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somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Only one player from the February 17th newsletter, called in to claim her prize leaving a party of four in the loser's corner this week. Getting the "eagle eye" award this week is **Darci Troyer** (97217746) who plays for Wranglers "Regulators" in the Wagon Wheel Double Jeopardy Division.

From the February 24th newsletter, no one has called in. There is still 5 numbers from that week, plus the 5 new ones from 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" 97210154

Open Scotch Regionals

While the Civil War was going on in Salem, the Open 8 Ball and Open 9 Ball Regionals took place at the Wichita Town Pub in Milwaukie. Since Boomer had to be in Salem for the Civil War, Terry Pinto graciously accepted the honor of being the director and referee for the event. There were 6 teams in the Open 9 Ball Scotch and 8 teams in the Open 8 Ball Scotch. Each team earned their spot in the regionals by participating in



David Starr/Le Donovan

qualifiers throughout the year. Format was modified-single elimination, guaranteeing each team two plays, but not necessarily two losses. There were two slots for Nationals up for grabs in each format. Each team will receive half of the entry fees that were collected from the qualifiers. Heading to Vegas May 1-3 to play in the National Open 9 Ball Scotch will be Glenn and Sherry Maresh with the team name of "This Is Crazy" and David Starr/Le Donovan with the team name "Live To Sink'em". Each team will have their \$100 entry fee paid, plus receive \$370 to assist with their



Sherry & Glenn Maresh

travel and lodging expenses. in the National Open 8 Ball be the teams of Rick Levine/ name "Something Like That" ham with the team name will have their \$100 entry with their travel and lodging



Chris Huntley/Dennis Worsham



Rick Levine/Christine Bonin

Heading to Vegas to participate tournament April 30-May 2 will Christine Bonin with the team and Chris Huntley/Dennis Wors-"Baccardi & Coke". Each team paid, plus receive \$480 to help expenses. You will be able to

watch their progress as they participate in the National tournament by viewing the coverage on poolplayers.com. Special thanks to the crew at the Wichita for excellent service. Stacy Enriquez and Larry Gee, who ran all of the qualifiers over the year. And of course, Terry Pinto, who spent the entire day there kept things moving.

Civil War Results Final Score North 73-South 74. 1st Randy Baker (S) SL 7 \$550, 2nd Mike Grimm (N) SL 7 \$450, 3rd Doug Ellenberger (S) SL 7 \$350, Shawn Scharpf (N) SL 4 \$250, Tied for fifth (\$200) Craig Irwin (N) SL 7 and Kris Craig (N) SL 3, Tied for 7th (\$150) John Scudder (N) SL 7, Todd Brady (S) SL 7, Tied for 9th (\$125) Tyler Hanson (N) SL 6, Jon Mesa (S) SL 7, Tony Tipton (S) SL 7, Yolanda Allen (S) SL 3, Tied for 13th (\$100) Steve Heavy-side (N) SL 5, Bob Heckel (S) SL 7, Binh Huynh (N) SL 6 and Larry Draper (S) SL 6. Tied for 17th (\$75) Jeff Redel (S) SL 7, Craig Walsh (N) SL 6, Cisco Cabello (S) SL 7, Brian Anderson (S) SL 4, Don Ryan (S) SL 5, Karl Bien (S) SL 3.

Tied for 25th (\$50) Mike Johnson (S) SL 4, Paul Mullens (N) SL 7, Kyle Payton (N) SL 4, Toby Dittrich (N) SL 7, Danny Turner (N) SL 7, Lawrence Draper (S) SL 3. Keira Beck (N) SL 2 and Ed Parenti (N) SL 7. Kudos to the lower skilled players that made it into the money. Great job, everyone!

2014 Civil War



Because of snow on the original Civil War dates, the tournament was moved to March 1 & 2. 120 APA players (60 from the North, 60 from the South) participated in the event. Due to the number of participants, which was a record this year, the tournament was split between Kolby's in Keizer, with Randee Lee and Jake's in Salem with Boomer. Each participant received a commemorative "I survived the 19th Civil War" shirt and a gift from the opposing side. Our gift to the South was a Zombie rubber duck with the following poem, "So you have a bit of a lead. You think we are full of dread? When we get through

with you this weekend, you'll be like the walking dead. The North has a lot of skill. We only need a little luck. You'll be swimming' with the fishes. Just like Zombie duck" The South gave the North a piece of cloth, tied up with a whistle and a 4 leaf clover. I guess it was based on something that John Blue had written about us only needing a rag tag little team to beat the South. I don't know, we should have gotten an extra point for creativity. The tournament was full double elimination. The board was set up so that during the first round each match was North vrs South. Each time this match up occurred, North vrs South, there was a point to be won for the side of the winner. The South got an early lead 32-28 during the first round. The North came back to tie it up in the next round 36-36. From then on it was back and forth. The South would get ahead a point or two, then we would tie it back up. I didn't get anymore updates from Kolby's for the rest of Saturday. All I knew is that the North was in deep trouble by the end of the night. We were down by 10 points. I was so happy to walk into Kolby's on Sunday morning to see so many Northern players still there. That meant there were plenty of points to still be won. Starting Sunday, with the combined totals of both locations it was North 60, South 65 with 6 points available in the first round. We took 4 of the 6 to make the score 64-67. Then it was see saw, back and forth. They would get ahead by a point or two, we would tie it up until we finally took a 2 point lead. But the next round, the South came back and tied it up again. In fact, we were tied going into the final match between Mike Grimm (North) and Randy Baker (South). Mike was coming from the back side, so he had to beat Randy twice. Both players played extremely well, but after 7 games and 5



innings, Randy came out the victor and the South won for the 4th year in a row. A great time was had by all. We want to thank the



staff of Kolby's and Jake's for their excellent service, good equipment and accommodations. Thank you to



all the participants, especially the lower skilled players that earned most of our points for us.



Thank to Patrick Vollendroff, Larry Hande, James Moore, Glenn and Lori Shoup for all of their help during the tournament at Jake's. Hugs and

kisses to Katie Haight of Wrangler's who recruited half of our Northern team.



The 4 people listed below are "Losers" from the Feb 17 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!

1-GREG GETTEL (97208162) who plays for Rodder's *"Under The Influence"* in the *Willamette DJ* Division.

2-SHANNON ADAMS (97209811) who plays for Jo's Saloon's *"Stix & Chix"* in the *Willamette DJ* Division

3-DAVID DAY (97219207) who plays for Bink's *"Bink's 1"* in the *No Po* Division

4-THOMAS LEFKOWSKI (97293068) who plays for Back Alley's *"8-9 Suited"* in the *Northern 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 NEWS-LETTER..!](#) 851105570

