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**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this newsletter are another "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Well no found their hidden number from the June 4th newsletter So, there's going to be 5 shirtless souls for you to ridicule this week—give it to 'em good! From the June 11th newsletter **Becky Beckensten** (97205698) who plays for Pub 181's "Sticklerz" in the Gateway DJ division; and **Suzane Jensen** (97218309) who plays for Sellberg's "Stop, Drop, & Roll" in the Mt. St. Helen's division both called in to claim their prize.

**REMEMBER**, You have only until the writing of the 2nd Newsletter following the one your number is in to call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" Otherwise, it's off you go to where everyone can see you and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you don't either want yours, or pay attention..

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## 8-Ball Team Regional Results

**W**hat A Weekend! 24 Tri-cup 8-Ball Team Medal winners gave it their all June 15-17 in the double elimination format at Rodders in Oregon City. All teams had legitimate hopes of being one of the "Lucky 7" teams to win a (one out of 3.43 % teams) slot to the APA National 8-Ball Team Championships this coming August 19-25th. We held the first round of play on Friday night. Saturday we had three rounds of play with the last one —the 5 PM round—producing four undefeated winner's side team champions to claim their seats on the plane to the city of Lost Wages.

Continuing their undefeated journey from Fall Tri-Cups where they took Platinum,— on Friday Night, the experience of **Who's Left?**

"**Young & Rackless**" a slot in "Who's Left? could go against the Saturday Morning round. the "Doll's" balls into the last play Gator's "**For The Win**" trouble and could only play 4 race. "**Who's left?**" won the match was over. It was off to **the Win**" while **STILL UNDEFEATED** Star's Fall Platinum Tri-Cup from the Farside Double Jeop-Captain: **Ashley Hancock, Tereasa Heick, Art Moore, Norn, Matt Cvetko-Young, Argueta** claimed the first \$4000 Slot and plane seats to the August APA Nationals at the Riviera in Las Vegas.



**#1 of 7: WHO'S LEFT ?**

on Friday Night, the ex-brought Back Alley's the one-loss side so Jin's "**Balls & Dolls**" in They ended up kicking freakin' chance side to who were in Skill Level to 19 and forfeit the 5th first two races and the the one loss side "**For FEATED** the Fortune winner's "**Who's Left?**" ardy division with Team and teammates- **Mike Dubendorf, Kim Wade Young, and Maria**

Across the room, "**Ohhh Shoooot**" also started out Friday Night by blasting River Road House's "**Secret Society**" down the road to the one loss side. In the 9 AM round the shooter's were on target again as they "X'd" out Sam's "**X-Outs**" to the last chance side to move to the 5 PM winner's side final against Hart Road's "**Brews & Cues**." By a score of 3-Zip, the "Brew's" were drank up and then pushed (Continued Pg. 2)

# 8-Ball Regional



outta the car at the Last Freakin' Chance side. Cascade Bar's *Spring-Silver Tri-Cup winners "Ohhh Shoot"* from the Northern Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Jason Reid**, and teammates—**Don Collins, Ian Miller, Kathie Young, Robert Fields, Cherry Kleven and Clifford Reed** were taking the 2nd \$4,000 Vegas Slot and plane seats to Vegas.

Playing out of The Back Alley, "**The Ravens**" drew a "Bye" on Friday Night and had to wait until Saturday's 9 AM round to get an opponent—Touche's "**Sloshots**." The match was close, but the "**Sloshots**" team eventually succumbed to the constant skill-full bombardment by "**The Ravens**," resulting in "**Sloshots**" taking the path to the "Last Chance Side" while "Mr. Windex" and the Ravens heading to the 5 PM winner's side finals against Falco's "**Secret Society**." The team match went all the way to double hill and into a sudden death one game shot to Vegas. The drama finally ended when Raven's **Kevin Randall** managed to sink the 8-Ball against Falco's **Johanna Altuzarra**, for the win to claim the victory which sent the "**Secret Society**" to Sunday's Last Chance play while Back Alley's Spring / Silver medal winner's "**The Ravens**" from the Northern Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Helen Hecimovich-Hahn**, and teammates—**Jonathan "Windex" Hahn, Brian Newcomb, Tony Bittner, Brett Usher, Lindy Taylor, Kevin Randall, and Daniel Olson II** found themselves in the winner's circle with the 3rd \$4,000 Vegas Slot, and plane seats, to the APA National Championships at the Riviera Hotel & Casino.

The last of Saturday night's zero loss side finals match winners was Back Alley's "**8-9 Suited**" who started out Saturday in the 9 AM round because they drew a Friday night "Bye." Saturday morning "**8-9 Suited**" out-fought, out-maneuvered, and out-played Jo's "**Gladiators**" and sent them down the road to the one-loss side in 3 ! Now, with the lights of Las Vegas glittering in their eyes it was off to the 5 PM finals against the Star House team - "**Wait 4 It !**"

The match was a close one—going all the way to double hill and into Sudden Death where just one lousy game would decide who'd be going to Las Vegas and who'd be taking the path to Sunday's continuation in the "Last Freakin' Chance Side!" "8/9's" **Ian Miller** faced off against "4 It's" **Milt Harden**—both SL-6's. When the 8-Ball fell Milt and crew would find themselves waiting for it in the Sunday's Last Freakin' Chance side" while Back Alley's Silver/Fall "**8/9 Suited**" from the Columbia Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Ian Miller**, and teammates—**Kerry Kitts, Larry Poe, Kathie Young, Rhonda Jacoby, Keith Kessinger, Tony Thew, and Tyson Miller** hoopla'd their claim for the 4th (Continued Pg. 3.)



#2 of 7: OHHHH SHOOT



#3 of 7: THE RAVENS



#4 of 7: 8 - 9 SUITED



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\$4,000 Vegas slot and set of plane seats to Vegas.

We started off in the first round on Sunday with just 8-Teams left—three of which would be ultimately filling up the rest of the seats on the plane to Las Vegas. In Sunday's 10 AM round action Back Alley's **"Bye Bye 8-Ball"** denied the win to Gator's **"For the Win;"** Denny's **"Boomer's Ringer"** lowered the Boom to Fortune Star's **"Brews & Cues;"** Star House's **"Wait 4 It"** sent American Legion's **"Eagles"** flying home; and Falco's **"Secret Society"** took out Jin's **"Balls & Dolls"** in a double hill thriller.

In the 2 PM Vegas round the team matches were played on two tables simultaneously. Three of the four teams left would eventually be going to Vegas whereas the bridesmaid 4th team would receive a consolation of \$500 to go drown their sorrows with as well as win the right to stay home and be emotional.

Playing on two tables simultaneously for the 5th \$4,000 Vegas slot was Denny's **"Boomer's Ringers"** versus Back Alley's **"Bye Bye 8-Ball."** The team match went all the way into double hill to decide the winner. In the end it was the Back Alley's Summer-Silver medal winners **"Bye Bye 8-Ball"** from the Northern division who caused the 8-Ball to go "Bye Bye" by the hand of their own Team Captain: **Charlie Walker**, and teammates—**Don Collins, Dan & Cynthia Fendall, Telisha Tripp, Cynthia Walker, Brenda Collins, and David Sahlstrom** thereby claimed the victory 3-2 and the 5th \$4,000 Vegas slot, and set of plane seats to the APA National Championship competition in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the room Falco's **"Secret Society"** had their hands full with Star House's **"Wait 4 It,"** Apparently the **"Secret Society"** had it in their mind set that they'd been waiting long enough—so they put the pedal to the medal and got three match-race wins before the remaining two tables had a chance to finish their existing match plays. Therefore, Falco's Spring / Bronze medal winners **"Secret Society"** from the Farside Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Steve Hestmark**, and teammates—**Robert Solomon, Samantha Hills, David Scarth, Jacob Marinovich, Rachael Williams, and Johanna Altuzarra** were able to claim the 6th \$4,000 Vegas Slot, and plane seats to Las Vegas.

Now, we had to break the tie between 7th and 8th to determine who would be taking the 7th and final \$4,000 slot into August's APA Nationals, and who would be just going down the road to drown their sorrows with \$500 in their pockets. The final two team match-up was of course, between Denny's Spring-Bronze **"Boomer's Ringers"** from the Southern division with Team Captain: **Leanna Gray**, and teammates—**Rod Bair, Eileen Read, Chris Read, Rob Doel, Teresa** (Continued on Page 4.)

### Silver / Summer



#5 of 7: BYE BYE 8-BALL

### Bronze / Spring



#6 of 7: SECRET SOCIETY

### Bronze / Spring



#7 of 7: BOOMER'S RINGERS



**8-Ball Regional** *Hanken and Crystal Swails*; and the fully staffed Star House's *Summer-Platinum* medal winners: *"Wait 4 It"* from the Mt. St. Helens Division with Team Captain: *Jim Upshaw*, and teammates—*Milt Harden, John & Susan Stankovic, Karen Upshaw, James Boatman, Eric Pedersen Jr., and David Upshaw*. It was a close and tense match all the way—no pressure—and it went all the way through to sudden death. In the end the match was not won, but it was lost. Wait 4 it's player pocketed the 8-Ball and got an unfortunate roll to where the cue ball ended up scratching—loss of game. *"Wait 4 It"* received the go party check for \$500 whereas *"Boomer's Ringers"* received the 7th \$4,000 slot, and the last set of plane seats to the APA Nationals in Las Vegas.

To recap, the seven (7) winning teams will go on to compete in the Las Vegas APA National Team Championships this coming August 19-25th. Did you notice that 4 of the winning teams were Silver Medalists, 2 were Bronze Medalists, and only 1 was Platinum. 1 Silver from Summer, 1 Silver & 1 Platinum from Fall, and 2 Bronze, and 2 Silver, from Spring. We jot all the sessions, but what happened to the "Golds?"

Join us in wishing them the best of luck in the National Championships. We hope that they find the glamour and glitter of Las Vegas to be all that they hope it will be and more.

Special thanks to Rodders and their outstanding staff at for their efforts in hosting this event. Also, Special thanks and "Kudo's" and to our dedicated referee's *John Blue, Steve Chandler, Ron Pfingsten* 17490279. and *Don "Coyote" Walker* who gave up a large part of their weekend to officiate this intense regional event that was enjoyed by everyone who attended..



**APPARENTLY ... MANY OF YOU DO NOT KNOW THIS... BUT A REFEREE CANNOT — AND WILL NOT** make a call unless he, or she, was asked. If someone asks the referee if they happened to see the shot in question then, and only then, can that referee can go to the table and make a ruling. However the Referee will only rule on a judgment call if he, or she, did indeed see the shot. Otherwise, if not asked, the referee keeps his mouth shut and says nothing. The reason for this is that it avoids all possibility and perception of officiators showing favoritism.



A Newfoundland painter by the name of Skipper Drover, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over the country were coming to him

in Long Harbor for his paintings. One day, a beautiful young woman pulled up to his house in a stretch limo and asked Skipper if he would paint her in the nude.

This was the first time anyone had made this request and it had Skipper a bit perplexed. The beautiful lady told him that money was no object; in fact, she was willing to pay up to \$50,000. Not wanting to get into trouble with his wife, Skipper asked the lady to wait while he went in the house to confer with his missus.

In a few minutes he returned and said to the lady, Aye...."T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus. The wife says it's okay. I'll paint ya in da nude, but I has ta leave me socks on so I has a place to wipe me brushes..."



The 5 people listed below are June 4th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing. Oh, and be sure to give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

**1-ROBERT OLOUGHLIN** (97201812) who plays for Ringo's *"Scratch 'n Sniff"* in the *Skylikne DJ* division.

**2-WILLIAM WHITING** (97210173) who plays for Sweet Home's *"Kamikaze"* in the *North Port 9-Ball* div.

**3-WILLIAM RYDER** (97213523) who plays for Bink's *"F.G.P.P."* in the *No-P0* division.

**4-DIANA FREDLUND** (97218863) who plays for 505's *"Uh Oh Here's The 505"* in the *Southern D.J.* div.

**4-MATT MAGEE** (97218886) who plays for Broadway Saloon's *"The Unknowns"* in the *Western 9-Ball* division

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully 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..!**

