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APRIL 26th to May 4th Boomer and Merle attended the National APA League Operator conference at the Riviera which was followed by the open 8-ball and the open 9-Ball National championships April 30-May 4 th.

Representing OPAL in the APA National 8-Ball Scotch doubles championships were the teams of: "Something Like that" with **Rick Levine & Christing Bonin** who finished out of the money at 193rd and "Bacardi & Coke" — **Chris Huntley & Dennis Worsham** who finished 9th and won **\$600**.

In 9-Ball "This is Crazy" with **Glenn & Sherry Maresh** finished 129th, and "Live to Sink'em" with **David Starr & Lee Donovan** finished 193rd — both out of the money

In the National singles competition we had 12 competing representatives—5 in 9-Ball and 7 in 8-Ball . In 8-Ball, only one made it into the higher prizes and that was: **Michael Dowell** who plays for Auto Pub's "Better Under Pressure" in the Clark County-APA division Won **\$1,000** for **9th place** in the SL-6 9-Ball Orange Tier—the rest-**Clarice Burkhart, Jonathan Swanson, Joddell Broadus, James Warner, Alex Willette & Adam Drew** each got \$200 Travel Allowance, free lodging, \$100 last place money, a commemorative jacket, and an early vacation to enjoy the sites of Las Vegas

In 9-Ball those representing OPAL were: **Anna Mixon, Michael Choe, Joddell Broadus, Miguel Madrigal, and Paul Marquez**. They tried their best, but they all reached the same "going on vacation much earlier" then hoped for...I do have to give an extraordinary sportsman-ship mention to **Paul Marquez** though who lost his first match because his opponent ran 5 straight racks and out, and in his 2nd match his opponent ran 4 straight racks and out. Paul graciously shook each opponent's hand, congratulated them, and wished them well.

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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis)

somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" fresh APA membership numbers just waiting to be

discovered. **TWO** more people from the April 1st newsletter called in to claim their prizes they were: **Zachery Knight** (97220166) who plays for Moose Lodge's "Rack Pack" out of the Gateway D.J. division, and. **Sherri Alexander** (97215782) who plays for Red Fir Inn's "Firballs" out of the Mt. St. Helens D.J. division. From the April 7th Newsletter heheheh (sinister evil Boomer laugh) not a single person saw their number and called in

I'm not being generous, it's just that I don't have enough space in this newsletter to put in this week's Loser's corner so **Rhonda, Jay, Steven, Julee, John, Steve, Frank & Lori** you have one more week to save yourselves!

You have until the writing of the 2nd Newsletter following the newsletter that your number is in to call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt" so next week there will be NO loser's corner, but there will again be five (5) more new numbers hidden for you to find, or you too will be going off to the Loser's Corner where everyone can see you — and laugh, giggle, snort, and snicker because they know there's going to be a shirt waiting for them seeing how the possibility existed that you must not have wanted yours-

DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU -- BE AN OPAL WINNER



Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. ~John Quinton~

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OPAL-APA NW 8-Ball Invitational @ Chinook Winds

One week before the APA Singles & Jack 'n Jill Scotch Doubles National Championships in Las Vegas, Chinook Winds in Lincoln City hosted the OPAL-APA NW Invitational April 11-14. Again, Steve Lingelbach, and crew, from *Billiards and Barstools* contracted the tables and set up the tournament room then administered a ton of mini tournaments for the enjoyment of players. We officially kicked off the event with 96 team pairings in the Modified Single Elimination Early Bird Scotch doubles tournament on Thursday..

Scotch play began at 9:00 AM on Thursday and progressed smoothly throughout the day to conclude in early evening with Seattle's "Veddy Reesky" **Dan Gates** & **John Bryden** taking the top honors over the Tacoma team of "Twisted Cue Club" with **David Lash** and **Darrell Vanzant**.

The total payouts paid down to the top 32 finishers in the field minus green fees amounted to **\$8,900** The top 32 finishers are listed in the table at right:



EARLY-BIRD SCOTCH PAYOUTS:

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1 ST	\$1,000	"Veddy Reesky"—Dan Gates & John Bryden	Seattle
2 ND	\$ 700	"Twisted Cue Club" David Lash & Darrell Vanzant	Seattle
3/4	\$ 500	"Regulators" – Dwayne Larsen & Dara Koch	OPAL
3/4	\$ 500	"Mojo & Company" - Jim Albert Sonny Gapasin	OPAL
5/8	\$ 350	"Big N Little" – Nick Oldham & Brian Sharkey	Salem
5/8	\$ 350	"2 Guys-17 Fingers"—Jon & Randy Nellis	OPAL
5/8	\$ 350	"Better Lucky Than Good"- K. Thompson & J. Stewart	Seattle
5/8	\$ 350	"Damage Control"- Jason Grijalva & Mackenzie Hornych	OPAL
9/16	\$ 200	"Da Brusselsprouts"-Kevin Castillo & Marcus Alston	Seattle
9/16	\$ 200	"Hoof Hearted"- Tom Kerrigan & "Chris Ketter	Seattle
9/16	\$ 200	"No Parental Control"- John & Jessica Gallagher	Seattle
9/16	\$ 200	"Critical Masse"—Sumesh Kumar & Sunil Muthuswamy	Seattle
9/16	\$ 200	"Fast Eddies"—Joseph Miedema & Michael Kirby	Seattle
9/16	\$ 200	"A Case of Stella"- Darla Rundle & Gary Casey	Seattle
9/16	\$ 200	"Twins"— Andy & Andrea Frazier	Salem
9/16	\$ 200	"You Dirty Rack"— Robert Jacobson & Salim Love	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"The Owls"- Jonathan & Helen Hahn	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Hook 'em"— Dale Crawford & Jeff Lewers	Salem
17/32	\$ 100	"Go For It"—Jason Chun & Deana Butler	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Pocket Rockets"—Nate Lannoye & Robert Crowley	Seattle
97/21	\$ 100	"Just Sayin"—Joe Dubanski & Julie Duvall	OPAL
55/39	\$ 100	"House Divided"—Jarrod & Keira Beck	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Sneaky but Deadly"- Corey Otterson & Amber Lee	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Stick & A Half"--Rob Crossen & Cory Bananto	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Did You Say Shots?"-Cindy Garvin & Tammy King	Salem
17/32	\$ 100	"Irish Coffee"—Andrew Sullivan & Bill Knotts	Salem
17/32	\$ 100	"Kung Fu Panda" - Ed Parenti & Amanda Halama	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Irish Stickin It" – Brian Crawford & Andrea Christensen	Salem
17/32	\$ 100	"Scooter's Renegades"—Scott & Josh Ruegsegger	Salem
17/32	\$ 100	"Waffle & Shark" –Glen Tamura & Kiyomi Tamura	Seattle
17/32	\$ 100	"Lex & Superman" – Steve Kemp & Kevin Green	OPAL
17/32	\$ 100	"Roadhouse Fireballs"—Phil Bremer & Jen Wendell	OPAL



1st: Veddy Reesky



2nd: Twisted Cue Club

Chinook Winds (Continued) On Thursday Evening we implemented a new fun event called the TOURNAMENT OF THE POOL GODS. Basically it was a \$3. blind draw partner scotch doubles event with sudden twists of fate. Boomer and the office staff had been working on this project since last Chinook Winds trying to come up with something new and exciting that would be fun and enjoyable for everyone. They did it and this time all the "KINKS" were worked out and it went over extremely well..

Selected to play the role of a "Pool God" was **James Moore**. The *Master of The Universe* was **Terry Pinto**. Another key ingredient to the game was a pair of "**DICE**", but we'll get to that later. There were 32 people who signed up to play which meant that after the blind draw for a partner we ended up with 16 scotch doubles pairings. **John Blue** emceed a color of money break and we were off and running. Now here's where the fun antagonizing part came into play—for lack of a better name we'll call it "**Poolicus Interruptus**." because the "Cus" part reverberated throughout the room.

Whenever "*The Master of the Universe*" Yelled "**STOP**" the players had to stop immediately even if they were down in the act of shooting. Then immediately came the roll of the Dice and whatever number that came up from "Snake Eyes" to "Box Cars" there was a numbered list from 2 to 12 that described a command the players had to follow. Some of the commands were: Shoot Left Handed, Bank your next shot, Relinquish your turn and give ball in hand to your opponent, Have your partner shoot, Pool Gods place the cue ball anywhere on the table before the shooter's next shot, Pool God's mark any pocket that you want the 8-Ball to go into, The point is that there were 11 different commands that each corresponded to the number that was thrown on the dice. Some helped the shooter, but most hindered the shooter, but in the mix there was a lot of laughter going on. Perhaps a bit vindictive, but laughter never-the-less.

We paid back 100% and down through the top 6 pairs Coming in 1st was Jeff Redel with blind drawn partner Jamie Nightingale both from Salem, and coming in second was Dana Minor, with his blind drawn partner of Sheri Vallespir—both OPAL players. Damn Salem beat us again!



Jeff

**Pool God
James
Moore**

Jamie



Dana

**Pool God
James
Moore**

Sheri



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EVERYONE can play, and **ANYONE** can win!

Friday morning at 8:30 AM we started off with the day with the players meeting where we introduced the referees, tournament staff, and vendors—**Steve Lingelbach & Carissa Biggs** with “Billiards & Barstools,” **Adrienne Beach & Anne Bounds** with Rail 2 Rail live streaming, and **Jessie** with “Billiards 911.” After the introductions, Floor Manager--**John Blue** went over the tournament rules of the 3-person team format with the 128 teams present that would be competing in two separate round robin flights “A” & “B”. While Flight “A” played Flight “B” was off to do whatever they wanted and Vice Versa.

Promptly at 9 AM the “A” flight took to the tables and we were underway once again. All day long the competition went on full blast each team hoping to secure a lion’s share of the **\$17,664** purse after green fees which was progressively paid out to the top 64 finishers of the field. By the evening’s end the round robin portion was over and the top 64 teams had emerged that would transcend into Saturday’s Modified Single Elimination tournament.

Saturday was truly a busy day for players and staff alike. At 9 am the first round of the 3-person team modified 64 single elimination board got underway with the winner’s from the previous day. At 10:30 AM the first round of the 88 team pairs “Weekender Scotch Doubles” event began, and at 1 PM Steve and Carissa from “Billiards & Barstools” got the Lincoln City open going. In addition, *Mini tournaments* were ongoing continuously as well as the “Beat The Merle” contest. There wasn’t an idle pool cue in the whole place. Meanwhile, **John Blue** and his referee staff was kept hopping making sure everything was running smoothly and the matches kept pace within the time limits. The matches progressed right along according to schedule. At the “Control Table” **Boomer, Donna Kingsbury, John Blue, Terry Pinto, and Rande Lee**— APA League Operator from Salem, **Kim Pankonin** APA League Operator from Riverside California, and the many other assorted volunteers who helped in making every-thing possible and happening..

At approximately 9 PM on Saturday evening the 88 pairs Weekender Scotch doubles event had been completed paying out a total purse of **\$7,744** after green fees to the top 32 finishing teams in the field. It was a OPAL 1st. “*Tempting but Hard*,” with **Adam Drew- & Crystal Funderburk** taking first place honors when they rocked out in the “Finals” against the Seattle team of “*Pigs Might Fly*” with **Terry McCurdy & Lucas Axtman**.

The top 16 results are at right: ➡

WEEKENDER SCOTCH

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1ST	\$ 900	“Tempting but Hard”- Adam Drew & Crystal Funderburk	OPAL
2ND	650	“Pigs Might Fly”- Terry McCurdy & Lucas Axtman	Seattle
3/4	400	“Outlaws” – Jeff Gibbons & Clyde Sunkari	OPAL
3/4	400	“NBSP”—Ed Ambo & Ethan Young Yim	Seattle
5/8	300	“8-9 Suited” – Ian Miller & Larry Poe	OPAL
5/8	300	“Irish Car Bombs”—Shawn Fitzgerald & William Sexton	Seattle
5/8	300	“Hot ‘n Spicy”- Toni Chambers & Rudy Reyna	Salem
5/8	300	“Girl Time”- Dana German & Claire Lewis	OPAL
9/16	200	“Smoke & Beers”-Patrick Patoray & Nicole Donisi	OPAL
9/16	200	“Infinity & Beyond”- Sasi Butsasakron-o-pas & Dave Tamura	Seattle
9/16	200	“Rail Drivers”-Kris Derby & Tricia Heintz	Salem
9/16	200	“Bus Boys”—Chris Shearer & Jesse Rumens	Seattle
9/16	200	“We Lost”—Robbie Solomon & Evan Moore	OPAL
9/16	200	“Duck & Dog”—AJ Sumner & Jeff Moore	OPAL
9/16	200	“Ready To Win”—Dana Minor & Raymond Cooper	OPAL
9/16	200	“We’re Streakin”—Jeff Albrecht & Marcus Haskins	Seattle



1st: Tempting But Hard



2nd: Pigs Might Fly

Chinook Winds (Continued)

The **3-Person team event** which included both the round robin phase and the 64 board Modified Single Elimination phase had a total payout of **\$17,664**, which was paid out to the top 64 finishers in the 128 Team field.

The Round Robin phase took the entire day of Friday to complete, and the Modified single elimination 64 board began Saturday and concluded it's final rounds on Sunday finishing up at 4:00 PM. For brevity purposes the top 32 finishers are listed in the table to the right and the pictures of the first and second place winners are on the next page.

3 PERSON TEAM RESULTS

Rank	\$\$\$\$	TEAM NAME & PLAYERS	FROM
1ST	1,500	"Bad Name 8's"- Pru Peltier, Chris Christensen, & James Edwards	Seattle
2ND	1,020	"Hairy Ladies"--Kumar Sumesh, Sunil Muthuswamy, & Kevin Macduff	Seattle
3-4	750	"You Dirty Rack"- Rob Jacobson, Salim Love & Randy Baker	OPAL
3-4	750	"The Vice Guys"-Bijoy Bordoloi, Sandeep Fotedar, & Josh Kelling	Seattle
5-8	540	"Good Shot Dummies!" – Paul Marquez, Michael Choe & Ben Foss	OPAL
5-8	540	"Free Beer"—John Russell, Mike Cox, & Lee Chapman	Salem
5-8	540	"Twisted Cue Club"- David Lash, Darrell Vanzant & John Stewart	Seattle
5-8	540	"Shootin Gallery"- Josh Myrick, Sean Fuller, & Christine Strode	Salem
9-12	420	"2ChixnaRooster"-Eileen Read, Rod Bair, & Leanna Gray	OPAL
9-12	420	"Those Guys"- Eric Stedman-Falls, Richard Kiltz, & Brian Carlson	OPAL
9-12	420	"Stooges" David Hunter, Mackenzie Hornyh, & Mike Keefe	OPAL
9-12	420	"Tell Deaf Jason"-Cari Calvert, Jason Grijalva, & Sam Morrison	OPAL
13-16	300	"4 On The Break"—Kris Knutson, Duke Gardner, & Tyler Hanson	OPAL
13-16	300	"Steve's Rusty Rack"- Rusty Silva, Steve Hestmark, & Rachael Williams	OPAL
13-16	300	"Father & Sons"—Andy Frazier III, Butch Frazier II, & Jake Frazier	Salem
13-16	300	"Born This Way"-Chris Abbot, Josh Guenther, & Monica Peterson	Salem
17-24	210	"It is What it is too" John & Jessica Gallagher, & Ron Charbonneau	Seattle
17-24	210	"456"- Michael O'Jones, Anton Renz, & Cory Bananto	OPAL
17-24	210	"De Untouchables-Frank & Francisco Loreda, & David Schwarzkopf	OPAL
17-24	210	"No Worries Around" Nick Johnson, Kevin Castillo, & Marcus Alston	Seattle
17-24	210	"Princess Club"—Sean Gray, Kevin Orellana, Robert Gagne	Seattle
17-24	210	"Rack Pack III"--Blake Estano, Seth Horrell, & Brandon Horrell	OPAL
17-24	210	"Cereal Killers"—James Moore, Andrea Christensen, & Brian Crawford	Salem
17-24	210	"The Blob"- Rob Blanding, Matt Witschonke, & Garrett, Bristow	Seattle
25-32	150	"Felt Up" - Scott Hood, Ken Nellis, & Ariel Delacruz	OPAL
25-32	150	"The Sparrows" - Jonathan & Helen Hahn, & Bryan McPherson	OPAL
25-32	150	"Anyone?"-Matt Hiatt, Savannah Niemczak, & Matt Lindsey	OPAL
25-32	150	"Angry Balls" Randy Messner, Tim Sexton, & Mike Voytko	OPAL
25-32	150	"Bazinga" Hermie White, Mark Bussiere, & Jaye Folsom	OPAL
25-32	150	"Stella's Boys"—Dan Gates, John Bryden, & Gary Casey	Seattle
25-32	150	"This One's For Earl"—Staci Moore Moses, Josh Moraga, & Paul Gray	Seattle
25-32	150	"8-Ball Mafia" Scott Fukuda, Suzanne Olander, & Jason Williams	Seattle

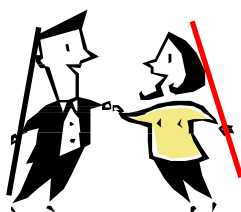
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THE GOVERNING BODY OF AMATEUR POOL®

3 Person Team Winners:



1st: --Bad Name 8's

2nd: --Hairy Ladies

Saturday Morning at 11 AM Registration began for the \$25 entry, double elimination **Lincoln City Open** tournament—directed by Billiards and Barstool's **Steve Lingelbach** and **Carissa Biggs**. Actual play began at approximately 12:30 PM There was a record 65 signups for the double elimination 8-Ball event which was a race to "5" on the winner's side and a race to "4" on the one loss side. It was a long and exhausting day with the competition being suspended just after midnight, and then resuming again on Sunday morning and then finishing up around 2 in the afternoon. Play, was at a skilled premium, as a majority of the matches came right down to the wire at double hill. The top eight finishers are listed in the table at right: ➡

RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	FROM
1 ST	\$ 309	TAVIS WAGNER	SALEM
2 ND	\$ 222	BOBBY ZACK	PORTLAND
3 RD	\$ 155	MIKE GRIMM	PORTLAND
4 TH	\$ 102	CARLOS CARDENA	SALEM
5-6TH	\$ 120	AARON WHITE	PORTLAND
5-6TH	\$ 122	STEVE LINGLEBACH	PORTLAND
7-8TH	\$ 107	DAVID SCARTH	PORTLAND
7-8TH	\$ 109	ADAM DREW	PORTLAND

IN THE BEAT THE MERLE CONTEST, Merle took on 3 long days of player challenges from Thursday noon through and including about three hours on Sunday morning. He was pretty much exhausted with tired feet playing some 363 games of pool. The challenger always named the game and had the choice between playing two games of 8-Ball or three games of 9-Ball.

The challenger always broke and if the challenger snapped off the game ball on the break (8 for 8-Ball or 9 for 9-Ball) they would receive **THREE** chances in the prize drawings. If The Challenger did a break and run then they would win **FIVE** tickets. If they played 9-Ball and won the game in normal rotation then they received **TWO** chances in the drawing, but if they cheated the 9 early then they still got a win, but received only one chance in the drawing.

Many people played multiple times because Merle was so easy to beat. Of the 127 games that Merle lost, 13 were game balls snapped in on the break---Only two in all of the challenge games played did a break and run occur and that miraculously happened back to back — first by Hermie White, followed second by her sweetie Mark Bussiere who apparently wasn't about to be outdone! The Diamond table's pockets were extremely tight. Of course half of the games that Merle lost were just 'cause he was tired and/or played absolutely stupid—but what else is new?! This year the selected prizes were: a Jump cue, a Cue Tec Break Cue, and a gorgeous customized "Player" cue.

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On Thursday we added a new event to the forum. Mix. We ran a \$20. entry modified single elimination tournament for every one of the individual skill level categories. This added event was Boomer's baby and it proved to be an sensationally overwhelming success as evidenced by the 128 players who signed up to play and thoroughly enjoyed competing against their own.

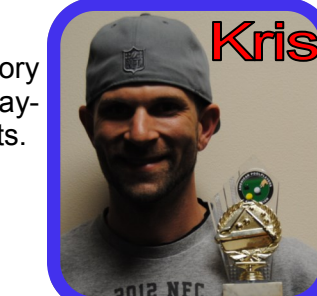
In the Skill level 2 & 3 category we had 18 players sign up to compete for their Skill Level bragging rights and a piece of the \$380 Purse. We paid down 4 places and the final results are in the top table to the right.

In The Skill Level 4 category we had 27 player sign up to compete for the bragging rights and a piece of their \$540 purse which we paid down to 8 places, in the 2 table down on the right.

In the Skill Level 5 category we had 41 players sign up to compete. Rather then pay down 8 places we opted to make two separate flights (5-A, & 5-B) with each flight paying down 4 places

In the Skill Level 6 category 26 players signed up which allowed us to pay down 8 Places.

In the Skill Level 7 category (Bottom Table) we had 16 players vying for the bragging rights.



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL- 2 & 3	FROM
1 ST	\$ 158	ROBERT RYDER	OPAL
2 ND	\$ 116	KAREN DHALIWAL	SEATTLE
3 RD	\$ 53	LAWRENCE DRAPER	SALEM
4 TH	\$ 53	JEFF BOUCHER	SALEM
RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL- 4	FROM
1 ST	\$ 155	MARIENA GARDNER	OPAL
2 ND	\$ 115	KEVIN MILLER	SEATTLE
3 / 4	\$ 75	ETHAN YIM	SEATTLE
3 / 4	\$ 75	KRIS CRAIG	OPAL
5 / 8	\$ 30	ANJELEA JOHNSTON	OPAL
5 / 8	\$ 30	DON JONES	OPAL
5 / 8	\$ 30	WILL FORD	OPAL
5 / 8	\$ 30	KELSO WOODWICK	SEATTLE
RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL—5 A	FROM
1 ST	\$ 168	KIM NORN	OPAL
2 ND	\$ 126	BILL FORD	OPAL
3 RD	\$ 63	LARRY ABEL	SEATTLE
4 TH	\$ 63	DIANNA TRENT	SEATTLE
RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL—5 B	FROM
1 ST	\$ 158	KEVIN MACDUFF	SEATTLE
2 ND	\$ 126	ROBERT BLANDING	SEATTLE
3 RD	\$ 63	DON RYAN	SALEM
4 TH	\$ 63	RANDY MESSNER	OPAL
RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL- 6	FROM
1 ST	\$ 150	KRIS DERBY	SALEM
2 ND	\$ 110	GARY JACKSON	OPAL
3 / 4	\$ 70	LARRY DRAPER	SALEM
3 / 4	\$ 70	Q ROBERTSON	SALEM
5 / 8	\$ 30	A.J. SUMNER	OPAL
5 / 8	\$ 30	TIM HIGGINSON	OPAL
5 / 8	\$ 30	AUDIE HALL	SALEM
5 / 8	\$ 30	JEFF GIBBONS	OPAL
RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL—7	FROM
1 ST	\$ 158	CARLOS CARDENA	SALEM
2 ND	\$ 96	PAUL MARQUEZ	OPAL
3 RD	\$ 48	DAVID SCARTH	OPAL
4 TH	\$ 48	DANIEL SIE	SEATTLE

Carlos Paul

On Sunday afternoon when Merle did the drawing, the "Player's" cue was won by OPAL's **Kim Norn** of Portland who plays for Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects" in the Far Side D.J. division. Winning The Jump Cue was won by OPAL's **Jaye Folsom** of Vancouver, who plays for Sellberg's "Sellmates" in the Mt. Hood D.J. division, and winning the Cue Tec breaking cue was OPAL's "Mad"

Maxine Buhler who plays for Back Alley's "Quack Pack" in the Northern D.J. division.

In The Raffle Cue DRAWINGS (And, you didn't have to be present to win) **Winning** the Custom Pechaeur Cue & Case was **OPAL's Randy Messner** who plays for Timber's "Shot Effect" in the Gateway D.J. division, and then winning the beautiful Joss cue and case was **Dee West** who plays for Dugout's "Bench Warmers" out west in the Horizon Super Pool division.

NOW WHAT ABOUT THAT \$1200 IN CASH--GRAND PRIZE???

First of all you HAD TO BE PRESENT TO WIN, and second, you had to possess a Picture ID as well as a "**VALID**" Chinook Wind winner's circle card. The first name drawn out of the jar was **Rhian Johnson** from Kent Wa., but wait-a-minute, hold on...word came from the crowd that Mr. Johnson had already left for back home....Tsk Tsk Tsk ! Soooo---back into the jar to draw out another name went Boomer's hand . Seattle's **Rob Warnock**, Salem's **Jeff Redel**, OPAL's **Norma Red Thunder**, Seattle's **Robert Gagne**, OPAL's **Dave Boyce**, 97230182 were all drawn out of the bucket and not present. Finally, on the 7th drawing from the bucket came a ticket that had the name of an OPAL player: "Big" **Jim Albert** (aka "Big Daddy Thunder")... from across the room came a thunderous "**HERE**" and the crowd groaned. **Jim** lives in Hillsboro, and plays for the Aloha Station's "Be The Ball" in the Sunset D.J. division. Jim, produced his picture ID along with the required Winner's Circle Card to claim his **\$1,200** Grand Prize award check !

Special thanks go to the staff and crew of "Rail To Rail" live streaming productions who provided complete and on-going coverage of the match events and competition finals throughout the entire 4 day event.

Also, special "Kudo's" to the exhausting efforts of the referee staff— Head Referee **John Blue**—and his Referee Team leaders—**Dan Fendall & Anton Renz**; Referees: **Don Walker, Terry Pinto, Miguel Madrigal, Shannon Young, "Mad" Maxine Buhler, Rick Snoke, James Moore, Glenn & Lori Shoup, David Scarth, and Kevin McCarthy**. All of these people painfully worked the tournament room with diligence, long hours, and extreme dedication to insure order and fairness of competition.

And then there was **Boomer** and crew—**Randee Lee, Kim Pankonin, Donna Kingsbury, Terry Pinto**. and several others who volunteered their time efforts to help out and who often worked to the wee hours of the morning updating the computer and running score-sheets, setting up and preparing for the next day's agenda, existing on little or no sleep, so everything would go off on time and run smoothly. It was indeed exhausting, but yet a great event—perhaps one of the best ever so far.



Kim



Jaye



Max



Randy



Dee



GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Jim Albert