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in parenthesis)

somewhere in this
are "5" APA Membership numbers just

waiting to be discovered. From the Feb 13th newsletter another person called in to safely join Tim Higginson from ridicule this week. That was: **Andrea Flores** (97217705) who plays for Mashtun's "Death From Below" in the No-Po division. With Andrea finding her number this means there's going to be a Loser's Party of only three for your viewing eyes this week.

However, from the Feb 20th Newsletter no one has yet to call in to save their ass and win a shirt. There are still 5 numbers out there from this past week, plus the "5" new one's from this week. Grab your magnifying glasses and get hunting or you'll be seen on the back of the very next newsletter like those silly loser's you can see this week.

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, you'll find yourself in the Loser's Corner for all to see, and minus a shirt that'll go to someone else! So, don't let that happen to you...Grab your glasses & Magnifying lens and get to looking! 97217363

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2012 Oregon Singles Regionals

February 25 & 26 **Rodder's** in Oregon City hosted the Oregon APA Spring Singles Regional with **Merle & Boomer**, as the tournament directors, and **Randee Lee**, league operator from Salem assisting. There were 128 players that were qualified. All were hoping for one of the total of 10 slots —4 in 8-Ball and 6 in 9-Ball—to the APA National 8-Ball Singles Championship at the Riviera in Las Vegas during April 2012. In 8-Ball there was one Blue Tier Slot, one Yellow Tier (SL-4) slot, one Red Tier (SL-5) slots, and one Purple Tier (SL's 6 & 7) slot. In 9-Ball there were two Green Tier (SL's 1-3) slots, two White Tier (SL's-4 & 5) slots, and two Black Tier (SL's 6-9) slots. The Format was Modified Single elimination. OPAL players made a clean sweep of the regionals taking all 10 slots.

On Saturday's 8-Ball, in the Blue Tier (SL-2-3) tier action OPAL's **Warren Anderson** and OPAL's **Brandon McIntyre** went all the way to the finals undefeated. **Warren** won his first match against OPAL's **Helen Hahn**, and then got by **Mr Bye**. Next up he slid by OPAL's **Dena Nealeigh** opponent to come from the one-loss side. Meanwhile, **Brandon McIntyre's** journey started with a bit of a scare when he looked at the list that came from nationals that had him listed as a skill level 6, which was obviously a mistake. Once we got that fixed, **Brandon** proceeded to work his way through Salem's **Samantha Criswell**, Salem's **Ricci Jean-Bart**, OPAL's **Meagan Kincaid** followed by Bend's **Janice Epps** to reach the finals against **Warren**. **Warren** reached the hill first winning the first game, but **Brandon** came back winning the next two games and taking the national slot.



Warren Anderson-Brandon McIntyre

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In the Yellow Tier (SL 4) OPAL's **Susu Migaki** took the first match against OPAL's **Bruce Micheau** only to get knocked into the one loss side by Salem's **Mike Harlow**. **Susu** worked his way through the back side by defeating Salem's **Toni Chambers** and then through a rematch OPAL's **Bruce Micheau** to land on the point. OPAL's **Erica Ellingsen** went through the bracket undefeated by first crushing "**Mr No Show**", then OPAL's **Jason Alexander** and Salem's **Mike Harlow**. In the final match, **Erica** convincingly took the first game, but something woke **Susu** up and he took the next 3 games straight to claim the next spot to Vegas.



Erica Ellingsen-Susu Migaki

In the Red Tier (SL 5) OPAL's **Jodell Broaddus** went through the winner's side undefeated by winning matches against OPAL's **Dustin Kaviani**, OPAL's **Stacy Enriquez**, Bend's **CJ Jaeger** and OPAL's **Paul Bartnik** to sit on the point waiting for his opponent. Meanwhile, OPAL's **Larry Gee** took the long way to the finals by winning his first match against OPAL's **Nick Whited** only to hit a roadblock against OPAL's **Paul Cressman** and got sent to the one loss side where he defeated Salem's **Bev Schantz** and OPAL's **Robert Solomon**. In the finals, **Larry** took the first game, then **Jodell** took games 2, 3 and 4 putting him on the hill. **Larry** fought back taking games 5 and 6. Last game, both players are hill-hill, both players are shooting well, but it was **Larry** who sunk the 8-ball and took the national slot.



Jodell Broaddus-Larry Gee

In the Purple Tier (SL 6-7) bracket both **Matt Hegre** and **Tyson "Eddy" Bickle** of OPAL made it to the finals undefeated. **Matt** started out by whomping on "**Mr Bye**" then went on to defeat OPAL's **Matt Schoenborn**, OPAL's **Jim Blexrude** and then beat OPAL's **Matt Schoenborn**, who had made it back from the one loss side, again. **Eddy's journey** took him through matches with OPAL's **Steve Register**, OPAL's **Tim Higginson**, OPAL's **Jonathan Hahn** and OPAL's **Martin Wragg**. In the finals, **Matt** came out with gun's blazing taking the first four games to put him on the hill. Down 4-0, "**Eddy**" was not about to give up and proceeded to take the next 4 games. Hill-Hill in the finals, both players had the opportunity to take the match, but 4 innings later, **Matt** was declared the winner taking the last spot to Vegas for the day



Tyson "Eddy" Bickle-Matt Hegre



Dee West-Rhonda Hayes

Sunday, In the top half of the 9-Ball Green (SL-1-2-&3) Tier Board, OPAL's **Rhonda Hayes** got off on the wrong foot by over sleeping and having to rush into her first match against OPAL's **Dena Green**, but she managed to get through that one only to get knocked in the one-loss side by OPAL's **Dee West** in the next round. **Rhonda** then had to battle her way back through the back side by defeating OPAL's **Heather Robson** and OPAL's **Kathi Burdge**. Back on the winner's side she defeated Silverton's Lori Shoup only to meet up again with **Dee West**. **Dee** went through to the finals undefeated by not only beating **Rhonda**, but also OPAL's **Kathi Burdge** and Seattle's **Anne Suyama**. In the grudge match, it was neck and neck all the way with both players having 19 balls in a race to 25. Final score

was **Rhonda-25, Dee-22** giving Rhonda the slot to Vegas.

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9 With one more slot available for the Green Tier (SL 1-3), **Helen Hahn** and

Brandon McIntyre, both from OPAL, reached the finals undefeated. Both players had a goal. **Brandon**, who had already won a slot in 8-ball, wanted a repeat performance, **Helen** wanted to make up for her less than satisfactory performance from the day before. **Helen** started off by winning her first match against Tacoma's **Debra Martin**. Then on to defeat OPAL's **Sheila Jones**, OPAL's **Mike Poor**, and OPAL's **David Hunter**. **Brandon's** journey to the finals included wins against Salem's **James Soll**, OPAL's **Kristi Phillips**, OPAL's **David Hunter** and OPAL's **Mike Poor**. In the finals, **Helen** started off on fire and just never let up. Final score 25-13.



Brandon McIntyre-Helen Hahn



Brandon Deel-Maxine Buhler

In the first half of the White Tier (SL 4-5), OPAL's **Maxine Buhler** started her journey with a first round win over OPAL's **Alisha Hepler** only to get knocked into the one loss side by OPAL's **Julie Duvall**. "**Mad Max**" then methodically defeated OPAL's **Deanna Hornyach** and OPAL's **Erich Keane** to meet up with her best buddy, OPAL's **Jeff Hiatt**. Taking no prisoners, **Max** won that match to make it to the finals. OPAL's **Brandon Deel** got to the finals by soundly defeating "**Mr Bye**" in the first round and then getting knocked to the one loss side by OPAL's **Dawn Durbin** in the 2nd round. Brandon worked his way back to the winner's side by winning his matches against OPAL players **Johnny Printup** and **Joni Remster**. He then narrowly squeaked by OPAL's **Claire Lewis** to meet up with "**Mad Max**" in the finals. Try as he may, **Brandon** just could not stop the **Max** train as she went on to win the match 31-13 to claim her spot to nationals.

In the 2nd half of the White Tier (SL 4-5), OPAL's **Doug Best** landed on the point undefeated with wins against OPAL's **Alicia Rinesh**, OPAL's **Kelly Kent-Micheau**, OPAL's **Clint Spraker** and OPAL's **Robert Solomon**. Meanwhile, OPAL's **Jodell Broaddus** was on a mission of his own. After narrowly missing the Vegas slot the day before, he was bound and determined to make it this day. **Jodell** also went through the bracket undefeated with wins against OPAL's **Nick Whited**, Yamhill County's **Brian Crawford**, OPAL's **David L'Heureux** and Woodburn's **Mark Binkley**. In the finals, **Jodell** was like a runaway train. holding **Doug** to just 19 points, while he earned the 38 points needed to claim a slot to Nationals.



Doug Best-Jodell Broaddus



Tony Graham-Chip Bugbee

In the top half of the Black Tier (SL 6-9), because of the number of entrants, this portion of the tier consisted of nothing by skill level 6's. OPAL's **Tony Graham** started off by defeating OPAL's **Brian Goodrow** and OPAL's **Kim Norn** only to be knocked to the loser's side by OPAL's **Chad Hepler**. **Tony** then beat Salem's **Glenn Shoup** to make it back to the winner's side. The then defeated OPAL's **Ron Liles** to make it to the finals. OPAL's **Chip Bugbee** took a similar route by defeating Salem's **Glenn Shoup** and OPAL's **Kevin Jones** but losing to OPAL's **Ron Liles** in the third round. He then won matches against OPAL's **Robert Day-Reynolds** and OPAL's **Chad Hepler** to meet up against **Tony** in the finals. **Chip** took an early lead in the finals and **Tony** just never got a chance to catch up. Final score 46-30 with

Chip coming out on top.

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Only one slot left for the Black Tier made up of skill levels 6-9. Because

of the size of the field the lower half of the bracket consisted of skill levels 7-9. OPAL's **Martin Wragg** made it though the bracket undefeated with wins over OPAL's **Izzy Lemus**, OPAL's **Armando Huerta-Mendoza**, OPAL's **Jonathan Hahn** and Salem's **Howard Allen**. OPAL's **Jonathan Hahn** started off with a win against, fellow skill level 9, OPAL's **David Scarth** and got rerouted to the one loss side by **Martin**. **Jonathan** then made his way through the loser's side by defeating **David Scarth** again. **Jonathan** then got through OPAL's **Jim Blexrude** only to meet up with **Martin** again in the finals. In the finals, **Jonathan** started off on fire taking all of the points in the first game, As the crowd



Martin Wragg-Jonathan Hahn

started to swell, to watch this "clash of the Titans match" **Martin** regrouped and started chipping away at **Jonathan's** lead. **Martin** needs 65 points as a skill level 8 and **Jonathan** needing 75 points as a skill level 9. Both players played well and both players had missed opportunities. After 15 grueling games, **Jonathan** came out on top with a final score of 75-59. What a match! **Jonathan** and **Helen Hahn** made OPAL history by being the first husband and wife to both qualify for singles nationals in the same year. The winners of this regionals will join the winners of the Fall Singles Regionals, **Delores Petrich**, **Brian Goodrow**, **Karrar Mayweather**, **Connie Carlson**, **Tina Peralta** and **Lisa McClellan** in the Singles Nationals in Las Vegas on April 26-28. Each national finalist received a plaque at regionals, plus will receive a commemorative jacket, at least \$100 cash and \$200 travel assistance to play at the National Tournament on their quest to become OPAL's first National Champion. Top prize at nationals is \$15,000 cash and prizes in 8-ball and \$10,000 cash and prizes for 9-ball for each skill level tier. Good luck to all of our OPAL players advancing to Nationals.

Special Thanks to **Mike**, **Tara**, **Nick**, **Joe** & Staff of **Rodder's** in Oregon City for hosting this event. The food and service was great as always.

Also Kudos' and our deepest gratitude to Referee's: **Steve Chandler**, **Dan Fendall**, **Anton Renz**, **John Blue**, **Steve Schneringer**, **Don Walker** and **Larry Hande** who donated their time to officiate. Good job to our Refs in training as well, **Andy Riley**, **Cory Bananto** and **Rick Snoke**. Without you the tournament could not have gone as well as it did.

A big thank you to **Randee Lee**, League Operator of the Salem area. Man we sure put on a good tournament!

REMEMBER—If you want to participate and possibly get a chance to win your way into the Nationals Singles Championship in April 2013 you only have until June 15 to get qualified for the Fall regionals.



**Why are you hollering?
We just fed ourselves
so you could sleep in!!
Boy is that ingratitude
for you!!!!**



The 3 persons listed below are "Losers" from the Feb 13 Newsletter. If you happen to see these individuals, give 'em your best razzing. And don't forget to give 'em the old "L" sign,—while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box—possibly just for you! 81460279

1—JOE MUTZ (97202396) who plays for Auto's "**Hot Rods N Nice Racks**" in the **Clark Co.** Division.

2—TIM STRATTON (97214831) who plays for Fortune Star's "**It's Time**" in the **Far East DJ** Division.

3—PATRICK NOZISKA (97215952) who plays for Sam's "**Blood Bath & Beyond**" in the **Sunrise DJ** Division.

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 is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

