



# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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## Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

**JANUARY 23—25 KC's Midway and Rodder's in Oregon City**—(with the overflow going to **McAnulty & Barry's** and the **Wichita** on Friday night and Saturday's 9:00 A.M. rounds)-graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup.

KC's Midway hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of all the host locations did a nice job as hosts. There were pesky internet connection problems at both the Midway and at Rodder's again, but by Saturday we got most of the bugs all worked out. However, Saturday morning, there were several matches that ran over time delaying the start of Saturday's 2 o'clock round matches an hour and a half which domino'd into the start of the 5 o'clock round matches as well. Competition was fierce and several double hill time consuming matches occurring.

There were 57 division 8-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, when it reached the point where it had become mathematically impossible for one of the teams to win, then, the match was declared over.

**We had** a total payout fund of **\$21,624** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 54% 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 7:45 PM.

**FINISHING 49-57th and winning \$150** were: **Peppermill's "Hicks With Sticks;"** **4th Plain's "42 T.A.T.E.;"** **3 Monkey's "Sandbaggers;"** **Back Alley's "Shoot 2 Thrill;"** **Scotty's "Respect My Authority;"** **Sweet Home's "Under Review;"** **Ringo's "Ringers;"** **McAnulty & Barry's "Broke Again;"** and **Ringo's "Why So Hard?"**

**FINISHING 33-48th and winning \$215** were: **Ringo's "Felt Up;"** **View Point's "Rackless;"** **Slingshot's "W.W.?D;"** **Timber's "Shot Effect;"** **River Road House's "Wait 4 It;"** **Slingshot's "Wolf Pack;"** **Wrangler's "Motley Cues;"** **505's "Felt Up;"** **Fortune Star's "It's All About Me;"** **Timber's "Cutters;"** **Fortune Star's "S.E. Dirt Dogs;"** **Touche's "Broads & Beards;"** **Watertrough's "Cheese Kills;"** **Wrangler's "Guess What Day It Is?;"** **Blue Moon's "Pocket Knockers;"** & **Rodder's "Secret Society."** **(Continued on 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 the January 12th newsletter Nobody else has called to utter the "Magic Words" and claim their prize so there'll be a "Loser's Party of "FOUR" on the back page this week for you to have fun with !!!

**Moving right along,** from the January 19th Newsletter no one has called from that week either.

Really folks, it's simple...All you have to do is FIND your number and then call the league office with the magic words **"Gimme My Shirt"** to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause you blindly failed to find yours!

There's 10 numbers out there— 5 from last week, & 5 numbers from this week..! Go look! **BE AN OPAL WINNER**

Some people just need a sympathetic pat...

On the head...

With a hammer.



## Succession: Busting Balls



## Succession: The Upsetters



# TRI-CUP



(Continued from Pg. 1) FINISHING 25 / 32nd and winning \$300 were: Twilight Room's "Beyond The Influence."

Fortune Star's "Behind The 8-Ball," Maui's "Maui Wowies," Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects," Back Alley's "Warriors," Rialto's "Chalk & Awe," Coney Island's "Corner Hookers," and Cascade's "Breaking Cues."

FINISHING 17 / 24th and winning \$400 were: Sam's "A Roast Beef Sammich," Underground's "Str8 Shooters," Shamrock's "Ladies & The Tramps," Sellberg's "Sell-mates," Leo's "Lair," Tardis Room's "Time Lords," Dugout's "A Stick Shy," and Golden Horse's "We Will Score."

FINISHING 9 / 16 and winning \$500 were: River Road House's "Money In The Bank," Ballard Town's "Pokers & Stokers," Park City Pub's "Chalk It Up," River Road House's "8 's & A 's," 505 's "Bud 30," Cascade's "Chalk 'N Roll," Ringo's "Busting Balls," & Maui's "The Upsetters"

**Special Note:** Even though the two teams (Pictured on Pg. 1) "Busting Balls" and "The Upsetters", 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) **Ringo's "Busting Balls" from the Skyline D.J. division—** with Team Captain: **James White**, and teammates--**Stephen Spring, Susumu Migaki, Jessica Towry, John Gardner, John Meyer, Duke Gardner** and **Ron Bissell**; along with **Maui's "Upsetters"** from the Northeast D.J. Division with Team Captain: **Joseph Amo**, and teammates--**Andrew Amo, Carlos McCall, Darcie Lennox, Steve Mason, Leif Kerr, Jeff Mercier**, and **Sarah Cadenhead** will be competing in Regionals for one of the coveted slots to the APA Las Vegas Nationals.

FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$700, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Cascade's "Breaking Bad."** from the Columbia D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Kerry Kitts**, and teammates--**Keith & Rhonda Jacoby-Kessinger, Paige Riley, William Jacobson, Jordan Farley, Gary Hostetler**, and **Karyn Shonkwiler**; **Ringo's "Drunken Monkeys"** from the Midwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Steven Todd**, and teammates--**Charles Fisher, Ben Abalos, Roxie Garza, Kurt Wilkie, Eric Nofsinger, Malissa Dunagan**, and **Marissa Alexander**; **Wrangler's "Honey Badgers"** from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Dwayne Larsen**, and teammates: **Dara Koch, Cari Calvert, Jonathan Dollar, Mark Calvert, John Moore Jr., Chris Calvert**, and **Kim Henthorne**; and **Jake's "Stray Cats"** from the Midnight division with Team Captain: **Stephen Schneringer**, and teammates-- **Kira North, Sean Jensen, Jeff Wiley, Lenny McKeever, Cory Standridge**, and **Jakob Kelnhofer**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$950 each was: **Wranglers "Chalking Dead"** from the Wagon Wheel DJ division with Team Captain: **Jeremy Hill**, and teammates—**Thomas Helwig, Cheryl Kruse, Ed & Jeni Gillmor, Chris Plummer, James Woodin**, and **Gary Schoonover**; and **Pub 181's "That's Our Cue"** from the Fareast DJ division— with Team Captain: **Ryan Behnke**, and teammates--**Daisy Behnke, Jeremy Cook, Michelle Thomas, Tyler Hanson, Joyce Ferguson**, and **Ashley Johnson**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 was **Scotty's "Bugger Off"** from the Sunset DJ division with Team Captain: **Kevin Zandi**, & teammates--**Kevin Blodgett, Scott Miner, Sheri Zandi, Gary Wells, Karl & Sandra Oesterblad**, and **Rick Hall**.

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions—and the top money prize of \$1,600—from the Southeast D.J. division was River Road House's "Under8ted" with Team Captain **Phil Bremer**, and teammates: **Alex Hoyt, Michael Keating, Jennifer Windell, Richard Fry, Cory Kalteich, Shawn Gunderson**, (Continued Pg. 3.)



**BRONZE -- BREAKING BAD**



**BRONZE -- DRUNKEN MONKEYS**



**BRONZE -- HONEY BADGERS**



**BRONZE -- STRAY CATS**



TRICUP

(Continued from Pg. 2) and Jennifer Gilley.

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For the first time in OPAL-APA history two already qualified teams met in the finals. Not only that they both went to the final's undefeated! **"Bugger's"** and **"Under8ted's"** However, there were underwear changing moments quite frequently throughout both of their journeys.

The **"Buggers"** started out in the bottom quadrant of the bracket at the Midway on Friday Night by breaking **"Breaking Cues"** and sending them to the one loss side. Then, Saturday morning they "awed" **"Chalk 'n Awe"** to the one loss side as well. Now, in the single elimination 5 PM round **"Bugger's"** unlocked up the **"Sell-mates."** and let them escape out to home and thereby moved on to the Sunday AM Bridesmaid—Medal round against the hopeful **"Upsetters"** Maui team. However, **"The Upsetters"** were upset by the **"Buggers"** and sent out the door Medal-less with \$500 in their pockets, but a free "Succession" pass to Regionals because the Buggers were already pre-regionally-qualified. So, **"The Buggers"** had at least the bragging rights to a bronze medal in hand.

Playing now on two tables In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round **"The Bugger's"** broke well against **"Breaking Bad"** to claim the Silver and left **"The Bad"** with \$700 and the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round which started about 6:00 PM the **"Bugger Off's"** Killed off **"Chalking Dead."** leaving them to "Zombie" their way home with \$950 and holding on to the Silver while the **"Buggers"** were "off" to the final Gold/Platinum round, against the formidable Summer Session Champs—the **"Under8teds."**

The **"Under8ted"** team began their journey from the lower quadrant of the bracket up at Rodder's by out-dueling **"Shoot 2 Thrill"** to the one-loss side. Saturday morning's 9:00 AM round, **"Under8ted"** publicly exposed the **"Secret Society"** to the one loss side. Next, now in Single Elimination and in Saturday's 5 PM round the **"Under8teds"** prevented **"We Will Score"** from scoring enough to keep them from the door to home. So, it was off to Sunday's competition down at KC's Midway for the Unders..

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the **"Under8ted's"** had refreshed. They busted **"Busting Balls"** right on out the door to claim at least a Bronze Medallion necklace. However, the balls left with a "Succession" entry to regionals, and \$500 in their pockets. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The **"Under8teds"** shot the undefeated **"Stray Cats"** off the fence and left them behind holding the Bronze and a check for \$700.. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the **"Under8teds"** right on cue gave **"That's our Cue"** the cue to leave the premises with the Silver and a \$950 check. Now it was off to the Gold / Platinum finals against their last obstacle — and the other last undefeated team — **"Bugger Off."**

The finals, as somewhat anticipated turned out to be a really close match-up. Using the still relatively new 3 point scoring system, but without sudden death the entire contest was carried out after a rat-at-tat 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 6, "Unders" SL-4 **Richard Fry** got clobbered by "Off's" SL-4 **Gary Wells** 1-3. Score 2-Zip— in favor of "Bugger Off."

On Table 1, "Off's" SL-4 **Sandra Oesterblad** went double hill 2-2 against "Under's" SL-4 **Alex Hoyt** before losing in the last game to bring the overall score to: 3-2 still in favor of the "Off's."

On Table 2, "Off's" SL-5 **Captain-Kevin Zandi** took out "Under's" SL-5 **Jennifer Windell** 4-1 to score a 2-Zip win. Score 5-2 "Off's"

On Table 3, "Under's" SL-3 **Michael Keating** (Continued on Pg. 4)



SILVER -- CHALKING DEAD



SILVER -- THAT'S OUR CUE



GOLD -- BUGGER OFF



PLATINUM -- UNDER8TED



(Continued from Pg. 3) out played "Off's" SL-4 **Rick Hall** winning 2-1 for a 2-Zip score. Now 5-4 "Off's." On Table 4 "Under8ted's" SL-7 Captain,—**Phil Bremer** wiped out "**Bugger Off's**" SL-6 **Scott Miner** 5-Zip for an applied score of 3-Zip

**FINAL SCORE: SCOTTY's "Bugger Off" 5 — and — RIVER ROAD HOUSE's "Under8ted" 7.**

The "**Under8ted**" 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 2014 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions. For their efforts "**Bugger Off**" received the Gold Medallions and **\$1,200**.

The next step will be June 18-21, at Rodders for the 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other 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 in Las Vegas Nevada, at the Riviera Hotel & Casino August 16-22, 2015.

Special Thanks again to KC's Midway, Rodders, McAnulty & Barry's, and Wichita, for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Don Walker,, Dan Fendall, Miguel Madrigal, Le Donavon, John Blue, Kevin McCarthy, and Cory Bananto,



**It's TIME once again for:**  
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**Time: 12:30 PM**  
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**THE LOSER'S CORNER**

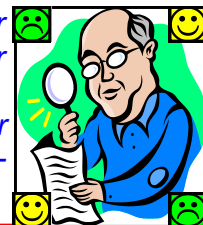
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The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 12, 2015 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box for you to win!

- 1-MARK EARLES** (97200661) who plays for Sam's "**The Hit Squad**" in the **Central 9-Ball** Division.
- 2-CODEY BROWN** (97220474) who plays for Shamrock's "**Drunken Wanderers**" in the **Sunrise D.J.** division.
- 3-JAMES GREY** (97220489) who plays for Lu's "**Grip It & Rip It**" in the **Midwest D.J.** division.
- 4-GREG SHIELDS** (97220667) who plays for Dugout's "**Right On Cue**" in the **Skyline D.J.** 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..!**



**Submitted By:**  
**Jim Elphick**

**FINNEGIN:** My Wife has developed the terrible habit of staying up 'til 3 AM In the morning. I can't break her of it.

**KEENAN:** What on Earth is she doin' up at that hour of time?

**FINNEGIN:** Waiting for me to come home!