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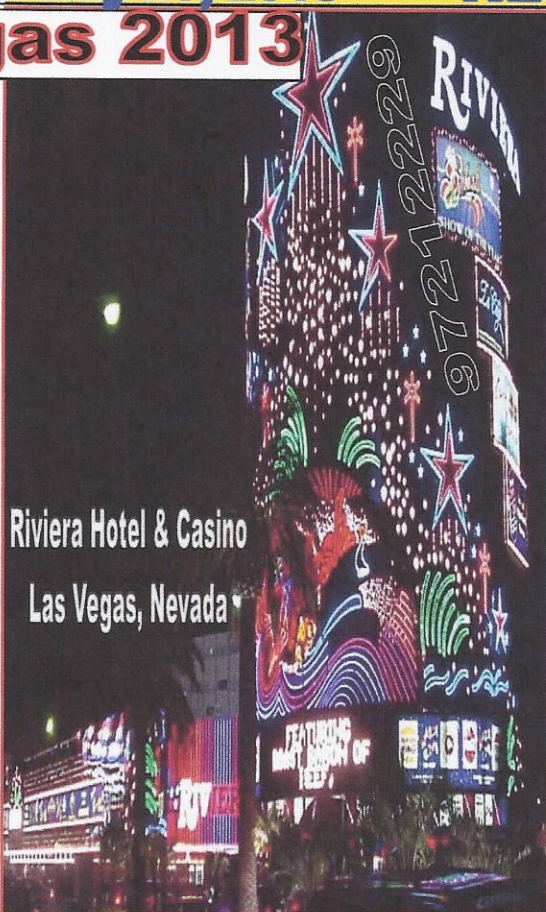
APRIL 20 —25th Boomer and Merle attended the National APA League Operator conference at the Riviera which was followed by the APA Jack 'n' Jill National championship and the National 8 & 9-Ball singles Championships April 24-27 th.

Representing OPAL in the APA National Jack 'n' Jill Scotch doubles championships were the pairs of: **Izzy Lemus & Shari Canfield** who finished 17th and won \$ 200. and **Devon "Killer" Kellar & Jennifer DeHaan** who finished 3rd and won a whopping \$1,600—they were tough competitors who proudly represented us very well.

In the National singles competition we had 11 competing representatives—5 in 9-Ball and 6 in 8-Ball . Only three made it into the higher prizes—the rest made it to an early vacation. Everyone that participated won \$100 in cash, got a free shared room, A commemorative Jacket, and \$200 in travel allowance

In 9-Ball winning \$200 in cash and prizes were: **Tyrell Pinder, Brandon McIntyre, Jeff Hiatt, Paul Marquez, and Jonathan Hahn** tried their best, but all ended up going on an early vacation then hoped for.

In 8-Ball it was a different story. In the SL-2/3 **Green Tier, Kevin Thompson** who plays for Underground Sports Bar's "X Q's R Slop" in the North West DJ division finished 5th and won \$2,000 in cash & Prizes, and Black Tier's **John Scudder** who plays for Jin's "Table Scraps" in the South East division finished 3rd to winning \$4,000 in cash and prizes. The other four: — **Nick Skellinger, Michael Dowell, Michael Black, and Jonathan Hahn** all put in a great OPAL-APA sportsman-ship representation. Even though they didn't place in the higher money levels at least they all managed to have a great memorable time exploring the glimmer, glamour, and excitement that Las Vegas —world wide—is known to offer..



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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 April 8th newsletter managed to find her number hidden in the newsletter and that was: **Diana Fredlund** (97218863) who plays for Tavern 505's "Uh Oh-Here Comes The 505" out of the Southern Double Jeopardy division. From the April 2nd Newsletter hehehehheh (*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 Ray Charles would have been able to see 'em! Therefore, starting out this Summer Session 2013 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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"THE PESSIMIST COMPLAINS ABOUT THE WIND;
THE OPTIMIST EXPECTS IT TO CHANGE;
THE REALIST ADJUSTS THE SAILS."
WILLIAM A. WARD

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OPAL-APA NW 8-Ball Invitational @ Chinook Winds

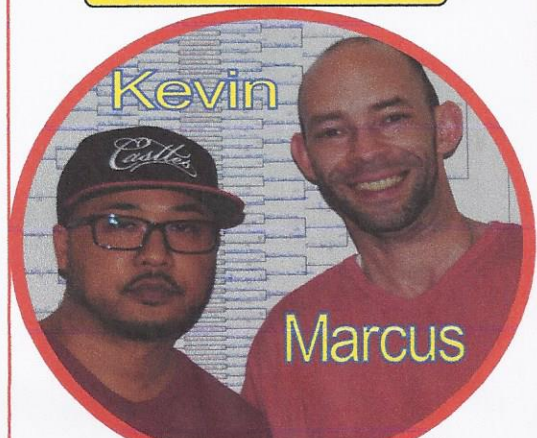
One week before the APA Singles & Jack 'n Jill Scotch Doubles National Championships in Las Vegas, Chinook Winds in Lincoln City hosted the OPAL-APA NW Invitational April 11-14. Again, Steve Lingelbach, and crew, from *Billiards and Barstools* contracted the tables and set up the tournament room then administered a ton of mini tournaments for the enjoyment of players. We officially kicked off the event with 120 team pairings in the Modified Single Elimination Early Bird Scotch doubles tournament on Thursday..

Scotch play began at 9:00 AM on Thursday and progressed smoothly throughout the day to conclude in early evening with Salem's "Lil C & KC" **Salim Love & Carlos Cadena** taking the top honors over fellow "My-players" Salem team of "Nameless" with **Kevin Castillo** and **Marcus Alston**.

The total payouts paid down to the top 32 finishers in the field minus green fees amounted to **\$9,240** The top 32 finishers are listed in the table at right:



1st: Lil C & KC



2nd: Nameless



EARLY-BIRD SCOTCH PAYOUTS:

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1 ST	\$1,200	"Lil C & KC"—Salim Love & Carlos Cadena	Salem
2 ND	\$ 900	"Nameless" Kevin Castillo & Marcus Alston	Salem
3/4	\$ 630	"Efren & Earl" – Mike & Nancy Ann Kennedy	Seattle
3/4	\$ 630	"Playing for 1st"- Jeff Hayes & Kevin Jones	OPAL
5/8	\$ 390	"Ex Factor" – Jesse Templin & Annie Heisey	OPAL
5/8	\$ 390	"2 Guys-17 Fingers"—Jon & Randy Nellis	OPAL
5/8	\$ 390	"Git-R-Done"- Dale & Cody Crawford	Salem
5/8	\$ 390	"Brew Krew"- Philip Barrera and Angela Franklin	Salem
9/16	\$ 240	"Twisted Cues"-Cory VanNortrick & Darrell Vanzant	Tacoma
9/16	\$ 240	"Ebony & Ivory"- Jim Edwards & Brent Standridge	Seattle
9/16	\$ 240	"5 and 5"—Paul Cox & Jaye Folsom	OPAL
9/16	\$ 240	"Team Hustlin"—Criegh Dumo & Sophia Tran	Seattle
9/16	\$ 240	"Not Sure"—Bijoy Bordoloi & Ron Peill	Seattle
9/16	\$ 240	"No Stix Required"-Cindy Garvin & Amanda Emmons	Salem
9/16	\$ 240	"Here We Go"—"Ole" Mendoza & Christine Bonin	OPAL,
9/16	\$ 240	"McLovin U"—Brian Crawford & Kevin Wilhelm	Salem
17/32	\$ 150	"Over Rated"-Toby Roberts & Tyler Kincade	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Lucky or Good?"—Glenn & Lori Shoup	Salem
17/32	\$ 150	"Makin' It"—Andrea Christensen & Stacey Carson	Salem
17/32	\$ 150	"BLTG"—David Lash & John Stewart	Tacoma
97/20	\$ 150	"Just Cruzin"—Dane Cue & Kainoa Kama	Seattle
63/83	\$ 150	"Gimme A Shot"—Gary Del Rosario & Nate Lannoye	Tacoma
17/32	\$ 150	"Snap Dragons"- Cliff Strom & Zoe Lemieux	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Connie's Boys"--Jeff Lantor & Steve Lantor	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Pool Pirates"-Naga Aryasomayajula & Randi Andrews	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"A & T"—Aaron Nelson & Tim Drewery	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Wise Old Owls" – Jonathan & Helen Hahn	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Wiggle Wiggle" – Jose Santiago & Neil Robbins	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Hangover II"—Dilip Rewtani & Sandeep Fotedar	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Just Cruzin Also" –John Kiske & Sandra Gallagher	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Me & Mr. Jones" – John Ross & Don Jones	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"2 Wise Men"—Matt Walkowiak & Sean Fuller	Salem

Chinook Winds (Continued) On Thursday Evening we implemented a new fun event called the TOURNAMENT OF THE POOL GODS. Basically it was a \$3. blind draw partner scotch doubles event with sudden twists of fate. Boomer and the office staff had been kicking the idea around for several weeks prior to Chinook Winds trying to come up with something new and exciting that would be fun and enjoyable for everyone. However, we soon learned that there was some "KINKS" to work out before we do it again in the future.

Four people were selected to play the role of a "Pool God" They were: **Terry Pinto, John Blue, Coyote,** and **Merle**. Another key ingredient to the game was a pair of "DICE", but we'll get to that later. There were 64 people who signed up to play which meant that after the blind draw for a partner we ended up with 32 scotch doubles pairings. **John Blue** emceed a color of money break and we were off and running. Now here's where the fun antagonizing part came into play—for lack of a better name we'll call it "**Poolicus Interruptus**." because the "Cus" part reverberated throughout the room.

Whenever one of the pool god's Yelled "**STOP**" the players had to stop immediately even if they were down in the act of shooting. Then immediately the Dice were rolled and whatever number that came up from "Snake Eyes" to "Box Cars" there was a numbered list from 2 to 12 that described a command they had to follow. Some of the commands were: Shoot Left Handed, Bank your next shot, Relinquish your turn and give ball in hand to your opponent, Have your partner shoot, Pool Gods place the cue ball anywhere on the table before the shooter's next shot, Pool God's mark any pocket that you want the 8-Ball to go into, Change partners——(we threw that one away almost immediately 'cause it made for pure chaos. The point is that there were 11 different commands that each corresponded to the number that was thrown on the dice. Some helped the shooter, but most hindered the shooter, but in the mix there was a lot of laughter going on. Perhaps a bit vindictive, but laughter never-the-less.

We paid back 100% and down through the top 6 pairs Coming in 1st was Robert Solomon with his blind drawn partner of Shawn Kellar—winning \$66 or \$33 apiece, and coming in second winning \$50 or \$25 apiece



Shawn Robbie Justin Leonard

was Leonard Duval, with his blind drawn partner of Justin Weston—all OPAL players.



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EVERYONE can play, and **ANYONE** can win!

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," **Adrienne Beach & Alisha Rogers** with Rail 2 Rail live streaming, 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.

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 88 team pairs "Weekender Scotch Doubles" event began, and at 1 PM Steve and Carissa from "Billiards & Barstools" 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 **Jason Layton** the APA League Operator from Seattle, **Craig Lancaster** APA League Operator from Bend, and the many other assorted volunteers who helped in making everything possible and happening..

At approximately 9 PM on Saturday evening the 88 pairs Weekender Scotch doubles event had been completed paying out a total purse of **\$5,180** to the top 16 finishing teams in the field. It was a double Seattle finish. "Team Hustlin" with **Criegh Dumo & Sophia Tran** took first place honors when they rocked out in the "Finals" against their fellow Seattle team of "Suspect My Authority" with **Rohit Tatachar & Brumas Newstead**.

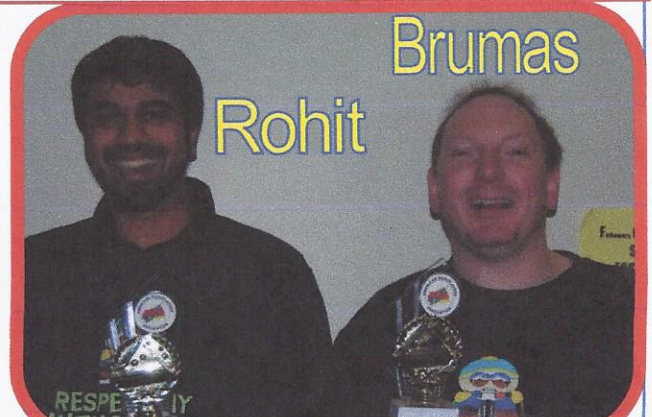
The final results are at right: ➡

WEEKENDER SCOTCH

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1ST	\$ 900	"Team Hustlin"- Criegh Dumo and Sophia Tran	Seattle
2ND	680	"Suspect My Authority"-Brumas Newstead & Rohit Tatachar	Seattle
3/4	480	"Be Scared" – Jennifer Windell & Phil Bremer	OPAL
3/4	480	"We Got Nothing"—Tavis Wagner Kirstin Stanley	Salem
5/8	300	"No-Po 10 Show" – Wayne Wakabayashi & Melissa Bolton	OPAL
5/8	300	"X Cues Us"—Michael Black Dara Koch	OPAL
5/8	300	"Trask Boys"- Kevin Wilhelm & Roger Wallace	Salem
5/8	300	"Double Dragons"- Johnny Van & Michael Choe	OPAL
9/19	180	"The Mafia"-Jay Woods & Paul Cressman	OPAL
9/16	180	"I'M With The DJ"- Yoda Pendleton & Nick Anderson	Seattle
9/10	180	"The Motley Two"-Bill Backman & Donna Huffman	OPAL
9/15	180	"Drop The Ball"—Sean Pearson & Nicole Jackley	OPAL
9/11	180	"Cruising Along"—Sam Gallagher & John Kiske	Seattle
9/12	180	"Hold My Stiick"—Steve Smith & Rene Sanchez	Salem
9/17	180	"Slow Down Please"—Ken Mutzel & Julie Duvall	OPAL
9/19	180	"Older & Wiser"—Terry McCurdy & Tony Tsai	Seattle



1st: Team Hustlin



2nd: Suspect My Authority