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FREAKIN' SOUTH WINS CIVIL WAR XX

Merle's Hat Rack
Stays "Bye Bye"

February 21 & 22nd, Rodder's and KC's Midway hosted the APA Civil War XX with the final's on Sunday being held at KC's Midway. We had 120 players—60 from the North and 60 from the South. Randee Lee, APA League Operator of the surrounding five county Salem area had wild hopes of kicking some OPAL butt for the 5th year in a row. Of course we of the North and reverse aspirations being that we were behind in the series 11-8 because the South had won in Salem in 2014. So, for a whole four years now Merle hasn't been able to enjoy the view of his favorite "Hat Rack," and, sadly now it's going to still be another year! Waaaaahhhhhh!

Rodders and KC's donated \$128 each toward the cost of Civil War T-Shirts, and OPAL kicked in the rest.. The total remainder resulted in a \$4200 purse, and the field was paid out to the to top 32 finishers which figured out to about 1/4+ of those participating. All players received a commemorative Civil War shirt. The South, instead of it's normal gag gift, gave to all the North players a 20 year commemorative anniversary Civil War trophy along with a card saying:

"APA Civil War 2015 North vs South 20th Anniversary—should be platinum, but the awards are only pewter. In honor of this momentous year [we're] giving these to every shooter. Our winning records-go back and forth— The South is way ahead right now —so best of luck to the North!"

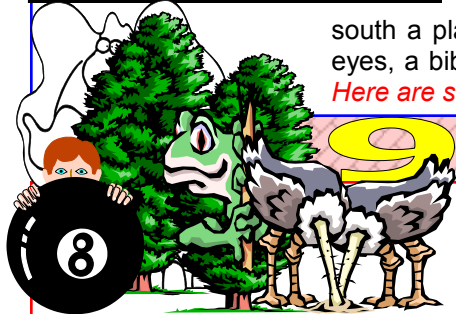
OPAL's Boomer & Donna came up with a something more to the norm. OPAL gave the south a plastic bag that contained: a little baby bottle, a tissue packet to dry the tears from their eyes, a bib to catch their drool, and a little poem that read: *"Hush little Southerners don't you cry. Here are some tissues to dry your eye. Hush little Southerners, we won't be* (Continued Page 2.)

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HIDDEN (*Except when in parenthesis*) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be found. Nobody else from the February 9th, newsletter called in to join "Cari Tooley" in avoiding this week's Loser's Corner —which means—there's going to be 4 "Loser" souls that you get to point fingers and laugh at this week.

From the February 16th Newsletter, we've not received one phone call so far. Which means that there's five numbers still out there to be found plus the additional "5" new one's randomly drawn for this week. If you haven't checked out last week's newsletter—ya better find someone who has one and check it out because no doubt one of those numbers is most likely going to be yours! All your friends and teammates probably can't hardly wait to see you end up in the loser's corner so they can laugh their butts off at you while flipping you the old "L" sign. So avoid the disgrace and humility at YOUR expense—go Look!

REMEMBER, You have only until the writing of the 2nd Newsletter following the one your number is in to call the league office with the magic words **"Gimme My Shirt"** Otherwise, it's off you go to where everyone can see you and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you weren't conscientious enough to want yours— **BE AN OPAL WINNER-FIND YOUR 81691279 NUMBER!**





CIVIL WAR (Continued) *cruel, A bib is provided to catch your drool. Hush little Southerners We've got your back—We will wake you from your nap when it's your turn to rack. Hush little Southerners Hear us roar—The North shall prevail—Just watch the score! Hush little Southerners, we don't have a duck—the bottle is for you because we don't suck! Hush little Southerners we're not going to bend—This is the year that your winning streak comes to an end..." Well what can we say, looks like we sucked after all ...Damn!!!*

Saturday's play started right at 10 AM. We created two flights and split the field in two by using 11 tables down at KC's Midway, and 14 tables up at Rodders. The Board was pre-drawn the night before by Randee & Boomer who made sure (By Luck of the Draw) that all the first round match-ups had a N/S opponent. Everyone just knew it was

going to be a close battle. The format was double elimination. Whenever a North player played a Salem player a point would be won or lost. When South met South, or North met North, there could be no points won or lost. Only pride and bragging rights

After the first round the South came out with guns blazing and took a 29 to -27 lead. After the second round the distance was increased as South now had a 41-32 lead, then a 50-41 and then around 11 PM it was down to 67-62 South's favor, but the Midway still had 3 rounds to go before reaching the last 12 players to come back for Sunday's final. We finally got home about 2 AM.

Starting Sunday we discovered after comparing tallies that the North and the South were tied dead even at 73-73. There were 6 North and 6 South players still left in the competition. When the final dust settled however it was the South winning for the 5th year in a row and alas Merle's prized Hat-Rack headed south—The final score: North: 76 South: 78. The final SL-7 match-up was between South's undefeated **Randy Baker** and South's-**Chris Plummer** who had been thrown to the one loss side after fighting for the winner's point against fellow southerner **Randy Baker**.

SL-7 **Chris Plummer's** journey to the finals started out with a 5-2 win over North's SL-6 **Robbie Solomon**. Next, **Chris** wiped out North's SL-7 **Danny Turner 5-3**. Next he beat North's SL-5 **Sherry Maresh 5-1** and then showing no mercy blasted South's SL-5 **Thomas Koch 5-0** in the 4th round. In round 5 **Chris** rolled by Salem's SL-7 **Cisco Cabello 5-3** to move on to Sunday and face the undefeated North's SL-6 **Tim Higginson**. **Tim** had his chances but **Chris** ended up getting him 5-1 Next **Chris** headed to the Winner's point to play the only other undefeated left — South's SL-7 **Randy Baker**. **Randy** took the first 3 games with a Table run, an 8-Ball Break, and a Break 'n Run. Then, won the last two smiting **Chris** to the one loss side 5-0. 5 Games 5 innings. Perching himself on the loser's point **Chris** waited and watched while North's SL-6 **Tim Higginson** took down North's SL-7 **Bob Olson** for a 4-3 win. **Tim's** elated glory was short lived because **Chris** wasted no time in showing **Tim** the path out the door to home by stomping him again 5-1.

Meanwhile South's SL-7 **Randy Baker's** undefeated journey to the finals had started off by 5-ziping North's SL-7 **Darren Veenker**. Next, in round two **Randy** recorded a 5-2 win over North's SL-7 **Bob Olson**. Next **Randy** totally annihilated North's SL-5 **Jessica Duffie 5-zip**. In round four Luke clobbered North's SL-5 **Phil Hupp 5-3**. In round 5, **Randy** wiped (Continued Pg 3.)



4 TH Place Paul Mullens



3 RD Place Tim Higginson



CIVIL WAR (Continued) out fellow South's SL-5 **Tracy Barre-ra** 5-2 and move to the winner's point where he steamrolled a win over **Chris Plummer** 5-Zip and patiently wait leisurely for an opponent to emerge from the darkside. Finally, **Chris** came crawling back out of the one loss side and the finals began. **Chris**, now with his back up against the wall, had to win twice or it would be all over for him.

Chris won the first game **Randy** came back winning games 2 and 3. **Chris** won game four tying the match up 2-2. After that it was goodnight



2ND Place CHRIS PLUMMER



1ST Place RANDY BAKER

Chris and hello **Randy** who took the next 3 games straight to claim the race victory 5-2, the match, and title of being the Civil War XX champion, and all the bragging rights thereof. Plus, **\$550** for his efforts. For his 2nd place finish, **Chris** received **\$450**.

Well the South uncharacteristically now holds a 12-8 lead over the North. Historically, only once has the North ever managed to take a lead in the series and that was four years ago at 8-7. Since that time the South boastfully has gone on a 5 year winning streak to bring the score to where it is now at 12-8. Perhaps maybe next year Merle might be able to see his hat rack return--Hopefully anyway!!!

Special Thanks to Both **Kraig & Carol** Pauli and crew down at K C's Midway, and to **Joe** and his great crew at Rodders for their fine service, and for hosting what turned out to be a very dramatic and close event.



No	N A M E	N or S	\$\$\$
1	RANDY BAKER	S	\$ 550
2	CHRIS PLUMMER	S	\$ 450
3	TIM HIGGINSON	N	\$ 350
4	PAUL MULLENS	N	\$ 250
5/6	BOB OLSON	N	\$ 200
5/6	PAUL VOLLENDROFF	S	\$ 200
7/8	CRAIG IRWIN	N	\$ 150
7/8	CLIFF BURGESS	S	\$ 150
9/12	DAN FENDALL	N	\$ 125
9/12	TRACY BARARRA	S	\$ 125
9/12	ERIC STEDMAN-FALLS	N	\$ 125
9/12	CISCO CABELLO	S	\$ 125
13/16	SHAWN SELF	N	\$ 100
13/16	AUDIE HALL	S	\$ 100
13/16	THOMAS KOCH	S	\$ 100
13/16	DON RYAN	S	\$ 100
17/24	PHIL HUPP	N	\$ 75
17/24	STEVE ROBERTS	S	\$ 75
17/24	GLENN SHOUP	S	\$ 75
17/24	MIGUEL MADRIGAL	N	\$ 75
17/24	CRYSTAL ABBOTT	S	\$ 75
17/24	NICHOLAS VOLK	S	\$ 75
17/24	JEFF HAY9S	N	\$ 75
17/24	JIM JE7NS	N	\$ 75
25/32	DANNY TU2NER	N	\$ 50
25/32	SUSAN DAV1S	S	\$ 50
25/32	TYLER HAN7EN	N	\$ 50
25/32	STACY CA4SON	S	\$ 50
25/32	RANDY RUEG5EGGER	S	\$ 50
25/32	TYLER HOLLI3TER	S	\$ 50
25/32	JESSICA DUFFIE	N	\$ 50
25/32	JAMES MOORE	S	\$ 50



RANDEE

MERLE

BOOMER

DON'T BE MISSING OUT

Make your plans to attend NOW

Get your entries in EARLY.

**There are just so many slots available
and it will be FIRST come FIRST served**

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APRIL 16 - 19 2015

Chinook Winds Casino --- Lincoln City, Oregon



Submitted By: Jeff Clohessy

The Navy Chief noticed a new seaman and barked at him. "Get over here, What's your name sailor?" "John" the sailor replied. "LOOK, I don't know what kind of bleeding heart pansy crap they're teaching now at boot camp, but I don't call anyone by their first name", the chief scowled, "It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. GOT IT?" "I refer to my sailors by their last name only and YOU are to refer to me only as "CHIEF" —GOT IT?—DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?" "Aye Aye Chief," replied the sailor. "Well now that we've got that straight then tell me....What's your last name?" The seaman gulped and said... "DARLING CHIEF" "My name is John Darling, Chief"

"OK then John, Here's what I want you to do..."

Political Cartoon

Hi! I'm 32.
I'm a politician
and I'm honest.

Hi. I'm 29,
I'm a prostitute
and I'm a virgin



Submitted By:
Jim Elphick

If you think women
are the weaker sex,
try pulling the
blankets back to
your side.

One, two
three,
BREATHE



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The 4 people listed below are verified February 9th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have it LOUD & CLEAR—your best razzing. Laugh it up, loudly get everyone's attention, point at 'em, and then give 'em the old "L" sign,—and thank 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—**BRIAN HOLGATE** (97208213) who plays for Midway's "**Pool Ball Wizards**" in the **Southern D.J.** division
- 2—**KEN GORDON** (97210366) who plays for Back Alley's "**Pool Hustlers**" in the **Columbia D.J.** division.
- 3—**BEN POWNALL** (97214785) who plays for Watertrough's "**Sweep The Lag**" in the **Downtown D.J.** division
- 4—**VANCE JOHNSON** (97218112) who plays for Sweet Home's "**Wreckers**" in the **No-Po** division

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully 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..!**

