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# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



## FALL 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

January 25-27th, Rodders and KC's Midway 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. We received several positive compliments from many of the players and host location staff over the weekend. It was a good tournament.

We had exactly 54 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 many of the team matches coming right down to double hill when deciding the winner. Once a team reached three match race wins though the match was declared over.

There was a total payout of **\$21,164** which was dispersed throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and Sunday's four round conclusion was at Rodder's—finishing about 8:30 PM. The results ended up being as follows:

**FINISHING 49th through 54th** and winning **\$170** were: Back Alley's "The Ravens," Falco's "Cheap Dates," Spot 79's "Flyin' Hawaii," American Legion's "Eagles," Joe Cellar's "Unconscious D's," and Bink's "F.G.P.P."

**FINISHING 33 / 48th** and winning **\$225** were: Auto Pub's "Double O.C.," Southeast Division's "Denny's," McNulty & Barry's "Profanity," Mike's "Filthy McNasty's," Scotty's "Short Bus," No-Po Division's "Mousetrap," Sam's "T.M.H.W.," Bull Mountain's "Sub Par," Cascade Bar's "Rak 'Em," Fortune Star's "Trouble Makers," Jake's "Momz Nite Out," Fortune Star's "Brews 'N Cues," Underground Sports Bar's "X Q's R Slop," Fortune Star's "Where R We Next?," Sunset Lanes's "Bad News Beers" and Blue Moon's "Pocket Knockers."

**FINISHING 25-32** and earning **\$280** for their team were: Midnight Division's "Korner Pocket," Don Dugout's "Shooting Stars," Ringo's "Why So Hard?," Rodder's "O.C. Bomb Squad," Jin's "Poolaholics," McMenamin's "Jedi Mind Trick," Hart Road Pizza's "Demi Gods Of The Felt," and Wrangler's "Posse."

**FINISHING 17-24** and winning **\$350** were: Fortune Star's "S.E. Dirt Dogs," River Road House's "Secret Society #1," River Road House's "Secret Society #2," Rodder's "We Have Social Problems," Back Alley's "Pocket Pirates," Big Red's "Raiders," Jo Saloon's "Gladiators," & 3 Monkey's "Sandbaggers."

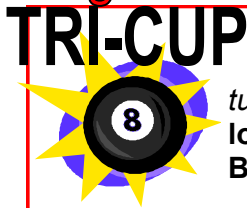
**FINISHING 9-16** and just missing a medal, but winning **\$500** were: Scandal's "Bone In Hand," Back Alley's "Pool Hustlers," Scotty's (Continued on Pg. 2.)

**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) HERE YE, HERE YE, HERE YE....somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the January 14th newsletter no body has called in to utter the magic words. This means there is a "Loser's Party of "FIVE" on the back page of this week's Newsletter for you to ridicule

From the Jan. 21st Newsletter we got two who called in. They are: **Steve Medearis** (97205906) who plays for Vogie's "Challengers" in the Southeast Double Jeopardy division; and **Sue Winfree** (97207262) who plays for Fortune Star's: "It's Time" in the Fareast Dbl Jeop division.

If you see your number hidden in the newsletter all you have to do is call the league office and say the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" to claim your prize, and at the same time it will 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!

**BE A Winner Find Your Number**



*"Kiss of Death,"* Gresham Inn's *"Shot Effect,"* River Road House's *"Balls In Hand,"* Mash-tun's *"Death From Within,"* Water Trough Saloon's *"Ship Wrecks,"* and Underground Sports Bar's *"Horizontal Possibilities."*

**FINISHING 5-8th** and taking home \$700, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **505 Tavern's** *"Felt Up"* from the Southern Double Jeopardy Division with Team Captain: **Jennifer Haller**, and teammates--**Kurt Haller, Deana Butler, Jason Chun, Bobby & Andrea Brown, Amanda Bentley, and Kyle Seltsmann;** **Auto Pub's** *"Hot Rods 'N Nice Racks"* from the Clark County-APA Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Joseph Mutz**, and teammates: **Debra Williamson, John Garrett, Jason Johnson, Nancy Lockwood, Michael Farland, and Michael Dowell;** **Mousetrap's** *"Power Shots"* from No-Po division with Team Captain: **Joni Remster** and teammates-- **Kelly Kent- & Bruce Micheau, Lori Wood, Lola Watson, Lou McCarthy, Mark Woodruff, and Lacey Remster;** and **Moose Lodge's** *"Rack Pack."* from the Gateway Double Jeopardy division— with Team Captain: **Joe Parker**, and teammates--**Cliff Mecham, Ken King, Dennis & Lisa Brooks, David Bates, David Lancaster, and Lawrence Laird.**

**FINISHING 3-4** and winning Silver Medallions and \$950 each was: **McAnulty & Barry's** *"Pooligans"* from the Willamette Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Leonard Duval**, and teammates— **Scott Bean, Lucille Gardner, Barbara Duval, Adam & Cassie Baker, Iwalani Carpenter, and David Holmes;** and **Slingshot's** *"The Underachievers"* from the Mid-Valley Double Jeopardy division— with Team Captain: **Robert Day-Reynolds**, and teammates--**Matt Harper, Nathan Currie, August Faller, Zada Spiess, Andrew Malkin, Nels Hessel-dahl, and Brenna Wrye-Simpson.**

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,204 was **Back Alley's** *"Blackbird"* from the Mt. St. Helen Hahn Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Helen Hecomovich-Hahn**, and teammates-- **Jonathan "Windex" Hahn, Robin Moore, Jared Santoyo, Gabino Solorio, Jimmie Leverich, "Mighty" Maxine Buhler, and Jeff Hiatt.**

**FINISHING 1ST** and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,600—from the Far-Side Double Jeopardy division was **Fortune Star's** *"City Hunters"* with Team Captain **Wallace Li**, and teammates: **Alex Lee, Chun Wu, Roy Chan, Danny Chan, Wei Lu, Billy Nguyen and Thomas Patricinio.**

*"Blackbird's"* journey to the finals was full speed straight ahead to the finals. They began their journey Friday Night at the Mid-way in bracket slot 39 against *"Flying Hawaiian."* They sent the Hawaiians flying off to the one loss side. In the Saturday 9 AM round they ambushed the "Wrangler's Posse" and shipped their bodies over to the loser's side in Boot Hill territory as well, and then took a break until the 5 PM matches would start up.

The 5 PM Saturday round found the B-Bird's up against River Road House's "Secret Society #1." After **(Continued on Pg. 3.)**



**BRONZE -- Felt Up**



**BRONZE -- Hot Rods & Nice Racks**



**BRONZE -- Powershots**



**BRONZE -- Moose Rack Pack**





That round the secret was out—out the door and down the road that is—while the “Black B’s” they were headed to Sunday’s 9 AM medal round up at Rodders to deflate “Bone In Hand.”

“Blackbird” beat the “Bones,” sent them out the door to home, and claimed at least the Bronze Medal as well as their spot in the Regional

In the 1 PM round “Blackbird” took out “Hot Rods “N Nice Racks” sending them out the door with \$700 and the Bronze.

In the 3 PM round “Blackbird” out shot “Pooligans” to leave them behind holding onto the silver while the “B-Birds” moved on into the final match up of the tournament against “City Hunters.”

Meanwhile on the flip side of the coin The Fortune Star “City Hunter’s” journey had quite a different route to the finals then did “Blackbird’s” undefeated path. The “City Hunters” started out Friday night at the Midway in bracket slot 43 against “Demi Gods Of The Felt” “The Gods” wasted no time in trapping the “Hunters” and sending them to go hunting over in the one-loss side.

The “City Hunters” drew a Sat. AM Bye and thus had time to rest up and regroup for Saturday afternoon’s 1PM round against “Where R We Next?” Well the “Hunters” apparently had the answer and it was — go out the door and go home! Next, in the 5 PM round the “City Hunters” bamboozled the “Jedi Mind Trick” sending them confused and bedazzled out the door and down the road to home while the “Hunters” prepared themselves to go on into Sunday’s Bridesmaid / Medal round.

In Sunday’s 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the “Hunters” went double hill and caught unbeaten “Balls In Hand” with their pants down to claim a spot in regionals, and at least a Bronze Medallion necklace.

Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The “Hunters” outlasted “Moose Rack Pack” in another double hill thriller to leave them behind holding the Bronze and \$700.

In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the “City Hunters” went double—double hill against the undefeated “Underacheivers,” and only got the win because the last opponent in the case game pocketed the 8-Ball in his called pocket, but by a fluke-ish roll the cue ball drew into the side rail and came off and kept rolling, and kept rolling and kept rolling, and then fell into the corner pocket clear across table which meant loss of game ‘cause they scratched on the 8-Ball. Thus translated to loss of match to the “City Hunters” who now instead of the “Underachievers—would be playing “Blackbird” in the finals.

The finals started out with a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables on Merle’s command. It was a tense contest, even though it turned out not to be a close one.

On Table 3, Hunter’s SL-4 **Wei Lu** was up 2-1 on a race to 3 against B-Bird’s SL-4 **Maxine Buhler** when the team match was called.

On Table 4, Hunter’s SL-6 **Alex Lee** walloped “B-Birds” SL-6 **Jared Santoyo** for a 5-1 win. Score 1 to 0 in favor of the “City Hunters.”

On Table 5, B-Birds SL-2 **Jimmie Leverich** won the first game and put himself on the hill, but then “Hunter’s” SL-3 **Roy Chan** took the next 3 games straight to claim the match. Score 2-0 in favor of the “City Hunters.”

On Table 6, B-Birds SL-7 **Jonathan Hahn** took out Hunter’s SL4 **Chun Wu**, 5-Zip to make the total 2-1 in favor of the City Hunters.

On Table 7, B-Birds SL-3 **Gabino Solorio** jumped to the hill in game 2 against Hunter’s SL-4 **Danny Chan** who had won the very first game. Chan came struggling back to narrowly squeak out wins in the next two games bringing the total overall team (Continued on Page 4)



**SILVER -- Pooligans**



**SILVER -- Underachievers**



**GOLD -- Blackbird**



**PLATINUM -- City Hunters**

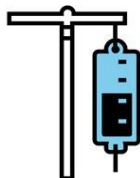
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match to 3 - 1 races won and one match race left unfinished. It was over, and "City Hunters" had emerged victorious making them the *Fall Session 2012 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions*, and giving them the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions plus all the bragging rights and of course, the \$1,600 check. For their valiant efforts, "*Blackbird*" received the gold medallions and a check for \$1,204.

The next step will be the June 14-16, 2013 8-Ball Regionals at KC's Midway in Oregon City 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 19-24, 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: David Scarth, Don "Coyote" Walker, Ron Pfingston, Dan Fendall, Stephen Schneringer, Corey Bananto, and John Blue.*



## The Blood Donor (Submitted by Jim Elphick)

An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out.

Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds, & US dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again. After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of cheap chocolates.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab and asked him: "Why, since you were so generous before, did you only give me a thank-you card and a box of cheap chocolate?" To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, things 'ave changed. Now I have Scottish blood in ma veins!"

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## THE LOSER'S CORNER



## NOT AS IT SEEMS — Submitted by Jeff Clohessy



Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable. When she went to tell Edna the news she said, Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love... I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness.

The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.' Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry.... How soon before I can go home?'

The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 14, 2013 Newsletter. If you see any of these blind souls give 'em your best "L" sign,—and be sure and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1—JOHN FELLES (97204020) who plays for Hart Rd. Pizza's "U4EA" in the Skyline Double Jeopardy division.
- 2—SCOTT HAHS (97218665) who plays for Underground Sport Bar's "Menagerie" in the NW Dbl Jeop. div.
- 3—MIKE LYSKI (97218853) who plays for Mousetrap's "Sewer Rats" in the North-Port 9-Ball division..
- 4—WILEY TRUSTY (97219308) who plays for Suki's "Pocket Stickers" in the Downtown Double Jeop. Div.
- 5—NOELLE HOWE (97200647) who plays for Twilight's "Just Havin' Fun" in the North-Port 9-Ball 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..!

