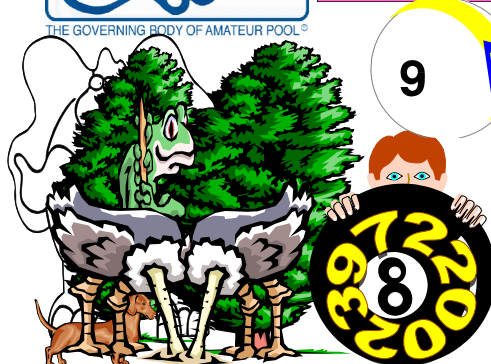




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Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

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17—19 Rodder's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Rodder's hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts. This time there weren't any pesky Merle-computer-internet connection problems on Saturday morning at Rodder's so play almost progressed respectively. Unfortunately there were a lot of double hill matches that occurred which when amplified by the time we got the score sheets sent off scored and returned, held up most of the next round of matches from starting on schedule

There were 44 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 \$18,344 (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 65% 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 was that exactly half of the teams that lost on Friday lost their very next match and were out of the tournament, but only 6 of the 16 teams who lost the Saturday 9 AM round Lost in the 1 PM round. This indicated that losing Friday night is definitely not the path to take! The results are as follows:

FINISHING 33-44th and winning \$170 were: Boonetown's "Bus Boys;" Nite Hawk's "Wild Wranglers;" Hobo's "Rack Attack;" Fortune Star's "Ball Busters;" Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes;" Star House's "Coyote's Pack;" Mousetrap's "Cued & Ready;" Watertrough's "Go Team Venture;" Cascade Bar's "Breaking Bad" Shamrock's "The 8 Amigos;" Back Alley's "Shots of Fury;" and Blitz 99's "Blitzkrieg."

FINISHING 25-32nd & winning \$250 was: Western Division's "Big Reds;" Ickabod's "Monday Nite Shots;" Twilight Room's "Beyond The Influence;" 3 Mon-key's "Sandbaggers;" Irish Town's "Splitting Wood;" Lu's's "Grip It & Rip It;" Fortune Star's "SE Dirt Dogs;" 87690279 and Maguffy's "Grade A Fools."

FINISHING 17-24th and winning \$350 was: Sundowner's "Nine Hangin';" Ringo's "Felt Up;" 4th Plain Tavern's "Miss Cues;" Hart Rd. Pizza's "Demi-Gods Of The Felt;" Moose's "Rack Pac;" Midway's "Guilty Pleasures;" Fortune Star's "Lost Minds;" and 505 Tavern's "Bud 30."

FINISHING Bridesmaid 9-16TH and winning \$500 was: Jin's "Poolaholics;" Wrangler's "Posse;" Wrangler's "Twisted Stixx;" Midway's "Pool Ball Wizards;" Wrangler's "Body English;" River Road House's "Snack Bars & Outhouses;" Shamrock's "Drunken Wanderers;" and River Road **(Continued on Pg 2.)**

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!

BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!

A Computer once beat me at Chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing! E. Philips

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House's "Off In Church."

FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$701 each were: River Road House's "8 's & A 's" from the Mt. Hood D.J. division—with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates-- **Jennifer Windell, Shawn Gunderson, Mylee Burns, Samuel Morrison, Evan Smelser, Kelsey Bayless**, and **David Windell**; Golden Horse's "Chalk Is Cheap" from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Kevin Heatherdale**, and teammates-- **Steve Smith, Bobby Blackburn, Lonnie Kindsvoegel, Teresa Lyle, Sandy Johnston, Sherry Rea** and **Kevin Rodgers**; "Cliff's Tavern" from the Northern D. J. division with Team Captain: **Mark Bussiere**, and teammates--**Herminia White, Mary Jane Ahrens, Scott Vorderstrasse, Suzanne Becker, Tim Wildman, DeAnn Cross**, and **John Stankovic**; and Underground's "Time Out For Hugs" from the West Hills D.J. division with Team Captain: **Dave Switzer**, and teammates--**Joel Schmitt, Daniel Adams, Kirstin Stanley, William Ford Jr., Elizabeth Chamberlain, William Ford Sr.**, and **Matt Gillispie**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$950 each was: Fortune Star's "City Hunters" from the Farside D.J. division with Team Captain: **Wing Li**, and teammates-- **Matt Clifford, Roy Chan, Julio Cotto, Peter Hale, Edison Bee, Chun Chen**, and **Jennifer LeBlanc**; AND River Road House's "No Drama" from the SE D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Lisa McClellan**, and teammates--**Jean-Paul Luiggi, Dana Fry, Joe McCraw, Robert Hadley, Dana German**, and **Kyle & Brandi St. John**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 from the Central 9-Ball division was Touche's "Gut Shot" with Team Captain: **Patrick Patoray**, and teammates: **Michael Maresco, Darcy Ramadge, Edgar Parenti Jr., Lindsey Davis, Norma Red Thunder, Nicole, Donisi**, and **Amanda Halama**.

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,600 was: Timber Pub's "Shot Effect" from the Gateway 9 Division with Team Captain: **Randy Messner**, and teammates: **Tim & Shari Sexton, Mike Voytko, Bryan Kellim, Brian Messner, Danette Voytko**, and **Christopher Temple**.

The Journey for both of the finalists began at KC's Midway with "Shot Effect" in slot #42. and "Gut Shot" in slot #45. They were slated to meet in the round 3 elimination round, but "Felt Up" out-felted "Shot Effect" in Friday night's match-up and effected a journey path change on through the lose'r's side instead. Through their journey, "Shot Effect" often just barely escaped from the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping pathway.

Fortunately, for "Shot Effect" the Sat 1 PM match found their opponents "Breaking Bad" living up to their name so they were able to get through them and onto the 5 PM Round.

"The Effect" made salamanders out of the "SE Dirt Dogs" and sent the water puppies crying out the door to home in 25th place and \$250 to divide between them.

"Shot Effect" was now going to Sunday's 9 AM Medal match against "Body English." In a down to the last rack double hill match "The Effect" through a tea party and dumped "The English" in the harbor leaving them behind with \$500 and the door while "The Shots" secured a Medal (Continued on Page 3.)



BRONZE -- 8's & A's



BRONZE -- Chalk Is Cheap



BRONZE -- Cliff's Tavern



BRONZE -- Time Out For Hugs

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(Continued from Page 2.) and a slot to Regionals.

Next, in the 1 PM Sunday round playing on two tables simultaneously, **"The Effect"** shut down **"Cliff's Tavern"** and left them behind with the Bronze and **\$701**. In the 3 PM round **"Shot Effect"** dramatically introduced **"No Drama"** to \$950 and the Silver Door while **"Shot Effect"** made **"Final Preparations!"** .. Meanwhile the journey for Touche's **"Gut Shot"** had taken a different path entirely.

Touche's **"Gut Shot"** went straight to the finals undefeated. They drew a "Bye" on Friday night, and then sent the **"8 Amigos"** re-kindle their friendship after the Sat. 9 Am round in the one loss side. In the 5:00 Pm Sat. they caressed **"Felt Up"** into a frenzy then threw them out the door with \$350 to go buy some tissue. **"Gut Shot"** then made preparations for Sunday's medal round against the Wrangler's **"Posse."** The **"Gut Shots"** ambushed the **"Posse"** and blew them away 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 round now playing on two tables simultaneously, **"Gut Shot"** out drew **"8's & A's"** and left them behind holding the Bronze and **\$701**. Moving up into the 3 PM round **"Gut Shot"** shot the boots off the **"City Hunters"** and left them behind out of ammo and headed down the Silver highway with **\$950**. Now it was off the finals for Touche's **"Gut Shot"**.

Whether **"Gut Shot"** just got a taste of their own medicine, or if **"Shot Effect"** simply didn't know that their guns were loaded—when the dust settled over the 5 simultaneous match-play tables the results were as follows:

On Table 1: Gut's SL-2 **Amanda Halama** got upended by Effect's SL-3 —**Sheri Sexton** 14-6.

On Table 2: Gut's SL-4 **Norma Red Thunder** got clobbered by Effect's SL-5 **Tim Sexton** 18-2.

On Table 3: Gut's SL-8 **Ed Parenti Jr.** Slid By Effect's SL-5 **Brian Messner** 13-7.

On table 4: Gut's SL-3 **Lindsey Davis** got upended by Effect's SL-4 **Mike Voytko** 16-4, and

On table 5: Effect's Team Captain SL-5 **Randy Messner** beat out Gut's SL-4 **Darcy Ramadge** 15-5. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

"Shot Effect: 70 — Gut Shot: 30."

After everything was said and done, Timber's **"Shot Effect"** — all grinning from ear to ear were absolutely delighted that they had accrued the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a **\$1,600** check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2013 Fall Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. For their efforts Touche's Gut Shots received \$1,200 & Gold Medallions.

The next step will be the June 6-8th 2014 9-Ball Regionals at KC's Midway 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 14-18, 2014.

Special Thanks again to Rodders & KC's Midway for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Dan Fendall, Terry Pinto, Steve & Becky Chandler, Shannon Fey-Young, Stephen Schneringer, and Don "Coyote" Walker, &, of course, John Blue who was everywhere at once....



SILVER -- City Hunters



SILVER -- No Drama



GOLD -- Gut Shot



PLATINUM -- Shot Effect



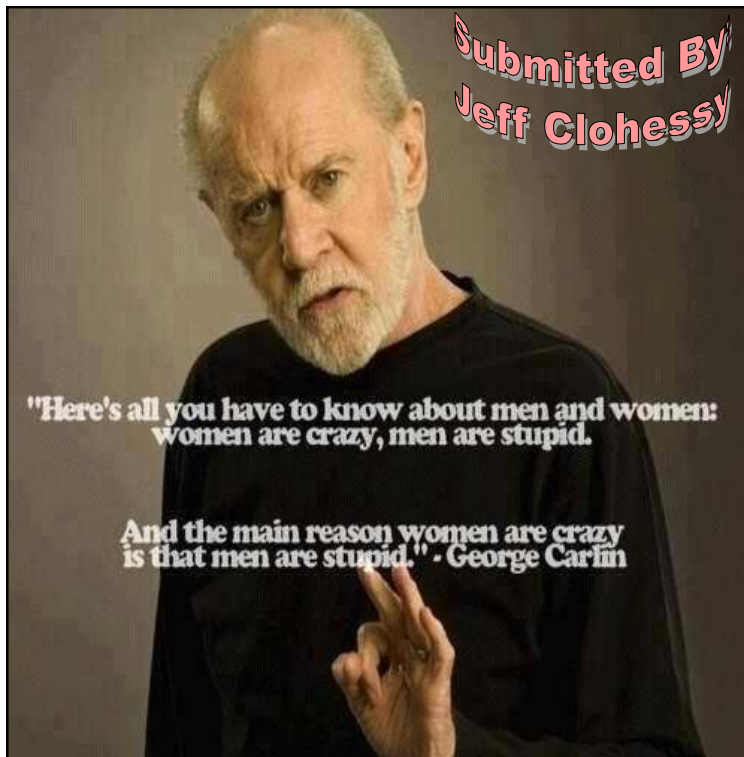
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Submitted By
Jeff Clohessy

"Here's all you have to know about men and women:
women are crazy, men are stupid.

And the main reason women are crazy
is that men are stupid." - George Carlin



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

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