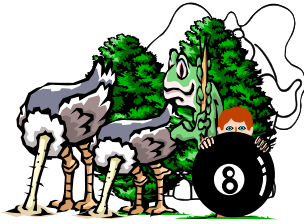


**ORIGINAL POOL AMATEUR LEAGUE
OPAL: "A REAL 'GEM' IN YOUR COMMUNITY!"**

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THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" more APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. No one else from the June 30 newsletter called in to claim their prize. So, that puts 4 shirtless losers on the back page this week. So far, no one has called in from the July 7th newsletter either. Is everyone on vacation? There are still 5 from last week and 5 more numbers this week to be found. Take a minute to see if one of them is yours.

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 now since you didn't want yours—

BE AN OPAL WINNER --- FIND YOUR NUMBER!

New Divisions Forming For Fall

We currently are in the process of creating at least two new divisions for Fall session. In the Oregon City, Milwaukie area, the new "Berry Hill" Double Jeopardy division will be playing Saturdays at 2 pm. In the Vancouver, North Portland area, Maxine is working on getting a Ladies Only, once or twice a month on Saturdays up and running. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to start a new division, please give us a call at the league office or email Boomer at apaboomer@aol.com. All you need is 4 teams to get a division going. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are wide open for new divisions. Check out the other formats that we offer on pages 75-80 of the Official Team Manual.

Number of Times You Must Play

In order to participate with your team in playoffs or tri-cups, a player must have played with your team a minimum of 4 times in the format you are advancing in. Double jeopardy teams, that means 4 times in 8-ball to go to 8-ball playoffs/tri-cups and 4 times in 9-ball to go to 9-ball playoffs/tri-cups. Forfeits and byes do not count as a match played.

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Who Can Rack?

Answer: Anyone on the team. There is nothing in the rule book that says only the opposing player can rack. Anyone on the team can rack. Some people have difficulty racking or bending over. It makes sense, rather than delaying the match, to have someone else rack the balls. The shooting player may inspect the rack before breaking and request a re-rack if needed.

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YouTube Sensation and Trick Shot Artist Florian "Venom" Kohler

Will be putting on a free exhibition during our 9 Ball
Chinook Winds tournament on November 6th

Exhibition will be open to the public

Watch for more details in future newsletters.

Time Outs

This has been coming up a lot lately. If anyone (captain, coach or team mate) asks the shooter if they want or need a timeout, a timeout is charged. Asking a player if they need a timeout, can be construed as getting an extra coaching in, if the player tries to refuse.

If the shooter asks for a timeout, the coach does have the right to refuse and no timeout is charged. Could be that the shooter is in a position that the coach cannot help them with, thus a timeout is useless. Some players do not understand when it is best to take a timeout. The coach is usually better suited for that decision. Remember that timeouts are limited to one minute only and the coach must leave the playing area before the player shoots.



Your teammates' expression
when you decide to shoot a
combo with ball in hand



THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 4 people listed below are losers from the June 30th News-letter. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best blast—and then be sure to give 'em the 'ol "L" sign!

- 1—**JIM JEANS** (97207333) who plays for Sam's "Noelle's Ink" in the **Central 9 Ball** division.
- 2—**COURTNEY CORDA** (97210836) who plays for Jin's "Table Scraps" in the **Southeast DJ** division.
- 3—**PETER HALE** (97219753) who plays for Falco's "City Hunters" in the **Farside DJ** division
- 4—**ALISHA NEWMAN** (97219794) who plays for Back Alley's "BackBreakers" in the **Northern 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 NEWSLETTER..!**

