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Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

JANUARY 27— 29 Wichita Town Pub and Midway's Public House in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. Wichita Town Pub hosted the Sunday finals. The Owner's and crews of all the host locations did a nice job as hosts. There were both

hardware, and software printer problems at the Midway, on Saturday resulting in matches starting almost two hours late in some situations, but thanks to the expertise of some of the tournament players who tweaked, and prodded the program, we were able to eventually get back on track. However, 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. The competition was fierce and several double hill time consuming matches occurred. However, we got through it, but at the time it was frustrating as hell for everybody. That printer has seen it's last days of service to OPAL-APA. The damn thing is going in the trash, and a replacement printer will be recruited to take it's place well before the next event happens.

There were 54 division 8-Ball team finalists competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which was 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 three 9:00 Am elimination matches at both locations. It was a weekend of close competition with many of the team matches going way overtime, and 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 over.

We had a total payout fund of **\$20,132** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 61% 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 Wichita Town Pub on King's Road by 9:30 PM Sunday Night.

FINISHING 49-54th and winning **\$150** were: **Wichita T P's** "2 Knuckles Deep" **Sweet Home's** "Chalkaholics," **Midnight Div's** "Powell Hurst Tavern," **Sam's** "Friends & Family," **Underground's** "No Slop for The Wicked," and **McAnulty & Barry's** "2 Many Shots"

FINISHING 33-48th and winning **\$200** were: **Sunset Div's** "Ringos," **Ringo's** "Scratch 'n Sniff," **Slingshot's** "Slingin' Around," **Wild Horse's** "Pocket Pounders," **Mousetrap's** "Jerry's Old Kids," **Moose Lodge's** "Moose Rac Pac," **McAnulty & Barry's** "Whatever's Clever," **Timber's** "Cutters," **Epic's** "Here We Go Again," **Silver Star Saloon's** "Land Sharks," **Yur's** "Wild Shot's," **McAnulty & Barry's** "Corner Hookers," **Cascade Bar's** "Sammy's Slammers," **MaGuffy's** "Taco Flavored Kisses," **Cascade Bar's** "Pool Dawgs," and **River Road House's** "8's & A's" **(Continued on Pg. 2.)**



SUCCESSION - POOL SHARKS

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the January 16th newsletter Nobody called to utter the "Magic Words" and claim their prize so there'll be a "Loser's Party of FIVE on the back page this week for you to have fun with !!!

Moving right along, from the January 23RD Newsletter TWO people have called in. That was: **Ben Wyatt** (97220309) who plays for Sling-shot's "All The Almonds" in the Southeast D.J. division, and **Lloyd Bedner** (97221159) who plays for Golden Horse's "Odz 'N Endz" 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

NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF
THAT HASN'T EVEN
HAPPENED YET.

TRI-CUP



(Continued from Pg. 1) **FINISHING 25 / 32nd** and winning \$270 were: LT's "It's Time," Jake's "Who Cares?," Dugout's "A Stick Shy," Maui's "ZZ Topless," Double Aught's "Chalking Dead," McNulty & Barry's "What's Tri-Cups," Hanks's "That's Gonna Leave A Mark," and Pub 181's "Sticklerz."

FINISHING 17 / 24th and winning \$370 were: Falco's "Dysfunction Junction," Back Alley's "Generations," Fortune Star's "Get Shafted," McNulty & Barry's "Don't Have A Cue," Selwood Inn's "Money In the Bank," Binks "Death By Rabies," Fortune Star's "Eric's Chaperones," and River Road House's "Chosen Ones."

FINISHING bridesmaid at 9 / 16th and winning \$470 were: McNulty & Barry's "Accidental Defense," Falco's "Arkham Asylum," Underground's "No EZ Shots," Double Aught's "King's Table," Back Alleys "Wait For It," Midway's "Pool Ball Wizards," Touche's "Crazy Train," and Back Alley's "Pool Sharks."

Special Note: Even though the team (Pictured on Pg. 1) "Pool Sharks" missed out on winning a medallion, they still earned a spot in Regionals by right of succession. The team that beat them in the Sunday morning medal round were an already regional qualified from the previous Fall Session. Therefore, by the right of succession, (since a team cannot win two regional spots and deprive another team of competing in regional play) **Back Alley's "Pool Sharks" from the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division—**with Team Captain: **Chris Wagner**, and teammates--**Tim Arthur, Michael & Earleen Martin, Scott Hood, Brittney Sattell, Jose Otero, and Bruce Graham** will be competing in Regionals for one of the coveted slots to the APA Las Vegas Nationals.

FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$650, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Prairie's "D O M S"** from the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Anna Mixon**, and teammates--**Clarice Burkhart, Perry Mixon, Ron Hardin, Sherri Alexander, Herb Williams,, John Swift, and Shawna Woodley;** **Falco's "Put Some Weird On It"** from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Gilbert,**, and teammates-- **Dale & Barbara Lindquist, Teresa Heick, Michael Dubendorf, Ian Rose, Jessica Strutton, and Bobby Gudmundsen;** **Shamrock's "Dream Team"** from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Kim Trip,** and teammates: **Heidi Piehl, Jake Klemonskey, Christina Dobrzynski, Jennifer Newman, Tamara Denton, Brian Newman, and Tyler Hanson;** and **Joe Cellar's "Unconscious 'D'"** from the Downtown D.J. division with Team Captain: **Binh Huynh,** and teammates-- **Jacob Stern, Sean Cunningham, Carl Baker, Jeff Porter, Angela Elmore, Rebecca Rogers, and Bella Halderman.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$876 each was: **Big AI's "Balance Point"** from the Columbia DJ division with Team Captain: **Jeff Guymon,** and teammates—**David Eastman, Aaron Plantenberg, Cameron Edmonds, Jeff Traxler Sr., Aletia Hambleton, Linda Johnson, and Ben Neyman.** Along with **Maguff's "Why So Hard?"** from the Mid-West DJ division— with Team Captain: **Jason Scheck,** and teammates--**David Bowler, Paul Johnson, Chris Willard, Sapna Upadhayay Johnathan Tang, Roy Chrisop, and Robert Martyn Jr.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 was **Cascade Bar's "Blitzkrieg"** from the CC-APA DJ division with Team Captain: **Anthony Darnell,** & teammates--**Brandon Owens, Dustin Wyatt, Christopher Kieling, Scott Huse, and Roxanna Doty.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions—and the top money prize of \$1,600—from the Willamette D.J. division was River Road House's "Under8ed" with Team Captain **Phil Bremer,** and teammates: **Alex Hoyt, Jennifer Gilley, Richard Fry, Jennifer Windell, Kim Doud-Van Dyke, Nick Wimmer, and Jonmichael Rutherford.**

Both eventual finalists were undefeated all the way to the finals. "Blitzkrieg" started out at WTP (Wichita Town Pub) drawing one of just four Friday night "BYE's" and didn't have to (Continued Pg. 3.)



BRONZE -- D O M S



BRONZE -- PUT SOME WIERD ON IT



BRONZE -- THE DREAM TEAM



BRONZE -- UNCONSCIOUS 'D'



(Continued from Pg. 2) compete until Saturday morning against eventual Bronze winners **"Unconscious D"** The **"Blitz's"** ended up scoring a TKO and knocked them over to the back side.. Coming back for the 5 PM even round **"Blitzkrieg"** wiped out **"Generations"** and sent them out the door to home with \$370 in their pockets. **"Blitzkrieg"** now had the Sunday morning Bridesmaid/medal round to look forward to.

In the Sunday morning bridesmaid round **"Blitzkrieg"** found themselves defeating **Midway's Pool Ball Wizards** to guarantee themselves at least a Bronze Medal and a spot in Regionals. In the 1 PM Bronze/Silver round **"Blitzkrieg,"** now playing on two tables simultaneously overwhelmed the Prairie's **"Doms"** leaving then behind holding the Bronze and \$675. The **"Blitz's"** were now were guaranteed at least the Silver. In the 3 PM Silver/Gold round **"Blitzkrieg"** fired their cue cannons to effect and completely knocked **"Balance Point"** off balance and eventually, on out the door to the road home with their newly acquired Silver: and a check for \$876.

That last win put **"Blitzkrieg"** in direct focus of their undefeated trek right into the finals to await to see who it would be to come up out of the lower bracket to take them on. They didn't have to wait very long.

"Under8ed's" journey also took them down a straight path from the Midway—all the way—undefeated—to the finals, but unlike **"Blitzkrieg,"** **"Under8ed"** didn't. have the luxury of a Friday night "Bye". **"Under8ed's"** started out in slot #54 at the Midway on Friday night by pouncing the **"Pocket Pounders"** over to the one loss side to never be heard from again. In the 9 Am Saturday morning round **"The Under's"** gave **"It's Time"** a one way ticket into the back side as well. In the 5 PM winner's side match **The Under's** told **"Eric's Chaperones"** the party was over leaving them to flounder their way home with \$370 in pocket change while **The Under's** began preparing themselves for a Sunday morning happy time down at the Wichita Town Pub..

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the **Under's** had refreshed. They committed the **"Arkham Asylum"** to the role of **bridesmaid** after a double hill thriller—right on out the door with \$470 to claim at least a Bronze Medallion necklace, and a spot in June Regionals. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round (which didn't get started until 2:PM) . The **"Under's"** popped the dreams of the **"Dream Team"** and sent them home holding onto their Bronze with \$650. In the semi final round The **Under's** vigorously slammed the door shut in the faces of **"Why So Hard"** leaving them behind holding the Silver and a check for \$876

Now it was off to the finals between **"Under8ed & Blitzkrieg"** which would be played on 5 tables at the same time beginning with a **"Color Of Money"** simultaneous break by Merle's command.

The finals, most thought, would be close. As it turned out. It definitely was: The contest was begun with an out of sync color of money break on match tables—6,7,8, 9 & 10. When the last match on the last table was over the final results were tallied as follows:

Playing on Table 6, was **"Blitz's"** SL-4 **Brandon Owens** who was defeated 2-1 by **"Under's"** SL-3 **Jonmichael Rutherford** **Score:** 2-Zip.

Playing on Table 7, was **"Blitzs"** SL-3 **Chris Keiling** who lost to **"Under's"** SL-5 **Nick Wimmer** 4-1 who scoed a 2-1 win.

Playing on Table 8 was **"Under's"** SL-5 **Jennifer Windell** who got Blitzed by **"Blitz's"** SL-4 **Dustin Wyatt** 3-Zip to score a 3-Zip win.

Playing on Table 9, was **"Under's"** SL-7 Team Captain **Phil Bremer** who out played **"Blitz's"** SL-5 **Scott** (Continued on Pg. 4)



SILVER -- BALANCE POINT



SILVER -- WHY SO HARD?



GOLD -- BLITZKRIEG



PLATINUM -- UNDER8ED



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Division Reps
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Time: 12:30 PM
Where: The Back Room of
RODDERS in Oregon City!



THE LOSER'S CORNER



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(Continued from Pg. 3) Huse by beating him 5-Zip for an applied team match score of 3-Zip.

Playing on Table 10, was "Blitz's" SL-7 Team Captain **Anthony Darnell** who out played, out witted, and out scored "Under's" SL-3 **Jennifer Gilly** 6-0 for an applied match team score of 3-Zip.

The final point Talley added up to be 7 points for **Blitzkrieg**, and 7 points for **Under8ed**. The match was tied—Dead even. We had to then go to the tie breaker which was whoever won the most match races in order to determine the winner. "**Blitzkrieg**" won two match races **one** on Table "7" and the other on table "10." "**Under8ed**" won 3 Match races. One on Table "6", one on Table "8" and the last on Table "9" Final Score 3-2 in favor of "**Under8ed**." It just doesn't get any closer then that folks.

The River Road House's "**Under8ed**" team— was delighted, of course, that they had accrued the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,600 check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2016 Fall Session 8-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. For their efforts Cascade Bar's "**Blitzkrieg**" received \$1,200 & Gold Medallions.

The next step will be the June 16-18th 2017 8-Ball Regionals at the Midway in Oregon City where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cups for what is now 6 team slots that will be allocated to us this year for the APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas in Mid-August 2017.

Special Thanks to all who participated in this event, and to the staff of Midway's Public House, and the Wichita Town Pub or being such Gracious and accommodating hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work & dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Dan Fendall, Kevin McCarthy Sarah Pearson, Jeff Hiatt, Steve Chandler, Miguel Madrigal, Stephen Schneringer, Paul Soldan, and John Blue.

The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 16, 2017 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—**SUE LEGER** (97217877) who plays for Fortune Star's "**Most Fortunate**" in the **Ladies East** Division.
- 2—**MARIA MORRIS** (97216595) who plays for Dbl Aught's "**Kick Jimmy In The Jimmy**" in **Mt. Hood D.J.** div.
- 3—**MIKE FARLAND** (97217257) who plays for 3 Mon-key's "**Beef Supreme**" in the **Triple Play Masters** division.
- 4—**STACY JUNG** (97220076) who plays for Under-ground's "**Slop Counts**" in the **Skyline D.J.** Division.
- 5—**TRACY MORGAN** (97221476) who plays for Under-ground's "**Banks Open**" in the **Triple Play Masters** Div.

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..!**

