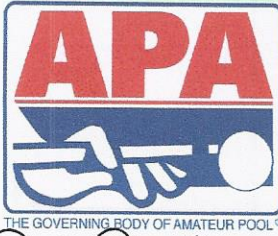
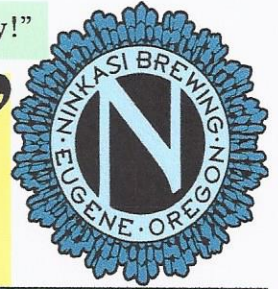


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## Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

May 30-June 1ST, Rodders, Jin's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. All Three locations and their crews did a fantastic job as hosts. The food and drink service were excellent and the sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. We didn't even have any inter-net dilemma's with Merle's computer up at Rodder's this time... Yipp-pee! —still we received several positive compliments from many of the players and host location staff over the weekend.

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**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) HERE YE, HERE YE, HERE YE...somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the May 21st newsletter no body else has called in uttering the magic words to join Rod Bair from last week, so there'll be a "Loser's Party of "FOUR" on the back page this week for you to ridicule

Moving right along, from the May 26th Newsletter 2 people called in. They were: **Leann Glahn** (97210015) who plays for the Viewpoint Hookers in the Outback DJ division, and **Andrea Weih** (97220366) who plays for Tardis Room's "The Team" in the No-Po division.

Really folks, it's simple...All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and everyone from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause they know that a shirt possibly awaits them 'cause you failed to get yours!

**BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD**

We had exactly 57 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— guaranteeing that all teams got to play twice, but not necessarily lose twice. It was a weekend of close competition using the new three point scoring system. Many of the team matches came right down to wire and double hill when deciding the winner. Once a team reached a point where it was mathematically impossible for the other team to win then the match was declared over.

We had a nice payout of \$23,1980 (Up \$1000 from 2 years ago) which was dispersed throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and Sunday's four round conclusion was at Rodder's—finishing about 7:45 PM. With a 5 table color of money break round. The results are as follows:

**FINISHING 49th & 57th** and winning \$150 were: **Rialto's "Chalk & Awe;" Midway's "Latecomers;" Suki's "Pocket Stickers;" Midway's "Who Knows?;" Tardis Room's "Time Lords;" Jin's "Rawhide;" Cleary's "Blinker Fluid;" Lu's "Knee Draggers;" and Ringo's "Drunken Monkeys."**

**FINISHING 33 / 48th** and winning \$200 were: **Scotty's "Respect My Authority;" Back Alley's "Blackbird;" Long Branch's "Pocket Pounders;" Coach's "Show Me Your Rack;" Northern Division's "Cliff's Tavern;" Shamrock's "Love Tight Racks;" Concordia's "Death From Khardashians;" Fortune Star's "City Hunters;" Rodder's "Under The Influence;" Ringo's "Rings;" Skyland Pub's "Dirty Drawers;" Mouse-trap's "No Po 10 Show;" Wrangler's "Posse;" Silver Dollar II's "Lemme See U Shake Ur Tail;" Fortune Star's "Trouble Makers" and Aloha Station's "Puck It..."**

**FINISHING 25-32** and earning \$300 for their team were: **Cascade's "Cues Your Daddy?;" River Road House's "No Drama; Auto Pub's "Chalk Is Cheap;" Cascade's "Boogity Boogity;" Sunset Lane's "Sloppy Joes;" Star House's "Fear This;" Maui's "Upsetters;" (Continued on Pg. 2.)**



**SUCCESSION: FELT UP**

# TRI-CUP

and The Lion Eye's *One Foot On The Floor.*"



**FINISHING 17-24** and winning \$440 were: Fortune Star's "*The Punishers*;" Wrangler's "*Motor Boat-in*;" 505 Tavern's "*Felt Up*;" Tik Tok's "*Deli-Gators*;" Joe Cellar's "*Unconscious 'D'*;" Back Alley's "*Pool Hustlers*;" Water Trough Saloon's "*Shipwrecks*;" and Vogies's "*Challengers*."



**BRONZE -- BALLS IN HAND**

**FINISHING 9-16** and just missing a medal, but winning \$590 were: Fortune Star's "*Super Shaft*;" Underground's "*Lady Killers*;" Sling-shot's "*All The Almonds*;" River Road House's "*Ball Breakers*;" Coach's "*Madcraft*;" Sam's "*A Roast Beef Sammich*;" Wrangler's "*Motley Cues*;" and Red Fir Inn's "*Red Fir*."



**BRONZE -- BREAKING BAD**

**Special Note:** Though 505 Tavern's "*Felt Up*" missed out on the medal round they did win a spot in Regionals by right of succession as the team that beat them in the 5PM Saturday Night round was a regionally qualified team (*Balls In Hand*) who went on to clobber another regionally qualified team (*A Roast Beef Sammich*) in the *Sunday morning medal round*. Therefore, since a team who is previously qualified cannot win twice and eliminate a slot we had to retreat back to the last unqualified team they beat and award that team the slot. Therefore, going to regionals by right of succession will be: **505 Tavern's "*Felt Up*"** from the Southern D.J. division— with Team Captain: *Jenn Haller*, and teammates--*Kurt Haller, Brian Page, Andrea Brown, Jason Chun, Robert & Brad Brown, and Deana Butler*.

**FINISHING 5-8th** and taking home \$750 ,and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: *River Road House's "Balls In Hand"* from the Willamette D.J. division— with Team Captain: *Phil Bremer*, and teammates--*Jacob McNamee, Terry Chesney, Cory Kaleich, Dennis Worsham, Chris Huntley, Dede Dickow, and Billie Spillers*; *Cascade Bar's "Breaking Bad"* from the Columbia D.J. division with Team Captain: *Kerry Kitts* and teammates-- *Rhonda Jacoby-Kessinger, Tony Thew, Keith Kessinger, Paige Riley, Will Jacobson, Jordan Farley, and Chelsea Smith*; *Falco's "Cheap Dates"* from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: *Jason Gilbert*, and teammates: *Michael Black, Adam & Leslie King, Bridger Husemann, Ian Rose, Renee Barnes, and Kassey Boyd*; and *Underground's "Horizontal Possibilities"* from the Skyline D.J. Division with Team Captain: *Vickie Watts*, and teammates--*Phil Watts, Buck Worthey, Robyn Shaw, Jeff Garner, David Bumgardner, Deborah Reitan, and Nathan Talbot*.



**BRONZE -- CHEAP DATES**

**FINISHING 3-4** and winning Silver Medallions and \$1,000 each was: *Back Alley's "8-9 Suited"* from the Northern D.J. division with Team Captain: *Tyson Miller*, and teammates— *Ray Ewert, Ian Miller, Larry Poe, Andrew Miller, Thomas Lefkowski, Troy Arnato, and Kathie Young*; and *Ballad Town Billiard's "Time Out For Hugs"* from the Skyline D.J. division— with Team Captain: *Dave Switzer*, and teammates--*Kirstin Stanley, Brent Baron, Daniel Adams, Will Ford Jr., Elizabeth Chamberlain, Bill Ford Sr. and Karen Ford*.



**BRONZE -- HORIZONTAL POSSIBILITIES**

**FINISHING 2ND** and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,300 was *Scotty's "Bugger Off"* from the Sunset D.J. division with Team Captain: *Kevin Zandi*, and teammates-- *Tim Nelson, Scott Miner, Sheri Zandi, Gary Wells, Kevin Blodgett, Karl Oesterblad, and Rick Hall*.

**FINISHING 1ST** and being handed a \$1,700 Check & Platinum Medals was *Pub 181's "Money Shots"* from the Parkrose D.J. division with Team Captain: *Michael Choe*, and teammates: *Jimenez Biviano, Alex Hoyt, Prima Zacchaeus, Zada Spiess, Phil Bremer, Jenn Windell, and Jorge Garcia Ruiz.* (Continued on Pg. 3.)

**TRI-CUP**



Both finalist teams took the longest journey possible to make it to the final pairing.

Stemming from the west side's Sunset D.J. division Scotty's "Bugger Off's" journey to the finals was totally perilous and full of drama... Plus, without a doubt, there had to be a few underwear changings along the way. On Friday night the "Buggers" got "scared off" to the one loss side by Star House's "Fear This." (totally understandable 'cause "Coyote" gets scared every time he looks in the mirror! He said affectionate lol ) Fortunately for the "Buggers" they drew a "Bye" and had time to sleep in, heal their wounds, and get rested up to prepare for the next day's battling .

In the 1 PM round the "Buggers" overcame the already qualified "Cliff's Tavern" team by a narrow margin, and sent them out the door to the road to home. Then, In the late afternoon 5 o'clock round they knocked the legs out from under Lion Eye's "One Foot On The Floor." sending them to the outside elements, giving themselves the opportunity to refresh and prepare for going off to the Bridesmaid / Medal 9 AM Sunday round to see what else was in store for them. "Red Fir." as it turned out, was to become their Sunday Morning Victim. When the match dust settled, it was "Red Fir" who went out the door to home carrying the \$590 bridesmaid check. The "Bugger's" on the other hand, had just guaranteed themselves a place in the Regional competition as well officially be winning a tri-cup medallion—the color of which the future time will tell, would be the determining factor.

The "Buggers" broke well against Cascade's "Breaking Bad" in the 1:00 Bronze/Silver Medal round and eventually sent them outside for pictures on their way home with the Bronze. Next, In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold round "The Bugger's" out buggered Back Alley's "8-9 Suited" thus respectively ending their journey and left them behind holding onto the Silver while the "Bugger's" moved on into the final Gold/Platinum round, where they would face "The Money Shots." from Pub 181.

Pub 181's "The Money Shots" had an identical, journey line to the finals as did "Bugger Off." Their Journey also started out on Friday night and exactly like the "Bugger's," found themselves getting instantly slapped into the one loss side by Wrangler's "Motley Cues." Identically, "Money Shots" also got a 9 AM bye and got to sleep in until the 1 PM Afternoon round. They robbed "Silver Dollar II." out of a win, and then fled to the 5 PM round where they dramatically destroyed River Road House's "No Drama" permanently shoving them out the door so that the "Money Shots" could head on into Sunday's Bridesmaid / Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the "Money Shots" scattered the River Road House's "Ball Breakers" and sent them out the door with the bridesmaid check to claim a regional slot, and at least a Bronze Medal. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The "Money Shots" deflowered the "Cheap Dates" leaving them behind to hold the Bronze. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the "Money Shots" squeezed the breath out of Ballard Town's "Time Out For Hugs" leaving them with the silver and go match up against "Bugger Off!"

Well the crowd wasn't disappointed because there wasn't a crowd left around to watch the slaughter after a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables. In spite of the fact that this was the first time in a Tri-Cup final, Scotty's "Bugger Off." made a respectable attempt at winning, and the match came down to the last table playing .

On the first table, Bugger's Captain SL-4 **Kevin Zandi** clobbered the Shot's SL- 4 **Alex Hoyt** 3-Zip —Score 3-Zip for the "Bugger Offs."

On the second table, Shot's SL-5 **Michael Choe** came right back with a 4-Zip win over Bugger's SL-5 **Kevin** Blodgett to even the overall team match up. Score now: 3 to 3. *(Continued on Page 4.)*



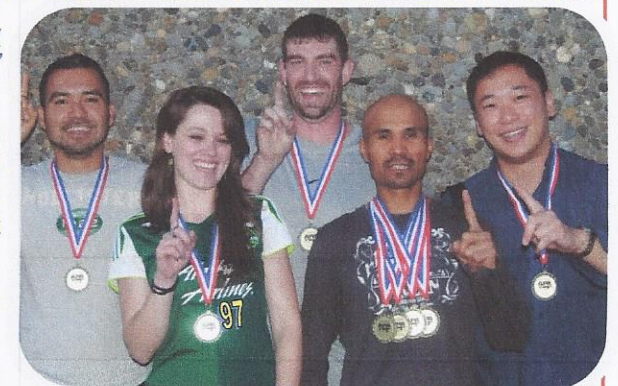
**SILVER - 8-9 SUITED**



**SILVER - TIME OUT FOR HUGS**



**GOLD - BUGGER OFF**



**PLATINUM - MONEY SHOTS**

# TRI-CUP

On the Third table Bugger's SL-3 **Sheri Zandi** was matched up against the Shot's SL-3 **Zada Spiess**. It was a race to two and **Zada** won the first game, but **Sheri** rallied and came back taking the next two straight for the 2-0 win. Score now 5-3 in favor of "Bugger Off."



On the Fourth Table, Shot's SL-7 **Biviano Jimenez** squished Bugger's SL-4 **Tim Nelson** 5-Zip for a match Score of 3-0 bringing the Team Match Standing now to 6-5 in favor once again of "Money Shots"

On the Fifth and last Table Bugger's SL-6 **Karl Oesterblad** was matched up against Shot's well SL-4 **Jorge Garcia Ruiz**. It was a lopsided 5-3 race...**Karl** won the 1st game, Jorge took the 2nd, Karl took the 3rd game, but then Jorge took the 4th putting himself on the hill. Then Jorge wiped the slate against Karl in the 5th game to take the match 3-2 and record a 2-Zip win. This brought the overall Team match score to 8-5 in favor of "Money Shots" from Pub 181 from the Park Rose division.

For their efforts Scotty's team of "**Bugger Off**" from the Sunset division respectfully received the Gold Medallion necklaces, appropriate bragging rights, and a check for \$1,300, plus entry into the Regionals.

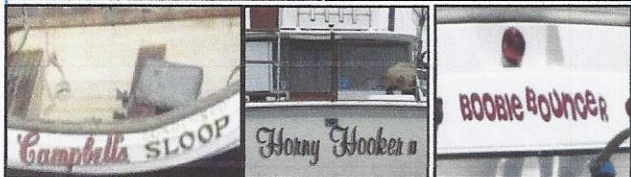
The next step will be the June 13-15, 2014 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured teams will compete along with the honorable and worthy finalists from both the Summer and Fall 8-Ball Tri-Cup competitions. We will have seven slots allocated to us for the 2014 APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, August 72-65th, 1279.

*Special Thanks again to the staff and crews of Rodders, Jin's, and KC's Midway, and for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Shannon Young, Steve Chandler, Corey Bananto, Sarah Pearson, Le Donovan, Maxine Buhler, Kevin McCarthy, Stephen Schneringer, and John Blue.*

**Boat Names**  
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## THE LOSER'S CORNER

**Irish Pubs**  
ALL  
Submitted By:  
Jim Elphick



The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 21, 99961279 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1-RICHARD PRATT (97202529) who plays for Ballard Town's "Fireball Induced" in the Horizon Super Pool div.
- 2-JASON LARSON (97215539) who plays for Ickabod's "Hookers" in the Triple Play Masters West div.
- 3-CHRIS HOLM (97217079) who plays for Jake's "Pocket Protectors" in the River City 9-Ball division..
- 4-ALLEN ROWLEY (97200647) who plays for River Road House's "U Rack 'Em" in the Southern D.J. division

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to gawk at, then look to see if your number is hidden somewhere.  
**REMEMBER**, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

