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Captain & Co-Captain Tournament

The first Saturday beginning a new session most generally has been reserved as the OPAL day of appreciation for all those who commanded teams the previous session. On Saturday Jan 9th Rodder's in Oregon City hosted what turned out to be a thirty player turnout for this tournament. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$90 in added money from Rodder's & OPAL we had a total payout purse of \$540 which was paid out to the top 16 finishers, of the 30 player field.

The format was modified single elimination which meant that every player was guaranteed to play at least two times, but beginning the 3rd round in the winners side it then became single elimination. The format was patterned similar to that of the US Amateur in that both 8-Ball and 9-Ball games were usually played. The winner of the lag had first choice of either to break or to name the game. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent chose what game to play first. If the lag winner chose to name the game then the opponent got to break Skill level 2 & 3's had to win 2 games; Skill Level 4 & 5's had to win 3 games; and Skill

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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Over the holidays 1 person found his number. From the Nov. 23rd Newsletter finding his number was: **Jerry Gross** (97202079) who plays for Shamrock's "Dream Team" in the Sunrise D.J. division.



Calling in from the November 16th Newsletter was: **Scott Shoberg** (97216520) who plays for Coney Island's "Don't Have A Clue" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division. So, there's a combined newsletter party of "8" who start out 2016—in the "Loser's Corner." If, you see any of 'em have an absolute ball—give it to 'em good! There is really no excuse for not finding your numbers, because the newsletters are published up on our Web site along with the mailed out copy. **The Magic Words** are: "Gimme My Shirt" — **Don't Snooze & Lose**. Be alert, or you'll be finding yourself in the back page loser's corner with people gawking and making fun of you.

AVOID IT--BE A OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!

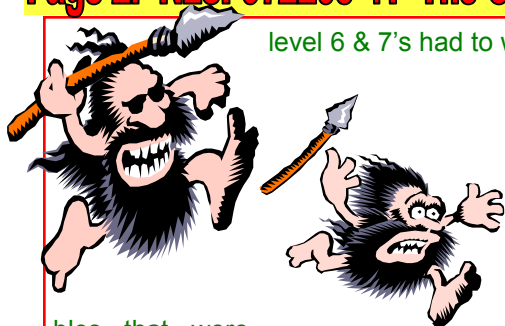


We closed out Fall Session 2015 with Rodders in Oregon City, hosting the event on Sunday Jan. 3th from 11 AM until 6 PM. **Cindy Saunders**, with Hi's and smiles, worked the registration desk and initially greeted the approximately 200 plus people before sending them off to see Boomer who was busy answering questions and handing out the new session folders with Maxine Buhler assisting. We had six enthusiastic volunteers come in and set up the trophies in an immaculate display. They are pictured to the immediate right with a stage full of trophies. The Artistic Trophy display setter uppers were: **Charlie Walker, Sammy McCabe, Maxine Buhler, Shannon Young, Jeff Hiatt, Rob Clossen, and Anton Renz.**

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SET UP CREW & TROPHIES



level 6 & 7's had to win a total of four games.

The OPAL-APA Modified Single Elimination Captain—Co-Captain competition began shortly after everyone was registered, and the board drawn. To make it a little more difficult for the stronger players it was Loser Breaks after the first rack. We used all of the ta-

FINAL RESULTS

1ST	\$100	SEAN WALSH	5
2ND	\$80	TAREK ZAHER	7
3/4	\$60	ROB CNOSSEN	6
3/4	\$60	JOHN PRAHL	6
5/8	\$40	TYSON CROONQUIST	6
5/8	\$40	DALE JONES	4
5/8	\$40	KYLE SELTMANN	7
5/8	\$40	BRIAN BIERBERLY	7
9/12	\$15	CRAIG WALSH	6
9/12	\$15	DAN WIECK	5
9/12	\$15	MARK YAMAMOTO	4
9/12	\$15	ANNA MIXON	4

bles that were tion area and the back room. Play was run continuously throughout the afternoon which resulted in the final match ending just a few minutes after 6 PM. Rodder's was very accommodating, and hosted the event very well. The service was great, and everyone had a grand time winning or losing. The race to the finals was a a hard fought equal journey with both finalists making it through to the finals undefeated.

The journey for **Tarek** (SL-7) **Zaher**, Co-Captain of Midway Public House's "Sotally Tober" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. Division, battled his way straight ahead to the finals. He started out taking down **Greg** (SL-5) **Harlow** 4-1 in the first round and sent Greg to the back side. In the 2nd round **Tarek** took down **Tim** (SL-6) **Watts** 4-1 sending him to follow **Greg**. In the next round it went to single elimination. Lose now and it'd be out the door, **Tarek** took on **Craig** (SL-6) **Walsh** and wound up beating him 4-2 to move on ahead. In the next round **Tarek** went up against **Brian** (SL-7) **Bierberly** 4-2 sending **Brian** out the door with \$40 in his pocket. Now in the Semi's **Tarek** managed still another 4-2 win over **John** (SL-6) **Prahl** sending **John** home with \$60 in his pocket while **Tarek** headed into the finals to play for the bragging rights against the waiting **Sean** (SL-5) **Walsh**, who too was undefeated.

Sean (SL-5) **Walsh** who Co-Captain's Home Turf's "Family Affair" in the Horizon Super-9 division also went all the way to the finals completely undefeated. In the first round **Sean** met **John** (SL-6) **Prahl** and defeated him 3-2 to send him flying over to the one-loss side. **Sean** next took on **Rob** (SL-6) **Cnossen** and took him down 3-2 to send him to follow after **John**. **Sean** had strong competition from **Anna** (SL-4) **Mixon**. Starting with 9-Ball she jumped right to a 2-Zip lead—and the hill. **Sean** managed to win the 3rd game of 9-Ball and then they switched to 8-Ball. Sean managed to take both games to squeak out a come from behind Double hill win 3-2 leaving **Anna** behind with \$20 in her pocket. In the next round **Sean** met **Tyson** (SL-6) **Croonquist**. They split 8-Ball 1-1, but Tyson took the next two games of 9-Ball to put himself on the hill. **Sean** rallied right back taking the last two games of 9-Ball to claim the double hill 3-3 victory, and leaving **Tyson** with \$40. In the Semi's **Sean** found himself up against round 2 opponent **Rob** (SL-6) **Cnossen** again. It was Summer Reruns—**Sean** took him down 3-2, leaving **Rob** with \$60 and the door outside to home while **Sean** prepared to take on **Tarek** (SL-7) **Zaher** in the final matchup of the day...

The finals was a thrilling contest to all who watched it unfold. Starting out with **Tarek** winning the lag and **Sean** declaring 8-Ball **Tarek** came steamrolling out of the gate by taking the two games of 8-Ball then they switched to 9-Ball. **Sean** barely won the first game of 9-Ball to bring the score to 2-1 in favor of **Tarek**. **Tarek** took game #4 to put himself up on the hill 3-1. Then **Sean** came back with a win in game number 5 to bring the match to double hill. One game left to play for all the bragging rights and the lion's share of the marbles... **Sean** in a come-back-from-behind-victory won game number 6 to claim the victory 3-3 as well to claim the \$100 in top prize money, the bragging rights to being the 2015 Fall Session Captain Co-Capt Tournament Champion. For his stellar efforts, **Tarek Zaher** took home the runner up money of \$ 80.

Special kudo's to the Rodder's Staff & Crew headed by **Michael O'Jones** who did a wonderful job as hosts for this event. Also, special Kudo's and thanks to **Jeff Gibbons** for helping flip over the draw tiles, and to **Don "Coyote" Walker** for all his help in officiating and assisting **Merle** with getting the tournament organized and underway.



1st: Sean Walsh & 2nd: Tarek Zaher



(SESSION END PARTY (continued from Pg 1) These guys & gals were amazing...They started in setting the 1000+ trophy display up, and by 9:00 AM they were done! What a crew!

Merle, Charlie, & Don "Coyote" Walker with volunteer helper **Eric Stedman-Falls**, helped to organize and run some fun activities to play.

"Survivor-APA" and the 9-Ball Break contest were the most popular of the fun events.

In Survivor, It really doesn't matter how many people play—but for the session end party, the field was limited to a field of 12 for each game. The theory was that most everyone could get to play. Each player paid an entry fee of \$5 and the three top place finishers in each contest received—\$30 for 1st, \$20 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd. Even using two tables simultaneously, there was always a waiting list to play. It didn't matter how much of a big gun you were, or how little skill you possessed— because it was soon proven that anyone could win...regardless of skill.

Here's how the game is played: Every player starts with ZERO strikes. *The players would rotate in the same order every time and get just one attempt to pocket a ball—any ball—during that one turn at the table. Every time a player missed pocketing a ball, or scratched, he or she, received a strike ('X'). When a player accumulated 3 strikes ("X's") they "struck out" and were immediately eliminated from the game.*

The balls were racked on the foot spot—just like 8-ball—with a full 15 ball rack. The breaking player—if a ball was made on the break the breaker's turn was over and the next player in rotation came up and shot. However, If the breaking player didn't make a ball on the break, then they got to free shoot again to pocket a ball, & avoid getting an "X." If the player shooting before you shot the cue ball into a pocket or off the table—then the next player next in line received ball in hand anywhere on the table and the player "fouling" received an "X". Table scratches, or complete misses, result in an "X" for the shooter, but the incoming player doesn't get Ball In Hand. When all 15 balls are finally pocketed, then the balls are re-racked by the person making the last ball, and the next player in the line of rotation breaks. Most games were over and finished with a new one starting in about 30-40 minutes. Because of the 1/4 inch of snow and the below freezing temperature that day we didn't get enough people to start the first game until after 12:30 PM. There were a total of four(4) games of Survivor played. The winner's of the Survivor-APA games were:

GAME 1: 1st— **"Michael Black"**, 2nd— **Tyson Croonquist**, & 3rd— **Eric Stedman Falls**. GAME 2: 1st— **John Blue**, 2nd— **"Rob Cnossen"**, & 3rd— **"Merle"**. GAME 3: 1st— **Eric Stedman Falls**, 2nd— **Merle**, & 3rd— **John Prah**., and GAME 4: 1st— **David Scarth**, 2nd— **Eric Stedman Falls**, & 3rd— **Andy Winslow**.

Winners of the \$3 entry 9-Ball Break Contest received **\$20** for 1st, and **\$10** for 2nd. Four contests were run: GAME 1: 1st— **Don Walker**, 2nd— **Andy Winslow**. GAME 2: 1st— **Grant Walstrom**, 2nd— **Virginia Shoberg**. GAME 3: 1st— **Grant Walstrom**, 2nd— **David Scarth** and GAME 4: 1st— **John Prah**, 2nd— **Amber Jones**.

At 3:00 PM in the afternoon **Merle**, and assistant **Le Donovan** conducted the 8 & 9-Ball Tri Cup draws out in the front part of Rodders. Everything went very smoothly. We got through both the 9-Ball Draw, with common players taken care of first, as well as followed by the 8-Ball complete with a sub draw for teams with common players all in a record time of just 30 minutes total..... more then plenty of advanced time for John to get the door prizes drawn and given out prior to the awarding of the special awards and trophies. **(Continued Page 4.)**



REGISTRATION
Cindy Saunders



Boomer & Maxine Handing out
New Team Folders



Craig Irwin
Cue Repair & Stuff



Session End Party (Continued) 97212250 prior to the awards presentations—which immediately followed the last of the door prize drawings conducted by Mr. John Blue.

John gave away a whole bunch of Door prizes. Cue stick winners were: **Le Donovan** (*Blue Cue Tec*), **Charlie Walker** (*Blood Red Viper Cue*), and **David Johnson** won the (*Pink Viper cue*).

Next **Boomer**, **John Blue**, and assorted helpers started giving out the Fall Session Awards & Trophies which went off without a hitch. Approximately 2000+ Special Awards, Certificates of Merit, and Trophies were handed out. League play trophies included, MVP, Sportsmanship, 1st place host location, and first and second place individual team trophies. Also, Certificates of Merit were for shutouts, Break & Runs, Table Runs, & snap on the break.

Merle was set up with his camera as usual in the middle section of Rodders taking pictures of the award winners as they came down the hallway with their arms full of trophies

Special thanks to **Rodder's crew: Joe, Michael, Nick, Julie, Etc**, for all their hard work in hosting this session end awards party event, and to all the very special people who helped out with the trophy display setup, special activities, food service, and registration. It was truly appreciated and you made the day really special.



The first four listed below missed their #'s in the Nov 16th '15 newsletter & the other four missed their #'s in the Nov. 23 rd '15 newsletter. If you know any of 'em, give 'em the old "L" sign — and thank 'em, for leaving a shirt in the box for you!

- 1—JENNIFER BASS (97219586) who plays for Underground's "**Knockouts**" in the **Sunset** division.
- 2—JENNIFER SPARKS (97206438) who plays for 4th Plain's "**Chalk Is Cheap**" in the **Clark County** division.
- 3—GLENDA KOENIG (97220617) who plays for Ickabod's "**That 1 Team**" in the **Skyline D. J.** division.
- 4—TAMMY HARLOW (97217413) who plays for Rodder's "**Monster Strokes**" in the **Wagon Wheel D.J.** division.
- 5—CHANELL BOYCE (97203206) who plays for Lu's "**Q43A**" in the **Horizon D.J.** division.
- 6—MARK YAMAMOTO (97214962) who plays for Wrangler's "**Twisted Stixx**" in the **Willamette D.J.** division.
- 7—ANDREW AMO (97217213) who plays for Maui's "**The Upsetters**" in the **Northeast D.J.** division.
- 8—STEPHANIE STRESING (97219924) who plays for 3 Monkey's "**Team Ramrod**" in the **Mr. St. Helen's** div.

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's possible for your number to come up more than once. Pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

