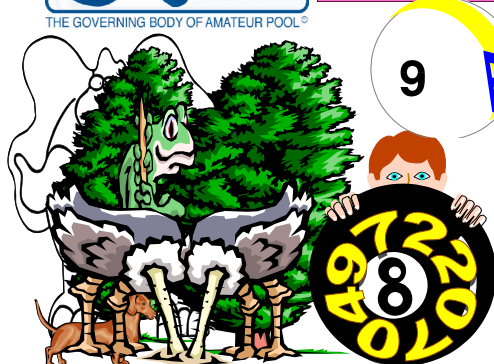




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## Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

JANUARY

16—18 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. There were pesky internet connection problems at both the Midway and at Rodder's. Thanks to referee Le Donavon Merle's printer problems got fixed just in time to start Saturday's round two just one hour late. After that we had no more major problems. Unfortunately we were not able to quite catch back up on schedule as the competition was very close which resulted in several double hill time consuming matches occurring.

There were 48 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 \$18,364 (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 69% 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 7:15 PM.

**FINISHING 33-48th** and winning \$150 were: Ringo's "Felt Up," Nite Hawk's "Wild Wranglers," Shamrock's "Dragon Fury," Tender Green's "Fireballs," River Road House's "Wait 4 It," Skyline D.J's "Ringos," River Road House's "Milwaukie's Best," Coney Island's "Coney Dawgs," Cascade's "Breaking Bad," Lu's "Q4EA," Pub 181's "Sticklerz," Ballard Town's "Pokers & Stokers," Rodder's "Loose Screws," Sellberg's "Grouch Patrol," Pub 181's "On The Run," and Wichita Town Pub's "Los Ronas Locas."

**FINISHING 25-32nd** and winning \$220 were: Vogies's "Challengers," Viewpoint's "Rackless," Timber's "Cutters," Fortune Star's "Devils Rejects," Shamrock's (Continued Pg. 2.)

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**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 12th newsletter **Dustin Gunderson** (97210050) who plays for Billy Blue's "What's Next?" in the River City-APA 9-Ball division found his membership number that was hidden and called in. Way to go Dustin!!

Now, there is still one more week & four yet 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 who'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 my baseball bat! J. Clohessy



**Succession: Grade "A" Fools**



**Succession: Not Your Best**



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"Shamwow!," Silver Star Saloon's "Degener8s," Ringo's "Scratch 'n Sniff," and Ickabod's "Rack 'Em Amandeus."

FINISHING 17-24th and winning \$340 were: Ringo's "Drunken Monkeys," Pub 181's "Pub Crawlers," Sam's "Mark It Zero Donnie," Mousetrap's "Powershots," Back Alley's "Rock Kickers," Sellberg's "Synk Ur Nines," Coach's "Show Me Ur Rack," and Wichita Town Pub's "Sanchos."

FINISHING Bridesmaid 9-16TH and winning \$500 were: Sweet Home's "Sticks Like Jesus," Rodder's "O.C. Bomb Squad," Sam's "You Again?," Wrangler's "2 Knuckles Deep," Wrangler's "Chalking Dead," Lu's "Grip It & Rip It," Star House's "Not Your Best," and Underground's "Grade 'A' Fools."

**Special Note:** Even though the two teams (Pictured on Pg. 1) **Grade A Fools** and **Not Your Best**, missed out on winning a medallion, they still earned a spot in Regionals by right of succession. The teams that beat them in the Sunday morning medal round were already regionally qualified from the previous Summer Session. Therefore, by the right of succession, (since a team cannot win two regional spots and deprive another team of competing in regional play) **Underground's "Grade A Fools" from the Northwest D.J. division—** with Team Captain: **Erich Keane**, and teammates--**Randall Phillips, Kyle Wilson, Cody Garner, Srinivas Sundaravaradan, Giedre, Novikaite, Daniel Lenski**, and **Christopher Dix**; along with **Star House's "Not Your Best" from the River City 9-Ball Division** with Team Captain: **Tracie Kenney**, and teammates--**Richard Meredith, Peter & Sherry Padriago, Steve Vigg**, and **Janet Wiger** will be competing in Regionals for one of the coveted slots to the APA Las Vegas Nationals.

FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$700 each were: Fortune Star's "Behind the 8-Ball" from the Parkrose D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Julia Farman**, and teammates--**Robert Jacobson, Vladimir Maksimov, Bruce Farman, Adam Delfel, Ryan Miller, Michael Romine**, and **Alicia Rinesh**; Falco's "Cheap Dates" from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Gilbert**, and teammates--**Michael Black, Ian Rose, Kassey Boyd, Connie Barnes, Adam & Leslie King**, and **Bridger Husemann**; Shamrock's "Ladies & The Tramps" from the Mid-Valley D. J. division with Team Captain: **Anthony Gerardot**, and teammates--**Aaron Zook, Jazmine Gerardot, Daniel Schweizer, Jonathan Arnold, Mary Babcock, Brian Park**, and **T.J. Wiedmaier**; and River Road House's "The Who ?" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Wayne Vanosse**, and teammates--**Christopher Nieland, Jessica Wehling, Vanessa Rauch, Sarah Nieland, Leanna Gray** and **Paul Marquez**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$942 each were: KC Midway's "Pool Ball Wizards" from the Southern D.J. division with Team Captain: **Brian Holgate**, and teammates--**Andrew Ebaloroza, Wayne Wakabayashi, Alexis Fiorello, Dylan Kelsey, Dale Schroder**, and **Titus Greenawalt**; AND Rodder's "Secret Society" from the Southeast D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Rusty Silva**, and teammates--**Steve Hestmark, Annie Tope, LeeAnn Watson, Oliver Lopez**, 97217950 **Patrick Riley**, and **Patrick Moon**.

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**BRONZE -- Behind The 8-Ball**



**BRONZE -- Cheap Dates**



**BRONZE -- Ladies & The Tramps**



**BRONZE -- The Who ?**



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(Continued from Page 2.) **FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 from the Barry Hills 9-Ball division was River Road House's "Under Pressure" with Team Captain: **Blake Hendrix**, and teammates: **Chris Field**, **Katie Winsor**, **Phillip Sanders**, **Ed Montpart**, and **Brad Hinkle**.



**SILVER - Pool Ball Wizards**



**SILVER - Secret Society-Rodders**



**GOLD - Under Pressure**



**PLATINUM - A Roast Beef Sammich**

**FINISHING 1ST** and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions—and the top money prize of \$1,600 was: Sam's "A Roast Beef Sammich" from the Sunrise D.J. Division with Team Captain: **Brian Newcomb**, and teammates: **Kief Pedersen**, **Jason Gill**, **Brett Usher**, **Adreanne Everingham**, **Lindy Taylor**, **Kelly Mason**, and **Jeremy Ellet**.

The Journey for River Road House's "Under Pressure" began at Rodder's slot #31 on Friday night. By the end of the night they found themselves "Kicked" to the one loss side by "Rock Kickers" and were definitely now feeling their pressure.

Coming in on the Saturday 1 PM match the "pressure" was on when they found out their crazy opponents were the "Los Ronas Locas." Staying calm "Under Pressure" focused and were able to get through them and on to the 5 PM Round.

"Under Pressure" was up for the challenge against the "Challengers" and at the end of the night the pressure had been too great for the "Challengers" and they went home with \$220 while the underlings moved on to Sunday's bridesmaid medal round..

"Under Pressure" was really under pressure now as they were now moved back across the bracket to play the undefeated team of "Grip It & Rip It." Both teams performed magnificently and it came right down to the wire, but once again the pressure proved to be too much and "The Grips" were sent home with \$500 in their pocket while "Pressure" secured a Medal and a slot to Regionals.

Next, in the 1 PM Sunday round playing on two tables simultaneously, "Under Pressure" shut down pre qualified "Behind the 8-Ball" and left them behind with the Bronze and \$700. In the 3 PM round "Under Pressure" publically trounced local favorite Rodder's "Secret Society" leaving them behind with \$942, and the out key to the Silver Door while "The Pressure" was on to make "Final Preparations! "... Meanwhile the journey for Sam's Summer Tri-Cup Gold Medallion winning "Roast Beef Sammich" had taken a much different path entirely.

Sam's "Sammiches" went straight to the finals undefeated. They drew a "Bye" on Friday night in Slot #1 in the Rodder's bracket, and then in the Sat. 9 Am round they committed "Las Ronas Locas" to be institutionalized in the one loss side. In the 5:00 Pm Sat. "The Sammiches" beefed their way through "Sanchos" sending them out the door with \$340 to go buy some tacos. "Sammich" then went off to prepare themselves for Sunday's medal round against Undergroud's "Grade A Fools" who would be returning back from the one-loss side. Right out of the bridesmaid gate the "Grade A Fools" got sandwiched by the "Roast Beef Sammich" and were blown out the door with \$500, no medal, but at least a spot in the Regionals by rite of succession. "The Sammiches" however, staked claim, and bragging rights, to yet another Bronze Medallion, and another round tier of more money.

In the 1 PM Sunday round now playing on two tables simultaneously, "The Who?" got themselves "Sammiched" and left behind holding the Bronze and \$700. Moving up into the 3 PM round "Sammiches" once again prevailed and the "Pool Ball Wizards" were left behind with broken wands to head (Continued on Page 4.)



It's TIME once again for:  
The Official OPAL-APA  
School of Referee 'n . . .  
When: Saturday Feb 7 TH  
Time: 12:30 PM  
Where: The Back Room of  
RODDERS in Oregon City!

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## TRI-CUP (Continued from Page 3.) On down the highway with the Silver, and \$942.. For Sam's "Sammiches," It was on to the Finals for the 2nd Tri-Cup in a row !

Whether "The Sammiches" would get devoured "Under Pressure" or the "Roast Beef" part would stampede and trample "The Pressure"-- no one knew—5 simultaneous match-play tables were played and the results were as follows:

On Table 8: Beef's SL-4 **Lindy Taylor** bullied over Pressure's Captain SL-3 —**Blake Hendrix** 16-4.  
On Table 10: Beef's SL-2 **Kelly Mason** got deflated by Pressure's SL-2 **Katie Windsor** 12-8. Score 24-16 - Sammiches  
On Table 12: Pressure's SL-3 **Chris Field** got Upended by Beef's SL-5 **Brett Usher** 13-7. Score 37-23—Sammiches  
On table 13: Pressure's SL-3 **Brad Hinkle** upended Beef's Captain SL-5 **Brian Newcomb** 13-7, and  
On table 11: Pressure's SL-8 **Phillip Sanders** beat out Beef's SL-7 **Kief Pederson** 12-8. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

**"Under Pressure: 48 — A Roast Beef Sammich: 52."**

It was a very close contest. Sam's "A Roast Beef Sammich" —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 2014 Fall Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. For their efforts River Road House's "Under Pressure" received \$1,200 & the Gold Medallions.

The next step will be the June 12-14th 2015 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 six possible team slots that will be allocated to us again this year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas August 13-17, 2015.

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: **Don "Coyote" Walker, Le Donovan, Sarah Pearson, Dan Fendall, Miguel Madrigal, Maxine Buhler, Stephen Schneringer, 32081279** and the one and only **Mr. John Blue**.



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

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