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### 9 Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

**JANUARY 20—22nd Rodder's and Midway's Public House in Oregon City** graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Midway hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts, but of course, a Tri-Cup

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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 last week's Jan 16th newsletter Nobody found their membership number and called in. So folks, there is still another week to go to find the numbers we hid. So take advantage and get to looking 'cause sure as shootin', one of those numbers is gonna be yours.

So, that makes 10 numbers to go find 5 old ones from last week plus the 5 new ones from this week's Newsletter before the losers corner comes into effect.

All you have to do if you find your hidden number is to call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" and you'll avoid the week-long camping trip to the back page where you'll be in full visibility of all your peers. Which possibly means, that they'll be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — simply because YOU weren't observant enough to find your number and thus avoid the embarrassment!

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**MY PEOPLE SKILLS ARE JUST FINE.**  
*It's My Tolerance To Idiots — That Needs Work.*

wouldn't be a Tri-Cup without some sort of erroneous computer problems and true to form it happened again up at Rodder's where Merle's Scanner/Printer decided to go gunny-baggers and consequently cause a 2 hour scoresheet getting delay with all the afternoon and evening matches. In fact, **Maxine Buhler** had to physically get in her car and drive over to where Boomer was to get the scoresheets processed, printed out, and then drive 'em all back to **Merle** at Rodders... With the help of **Jeff Hiatt**, **Paul Solden**, and **Will Ford Jr.** a temporary, but viable fix, was found that at least got the rest of the other scoresheets transmitted for the remaining rounds.

There were 44 division 9-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format, — which is double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. 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, if a team reached 50 points with three match wins, or 51 points the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of **\$17,220** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 67% 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 competition rounds finishing up at 7:30 PM. An interesting statistic was that exactly three quarters of the teams that lost on Friday won their very next match. However, 50% of the teams who lost the Saturday 9 AM round also Lost in the 1 PM round. This indicated that getting a Friday night "Bye" definitely wasn't a benefit! The results are as follows:

**FINISHING 33-44th and winning \$160** were: **Andrew Watering Hole's** "Just Us," **Fortune Star's** "Rack 'Em & Weep," **Aloha Station's** "The Luckee Ones," **Mousetrap's** "Swingin' Sticks," **505 Tavern's** "Bud 30," **River Road House's** "Rack 'Em Tight," **Fortune Star's** "Devil's Rejects," **Ice House's** "Bus Boys," **Lu's** "Kneedraggers" **Back Alley's** "Shark B8," **Northside's** "Knuckleheads," and **Underground's** "Assassain's."

**FINISHING 25-32nd & winning \$225** were: **Andrew Watering Hole's** "That's Our Cue," **Mike Place's** "Apotheosis," **Twilight Room's** "Beyond The Influence," **Andy's Inn's** "City Hunters," **McAnulty & Barry's** "Rebels & Outlaws," **Skyland Pub's** "Regulators," **MaGuffy's** "Average Joe's," and **Greely Ave Bar's** "Alcoholics Unanimous."

**FINISHING 17-24th and winning \$300** was **Double Aught's** "Kings Table," **505 Tavern's** "The Bank's Open," **Sam's** "Hit Squad," **River Road's** "Chosen Ones," **4th Plain's** "Miss Cues," **Aloha Station's** "Don't Talk 2 My Balls," **Back Alley's** "Wait for it," and **Leo Lair's** "Ummm Your Team."

**FINISHING Bridesmaid 9-16TH and winning \$450** were: **Orchard Tap's** "Poke & Hope," **Lion Eye's** "Drop It Like It's Slop," **Wild Horse's** "Pocket Pounders," **Sellwood Bar's** "Milwaukie's Best," **Back Alley's** (Continued on Pg 2.)

# TRI-CUP

(Continued from Pg. 1) "Rack On;" Falco's "Replacements;" River Road House's "8's & A's;" and Falco's "Put some Weird on it."

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**FINISHING 5—8th** and winning "Bronze Medallions" AND \$675 each were: Touche's "Crazy Train" from the Central 9-Ball division— with Team Captain: **Bert Fukumoto**, and teammates--**Atsuo Utsumi, Matt Richter, David L'Heureux, Ragen Shore, David Moore, Leslie Loofbourrow**; Jo Saloon's "The Best or Nothing" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Rich Burns**, and teammates--**Shawn Gunderson, Mylee Burns, Jamie Smothers, Nicholas Gunderson, Teresa Soulier, Austin Manning and Benjamin Maddox**; "River Road's "Under8ed" from the Southeast D.J. division with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates--**Alex Hoyt, Richard Fry, Jennifer Gilley, Jennifer Windell, Kimberly Doud-Van Dyke, Nick Wimmer, and Jonmichael Rutherford**; and McAnulty & Barry's "What's Tri-Cups?" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jeffrey Martini**, and teammates--**Jack Daniels, Deserie Daniels, Matt Lindsay, Michael Pranz, LeAnna Gray, Jessica Wehling, and Cindy White**.

**FINISHING 3-4** and winning Silver Medallions and \$950 each was: Timber Pub's "Shot Effect" from the Gateway D.J. division with Team Captain: **Randy Messner**, and teammates-- **Tim & Sheri Sexton, Brian Messner, Bryan Kellim, Seth Lindquist, Kody Geertz, and Janelle Geertz**; AND Jake's Place's "Wolf Pack" from the Sunrise D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Erik Norman**, and teammates— **Michael Fery Jr., Alec Hamilton, William Yung, Lachuy Nguyen, Erin Mitchell, David Kang, and Vera Chanda**.

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,275 from the Skyline D.J. division was the "Dugout's" "Right On Cue" with Team Captain: **Paul Soldan**, and teammates: **Michelle Soldan, Lily Hawley, Gregory Shields, Jeffrey Farnsworth, Christopher Willard, Kyle Milligan, and Ben Schneider**

**FINISHING 1ST** & taking the bragging rights, the Platinum Medals and the top money prize of \$1,625 was: Epic Sport Bar's "Here We Go Again" from the Parkrose D.J. Division with Team Captain: **Raquel Walton**, and teammates: **India Minjarez, Mathew Moreno, Ramon Enciso, Rickey Lerman, and Shelby Jones**

The Journeys for "Right On Cue" and "Here We Go Again" were no way near, even remotely the same. "Right on Cue" began in Slot 25 with a "Bye" Friday night at the Midway. In the Saturday 9 Am round "ROC" uprooted the "Devil's Rejects" into the depths of the backside where they would not be heard from again.

In the 5 PM round "ROC" out-last-ed River Road's "Chosen One's" to win the right to come back and compete the next day at the Midway in the Sunday 9 AM Medal round against the emergent from out of the dark side "Rack On."

In the 9 Am Round **ROC** won again to secure not only a slot in the June Regional, but also a guaranteed medal. "Rack On" went out the door with a check for \$450.

In the Scheduled 1 PM Silver Medal round they played on two tables simultaneously and derailed the notorious "Crazy Train" sending them out the door with the bronze to get their pictures taken along with \$675 for 5th place. Next in the Sat 3 PM match round "ROC" had to go down all the way into the last rack of the match before taking down the "Wolf Pack" and chasing them out the door to get their pictures taken with **Continued on Page 3.)**



**BRONZE -- CRAZY TRAIN**



**BRONZE -- The BEST, or NOTHING**



**BRONZE -- UNDER8ED**



**BRONZE -- What's Tri-Cups?**



**TRI-CUP** (Continued from Page 2.) the Silver medals and \$950 in their pockets to perch themselves on the winner's point to mentally prepare for the up coming final.

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Epic Sport Bar's **"Here We Go Again's"** journey began Friday Night at the Midway in slot 13 against **"Kneedraggers"** who ended up dragging themselves straight into the one loss side.

In the 9 AM Saturday morning round the **"Go's"** got blindsided by **8's & A's** who sent **"ROC"** swirling into the one loss side 1 O'clock round **"ROC"** took the **Shark B8** and showed them the door.

The **"Go's"** methodically took the 5 PM round and the **"Regulars"** were helped on out the door to home with **\$300** in their pocket. The **"GO's"** on the other hand, would be coming back for the 9:00 Am Sunday Bridesmaid/Medal round to compete against **"Milwaukies Best"** in the quest for a bronze Medal.

That match was a close contest, and it came down to the wire, but in the end, **Go's"** power prevailed as **"Milwaukies Best"** were turned into **\$450** dollar holding bridesmaids instead of Bronze Medal holders. Therefore, **"Here We Go Again"** claimed the bragging rights, to at least a Bronze Medallion and a slot to regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday Silver Medal round all competitive matches went to playing on two tables simultaneously, **"Go's"** got past **"JO's Saloon's The Best or Nothing"** and sent them skedaddling on home with the "Bronze" Necklaces and **\$675**. In the 3 PM round **"Go's"** shot for effect against the **"Shot Effect"** blowing them out the door and down the road to home with **\$950** and the Silver.

Now it was off the Gold / Platinum finals for the Epic Sport Bar's **"Here We Go Again"** and the Dugout's **"Right On Cue."**

Whether the **"GO's"** went to a new level, or if **"ROC"** simply put the pedal to the metal nobody could tell for sure. After one of the worst **"Color of Money"** break attempts ever, when the final ball was pocketed on the 5 simultaneous match-play tables the results were :

On Table 2: **"ROC's"** SL-2 **Lily Hawley** lost 17-25 to **"GO's"** SL-3 **Shelby Jones**. Score: 12-8 71291279 in favor of **"GO's"**

On Table 3: **"ROC's"** SL- 5 **Greg Shields** got beat by **"GO's"** SL-4 **Rickey Lerman** 31—25 for a 15-5 score. Match now 27-13 **"GO's"**

On table 4: **"ROC's"** SL-2 **Ben Schnider** slaughtered **"GO's"** SL-4 **Ramon Encisco** 19-10 for an 18-2 score. Score: **31-29** in favor of **"ROC"**

On table 5: **"ROC's"** SL-5 **Paul Solden** got defeated by **"GO's"** SL-3 **Matt Moreno** 25-35 for an 8-12 score. 41-39 in favor of **"GO's"**

On table 6: **"ROC's"** SL-8 **Jeff Farnsworth** got beat by **"GO's"** SL-6 —**Raquel Walton** 12-8. The Final Tally came out to be:

**"Here We Go Again: 53 — Right On Cue: 47"**

After everything was said and done, Epic Sport Bar's **"Here We Go Again"** — were absolutely delighted that they had accrued the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a **\$1,625** check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2016 Fall Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. For their efforts, The Dugout's team— **"Right On Cue"** received **\$1,275** & Gold Medallions.

The next step will be the June 9-11th 2017 9-Ball Regionals at Wichita Town Pub on Kings Blvd where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Spring 9-Ball Tri-Cups for what still appears to be 6 possible team slots that will be allocated to us this year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas August 11-15, 2016.

Special Thanks again to Jeff, Will, and Paul who helped out with the electronic dilemmas, the crews of **Rodders & Midway** for hosting this event, And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Dan Fendall, Maxine Buhler, Sammy McCabe, Sarah Pearson, Stephen Schneringer, Jeff Hiatt, Don "Coyote" Walker, and John Blue.**



**SILVER -- SHOT EFFECT**



**SILVER -- WOLF PACK**



**GOLD -- RIGHT ON CUE**



**PLATINUM -- HERE WE GO AGAIN**



It's TIME once again for:  
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**LUNCH WITH THE POPE:** President Trump invited the pope for lunch on his mega yacht, the Pope accepted, and during lunch a puff of wind blew the Pontiff's hat off right into the water. It floated off about 50 feet. Then, the wind died down and it just floated in place. The crew and secret service were all scrambling about trying to figure out how to launch a small boat to go get it when Trump waved them off saying "Never mind boys. I'll get it." The Donald climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed onto the yacht, and handed the Pope his hat. The crew was speechless. The security team and the Pope's entourage were speechless. No one knew what to say, not even the Pope! However, that very afternoon NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, CNN, MSNBC, all know how to cover the story. Their banner headline read: **TRUMP CAN'T SWIM !**

**Jokes & Cartoons Submitted By:**  
**Dan Bochard, Jeff Clohessy & Jim Elphick**

At a Retirement Village in South Florida there was a Bumper Sticker on a Parked Sports car that read:

**I MISS CHICAGO**

Someone broke the window, Stole the radio, shot out all 4 tires, added an O'Bama Bumper Sticker, and then left a note that read:

**I HOPE THIS HELPS !**



There is no loser's corner until next week! But, there are still 5 numbers unclaimed from week #1 plus 5 new ones from this week-So, get looking !!

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