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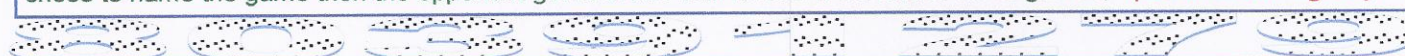


Captain & Co-Captain Tournament

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 thirty two player turnout for this tournament. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$94 in added money from KC's Midway & OPAL we had a total payout purse of **\$574** which was paid out to the top 16 finishers, or exactly one half of the total field.

The format was modified single elimination which meant that every player was guaranteed to play at least two times, but beginning the 3rd round in the winners side it then became single elimination. The format was patterned similar to that of the US Amateur in that both 8-Ball and 9-Ball games were usually played. The winner of the lag had first choice of either to break or to name the game. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent chose what game to play first. If the lag winner chose to name the game then the opponent got to break Skill level 2 & 3's had to win 2 games; **(Continued Page 2.)**

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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 2 people found their number from the Nov. 21st Newsletter. They were: **Tara Leigh-Lentz** (97212720) who plays for Rodder's "Crazy 8's & 9's Wild" in the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy division; and **Steve Leckie** (97216378) who plays for Scandal's team of: "Bone In Hand" in the Downtown Double Jeopardy division. From the Nov. 26th Newsletter not one person so far has called in. This means there is a combined newsletter party of "8" who start out the new year—2013—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**. Other-

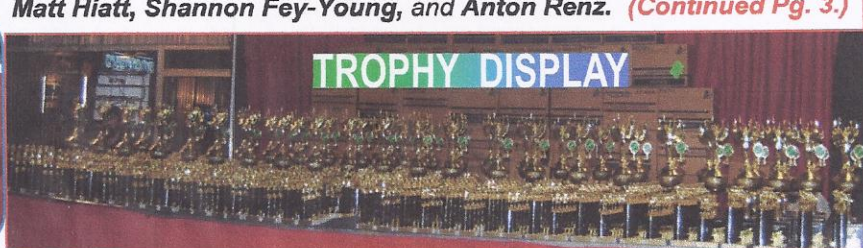
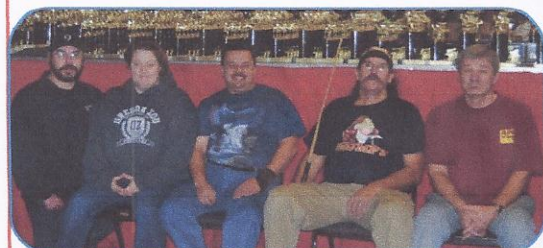
wise you'll be finding yourself in the back page loser's corner with people gawking and making fun of you.

AVOID IT--BE A OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!



We closed out Fall Session 2012 with Rodders in Oregon City, hosting the event on Sunday Jan. 6th from 11 AM until 6 PM. **Donna Kingsbury**, and **Jack Spring**, with Hi's and smiles, worked the registration desk and initially greeted the approximately 400 – 450 people before sending them off to see Boomer and Danny Bettin 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. They are pictured below

and they set up & Finished the beautiful display before John even got there. They are: **John Scarth, Charlie Walker, Matt Hiatt, Shannon Fey-Young, and Anton Renz.** **(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. To make it a little more difficult for the stronger players it was Loser Breaks after the first rack. We used all of the tables that were made available. The final match ended a little bit after 7:00 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 **Ron** (SL-5) **Mehner**, Captain of "Wrangler's Posse" in the Wagon Wheel Division, Took the longest way possible to the finals. He started out with a first round 3-1 sgg-shell stepping win over **Stephanie** (SL-4) **Tafolla**. 97204020 In the 2nd round **Ron** got his butt drop-kicked over to the one-loss side 4-1 by **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson**. In his next Round **Ron** pulled out a 3-1 win against **Steve** (SL-6) **Ash** sending him out the door to home while getting himself into the money. Playing for the Loser's point and a trip back to the winner's side **Ron** prevailed still again by taking out **Renee** (SL-4) **Barnes** 3-1. Coming back across to the winner's side he faced off against **Lee** (SL-5) **Hall**. **Ron** upended **Lee** 3-Zip and sent him out the door to home. In the Semi-Final **Ron** split the 8-Ball games with **Jonathan** (SL-7) **Hahn** 1-1, but then took the first two games of 9-Ball to claim the Match which now put him in the finals.

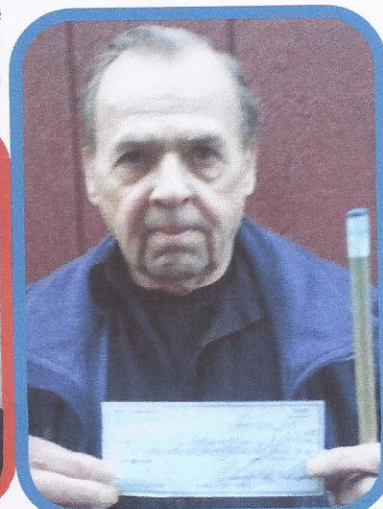
Meanwhile, **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson** who Co-Captain's Ringo's Dangerous Cues in the Mid-Valley double jeopardy division unlike **Ron** went all the way to the finals completely undefeated. Right out of the gate in the first round **Tim** blasted **Adam** (SL-7) **Drew** 4-Zip to the one-loss side. In round two he defeated eventual finalist **Ron** (SL-5) **Mehner** 4-1. Then came the underwear change! **Tim** had to play **Tim** (SL-5) **Cowlthorp**. **Tim** jumped right to a 2-Zip lead by taking both games of 8-Ball. Then, switching to 9-Ball **Tim** C. came steamrolling back with 2 straight game wins to put himself hill. **Tim**, rallied back taking the next game to bring the match to double hill. Now it was any "Tim's" game! **Tim** broke made a couple of balls and missed. **Tim** then, did the same, but in the end it was **Tim** who ended up winning the match to send the other **Tim** C. home with last place money. Next up **Tim** faced off against **Jason** (SL-5) **Gilbert**. By a score of 4-1 **Tim** sent **Jason** out the door with \$30 in his pocket. In the Semi's **Tim** won the first two games of 8-Ball against little **Suzi** (SL-3) **Zach**, but then she came back to take the 1st game of 9-Ball and put herself on the hill. **Tim** managed to win the next game to bring the match to double hill, and then he lucked out the case game leaving little **Suzi** behind with \$60 in her pocket while **Tim** prepared himself for the final match of the day against **Ron** (SL-5) **Mehner** who he had convincingly defeated in Round 2 of the winner's side earlier. Those of us left to watch all wondered if it would be Summer Re-runs, or a taste of sweet Revenge.

Tim won the lag and took the break. **Ron** named 8-Ball. Two racks later the score was tied 1 -1. **Tim** won the first game of 9-Ball and **Ron** won the second to put himself on the hill. **Tim** made it double hill, but **Ron** won the case game to claim the victory, the top money, and the bragging rights to being the 2012 Fall Session Captain Co-Capt Tournament Champion.

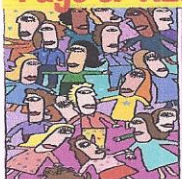
Special kudo's to the Midway Staff & Crew headed by **Kraig Pauli & staff** who did a wonderful job as hosts for this event. Also, to **Don** "Coyote" **Walker** for all his help in assisting **Merle** with getting the tournament organized and underway, in addition to officiating.

FINAL RESULTS

1ST	\$124	RON MEHNER	5
2ND	\$90	TIM HIGGINSON	6
3/4	\$60	JONATHAN HAHN	7
3/4	\$60	SUZIE ZACH	3
5/8	\$30	JASON GILBERT	5
5/8	\$30	PAUL JOHNSON	7
5/8	\$30	LEE HALL	5
5/8	\$30	BRANDON MALLOY	5
9/16	\$15	DON WALKER	7
9/16	\$15	STEVE GONZALEZ	7
9/21	\$15	PAUL MULLINS	7
8853	\$15	TIM COWLTHORP	5
9/16	\$15	RENE BARNES	4
9/16	\$15	DON JONES	5
9/16	\$15	KURT WILKE	5
9/16	\$15	ADAM DREW	7



2nd: Tim Higginson & 1st: Ron Mehner



(SESSION END PARTY
(continued from Pg 1) These guys & gals were amazing...They started in setting the 1000+ trophy display up, and by 9:00 AM they were done!

What a crew!

Merle, Don "Coyote" Walker & his Brother Charlie, Jason Alexander and "Derby" Dan Fendall helped organize and run some fun activities to play.

"Survivor-APA" and the 9-Ball Break were the most popular of the fun events.

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 little **Kim Norn** blasted Merle 3 and out!

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.

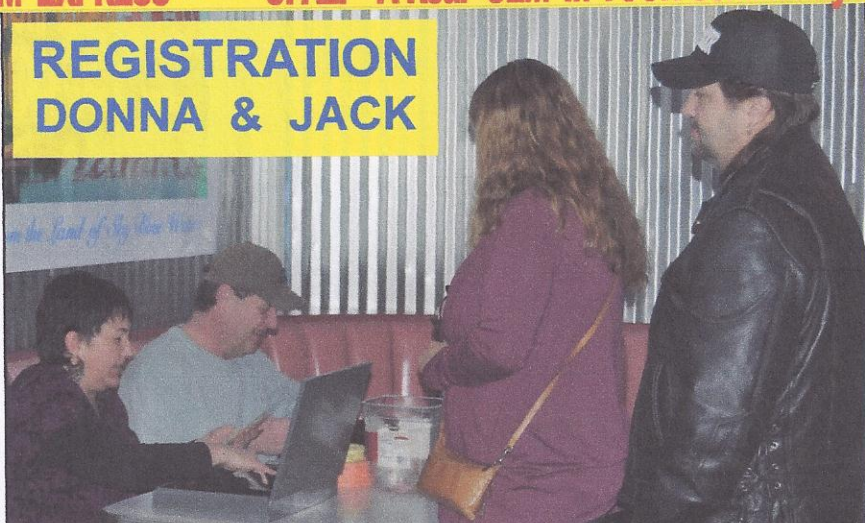
The balls were racked on the foot spot—just like 8-ball—with a full 15 ball rack. The breaking player—if a ball was made on the break the breaker's turn was over and the next player in rotation came up and shot. However, If the breaking player didn't make a ball on the break, then they got to free shoot again to pocket a ball, & avoid getting an "X." If the player shooting before you shot the cue ball into a pocket or off the table—then the next player in line receives ball in hand anywhere on the table and the player "fouling" received an "X". Table scratches, or complete misses, result in an "X" for the shooter, but the incoming player doesn't get Ball In Hand. lay. When all 15 balls are finally pocketed, then the balls are re-racked by the person making the last ball, and the next player in the line of rotation breaks. Most games were over and finished with a new one starting in about 30 minutes. There were a total of seven (7) games of Survivor played. The winner's of the Survivor-APA games were:

GAME 1: 1st- Kim Norm, 2nd- Jason Alexander, & 3rd- Jason Gilbert. GAME 2: 1st- Jonathan Hahn, 2nd- Merle, & 3rd- Steve Hofstetter. GAME 3: 1st- Merle, 2nd- Jonathan Hahn, & 3rd- Mike Black. GAME 4: 1st- Dan Fendall, 2nd- Kim Norn, & 3rd- Jonathan Hahn. GAME 5: 1st- Don Palacios, 2nd- Jonathan Hahn, & 3rd- Kelly Kent-Micheau. GAME 6: 1st- Don Palacios, 2nd- Helen Hahn, 97218652 & 3rd- Sue Gerow. GAME 7: 1st- Helen Hahn, 2nd- Jonathan Hahn, & 3rd- Jason Gilbert.

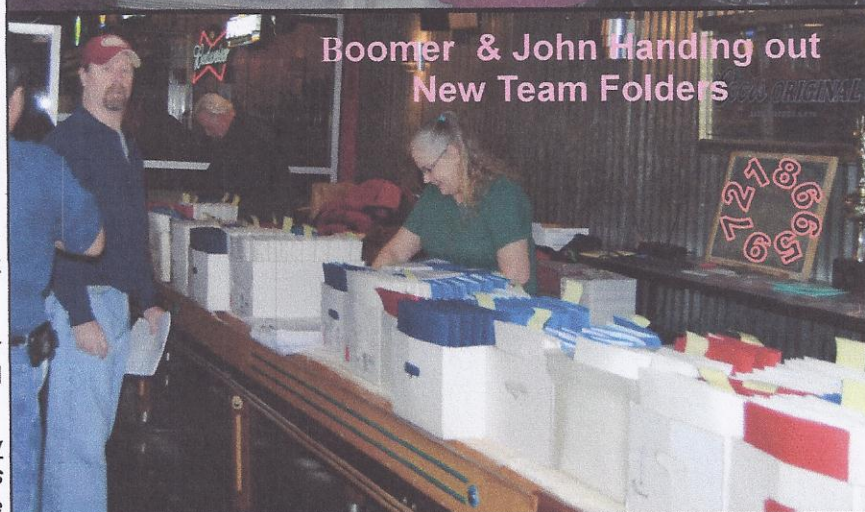
Winners of the \$3 entry 9-Ball Break Contest received \$20 for 1st, and \$10 for 2nd. Nine contests were run: **GAME 1: 1st- Jeff Hiatt, 2nd- Jim Lehman. GAME 2: 1st- Jeff Hiatt, 2nd- Ron Paulson. GAME 3: 1st- Charlie Walker, 2nd- Allen Paulson. GAME 4: 1st- Buck Campbell, 2nd- Don Walker. GAME 5: 1st- Mike Bielman, 2nd- Brad Gerow. GAME 6: 1st- Don Walker, 2nd- Charlie Walker. GAME 7: 1st- Leo Salinas, 2nd- Armondo "Ole" Mendoza. GAME 8: 1st- Leo Salinas, 2nd- Rodney Clay, and GAME 9: 1st- Kerrar Mayweather, 2nd- Armondo "Ole" Mendoza.**

At 2:30 in the afternoon **Merle, and Shannon Fey-Young** 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 **(Continued Page 4.)**

REGISTRATION DONNA & JACK



Boomer & John Handing out New Team Folders





Session End Party (Continued)
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: **Robbie Solomon** (Blue Cue Tec), **Jessica Mello** (Viper Pool Bitch Cue), and **Randy Heim** (Viper Raven Cue).

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 as usual in the middle section of Rodders taking pictures of the award winners as they came down the hallway with their arms full of trophies

Special thanks to **Rodder's crew: Joe, Michael, Nick, Tara, Etc.** 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 so special.

JOHN GIVING OUT DOOR PRIZES



RANDY

JESSICA

ROBBIE



THE LOSER'S CORNER

The first three listed below missed their #'s in the Nov 21, '12 newsletter & the other five missed their #'s in the Nov. 28 '12 newsletter. If you know any of 'em, give 'em the old "L" sign — and thank 'em, for leaving a shirt in the box for you!

- 1—**JOHN PETERS** (97217852) who plays for Watertrough's "**Army of Darkness**" in the **Sunrise DJ** division
- 2—**ALEXANDRA LAWRENCE** (97218805) who plays for Rodder's "**OC Bomb Squad**" in the **Mt. Hood. D.J.** div.
- 3—**JENNIFER RINNE** (97214476) who plays for Ballad towns "**Double Trouble**" in the **NW Dbl. Jeep.** div.
- 4—**RODNEY CLAY** (97211425) who plays for Sundowner's "**Just Whack It**" in the **Buckaroo 9-Ball** division.
- 5—**CHRIS GOURNEAU** (97218333) who plays for Spot 99's "**High Noon Shooters**" in the **PONE** division.
- 6—**TY EVEREST** (97218529) who plays for Mike's Place's "**Filthier McNastys**" in the **Southern Dbl. Jep.** division.
- 7—**JAMES FODELMESI** (97219055) who plays for Sam's "**Tabula Rasa**" in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 8—**JASON COLE** (97219183) who plays for Time Out Pub's "**Misfits**" in the **Midnight Double Jeopardy** 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..!**



Submitted By:
Dan Bochar



*Some cause happiness wherever they go;
others, whenever they go."*

- **Oscar Wilde**