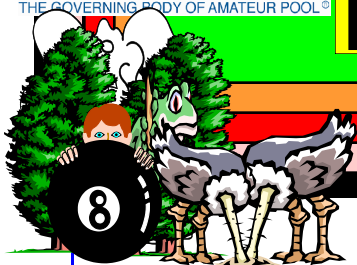




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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are another "5" new **APA Membership numbers** just waiting to be discovered.

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From the June 10th Newsletter— no one else whose number was craftily hidden within the context, has graced us with a phone call to claim their valuable prize which means there's going to be a loser's party of 3 on the back page for your viewing pleasure this week!—so let 'em have both barrels (or fingers) From the June 17th newsletter **Keif Pederson** (97200647) who plays for Sam's "Sams" in the Sunrise Double Jeopardy division and **Chris Stewart** (97219065) who plays for Yazzi's "Pocket Pool" in the Gateway Double Jeopardy division both called in to claim their prize. 8 numbers are now out there waiting to be discovered—3 from last week, & the 5 new one's from this week. So get off your asset's, put on your glasses and get to looking or you'll end up the same as those illustrated on back page this week !!!

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 because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you must not have wanted yours—

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TRIPLE-PLAY MASTER'S SPRING REGIONAL

@t Jin's Steakhouse on June 22nd in Oregon City, the Triple Play Master's Spring Regional was held with Merle directing and "**Don 'Coyote' Walker,**" officiating. We expedited the 7 team,

four round Double Elimination format by playing the rounds on two tables simultaneously. That worked out semi amicable as we were able to finish the last final by 7:30 PM. Otherwise, it would have been several hours later. The Master's division qualified teams were playing for three Las Vegas National Championship slots along with a purse to the winners of **\$1,342** each (**\$150** has already been deducted to pay their National entry fee) to assist with their transportation and lodging in Las Vegas during this coming August 2013. The format was patterned after the US Amateur. The winner of the lag either chose to break or to name the game—8-Ball or 9-Ball. The opponent got what the lag winner did not want. The race was to 7 wins. If 9-Ball were chosen they played 8 games and if neither one of the players had won 7 games then they would switch to 5 games of 8 ball until one or the other of them did reach 7 games. Therefore, it was possible just to play 9-Ball and win. However, if 8-Ball were chosen there were only 5 games to be played—after which they started playing 9-Ball. Whoever won the match race won registered (1) point for the team. Once a team score totaled 2 Match-Race wins the team match was over. If they went into the Ozone layer and played more games in a category that was allowed the excessive games played were disallowed and not counted.

In the first round play it was **Underground's "Bench Warmers,"** Vrs **Ickabod's "Chalk Is Cheap,"** **Back Alley's "Alley Dogs"** drew a "Bye," the **Starhouse "Coolers,"** Vrs. **River Road House's "Bad Shot Dummies,"** and **Ringo's "Lie To Me,"** Vrs. The **Starhouse "Vultures."** The "Bench/Chalk" match went to double hill, and in a double double hill thriller the "Bench Warmers" barely-by the narrowest of margins- out-shot "**Chalk is Cheap**" 2-1 to send them over to the one loss side. Meanwhile, the "**Coolers**" also went double hill with "**Bad Shot Dummies**" but were upended in the third match race and sent off to the one loss side; and in the last "**Vulture/Lie to Me**" match race— "**Lie To Me,**" was truthfully 2-zipped by the "**Vultures,**" and sent over to the one loss side too.

There were Three pairings in the 2nd round. First was **Back Alley's "Alley Dogs"** Vs. (**Continued Pg. 2.**)

TRIPLE-PLAY MASTER'S SPRING REGIONAL

(Continued from Pg. 1) **Underground's "Bench Warmers."** This was a Winner's side Final. The Winner would be going to Las Vegas and the loser would continue on in the one-loss side. The "Dog's" **Ralph Langevin** took out the "Bench's" **Rick Dusa** the first race 7-5 and the "Dog's" **Mark Bussiere** took out "Bench's" **Steve Kerner** 7-5 so the team match was over in two match races. Therefore, from the Triple Play Master's Vancouver division: Back Alley's "Alley Dogs" with team Captain **Mark Bussiere** and teammates—Ralph Langevin, John Whiteman were taking the first slot to Las Vegas.

In the other winner's side final going on between **River Road House's "The Bad Shot Dummies"** and **Star House's "The Vultures"** the match went to double hill. The "Dummies" **Paul Marquez** took out "Vultures" **Steve Tune** 7-4, and the "Vultures" **Todd Gooch** took out "Dummies" **Michael Deitchman** 7-4. that left "Dummies" **Cedric Sloan** and "Vultures" **Pat Schumacher** left to decide their respective teams fates. After 5 games of 8-Ball **Cedric** was one up on **Pat** 3-2. Switching to 9-Ball **Cedric** won the 1st, 3rd, & 4th racks of 9-Ball to put himself up on the hill. **Pat** won the next game, but then **Cedric** took game 6 to claim the match 7-4. So, taking the 2nd slot to Las Vegas was **River Road House's "Bad Shot Dummies"** from the RRH Master's division with team captain: **Paul Marquez**, and teammates—**Pete Gates**, **Michael Deitchman**, and **Cedric Sloan**. Meanwhile in the loser's side of round 2 "Chalk is Cheap" drew a "Bye" and the **Star House "Coolers"** put the pedal to the metal and froze out **Ringo's "Lie To Me"** 2-Zip sending them out the door to home.

In round three, over in the one loss side, **Ickabod's "Chalk Is Cheap"** were airlifted out the door by the **Star-house "Vultures"** after being dominated in a double hill thriller 2-1. "Vultures" **Todd Gooch**~97231861 7-Zipped "Chalk's" **Alfreda Amyotte**, "Chalk's" **Brian Knapp** won 7-6 in a real double hill thriller against "Vultures" **Steve Tune**, but then "Vultures" **Pat Schumacher** defeated "Chalk's" **Jim Knappenberger** 7-3 to claim the victory for his team. Meanwhile the **Star House "Coolers"** out shot, out witted, and out played **Underground's "Bench Warmers"** in what turned out to be a 2-zip massacre after "Coolers" **Greg Sowder** barely edged out "Bench Warmer's" **Bob Prouty** 7-6 in a double hill thriller diller.

The Fourth and last round of the day was the One-Loss Side Finale between the **Star House "Vultures"** and the **Star House "Coolers."** The match went to double hill. The first match-race was between the "Cooler's" **Greg Sowder** and the "Vultures" **Todd Gooch**. Starting with 9-Ball **Greg** rung up a 5-3 lead by the time they hit 8-Ball, and in just two racks later **Greg** had defeated **Todd** 7-3.

In the next race it was the "Cooler's" **Scott Snyder** up against the "Vultures" **Steve Tune**. Starting with 8 games of 9-Ball the match was dead even at 4 wins each. However, now into 8-Ball, **Steve** took the next 3 games straight to claim the victory and place the match on double hill.

Now it had come down to the last two players — the "Cooler's" **Bob Olson**, and the "Vultures" **Pat Schumacher**. Starting with 5 games of 8-Ball **Pat** took a dominant lead of 4-1 over **Bob** before moving on to 9-Ball. **Bob** won the first game of 9-Ball to bring the match score to 4-2 in favor of the "Vultures", but then **Pat** took the next 3 games to win 7-2. It was officially over. The winning team of the "Vultures" ventured outside to pose for pictures and celebrate their taking the last and final slot to Las Vegas.

All three teams winning teams to Las Vegas: the **Back Alley's "Alley Dogs,"** **River Road house's "Bad Shot Dummies"** and the **Star-house "Vultures"** secured the well deserved team title of Triple Play (Continued on Pg. 3)



BACK ALLEY: "ALLEY DOGS"



RIVER ROAD HOUSE: "BAD SHOT DUMMIES"



STAR HOUSE "THE VULTURES"

TRIPLE-PLAY MASTER'S SPRING REGIONAL

(Continued from Page 2.) Master's Champion for 2012—13 with all the trophies and bragging rights to go along with it. Each team also received individual trophies and a host location trophy, the top travel and accommodation purse of **\$1,342** (**\$150** was already deducted to hold their slot for the National Championship) leaving them with

enough money to adequately cover both airfare and lodging when they go to the Las Vegas National Championships this coming August 18-21st 2013 at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada. Our sincerest congratulations to the three winning teams.

Special Thanks to Jin's Steakhouse Staff for being such gracious hosts and for seeing to our every need, and exceptional thanks to referee Don "Coyote" Walker for his taking the time to prepare the table, and officiate the event.

OPEN SCOTCH DOUBLES REGIONALS

SATURDAY June 22nd Wichita Town Pub in Milwaukie hosted APA's open 8 & 9-Ball Scotch Doubles regional under the watchful eyes of **Boomer** and Referee "Derby"



Dan Fendall. There were six 8-Ball and five 9-Ball Regional pairs who had won respective qualifying tournaments to gain their entry into the regional event. At the close

of the day, There would be only two 8-Ball and one 9-Ball team pairs winning their way to compete in the Las Vegas National Tournament this coming August at the Riviera.

In Open Scotch Doubles 8-Ball, there were Six qualified teams competing. The double elimination format flow chart would produce two champions. in the very first round, combined SL-11 pair **Jonathan & Helen Hahn** who both play for the Back Alley team of "Blackbird" in the Mt. St. Helen's division drew combined SL-10 pair **Kristin Cambas & Stacie Larson** who both play for Ickabod's "Dangerous Cues" in the Midwest D.J. division. It was a 4-3 race, and the match went to double hill at 3/2 but the **Hahn** duo cleaned up on the hill game to win 4-2 to send **Kristin & Stacie** off to explore the one-loss side. Meanwhile in the lower part of the bracket, combined SL-10 pair **Tim Higginson** who plays for Ickabod's "Dangerous Cues" in the Midwest D.J. division and his partner—**Donna Huffman** who plays for the Back Alley team of "Warriors" in the Columbia D.J. division drew combined SL-10 pair **David Starr & Wayne Delatte** who both play for Pub 181's "Shooting Stars" in the Parkrose D.J. division. It was a 4-4 race, but **David & Wayne** managed to get a 4-2 win and send **Tim & Donna** off to also explore the one-loss side.

In Round two action on the winner's side **Jonathan & Helen** faced another 4-3 race against **Stacy Enriquez** who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Kiss Kiss" in the Southeast D.J. division and her partner—**Sherry Maresh** who plays for Fortune Star's "Kung Fu Cues" in the Far East D.J. division. The **Hahn's** came out firing and went right to the hill. They lost the next game but won the one after that to seal up the match 4-1. **Stacy & Sherry**—were sent flying off to the one loss side while **Jonathan** (also known as "Mr. Windex" 🌪️) and **Helen Hahn** perched themselves on the finals of the winner's point to wait and see who their next, and final, opponent would be.

Down In the lower side of the winner's side bracket combined SL-10 pair **David & Wayne** were preparing to take on combined SL-11 pair **Kelly Kent-Micheau & Lori Wood** who both play for Mousetrap's "Powershots" in the Northern D.J. division who had just came off of a first round "Bye". Theirs was a 3-4 race and it went to 2/3 double hill whereby **David & Wayne** managed to pull off a case game win to take the match 3-3 sending **Kelly & Lori** off to the one-loss side while **David & Wayne** prepared to meet **Jonathan & Helen** in the winner's point Finals to await whatever destiny might befall them.

The winner's point finals between **Jonathan & Helen** and **David & Wayne** was a real exciting down to the wire double hill corker. It was a 4-3 Race. **Jonathan & Helen** barely scooted by to get the best of **David & Wayne** 4-2 to repeat their feat of 2011-12 and to once again grab up the bragging rights of being the 2012-13 OPAL-APA 8-Ball Scotch Doubles Champions as well. In addition the **Hahn's** received trophies and **\$400** in travel / lodging assistance money to represent OPAL-APA at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada this coming August 2013.

Back in the one-loss side second round, SL-10 **Kristin & Stacie** were up against S/L-11 **Kelly & Lori** in a 3-4 race. It was another double hill thriller with **Kristin & Stacie** winning 3-3 to stay alive. In the lower part of the bracket SL-10 **Tim & Donna** were up against SL-9 **Stacy & Sherry** in a 4/4 race. **Tim & Donna** won 3 out of the first 4 games to go to the hill. **Stacy & Sherry** fought back to bring the match to double hill, but fell short in the case game ending their hopes while **Tim & Donna** moved ahead with a 4-3 win. In the third round it was a two SL-10 race to four contest — **Tim & Donna** Vrs **Kristin & Stacie**. Six games later it was all over... **Kristin Cambas & Stacie Larson** got beat 4-2—and sadly were shown the door where outside was (Continued on Page 4.)



JONATHAN & HELEN HAHN

OPEN SCOTCH DOUBLES REGIONALS

(Continued from Pg. 3.) the road to home. All journeys were about to end because next up was the one-loss finals between **Tim Higginson & Donna Huffman** up against the winner's side point loser's **David Starr & Wayne Delatte**—both SL-10 pairs in a 4-4 race. It was the final 8-Ball scotch doubles match-race of the tournament. Try as they did, **David & Wayne** barely got started by the time it was all over. **Tim & Donna** had cleaned their clocks 4-1 to claim the second slot to Las Vegas, with paid entry, \$400 in Travel assistance, trophies, and all the bragging rights to go with being the 2nd open pair 8-Ball Scotch Doubles Champions for 2012-13.



DONNA HUFFMAN & TIM HIGGINSON

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In the Open Pairs Scotch Doubles 9-Ball There were five team pairs that were competing for just one \$600 Travel Assistance slot to the August APA 9-Ball Scotch Doubles Championship in Las Vegas. The first match up was between combined SL-11 pair, **Kelly Kent-Micheau & Lori Wood** both from the Mousetrap's "Powershots" in the Northern D.J. division -VRS- combined SL-9 pair **Stacy Enriquez** who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "Kiss Kiss" in the Southeast D.J. division, & **Sherry Maresh** who plays for Fortune Star's "Kung Fu Cues" in the Far East D.J. division. It was a 42-35 point race. **Kelly & Lori** won 42-20. Everyone else had a first round "Bye."

In the second round winner's side was again **Kelly & Lori VRS Robbie Solomon & Michael Choe** (both SL-11 Pairs) they both play for Slingshot's "Slinging Around" in the Southeast division. Both racing to 42 **Kelly & Lori** edged by **Rob & Michael** 42-38. In the other 2nd round match it was two SL-10 pairs: **Tony Graham & Tammy Warren**—who both play for Underground's "Ar 2 Win" in the Horizon D.J. division; and **Bill Overholser** who plays for Falco's Replacements in the Parkrose D.J. division, and **Kurt Haller** who plays for 505 Tavern's "It's Not Pocket Pool" in the Willamette D.J. division. It was a race to 38. **Bill & Kurt** dominated 38-22. Next SL-11 Pair **Kelly & Lori** took on SL-10 pair **Bill & Kurt** in a 42/38 race. **Kelly & Lori** wiped them out 42-25 to wait now on the winner's perch to see who'd be coming back from the dark side at them.

Back In the one loss side **Tony & Tammy** in a 38/35 race wiped out **Stacy & Sherry** 38-23 and sent them out the door to home. Next **Tony & Tammy** took on **Robbie & Michael** in a 38/42 race going down to the last ball before winning 42-37. Now it was the final match of the loser's side and this winner would have to transverse back across to face and beat twice the awaiting **Kelly & Lori**. It was a race to 38 between **Tony & Tammy** and **Bill & Kurt**. It was really close but **Bill & Kurt** just barely pulled out the 38/36 win to claim the victory.

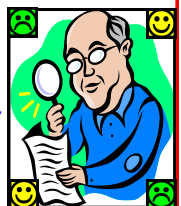
In the finals for all the marbles was **Bill & Kurt Vrs Kelly & Lori**. 38/42 race that **Bill & Kurt** would have to win twice. They did. 38/20 and 38/30 respectively. **Bill Overholser & Kurt Haller** were now the 2012-13 9-Ball Open Scotch Doubles Champions claiming the \$600 purse, trophies, the Pre-paid National entry slot, and all the bragging rights thereof. Their next stop will be the Las Vegas National Championships in August 2013.



Those 3 people listed below are losers from the June 10th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing giving 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—**DAN FENDALL** (97204273) who plays for Back Alley's "Seriously!!!" in the Mt. St. Helens D.J. div.
- 2—**MICHAEL CHATMAN** (97208824) who plays for Scotty's "Short Bus" in the Southwest D.J. division.
- 2—**LINDY TAYLOR** (97218149) who plays for Back Alley's "Blackbird" in the Mt. St. Helen's D.J. 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 97208700 NEWSLETTER..!**



Bill Overholser & Kurt Haller