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## Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

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18—20 KC's Midway and Rodder's in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. KC's Midway hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts. Except with a some pesky Merle-computer

-internet connection problems on Saturday morning at Rodder's play went along fairly smoothly. Fortunately, computer Guru **Will Ford Jr.** from the team of Project Tool Install came to the rescue and got everything fixed & running.

There were 46 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 **\$18,584** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 72% 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 9 of the 14 teams that lost on Friday lost their very next match and were out of the tournament, but only 3 of the 16 teams who lost the Saturday 9 AM round Lost in the 1 PM round. This indicates that losing Friday night is definitely not the way to go! The results are as follows:

**FINISHING 33-46th** and winning \$170 were: **McAnulty & Barry's** "Main Street Madness;" **Wagon Wheel Division's** "Wranglers;" **Hart Road Pizza's** "Demi Gods Of The Felt;" **Fortune Star's** "The Other Guys;" **Underground Sports Bar's** "Money On The Table;" **505 Tavern's** "Uh-O-Here Comes The 505;" **Gateway Division's** "Pub 181;" **River Road House's** "Table Scraps;" **Fortune Star's** "Fugetaboutit;" **Sweet Home's** "Breaking Good;" **Back Alley's** "Blackbirds;" **River Road House's** "All Angles;" **Falco's** "The Replacements;" and **Jin's** "Done Did It."

**FINISHING 25-32nd** and winning \$250 was **Spot 79's** "High Noon Shooters;" **Bluebird's** "Crazy 9's;" **River Road House's** "Secret Society-Willamette Division;" **River Road House's** "Secret Society-Mid Valley Division;" **Ringo's** "Why So Hard?;" **Cascade Bar's** "Billiard Ballers;" **Jin's** "8's In The Hole;" and **Ice House's** "Right On Cue."

**FINISHING 17-24** and winning \$350 was: **Hide-A-Way's** "Totally Whacked;" **Blitz Ladds** "Drunken Wanderers;" **The Spot's** "9 Team With Issues;" **Fortune Star's** "City Hunters;" **Ringo's** "Dangerous Cues;" **River Road House's** "Ball Breakers;" **Underground's** "Project Tool Install;" 60950279 and **River Road House's** "8's & A's;"

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**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 14th newsletter not a single soul so far has found their membership number that was hidden and called in. Surprise Surprise!!!

Consequently, there is still one more week & all five 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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**FINISHING 9-16** and winning \$500 was: Slingshot's "The Secret," Underground's "Done Dirt Cheap," Broadway Saloon's "Felt Up (Beaverton)," Sam's "Tabula Rasa," Falco's "Looney Toons," Gresham Inn's "Shot Effect," Back Alley's "Str8 Cats," and Sellberg's "Stop, Drop, 'n Roll."



**BRONZE -- Noelle 's Mixers**

**FINISHING 5—8th** and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$700 each were: Sam's "Noelle's Mixers" from the Central 9-Ball division— with Team Captain: **Danny Turner**, and teammates--**James Jeans, Ric Jeans, Josiel Pena, Donnie Jarvis Jr., Jeff Britt, David Heard, and Nydia Pena;** Cascade Bar's "OOOH SHOOOT" from the Northern Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Don Collins**, and teammates--**Cherry Kleven, Robert Fields, Todd Riches, Cindy Riches, Machele Amore, and Joni Delano;** "The Ravens" from the Northern Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Jonathan Hahn**, and teammates--**Helen Hahn, Brian Newcomb, Anthony Bittner, Brett Usher, Lindy Taylor, Daniel Olson II, and Robin Moore;** and Fortune Star's "Where R We Next?" from the Farside Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Mandy Smith**, and teammates-- **Teressa Heick, Kristen Shellenberger, Michael Dubendorf, Harold Shellenberger, Wade Young, Tracey Cunningham and Michele Delorme-Stedman-Falls.**



**BRONZE -- Oooh Shoooot**

**FINISHING 3-4** and winning Silver Medallions and \$902 each was: 505 Tavern's "Felt Up-(Oregon City)" from the Southern Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Jennifer Haller**, and teammates-- **Kurt Haller, Deana Butler, Jason Chun, Andrea Brown, Bobby Brown, Amanda Bentley and Kyle Selfmann;** AND River Road House's "Off 'N Church" from the Mid-Valley Double Jeopardy division— with Team Captain: **Robert Solomon**, and teammates--**Evan Moore, Jack Wicke, Phil Bremer, Don Palacios Jr., Zak Moore, Raguel Smith II, and Johanna Altuzarra.**



**BRONZE -- The Ravens**

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 from the Skyline Double Jeopardy division was Ickabod's "333-Half Evil" with Team Captain: **Kathie Miller**, and teammates: **Rob Winkler, Justin Fenton, Jason Walsh, Brittney Strode, Todd Thuss, Eric Bijak, and Craig Walsh.**

**FINISHING 1ST** and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,600 was: McNulty & Barry's "Black Out" from the Southeast Double Jeopardy Division with Team Captain: **Jack Daniels**, and teammates: **Michael Pranz, Kelli Eggimann, Jeff Martini, Scott Bean, Caitland Grim, and Timothy Layton.**



**BRONZE -- Where R We Next?**

**The Journey** for both of the finalists began Friday night at KC's Midway with "Blackout" in slot #5. and "333-half evil" in slot #22.

"Blackout" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped out of the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping undefeated journey towards the finals. On Friday Night at KC's Midway, they successfully interrupted the timing of "Right On Cue" to emerge victorious. Come Saturday Morning in the 9:00 AM round they de-clawed the "Str8 Cats" and sent them over to the backside to play while they received a break until the 5 PM round.

"Blackout" gave "9 Team With Issues" tissues to dry their eyes when they sent them out the door in 17th place with \$350 in their pockets. "Blackout" however, **(Continued on Pg 3.)**



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(Continued from Page 2.) was making strategy plans for Sunday's 9 AM Medal match against **"The Secret."** **"Blackout"** exposed **"The Secret"** leaving them behind with \$500 and the door while guaranteeing themselves a spot in the 2013 June Regionals.

Next, in the 1 PM Sunday round **"Blackout"** answered **"Where R We Next?"** by leaving them behind with the Bronze and \$700. In the 3 PM round playing on two tables simultaneously, **"Blackout"** out-felt **"Felt Up"** leaving them behind with the Silver & \$902. Meanwhile the journey for **"333-Half Evil"** had taken a different direction entirely.

**"333-Half Evil"** wiped out **"The Other Guys"** on Friday night, but then **"Noelle's Mixers"** mixed it up and threw them to the back-side concluding the Saturday 9: AM round. Regrouping **"333's"** outlasted **"Pub 181"** to send them home with \$170 in their pockets. In the 5:00 PM round they sent **"8's In The Hole"** home with \$250 while **"333-Half Evil"** progressed on into Sunday's 9 AM round against the **"Looney Toons."** The **"Half Evils"** turned off the TV and sent them out the door with \$500 while staking claim, and bragging rights, to at least a Bronze Medallion and a slot to regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday **"333-Half Evil"** made targets out of **"Oooh Shoooot"** and left them behind holding the Bronze and \$700. Moving up into the 3 PM round **"Off 'N Church"** obviously didn't get their prayer's answered 'cause-in the end it was off the finals for **"333-Half Evil"** and off down the silver highway with \$902 for **"Off 'N Church."**

Whether **"Blackout"** just lived up to their name, or if **"333-Half Evil"** simply were not quite the evil doers they thought they were—when the dust settled over the 5 simultaneous match-play tables the results were as follows:

On Table 1: Black's SL-4 **Jeff Martini** defeated 333's SL-4 Team Captain—**Kathie Miller** 13-7.

On Table 2: Black's SL-5 **Tim Layton** clobbered 333's SL-5 **Jason Walsh** 16-4.

On Table 3: Black's SL-3 **Caitland Grim** overwhelmed 333's SL-3 **Brittney Strode** 15-5.

On table 4: Black's SL-7 **Scott Bean** upended 333's SL-7 **Craig Walsh** 15-5, and

On table 6: 333's SL-4 **Todd Thus** beat 333's SL-4 **Michael Pranz** 12-8. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

**"Blackout: 67 — 333-Half Evil: 33.**

After everything was said and done, **"Blackout"** —all grinning from ear to ear were absolutely delighted that they had acrued the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,600 check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2012 Fall Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions.

The next step will be the June 2013 9-Ball Regionals at Rodders 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 15-19, 2013.

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, Steve Chandler, Shannon Fey-Young, Charlie Walker, Cory Bananto, and Don "Coyote" Walker,** &, of course, **Terry Pinto** and **John Blue** who filled in to run things at the Midway in Boomer's absence.



**SILVER -- Felt Up (Or. City)**



**SILVER -- Off 'N Church**



**GOLD -- 333-Half Evil**



**PLATINUM -- Blackout**



IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR -- Uncle Merle's & Honest John's School of Referee'n! AND, IT'S Scheduled for 1:00 PM Saturday FEBRUARY 2nd In the BACK ROOM of RODDERS in OREGON CITY.

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Submitted By  
**John Blue**

A Minnesota farmer named Olie had a car accident. He was hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company. In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot attorney questioned him thusly:

"Didn't you say to the state trooper at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'" Olie responded: 'vell, I'lla tell you vat happened dere. I'd yust loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da..." "I didn't ask for any details', the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'"?"

Olie said, "vell, I'd yust got Bessie into da trailer and I vas drivin' down da road...." The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was interested in what Olie's answer might be and said to the attorney: "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie". Olie said: "Tank you" and proceeded. "vell as I vas saying, I had yust loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road vin dis huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side by golly. I was trown outta me truck an inna a ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder ditch 'cross da road. By yimminy yahosaphat I vas hurtta purty durn bad, and I couldn't really move. An even vurse dan dat, I could hear old Bessie a moanin' and a groanin'. I knew she vas in terrible pain yust by her groans. Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He heard Bessie a moanin' and a groanin' too, ana he vent over to her." Ole Continued...

"He looked at her, ana he saw her condition, then he tooka out his gun and then he shot her inna 'er head right between the eyes. Den wifa his gun stilla in his hand da policeman came across de road and looked down at me in da udder ditch, and said.... "How are you feelin'."

Now I yust ask ya, wot da flamin' hell vud you 'av sed?"



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

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