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The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



Fall 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

JANUARY 27-29th KC's Midway, and Rodders in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. Both locations and their crews did a fantastic job as hosts. The food and drink service were excellent and the sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. This event even turned out to be extra-special for Boomer, and Myself, because we received several positive compliments from many of the teams and players this past weekend.

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the Jan 16th newsletter no body else has called to utter the magic words, so therefore there'll be a "Loser's Party of "FOUR" on the back page this week for you to ridicule!—'Tis a shame 'cause David Cozart was with us all weekend at the 8-Ball Tri-Cup. Tsk Tsk!!!

Moving right along, from the Jan 23rd Newsletter **Robert Jacobson** (97215477) who plays for Fortune Star's "Behind The 8-Ball" in the Parkrose D.J. division called in this week.

Really folks, it's simple...All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause they know that a shirt possibly awaits them 'cause you simply failed to find yours! There's 9 numbers still out for you to find so go look!

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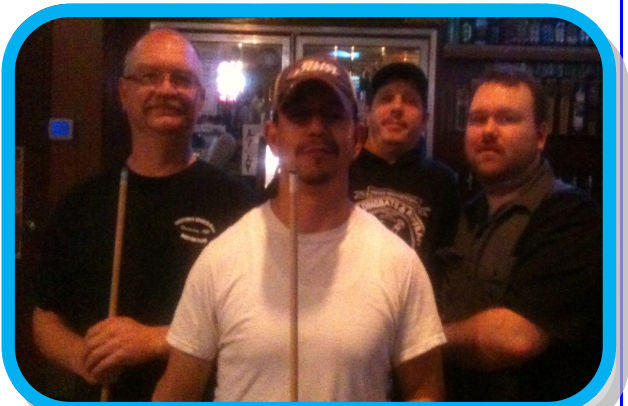
We had exactly 56 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— guaranteeing that all teams got to play twice, but not necessarily lose twice. It was a weekend of close competition with the majority of all team matches going right down to double hill in deciding the winner. Once a team reached three match race wins though the match was declared over.

We had a nice payout of **\$20,520** which was dispersed throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with for rounds finishing up about 9:30 PM. The results are as follows:

FINISHING 49 / 56th and winning **\$150** were: **Auto's "Blitzkrieg,"** **Dominic's "Coulda Shoulda,"** **Sam's "Sofa Kings,"** **Park City Pub's "Bluebirds,"** **Underground's "Whatever,"** **McAnulty & Barry's "Profanity,"** **Ringo's "Crooked Cues,"** and **Sunset Division's "Shonna's."**

FINISHING 33 / 48th and winning **\$200** were: **Hide-a-way's "8-Ball Bandits,"** **Duke's "Aces of Dukes,"** **McAnulty & Barry's "Blazing Pockets,"** **Dodge City's "Shark B8,"** **Legend's "Wait For It,"** **Daily Planet's "Cross Cues,"** **Daily Planet's "Chalking Smack,"** **Fortune Star's "Asian Thunder,"** **Horseshoe's "Rein M In,"** **Falco's "Cheap Dates,"** **Underground's "Bustin' Loose,"** **Fortune Star's "Fugetaboutit,"** **Heat Road Pizza's "Demi Gods of The Felt,"** **Timber Pub's "Timber Cutters,"** **Midway's "Making It Do What It Do,"** and **Underground's "Horizontal Possibilities."**

FINISHING 25-32 and earning **\$275** for their team were: **Sundowner's "Just Whack It,"** **Midnight Division's "The Timeout,"** **Sweet Home's "Home Wreckers,"** **Triple Nickle's "Don't Scratch In Public,"** **Rialto's "Chalk & Awe,"** **Southern Division's "Coney Islanders,"** **Rodder's "Barefoot & Drunk,"** and **Macadam's "Team Black-out."** (Continued on Page 2.)



SUCCESSION: Brews 'N Cues

TRI-CUP



FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$365 were: Mash-tun's "Blue Cobras;" Dominic's "Fireballs;" Auto's "The Other Auto's Team;" Mt. St. Helen Division's "Red Fir;" Wagon Wheel Division's "Mike's Place;" Home-stead's "Swingin' Sticks;" NW Division's "Underground Sports;" & Ringo's "Scratch 'n Sniff."

FINISHING 97208120 9-16 and just missing a medal, but winning \$475 were: Lion Eye's "Secret Society;" Maui's "Maui Wowies;" No-Po Division's "Mousetrap;" River Road House's "8's & A's;" Joe Cellar's "Amateur Hour;" Scotty's "Silver Bullets;" Rodder's "Krapstastic;" and Pastime's "Brew's 'N Cues."

Special Note: Though Pastime's "Brews 'n Cues" missed out on a medal they did win a spot in Regionals by right of succession as the team that beat the in the Sunday morning medal round (Jo's Gladiators) were already regionally qualified from the previous Summer Session. Therefore, going to regionals will be: (1) **Pastime's "Brews 'n Cues"** from the Parkrose Double Jeopardy division— with Team Captain: **Justin Weston**, and teammates--**Charles Crowner, Jeff Weston, David Ray, Laci Lovell, Jason Thompson, Derek John, and Tiya Lynd.**

FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$650 and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Cascade Bar's "W.G.A.S.A."** from the River City APA division— with Team Captain: **Bob Winfield Jr.**, and teammates--**Paul Cressman, Kari-ann Lewis, Shawn Folkert, Kevin Krecklow, and Aaron Signor;** **Jo Saloon's "Gladiators"** from the Willamette division with Team Captain: **Rich Burns** and teammates-- **Dan Wilson, Mark Christian II, Angela Wanless, John Smits, Mylee Gunderson, Dan Tilano, and Pam Kelly;** **Mousetrap's "Powershots"** from the Northern division with Team Captain: **Mark Woodruff**, and teammates: **Lonnie McCann, Carolyn Krum, Lawayne McCann, Patrick Caldwell, Diane Espinoza, Deborah Mawson, and Terri Jo Krum;** and **Touche's "Slopshots"** with Team Captain: **Joe Wagner**, and teammates-- **Patrick Patoray, David Cozart, Kim Premore, Pat Matecko, Thomas Trick, and Michael Maresco.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$900 each was: **Gator's "For The Win"** from the Midwest division with Team Captain: **Levi Dean**, and teammatesGuy Reed, Shawn Heng, Thomas Auerbach, Justin Kalar, Korey Eiche, Sherri Schmidt, and **Scott Grim;** and **Back Alley's "8/9 Suited"** from the Columbia division— with Team Captain: **Ian Miller**, and teammates--**Kerry Kitts, Larry Poe, Kathie Young, Rhonda Jacoby, Keith Kessinger, Anthony Thew, & Don Collins.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 was **West Union Station's "Spicier Pickled Tacos"** from the NW Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Matt Rouse**, and teammates-- **Jennifer Dahan, Delia Christopher, Chris Treadwell, Kari Rouse, Dwayne Heide, Teresa Rubio, , and Kasey Pickar.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,600—from the Farside Double Jeopardy division was **Fortune Star's "Who's Left?"** with Team Captain **Ashley Hancock**, and teammates: **Teressa Heick, Art Moore, Michael Dubendorf, Kim Norn, Matthew Cvetko-young, Wade Young, and Maria "Run-Out" Argueta.**

"Who's Left?'s" journey to the finals was all the way straight forward and undefeated, but certainly not without peril, nor certainly without panic and underwear changes either. They started out at the Rodders on Friday Night by smoking "Maui Wowie" and exhaling them to the one loss side. Then, the next morning they blew up the boat and marooned the "Cony Islanders" forcing them to jump in and swim over in the one loss side as well. At this point, although still in the winner's side the format changed to Single Elimination—Lose now, and it'd be out the door and down the road. In the late afternoon 5 o'clock round they knocked the fire out of the "Fireballs," and now they (Continued on Pg. 3.)



BRONZE -- Jo's Gladiators



BRONZE -- The Mousetrap



BRONZE -- The Slopshots



BRONZE -- W.G.A.S.A.



were off to the races and the dreaded and intense Sunday morning 9 AM Bridesmaid / Medal round against "Amateur Hour."

"Amateur Hour" was 3-zipped and out the door to home leaving "Who's Left?" securely with both a medal and a place in the Regionals. In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round the "lefty's" unplugged the "Power Shots" for their 2nd 3-Zipper in a row and left them behind with the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round which started at 5:00 PM "The Lefty's" hit a double hill wall against "8-9 Suited" but respectively left them behind with the Silver by the narrowest of margins. After that, it was off to the final Gold/Platinum round, where they would face off against the seasoned "Spicier Pickled Tacos."

The "Spicier Pickled Tacos" had a bit longer of a journey to the finals then did "Who's Left?" The Tacos started out Friday night at Rodder's against "Shoulda Coulda" and left them to analyze what happened in the one loss side. Saturday morning's 9:00 AM round, the Taco's got over-cooked when the "Fireballs" turned on the heat sending them crisply over to the one loss side. *(It's an interesting point to note that had they beat the fireballs then they would have had to play "Who's left" next in the winner's side 5 PM match)* in the one-loss side the Taco's were greeted by "Wait For It" but the Taco's didn't wait long before sending them out the door to the road home. In the 5:00 PM round the "Tacos" finished off what Who's Left Started and ferried the "Coney Islanders" permanently back to their island while the Taco's headed into Sunday's Bridesmaid / Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round "Spicier Pickled Tacos" proved to be too much for the "Mousetrap" as they took them out 3-1 to claim their spot in regionals, and at least a Bronze Medallion necklace. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The Taco's out fought "Jo's Gladiators" 3-1 to leave them behind holding the Bronze. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the "Pickled Taco's" stopped the undefeated "For The Win" dead in their tracks with a convincing 3-1 win of their own to head to the finals against "Who's Left?"

Well the crowd wasn't disappointed because it was a tense and close contest, coming down to double-double hill. After a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables.

On Table 1, Taco's SL-5 **Matt Rouse** got clobbered 4-2 by Who's SL-5 **Kim Norn**. Score 1-Zip for the whos.

On Table 2, Taco's SL-3 **Teresa Rubio** wiped out "Who's" SL-3 **Art Moore** 2-zip. Score 1 to 1. Match tied.

On Table 3, Taco's SL-6 **Kasey Pickar** was squished 5-Zip by Who's SL-7 **Michael Dubendorf**. Score 2-1 Who's.

On Table 4, Taco's SL-5 **Jennifer Dehaan** beat up Who's SL4 **Matt Young** 4-1 Match tied now 2-2.

On Table 6 All Eyes were focused on Taco's SL-4 **Kari Rouse** was matched up against Who's SL-4 **Maria Argueta**. The tension was thick in the room was exceptionally quiet. Kari had won the first game, then **Maria** came back two straight to put herself on the hill. Next **Kari** tied it up to bring the match tied at double double hill. In the case game **Kari** got down to her last ball, and the table position was definitely in her favor, but **Maria** played like a champion in making an out from hell to win the game, the match, and to claim for her team the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions, all the bragging rights, and the crown of: Fall Session 2011 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions. Who's Left? Nobody! They beat 'em all!

The next step will be the June 15-17, 2012 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other worthy finalists from both the Summer and Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cups. We will have seven slots allocated to us for the APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, August 21-25, 2012.

Special Thanks again to KC's Midway, and Rodders for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Dan Fendall, Shannon Young, Don "Coyote" Walker, Pete Lowe, Jeff Kraighouser, Charlie Walker, Anton Renz, and Stephen Schneringer,



SILVER -- 8 / 9 Suited



SILVER -- For The Win



GOLD -- Spicier Pickled Tacos



PLATINUM -- Who's Left?



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.

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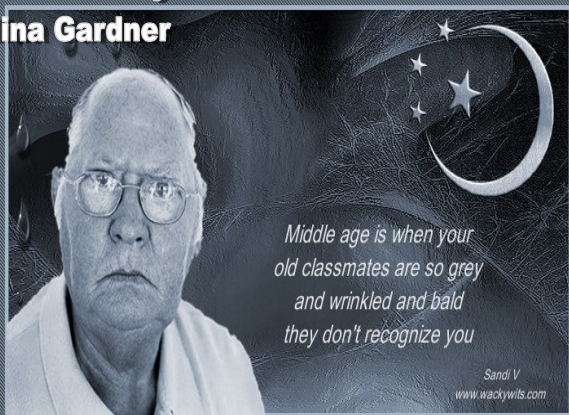
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Stan May



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THE LOSER'S CORNER



The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 16, 2012 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign, —all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1—JIM HILL (97218652) who plays for Denny's "The 'A' Team" in the Willamette Double Jeopardy division.
- 2—KERRI HATTIG (97216396) who plays for Coach's "The Skelleys" in the Skyline Double Jeopardy division.
- 3—DAVID COZART (97202530) who plays for Touche's "Sloppshots" in the Downtown division..
- 4—STEVEN ARCHER (97200647) who plays for Home-stead's "Swingin' Sticks" in the EASTERN division....

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to gawk at, 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 detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

