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CIVIL WAR XVIII: APA NORTH LOSES AGAIN



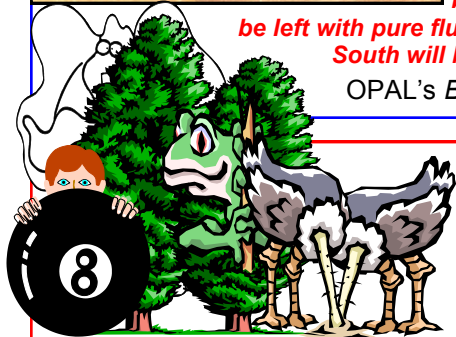
February 9 & 10th, Rodder's in Oregon City hosted the APA Civil War XVIII. We had 64 players—32 from the North & 32 from the South. Randee Lee, APA League Operator of the surrounding five county Salem area had inflated hopes of going ahead still again in the series by kicking some OPAL butt the same way they did Last year when the South won to go ahead in the series by one and make it 9-8! Only one time in the 18 year history has OPAL

-APA ever even led the series. Now it's been two whole years since Merle & Boomer had enjoyed the view of Merle's favorite "Hat Rack." However, sadly now it's gone for still a whole 'nother year because the damn South won again and now leads the series 10 to 8! Waaaaaaahhhhhh! *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 piece of cardboard on which was pasted a fake dollar bill, a package of pop rocks, a pet rock, a couple of fluff balls, 2 pieces of peperment candy , a candle, a pair of dice, and an idiotically amateurish poem that read::

"You Think you're a rock star—but you'll fizzle out fast. We're gonna wash you up—your flame won't last. Try to tie us up—like occasionally you've done in the past, but history is behind us—the Die has been cast. You might start out hot—but you'll just melt away. You'll be left with pure fluff—at the end of the day. Try to shoot well and you can hope for the pay, but by Sunday the South will be the winner's anyway!"

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 28th, newsletter nary 'nother single soul called in to safely join **"Rebecca Cowley"** in avoiding this week's Loser's Corner —which means—there's going to be a big stupid party of **"4"** Loser souls on the back page that you'll get to point fingers and laugh at this week. Let 'em have it...

From the February 4th Newsletter, we actually a phone call from an excited **Sharon Graham** (97211321) who plays for Sellberg's "Cruisin' 8-9" in the Sunrise division to claim her prize. This means that there's four 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 grab one—There's one on our Web Site— or 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 97217221 NUMBER!**



CIVIL WAR (Continued) gave the South a retaliatory gift—a big hollow plastic cube cleverly shaped like a dice — filled with valentine high-calorie sugar cookies.—when rolled either came up with the South Losing, or the North winning—plus had the following inscription: *"North Versus South—The battle begins. It's a roll of the dice to see who will win. Don't bother taking the chance, you might as well take a snooze, 'Cuz no matter how you roll the dice—The South is gonna lose!"* *"Well truth be told the North won many battles, but the damn South won the war!"* Making all the noise that we could, it was to no avail as the end came the next day —there definitely was no music to our ears!

Saturday's play started right at 11 AM. 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 North came out with guns blazing and squeaked ahead with a 17 to -15 lead. After the second round the North extended their lead to 31-27, but by the close of the day the North lead had been diminished to 37-35. After the first round on Sunday OPAL was still ahead by 2 points 39-37. Then the wind started to change! The North lost ground in the next round, but were still ahead 41-40. After that though everything fell apart and by the end of the day the damn south had emerged the victor by a four point 49-45 winning margin. Alas, Merle's prized Hat-Rack stayed south. The final SL-7 match-up was between North's undefeated **Paul Marquez** and South's **Randy Baker** had been thrown to the one loss side by North's **Jonathan Hahn** way back in Saturday's round one, and then had fought his way all the back to the finals through the one-loss side.

Randy (SL-7) **Baker's** southern journey to the finals started out with double hill loss to North's SL-7 **Jonathan "Windex" Hahn**. Now in the one-loss side, He 5-zipped North's SL-5 **Jeff Hiatt**. Next he 5-zipped North's SL-6 **Q Robertson** and then went double hill against North's SL-5 **Sarah Mixon** to win 5-2. In round 5 **Randy** 5-Zipped North's SL-5 **Rick Hoyle**. Next he blasted North's SL-6 **Jared Santoyo** 5-2 then he 5-zipped North's SL-4 **Dara Koch** to move on and face North's SL-5 **Garrick Mixon** who he also annihilated 5-Zip. Next up **Randy** finally came up against another South SL-7 player **Luke Thomas**. **Randy** beat him 5-2 to come face to face with the man who had sent him to the one-loss side in the first place—North's SL-7 **Jonathan Hahn**. This time revenge won out as **Randy** managed to beat **Johathan** 5-2. Now it was the finals where **Randy** would have to beat **Paul Marquez** twice in order to claim the bragging rights to the title.

North's SL-7 **Paul Marquez's** undefeated journey to the finals had started off by defeating Salem's SL-7 **Cisco Cabello** 5-3, then in round two he walloped South's SL-6 **Glenn Shoup** 5-1. Next, **Paul** barely got by South's SL-7 **Bob Heckel** In a double hill 5-4 thriller. In round four on Sunday morning, **Paul** beat fellow North's SL-5 **Garrick Mixon** 5-Zip. In the final round for the winner's point, against fellow North's (Continued Pg 3.)



4th Place Luke Thomas



3rd Place - Jonathan Hahn



CIVIL WAR (Continued) Jonathan "Windex" Hahn
he won 5-2 after losing the first game then winning the next 4 games straight to put himself on the hill, then won again two games later to perch himself on the winner's point to see who would emerge back at him from the dark side. After about a two hour wait the cheese from the south—SL-7 **Randy Baker** finally arrived.

Randy needed to defeat **Paul** twice in the Double Elimination Format. He almost did that. Their first match went Hill Hill before **Randy** won that contest 5-4. Now they both had one loss. The next race would decide the "Top Dawg" even though the South had already won the Civil War on points.

Randy won games 1 & 4, but **Paul** won games 2,3, 5, & 6 to put himself on the hill. With his back to the wall **Randy** rallied back taking games 7 & 8 this bringing that match to double hill. In the case game it came down to safety play with **Randy** having just one group ball and **Paul** with two group balls and the 8-Ball left on the table. After trading a couple of safe's each **Randy** left **Paul** just enough of an opening to spin off the corner rail, clip one of his balls

No	N A M E	N or S	\$\$\$
1	PAUL MARQUEZ	N	330
2	RANDY BAKER	S	250
3	JONATHAN HAHN	N	200
4	LUKE THOMAS	S	150
5/6	PHIL BREMER	N	125
5/6	BOB HECKEL	S	125
7/8	NATE SEDIVEC	S	100
7/8	GARRICK MIXON	N	100
9/12	JEREMY SPRING	N	75
9/12	TAVIS WAGNER	S	75
9/12	CHRIS PELHAM	N	75
9/12	DARA KOCH	N	75
17/16	BRAD MAGNESSON	S	60
12/16	PHIL BARRARA	S	60
10/16	JARED SANTOYO	N	60
16/16	TIM HIGGINSON	N	60
18/24	DON RYAN	S	40
13/24	JEFF HAYES	N	40
19/24	LONNIE KNOTTS	N	40
17/24	JASON GRIJALVA	N	40
17/24	TRACI MAGNESSON	S	40
17/24	RICK HOYLE	N	40
17/24	CARLOS CARDENA	S	40
17/24	ANDREW SULLIVAN	S	40

into the corner pocket and get shape on his other ball and run out. to claim the match, and the distinction of being the 2013 Civil War XVIII champion, and all the bragging rights thereof. Plus, **\$330** for his magnificent efforts.

Special Thanks to Rodder's & crew for their fine service, and for hosting what turned out to be a super great fun event even though the wrong side won !



2 ND PLACE - RANDY BAKER



1 ST PLACE - PAUL MARQUEZ



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OPAL-APA NW 8-BALL INVITATIONAL

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Chinook Winds Casino -- Lincoln City, Oregon



Submitted by:
Jeff Clohessy

A man walked out to the street and caught a taxi just going by. He got into the taxi and the **cabbie** said, "Perfect timing. You're just like Brian"

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Brian Sullivan. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happen like that to Brian every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Brian Sullivan. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse and the whole street blacks out. But Brian Sullivan, he could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow. Some guy then."

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Brian, he never made a mistake and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Brian Sullivan."

Passenger: "Sounds like an amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Brian — He died — I'm married to his flippin' widow."

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THE LOSER'S CORNER



The 4 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—KEVIN JONES (97203784) who plays for Fortune Star's "**Devil's Rejects**" in the **Farside D.J.** division.

2—MICHELLE HOGGATT (97218079) who plays for Sportsmans "**Playing For Fun**" in the **Columbia D.J.** div.

3—KAITLIN COSTA (97218238) who plays for Coach's "**Originals**" in the **Sunset Double Jeopardy** division.

4—JOSE ESPINOZA (97217890) who plays for KC Sport Bar's "**Crushers**" in the **Mt. Hood D. J.** Division.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully 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..!**

