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THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

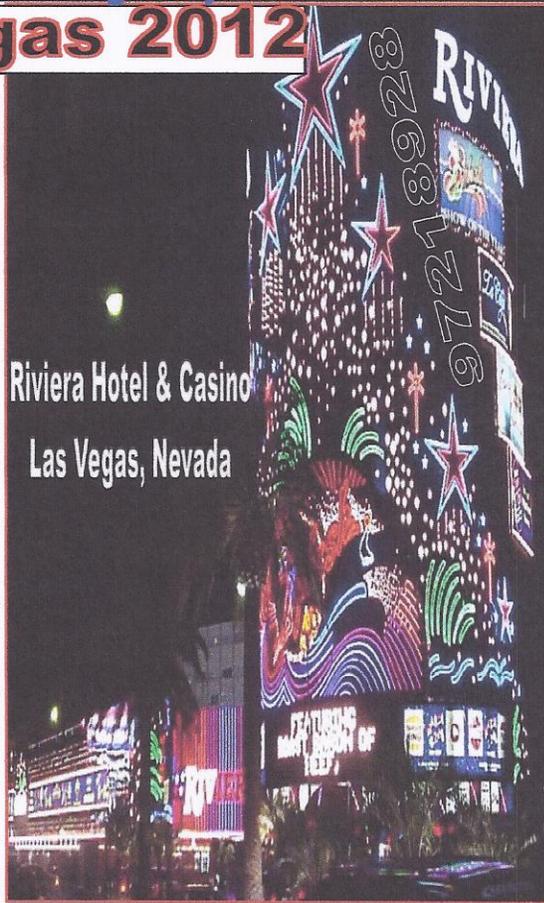
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Las Vegas 2012

APRIL 22 —28th Boomer and Merle attended the National APA League Operator conference at the Riviera which was followed by the APA Jack 'n' Jill national championship and the National 8 & 9-Ball singles Championship on April 25th.

Representing OPAL in the APA National Jack 'n' Jill Scotch doubles championships were the pairs of: **Michael Choe & Kristen Shellenberger** who finished 2 out of the money at 97th, and **Tony Graham & Kathi Burdge** who finished just one out of the money at 65th. Even though both pairs didn't place in the money—they did us proud by being tough competitors who represented us very well.



Riviera Hotel & Casino
 Las Vegas, Nevada

In the National singles competition we had 16 representatives—7 in 9-Ball and 9 in 9-Ball competing. Only three made it into the higher prizes—the rest made it to an early vacation. Everyone that participated won shared lodging, \$100 in cash, A commemorative Jacket and \$200 in travel allowance

In the 9-Ball SL-1-3 **Green Tier** Grouping **Rhonda Hayes** who plays for Ringo's "Why So Hard?" in the Midwest division took 5th place which gave her \$1500 in cash and prizes—including a commemorative cue and case. **Lisa McClellan, Jodell Broaddus, Tina Peralta, Chip Bugbee, Connie Carlson, Jonathan Hahn, Maxine Buhler & Helen Hahn** gave it their best, but all ended up on going on an earlier-then hoped for- vacation.

In the SL-4 8-Ball **Yellow Tier**, both **Brandon McIntyre** who plays for Underground Sports Bar's "May the Felt Be With You" in the West Hills division, and **Susumu Migaki** who plays for Ringo's "Get Felt" in the South East division finished 17th to win a total of \$600 in cash and prizes. The rest of the five 8-Ball hopefuls — **Karrar Mayweather, Brian Goodrow, Delores Petrich, Larry Gee, and Matt Hegre** all represented OPAL-APA to the best of their abilities, and all managed to have a great memorable time exploring all the glimmer, glamour, and excitement that Las Vegas has to offer..

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" fresh APA membership numbers just waiting to be discovered.



Only one—just one— person from the March 26th newsletter managed to find her number hidden in the newsletter and that was: **Rise Devoe** (97217063) who plays for Timber's "Timber Cutters" out of the Gateway Double Jeopardy division. From the April 2nd Newsletter hehehehehehahahah (sinister evil Boomer laugh) not a single person saw their number and called in to claim their prize...and pathetically the numbers were so much in plain sight that even Cherry Pye would have been able to see 'em! Therefore, starting out this Summer Session 2012 you'll see 9 people in the Loser's Corner

You have until the writing of the 2nd Newsletter following the newsletter that your number is in to call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt" so next week there will be NO loser's corner, but there will again be five (5) more new numbers hidden for you to find, or you too will be going off to the Loser's Corner where everyone can see you — and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker because they know there's going to be a shirt waiting for them seeing how the possibility existed that you must not have wanted yours-

DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU - BE AN OPAL WINNER

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OPAL/APA NW Invitational @ Chinook Winds

One week before the APA Singles & Jack 'n Jill Scotch Doubles Nationals in Las Vegas, Chinook Winds in Lincoln City hosted the OPAL/APA NW Invitational April 21-24. Again, Steve Lingelbach, and crew, from *Billiards and Barstools* contracted the tables and set up the tournament room then administered a ton of mini tournaments for the enjoyment of players. We officially kicked off the event with 127 team pairings in the Modified Single Elimination Early Bird Scotch doubles tournament on Thursday..

WPBA Touring Pro **Jeanette Lee** (aka *The Black Widow*) put on a great exhibition from 7:30 to 10 PM that evening too.

Scotch play began at 9:00 AM on Thursday and progressed smoothly throughout the day to conclude in early evening with Seattle's "Team Hustlin'" **Creigh Dumo** & **Sophia Tran** taking the top honors over the OPAL team--"Dangerous Cues" with **Marcus Haskins** and **Kristin Cambas**.

The total payouts paid down to the top 32 finishers in the field minus green fees amounted to \$9,652. The top 32 finishers are listed in the table at right: →

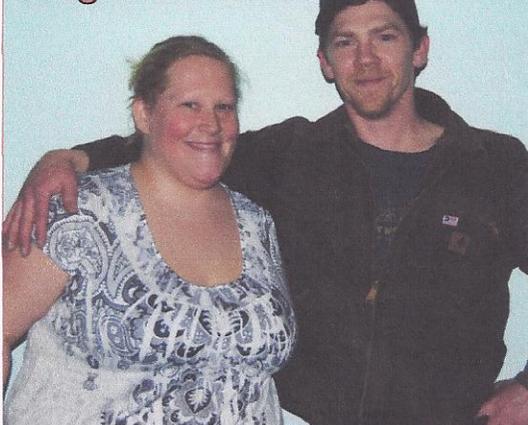
EARLY-BIRD SCOTCH PAYOUTS:

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1 ST	\$1,352	"Team Hustlin'"—Creigh Dumo & Sophia Tran	Seattle
2 ND	\$1,000	"Dangerous Cues" Marcus Haskins & Kristin Cambas	SePAL
3/4	\$ 750	"White Chocolate" – Jodell Broaddus & Megan Marshall	OPAL
3/4	\$ 750	"Seattle Seahawks"- Nath & Mark Stacey	Seattle
5/8	\$ 450	"Take A Seat" – Jeff Lewis & Phil Bremer	OPAL
5/8	\$ 450	"Time Out"—Aaron Tipton & Rockee Wey	OPAL
5/8	\$ 450	"Twisted Cues"- Darrel Van Zant & Cory Van Nortrick	Seattle
5/8	\$ 450	"Gal Pals"- Angela Franklin & Carol Townsend	Salem
9/16	\$ 250	"Todd & We-todd"-Todd Brady & Ron Bereman	Salem
9/16	\$ 250	"Arack-A-Phobia"- Shea Lanter & Brandi Franklin	OPAL
9/16	\$ 250	"Team Chosun"—John Mason & Richard Vanderwouden	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"Critical Mass"—Sumesh Kumar & Sunil Muthuswamy	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"Where's My Drink?"—David Lash & Kevin Thompson	Tacoma
9/16	\$ 250	"Crooked Cues"—Deana Butler & Jesse Garner	OPAL
9/16	\$ 250	"Table of 5's"—John Ross & Tony Graham	OPAL,
9/16	\$ 250	"Shenanigans"—Tony Keller & Dane Cue	Seattle
17/32	\$ 125	"Smooth Stokers"-Staci More-Moses & Sam Work	Seattle
17/32	\$ 125	"Scotch Guard"—Bob Winfield & Rachael Williams	OPAL
17/32	\$ 125	"Scott's Team"—Scott Ruegsegger & Bob George	Salem
17/32	\$ 125	"Pool Pirates"—Naga Aryasomayajula & Scott Fisher	Seattle
97/20	\$ 125	"The Jawbreakers"—Amber Witgen & Liz Cole	OPAL
16/80	\$ 125	"The Doves"—Jonathan & Helen Hahn	OPAL
17/32	\$ 125	"Jake & The Joker"- Cisco Cabello & Jack Lee	Salem
17/32	\$ 125	"OK Now What?"—David Bumgardner & Rebecca Slyter	OPAL
17/32	\$ 125	"Slo-Pokes"—David Woodall & Dana Sharman	Salem
17/32	\$ 125	"Efen & Earl"—Mike & Nancy Kennedy	Seattle
17/32	\$ 125	"Boozey Floozies" – David Wilson & Andrew Brainard	OPAL
17/32	\$ 125	"Shark Bait" – Shawn Kellar & Alfreda Amyotte	OPAL
17/32	\$ 125	"Princess & Toad"—Christine Bonin & Bob Davis	OPAL
17/32	\$ 125	"Just For Fun" –Amanda McConnell & Mike Pendleton	Seattle
17/32	\$ 125	"Riche Pureu" – Rache Prucell & Jeff Lanter	Seattle
17/32	\$ 125	"Dezi Boyz"—Delip Rewtani & Sandeep Fotedar	Seattle

Team Hustlin'



Dangerous Cues



Friday morning at 8:30 AM we started off with the day with the players meeting where we introduced the referees, tournament staff, and vendors—**Steve Lingelbach & Carissa Biggs** with "Billiards & Barstools," **Criegh Dumo** with "Hustlin USA," and **Jessie** with "Billiards 911." After the introductions, Floor Manager--**John Blue** went over the tournament rules of the 3-person team format with the 148 teams present that would be competing in two separate round robin flights "A" & "B". While Flight "A" played Flight "B" was off to do whatever they wanted and Vice Versa.

Promptly at 9 AM the "A" flight took to the tables and we were underway once again. All day long the competition went on full blast each team hoping to secure a lion's share of the **\$17,540 purse** which was progressively paid out to the top 64 finishers of the field. By evening's end the round robin portion was over and the top 64 teams had emerged that would transcend into Saturday's Modified Single Elimination tournament.

Beginning at 3 PM WPBA touring pro, and the official pro spokesperson for APA, **Jeanette** "The Black Widow" **Lee**, began Challenge matches, autographed pictures, cue cases, and assorted body parts—breaking only for dinner at about 7:00 PM. She came back afterwards and continued with an endless line of \$20 per game challenge matches until 1:30 in the morning. (See Page 4.)

Saturday was truly a busy day for players and staff alike. At 9 am the first round of the 3-person team modified 64 single elimination board got underway with the winner's from the previous day. At 10: AM the first round of the 74 team pairs "Weekender Scotch Doubles" event began, and at 1 PM Steve and Carissa from "On The Wire" got the Lincoln City open going. In addition, *Mini tournaments* were ongoing continuously as well as the "Beat The Merle" contest. There wasn't an idle pool cue in the whole place. Meanwhile, **John Blue** and his referee staff was kept hopping making sure everything was running smoothly and the matches kept pace within the time limits. The matches progressed right along according to schedule. At the "Control Table" **Boomer, Donna Kingsbury, John Blue, Terry Pinto, and Randee Lee**—APA League Operator from Salem, along with and other assorted volunteers made it all possible and happening..

WEEKENDER SCOTCH

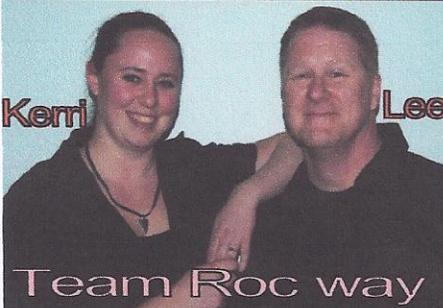
At approximately 9 PM on Saturday evening the 74 pairs Weekender Scotch doubles event had been completed paying out a total purse of **\$5,650** to the top 24 finishing teams in the field. It was a double OPAL finish. "Double Deel" with **Mick & son, Brandon Deel** took 1st place honors when they rocked out in the "Finals" against "Team Roc Way" with **Lee Hall & Kerri Hattig**

The final results are at right: ➔

A "HECK" OF A DEEL!



The "Son" Deel & The "Daddy" Deel



Team Roc way

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1ST	\$ 900	"Double Deel"- Mick (The Dad) & (Son) Brandon Deel	OPAL
2ND	650	"Team Roc Way"—Lee Hall & Kerri Hattig	OPAL
3/4	450	"Rack & Roll" – Cody Johnson & Ashley Smith	OPAL
3/4	450	"Seattle Sea Chawks"—Mark & Nath Stacey	Seattle
5/8	450	"Monkey Wrench" – Ken Woodcock & Trisha Youngman	Seattle
5/8	450	"8/9 Suited"—Ian Miller & Larry Poe	O9AL
5/8	300	"Dangerous Cues"- Kristin Cambas & Tim Higginson	O7AL
5/8	300	"Angry Dragon"- Steve Gelow & Eric Hernanz	O2AL
9/16	150	"Pocket My Balls"-Joshua Eschright & Robert Bayless	O1AL
9/16	150	"The Winners"- John Duncan & Allen Paulsen	O8AL
9/16	150	"J & J"-Jeff Kriegshauser & Jenna Bond	O0AL
9/16	150	"Spicier Racks"—Tom Kerrigan & Jillian Bovett	S2attle
9/16	150	"Is It Bacon?"—Vinny Romano & Andrian Stanciu	S6attle
9/16	150	"237 Combined"—Greg Fee & Aimee Chow	Seattle
9/16	150	"Mason's Last Stand"—David Lewis & Richard Vanderwouden	Seattle
9/16	150	"Giggity Giggity"—Markus Haskins & Kyle Whitney	Seattle
17/24	100	"Ocean Spray"- Scott Hanken & LeAnna Gray	OPAL
17/24	100	"Deel Us In"—Sandy (Mom) & (Daughter) Kailee Deel	OPAL
17/24	100	"Rehab Waggoneers"—Mike Keefe & Vince Perrone	OPAL
17/24	100	"Flash & Eddie"—Ed Parenti & Emily Campbell	OPAL
17/24	100	"Just A Shell"—Jim Grassman & Russ Ivie	Salem
17/24	100	"2 Duffers"—Mike Harlow & Lonnie Knotts	Salem
17/24	100	"Snipers"- Cody Wren & Kelsie Matsler	Salem
17/24	100	"Jack & The Joker"—Jack Lee & Cisco Cabello	Salem



Jeanette Lee, is probably the most recognizable woman poolplayer in the entire world. She is known both lovingly and fiercely as "The Black Widow," and holds the honor of being one of the very Top WPBA players in the world. In addition, she holds the distinction as being the "Official Pro Spokesperson for the APA." Throughout her outstanding 20 year career she has enjoyed claiming more than 30 National and international titles. However success was no cake walk for Jeanette Lee. At age 12 she was diagnosed with severe Scoliosis (*curvature of the spine*) and had to undergo multiple spinal operations throughout her teen and adult years which eventually left her with a 19" titanium rod having to be implanted in her spine.

In spite of the adversity of her physical limitations, Jeanette's will and determination to succeed at the sport of Billiards that she had so come to love; manifested itself in a disciplined work ethic so intense that she became the #1 player in the world in only two years after her professional debut. Jeanette has won every major title in her sport that has been thrown at her— including the Gold Medal at the 2001 World Games. In addition she has also earned numerous Player of the Year honors from both Billiards Digest, and Pool and Billiards Magazines.

Whenever Jeanette Lee plays—whether it be for fun, or in a major tournament—her concentration and focus when shooting— becomes so intensely sharp that if her eyes were lasers they'd be burning holes in the Billiard balls...It's mesmerizing, and you stand in awe, and amazement, as you witness her dominant predator-like prowess. She is a "Diva," and as "The Black Widow," she is so appropriately named! (*With the exception that her husband—George Breedlove—is very much alive and well!*) 🙌😊

During her visit with us several volunteer staff assisted with her every need to insure that every aspect of her performance times went off without a hitch. The volunteer staff included *Debbie Jones, Becky Chandler, Shannon Fey-Young, Larry Gee, Joe Dubanski, and Dustin Edmiston.*

JEANETTE LEE - "The Black Widow"

