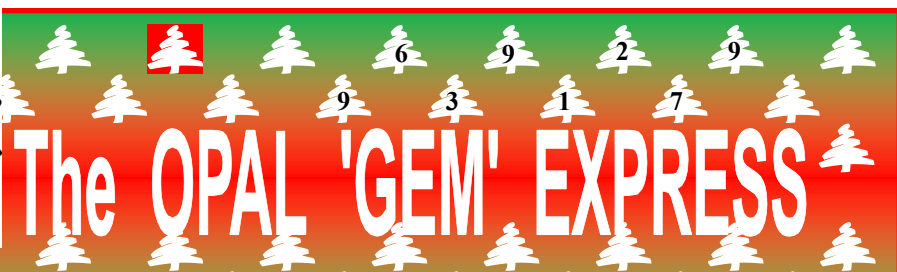




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## OPAL "A REAL 'GEM' IN YOUR COMMUNITY!"



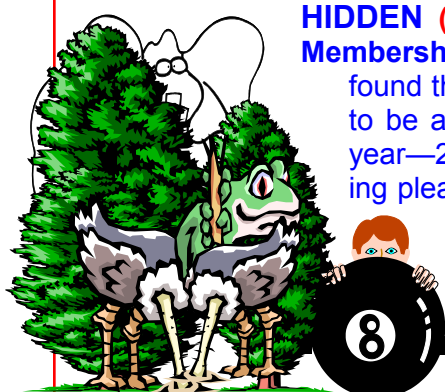
### Captain & Co-Captain Tournament

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 11th Rodder's in Oregon City hosted what turned out to be a twenty three player turnout for this tournament. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$50 in added money from Rodder's & OPAL we had a total payout purse of **\$395** which was paid out to the top eight finishers, or a little more then one third 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; Skill Level 4 & 5's had to win 3 games; and

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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 zer-O people found their number from the Nov. 18th or 25th Newsletters. This means there is going to be a total combined newsletter conglomeration party of "8" who start out the new year—2014—in the "Loser's Corner" on the back page of this newsletter for your viewing pleasure. So, go have a happy freakin' ball & if you know any of these "losing out" souls give 'em your best Razzing. Richard Kiltz was even at both the session end party and at the Capt' & Co-Capt's tournament...Sheeeeeesh Richard!

There is really no excuse for not finding your numbers, because the newsletters are published up on our Web site along with a copy sent out in each team envelope each week as well as a massively Boomer'd E-mailed out copy. **The Magic Words** are: "Gimme My Shirt" — **Don't Snooze & Lose.** Otherwise

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 2013 with Rodders in Oregon City hosting the event on Sunday Jan. 5th from 11 AM until 6 PM. **Cindy Maddox**, and **Shannon Young**, with Hi's and smiles, worked the registration desk and initially greeted the approximately 300 – 350 people before sending them off to see **Boomer**. **Cindy**, and **Shannon** also helped hand out the new session folders and answering questions when the registration line diminished. **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: **Matt Sherrick**, **Shannon Young**, **Anton Renz**, **Jeff Hiatt**, and **Joe Dubanski**. *(Continued Pg. 3.)*



SET UP CREW



TROPHY DISPLAY



(Continued from Page 1) Skill level 6 & 7's had to win a total of four games.

## FINAL RESULTS

1ST	\$115	TYSON MILLER	9
2ND	\$80	ADAM DREW	7
3/4	\$50	SANDY JOHNSTON	3
3/4	\$50	TIM HIGGINSON	4
5/8	\$25	STEPHANIE TAFOLLA	0
5/8	\$25	JACOB BAGGENSTOS	2
5/8	\$25	REBECCA SLYTER	7
5/8	\$25	RAY EWERT	9

The competition began around 12:30 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 a hard fought un-equal journey. One finalist made it through to the finals undefeated whereas the other took the detour through the one-loss side.

The journey for **Tyson** (SL-7) **Miller**, Captain of "8-9 Suited" in the Northern Double Jeopardy Division, Took the longest way possible to the finals. He started out with a first round **2-4** loss to **Adam** (SL-7) **Drew**. Now in the one-loss side he immediately sent **Scott** (SL-3) **Bernard** 4-Zip to the road home. For the Loser's side point Round **Tyson** pulled out a 4-1 win against mild manner'd sugar plum, **Maxine** (SL-5) **Buehler** sending her out the door to her tractor while placing himself back across the board and into the money rounds. On a roll, **Tyson** showed no mercy against **Rebecca** (SL-5) **Slyter** 97201615 upending her 4-Zip and sent her out the door to home with \$25 in her pocket. In the Semi-Finals **Tyson** motor'd through **Sandy** (SL-5) **Johnson** 4-1, to perch himself at the finals gate to wait and see who that match was going to be against. **Sandy** who had left **Ray** (SL-5) **Ewert** with \$25, received \$50 for himself.

Meanwhile, after kicking **Tyson's** butt over to the one loss side 4-2 **Adam** (SL-7) **Drew** who Captain's Scotty's "Milk Was A Bad Choice" in the SUNSET division went all the way to the finals completely undefeated. In round two Adam defeated **Perry** (SL-5) **Mixon** 4-Zip. Then **Adam** almost lost it when **Rick** (SL-5) **Hoyle** found himself on the hill with two games yet to possibly be played. **Adam** rallied back to bring the match to 3-2 double hill, then pulled out the win in the case game to put **Rick** in the bridesmaid position—one out of the money—and down the road to home. Now in the money rounds, against **Jacob** (SL-7) **Baggenstos** the match was actually much closer then the final score indicated, but **Adam** won games 1,3,4, & 5 to take the match 4-1 leaving **Baggenstos** holding the bag with \$25. **Adam** went into the Semi's facing up against **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson**. **Tim** jumped right to a 2-1 lead by taking 2 out of the 3 games of 8-Ball. Then, switching to 9-Ball **Adam** came steamrolling back with 3 straight game wins to win the match 4-2—sending Tim Home with \$50 in his pocket.

**Finally** it was time for the final match of the day. I believe this is a historical first for this tournament where two opponents both battled in the first and final rounds. The SHOWTIME question before us all at the time was it going to be "**Miller Revenge**", or "**Drew's Reruns**."

I'm here to report that the showdown between the two competitors was both thrilling and intense. **Adam** won the lag and took the break. **Tyson** named 8-Ball. Three racks later the score was 2-1 in favor of **Adam Drew**.

Now switching to 9-Ball. **Tyson** won the first game of 9-Ball to tie up the match 2-2. An untimely error by **Adam** in game five put **Tyson** in run out mode to the hill.

In the back 'n forth Game 6, **Tyson** eventually sealed the deal by winning the game, the 4-2 match victory, the top money prize of \$115, and the bragging rights to being the 2013 Fall Session Capt. & Co-Capt Tournament Champion.

**Special kudo's** to the Rodder's Staff & Crew 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.



**2nd: Adam Drew & 1st: Tyson Miller**





**(SESSION END PARTY  
(continued from Pg 1)** These guys & gals were amazing...They started in setting the 1000+ trophy display up, and by 9:30 AM they were done!

What a crew!

**Merle, Jeff Hiatt, Lee Hall, and Don "Coyote" Walker** 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 pleasing moment when **Helen Hahn** put Merle out in the Fourth game!

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 six (6) games of Survivor played. The winner's of the Survivor-APA games were:

GAME 1: 1st— **Merle**, 2nd— **Joe Dubanski**, & 3rd— **Nancy Ballotti**. GAME 2: 1st— **Richard Kiltz**, 2nd— **Jonathan Hahn**, & 3rd— **Merle**. GAME 3: 1st— **Richard Kiltz**, 2nd— **Jonathan Hahn**, & 3rd— **Merle**. GAME 4: 1st— **Jonathan Hahn**, 2nd— **Brett Usher**, & 3rd— **Anthony Bittner**. GAME 5: 1st— **Andy Winslow**, 2nd— **Tyson Miller**, & 3rd— **Nancy Ballotti**; GAME 6: 1st— **Tim Higginson**, 2nd— **Bryon Sweeney**, 97201219 & 3rd— **Terry Inke**.

Winners of the \$3 entry 9-Ball Break Contest received **\$20** for 1st, and **\$10** for 2nd. Nine contests were run: GAME 1: 1st— **Andy Winslow**, 2nd— **Dave Eastman**. GAME 2: 1st— **Andy Winslow**, 2nd— **Jeff Hiatt**. GAME 3: 1st— **Brian Sweeney**, 2nd— **Dave Eastman**. GAME 4: 1st— **Jeff Hiatt**, 2nd— **Dave Eastman**. GAME 5: 1st— **Michael Chin**, 2nd— **Jeff Mason**. GAME 6: 1st— **Dave Eastman**, 2nd— **Buck Campbell**. GAME 7: 1st— **Chad Hepler**, 2nd— **Jeff Hiatt**. GAME 8: 1st— **Cory Bananto**, 2nd— **Ian Miller**, and GAME 9: 1st— **Don Walker**, 2nd— **Andy Winslow**..

At 2:30 in the afternoon **Merle, Rod Bair**, 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 by 3:40 ample time to do the free prize give-a-way draws prior to the scheduled 4 PM awards presentations **(Continued Page 4.)**



**Boomer & Cindy Handing out New Team Folders**



**Session End Party (Continued)** — 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. The Cue stick winners were: **Michelle Kiltz** (Red Cue Tec), **Kris Craig** (Viper Pool Bitch Cue), and **Amanda Halama** (Black Cue Tec).

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 and offering them free award winning team pictures as they came down the hallway with their arms full of trophies..

Special thanks to all of the **Rodder's** crew 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 !

## JOHN GIVING OUT DOOR PRIZES - ( 1 YEAR AGO ! )



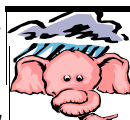
**MICHELLE**



**KRIS**



**AMANDA**



## THE LOSER'S CORNER

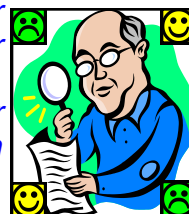


The first three listed below missed their #'s in the Nov 18, '13 newsletter & the other five missed their #'s in the Nov. 25 '13 newsletter. If you know any of 'em, give 'em the old "L" sign — and thank 'em, for leaving a shirt in the box for you!

- 1—**JOHN SWIFT** (97216405 who plays for Mousetrap's "**Cheeze Whiz**" in the **Northern Double Jeop.** division
- 2—**JANA HIRST** (97214928) who plays for Big Ar's "**Kneedraggers**" in the **Midwest Double Jeop.** Division.
- 3—**HOPE O'CONNER** (97210786) who plays for Touche's "**Leftovers**" in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 4—**LINDA THOMPSON** (97219555) who plays for Six Point's "**Shooters**" in the **LOMBARD Dbl. Jeop.** Div/
- 5—**KATIE HAIGHT** (97218670 who plays for Wrangler's "**KT Sandwich**" in the **Southeast Dbl. Jeop.** division.
- 6—**NINA CORPUZ** (97218373) who plays for River Road House's "**Snack Bars & Outhouses**" in **Mid--Valley Div**
- 7—**RICHARD KILTZ** (97218780) who plays for Back Alley's "**Pool Hustlers**" in the **Columbia Dbl Jeop.** Div.
- 8—**DEVON KELLAR** (97205480) who plays for Underground's "**Bustin' Loose**" in the **Northwest D.J.** 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's possible for your number to come up more then once. Pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**



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him about it every 6 months or so !*

**Jay Leno**