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Captain & Co-Captain Tournament

The first Saturday beginning a new session most generally has been reserved as the OPAL day of appreciation for all those who commanded teams the previous session. On Saturday Jan 14th Rodder's in Oregon City hosted what turned out to be a comfortable forty-eight player turnout for this tournament. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$135 in added money from Rodder's & OPAL we had a total payout purse of \$840 which was paid to the top '24' finishers, or 50% of the field.

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HIDDEN *(Except when in parenthesis)* somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Over the holidays 3 people found their number from the Nov 22nd Newsletter. They were: **Eileen Read** (97233830) who plays for Denny's "Boomer's Ringers" in the Southern division; **Lisa Brooks** (97216692) who plays for the Moose Lodge team of: "Moose Rack Pack" in the Gateway Double Jeopardy division; and **Terry Holsinger** (97216931) who plays for New Hing's "Happy Go Lucky" in the Southeast division. From the Nov. 29th Newsletter only one person so far has called in. That was: **Ken Pettig** (97231397) who plays for Buffalo Bill's "BB's Sqrew Ballz" in the Buckaroo 9-Ball division. This means there is a combined newsletter party of "6" who start out the new year—2012—in the "Loser's Corner" for your viewing pleasure on the back page of this newsletter So go have a freakin' ball & give 'em hel "L" ! There is no excuse for not finding your numbers, because the newsletters are published up on our Web site along with the mailed out copy. **The Magic Words** are: "Gimme My Shirt" **Don't Snooze & Lose** Otherwise you'll be finding yourself in the back page loser's corner with people gawking and making fun of you. **AVOID IT--BE A OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!**

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We closed out Fall Session 2011 with Rodders in Oregon City, hosting the event on Sunday Jan. 8th from 11 AM until 6 PM. **Donna Kingsbury**, **Jack Spring**, and **Shannon Young** with Hi's and smiles, worked the registration desk and initially greeted the approximately 300-350 people before sending them off to see Boomer and Cindy who were busy handing out the new session folders and answering questions about this that and the other. **John Blue** had spearheaded a group of enthusiastic volunteers to set up the trophies in an immaculate display. The people who helped to set up the beautiful display are pictured below and are as follows: **Terry Pinto**, **Charlie Walker**, *(Continued Pg. 3.)*





. Skill Level 4 & 5's had to win 3 games; and Skill level 6 & 7's had to win a total of four games.

The competition began shortly after One PM when everyone was registered and the board drawn. We used all of the tables that were made available. The final match ended a little bit after 7:30 PM. Most everyone had a grand time with Rodder's certainly doing a fine job as host. The service was prompt and there was plenty of food and drink for all. The race to the finals was a long, and mirrored journey for both finalists as both of them lost their tournament opener.

The journey for **Mark** (SL-7) **Woodruff**, 97202530 Captain of the "Mousetrap" in the No-Po Division, went the longest way possible. He started out with a first round 3-Zip loss to the one-loss side right out of the gate from **Gary** (SL-5) **Rothgeb**. There he barely got by **Tony** (SL-5) **Graham** in a double hiller to send him on the road to home. In his next Round **Mark** 4-zipped **Larry** (SL-4) **Hall** to get himself in the money and move back to the positive side to meet **Rick** (SL-5) **Hoyle**. **Rick** came out swingin' taking the first two games, but then **Mark** rallied and took the next 4 games straight to claim victory and move forward into the quarter Final match against **Don** (SL-7) **Collins**. They broke even in 9-Ball 2-2, but Mark took the next to games of 8-Ball to win the match. In the Semi-Finals Mark was pitted against **Paul** (SL-5) **Cressman** who he clobberd 4-1 to go ahead into the finals.

Meanwhile, **Ed** (SL-7) **Chastain** mirrored **Mark's** Journey. **Ed** got upended to the one-loss side by **Terry** (SL-2) **Holsinger** coming out of the gate. In the one loss side **Dee** (SL-3) **West** jumped right to the hill, but Ed came steamrolling back with 4 straight game wins to take the match on double hill. **Ed** then, in an identical scenario against **Helen** (SL-3) **Hahn** won another 4-1 double Hill thriller and move himself back across the board, and into the money. **Ed** snaked by **John** (SL-5) **Ross** 4-1 in the quarter finals leaving him with the 5th place money. In the semi Finals **Ed** was matched up against the feared **Bobby** (SL-5) **Green**, but in still yet another double hill thriller-diller he squeaked by with a 4-2 win to move into the finals match against fellow division, and host location mate —**Mark** (SL-7) **Woodruff**.

Ed won the lag and took the break. **Mark** named 9-Ball. Four racks later the score was tied 2-2. **Mark** won the first game of 8-Ball to put himself on the hill.

FINAL RESULTS

RANK	\$\$\$	NAME	SL
1st	\$ 130	Eddie Chastain	7
2nd	\$100	Mark Woodruff	7
3/4	\$ 65	Paul Cressman	5
3/4	\$ 65	Bobby Green	5
5/8	\$40	Don Collins	7
5/8	\$40	Mike Whitlock	5
5/8	\$40	Jonathan Hahn	7
5/8	\$40	John Ross	5
9/16	\$25	Sheila Jones	3
9/72	\$00	Paul Bartnik	5
6/47	\$25	Rick Hoyle	5
9/16	\$25	Mick Kelly	3
9/16	\$25	Adam Drew	7
9/16	\$25	Dale Lindquist	5
9/16	\$25	Don Jones	5
9/16	\$25	Gary Rothgeb	5
17/24	\$15	Brandon Maloy	5
17/24	\$15	Steve Swanson	5
17/24	\$15	Tim Higginson	6
17/24	\$15	Todd Good	6
17/24	\$15	Sandy Deel	5
17/24	\$15	Julie Duvall	4
17/24	\$15	Armando Mendoza	7
17/24	\$15	Collin Khardoufeh	6

Eddie Chastain Capt of Mousetrap's "Lets Pool Around" in the No-Po division, battled back taking the next game putting the match at double hill. Then, after a bit of a see-saw safety battles Ed got an opening and ran out to pull out a win in the case game to claim the victory, the top money, and the bragging rights to being the 2011 Fall Session Captain Co-Capt Tournament Champion.

Special kudo's to the Rodder's Staff & Crew headed by **Joe Zhou**, **Michael Jones**, **Tara**, **Susan Nick** & staff who did a wonderful job as hosts for this event. Also, to **Don** "Coyote" **Walker** for all his help in assisting **Merle** with getting the tournament organized and underway, in addition to officiating.



2nd: Mark Woodruff & 1st: Eddie Chastain



**(SESSION END PARTY
(continued from Pg 1) Anton
Renz, Shannon Young, John
Scarth, David Scarth, Owen
Vandehey, "Derby" Dan &
Cindy Fendall, and John**

Blue. These guys & gals were amazing...They started in setting the 1000+ trophy display up, and by 9:30 AM they were done! What a crew!

Merle, Don "Coyote" Walker & his Brother Charlie, Terry Pinto and Lyn Kelsey helped organize and run some fun activities to play.

"Survivor-APA" and the 9-Ball Break were the most popular of the fun events. The "timed 3-Ball" sorta just fizzled after one contest. **Greg Sowder** Posted the 1st Place \$20 best time of 16.73 seconds, and **Jason Gill** posted the 2nd best time of 17.92 seconds for \$10.

In Survivor, It really doesn't matter how many people play—but for the session end party, the field was limited to a field of 12 for each game. The theory was that everyone could get to play. Each player paid an entry fee of \$5 and the three top place finishers in each contest received—\$30 for 1st, \$20 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd. Even using two tables simultaneously, there was always a waiting list to play. It didn't matter how much of a big gun you were, or how little skill you possessed— because it was soon proven that anyone could win...regardless of skill.

It was definitely a roaring crowd pleaser when everyone saw "Little Goliatha" **Helen Hahn** give **Merle** one, two, and three strikes, to put him permanently OUT of the game! Eventually, she even went on to take 2nd place money too.

Here's how the game is played: Every player starts with ZERO strikes. The players would rotate in the same order every time and get just one attempt to pocket a ball—any ball—during that one turn at the table. Every time a player missed pocketing a ball, or scratched, he or she, received an "X". When a player accumulated 3 "X's" they "struck out" and were thereby eliminated from the game.

The balls were racked on the foot spot—just like 8-ball—with a full 15 ball rack. The breaking player—if a ball was made on the break they sat down and the next player in rotation came up to the table and shot. However, If the breaking player failed to make a ball on the break, then the breaking player had to shoot again and attempt to pocket a ball. If the player shooting before you shot the cue ball into a pocket or off the table—then the next player in line received ball in hand anywhere on the table and the player before them received an "X". When table scratches occurred the cue ball was played from where it lay. When all 15 balls were finally pocketed, then the balls were re-racked again with the next player in line breaking the rack. Most games were over and finished with a new one starting in just 20-30 minutes. There were a total of six (6) games of Survivor played. The winner's of the Survivor-APA games were:

GAME 1: 1st– **David Scarth**, 2nd– **Merle**, & 3rd– **Steve Register**. GAME 2: 1st– **Jonathan Hahn**, 2nd– **Debbie Rozzell**, & 3rd– **Milo Warinner**. GAME 3: 1st– **David Scarth**, 2nd– **Helen Hahn**, & 3rd– **Steve Chandler**. GAME 4: 1st– **David Scarth**, 2nd– **Ian Miller**, & 3rd– **Jonathan Hahn**. GAME 5: 1st– **David Scarth**, 2nd– **Steve Chandler**, & 3rd– **Steve Scuba**. GAME 6: 1st– **Kelly Kent-Micheau**, 2nd– **David Scarth**, 97218652 & 3rd– **Jonathan Hahn**.

The winners of \$5 entry 9-Ball Break Contest received \$25 for 1st, \$15 for 2nd, and \$10 for 3rd. Six contests were run: GAME 1: 1st– **Charlie Namba**, 2nd– **Greg Sowder**, & 3rd– **Buck Campbell**. GAME 2: 1st– **Chad Hepler**, 2nd– **Greg Sowder**, & 3rd– **Charlie Namba**. GAME 3: 1st– **Gary Rike**, 2nd– **Steve Stanfill** & 3rd– **Donna Huffman**. GAME 4: 1st– **Greg Sowder**, 2nd– **Rodeo Grandma**, & 3rd– **Andy Winslow**. GAME 5: 1st– **Greg Sowder**, 2nd– **Steve Alberts**, & 3rd– **Joe Walker**. GAME 6: 1st– **Greg Sowder**, 2nd– **Chad Hepler**, & 3rd– **Andy Winslow**. **(Continued**

REGISTRATION DONNA & JACK



Boomer & Cindy Handing out New Team Folders





Session End Party (Continued) At 2:30 in the afternoon **Merle**, and **Debbie Rozzell** conducted the 8 & 9-Ball Tri Cup draws out in the front part of Rodders. Everything went very smoothly. Both the 8 & 9-Ball Tri-Cup draws were finished prior to the scheduled 4 PM awards presentations—which immediately followed the last of the door prize drawings conducted by the Fair and Honorable Mr. John Blue.

John gave away a whole bunch of Door prizes. Cue stick winners were: **Bruce Micheau** (*Blue Cue Tec*), **Steve Stanfill** (*Red Cue Tec*), and **Mark Woodruff** (*Black Cue Tec*).

Next **Boomer**, **John Blue**, and assorted helpers started giving out the Fall Session Awards & Trophies which went off without a hitch. Approximately 2000+ Special Awards, Certificates of Merit, and Trophies were handed out. League play trophies included, MVP, Most Improved, Sportsmanship, 1st place host location, and first and second place individual team trophies. Also, Certificates of Merit were for shutouts, Break & Runs, Table Runs, & snap on the break.

Merle was set up with his camera in the middle section of Rodders taking pictures of the award winners. When the teams got into photo position **Stacy Enriquez** was in charge of making them smile. She and her inflatable penis did a great job too.

Special thanks to **Rodder's** crew: **Joe, Michael, Nick, Tara, Susan, Melissa, Tina**, and **Jake** the cook for all their hard work in hosting this session end awards party event, and to all the very special people who helped out with the trophy display setup, special activities, food service, and registration. It was truly appreciated. Thank you one and all—for making the day extraordinarily special.

JOHN GIVING OUT DOOR PRIZES



THE LOSER'S CORNER

Submitted By:
Dan Bochar



A sexually active middle aged woman informed her plastic surgeon that she wanted her vaginal lips reduced in size because; over the years they have become loose and floppy.

Out of embarrassment, she insisted that the surgery be kept secret and, of course, the surgeon agreed. Awakening from the anesthesia, she found 3 roses carefully placed beside her on the bed. Outraged, she immediately called in the surgeon. "I thought I specifically asked you not to tell anyone about my operation!"

The surgeon told her he had carried out her wish for confidentiality and that the first rose was from him. "I felt so sad for you, because you went through this all by yourself."

"The second rose is from my nurse. She assisted me in the surgery and understood perfectly, as she had the same procedure done some time ago." "And what about the third rose?" she asked.

"The Third rose is from a man in the burn unit; he wanted to thank you for his new ears."

The first two listed below missed their #'s in the Nov 22, '11 newsletter & the other four missed their #'s in the Nov. 29 '11 newsletter. If you know any of these people give 'em your best Loud & Clear Raspberry — laugh it up, smile, get everyone's attention, point at 'em, and then give 'em the old "L" sign — Be sure too, and thank 'em, for leaving a shirt in the box for you!

- 1—**SHERIE TAMURA** (97215497) who plays for Sunset Lane's "**Any Hole Will Do**" in the **Skyline DJ** division.
- 2—**DAN SCHUPFER** (97216752) 60261279 who plays for Rialto's "**Ramrods**" in the **Midwest Dbl. Jeop.** division
- 3—**MAURICE FRYE** (97214476) who plays for Ickabod's "**Breaker Breaker Won Nine**" in the **Western 9-Ball** div
- 4—**RUTHANN KRALEY** (97208404) who plays for KC Sport's "**Outlaws**" in the **Farside Dbl Jeopardy** division
- 5—**HEATHER ROBBINS** (97217401) who plays for "**ICKABODS**" in the **HORIZON Double Jeopardy** div.
- 6—**NICK SHELLINGER** (97210208) who plays for Midway's "**Dysfunctional Family**" in the **Southern 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's possible for your number to come up more than once. Pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

