

# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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## *THE (Expletive Deleted) SOUTH WINS North-South CIVIL WAR XVII!*



**February 11 & 12th**, Jake's and The Break (Formally Sharky's) hosted the APA Civil War XVII. We had 64 players—32 from the North & 32 from the South. Randee Lee, APA League Operator of the surrounding five county Salem area had preposterous hopes of going ahead in the series again by kicking some OPAL butt the same way they did Last year when the South won to tie up the series up 8-8! Only once in the 17 year history has OPAL-APA ever even led the series. Now it's been a whole year since Merle & Boomer had enjoyed the view of Merle's favorite "Hat Rack." However, sadly now it's gone for a whole 'nother year because the *(Expletive Deleted)* South won again and now leads the series 9 to 8! Waaaaaaaahhhhhh! *Guess the South just has luckier pool players then the North !*

We had a total purse of **\$2,240** after the cost of the shirts were paid, and the field was paid out to the to top 24 finishers which figured out to about 1/3 of those participating. All players received a commemorative Civil War shirt. The South gave to all the North players a genuine plastic shot glass filled with Sand containing plastic flip flops, plastic sun glasses, a sea shell, a sour sucker, and a simulated flying sea gull on a stick. Along with the following wanna be poem to wit:

*"We are gathered here in Salem to play for the 17th year of this North—South War. You've traveled to far for a shot to win. You think we'll lose, but instead we'll soar! We both have won, we both have lost, but now we're tied with 8 win's each. Our win his year will leave you wishing you had spent your time at the beach. So play real hard, but play fair—just know it's time for a win from the South. No matter what you try to do you'll leave here with a sour taste in your mouth."*

OPAL's Boomer, Donna, and Cindy came up with a something too. OPAL **(Continued Page 2.)**



**HIDDEN** *(Except when in parenthesis)* somewhere in this Newsletter are **"5"** more **APA Membership numbers** just waiting to be found. From the January 30th, newsletter **Melinda Sherman** (97211321) who plays for Daily Planet's "Chalking Smack," in the Sunrise division called in to join "Jeff Goemmel" in avoiding this week's Loser's Corner—which means—there's going to be 3" Loser" souls that you get to point fingers and laugh at this week.

From the February 6th Newsletter, we've received no phone call so far. This means that there's five numbers still out there to be found plus the additional "5" new one's randomly drawn for this week. If you haven't checked last week's newsletter—ya better find someone who has one and check it out because no doubt one of those numbers is most likely going to be yours! All your friends and teammates probably can't hardly wait to see you end up in the loser's corner so they can laugh their butts off at you while flipping you the old "L" sign. So avoid the disgrace and humility at YOUR expense—go Look!

**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 where everyone can see you and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you weren't conscientious enough to want yours— **BE AN OPAL WINNER-FIND YOUR 97215952 NUMBER!**



**CIVIL WAR (Continued)** gave the South a retaliatory gift—a virtual CD Power point presentation set to “Falling Down” music with the inscribed label that—The South is Falling Down 17th Civil War. *“Well they fell down alright —right on our freakin’ heads!”* This time, all we did was make noise—there definitely was no music to our ears!

Saturday’s play started right at 11 AM. We created two flights and split the field in half by using 8 tables down at Jakes, and 8 tables up at The Break. The Board was pre-drawn the night before by Randee & Boomer who made sure (By Luck of the Draw) that all the first round match-ups had a N/S opponent. Everyone just knew it was going to be a close battle. The format was double elimination. Whenever a North player played a Salem player a point would be won or lost. When South met South, or North met North, there could be no points won or lost. Only pride and bragging rights.

After the first round the South came out with guns blazing and took a 21 to -11 lead. Up at The Break the day ended in a 17-17 Tie, but down at Jakes the South slaughtered the North 21-10. Starting Sunday OPAL was behind 38 to 27. Unfortunately most of the remaining matches were N vrs N, or S vs S. Bob Olson was the last OPAL player to fall at 4th place. Alas, Merle’s prized Hat-Rack stayed south—The final score: 41 to 29. The final SL-7 match-up was between South’s (Salem) undefeated **Carlos Cadena** and South’s **Matt Hiatt** who had been thrown to the one loss side and back after fighting for the winner’s point the first time..

**Matt**’s journey to the finals started out with 5-3 win over North’s SL-7 **Dwayne Larsen**. Next, He 5-zipped South’s SL-5 **Dylon Tupper**. Next he went to double hill 6-1 against North’s SL-3 **Dee West** and then blasted South’s SL-5 **Chris Anderson** in the 4th round 5-1. In round 5 **Matt** got his butt kicked 5-Zip by South’s SL-7 **Tavis Wagner** and got sent flying over to the one-loss side to face Salem’s SL-7 **Shawn Self**. **Matt & Shawn** played see saw ’till it was 3 games each then **Matt** when on a two game run to end the match 5-3. Next **Matt** was up against North’s last hopeful, SL-7 **Bob Olson**, and again the score was tied 3 apiece when **Matt** made another two game spurt to end the match 5-3, and to play for 2/3 against awaiting **Tavis Wagner** who had put him in the loser’s side to begin with. **Matt** came out firing taking the 1st 3 games before **Tavis** scored. Then he made another two game spurt to win the match 5-1 for his sweet revenge. Now it was the finals where **Matt** would have to be **Carlos Cadena** twice in order to claim the bragging rights to the title.

Meanwhile **Carlos Cadena’s** undefeated journey to the finals had started off by jumping OPAL’s SL-7 **Chris Barton** 5-2, then in round two he barely squeaked out a win in a 5-2 double hill thriller over South’s SL-5 **Arlon Bidwell** who had been on the hill since the end of game #3.. Next, **Carlos** totally annihilated South’s SL-7 **Tony Tipton** 5-2. In round four, **Carlos** won a double hill thriller against North’s SL-5 **Connie Carlson** 5-2. In the next round, after losing the first game he won the next 5 games straight to take the win against South’s SL-7 **Dana Sharman** 5-1. Then, for the winner’s point **Carlos** went double hill against South’s SL-7 **Tavis Wagner** to take the win and perch himself on the winner’s point to see who would emerge back at him.. After about a three hour wait the rat finally got to see the cheese in the form of fellow south player SL-7 **Matt Hiatt**. (Continued Pg 3.)



4th Place **BOB OLSON**



3 RD PLACE **TAVIS WAGNER**





**CIVIL WAR (Continued)** **Matt** came out of the loser's side and went right to work taking out **Carlos** 5-2 in the first set to force another march race for all the final marbles. **Carlos** now with his back up against the wall, had to win this time, or it would be all over for him.

Both players now had one loss and this was going to be it—the final's final. **Carlos** came out of hibernation by capitalizing on a couple of **Matt Hiatt** mistakes to take an early 3-zip game lead. **Matt** came back to win in game number 4, but then **Carlos** pulled a **Matt** and took off in a straight two game spurt to win the match 5-1 to claim the match, and the distinction of being the 2012 Civil War XVII champion, and all the bragging rights thereof. Plus, **\$330** for his efforts. Quite a change from his 17th finish in 2011!

Once again, the blasted South has taken over the series lead. The score now stands: 9 for the South, and 8 for the North. In 2013 the ball will again be in the North's court. However, the North had the home court advantage last year and you saw what good that did us. Now we HAVE TO win just to tie up the series again. Hopefully, next year Merle will be able to see his hat rack return once again.

No	N A M E	N or S	\$\$\$
1	CARLOS CADENA	S	330
2	MATT HIATT	S	250
3	TAVIS WAGNER	S	200
4	BOB OLSON	N	150
5/6	SHAWN SELF	S	125
5/6	DANA SHARMAN	S	125
7/8	MICHAEL FARLAND	N	100
7/8	ANDY FRAZIER	S	100
9/12	CHRIS ANDERSON	S	75
9/12	TONY TIPTON	S	75
9/12	CONNIE CARLSON	N	75
9/12	CORKY KYLE	S	75
13/16	DEE WEST	N	60
13/16	LUKE THOMAS	S	60
13/16	DONNA KINGSBURY	N	60
13/16	CISCO CABELLO	S	60
17/24	JUDY McC1MAS	S	40
17/24	ZEKE PAL3MO	S	40
17/24	HELEN W8AGG	N	40
17/24	DAVE WOOD4LL	S	40
17/24	DAVID SC1RTH	N	40
17/24	CHIP BU2BEE	N	40
17/24	KEV7N LOGAN	S	40
17/24	D9N JONES	N	40

Already he misses it tremendously.

Special Thanks to Both **Gretchen** and crew at The Break, and to **Scott McComas** and crew of Jakes for their fine service, and for hosting what turned out to be a super great fun event even though the south managed to win!



2ND PLACE MATT HIATT



1ST PLACE CARLOS CADENA



MERLE

BOOMER

RANDEE

**DON'T MISS OUT** Don't be missing out, plan to attend  
and **GET** your entries in **EARLY**.  
There are just so many slots available  
And it will be first come first served.

**ENTRY FORMS ARE ON OUR WEB PAGE:**  
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## OPAL-APA NW 8-BALL INVITATIONAL

**APRIL 12 - 16 2012**

Chinook Winds Casino -- Lincoln City, Oregon



**Submitted by:**  
**Dan Bochard**



Two little kids are in a hospital,  
lying on stretchers  
next to each other outside the operating room.

The first kid  
leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"

The second kid says,  
"I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little  
nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry  
about. I had that done when I was four.

They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they  
give you lots of Jello and ice cream.  
It's a breeze.

"The second kid then asks,  
"What are you here for?"

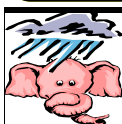
The first kid says, "A circumcision."

"Whoa!" the second kid replies. "Good  
luck buddy. I had that done when I was born...

....Couldn't walk for over a year."

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## THE LOSER'S CORNER



The 3 people listed below are verified January 30th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have you're your full ridicule. Give 'em the old "L" sign,—and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

**1-JASON GILBERT** (97217534) who plays for Falco's  
"The Replacement" in the **Park Rose D.J.** division.

**2-JEFF WHITNEY** (97216362) who plays for Park City  
Pub's "8-Balls Alive" in the **Sunrise Dbl. Jeop.** div.

**3-MIA ANDERSON** (97217890) who plays for Blitzlad-  
d's "Drunken Wanderers" in the **Sunrise Dbl. Jeop.** div.

If you don't want to be caught here for eve-  
ryone to see, then look carefully to see if your  
number isn't hidden somewhere. **REMEM-  
BER**, it is possible for your number to come  
up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to  
detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

