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Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

JANUARY 27- 29th

KC's Midway, Jin's and Rodders in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. All locations and their crews did a fantastic job as hosts. The food and drink service were excellent and the

sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. This event even turned out to be extra-special for Boomer, and Myself, because we received several positive compliments from many of the teams and players this past weekend.

We had exactly 61 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— guaranteeing that all teams got to play twice, but not necessarily lose twice. It was a weekend of close competition with the majority of all team matches going right down to double hill in deciding the winner. Once a team reached three match race wins though the match was automatically over.

There was a payout of **\$23,684** accumulated in the Spring Session cookie jar which was dispersed totally throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with for rounds at the Midway, finishing up about 7:45 PM. The results are as follows:

FINISHING 49 / 61th and winning \$150 were: Rodder's "Off Our Med's," Homestead's "Swingin' Sticks," Mike's "Filthy McNasty's," Slingshot's "Pretty In Pink," Ringo's "Them Crooked Cues," Shamrock's "Slop Is Sexy," Ringo's "Why So Hard?," Fortune Star's "SE Dirt Dogs," River Road House's "Raxnballz," Jo's Saloon's "Stixs & Chix," White Horse Saloon's "Longshots," McMenamin's "Jedi Mind Trick," and Jake's "Stray Cats."

FINISHING 33 / 48th and winning \$200 were: Tillicum Club's's "That's Gonna Leave A Mark," Falco's "Madam's Misfits," Starhouse's's "That's What She Said," Sellberg's "Grouch Patrol," Yur's "Unconscious D's," Midway's "Latecomers," Gresham Inn's "Shot Effect," Gator's "Bite The Soap," Midway's "Guilty Pleasures," Hart Rd Pizza's "U4EA," Jin's "Balls & Dolls," Tardis Room's "Time Lords," Jin's "No Whining," Sam's "T. M. H. W," McAnulty & Barry's "Team Blackout," and Jake's "Momz Nite Out."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning \$300 were: Back Alley's "Groovin'," Cascade Bar's "Rak 'Em," Sweet Home's "Sweet Home Wreckers," Fortune Star's "Disfunction 'R' Us," Back Alley's "Warriors," River Road House's "Secret Society," Shamrock's "Shamrockers," and Legend's "Drinks R On You." (Cont. P. 2.)

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the May 20th newsletter no more people have called with the "Magic Words" to claim their prize so therefore there'll be a "Loser's Party of "THREE" on the back page this week for you to have fun with !!!

Moving right along, from the June 27th Newsletter Mark Woodruff (97201022) who plays for Lombard division's "Mousetrap" found his number and called in.

Really folks, it's simple...All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause they know that a shirt possibly awaits them 'cause you simply failed to find yours! There's 9 numbers still out for you to find so go look!

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TRI-CUP



FINISHING 17 / 24 and winning \$435 were: Fortune Star's's "City Hunters," McAnulty & Barry's "Tenacious D's," Touche's "Crazy Train," Quimby's "Buck Fifty-Eight," Sundowner's "9 Hangin'." Fortune Star's "The Other Guys," Wrangler's "Blackout," & Silver-Star Saloon's "Tm Leviathon."

FINISHING 9 / 16 and winning \$580 were: Falco's "Cheap Dates," Park Rose Division's "Pub 181," West Union's "No E Z Shots," 505 Tavern's "It's Not Pocket Pool," Coach's "The Skel-lys," Maui's "The Upsetters," Auto's "U Marked What Pocket?," and River Road House's "Ballbreakers."

FINISHING 5—8th and taking home \$752, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Cascade Bar's** "Breaking Bad," from the Columbia DJ division— with Team Captain: **Kerry Kitts**, and teammates--**Rhonda Jacoby-Kessinger, Keith Kessinger, Anthony Thew, William Jacobson, Paige Riley, Jordan Farley, and Ben Leggett Jr.;** **Scotty's** "Slow Your Roll" from the Sunset DJ division with Team Captain: **Adam Drew** and teammates-- **Tim Cowlthorp, Diane Ramirez, Phanna Pich, Cory Presnell, Ron Vandyke, and Robert Baker;** **Maui's** "Tear For The Nest" from the No-Po division with Team Captain: **Matt Peterson,,** and teammates: **Erik Wickstrom, Sarah Flowerday, Maryam Tu, Matt Wasson, Melissa Rodgers, and Corey Robey;** and **Starhouse's** "The Taco Stand" from the Clark County-APA division with Team Captain: **Shane Labeck,** and teammates-- **Pauline Fox, George Gardner, Aaron Plantenberg, John Gardner, Ginger Schave-Holland, and Jason Gardner.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$1,000 each was: **Skyland's** "The Bus Boys" from the Gateway DJ division with Team Captain: **Billy Lovik,** and teammates—**Brian Lowe, Neil Hickerson, Justin Paul, Matt Williams, Derek John, and Dylan Johnson;** and **Underground's** "Shark Tank" from the Northeast DJ division— with Team Captain: **Nicole Jackley,,** and teammates--**Tammy Holcomb, Jarred & Rebecca Cowley, Sean Pearson, Jeremie Billsari, Gustavo Hernandez, & Alan Aavedal.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,302 was **Underground's** "Free Ballin'" from the Northwest DJ division with Team Captain: **Seth Horrell,** and teammates-- **Blake Estano, Brandon Horrell, Dylan Wentworth, Brett Feldman, Chris Lighty, David Camarena, and Jeremy Tricola.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,704—from the Midwest Double Jeopardy division was **EB Smokey's** "Thrown Together" with Team Captain **Neal Kosbau,** and teammates: **Jeremy Saxe, William Battle, Justin Heldt, Kenneth Annen, Kegan Pankratz, and David Hammond.**

"Free Ballin's" journey to the finals was all the way undefeated, but certainly not a cake walk as they just barely escaped from several double hill matches along the way. They started out at the Midway on Friday Night by cleaning up "Filthy McNasty" and sending them covered in soap suds to the one loss side. Then, Saturday morning they avalanched the "Shamrockers" forcing them over in the one loss side as well. At this point, although still in the winner's side the format changed to Single Elimination—Lose now, and they'd be going out the door and down the road to home. In the late afternoon 5 o'clock round the "Ballin's" out "D'd" "Tenacious D." to move on to (Continued on Pg. 3.)



BRONZE -- Breaking Bad



BRONZE -- Slow Your Roll



BRONZE -- Tear For The Nest



BRONZE -- The Taco Stand



the races and the dreaded and intense Sunday morning 9 AM Bridesmaid / Medal round against "The Upsetters."

However, it was "The Upsetters" who were upset when the Free Ballin' group upended them right out the door to home leaving "Free Ballin" securely with both a medal and a place in the Regionals. Playing now on two tables In the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round the "Ballin's" knocked "Tear for the Nest" nest out of the tree to leave them behind crying with the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round which started about 4:30 PM "The Ballin's" went the distance before prevailing against "The Bus Boys," to respectively leave them behind holding on to the Silver while the "Free Ballin's" were off to the final Gold/Platinum round, where they would face off against the unknown "Thrown Together" team from EB Smokey's.

Smokey's "Thrown Together" team had a longer journey to the finals then did "Free Ballin" The "Thrown's" started out Friday night at the Mid-way against "City Hunters" and immediately got their butt's kicked to the one loss side. Saturday morning's 9:00 AM round, "Off our Med's" were not in the best of mental states when the "Thrown's" escorted them out the door to home. Next in the 1 PM round the "Thrown's" left quite a marked impression on "That's Gonna Leave A Mark" when they were also shown the road to home. In Saturday's 5 PM round it was a real battle against the seasoned "Warriors" but it was "Thrown Together who won the war and got to move on to Sunday's competition.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round "Thrown Together" jelled and bested the undefeated "Pub 181" to claim the regional slot, and at least a Bronze Medallion necklace. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The Thrown's out broke the undefeated "Breaking Bad" and left them behind holding the Bronze. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the "Thrown Together's" stopped the "Underground Shark Tank" dead in their tracks to hold the Silver while they moved on the Gold / Platinum finals against waiting undefeated team of "Free Ballin."

Well the crowd wasn't disappointed because after a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables it was a well played thrilling contest between the individual match up's from two teams. The contest came down to just two tables, and the results are as follows:

On Table 1, Thrown's SL-4 **Kenneth Annen** got clobbered 3-1 by Free's SL-4 **Jeremy Tricola**. Score 1-Zip for the Free.

On Table 2, Thrown's SL-6 **Jeremy Saxe** wiped out "Free's" SL-5 **Brandon Horrell** 5-2 to bring the score to: 1 to 1. Match tied.

On Table 4, Thrown's SL-4 **Neal Kosbau** took out "Free's" SL-5 **Seth Horrell** 3-3. Score 2-1 in favor of "Thrown Together.

On Table 6, Thrown's SL-3 **Kegan Pankratz** 2-Zipped "Free's" **Chris Lightly** 97201902 to close out the team match 3-1.

On Table 3, Thrown's SL-5 **David Hammond** was playing Free's SL-6 **David Camarena**. It was a close contest with both players needing just two more wins in their 4 / 5 match race when the contest was declared over as Smokey's "Thrown Together" had already accumulated 3 wins to claim the victory, the prestigious Platinum Star Medallions, all the bragging rights, and the title of: Spring Session 2013 8-Ball Tri-Cup Champions.

The next step will be the June 14-16, 2013—8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other worthy finalists from both the Summer and Fall 8-Ball Tri-Cups. We will have seven slots allocated to us for the APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, August 18-24, 2013.

Special Thanks again to KC's Midway, Jin's, and Rodders for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Dan Fendall, Steve Chandler, Don "Coyote" Walker, Ron Pfingston, Charlie Walker, and John Blue.



SILVER -- The Bus Boys



SILVER -- Shark Tank

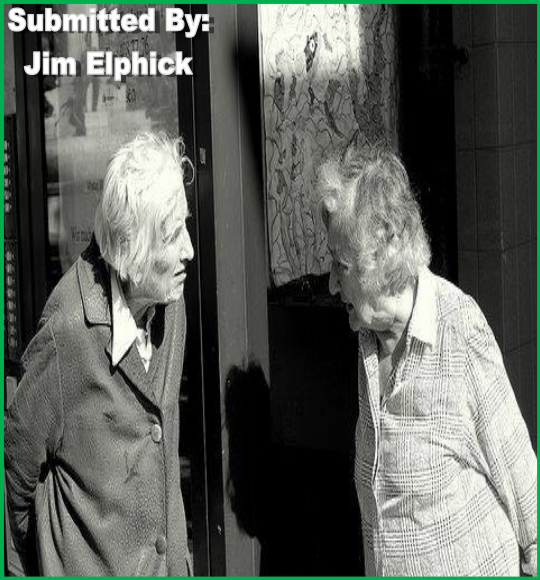


GOLD -- Free Ballin'



PLATINUM -- Thrown Together

Submitted By:
Jim Elphick



Dorothy and Edna, two "senior" widows are talking and Dorothy says to Edna " That Nice George Johnson asked me out for a date. I know that you went out with him last week, and I wanted to talk with you before I gave him my answer."

Edna says "Why let me tell you. He showed up at my apartment punctually at 7 PM dressed like such a gentleman in a fine suit, and he brings me such beautiful flowers! Then he escorts me outside and what's there: A Limousine! Uniformed Chauffeur and all! He takes me out for dinner—a marvelous dinner, lobster, champagne, dessert, and after-dinner drinks. Then we go see a show. Let me tell you Dorothy, I enjoyed it all so much I could have just died from sheer pleasure! So then, after the show he brings me back to my apartment, and I invite him in for a night cap. Once inside my apartment though he turns into a flippin' ANIMAL. Completely crazy he is. He tears off my expensive new dress, and then has his way with me three times !!!"

"Goodness Gracious," exclaims Dorothy, "So you're telling me I definitely shouldn't be going out with him."

"No, No, No, No... 'Course Not... *I'm just saying wear an old dress.*"

Got hooked up to high-speed Internet. It crashes a lot faster now.



I keep hitting "escape," but I'm still here.



Recycling is nothing new to me. I've been losing and gaining the same ten pounds for twenty years!



A Newfoundland Love Story & Maxine

Submitted by:
Dan Bochart

Jarge and Aggie lived in the cove just past Lewiston Tickle up on the Peninsula. It was early winter and the bottom of the cove had frozen over.

Jarge asked Aggie if she would walk across the frozen part of the cove to the general store and get him some smokes.

She asked him for some money, but he told her, "Nah, just put it on our tab, ol' man Stacey won't mind."

So Aggie walked across, got the smokes at the store and then walked back home across the cove.

When she got home and gave Jarge his smokes, she asked him, "Jarge, you always tells me tell me not to run up the tab at Stacey's store. Why didn't you just give me some money?"

Jarge replied, "Well Aggie girl, I didn't want to send you out there with cash when I wasn't sure just how t'ic the ice was yit!"

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THE LOSER'S CORNER



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The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the Jan. 16, 2012 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign, —all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

1—BRIAN KNAPP (97208818) who plays for Ickabod's "**Chalk is Cheap**" in the **Triple Play Masters-West Div.**

2—MICHAEL TROYER (97215069) who plays for Buffalo Gap's "**The Animals**" in the **Downtown Dbl Jep div.**

3—ANDREA GOFF (97219576) who plays for Bull Mountain's "**Outlaws**" in the **Midwest Dbl Jeep. division.**

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to gawk at, 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..!**

