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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. Well no one else found their hidden number from the June 3rd newsletter So, there's going to be 4 shirtless souls for you to ridicule this week—give it to 'em good! From the June 10th newsletter **Carrie Christy-Brevik** (97205769) who plays for Jake's “Momz Nite Out” in the Clark County DJ division; and **Rob Solomon** (97216513) who plays for Slingshot's “Pretty In Pink” in the Sunrise D.J. division both called in to claim their prize.

**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, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you don't either want yours, or pay attention..

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## 8-Ball Team Regional Results

**W**hat A Weekend! 24 Tri-cup 8-Ball Team Medal winners gave it their all June 14-16 in the double elimination format at KC's Midway in Oregon City. All teams had legitimate hopes of being one of the “Lucky 7” teams to win a (*one out of 3.43 % teams*) slot to the APA National 8-Ball Team Championships this coming August 18-24th. We held the first round of play on Friday night. Saturday we had three rounds of play with the last one —the 5 PM round—producing four undefeated winner's side team champions to claim their seats on the plane to the city of Lost Wages.

Continuing their journey from Summer Tri-Cups where they took Gold,— on Friday Night, the experience of **You Marked What Pocket?** brought Auto Pub's “**Hot Rods & Nice Racks**” a trip to the one-loss side so “Pockets” could go against 505 Tavern's “**Felt Up**” in the Saturday Morning round. They got fed up with “Felt Up” and sent them into the last freakin' chance side to play Maui's “**Tear For The Nest**”. The “**What Pocket?**” won the first two races and went straight to the Hill. But the determined “**Tears**” battled back taking the the next two races bringing the match to Double Hill and in Sudden death which the “Tears Lost.” Back Alley's Summer Gold Tri-Cup winner's “**U Marked What Pocket?**” from the River City-APA division with Team Captain: **Linda Johnson**, and teammates-**Tony Darnell, Josh Farris, Marcia White, Justin McClintock, Janet Farris, Ron Farris,** and **Kyle Davis** claimed the first \$4000 Slot and plane seats to the August APA Nationals at the Riviera in Las Vegas.



**#1 of 7: U MARKED WHAT POCKET?**

Across the room, “**Breaking Bad**” also started out Friday Night by licking Star House's “**Taco Stand**” all the way to the one loss side. In the 9 AM round the breaker's were on target again as they “out powered” Mouse-trap's “**Powershots**” to the last chance side to move to the 5 PM winner's side final against Smokey's “**Thrown Together.**” They hit Double Hill and into a 5th race sudden death thriller where (*Continued Pg. 2*)



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the "Breaking Bad's" broke "Together" apart and sent them into the Last Freakin' Chance side. Cascade Bar's Spring -Bronze Tri-Cup winners "**Breaking Bad**" from the Columbia D.J. division with Team Captain: **Kerry Kitts**, and teammates—**Rhonda Jacoby-Kessinger, Keith Kessinger, Tony Thew, William Jacobson, Paige Riley, Jordan Farley, and Benny Leggett Jr.** 99571279 were taking the 2nd \$4,000 Vegas Slot and plane seats to the National Championships.

Playing out of Ringo's, "**Why So Hard?**" drew a "Bye" on Friday Night and had to wait until Saturday's 9 AM round to get an opponent—Slingshot's "**Off In Church**." The match was close, but the "**Off In Church**" team eventually succumbed to the constant skill-full stroking by "**Why So Hard**" resulting in "**Off In Church**" being beaten off down the path to the "Last Chance Side" while the "Why Hards?" heading to the 5 PM winner's side finals against McAnulty & Barry's "**Pooligans**." The team match went only 4 races putting an end to the drama when "**Pooligan's**" got defeated 3-1 and head to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" on Sunday. However, for "**Why So Hard?**" from Ringo's in 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.** found themselves outside in the winner's circle getting their pictures taken and winning the 3rd \$4,000 Vegas Slot, and nifty plane seats, to the APA National Championships in Las Vegas.

Playing out of The Back Alley, "**The Raven's**" also drew a "Bye" on Friday Night and had to wait until Saturday's 9 AM round to get an opponent—Slingshot's "**Underachievers**." "**The Ravens**" skillfully allowed the "**Underachievers**" to live up to their name resulting in an underachieved voyage down the path to the "Last Chance Side" while "Mr. Windex" and the Raven's heading to the 5 PM winner's side finals against Gator's feared "**Lemonheads**." The team match had sudden death called on it just barely after starting the 4th race with "**The Raven's**" up 2-1.

Raven's SL-7 **Jonathan "Windex" Hahn** was battling Lemonhead's SL-7 **Jason Bennett**. It was a 5-5 match race that in the end only went 8 innings. **Jason** won the first game, but ol' "**Windex**" cleaned up by winning games 2,3, & 4. Unfortunately, he scratched on the 8-Ball in game 5 to bring the score to 3-2 in favor of **Jona**-**than**. After that "**Windex**" continued cleaning and won the next two games to claim victory sending the "**Lemonheads**" to Sunday's Last Chance play while Back Alley's Summer/ Platinum medal winner's "**The Ravens**" from the Northern D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jonathan "Windex" Hahn**, (Continued Pg. 3.)

### Bronze / Spring



### #2 of 7: BREAKING BAD

### Bronze / Summer



### #3 of 7: WHY SO HARD?

### Platinum / Summer



### #4 of 7: THE RAVENS



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(Continued from Pg. 3) and teammates—**Helen Hahn, Brian Newcomb, Tony Bittner, Brett Usher, Lindy Taylor, Daniel Olson II**, and Robin Moore found themselves in the winner's circle with the 3rd **\$4,000** Vegas Slot, & plane seats, to the APA National Championships.

We started off in the first round on Sunday with just 8-Teams left—three of which would be ultimately filling up the rest of the seats on the plane to Las Vegas. In Sunday's 10 AM round action McAnulty & Barry's "**Pooligans**" denied the win to Auto's "**Hot Rods & Nice Racks**;" Maui's "**Tear For The Nest**" drained the water out of Underground's "**Shark Tank**;" Gator's "**Lemonheads**" 4 F'd 505 Tavern's "**Felt Up**;" and Fortune Star's "**City Hunters**" took apart Smokey's "**Thrown Together**."

In the 2 PM Vegas round the team matches were played on two tables simultaneously. Three of the four teams left would eventually be going to Vegas whereas the bridesmaid 4th team with three defeats would receive a consolation of **\$500** to go drown their sorrows with along with the right to stay home and be emotionally distraught.

Playing for the 5th **\$4,000** Vegas slot was McAnulty & Barry's "**Pooligans**" versus Maui's "**Tear For the Nest**." The team match went two races and it was over. The Nest lost the first two races and could only field 4 players because their 5th player had left to go to work. Therefore, McAnulty & Barry's **Fall-Silver medal winners** "**Pooligans**" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Leonard Duval**, and teammates—**Scott Bean, Lucille Gardner, Barbara Duval, Adam & Cassie Baker**, and **Iwalani Carpenter** claimed the victory and the 5th **\$4,000** Vegas slot, and 5th set of plane seats to the APA National Championship competition in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the room Gator's **Summer/Silver medalists** "**Lemonheads**" dominated the ferocious Fortune Star's **Fall/Platinum** "**City Hunters**," taking them down in three straight races. So Gator's "**Lemonheads**" from the Midwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Bennett**, and teammates—**Elise Piscitelli, Humberto Buitron, Dana & Danielle Minor, Ray Cooper, aaron Pavlinac**, and **April Blankenship** were able to capture the 6th **\$4,000** Vegas Slot, and cushy plane seats to Las Vegas and the National Championship.

Now, we had to break the tie between 7th and 8th to determine who would be taking the **7th and final \$4,000** slot into August's APA Nationals, and who would be just going down the road to drown their sorrows with **\$500** in their pockets. The final two team match-up was between Maui's short staffed **Spring-Bronze** "**Tear For The Nest**" from the No-Po division with Team Captain: **Matt Peterson**, and teammates—**Erik Wickstrom, Sarah Flow-erday, Maryam Tu, Matt Wasson**, ( *Continued Page 4.* )

## Silver / Fall



## #5 of 7: POOLIGANS

## Silver / Summer



## #6 of 7: LEMONHEADS

## Platinum / Fall



## #7 of 7: CITY HUNTERS

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Melissa Rodgers, and Corey Robey; and the fully staffed Fortune Star Fall / Platinum medal winners: "City Hunters" from the Farside D.J. Division with Team Captain: Wallace Li, and teammates—Alex Lee, Jimmy Wu, Roy Chan, Ed Fung, Thomas Patrocino, Benny Chan, and Billy Nguyen. It was not to be for the "Tear For The Nest" Team. Having to give up a player advantage to such a well seasoned team like the "City Hunters" the writing was pretty much on the wall, The tears fought valiantly winning one race, but in the end they also lost 3 races thereby allowing the "City Hunters" to claim the bragging rights to the last slot into the Las Vegas National Championships and the also allotted plane seats.

To recap, the seven (7) winning teams will go on to compete in the Las Vegas APA National Team Championships this coming August 18-25th. Did you notice that 3 of the winning teams were Bronze Medalists, (Counting Consolation) 2 were Silver Medalists, 1 was Gold, and 2 were Platinum. 1 Bronze, 1 Silver, 1 Gold, and 1 Platinum from Summer, (Summer Ruled!) 1 Silver & 1 Platinum from Fall, and 2 Bronze from Spring. This go around we got both all the sessions, and all of the Medal categories. A First !!!

Join us in wishing them the best of luck in the National Championships. We hope that they find the glamour and glitter of Las Vegas to be all that they hope it will be and more.

Special thanks to KC's Midway and staff at for their efforts in hosting this event. Also, Special thanks and "Kudo's" and to our dedicated referee's John Blue, Terry Pinto, Dan Fendall. and Don "Coyote" Walker who dedicated their weekend time to come and officiate this intense regional event that was notably enjoyed by most all who attended.



**Consolation: TEAR FOR THE NEST**



**APPARENTLY ... MANY OF YOU** are not aware that a **REFEREE WILL NOT** make a call on a shot unless someone first asked him to watch the shot. On the other hand, if an officially working referee actually did happen to see the shot in question and you **ASK HIM** if he saw it then that referee can, upon being asked, make a ruling. However the Referee **WILL ONLY** rule on a judgment call if he or she did actually see the shot. Otherwise, if not asked, the referee keeps his mouth shut and says nothing. The reason for this is that it avoids all possibility and perception of officiators showing favoritism.



Submitted By:  
Jeff Clohessy

During a lady patient's medical examination, the doctor says:

**"Your heart, lungs, pulse, and blood pressure are all fine. Now let me see the bit that gets you ladies into all kinds of trouble."**

The lady starts taking off her clothes but then is immediately interrupted, and stopped, by the doctor.

**"No! No! No! Don't remove your clothes miss. . . . Just stick out your Tongue !"**



## THE LOSER'S CORNER



The 4 people listed below are June 3rd newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing. Oh, and be sure to give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1-RICHARD WASHINGTON** (97201902) who plays for Hobo's "Wiggle Wiggle" in the Central 9-Ball div.
- 2-Patricia Neesham** (97206359) who plays for Aloha Station's "Don't Talk To My Balls" in Western 9-Ball div.
- 3-JOSH FARRIS** (97218138) who plays for Auto's "Blitzkrieg." in the Clark County APA Dbl. Jep. division.
- 4-KATY EAKINS** (97218270) who plays for Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes" in the NORTHWEST D.J. division.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully 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..!**

