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OPAL "A REAL 'GEM' IN YOUR COMMUNITY!"



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 14th **Midway's Publik House** in Oregon City hosted what turned out to be a twenty-three player turnout for this tournament. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$57 in added money from the Midway we had a total payout purse of **\$402** which was paid out to the top 8 finishers, of the 23 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 Level 6's & 7's had to win a total of 4 games. **(Continued Page 2.)**

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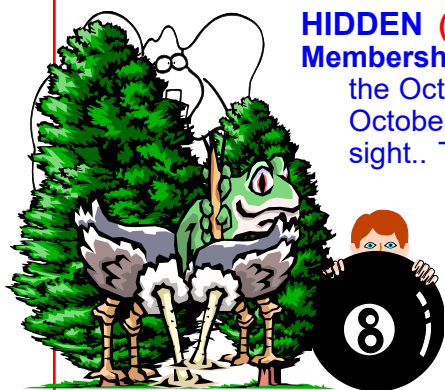
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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Over the holidays No one from the October 24th Newsletter found their number, and out of the 25 hidden numbers on October 31, 7 people found their hidden number out of the 25 that were hidden in plain sight.. The 5 people calling in from the October 31st Newsletter were: **Mark Hilands** (97214255) who plays for Back Alley's "U Rack 'em" in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division, **Bryan Kellim** (97214834) who plays for Timber's "Shot Effect" in Gateway D.J. division, **Bob Skelton** (97215868) who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Smokers" in the Roadwich 8 Dbls division, **Eric Harmon** (97216467) who plays for Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects" in the Farside D.J. division, **Tim Hannan** (97220732) who plays for McAnulty & Barry's "Sweet Things" in the Willamette D.J. division, **Joe McDonald** (97221048) who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Hells Bells" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division, and **Chris Smith** (97221666) who plays for Mousetrap's "Swingin' Sticks" in the Northern D.J. division.



So, there's a combined newsletter party of "23" who start out 2017—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 pub-

AVOID IT--BE A OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!



We closed out Fall Session 2016 with Rodders in Oregon City, hosting the event on Sunday Jan. 8th from 11 AM until 6 PM. Due to the inclement weather of Snow and Ice the normally large attendance was very low. Those who could make it mostly just came, picked up their Folders, and Trophies and left after seeing Boomer who was busy filling out door prize tickets, answering questions and handing out the new session folders with Maxine Buhler.

The Rodders Stage had broken so we couldn't put it down to display the trophies properly. The trophy Crew consisted of: **Jeff Hiatt, Maxine Buhler, Sammy McCable,** and **John Blue**, who ended up just organizing and spreading them around in boxes, with the limited space that they had, and the best that they could for the players to pick up. **(Continued on Page. 3)**



(Continued from Page 1) Then there was **Tarek Zaher** who had been promoted to SL-8 and had to win 5 games all due to his superior winning ways.

FINAL RESULTS

1ST	\$115	TAREK ZAHER	8
2ND	\$87	RICK HOYLE	6
3/4	\$50	STACY ENRIQUEZ	5
3/4	\$50	DOUG McNAMAMY	7
5/8	\$25	JIM JEANS	5
5/8	\$25	JODIE WILMES	4
5/8	\$25	RANDY BARBER	4
5/8	\$25	JEFF MILLER	7

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 tables that were available in both the Middle section area and the back room. Play was run continuously throughout the afternoon which resulted in the final match ending just a few minutes after 6:30 PM. The Midway 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 Gateway 9-Ball Division, battled his way straight ahead to the finals. He started out taking down **Sheri (SL-3) Fletcher** 5-Zip in the first round to send her into the back side. In the 2nd round **Tarek** took down **Brandon (SL-5) Shrum** 5-Zip and sent him to follow **Sheri** in the backside... In the next round it went to single elimination. Lose now and it'd be out the door, **Tarek** took on **Don (SL-7) Walker** and wound up beating him 4-zip to move on ahead. In the next round **Tarek** went up against **Jodie (SL-4) Wilmes**. He beat her 5-2 sending **Jodie** out the door with \$25 in her pocket. Now in the Semi's **Tarek** managed a 5-1 win over **Stacy (SL-5) Enriquez** sending her home with \$50 in his pocket while **Tarek** headed into the finals to play for the bragging rights against the waiting **Rick (SL-6) Hoyle** who also had reached the finals undefeated.

Rick (SL-6) Hoyle who Captain's Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes" in the Sunset DJ division also went all the way to the finals completely undefeated. In the first round **Rick** met **Tim (SL-6) Watts** and defeated him 4-3 in a double hill thriller to send him flying over to the one-loss side. **Rick** next took on **Larry (SL-6) Gee** and in another double hill thriller he took him down 4-3 to send him following after **Tim**. **Rick** then put his foot down and defeated **James (SL-6) Warner** 4-1 then took out **Jim "SL-5" Jeans** in an extraordinary close double hill down to the wire thriller to leave him behind with \$25 in his pocket on the way out the door. In the next round **Rick** met **Doug (SL-6) McNamamy** who Rick managed to secure a 4-2 win to move into the finals and take on (SL-"8") **Zaher** in the final matchup of the day...

The finals was a thrilling contest to all who watched it unfold. Well that is if you just watched the first 2 or 3 games. . Tarek was ahead 2-1 after 3 games of 8-Ball, but then put the pedal to the metal and won the next 3 games straight of 9-Ball to claim the victory, 5-1 as well to claim the \$115 in top prize money, the bragging rights to being the 2016 Fall Session Captain Co-Capt Tournament Champion. For his stellar efforts, **Rick Hoyle** 97207877 took home the \$87 in runner up money.

Special kudo's to the Midway's Staff & Crew headed by owners **Wade & Gail**, Manager **Alex**, and crew, who did a wonderful job as hosts for this event. Also, special Kudo's and thanks to **Don Walker** for helping flip over the draw tiles, for officiating, and assisting **Merle** with getting the tournament organized and underway.



2nd: Rick Hoyle & 1st: Tarek Zaher



APA





(SESSION END PARTY (continued Pg 1)

Merle, & Don "Coyote" Walker with volunteer helper **Kim Norn**, 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— **"Randy Evans"**, 2nd— **Eric Harmon**, & 3rd— **Alan Chin**. GAME 2: 1st— **Randy Evans**, 2nd— **"Kim Norn,"** & 3rd— **"Justin Walker"**. GAME 3: 1st— **"Merle"**, 2nd— **Joe Shafer**, & 3rd— **Paul Mullens.**, GAME 4: 1st— **Paul Mullens**, 2nd— **Joe Schaffer**, & 3rd— **Randy Evens**, GAME 5: 1st— **"Greg Harlow"**, 2nd— **Kim Norn**, & 3rd— **Larry Gee.**, and, GAME 6: 1st— **Kim Norn**, 2nd— **Greg Harlow**, and 3rd— **Graham Sanchez**.

Winners of the \$3 entry 9-Ball Break Contest received **\$20** for 1st, and **\$10** for 2nd. Four contests were run: GAME 1: 1st— **Joe Shafer**, 2nd— **Giani Alexander**. GAME 2: 1st— **Tom Sexton**, 2nd— **Randy Barber**. GAME 3: 1st— **Randy Barber**, 2nd— **Don Walker**, and GAME 4: 1st— **Don Shilliam**, and 2nd— **Penny Wafford**.

Winning the Door prize Cue Sticks who stupid Merle forgot to take pictures of were: **Tim Sexton** who won the exquisite Player Cue, **Jeff Hiatt** who won the nice earth tone Viking Cue, and Penny Wafford, who won the beautiful pink Cue Tec Cue.

At 2:45 PM in the afternoon **Merle**, conducted the 8 & 9-Ball Tri Cup draws in the back section 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 one hour total..... In Just enough time for John to get the door prizes drawn and given out prior to the awarding of the special awards and trophies. **(Continued Pg 4.)**



**REGISTRATION
Cindy Saunders**



**Boomer & Maxine Handing out
New Team Folders**



**Craig Irwin
Cue Repair & Stuff**



THE LOSER'S CORNER



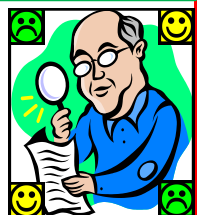
The first FIVE NAMES listed below missed their NUMBERS in the October 24th '16 newsletter, AND the other 19 PEOPLE listed, missed their numbers in the Oct. 31st '16 newsletter. If you know any of 'em, give 'em the old "L" sign — and thank 'em, for leaving a shirt in the box for you!

- 1—TERESA MAGANA (97212711) who plays for Kenton Club's **"Motorboaters"** in the **No-Po** division.
- 2—JAMES BROADUS (97217453) who plays for Falco's **"Replacements"** in the **Park Rose D.J.** division.
- 3—GREG SHIBATA (97221468) who plays for Coach's **"Crooked Cues"** in the **Midwest D. J.** division.
- 4—FOREST EWEN (97221290) who plays for Mousetrap's **"Mousetrap"** in the **North-Port 9-Ball.** division.
- 5—CINDY KINGREY (97297023) who plays for McNulty & Barry's **"Main St. Madness"** in **Willamette D.J.** Div.
- 6—CARISSA BIGGS (97204858) who plays for Ringo's **"Steve's Team"** in the **Elite Master's-W.** division.
- 7—MARISSA ALEXANDER (97206777) who plays for Ringo's **"Breakin' Bad"** in the **Mid-West D.J.** division.
- 8—JOHNNY ROSS (97207981) who plays for Aloha Station's **"Don't Talk 2 My Balls"** in the **Western 9-Ball** div
- 9—TIM ARTHUR (97209614) who plays for Back Alley's **"Pool Sharks"** in the **Mt. St. Helens D.J.** division.
- 10—JOY PIERSON (97210147) who plays for Sam's **"Tabula Rasa"** in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 11—BREE DREW (97211950) who plays for Wichita Town Pub's **"Junk Monkeys"** in the **Mt. Hood D. J.** division.
- 15—SAMANTHA NOAH (97213720) who plays for Mousetrap's **"Scrappers"** in the **8-Ball-Ladies.** division.
- 19—RICHARD FRY (97213819) who plays for River Road House's **"Under8ed"** in the **Southeast D.J.** division.
- 15—DAVID FREEMAN (97216425) who plays for Barlow Tavern's's **"Snook 'Ems"** in the **N.E. D.J.** division.
- 16—AMBER WILTGEN (97217317) who plays for Sam's **"Justice League"** in the **Sunrise D.J.** division.
- 11—CECILA BLEXRUDE (97217335) who plays for McNulty & Barry's **"No Deals"** in the **Barry Hills D.J.** div.
- 12—JERRY SINDT (97218905) who plays for Lu's **"Chalked & Loaded"** in the **Downtown D.J.** division.
- 17—WENDY MORGAN (97220095) who plays for Joe Cellar's **"Lucky Mummies"** in the **Downtown D.J** division.
- 19—MIKE KEATING (97220337) who plays for Jo Saloon's **"Gilley Monsters"** in the **8-Ball Doubles** division..
- 20—DARIAN NEMIC (97221098) who plays for Underground's **"Why So Serious"** in the **Skyline D.J.** division.
- 21—RACHAEL DRAPER (97221170) who plays for Cascade Bar's **"Team Ramrod"** in the **River City APA** div.
- 22—TYLER CASTELLO (97221655) who plays for Silver Star Saloon's **"Muffin Stuffers"** in **Columbia D.J.** div.
- 23—JOE STANISIEWSKI (97297571) who plays for Joe Celler's **"Lucky Mummies"** in the **Downtown D.J.** 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..!**



Apology Letter to Spouse—(Priceless)

Hello Sweetheart,

I am sorry about getting into an argument about putting up the Christmas Lights. I guess sometimes I feel that you just push too hard when you want something. I realize that I was wrong and apologize for being such a hard headed guy sometimes. All I want is for you to be happy and to enjoy the holiday season. Nothing brightens the Christmas Spirit more than the sparkle of Christmas Lights! I took the time to hang the Christmas Lights for you today, and now I'm off to enjoy a round of golf. Again I Am very sorry for the way I acted yesterday. I'll be home late.



**Her
Response**

**Submitted By:
Dan Bochard**

Hello Honey,

Thank you for that Heart-felt apology. I don't often get an apology from you, and I truly do appreciate it. I, too, felt bad about the argument and wanted to apologize. I realize that I can sometimes be a little pushy. I will try to make an greater effort to respect your feelings from now on. Thank you for taking the time to hang the Christmas Lights for me. It really means a lot. In the "Spirit of Giving" I washed your truck for you; and now I'm off to the mall.

I Love You Too !

