

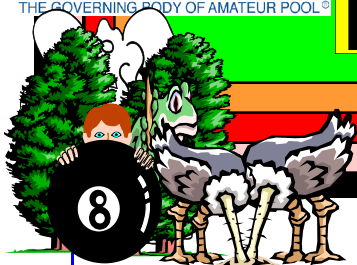


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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are another "5" new **APA Membership numbers** just waiting to be discovered.

From the June 11th Newsletter—one more person whose number was craftily hidden within the context, has graced us with a phone call to claim her valuable prize and that was: "**Mad**" **Maxine Buhler** (97211904) who plays for River Road House's "**U Rack 'Em**" in the Mid-Valley Double Jeopardy division. This means there's going to be a loser's party of 2 on the back page for your viewing pleasure this week!—so let 'em have both barrels (or fingers) From the June 18th newsletter **Steve Archer** (97200647) who plays for Homestead's "**Swingin' Sticks**" in the Northern Double Jeopardy division called in to claim his prize too! 7 numbers are out there waiting to be discovered—2 from last week, & the 5 new one's from this week. So get off your asset's, put on your glasses and get to looking or you'll end up the same as those illustrated on back page this week !!!

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 because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you must not have wanted yours—

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TRIPLE-PLAY MASTER'S SPRING REGIONAL

@t Rodder's on June 23rd in Oregon City, the Triple Play Master's Spring Regional was held with Merle directing and "**Don 'Coyote' Walker**," officiating. We expedited the 10 team, five round Modified Single format by playing the rounds on three tables simultaneously. That worked out well because we were able to finish and give people the option to head home by 6:30 PM. Otherwise, it would have been several hours later. The Master's team division champions were playing for two Las Vegas National Championship slots along with a purse to the winners of **\$1,800** each (**\$150** has already been deducted to pay their National entry fee) to assist with their transportation and lodging in Las Vegas during this coming August 2012. The rest of the playing field, except the two teams who went two losses and out, received money in accordance with their final standings. The format was patterned after the US Amateur. The winner of the lag either chose to break or to name the game—8-Ball or 9-Ball. The opponent got what the lag winner did not want. The race was to 7 wins. If 9-Ball were chosen they played 8 games and if neither one of the players had won 7 games then they would switch to 5 games of 8 ball until one or the other of them did reach 7 games. Therefore, it was possible just to play 9-Ball and win. However, if 8-Ball were chosen there were only 5 games to be played—after which they started playing 9-Ball. Whoever won the match race won registered (1) point for the team. Once a team score totaled 2 Match-Race wins the team match was over.

In the first round play it was **Billiard Plus's "Ohhh Shoooot,"** Vrs **Ringo's "Riding the Rail,"** and the **Star-house "Coolers,"** Vrs. **Auto's Pub "Players Club."** The "Shoot/Rail" match went to double hill, and in a double double hill thriller The "**Shooooters**" barely-by the narrowest of margins- out-shot the "**Railers**" 2-1 to send them over to the one loss side. Meanwhile, the "**Coolers**" put a 2-Zip freeze to the "**Players Club**" and they were eventually sent off to the one loss side as well.

There were four pairings in the 2nd round. First was **Rialto's "This Times The Charm"** getting bit by **Ickabod's** sharp toothed "**Pool Dogs**" 2-Zip before the 3rd race could finish. Second, **Rialto's "Gifted Gorillas"** didn't monkey around—and quickly 2-Zipped **Billiard Plus's "Ohhh Shoooot"** into the one loss (**Continued Pg. 2.**)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) side. Third, **Star House's** "Coolers" put the pedal to the metal and steamrolled over **Rialto's** "Chalk is Cheap" 2-Zip sending them to the one loss side, and last, **Rialto's** "Yin Yangs" got their Yin Yang gnawed by **Back Alley's** "Alley Dogs" in a truly heartbreaking-best-match-of-the-day-triple-double-hill 2-1 match-race loss!

In round three, over in the one loss side, **Rialto's** "Chalk Is Cheap" rode **Rialto's** "Riding The Rail" out the door by winning a close double hill thriller 2-1. In the meantime **Auto's Pub** "Players Club" out shot, out witted, and out played **Billiard Plus's** "Ooooo Shoot" in what turned out to be a 2-zip massacre.

In the Fourth winner's side round, **Ickabod's** "Pool Dogs" were eliminated by **Auto's Pub** "Gifted Gorillas" 2 Zip, while the **Back Alley** "Alley Dogs" got their tails frozen to the pole by the **Star House** "Coolers" in a 2-1 double hill match. Meanwhile during the fourth round loser's side match, **Rialto's** "Yin Yang" got their yang's pulled on out the door by losing 2-1 to **Rialto's** "Chalk is Cheap" while **Rialto's** "This Times A Charm" got charmed by default as one of **Auto's Pub** "Player's Club" had to leave in the middle of his match race and thereby had to forfeit that race which resulted in an overall 2-1 loss for the player's club.

The 5th round would produce the two finalists who would be traveling to Las Vegas to complete in the National 3-person team championship, and two runner up's who would be staying home with \$600 in their pockets to party and drown their sorrows. The top bracket final was between **Rialto's** "Chalk Is Cheap" with **Colin Marquis, Brian Knapp, Jim Knappenberger, & Alfreda Amyotte**; vs **Rialto's** "Gifted Gorillas" with **Frank Kincl, Matt Bryan, Shea Lanter, & Steve Lingelbach**. The "Gorilla's" **Matt Bryant** won over the "Chalks" **Colin Marquis 7-3**, and the "Gorilla's" **Steve Lingelbach** annihilated "Chalk's" **Alfreda Amyotte 7-Zip**. **Jim Knappenberger** was up 6-2 over Shea Lanter when the match ended.

The second tier final was between **Rialto's** "This Time's a Charm" with **Rebecca Slyter, Chris Covert, Rick Stantz, & Martin Wragg**- vrs. The **Star House** "Coolers" with **Greg Sowder, Bob Olson, Scott Snyder, & Larry Adams**—the "Charmers" **Rick Stantz** took out the "Cools" **Scott Snyder 7-3**, but in the meantime however, the "Coolers" **Greg Sowder** annihilated the "Charm's" **Rebecca Slyter 7-2**, and "Coolers" **Bob Olson** wrapped up the "Charm's" **Martin Wragg 7-2** as well. This gave the "Coolers" the 2-1 win that they needed to pull off their victory.

Both victors, **Rialto's** "Gifted Gorilla's" and the **Star-house** "Coolers" secured the well deserved team title of Triple Play Master's Champion for 2011—12 with all the bragging rights to go along with it. Each team also received individual trophies and a host location trophy, the top travel and accommodation purse of \$1,800 (\$150 was already deducted to hold their slot for the National Championship) leaving them with enough money to adequately cover both airfare and lodging when they go to the Las Vegas National Championships this coming August 2012 at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada. Our sincerest congratulations to both teams. (Continued Page 3.)



STARHOUSE: "THE COOLERS"



RIALTO'S: GIFTED GORILLAS

TRIPLE PLAY MASTERS RESULTS

Special Thanks to the Rodders Staff for being such gracious hosts and for seeing to our every need, and exceptional thanks to referee Don "Coyote" Walker for his diligence and table preparation, and officiating.

The final results and pay outs are at right:



PL	TEAM	\$\$\$
1st	Gifted Gorillas — Rialtos	\$1,800
1st	The Cool5r's - Underground	\$1,800
3rd	This Tim8's A Charm —Rialtos	\$ 600
3rd	Chalk Is Che1p — Rialtos	\$ 600
5th	Alley Dogs — B8ck Alley	\$ 300
5th	Pool Dogs — lck1bods	\$ 300
7th	Play2'rs Club— River Road H.	\$ 150
7th	Yin Y7ng — Rialto's	\$150
9th	Ridi9g The Rail — Rialto's	.00
9th	Ohhh Shoot — Billiard Plus	.00

OPEN SCOTCH DOUBLES REGIONALS

SATURDAY June 23rd

Rodders in Oregon City hosted APA's open 8 & 9-Ball Scotch Doubles regional under the watchful eyes of Merle and Referee Don "Coyote" Walker. There were five 8-Ball and four 9-Ball Regional pairs who had won respective qualifying tournaments to gain their entry into the regional event. At the close of the day, There would be only two 8-Ball and one 9-Ball team pairs winning their way to compete in the Las Vegas National Tournament this coming August at the Riviera.

In Open Scotch Doubles 8-Ball, there were five qualified teams competing. We used the modified single elimination format flow chart that would produce two champions. in the very first round, combine SL-9 pair **Jeff Hiatt & Maxine Buhler** who both play for the River Road House team of "U Rack 'Em" in the Mid-Valley division drew combined SL-10 pair **Robbie Solomon & Brad Dahl** —**Robbie** plays for Falco's "Secret Society" in the Farside Double Jeopardy division & **Brad** plays for Falco's "Secret Society 2" in the same division. It was a 4-4 race but **Jeff & Max** took them out 4-2 to send **Robbie & Brad** off to the one-loss side.

In Round two action **Jeff & Max** faced another 4-4 race against **Kristin Cambas** who plays for Ringo's "Dangerous Cues" in the Midwest Double Jeopardy division & **Stacie Larson** who plays for Big Red's "Raiders" in the Sunset Double Jeopardy division. This match went all the way to double hill, but this time when the final ball was pocketed—**Jeff & "Mad" Max**—were sent flying off to the one loss side while **Kristin & Stacie** ambled on to the winner's side finals to wait to see who their next, and final, opponent would be.

Meanwhile, In the lower side of the winner's side bracket combined SL-10 pair **Jonathan** (also known as "Mr. Windex" 🙄) & **Helen Hahn** — who both play for Back Alley's "The Ravens" in the Northern Double Jeopardy division — had drawn a "Bye" in their first round. However, in round two they met combined SL-10 pair **Wayne Larson**—who plays for Tryon Creek Grill's "The Biz" in the Mid-West division, & **Brandi Schuetze** who plays for West Union's "Spicer Pickled Tacos" in the Northwest Double Jeopardy division were also just coming off of a first round "Bye". Theirs was a 4-4 race and poor **Wayne & Brandi** got pulverized 4-1 and off to the one-loss side they went leaving **Jonathan & Helen** behind to slide step their way to the winner's point finals to await whatever destiny might befall them.

Wayne & Brandi went to the defeated side to immediately face the waiting **Robbie & Brad** in yet still another 4-4 Race. **Wayne & Brandi** ending up blasting **Robbie & Brad** out the door 4-1 and moved back across the bracket to face his wife **Stacie** who was partnered up with **Kristin**. Again, it was going to be a 4-4 race. **Larson & Cambas** vrs **Larson & Schuetze**. Five games later it was all over... **Stacie Larson & Kristin Cambas** had won 4-1—and they claimed the first slot to Las Vegas, with paid entry, Individual trophies, \$240 in Travel assistance, and all the bragging rights to go along with the title of 2011-12 8-Ball Open APA Scotch Doubles Champions. (Continued on Page 4.)



Stacie Larson & Kristin Cambas

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Meanwhile, in the lower defeated side of the bracket, after **Kristin & Stacie** had sent them — the friendly and dynamic duo of **Jeff**

& "Mad" **Max** found themselves being propelled because of a "Bye"—like a pair of Yo Yo's—right back across to the winner's side bracket and straight into the lower bracket winner's side finals against the "Cleaning Team" of **Jonathan & Helen Hahn** for the final 4-4 Scotch Doubles 8-Ball match-race of the tournament. Try as they did, **Jeff & Max** barely got started by the time it was all over. **Jonathan & Helen** had cleaned their clocks 4-1 to claim the second slot to Las Vegas, with paid entry, \$ 240 in Travel assistance, Individual trophies and all the bragging rights to go with being the 2011-12 8-Ball Scotch Doubles Champions to represent OPAL-APA at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada this coming August 2012.



Jonathan & Helen Hahn

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In Open Pairs Scotch Doubles 9-Ball There were four team that were competing for the \$560 Travel Assistance Purse for the one Las Vegas slot to the August APA 9-Ball Scotch Doubles Championship. The first match up was between combined SL-10 pair, **Tim Higginson & Kristin Cambas**—Tim plays for Ickabod's "333 Half Evil" in the Skyline Dbl. Jeopardy division and **Kristin** plays for Ringo's "Dangerous Cues" in the Mid-West Dbl. Jeopardy division; -VRS- combined SL-10 pair **Evan Moore & Jodell Broadus**—Evan plays for River Road House's "Off In Church" in the Mid-Valley Dbl Jeopardy division & **Jodell** plays for Falco's "Replacements" in the Parkrose Dbl. Jeopardy division. It would be a race to 38 points. **Evan & Jodell** smoked 'em 38-25. The other first round match was between combined SL-9 pair **Gary Cox & Maxine Buhler** who both play for River Road House's "U Rack 'Em" in the Mid Valley division -VRS- **Bob Cornforth & Julie Duvall** who both play for Aloha Station's "Puck It" in the Sunset Dbl. Jeopardy division. It was a race to 35 points and It was a very close match, but in the end **Gary & Maxine** won by a score of 35-31.

In the second round winner's side it was SL-10 pair **Evan & Jodell** (racing to 38) VRS SL-9 Pair **Gary & Maxine**. (racing to 35.) **Gary & Maxine** didn't make it close they won by a score of 35-27. Meanwhile, over in the 2nd round one-loss side it was SL-10 pair —racing to 38—**Tim & Kristin** -VRS- SL-9 pair —racing to 35—**Bob & Julie**. **Tim & Kristin** must have gotten a reality check from their first lost 'cause this time they steam rolled back with a 38-25 win sending **Bob & Julie** down the road to home.

In the third round **Tim & Kristin** won by forfeit as for some reason **Evan & Jodell** had left the premises. Therefore, **Tim & Kristin** were propelled straight to the winner's side finals against **Gary & Maxine** for a final match race of 38-35 respectively. **Tim & Kristin** took an early lead and built upon it thereafter taking the match 38-23 to become to become the 2011-12 9-Ball Open Scotch Doubles Champions, claim the \$560 purse, receive Individual trophies, the Pre-paid National entry slot, and all the bragging rights thereof. Their next stop will be the Las Vegas National Championships in August 2012.



Tim Higginson & Kristin Cambas



Those 2 people listed below are losers from the June 11th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing giving 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—**ANDREA BLAINE** (97203188) who plays for Sam's "Blood Bath & Beyond" in the Sunrise division.
- 2—**REBECCA SLYTER** (97208824) who plays for Underground's "Pool Therapy" in the TPM-West 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 97216405 NEWSLETTER..!**

