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Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

JANUARY
18—20 Rodder's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Rodder's hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts. Other than some microphone connection problems at Rodder's everything seemed to go along pretty smooth logistically.

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From last week's Jan 16th newsletter one brilliant observer so far has found her number and called in. Ta Daaa! It was: **Crystal Swails** (97216206) who plays for Denny's "Boomer's Ringers" in the Southern Double Jeopardy division. Amazingly enough Denny's played in the 9-Ball Tri cup and were at Midway with Boomer this past week Hmmm !!!

There is still one more week & four unfound numbers to go (plus the 5 new ones from this week's newsletter) before the losers corner comes into effect. All you have to do if you find your hidden number is to call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" and you'll avoid the week-long camping trip to the back page where you'll be in full visibility of all your peers. Which possibly means, that they'll be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — 'cause they will know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box simply because YOU weren't observant enough to find yours & avoid the embarrassment!

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There were 45 division 9-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which is double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. 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.

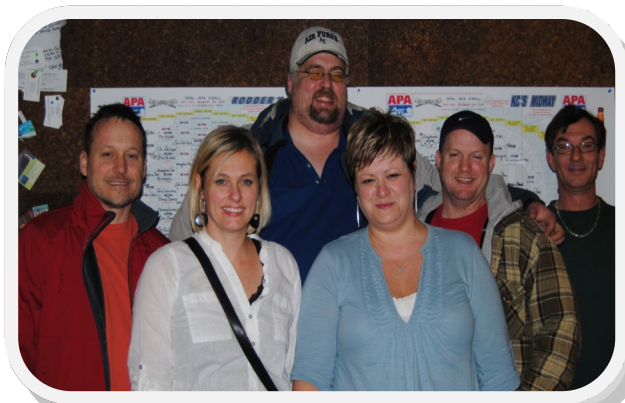
We had a total payout fund of **\$17,450** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 76% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost half of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at 7:30 PM. An interesting statistic this time around was that only 4 of the 13 teams that lost on Friday lost their very next match to be put out of the tournament. This tells us that these competitors came to play! The results are as follows:

FINISHING 33-45th and winning **\$150** were: **Calamity Jae's "Crazy 8's," Fortune Star's "Asian Thunder," Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects," Ickabod's "Felt Friction," Park City Pub's "Bluebirds," Rodder's "Krapstastic," Daily Planet's "Chalking Smack," McAnulty & Barry's "Profanity," Jake's "Crusaders," Bushwhacker's "Outlaws,"** and **Club Underground's "RocOutWithUrChalkOut."**

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning **\$225** was **Midway's "The Mutts," Falco's "Cheap Dates," Aloha Station's "Que Paso?," Fortune Star's "Leftovers," Midway's "Off For An Hour," Buffalo Bill's "BB's Sqrew Ballz," Cascade Bar's "Cool Cats,"** and **Shamrock's "See Us D."**

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$325** was: **Back Alley's "The Ravens," Mt. St Helen divison's "Red Fir," Gater's "For The Win," Fortune Star's "Behind the 8-Ball," Vogies's "Challengers," 505's "Uh Oh Here Comes the 505," NW Division's "Underground Sports," 43661279 and Western 9-Ball's "Mixers."**

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SUCCESSION: The Meat Loop

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FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$475 was: Homestead's "Swingin' Sticks." Mid Valley Division's "Slingshots"; Falco's "Secret Sopciety;" Sam's "T.M.H.W.;" Rococo's "Skellys;" Nite Hawk's "Ball Breakers;" Dodge City's "Will Play for Tips;" and Irish-town's "The Meat Loop."



BRONZE -- 8 's & A 's

Special Notice: Though the **"MEAT LOOP"** missed out on winning a medallion, they still earned a spot in Regionals by right of succession as the team that beat them in the Sunday morning medal round were already regionally qualified from the previous Summer Session. Therefore, by the right of succession, (since a team cannot win two regional spots and deprive another team from going and competing in regional play) **Irishtown's "Meat Loop"** from the River City APA 9-Ball division— with Team Captain: **Andi Lemkes**, and teammates--**Ed & Willow Hajicek, Mitchell Schroeder, Nicholas Sikora, John Hill, Sarah Esau,** and **Tony Mancill** will get to continue on to regionals and compete for one of the coveted slots to Las Vegas Nationals.



BRONZE -- Billiard Ballers

FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home **\$675** each were: Wrangler's "Wranglers Too" from the Wagon Wheel DJ division— with Team Captain: **Ron Mehner**, and teammates--**Tim Drewery, John Blue, Brad Wisser, Rhonda Simengaard, Aaron Nelson,** and **Daisy Behnke;** Cascade Bar's "Billiard Ballers" from the Mt. St. Helen's 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Adam Fine**, and teammates-- **Steve Alberts, Joe Walker, Matt Wiemer, Dustin Epstein, Bill Sturgill,** and **Brittany Hall;** "Denny's" from the Willamette Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Jeff Kriegshauser**, and teammates--**Jason Aldridge, Jeff Dellacioppa, Jenna Bond, , Heather Jacobs, Randy Folwell, Clarence Fairchild,** and **Teresa Turner;** and River Road House's "8's & A's" from the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates--**David & Jennifer Windell, Jeff Lewis, Shawn & Mylee Gunderson,** and **Rich Burns.**



BRONZE -- Dennys

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and **\$900** each was: Sam's "Dr. No & The Mulligans" from the Central 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Dennis Bruno**, and teammates-- **Joseph Balsamo, Steve Herring, Andrew Rolfe, Brian Lowe, William McDonald,** and **Liz Cole;** AND "Leo's Lair" from the West Hills 9-Ball division— with Team Captain: **Frank Loreda**, and teammates--**Francisco Loreda, Daniel Villarreal, Patrick Loftis, Kristin Fletcher, Troy Vandyke, Jose, Ramirez Jr.,** and **Ingrid Carskadon.**



BRONZE -- The Wranglers Too

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and **\$1,200** from the Gateway division was Timber's "Timber Cutters" with Team Captain: **Owen Vandehey**, and teammates: **James Sprague, April Vandehey, Randal Barber, Rise Devos, Tarek Zaher, Nancy Huffman,** and **Thomas Vandehey.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of **\$1,600** was: Wagon Wheel Division's "Mike's Place" with Team Captain: **Debra Rozzell**, and teammates--**David Harris, Gary Grim, Elizabeth Garceau, Dale Aebisher, Charles Blackwell, Glenn Riggen,** and **Ty Ervast.**

"Mike's Place" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped out of the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping journey towards the finals. Drawing a "Bye" on Friday Night at KC's Midway, they began by (Continued on Pg 3.)

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lubricating "Felt Friction" to the one loss side on Saturday morning. In Saturday's 5 PM round, "Mike's Place" renamed the "Uh Oh here comes the 505" to "Uh Oh There Goes the 505" —right out the door. Then it was off to the 9 AM Sunday morning medal round up at Rodder's where t7ey ended up scuttling "The Skellys" to guarantee themselves2 a spot in the 2012 June Regionals. Next, Mike's had to face fel1ow Wagon Wheel division team "Wranglers Too." The match we5t double hill, but Mike's knocked 'em off their horses and left them b4hind holding the Bronze. Now they were off to the 3 PM Silver/Go7d round and a face off against "Dr. No & the Mulligans." "Mike's" sa7d "No Way" and took away the Dr.'s mulligans, then methodically left them behind holding the silver while they traipsed off down the path to the finals.

Meanwhile the "Timber Cutters" took the same undefeated parallel path to the finals. Drawing a "Bye" on Friday night up at Rodder's, they started out Saturday morning by making kindling out of "Que Paso?" leaving them behind to ponder just "What Happened?." In the 5:00 Pm round they chopped down the team of "Red Fir" to go into Sunday's 9 Am round against the "Slingshots." The "Timber Cutters" axed them to win claim, and bragging rights, to at least a Bronze Medallion and a slot to regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday the made firewood out of "Dennys" and left them behind holding the Bronze. Moving up into the 3 PM round "Leo's Lair" came up short against them and so it was off the finals for the "Timber Cutters" and off down the silver highway for "Leo's Lair."

Whether "Mike's Place" just suddenly came alive, or if the "Timber Cutters" simply broke their axes—when the dust settled over the 5 simultaneous match-play tables the results were as follows:

On Table 3: Mike's SL-4 **Gary Grim** defeated Timber's SL-4 **April Vandehey** 13-7.

On Table 4: Mike's SL-4 **Ty Evast** defeated Timber's SL-4 **Randal Barber** 14-6.

On Table 5: Mike's SL-2 **Elizabeth Garceau** clobbered Timber's SL-2 **Nancy Huffman** 18-2.

On table 6: Mike's SL-2 **Charles Blackwell** upended Timber's SL-3 **Rise Devoe** 18-2, and

On table 7: Mike's Team Captain SL-4 **Debra Rozzell** was beaten my Timber's SL-8 **Tarek Zaher** 12-8. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

Mike's Place: 71 — Timber Cutters: 29.

After everything was said and done, "Mike's Place" —all grinning from ear to ear were absolutely delighted that they were able to claim the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a **\$1,600** check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2011 Fall Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions.

The next step will be the June 2012 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Spring 9-Ball Tri-Cups for what still appears to be 6 possible team slots that will be allocated to us this year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas August 16-20, 2012.

*Special Thanks again to **Rodders** and **KC's Midway** for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Dan Fendall, Terry Pinto, Charlie Walker, Steve & Becky Chandler, Anton Renz, Stephen Schneringer, and Don "Coyote" Walker**, &, of course, bunches of some help from little **John Blue** as well.*



SILVER - Dr. No & The Mulligans



SILVER -- Leo's Lair



GOLD -- Timber Cutters



PLATINUM - Mike's Place



IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR -- Uncle Merle's & Honest John's School of Referee'n! AND, IT'S Scheduled for NOON Saturday FEBRUARY 4th In the BACK ROOM of RODDERS in OREGON CITY.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE For ALL NEW Division Reps

If you don't have enough Mental, Physical, or Emotional abuse going on in your life now-----Then by all means, call the League Office & Get Signed Up Now!: 503- 243-6725



An young Italian woman married an American gentleman and they were living very happily in the city of Pittsburgh. It was very difficult for her because the poor young woman was not very proficient in English, but did manage to communicate with her husband. The real problem arose however, whenever she had to go shopping for groceries. One day, she went to the butcher and wanted to buy chicken legs. She didn't know how to put forward her request, so, in desperation, clucked like a chicken and lifted up her skirt to show her thighs. Her butcher got the message and gave her the chicken legs. A few days later, she needed to get chicken breasts, again she didn't know how to say it, so she clucked like a chicken and unbuttoned her blouse to show the butcher her breasts. The butcher understood again and gave her some chicken breasts. Still a few days later, the poor lady wanted to buy sausages. Unable to find a way to communicate this, she brilliantly decided to bring her husband to the store...

Now just what in the hell were you thinking???? Her husband speaks perfect English!

Don't Mix Your Meds!

Getting old is so hard at times.



Yesterday I got Preparation 'H' mixed up with Poli-Grip.

NOW , I talk like an asshole .

...but my gums don't itch



THE LOSER'S CORNER



There is no loser's corner until next week! But, there are still 3 numbers unclaimed from week #1 plus 5 new ones from this week-So, get looking !!

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