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## Spring 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

May 24-26 Rodder's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Rodder's hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts. Other than a bit of time lag between rounds to fax and score next round's score-sheets everything went pretty smooth logistically.

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**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From last week's May 20th newsletter two brilliant observers have found their numbers & called in. They are: **Lonnie McCann** (97206383) who plays for the "Mousetrap" in the Lombard division; and **Scott Hood** (97212229) who plays for Irish Town's "Magic Sticks" in the Columbia Double Jeopardy division.

There is still one more week & three more unfound numbers to go (plus the 5 new ones from this week's newsletter) before the losers corner comes into effect.

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 who will take great pleasure in pointing their fat little fingers at you, & laugh their donkey's off at your expense. They know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box simply because YOU weren't observant enough, or too lazy, to look, & find your hidden number and avoid the embarrassment!

**BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD**

There were 50 division 9-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which is double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. It was a weekend of close competition with many of the team matches going right down to the last rack to decide a winner. However, if a team reached 50 points with three match wins, or 51 points the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of **\$20,214** (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 70% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost half of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at approximately 7:30 PM. This time around exactly half of the teams that lost on Friday also lost their first match on Saturday and were eliminated. This tells us that these competitors really came to win! The results are as follows:

**FINISHING 49-50th** and winning **\$150** were: **505 Tavern's** "Bud 30," and "Uh Oh Here Comes the 505."

**FINISHING 33-48th** and winning **\$200** were: **Ickabod's** "Ninth Element," **Fortune Star's** "Kung Fu Cues," **Mike's Place** "Filthy McNastys," **Red Fir's** "Fir Balls," **Pastime's** "Where's Manilla," **White Horse Saloon's** "Just For Fun," **Pub 181's** "On The Run," **Andy's Inn** "Andy's Bar," **Wrangler's** "Posse," **Sam's** "Smack & Cheese," **Irishtown's** "Magic Sticks," **Sundowner's** "Nine Hanging," **North-Port 9-Ball Division's** "Sweet Home," **Mt. St. Helens Division's** "Red Fir," and **Underground's** "Seriously ?!?!"

**FINISHING 25-32nd** and winning **\$280** was **Ickabod's** "Monday Nite Shots," **Jin's** "Poolaholics," **Cascade Bar's** "Breaking Bad," **Jin's** "Done Did It," **Mousetrap's** "Powershots," **River Road House's** "Boomers Ringers," **Mousetrap's** "Sewer Rats," and **Skyland's** "Busboys."

**FINISHING 17-24** and winning **\$350** was: **Cleary's** "Blinker Fluid," **Sunset Lane's** "Bad News Beers," **Fortune Star's** "It's Time," **Cascade Bar's** "Vantucky Pocket Pounders," **McAnulty & Barry's** "Team Blackout," **Gator's** "Killer V Necks," **Shamrock's** "Shamrockers," and **Cascade Bar's** "The Miss Cues." (Continued on Page 2.)



**SUCCESSION: 8's & A's**

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FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$500 was: River Road House's "Raxnballz," Sun Set Lane's "Let 'Em Loose," Jo Saloon's "Gladiators," Back Alley's "Groovin," Fortune Star's "City Hunters," Underground's "Menagerie," 505 Tavern's "It's Not Pocket Pool," and River Road House's "8's & A's."

**Special Notice:** Though "8's & A's" missed out on winning a medallion, they still earned a spot in Regionals by right of succession as the team that beat them in the Sunday morning medal round were already regionally qualified from one of the previous Sessions. Therefore, by the right of succession, *(a team cannot win two regional spots and deprive another team from going and competing in regional play)* River Road House's "8's & A's" from the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy division— with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates--**Jennifer Windell, Shawn Gunderson, Mylee "Mama" Burns, David Windell, Sam Morrison, Ed Montpart** and **Evan Smelser** will get to continue on to regionals and compete for one of the coveted slots to Las Vegas Nationals.

**FINISHING 5—8th** and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$696 each were: Midway's "KC's Krushers" from the Mt. Hood DJ division— with Team Captain: **Gerrie Moler**, and teammates--**Thomas Moler, Bill Hayes, Dena Meyers, Lillian Compo, Jason Lovell, Jose Luis Espinoza, and Bill Widick**; Home Turf's "Kneedraggers" from the Midwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jana Hirst**, and teammates-- **Kevin McClelland, Amber Edwards, John Devlin, Jeff Steinberg, Qrys Thornton, Rick Grad, and Dennis Lauren**; Slingshot's "Pretty In Pink" from the Sunrise D.J. division with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon**, and teammates--**Brad Dahl, Meagan Marshall, Jason Benington, Jonathan Hickman, Karrar Mayweather, Alexander Willett, and Monique Luckcuck**; and Ringo's "Why So Hard?" from the Midwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Scheck**, and teammates-- **Josh Boelter, Paul Soldan, Chris Willard, David Bowler, Erich Keane, Paul Johnson, and Robert Martyn Jr.**

**FINISHING 3-4** and winning Silver Medallions and \$965 each was: Gator's "Bite The Soap" from the Midwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Levi Dean**, and teammates-- **Guy Reed, Shawn Heng, Thomas Auerbach, Colin McClelland, Chad Delmain, Megan Thompson, and Sunni Armstrong**; AND Jin's "Table Scraps" from the Southeast D.J. division— with Team Captain: **John Blue**, and teammates--**Sarah Pearson, Courtney Corda, Claire Lewis, John Scudder, Terri O'Shea, Cari Halbakken, and Deone Mateson.**

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,300 was the Parkrose D.J. division's "Pub 181" with Team Captain: **Julie Gilmore**, and teammates: **David Scarth, Said De Los Reyes, Wayne Vanosse, Oliver Lopez, Rachael Williams, and Robert Odrin.**

**FINISHING 1ST** and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,700 was: Sam's "Mark It Zero Donnie" from the Central 9-Ball Division with Team Captain: **Christopher Parra**, and teammates--**Andrew Hoffman, Morgan Sackett, Kimberly Engh, Daniel Trafican, Jason Stabe, Paul Marquez, and Claudine Elzey.**

"Pub 181" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped out of the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping journey towards the finals. Drawing a "Bye" on Friday Night at KC's Midway, they began by **(Continued on Pg 3.)**



**BRONZE -- KC's KRUSHERS**



**BRONZE -- Kneedraggers**



**BRONZE -- Pretty In Pink**



**BRONZE -- Why So Hard ?**



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seriously taking down "Seriously ?!?" and seriously sent them off to the one loss side on Saturday morning. In Saturday's 5 PM round, "Pub 181" pounded the "Vantucky Pocket Pounders" right out the door to the road home. Next they were off to the 9 AM Sunday morning medal round up at Rodder's where they showed "It's Not Pocket Pool" that one had to pocket balls to win and guarantee themselves a spot in the 2013 June Regionals. Next, Pub 181 crushed "KC's Krushers" leaving them behind holding the bronze while they went in search of Silver. In the four PM round Pub 181 wrestled the soap away from "Bite The Soap" and made them eat it off their newly acquired Silver ware and moved on to the winner's point finals for the gold, or platinum medallions.

Meanwhile the "Mark It Zero Donnie" embarked on an entirely different journey. Already qualified for Regionals from a previous session they were in it for the prestige and the money. Starting out at Rodder's on Friday night they immediately got washed to the one-loss side by the "Bad News Beers." Regrouping overnight they came back in at 1 PM and smacked "Smack & Cheese" right out the door to home. In the 5 PM round the "Zero Donnies" out pooled the "Poolaholics" and send them out the door to try and win another medal. Come Sunday morning "Mark It Zero Donnie" went to double hill against 8's & A's proving once again that 8's & A's is a dead man's hand "Mark It Zero Donnie" won the last race winning claim to only bragging rights and more money. 8's and A's by right of succession was given the free pass to compete in the June Regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday round "Zero Donnie" nailed "Pretty In Pink" leaving them experienced and behind with the bronze. Next the "Zero Donnies" ate up all the Table Scraps to leave them behind with the Silverware and the door to home. so it was off the finals for the "Mark It Zero Donnies" and off down the silver highway for the "Table Scraps."

The finals match up between Mark It Zero Donnie and Pub 181 was a close match and came right down to the wire in the 5th match race. When the dust settled over the 5 simultaneously played match tables with a color of money break—the results were as follows:

On Table 3: Zero's SL-4 **Andy Hoffman** defeated 181's SL-5 **Rachael Williams** in a close match 12-8.

On Table 4: Zero's SL-2 **Christopher Parra** got upended by 181's SL-2 **Julie Gilmore** 15-5. Score now 23-17 in favor of Pub 181

On Table 5: 181's SL-4 **Said De Los Reyes** defeated Zero's SL-3 **Morgan Sackett** 12-8. Score 35-25 in favor of Pub 181.

On table 6: Zero's SL-5 **Kim Engh** clobbered 181's SL-3 **Oliver Lopez** 17-3, bringing the match total to 42-38 in favor of Mark It Zero Donnie.

On table 7: Zero's SL-9 **Paul Marquez** defeated 181's SL-9 **David Scarth** 14-6. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

**Mark It Zero Donnie: 58 — Pub 181: 42**

"Mark It Zero Donnie" claimed the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,700 check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2013 Spring Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions.

The next step will be the June 2013 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cups for 6 possible team slots that will be allocated to us this year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas August 15-19, 2013.

Special Thanks again to **Rodders** and **KC's Midway** for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Terry Pinto, Shannon Young, Charlie Walker, Cory Bananto, and Don "Coyote" Walker.**



**SILVER -- Bite The Soap**



**SILVER -- Table Scraps**



**GOLD -- PUB 181**



**PLATINUM -- Mark It Zero Donnie**





He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years being high school classmates & having attended class reunions in the past without fail.

This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower & the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high. The widower throwing admiring glances across the table. The widow smiling coyly back at him. Finally, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes,... yes I will!" The evening ended on a happy note for the widower. But the next morning he was troubled. Did she say Yes or did she say No?

For the life of him, he just could not remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question but for the life of him he could not recall her response. With fear & trepidation he picked up the phone & called her.

First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage he then inquired of her. "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say Yes or did you say No?" "Why you silly man, I said Yes. Yes I will. And I meant it with all my heart." The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat, and then she continued.. *"And I am so glad you called too because I couldn't remember who it was that asked me!"*



**This is a test: Which one is the blond ?**



**The Blond is the one with the wrong leg up !**



There is no loser's corner until next week! But, there are still 3 numbers unclaimed from week #1 plus 5 new ones from this week-So, get looking !!

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