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The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

JANUARY 24- 26th

KC's Midway, and Rodders in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. All 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. This event even turned out to be extra-special for Boomer, and Myself, because we received several positive compliments from many of the teams and players this past weekend.

We had exactly 53 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 the majority of all team matches going right down to double hill in deciding the winner. Once a team reached a point spread to where it was mathematically impossible for the other team to win then that match was automatically over.

There was a payout of **\$21,304** accumulated in the Fall Session cookie jar which was dispersed totally throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds at the Midway, finishing up about 8:45 PM. The results are as follows:

FINISHING 49 / 53rd and winning \$150 were: **Wrangler's** "Rebels & Outlaws," **Shamrocks** "Slop Is Sexy," **Lion Eye's** "One Foot On the Floor," **River Road House's** "8's & A's," and **Korner Pocket's** "Nameless."

FINISHING 33 / 48th and winning \$215 were: **KC Midway's** "Diamonds In The Rough," **Fish & Chip's** "The Team," **Star House's** "That's What She Said," **Tik Tok's** "Deligators," **Rialto's** "Chalk 'n Awe," **Coach's** "Madcraft," **Viewpoint's** "V.P. Butterballs," **Touche's** "Crazy Train," **Falco's** "The Replacements," **Back Alley's** "Pool Hustlers," **Pub 181's** "Breaking Bad," **Cascade Bar's** "Blitzkrieg," **Ringo's** "Scratch & Sniff," **505 Tavern's** "Uh-O-The 505," **Hobo's** "Rack Attack," and **Mashtun's** "Cobras And Gentlemen."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning \$300 were: **Falco's** "Cheap Dates," **Orchard Tap's** "Leviathan," **Back Alley's** "Team Shocker," **Lombard Division's** "Mousetrap," **Fortune Star's** "SE Dirt Dogs," **Beaterville Cafe's** "American Legion Eagles," **Ringo's** "Why So Hard?," and **Three Monkey's** "Sandbaggers."

FINISHING 17 / 24 and winning \$400 were: **Hobo's** "Compadres," **Wrangler's** "The 5th Element," **Wichita Town Pub's** "Kiss Kiss," (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 the January 13th newsletter not a single soul has called in and uttered the "Magic Words" to claim their prize so therefore there'll be a "Loser's Party of "FIVE" on the back page this week for you to have fun with !!!

Moving right along, from the January 20th Newsletter it's been the same much ado about nothing as no one has called from that week either.

Really folks, it's simple...All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and 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!

5 number from last week 5 numbers from this week..!

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TRI-CUP



West Hill Division's "Leo's Lair:" Slingshot Lounge's "Slinging Around:" Wrangler's "Guess What Day It Is?:" Falco's "Madam's Misfits:" and McAnulty & Barry's "Shooting With Dad:"

FINISHING 9 / 16 and winning \$500 were: Yazzi's "Kamakazee Kangaroos:" Ringo's "Ringers:" Fortune Star's "The Other Guys:" Back Alley's "8-9 Suited:" Scotty's "Milk Was A Bad Choice:" Aloha Station's "You Put Me On The Spot:" Gator's "Lemonheads:" and Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes:"

FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$700, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **McAnulty & Barry's** "Broke Again:" from the Southeast DJ division— with Team Captain: **Jason Knutson**, and teammates--**Craig Knutson, Karrar Mayweather, Brick Engstrom, Jacob & Jessica Day, Jamie Smothers, and David Scarth;** **Sam's** "Roast Beef Sammich" from the Sunrise DJ division with Team Captain: **Brian Newcomb**, and teammates-- **Kief Pedersen, Anthony Bittner, Brendan Mahoney, Brett Usher, Adreanne Everingham, Lindy Taylor, and Jeremy Ellet;** **Cascade Bar's** "Boogity Boogity" from the River City-APA division with Team Captain: **Steven Hofstetter**, and teammates: **Gary Hostetler, Richard Stanley, Cherry Kleven, Joni Delano, Brett Byers, Chad and Amber Foss;** **Auto Pub's** "Talk Is Cheap" from the Clark County-APA division with Team Captain: **Scott Nathan**, and teammates-- **Michael Farland, Steven Jay, Max Whitmore, Josh Smith, David Farland, Jennifer Sparks, and Dixon Wolff .**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$957 each was: **Jin's** "Rawhide" from the Willamette DJ division with Team Captain: **Rod Clay**, and teammates—**Cory Zauner, Robert Herschberger, Leann Glahn, Kamrine Axmayer, Debbie Herchberger, Kassey Boyd, and Brian Bierberly;** and **Underground's** "Bustin Loose" from the Northeast DJ division— with Team Captain: **Don Robertson**, and teammates--**Darci Robertson, Devon "Killer" Kellar, Brandi Franklin, Joel Thomas, Russell Macy, Nathen Macy, and Derek Bronleewe.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 was **Fortune Star's** "City Hunters" from Farside DJ division with Team Captain: **Wallace Li**, & teammates--**Matt Clifford, Roy Chan, Billy Nguyen, Julio Cotto, Peter Hale, Chun Chen, and Ed Bee.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,600—from the Northern D.J. division was "Cliff's Tavern" with Team Captain **Hermie White**, and teammates: **Mary Jane Ahrens, Mark Bussiere, Scott Vorderstrasse, Suzanne Becker, Tim Wildman, DeAnn Cross and Sue Stankovic.**

For both "City Hunters" and "Cliff's Tavern" the journey to the finals was straight ahead and miraculously undefeated, but certainly was not without anxious moments as each of them just barely escaped several double hill matches along the way. "Cliff's" started out at the Midway on Friday Night by clubbing "Cobras & Gentlemen" and sending them to the one loss side. Then, Saturday morning they redirected the "Replacements" to the one loss side as well. Now, in the single elimination 5 PM round "Cliff's" showed "Shooting with Dad:" the way out the door to home and thereby moved on to the Sunday AM Bridesmaid/Medal (Continued Pg. 3.)



BRONZE -- ROAST BEEF SAMMICH



BRONZE -- BOOGITY BOOGITY



BRONZE -- BROKE AGAIN



BRONZE -- CHALK IS CHEAP



round against the feared "8-9 Suited." Back Alley team.

However, "8-9 Suited" needed a few more suits as little Hermie & her "Cliffmates" stood toe to toe with the big guns taking the match and gave "The Suits" a free pass to home giving "Cliff's" both the security of a medal and a place in the Regionals. Playing now on two tables In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round "Cliff's" knocked over "Chalk Is Cheap" leaving them behind crying with the Bronze & \$700. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round which started about 5:30 PM "Cliff's" went the distance before prevailing against "Rawhide," to respectively leave them behind with \$957 and holding on to the Silver while "Cliff's" were off to the final Gold/Platinum round, against the formidable 2013 Regional Champs—the "City Hunters."

The "City Hunters" team began their journey at Rodder's by beating the "American Legion Eagles" Saturday morning's 9:00 AM round, "Madcraft" got even madder when the "City" showed them the path to the one loss side. Next, now in Single Elimination and in Saturday's 5 PM round the "City" went the distance against the seasoned "5th Element" but managed to barely pull it out in the ending seconds to win the match and claim their ticket to Sunday's competition down at KC's Midway.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the "City Hunters" had refreshed. They knocked "You Put Me On The Spot" off their perch and right on out the door to claim the regional slot, and at least a Bronze Medallion necklace. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The "City" busted the undefeated "Broke Again" and left them behind holding the Bronze. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the "City" knocked off "Bustin Loose" leaving them behind to hold the Silver while they moved on the Gold / Platinum finals against their last obstacle—and the last undefeated team —"Cliff's Tavern."

The finals turned out surprisingly to be a one-side crowd shocker. Still using the new 3 point scoring system, but without sudden death the entire contest was carried out after a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables. it was a thrilling contest between the individual match up's from two teams. When the last match on the last table was over the final results were as follows:

On Table 1, "City's" SL-5 **Matt Clifford** got clobbered 3-0 by "Cliff's" SL-4 **Sue Stankovic**. Score 3-Zip for Cliff's.

On Table 2, "Cliff's" SL-3 **Mary Jane Ahrens** wiped out "City's" SL-4 **Chun Chen** 2-1 to bring the score to: 5 Zip Cliff's.

On Table 3, "Cliff's" Captain SL-4 **Hermie White** took out "City's" SL-5 **Peter Hale** 3-2. Score 7-zip in favor of "Cliff's."

On Table 4, "Cliff's" Mark Bussiere SL-7 methodically out played "City's" SL-4 **Julio Cotto** 5-Zip. Score: 10-Zip in favor of "Cliff's."

On Table 6 "Cliff's" SL-3 **Tim Wildman** fell to "City's" SL-4 **Edison Bee** 3-1. for a 2-zip win.

FINAL SCORE: CLIFF'S TAVERN 10 — CITY HUNTERS 2

The "Cliff's Tavern" team thereby claimed the victory, the first place money of \$1600, the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions, and all the bragging rights to the title: Fall Session 2013 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions. For their efforts "City Hunter's" received the Gold Medallions and \$1,200.

The next step will be the June 13-15, 2014—8-Ball Regionals 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 17-23, 2014.

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: Kevin McCarthy, Dan Fendall, Terry Pinto, Steve & Becky Chandler, Don "Coyote" Walker, Shannon Young, Stephen Schneringer, and "Super" Blue.



SILVER -- BUSTIN LOOSE



SILVER -- RAWHIDE



GOLD -- CITY HUNTERS



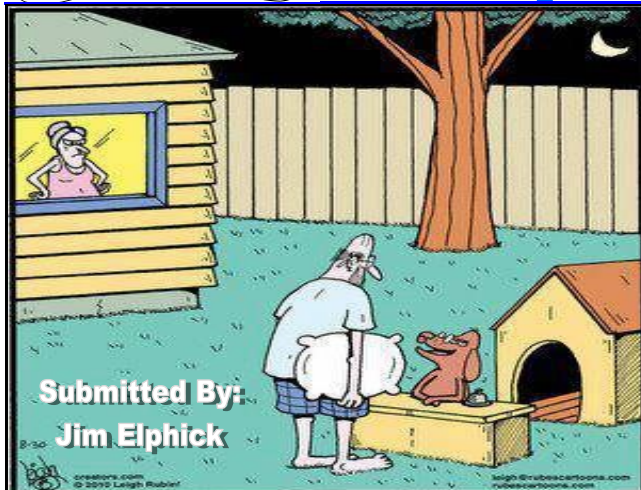
PLATINUM -- CLIFF'S TAVERN



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The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 13, 2014 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign, —all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1—CONNIE BISHOP (97201219) who plays for "Big Red's" in the Western 9-Ball Division.
- 2—TIM VANEVENHOVEN (97201615) who plays for "Bink's 1" in the No-Po division.
- 3—PAT ERWIN (97204379) who plays for Midway's "Latecomers" in the Southern Double Jeopardy division.
- 4—MIKE HOWLAND (97219362) who plays for Mike Place's "Rackless Knights" in the Southern D.J. Division
- 5—KATY BOONE (97220025) who plays for McAnulty & Barry's "Blackout" in the Southeast Dbl. Jeop. 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..!

