

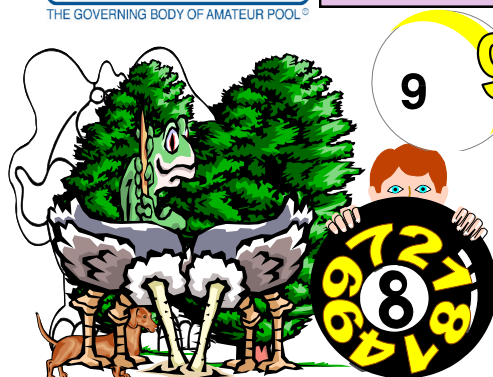


# The OPAL 'GEM'

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## 9-Ball Team Regional Results

**June 7-9 Rodders in Oregon City** graciously hosted our OPAL-APA Tournament of Champion Team 9-Ball Regional. The Rodder's Crew did a great job in making sure their provided service was both quick and excellent, Food and drink was both plentiful and refreshing.

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

Guess what folks??? No one else from the May 27th newsletter called in so there's going to be a "Loser's Party of 4 for your back page viewing pleasure this week.

Only one person has called in so far from the June 3rd Newsletter. That was: **Christine Bonin** (97215065) who plays for Jin's "Fairy Tale Mafia" in the Southeast D.J. division. There is still one more week to go plus the fact that there is another 5 new numbers to be discovered in this newsletter. A total of 9 numbers!

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. Which possibly means, that they'll be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — 'cause they will know that there will be a shirt waiting for them because YOU simply weren't observant enough to find yours and avoid all of the freakin' embarrassment!

There were a total of 23 Tri-Cup Medallion winners and one team who had gotten into the regional by "Rite of Succession" competing for one of six (6) \$4,000 National Competition slots to be held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, this coming August 14-19 in Las Vegas. Eight teams from each of the three APA League sessions—Summer-2012, Fall-2012, and Spring-2013 competed in the full double elimination event format. if a team reached 50 points with three match-race wins, or 51 points the match was over.

The Saturday 5:00 PM round on the winners side of the bracket would produce the first four of the six \$4,000 National Las Vegas slots. The remaining two slots however, would have to wait until after the conclusion of Sunday's 2:00 PM round to find out who would be boarding the plane to Vegas, or who would be receiving the consolation prize of \$500 and the right to stay home and drown their sorrows.

Taking the first set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Central 9-Ball division was Sam's Fall Session's Tri-Cup Bronze Medal winner's --"Noelle's Ink" with Team Captain: **Jeff Britt** and teammates— **James Jeans, Ric Jeans, Josiel Pena, Donnie Jarvis Jr., Danny Turner, David Heard, and Nydia Pena**. "Noelle's" journey was a short undefeated one. They defeated the Fall Bronze winning "Where R We Next" in the Friday Night round. In the Saturday 9:AM round they pulling out a close scrappy win against Jin's Spring Session Silver Medalists—"Table Scraps" sending them into the one loss side while the "Inksters" relaxed and waited for the 5:00 Winner's point final's. There, the "Inksters" met Spring Session Bronze Medal winner's "KC's Krushers" from the Midway in the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy division. "Noelle's Ink" splattered the "Krushers" 52 to 28 in just four races and sent them over to the one loss side while the Ink's went outside to get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny trophies and to contemplate what to pack in their suitcases for their upcoming Vegas trip.



**#1 of 6: NOELLE's INK**

Taking the Second set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Sunrise D.J. division was Spring Session's Tri-Cup Bronze Medal winner's --Slingshot's "Pretty In Pink" with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon**, and teammates— **Brad Dahl, Meagan Marshall, Jonathan Hickman, Karrar Mayweather, Alex Willett, and Monique Luckcuck**. The "Pretty's" started out (Continued Pg. 2.)

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## 9-Ball Regional

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(Continued from Pg. 1) with a "Bye" handed to them on Friday night. So they didn't have to play until Saturday Morning. Next came the Saturday 9:AM round where the "**Pink's**" had drawn Fall Session's Tri-Cup Gold winners Icabod's "**Mis-Q's-9**" from the Skyline D.J. division. When the dust settled the "Mis Q's" were off to the "last freakin' chance side and "**Pretty In Pink**" was off to the 5 PM Winner's final. In the 5:00 PM finals the "**Pink Pretty's**" met Fortune Star's Summer Session Silver Medalist's "**Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'**" from the Far East D.J. division. Showing they just weren't all eye candy, the "**pretty's**" came blasting out of the gate in full battle armor swinging their sticks in deadly precision—not letting up—until "**Quit Talkin'**" had been rendered speechless in just 4 normal match races and only a bit into the 5th race which went into sudden death. The final score was: 68-32. "Quit Talkin'" limped on over to the last chance side. Meanwhile, with both shock and Glee, "**Pretty In Pink**" herded themselves outside to get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny regional trophies while pinching themselves to see if in fact they weren't dreaming....They weren't dreaming—They weren't, and they're going to Vegas!



#2 of 6: PRETTY IN PINK

Taking the Third set of economy seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Southern Double Jeopardy division was Fall Session's Tri-Cup Silver Medallion winner's -- 505 Tavern's, "**Felt Up**" with Team Captain: **Jennifer Haller**, and teammates—**Kurt Haller**, **Deana Butler**, **Jason Chun**, **Andrea Brown**, **Robert Brown**, **Ty Ervast** and **Rachel Boen**. "**The Felt Up's**" journey was an undefeated one. Starting out Friday Night they were like a locomotive rolling through a flimsy chicken coup. They defeated Ringo's Spring Bronze medalists—"Why So Hard?" from the Midwest D. J. division in a close contest, sending them to the last Freakin' Chance Side to meet Fall Silver Medalists from the River Road House in the Mid-valley division at 9:00 AM on Sunday. In that contest, the "Felts" definitely got some feel as they sent "**Off in Church**" to continue their hopeless prayers in the last chance side. Meanwhile, panting and exhausted from their ordeal "Felt Up" took a satisfying smoke break until their next match —the 5 PM winner's point finals against "Ringo's "**Dangerous Cues**" from the Midwest division. Whatever the danger was it wasn't with "Dangerous Cues". "Felt Up" dominated over the cue's in 4 straight races 13-7, 16-4, 12-8, and 16-4 to grab a 57 to 23 team match win, thus sending the cue's over to Sunday's last freaking Chance side. Meanwhile "Felt Up," all cheers and smiles grabbed their shiny new trophies and headed outside to get their pictures taken knowing full well that in August they'd be catching that plane to go compete in the National Championships in Las Vegas!



#3 of 6: FELT UP

By the luck of the draw Wrangler's "**Blackout**" who were the Fall Platinum Winners from the Southeast DJ division with Team Captain: **Michael Pranz**, and teammates—**Jeff Martini**, **Kelli Eggimann**, **Jack Daniels**, **Matt Linday**, **Scott Bean**, **Caiti Grim**, and **Tim Layton** drew a Friday night match up against the tough Spring Session Gold Medalist team of "**Pub 181**" from the Park Rose division. The match was close and was one of the last one's to finish up for the night, but "**Blackout**" emerged with a 5th match-race victory to go into the 9:00 AM Saturday round. "Pub 181" however was off to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side at 1 PM Saturday afternoon. In the 9 AM round "**Blackout**" was matched up against Summer Session Bronze medal winner's "Underground's" "**Shark Tank**" from the North-West D.J. division. "**Blackout**" poked the sharks with their pool poles and eventually got the better of them. The Sharks ended up having to then swim on over to the Last Freakin' Chance side to do what sharks do best whereas the "Blackout" strutted their stuff away to the 5 PM winner's point finals to play a real serious team from the West Hill's D.J. Division and another "Underground Sports Bar" team.—Summer Sessions Silver Medalist's "**Seriously?!?!**"

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way to the 5th race and sudden death. **"Blackout"** and **"Seriously?!?!"** Were in a really tight match together, but the blacks slowly began building up a lead and by the time they reached the 5th race they were ahead 46-34. However, **"Seriously?!?!"** seriously almost managed against all odds to come back and pull off the match. **"Seriously?!?!'**s" player, **Deana Copeland** played valiantly and with a lot of heart coming down to the very reachable point where she only needed to pocket 3 more balls for the win. Unfortunately, with the end very much in sight and in her grasp, she seriously got a bad roll ensuing in an disastrous and untimely scratch, giving **"Blackout"** Ball In hand to pocket just one ball for the Win. **Matt Linday**, place the ball, aimed and Match over. So seriously close. Therefore, it was sadly off to the last chance side now for the serious folks and outside to get their pictures taken with shiny new trophies for the jubilant **"Blackout"** team now regrouped and making plans again to be going back to the National Championships in Las Vegas.

The last of the 5:00 PM finals was a real nail biter going all the



### #4 of 6: BLACKOUT

Sunday at Rodders produced the final two Las Vegas slot winners and the \$500 consolation prize runner up winners. Taking the fifth set of Las Vegas plane seats was River Road Houses's Spring Session's "Rite of Succession" team (and the only team in the tournament who had gotten there by succession) from the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy Division— **"8's & A's"** with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates— **Jennifer Windell, Shawn Gunderson, Mylee Burns, David Windell, Sam Morrison, Ed Montpart**, and **Crusher Smelser**. On Friday night the aces sent Spring Session's Bronze Medalist's from Home Turf's **"Kneedraggers"** who play out of the Mid-West division over to the Last Freakin' Chance side. Coming back at 9 AM 8's & A's got a dose of reality when they got crushed by a fellow Mt. Hood division team from the Midway— **"KC's Krushers"** who had taken the bronze just last spring. Now after having being kicked to the last freakin' chance side they had to play Back Alley's Fall Bronze medalists **"The Ravens"** from the Northern D.J. division. After clipping the Raven's wings and out the door to home, the 8's moved on to the 5 PM round where they came up against the Jin's "Blue Crew" of Spring Silver Medalist's **"Table Scraps"** from the Southeast D.J. division. The **"Table Scraps"** lived up to their name and were real scrappy, but in the end the eighty-aces won to go on into Sunday Mornings 10 AM semi's against Ringo's Summer Bronze medal holders **"Dangerous Cues"** from Midwest division.

**"8's & A's"** took the danger out of the cues in just 4 races to send them out the door to home. **"8's & A's"** were headed to their final match of the day against the Far East division, Fortune Star, Summer Silver, dominant family team of **"Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'."** The eighty-aces lost their first match race 12-8, but then regrouped and came roaring back taking the next four races 16-4, 13-7, and 16-4 to claim the win with a 57-23 victory in just 4 races, leaving their opponents speechless, and out of chalk, but with a consolation check of \$500. Meanwhile the succession team of **"8's & A's"** went outside to get their pictures taken with shiny new trophies 'cause they were finally going to be going to Vegas! In last year's Regional the roles had been reversed and it had been the **"8's & A's"** who were put out in the semi's and got no money nor no Vegas. Not this time—This time it's Vegas for them baby!



### #5 of 6: 8's & A's

Taking the sixth and last set of Las Vegas plane seats was Summer Bronze & Spring Platinum Medalist's—Sam's **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** from the Central 9-Ball division—with Team Captain: **Christophen Parra**, and teammates— **Andrew Hoffman, Morgan Sackett, Kimberly Engh, Daniel Trafican, Jason Stabe, Paul Marquez** and **Claudine Elzey**

After being seriously thumped to the last freakin' chance on opening Friday Night side by "Underground Sports Bar's Summer Silver Medalists **"Seriously?!?!"** from the West Hills D.J. division **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** found themselves in the Last Freaking Chance side playing in the 1 PM match against the Icehouse's Summer Session Platinum Medal winner's **"8 N 9 ers"** from the Mt. St. Helen's division. **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** managed to get (Continued on Page 4.)



# TRI-CUP

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5th race, but the **Mark it Zero's** pulled out the win to head into Sunday's 10 AM competition. There, they were faced up against the strong Midway Spring Bronze team of **"KC's Crushers"** from the Mt. Hood D.J. division. The team match went the distance, but in the end it was **"KC's Crushers"** who headed out the door to home leaving **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** behind to compete in the final match of the day where the Loser would go home with \$500 in their pocket and the winner would be going on to catch a plane ride to Vegas.

In the final 2:00 PM Sunday final **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** came face to face up against their arch rival—the team that had put them in the loser's side in the first place—Underground's **"Seriously?!!!"** from the West Hills D.J. division. The winner would be going to Las Vegas and the loser would receive \$500 consolation money. After having lost in the winner's side 5 PM Vegas round to **"Blackout"** on Saturday night **"Seriously?!!!"** had dramatically fought their way through the entire **"Last Freakin' Chance Side"** by putting an end to the hopes and dreams of Las Vegas for Home Turf's **"Kneedraggers,"** to make their way into the "Last Chance" Regional Finals against **"Mark It Zero Donnie."** So this time would it be **"Seriously?!!!"** Summer Re-runs? Or, be **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** Revenge?

Seriously came out smoking and won the first three match races 14-6, 14-6, and 13-7 tallying up a total of 41-19 in favor of **"Seriously?!!!"** **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** won the 4th race 16-4 to bring the overall score to 45 –35 still in favor of **"Seriously?!!!"** To complicate matters more, Sudden Death had been called—and now the point values would be doubled. **"Mark It Zero Donnie's"** SL-4 **Andy Hoffman** would have to turn in an near impossible feat to get 16 balls pocketed before his **"Seriously's?!!!"** opponent SL-4 **Tammy Rhodes** got in 6 balls. Everybody knew it was all over but the shouting, but pool sometimes makes for phenomenal play. **Tammy** got to 5 balls made and just needed one more ball for the win when **Andy Hoffman** managed to luck out and get all 16 of his balls pocketed to win the match race 16-4 and give his team **"Mark It Zero Donnie"** the overall 51-49 Team Match win, the title of 2012-13 9-Ball Regional Team Champion, and the last set of plane seats to Las Vegas..

Next, it was out side for pictures, and then the dreaded Victory/Vegas talk with Boomer. Unfortunately, the two consolation money winners **"Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'"** and **"Seriously?!!!"** teams escaped before getting their pictures, so we used the photo when they won their Tri-Cup Medal.

Special Thanks to **Rodder's and crew** for being such Gracious hosts! And, our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Shannon Fey-Young, Terry Pinto, Stephen Schneringer, and Don "Coyote" Walker.**



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CONSOLATION: QUIT TALKIN' START CHALKIN'



CONSOLATION: SERIOUSLY ?!?!'

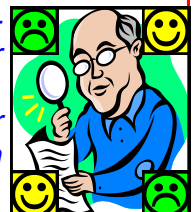
## THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 28Th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people have some fun and call 'em out. Give 'em the old "L" sign, and say "Thank You" to 'em for leaving a shirt in the box Just for you too!

- 1-RICHARD WASHINGTON** (97201902) who plays for Hobo's **"Wiggle Wiggle"** in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 2-PATRICIA NEESHAM** (97206359) from Aloha Station's **"Don't Talk To My Balls"** in the **Western 9-Ball** div.
- 3-JOSH FARRIS** (97202491) who plays for Auto's **"Blitzkrieg"** in the **Clark County-APA** division.
- 4-KATY EAKINS** (97218270) who plays for Sunset Lane's **"Sloppy Joes"** in the **NW Double Jeopardy** division.

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 NEWSLETTER..!**



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SO, ... HOW'S YOUR DAY GOING?