



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 — ‘cause they will know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box simply because YOU weren’t observant enough to find yours and get to avoid all of the freakin’ embarrassment!

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0-Ball Team

June 8-10
at KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously hosted our OPAL-APA Tournament of Champion Team 9-Ball Regional. KC's did a great job in making sure their provided service was both quick and excellent, Food and drink was both plentiful and refreshing.

There were a total of 22 Tri-Cup Medallion winners and two teams who had gotten into the regional by "Rite of Succession" competing for one of six (6) **\$4,000** National Competition slots to be held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, this coming August 16-20 in Las Vegas. Eight teams from each of the three APA League sessions—Summer-2011, Fall-2011, and Spring-2012 competed in the full double elimination event format. If a team reached 50 points with three match-race wins, or 51 points the match was over.

The Saturday 5:00 PM round on the winners side of the bracket would produce the first four of the six **\$4,000** National Las Vegas slots. The remaining two slots however, would have to wait until after the conclusion of Sunday 2:00 PM round to find out who would be boarding the plane to Vegas, or who would be receiving the consolation prize of **\$500** and the right to stay home and drown their sorrows.

Taking the first set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the River City APA division was Spring Session's Tri-Cup Bronze Medal winner's --Jake's Place's **"Jake's Crusaders"** with Team Captain: **Kevin Barry** and teammates— **Zeb Stern, Doug Radke, Gary Russell Jr., Tim Hall, Heather Morrow, Kerry Copeland, and Michael Nottingham**. "Jake's" journey was a short undefeated one. They defeated the Spring Gold winning **"Fortune Star"** in a Saturday 9:AM round double Hill thriller by pulling out a 53-47 point win which sent "Fortune Star" to the one loss side and "Jakes" on to the 5:00 Winner's point final's. There "Jakes" met fellow Spring Session Bronze Medal winner's **"Beyond The Influence"** from the Twilight Room in the Northern Double Jeopardy division. Jake's was on a crusade, and weren't "influenced" by the influence as Jake's took 'em out 51-29 in just four races and sent them over to the one loss side while Jake's went outside to get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny trophies while already contemplating what to pack in their suitcases for their upcoming Vegas trip.



#1 of 6: JAKE 'S CRUSADERS

Taking the Second set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the River City APA division was Fall Session's Tri-Cup Silver Medal winner's --Farside Division's "Leo's lair" with Team Captain: **Frank Loreda**, and teammates— **Troy Vandyke**, **Daniel Villarreal**, **Patrick Loftis**, **Kristin Fletcher**, **Francisco Loreda**, and **Scott Ranf**. "Leo's" was a bit longer then #1's above because They didn't have a (Continued Pg. 2.)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) "Bye" handed to them on Friday night.—they had to play a full team match instead against the Summer Platinum Medallion winner's "8's & A's" from the River Road House in the Mt. Hood division. It was a Friday night Double Hill Thriller Diller which resulted in a very close 51-49 win for the "Leo's" crew, and "8's & A's" were given directions to the one-loss side. Next came the Saturday 9:AM round where "Leo's" had drawn one of the "Rite of Succession" teams—the Irishtown "The Meat Loop" who plays out of the River City-APA 9-Ball division in Vancouver. It was another double Hill thriller. After 4 rounds of play the score was 42-38 two races apiece so whichever team won the 5th race would decide who went to the finals and who would be going to the "last freakin' chance side!" When the dust settled the final

score was 51-49 and narrowly defeated "The Meat Loop" was off to the one loss side and "Leo's Lair" was given passage on to the boat to the 5:00 Winner's point final's. In the 5:00 PM finals "Leo's" met the other Spring Session "Rite of Succession" team "The Kiss of Death" from Scotty's in the Skyline Double Jeopardy division. After two very close and nerve wracking contests "Leo's" had barely escaped death twice already, and here they were facing it again. This time though was different—they weren't about to lie down and die, or get kissed anywhere, by anyone, without first having given it their all. So "Leo's" came blasting out of the gate in full battle armor swinging their sticks in deadly precision—not letting up—until "The Kiss of Death" had been shot down in just 4 races 50-30 and sent limping over to the one loss side. With both shock and Glee, "Leo's Lair" herded themselves outside to get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny regional win trophies while pinching themselves to see if in fact they weren't dreaming....They weren't dreaming—They weren't, and they're going to Vegas!



#2 of 6: LEO'S LAIR

Taking the Third set of economy seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Northern Double Jeopardy division was Spring Session's Tri-Cup Silver Medallion winner's -- Back Alley's, "The Ravens" with Team Captain: Helen Hecovich-Hahn and teammates— Jonathan "Windex" Hahn, Brian Newcomb, Tony Bittner, Brett Usher, Lindy Taylor, Kevin Randall, and Daniel Olson II. "The Ravens" journey was another short and undefeated one. They were like a locomotive rolling through a flimsy chicken coup, or even like a hot knife passing through butter.

[Additionally, there was some "Glassic" evidence—that a whole lot of people got to see & enjoy first hand — up close and personable. During the Saturday Morning Captain's Meeting— Jonathan—seemed to have a bit of a difficult time trying to get to the meeting through the closed sliding glass door! WHOMP !!! 🤖 Ed.]

By the luck of the draw they drew a "Bye" on Friday night and didn't have to play until the 9:00 AM Saturday where they were matched up against the recent Spring Session's Platinum Tri-Cup Medallion's winners—Touche's "Leftovers" from the Central 9-Ball division. "The Ravens" flew in and pest-fully poked them with their cue swords and "Touche'd" them in just 4 races —51-29. "The Leftovers" then left to go amuse themselves in the one-loss side while "Happy" Helen and her "Ravenous" crew wandered off to take a nap and wait for the 5:00 PM winner's side finals. .

In the finals "The Ravens" were forced up against Summer Session Bronze Medal winner's "For the Win" who had just convincingly sent off Scotty's "Short Bus" to the one loss side. "For The Win" hails from Gator's in the North-West Double Jeopardy division. Unfortunately "For The Win" didn't live up to their name this time around. Instead, "The Ravens," took the "Win" by stomping them 50 to 30 in just under four races. Afterwards, as per the norm, Helen and the ravenous crew had to be coerced to migrate outside for pictures with their brand new Regional Trophies.

We strongly suspect it's all a false protest as she just doesn't want to appear eager to bathe in her teams just glory. However, once she's in place, she's always the most photogenic of them all ! "The Ravens" are going to Las Vegas !



#3 of 6: THE RAVENS

Taking the Fourth set of economy seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Northern Double Jeopardy division was Fall Session's Tri-Cup Platinum Medallion winner's -- Wagon Wheel division's, "Mike's Place" with Team Captain: Debra Rozzell, and teammates--Greg Williams, Gary Grim, Elizabeth Garceau, Dale Aebischer, Charles Blackwell, Glenn Rikken, and Ty Ervast. "Mike's" journey was the last of the undefeated journeys. They managed to convincingly dominate their opponents and send them down the path of defeat to the last freakin' (Continued on Page 3.)

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Solely by the dumb luck of the draw they drew a "Bye" on Friday night and didn't have to play their first team match until the 9:00 AM Saturday round where they were matched up against the Gold Medalist's from the past Summer Session's Tri-Cup—Fortune Star's "Who's Left" who play out of the *Farside Double Jeopardy* division. "Mike's Place" went immediately on the attack taking out their opposition in three of the first four races to unmask a winning score of 54-26 which meant they had to go lounge around some place and wait until it was time to compete once again in the winner's point 5:00 PM finals. Meanwhile, "Who's left?" was left behind to scramble down the pathway to register for the Last Freakin' Chance side.

Arriving at the Saturday 5:00 PM winner's point finals "Mike's Place" was forced up against Summer Session Bronze Medal winner's "Team Blackout" who had just convincingly sent off their Spring Bronze sister McAnulty & Barry team "Pooligans," and before that the Fall Gold Medalist team Timber's "Timber Cutters" licking their wounds on the way to the one loss side. "Team Blackout" who play out of McAnulty & Barry's in the Southeast Double Jeopardy division had no intention of putting up anything less than a great fight to the finish. They were in it to win it! After 3 races "Mike's" was down 31-29, but then rallied to a 44-36 lead with a 15-5 winning performance by **Greg Williams**. The 5th race didn't finish because Mike's **Elizabeth Garceau** accumulated the 7 points needed to call the match before her opponent even got halfway down the track. Therefore "Team Blackout" was off to the one-loss side and "Mike's Place" was already looking around to see where that airplane to Las Vegas was parked! After pictures with their brand new Regional Trophies all of the Saturday Vegas Regional winner's got to hear a hour long Victory/Vegas orientation talk with Boomer.



#4 of 6: MIKE'S PLACE

Sunday at the Midway produced the final two Las Vegas slot winners and the \$500 consolation prize runner up winners. Taking the fifth set of Las Vegas plane seats was Twilight Lounge's Spring Session's Tri-Cup Bronze Medal winner's from the Northern Double Jeopardy Division—"Beyond the Influence" with Team Captain: **Shannon Hilands**, and teammates—**Mark Hilands, Cheryl Pye, Jimmie Leverich, David Hoggatt, Hazel Hoffpauir, Greg Fuqua, and Mari-anne Fisher**. After being kicked to the last freakin' chance side by "Jake's Crusaders" concluding the winner's side finals they were forced to play Wagon Wheel division's Fall Session Bronze Medalist's "Wranglers too." No doubt the "Wranglers" were sitting on their Laurels while the "Influence" were feeling all hope was lost when after four completed match races of play the score was 48-32 in favor of the Wranglers. However, despite all odds to the contrary, "Influence" team captain SL-4 **Shannon Hilands** pulled out a ticker tape 31-2 amazing performance in the Sudden Death match to claim a 20-Zip victory against her SL-2 "Wrangler" opponent and thus record a dramatic 52-48 comeback team win which moved her team on into the 2:00 PM Last Chance finals for Las Vegas.

Next, on two tables simultaneously, "Beyond The Influence" took on the Fall "Rite Of Succession" team of Irishtown's "Meat Loop" from the River City-APA division in the final round of the day where the winner would be hopping on the plane to Las Vegas but the loser would be going home with \$500 in their pockets to help them ease their despair. When the dust settled, the total, and final score, after the completion of just four match races was already 54-26--the Contest was over and the "The Meat Loop" was given the consolation check of \$500 and the "Miraculously" fortunate team of "Beyond The Influence" was faced with the unusual reality that THEY were going to Las Vegas to compete in the 9-Ball National Team Championships. Both shocked and Giddy "Beyond the Influence" staggered outside to get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny regional win trophies.



#5 of 6: BEYOND THE INFLUENCE

Taking the sixth and last set of Las Vegas plane seats was Summer Silver Medalist's—McAnulty & Barry's "Team Blackout" from the Southeast Double Jeopardy division—with Team Captain: **Jack Daniels**, and teammates—**Craig Knutson, Michael Pranz, Jeff Martini, Jessica Day, Scott Bean, Caitland Grim and Tim Layton**. After being thumped to the last freakin' chance side by "Mike's Place" in the winner's side finals they were faced in pool battle against Mt. Hood division's Summer Session Platinum Medalist's from the River

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TRI-CUP

(Continued from Page 3) Road House **8's & A's**," after four completed match races accumulating in two wins for each team, the score was 44-36 in favor of the Blackout Team. In the 5th race it was amazing close in raw points scored between Blackout's SL-7 **Scott Bean** and 8's SL-9 **Phil Bremer** however this gave **Scott** the dominant advantage because he was able to get to 38 points before Phil could win; which meant "**Team Blackout**" was moving on while "**8's & A's**" was unfortunately moving out to the road home.

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In the final 2:00 PM Sunday round which was played on two tables simultaneously, "**Team Blackout**" took on the Fall Bronze Medal winning team of Cascade Bar's "**Billiard Ballers**" from the Mt. St. Helens Double Jeopardy division. The winner would be going to Las Vegas and the loser would receive \$500 consolation money. After having lost in the first round to "**Who's Left**" on Friday night the "**Billiard Ballers**" had dramatically fought their way through the entire "**Last Freakin' Chance Side**" by putting an end to the hopes and dreams of Las Vegas for Scotty's "**Short Bus**," Timber's "**Timber Cutters**," and Scotty's "**Kiss of Death**," in order to make their way into the "Last Chance" Regional Finals against "**Team Blackout**." Definitely not an easy, but yet—a commendable feat.

In the finals after four match races of play the accumulated tally stood at 48-32 with three Match-Race wins to their credit in favor of "**Team Blackout**." "**The Billiard Ballers**" would minimally have to pull out a miracle 19-1 win. Try as he did "**Billiard Ballers**" Team Captain **Adam Fine** gave an admirable performance in trying to reach his needed 65 points while trying to hold his opponent to under 20 points. However, "**Blackout's**" Team Captain—SL-8 **Jack Daniels** was not to be denied as he focused, and eventually acquired the necessary 20 points he needed in order to claim the victory for his team. With that the 2012 OPAL-APA Regional 9-Ball tournament came to a close, and it was outside for pictures, and then the dreaded Victory/Vegas talk with Boomer. Unfortunately, several members of the "**Billiard Ballers**" escaped before getting their pictures, so we used the photo when they won their Tri-Cup Medal.



#6 of 6: TEAM BLACKOUT



Consolation: The Meat Loop



Consolation: Billiard Ballers

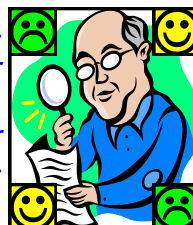
THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 28Th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people have some fun and call 'em out. Give 'em the old "L" sign, and say "Thank You" to 'em for leaving a shirt in the box Just for you too!

- 1—ROBERT DAVIS (97202889) who plays for The Nest's "**Tails**" in the No—Po division.
- 2—DEREK TUTTLE (97210383) who plays for Cascade Bar's "**Chalk Is Free**" in the Clark County-APA division.
- 3—DEAN FURUKAWA (97202491) who plays for Mouse-trap's "**No-Po-10-Show**" in the No-Po division.
- 4—MATT SULSER (97212609) who plays for Rodder's "**Fully Loaded**" in the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy division.
- 5—MICHAEL PARKS (97211348) who plays for Daily Planet's "**Cross Cues**" in the Farside Dbl. Jeopardy 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 is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, READ THE NEWSLETTER...



Special Thanks to KC's Midway and crew for being such Gracious hosts! And, our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Shannon Fey-Young**, **David Scarth**, **Dan Fendall**, and **Don "Coyote" Walker**.