



# The OPAL ‘GEM’ EXPRESS

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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 Jan 26th newsletter nobody else found their numbers and called in to join **Samantha McCabe** in avoiding the Loser’s corner so there’ll be a party of 4 on the back page this week for your viewing pleasure. However, from the

February 2nd newsletter **Jay Pruitt** (97201100) from Silver Star Saloon’s “**Monkey Sharks**” in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division managed to find his number and call in.

So folks, there will be 9 numbers out there for you to find this next week.. I’m sure one of ‘em will be yours especially if you don’t go look! Seriously, all you have to do is call the league office with the magic words “**Gimme My Shirt**” to win the prize if you see your number hidden. It will keep all your peers and everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, giggling snorting, tee hee’n ‘cause they know that there will be a shirt waiting for them since YOU failed to find yours! **BE ALERT, AND BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!**

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## 29 Attend APA Referee School

In the relaxed atmosphere of the back room at Rodder’s in Oregon City on Saturday Feb. 7TH 29 candidates endured the Ref School torture under the grand master leadership of OPAL-APA’s **Merle** and Area Manager—“**Honest**” **John Blue**. Beginning at 12:30 PM it was a long 8 hour stint covering many integrated topics and subject matter. Topics such as Behavior, Traits, Character, Appearance, Control, Protocol, Duties & Responsibilities, Rule Knowledge, Practicum and Pool Side Manner, Referee Theory, Techniques, & Solutions, and oh yes, we must not forget—the NINE page written test. Yes indeed, it was a long day! Assisting were National Referee’s **Larry Hande**, **Dan Fendall**, and **Don Walker** —with assistance from OPAL-APA Referees—**Maxine Buhler**, **Kevin Logan**, and **Ray Hamness**.

Realistically, it takes a very unique person to pursue becoming a billiard referee. Believe it or not, those poor souls actually feel it to be honorable to be a member of such an elite group—Why ? Because it is that’s why! Being a referee manifests it’s own personal rewards. Ignoring the fact that one has to sacrifice, and frequently give of their time and energy under the scrutiny of others while everybody else gets to have fun—Or, the fact that a Referee has to carefully manage the thin stress line between knowing that they will be both a hero as well as a villain in practically every situational encounter. Constantly they make one person happy while simultaneously disappointing another. Referees have to remain unbiased, be cool under fire, be able to take command of volatile situations while maintaining control under pressure, exercise good judgment, have a complete working knowledge of the rules, and be correct in their assessments. In addition a referee has to time monitor the matches in order to keep the event moving so the next tournament round will get off as scheduled. Furthermore, they subject themselves to this torture all for the love of the game! What a deal huh ?

Then there is those long tireless hours of foot throbbing floor time that they’ll have to endure during shift—which gives a whole new meaning to the old saying— “*the agony of de feet!*” Moreover, it’s their dedication and willingness to help others, to serve in the hopes of insuring the practice of fair play and sportsmanship for all; that becomes in the end—it’s own reward. That and having the best seat in the house to observe pool playing at it’s finest—or worst! Not everyone can be a referee, that’s a given, but to those few who can master the art—it’s the best damn job in the world!





## GOLFING By: Jim Elphick

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack! "Help me dear," she groans to her husband. The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt. His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. "I'm dying here and you're putting?" "Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you." "Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly. "No time at all," says her husband. *"Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."*

A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?" Mickelson replied, *"The holes are numbered."*

A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?" The young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?" The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray." The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, *"I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."*

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 3-iron standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?" Yes" says the woman. "Did you hit him with that golf club?" "Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face. "How many times did you hit him?" *"I don't know -- put me down for a five."*

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between 2 trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him. she approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied: *"Got here in two, didn't I?"*

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?" He looked her right in the eye and said . . . . .

*"This isn't going to take all day, is it?"*

## The APA North/South "CIVIL" WAR

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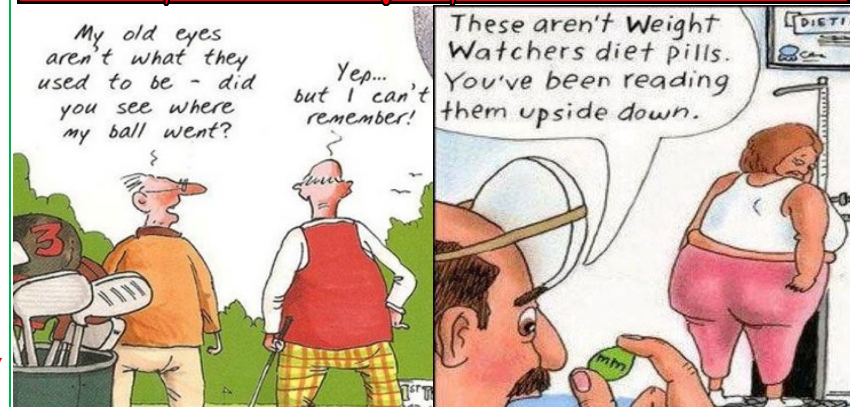


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NORTH:

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"KC's Midway" & "Rodders" in Oregon City, APA NS Civil War Feb. 21-22 2015



The 3 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 20, 2014 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing. Laugh it up, and give 'em the old "L" sign,—and be sure & "Thank 'em" leaving a shirt in the box for you!

**1—ERIC SEWARD** (97220187) who plays for Cascade's *"Breaking Cues"* in the **River City-APA 9-Ball** division.

**2—AYSHA JOHNSTON** (97220712) who plays for 4th Plain's *"Nice Rack"* in the **Columbia D.J.** division.

**3—ILSE KELLY** (97219085) who plays for the Slingshot' Lounge's *"All The Almonds"* in the **Midnight D.J.** division.

**4—DAVID BUTLER** (97220770) who plays for Rodder's *"Always Late"* in the **Berry Hills 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 is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

