bar's "PC Loadletter," MaGuffy's "Snail Trails," and Underground Sport Bar's "Crazy Eights."

FINISHING 5/8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$450 each were: Local 66's "Cold Cuts" from the Far- (Continued on Pg 2.)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Tony Altman**, and teammates-- **Ryan Sundberg, Alycia Monahan, Kylea Sundberg, Karina Fountain, Jason Zeleny, Jesse Gearing**, and **Nathan MacLiesh**...

Back Alley's "Shot 4 shot" from the **Columbia D.J. Division** with Team Captain: **Whitney Speakman**, and teammates-- **Todd Speakman, Chris Hopkins, Priscilla Gonzalez, Erik Seward, Darrien DeMars, Jennifer Hopkins**, and **Krista Ooten**.

MaGuffy's "Stranger Tang" from the **Skyline D.J. division**— with Team Captain: **Robert Nolan**, and teammates--**Jonathan Tang, Jerry Condos, Ivan Hendricks, Jason Surret, Nathan Peeler, Adaline Deirhardt**, and **William Ford Jr.**

MaGuffy's "Why So Hard" from the **Midwest D.J. division** with Team Captain: **Rob, Griffiths** and teammates—**Paul Johnson, Christopher Cox, Kathryn Hayes, Karen Prescott, Jason Scheck, Robert Martyn Jr.**, and **Roy Chrisop**.

FINISHING 3 / 4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$650 was: **The Home Turf's "Lemon Heads"** from the **Midwest D. J. division** with Team Captain: **Dana Minor**, and teammates-- **Elise Piscitelli, Jason Bennett, Raymond Cooper, Kurt Wilkie, Jennifer, Neitling, Kyle Schroeder**, and **Brandie Minor**; AND

Leo's Liar's Um Your Team from the **Skyline D.J. Division**— with Team Captain: **Shawn Kellar**, and teammates--**Jessica Kellar, Troy Vandyke, Thaddeus Stovall, Laurie Noah, Aaror Taylor**, and **Chad Clemenson**..

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$950 from the **Sunrise D.J. division** was **Shamrock's "Yellow Fever"** with Team Captain: **Lynn Bui**, and teammates: **Benny Chan, Hoang Phan, Phillip Tran, Huy Do, Nam Nguyen, Hung Phan**, and **Heather Phipps**.

Finishing 1ST and winning the coveted **PLATINUM STAR MEDALLIONS**— the top money prize of **\$1,264**—and the bragging rights to the title of **2018 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Champions** was: **River Road House's "Roadhouse Rookies"** from the **Willamette D.J. division** with Team Captain: **David Denton**, and teammates:—**Randall Kleeman, Vincent Suhr, Floyd Hagen, Drew Onderko, Laura Denton, Kathleen Kleeman**, and **Timothy Nishimoto**.

The Journey to the finals was almost identically parallel for both teams. **"Yellow Fever"** started Friday night knocking Back Alley's **"Rack 'n Roll"** to their eventual demise off in the dark side. However in the 9 AM Round **"Yellow Fever"** got their cookie's creamed by **McAnulty & Barry's "D Game Strong"** and was sent off into the dark side also. **"Roadhouse Rookies,"** on the other hand, Drew a **"BYE"** in slot #43 at the **Wichita Town Pub** on Friday, but then got their butt's kicked to the but then got blasted to the Dark Side by the seasoned Road House Team of **"Under8ed"** From this point on — their respective journey to the finals — would reflect a mirror image.

"Yellow Fever" drew a 1 PM Backside "Bye" and **"Roadhouse Rookies"** did likewise. In the 5 PM Loser's side round **"Yellow Fever"** defeated **"Mehner's Minions"** and **"Roadhouse Rookies"** sliced and diced **Fortune Star's "FUGETABOUTIT."**

In the dreaded Sunday morning Bridesmaid Round **"Roadhouse Rookies"** pulled the (Continued on Pg 3.)



BRONZE -- "COLD CUTS"



BRONZE -- SHOT 4 SHOT



BRONZE - STRANGER TANG



BRONZE -- WHY SO HARD?

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plug on Underground's "PC Loadletter" while "Yellow Fever" sunk the battleship on "8-4-fun" and sent both teams out the door and down the road to home with \$300 in their respective pockets but no medal. However, both the Fever's & The Rookies could both lay claim to at least a Bronze Medallion and a spot in the June 2019 9-Ball Team World Regional.

In the Bronze / Silver round "Yellow Fever" ended up leaving "Shot 4 Shot" behind holding the bronze and a check for \$450 whereas the "Roadhouse Rookies" did the same exact thing to Maguffy's "Stranger Tang." Both losing teams were left behind to wander aimlessly out the door to head down the road for home with their allocated booty.

So now it was off to the scheduled Silver / Gold round where we found "Roadhouse Rookies" taking on Leo's Lair's "Um Your Team" and "Yellow Fever" mixing it up with Home Turf's "Lemon Heads" Both matches were fought valiantly, but when the dust cleared "Yellow Fever" and "Roadhouse Rookies" would be going on to compete in the finals where as Leo's "Um Your Team," & Home Turf's "Lemon Heads" were left behind wearing their Silver Medallion necklaces and pocketing their respective checks for \$650.

The "Yellow Fever" / "Roadhouse Rookies" finale was at hand. Using five tables and a "Color of Money" Break. The players were matched up, and they lagged for the break, and then the balls were racked and the breaker's took their positions. On Merle's signal. Everyone tried to break their rack at the same time—OMG....They failed miserably in fact it sounded more like a *spastic* "Yosemite Sam" rather than a unified break...Every match table had an assigned scorekeeper to keep score who would quietly turn it in to Merle when each individual match finished. The final match results ended up being as follows:

On Table 2: "Rookie's" SL-8 Captain David Denton defeated "Fever's" SL-7 Huy Do 65-46 for a scale score win of 13 to 7.
On Table 3: "Rookie's" SL-3 Vincent Suhr upended "Fever's" SL-4 Hung Phan 20-15 for a scaled score of 16-4 –29 to 11 Rookie's Favor.
On Table 4: "Rookies" SL-6 Drew Onderko defeated "Fever's" SL-5 Ho-ang Phan 46-28 for a scaled score of 14-6.– 43-17 Rookie's Favor
On Table 5: "Fever's" SL-4 Captain Lynn Bui got stomped by "Rookie's" SL-2 Annie Tope 19-20 for a scaled score of 15-5—and,
On table 6: "Fever's" SL-3 Benny Chan was taken down by "Rookie's" SL-3 Laura Denton 25 to 20 for a scaled 13-7 Match Race Victory which brought the overall team score to:

ROADHOUSE ROOKIES: 71 — YELLOW FEVER: 29.

The "Roadhouse Rookies" claimed the victory, the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,364 check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2018 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. "Yellow Fever" expressed fantastic sportsmanship and totally went out of their way to congratulate the other team on their victory. For their exhausting Hard work in winning the Gold Medallions "Yellow Fever" received \$950.

The next step will be the June 2019 9-Ball Regionals where the winning teams will go on to compete in the APA World 9-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas during August 2019.

Special Thanks again to the owners and staff of Wichita Town Pub and Midway for hosting our team 9-Ball event! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Steve Schneringer, Don Walker, Phil Hupp Dan Fendall, Jeff Hiatt and John Blue,



SILVER - LEMON HEADS



SILVER - UM YOUR TEAM



GOLD - YELLOW FEVER



PLATINUM - ROADHOUSE ROOKIES

OPAL-APA NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE

November 7 - 11th, 2018

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.**

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THE LOSER'S CORNER



We gave plenty of opportunity over 6 weeks to find your numbers hidden in plain sight within the boundary's of June & July Newsletters — You Snoozed and You Lost:
If you see any of these folks be sure and "L" sign 'em good...

- 1-JENNIFER RICE** (97298970) who plays for WTP's "*Rackin For Joe*" in the **Willamette D.J** division.
- 2-SHELLY GRAHAM** (97217194) who plays for Local 66's "*No Drama*" in the **Moonlight** division.
- 3-JAMIE REINSCH** (97222438) who plays for Fortune Stars "*Put It Where?*" in the **Farside D.J.** div.
- 4-BRAD BROWN** (97220235) who plays McAnulty & Barry's "*Something Clever*" in **M&B Sunday DJ** div.
- 5-NICKOLAS SIKOSKI** (97221695) who plays for VP Lounge's "*HoneyDew's Crew*" in **Outback DJ.** div
- 6-SHAWN KELLAR** (97211105) who plays for Leo's Lair's "*Um Your Team*" in the **Skyline DJ** div.
- 7-JOEY HUPFIELD** (97221240) who plays for Su-ki's "*The Armory*" in the **Downtown** division.
- 8-NICOLE LEE** (97216050) who plays Park City Pub's "*Ball Movements*" in the **Sunrise D.J.** division.

- 9-BUCK CAMPBELL** (97208395) plays for Midway's "*Pool Ball Wizards*" in **Southern D.J.** div.
- 10-BRIAN FREITAG** (97222065) who plays at Local 66's's "*Chosen Ones*" in **Parkrose DJ** div.
- 11-JOSH BOELTER** (97218536) who plays for Ringo's "*Average Joes*" in the **Mid West DJ** div.
- 12-ARLENE HANEY** (97210578) who plays for Jakes's "*Who Cares*" in the **RC APA** division.
- 13-ROBERT CORNFORTH** (97209006) who plays for Underground's "*Puck It*" in **Sunset** div.
- 14-TODD CLEMENT** (97220217) who plays at Fortune Star's "*Shoot'n Dirty*" in **Farside DJ** div.
- 15-BRENDEN DEBOZY** (97221604) who plays for Pub 181's "*Cue Crew*" in the **Gateway DJ** div
- 16-SUSAN ROSS** (97208783) who plays for Aloha Station's "*3 drink Minimum*" in **NW DJ** div.
- 17-ROBERT GIESE** (97221746) who plays for Midway's "*Sotally Tober*" in **Southern D.J.** div.
- 18-BRUCE WILLEY** (97216201) he plays for Billy Blue's "*Thumper's Back Door*" in **Gateway** div.
- 19-WILBER PERKINS** (97222446) he plays for Spot Again's "*Last Chance*" in **Outback DJ** div
- 20-TAMI TRAVIS** (9720) who plays for Pub 181's "*Sticklerz*" in the **GATEWAY DJ** Division.

"Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel."