



# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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## Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

**JANUARY 22—24 Rodder's and Midway's Public House 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 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 Rodder's brought in a guru who did some re-wiring and replaced their router getting the bugs worked out there. However, Saturday morning, down at the Midway Boomer had a heck of a time with the internet there. She finally had to turn her cell phone into a hot spot and create her own internet connection, but still there were several matches that ran over time delaying the start of Saturday's 1 o'clock round matches which domino'd into the start of the 5 o'clock round matches as well. However, we got through it. The competition was fierce and several double hill time consuming matches occurred.

There were 53 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which is double elimination through the first 2 rounds on the winner's side transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. On the back side there were two 9:00 Am at the Midway, and three 9:00 matches up at Rodders. Unfortunately, one of the teams playing at the Midway read the board wrong and assumed since they lost on Friday night they'd not be playing again until Saturday at 1:00 PM. Sadly, they made a crucial error—they were not supposed to be at the Midway at 1:00 PM, but at 9:00 Am. When Boomer finally got hold of the missing team Captain about 9:30 AM she was told it would be another 45 minutes before they could get there, so she felt due to the excessive time restraints, she had no other choice but to forfeit them. This gave them their 2nd loss which put that team out of the tournament. Other than that travesty, 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 either of the two teams to win, then, the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of **\$20,070** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 58% 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—including pictures and medallions at Rodders by 8:30 PM.

**FINISHING 49-53rd and winning \$150 were:** Hobo's "Compadres," Cascade Bar's "Sammy's Slammers," Coach's "Show Me Your Rack," Mousetrap's "No-Po 10 Show," and Shamrock's "Slop is Sexy."

**FINISHING 33-48th and winning \$200 were:** Bink's "Death By Magic," LT's "It's Time," Slingshot's "Slingin' Around," Wichita Tow Pub's "No Whining," Hungry Tiger's "Tiger Sharks," Back Alley's "Any Given Thursday," McAnulty & Barry's "No Deals," 4th Plain Tavern's "Cereal Killers," Sundowner Inn's "9 Hangin," Ice House's "Profanity," Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes," Touche's "Crazy Train," Cascade Bar's "Blitzkreig," Midway Public House's "Sotally Tober," Bull Mountain's "Outlaws," and Underground Sport Bar's "Spicy Pickled Tacos." (Continued on Pg. 2.)

**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the January 11th 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 18th Newsletter one person has called in. That was: **Michael Black** (97218885) who plays for Falco's "Falcoholics" in the Far East D.J. division.

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 everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause you didn't find yours!

### BE AN OPAL WINNER

Relationship Tip For Men: When a woman says, "Correct me if I'm wrong but..." DON'T DO IT!! IT'S A TRAP!! Do NOT, I repeat, do NOT correct that woman!!!



# TRI-CUP



(Continued from Pg. 1) **FINISHING 25 / 32nd** and winning **\$275** were: McAnulty & Barry's "Corner Hookers," Jake's Place's "Wolf Pack," Wrangler's "Chalking Dead," Sweet Home's "Sweet Home Wreckers," Andy Inn's "City Hunters," Main St. Station's "Down On Main Street," River Road House's "Bye Bye Beardie," and Fortune Star's "Bi

Polar."

**FINISHING 17 / 24th** and winning **\$365** were: Coach's "Originals At Coach's," 505 Tavern's "Bud 30," Shamrock's "Watch Our Balls Drop," Fortune Star's "Behind The 8-Ball," Pub 181's "Secret Society," MaGuffy's "Why So Hard?," Back Alley's "Pool Sharks," and River Road House's "8's & A's."

**FINISHING bridesmaid at 9 / 16th** and winning **\$475** were: McAnulty & Barry's "Horseless in O C," Andrew's "That's Our Cue," Aloha Station's "Two Drink Minimum," Columbia Division's "Quarterdeck," Scotty's "Chalk & Awe," River Road House's "Just The Tip," Joe Cellar's "Unconscious D," & McAnulty & Barry's "Sweet Thing."

**FINISHING 5—8th** and taking home **\$650**, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Wrangler's** "2 Knuckles Deep," from the Wagon Wheel D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Phil Hupp**, and teammates--**Cory Bananto, Sheri Fletcher, Michael Grimm, Caiti Grim, Matt Bananto, Nina Corpuz, and Ethan Reynolds**; **Underground Sport Bar's** "Ah So Crose" from the Skyline D.J. division with Team Captain: **Daniel Weeks**, and teammates--**Doug Best, Brandon McIntyre, Roger Pinder, Dave McDowell, Zack Lutz and Andrew Rice**; **Silver Star Saloon's** "Pool Dawgs" from the Clark County-APA division with Team Captain: **Roy Martin**, and teammates: **Jarrod Martin, Mary Martin, Gail Bosshart, Page Burch, Ashley Martin, and Robert Volkman**; and **Timber's** "Shot Effect" from the Gateway D.J. division with Team Captain: **Randy Messner**, and teammates-- **Tim Sexton, Marsha Messner, Sheri Sexton, Brian Messner, Bryan Kellim, Seth Lindquist and Kody Geertz**.

**FINISHING 3-4** and winning Silver Medallions and **\$900** each was: **Falco's** "Disfunction R Us" from the Farside DJ division with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon**, and teammates—**Tyler Hanson, Kyle Ho, Ashley Smith, Breanna Drew, Corey Myton, Evan Moore, and Ben Wyatt**; and **River Road House's** "Little Monsters" from the Willamette DJ division— with Team Captain: **Chris Neiland**, and teammates--**Sarah Nieland, Jessica Wehling, Vanessa Rauch, Annie Tope, LeAnna Gray, Robert Wallace, and James Smith Jr.**

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and **\$1,200** was **Timber's** "Timber Cutters" from the Gateway DJ division with Team Captain: **Owen Vandehey**, & teammates--**David Johnson, Randy Barber, Tarek Zaher, Keith Hanson, Wayne Syper III, Lucas Sturdy, and Rise Devoe**.

**FINISHING 1ST** and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions—and the top money prize of **\$1,600**—from the Mt. Hood D.J. division was River Road House's "Milwaukie's Best" with Team Captain **Evan Smelser**, and teammates: **Chris & Sarah Nieland, Kelsey Bayloess, Casey Fliegel, Dede Dickow, Annie Tope, and Michael Veary**.

The fact that both eventual finalists started out at the Midway on Friday night was the only comparative journey similarity between the two of them. The "Timber Cutters" started in slot # 11 and immediately got chopped up into back side sized kindling by "Sotally Tober." The "Cutters" got a "BYE" in the 9 AM Round, and got to sleep in. The "Cutters" ate up "Sloppy Joes" in that round, and then killed the "Chalking Dead" in the 5 PM round to get moved back across to the winner's side landing in the upper tier of the "Rodder's" bracket to compete in the Bridesmaid/medal round Sunday morning against undefeated "Chalk & Awe." The "Cutters" went right to work Sunday morning leaving the "Chalk" totally in "Awe" of their "Cutting" skills and eventually sent them out the door (Continued Pg. 3.)



**BRONZE -- 2 KNUCKLES DEEP**



**BRONZE -- AH SO CROSE**



**BRONZE -- POOL DAWGS**



**BRONZE -- SHOT EFFECT**





(Continued from Pg. 2) with \$475 while the "Cutters" at least had the bragging rights to at least a spot in regionals and a bronze medal in hand.

Playing now on two tables In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round the "Cutters" effectively out shot "Shot Effect" to lay claim to at least the Silver while "The Effects" went out the door to home with a check for "\$650." In the Semi's "The Cutters" spanked the "Little Monsters" to gain admission into the finals, and left the rug rats behind holding silver and a \$900. check.

"Milwaukie's Best's" journey took them down a straight path all the way—undefeated—to the finals. "The Best's" started out in slot #23 at the Midway on Friday night by kicking the "Pool Dawgs" over to the one loss side. (The "Pool Dawgs" regrouped and chewed their way all through the one loss side, and eventually returned to claim Bronze.) In the 9 Am Saturday morning round "The Best's" fed the "Sloppy Joes" what turned out to be a one way ticket into the back side. In the 5 PM winner's side match "The Best's" sank their hooks into the "Pool Sharks" leaving them to flounder their way home with \$365 in pocket change. So, then it was off to Sunday's competition up at Rodders for the "Bests."

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the "The Best's" had refreshed. They stampeded "Horseless in OC" after a double hill thriller—right on out the door with \$475 to claim at least a Bronze Medallion necklace. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The "Best's" "crossed" the door to the undefeated "Ah So Crose" leaving them behind holding the Bronze and a check for \$650. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the "Best's" functioned so well they made "Disfunction R US" live up to their name. The dysfunctional team quickly left the premises with the Silver and a \$900 check. Now it was off to the Gold / Platinum finals against their last obstacle —The "Timber Cutters"

The finals, most thought, would be close. It wasn't as it turned out. The contest was begun with a clumsily rat-a-tat-tat color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables—8,10,11,12 & 13. When the last match on the last table was over the final results were as follows:

**Finishing 1st** on Table 8, was "Best's" SL-3 **Michael Veary** who clobbered "Cut's" SL-4 **Keith Hanson** 2-Zip.

**Finishing 2nd** on Table 13, "Best's" SL-7 Team Captain—**Evan Smelser** Took Down "Cut's" SL-7 **Tarek Zaher** 5-3 scoring a 2-0 win.

**Finishing 3rd** on Table 10 "Best's" SL-5 **Casey Fliegel** took out "Cut's" SL-4 **Randal Barber** 4-Zip to score a 3-Zip win.

**Finishing 4th** on Table 12, "Best's" SL-3 **Kelsey Bayless** out played "Cut's" SL-4 Team Captain—**Owen Vandehey** winning 2-1 for a 2-1 score.

**Finishing 5th** on Table 11 "Best's" SL-5 **Sarah Nieland** battled "Cut's" SL-4 **David Johnson**. The match went to double hill before **Sarah** claimed the final victory 4-2 and recorded a 2-1 win.

**FINAL RESULTS:** "Timber Cutters" 2... "Milwaukie's Best" 12...

**River Road House's "Milwaukie's Best"** from the Mt. Hood D.J. division 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 2015 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions**. For their efforts **Timber's "Timber Cutters"** received the Gold Medallions & \$1,200.

The next step will take place June 17-19 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 Westgate Hotel & Casino August 16-22, 2016. (Continued on Pg. 4)



SILVER -- DISFUNCTION R US



SILVER -- LITTLE MONSTERS



GOLD -- TIMBER CUTTERS



PLATINUM -- MILWAUKIE'S BEST

# TRICUP (Continued from Pg. 3)



Special Thanks to all who participated in this event, and to the staff of Rodders, and Midway's Public House, for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work & dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Don Walker, Dan Fendall, Jeff Hiatt, John Blue, Charlie Walker, Shawn Keller, 97213426 Anton Renz, and Kevin McCarthy.**



It's TIME once again for:  
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When: Saturday Feb 6 TH  
Time: 12:30 PM  
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## The APA North/South "CIVIL" WAR

SOUTH:  
"12"



NORTH:  
"8"

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"Jake's & Kolby's" in Salem: APA NS Civil War Apr. 2-3 '16

Sometimes the thoughts in my head get bored, and go for a stroll out through my mouth. This is never a good thing

Submitted By: Dan Bochard



## THE LOSER'S CORNER



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The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 11, 2016 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-DANA GERMAN (97212250) who plays for River Road House's "No BS" in the Southeast D.J. Division.
- 2-LINDSEY GILBERT (97217248) who plays for Mad Hanna's "Cobras & Gentlemen" in the NE D.J. division.
- 3-BRANDON REMINGTON (97221282) who plays for Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes" in the NW D.J. division.
- 4-MARK CALVERT (97294450) who plays for Wrangler's "Honey Badgers" in the Wilamette 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..!

