

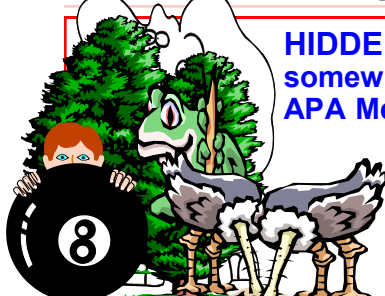


# THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

Original Pool Amateur League: (OPAL) --" A Real 'GEM in YOUR Community!'"

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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 Halloween Month is shaping up—Blindness as usual — Nary a soul—whose number was hidden in the Sept 17th Newsletter called in saying they'd found with the Magic Words. However,

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er, from the September 24th Newsletter we got one person calling in this week announcing his hidden number discovery and that was: **Steve Gonzalez** (97200938) who plays for Hobo's "Compadres" in the Downtown division which means for this week t here will be a shirtless party of 5 for your viewing pleasure and ridicule this week.

So, the reality is that there are 9 numbers out there for the finding... 4 from 9 - 24 - '18 and 5 new ones from this week! (10-1-18) Lose or Snooze—your choice to end up in the loser's corner where everyone can laugh at you, and flip you off with the old "L" sign—instead of you being a winner ...

**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 must not of wanted yours! **BE AN OPAL WINNER - FIND YOUR NUMBER**



*The Aloha Challenge*

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**Our OPAL Franchise** was awarded a coveted team slot into the 2019 Aloha Challenge which will be held February 23 in Oahu Hawaii. It is a one

day super fun tournament exclusively for ACTIVE APA members, and since—in order to get the best travel rates—the recommended travel dates are February 20-27th which mean's you'll be getting to enjoy white sand beaches and bask in the warm tropical sun of the tropical Hawaiian paradise enjoying all the amenities for a whole week--get the picture? ☺

We held a qualifying tournament last weekend Sept. 29th & 30th to raise travel funds, and determine which lucky team it would be that will be getting to go attend this event. The entry fee was \$400 per team. Teams were made up of any combination of Active OPAL/APA players who met the requirements. Each player had to have an 8-Ball Skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores, as well as be active on a Fall Session roster (any format). The exception was any players who only played on a 9-Ball roster would have to come on board with their 9-Ball skill level plus 1 capping at SL-7. Those who only play in Master's divisions would automatically come in as a SL-7.

On Saturday, the 24 team field was broken down into three Round Robin Flights of 8 Teams Each. Boomer directed Team Flights (A) 1-8, and (B) 9-16 at the Midway, and John directed the team flight of (C) 17-24 down at Wichita Town Pub. The results of the flight draw and total Saturday points accumulated are listed below

FLIGHT A		Total Pt's won	FLIGHT B		Total Pt's Won	FLIGHT C		Total Pt's Won
Team #			Team #			Team #		
1.	Tight Racks & Strait Shafts	13	9.	Train Wreck	21	17.	Under The Table	17
2.	C'mon Man	15	10.	Unconscious Aloha	14	18.	Risk It 4 The Biscuit	19
3.	Drop Shots	17	11.	Hawaii Or Bust	12	19.	Oahu Or Bust	17
4.	Let's Get Flowered	17	12.	Witch Pursuit Thingy	19	20.	Can't READ UR TM NAME	16
5.	D Damn Cat	16	13.	Last Minute	17	21.	Baby Hands	17
6.	The Borg	22	14.	Sweet Hits	17	22.	Pupule 'Ohana	14
7.	Donut Juice	18	15.	Barbo Biches	18	23.	High Action	20
8.	Rackless Behavior	22	16.	Left Overs	22	24.	Balls Rattling	20

The two teams (Circled Above) from each flight were the teams with the highest accumulated point totals after Saturday's Round Robin play was completed. The 6 remaining teams then were (Continued on page 2.)



## The Aloha Challenge

(Continued from Page 1.) redrawn and put on a Modified Single Elimination Board to be played out on Sunday until there was just one team that was left standing. Before we go into Sunday's play, we should probably explain more in depth about the tournament format.

The format is **8-Ball**. Each team can have up to **8** players on the team, but only **5** will get to play in a team match. and we've already shown how the first day's competition is a Round Robin affair. The 5 players selected for the round must NOT add up to more than "23." Breaking the "23" rule will result in the loss of all points for that round. Both teams secretly listed their on-coming match rosters for the match to come. Their Rosters, had to be made up in descending order (**Highest to Lowest skill level**) prior to the start. The two highest skilled players on each team would then have to lag for the break, and then play just one game—worth one point. Then, the next two highest Skill Levels play each other for another one point, and so on until all 5 point matches had been played and scored. In addition, each player on the team roster was required to play a minimum of 3 times by the end of the 7 rounds of Round Robin play.

There was absolutely NO TIMEOUTS, or COACHING, allowed during the games. Players involved in the game had to stand away from their team when it is not their turn to shoot—nor were players allowed to converse with their team in between their shots. A referee could be requested to watch a hit, but only if the request came from the two players playing. It was also the same premise regarding Rule clarifications—requests could only come from either of the two players involved in the match—no one else. The rest of the team simply needed to just sit back, keep their mouth's shut, and quietly watch the match. Strategy really just doesn't come into play with this format—Anyone can win one game—The real goal here was to just relax and have fun. 100% of the \$400 entry fees collected (Minus the Green Fees) would be allocated to the winning team advancing to Hawaii to assist them with their travel and lodging expenses.

The six (6) teams, (listed by order of finish,) that were drawn onto Sunday's **Modified Single Elimination Board** where slots #3 and #6 had "BYES" were: (1st) **HIGH ACTION**—TC: Byrd McDonald, (2nd) **THE BORG**—TC: Steve Kemp, (3-4th) **TRAIN WRECK**—TC: Nancy Lockwood, and **BALLS RATTLING**—TC: Shawn Kellar, (5-6th) **RACKLESS BEHAVIOR**—TC: Tim Higginson, and **LEFT OVERS**—TC: Mark Yamamoto. **HIGH ACTION** went all the way to the finals undefeated. They drew a "BYE" in the opening round then knocked "**RACKLESS BEHAVIOR**" into the back side to advance to the semi's where they derailed "**TRAIN WRECK**" to advance onto the winner's point to see who would be coming at them in the finals..

Meanwhile back in the opening round "**TRAIN WRECK**" beat the "**BORG**," who then beat the "**BYE**." after that the "**BORG**" beat "**RACKLESS BEHAVIOR**" then beat "**BALLS RATTLING**" and move back across the board to the finals to face off against "**HIGH ACTION**" to determine who would be flying across the Pacific Ocean to get Lei'd in the land of Coconut Bras, Grass Skirts, and Hawaii 5-0. —The Finals proceeded as follows:

- Game 1. Borg's (SL-7) Todd Speakman lost to Action's (SL-6) David Cozart. Score: 1-Zip — Action
- Game 2. Borg's (SL-7) Steve Lingelbach beat Action's (SL-5) Morgan Bell. Score tied 1 to 1.
- Game 3. Borg's (SL-4) Chase Lingelbach was upended by Action's (SL-4) Charles Creighton, 2-1 Action.
- Game 4. Action's (SL-4) Jennifer McDonnell got beat by Borg's (SL-3) Maddy Mowdy Score tied 2-2.
- Game 5. Borg's (SL-2) Michelle Goodrow ended up losing to Action's (SL-4) Joel Verdon Final Match Score: 3 to 2 in favor of HIGH ACTION



**RUNNER UPS: THE BORG**

**THE BORG: Team Captain:** Steve (SL-6) Kemp and teammates—Steve (SL-7) Lingelbach, Todd (SL-7) Speakman, Cody (SL-5) Lingelbach, Jim (SL-5) Albert, Chase (SL-4) Lingelbach, Maddy (SL-3) Mowdy, and Michelle (SL-2) Goodrow.



**CHAMPIONS: HIGH ACTION**

**HIGH ACTION: Team Captain:** Byrd (SL-6) McDonald and teammates—David (SL-6) Cozart, Morgan (SL-5) Bell, Joel (SL-4) Verdon, Charles (SL-4) Creighton, Jennifer (SL-4) McDonnell, Jason (SL-3) Reichert, and Hollie (SL-3) Metrick.



The 5 people listed below are September 17th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have it LOUD & CLEAR—your best razzing and ridicule. and don't forget to give 'em the old "L" sign,—AND be sure and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—BEN POLLY** (97207899) who plays for Joe Cellar's "**Lucky Mummies**" in the **Downtown 8** division.
- 2—CALLUM REED** (97220526) who plays for Ringo's "**Average Joe's**" in the **Mid-West D.J.** division.
- 3—KONDAL PURMA** (97221540) who plays for Ickabod's "**Game of Balls**" in the **Skyline D.J.** division.
- 4—TYLER POOLE** (97222331) who plays for Coach's "**Rackham Asylum**" in the **Skyline D.J.** division.
- 5—LARA PARKHURST** (97222527) who plays for Sweet Home's "**Ball In Hand**" in the **North Port-9** 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 97216307 weeks in a row— So, **READ THE NEWSLETTER.!**

