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## 9-Ball Team Regional Results

June 6-8 KC's

**Midway in Oregon City** graciously hosted our OPAL-APA Tournament of Champions Team 9-Ball Regional. The Midway Crew did a great job in making sure their provided service was both quick and excellent, Food and drink was both plentiful and refreshing.

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

Guess what folks??? Not a single soul has called in expressing their glee that they happened to discover that their number was hidden in the May 26th newsletter and join Leann & Andrea in escaping peer ridicule. So there'll be a party of 3 on the back page for you to pounce upon this week.

From the June 2nd Newsletter, **Chantel Pope** (97209039) who plays for Jake's "Momz Night Out" in the Clark County-APA D.J. division, found her number & called in

All you have to do if you find your hidden number is to call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" and you'll avoid the embarrassment of a trip to the back page where everyone can see you and be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — 'cause they know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box simply because YOU weren't observant enough to find yours and avoid the hassle of their freakin' embarrassment antics...!

There were a total of 22 Tri-Cup Medallion winners and two teams who had gotten into the regional by "*Rite of Succession*" competing for one of six (6) \$4,000 National Competition slots to be held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, this coming August 14-24 in Las Vegas. Eight teams from each of the three APA League sessions—Summer-2013, Fall-2013, and Spring-2014 competed in the full double elimination event format. If a team reached 50 points with three match-race wins, or 51 points the match was over.

The Saturday 5:00 PM round on the winners side of the bracket produced the first four of the six \$4,000 National Las Vegas slots. The remaining two slots would have to play on through the conclusion of Sunday's 2:00 PM round to find out who would be boarding the plane to Vegas, or who would be receiving the consolation prize of \$500 and the right to stay home and drown their sorrows.

Taking the first set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Central 9-Ball division was Fall Session's Tri-Cup Gold Medal winner's --Touche's "*Can't Touche' This*" with Team Captain: **Patrick Patoray**, and teammates— **Michael Maresco, Darcy Ramadge, Ed Parenti Jr., Lindsey Davis, Norma Red-Thunder, Nicole Donisi, and Amanda Halama**. "Touche's" journey was the "Full Monte" through the undefeated side. Friday they Trampled the Shamrock's Spring Bronze Medallioner's "*Ladies & The Tramps*" of the Skyline D.J. division.

On Saturday 9 AM they consumed the Spring Succession Coney Island team "*Coney Dawgs*" from the Southern D.J. division to move into the Saturday 5 PM Finals against the undefeated Summer Silver's "*Diamond's In The Rough*" from KC's Midway in the Northern Double Jeopardy division. Touche's dynamited the diamonds and blasted them with two 15-5 wins in the first two races... That was enough. The Diamonds couldn't Touche' them 'cause they had to forfeit their 5th race as they only had 4 players which automatically meant that "Touche's" had already accumulated 50 points and 3 wins. The match was over—50-10. All Touche's had to do now was go outside with Merle and get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny trophies while contemplating what to pack in their suitcases for their upcoming Vegas trip.



**#1 of 6: CAN'T TOUCHE' THIS**

Taking the Second set of seats on the plane to Las (Continued Pg. 2.)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) "Vegas from the River City APA division was Spring Session's Silver Medal winner's --Underground's Skyline D.J. division's "Works For Us" with Team Captain: **Doug Best**, and teammates— **Steven Lambert, Daniel Weeks, Deana Copeland, Roger Pinder, Brandon McIntyre, Karen McDougall**, and **Dave McDowell**. "Work's"

journey was short. Just two matches. They started Saturday 9 Am against Sam's Spring Platinum Medallion winner's "Not League Material." from the Central 9-Ball. The match went double hill and came right down to the last rack, but it worked for Underground's "Works For Us" they were moving forward while "Not League Material" made a "U" turn into the last freakin' chance side.

Come the 5 PM match for Vegas "Works For Us" found themselves matched up against Falco's untouched Summer / Bronze Medalist's "Cheap Dates" from the Far East D.J. division. "The Work's" made quick work of the "Cheap Dates." They took advantage of every opportunity to have their way with them by winning the first 3 races 14-6, 14-6, and 16-4. Midway through the 4th race the climax came and it was all over for the "Cheap Dates." "Works For Us" headed outside with their trophy's to get pictures, while the "Cheap Dates" headed off to the last freakin' chance side in hopes of redeeming themselves.



## #2 of 6: WORKS FOR US

Taking the Third set of economy seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Far East D.J. division was Spring Session's Tri-Cup Silver Medallion winner's -- Fortune Star's, "Super Shaft" with Team Captain: **Lyssa Henin, 97212250** and teammates— **Steve Medaris, Chad Jones, Daniel Meyers, Chris Dille, Robert Mastne, Michael Dubendorf**, and **Adam Delfel**. "The Shaft's" journey was another short and undefeated one. They were like a locomotive rolling through a chicken coup sending feathers flying everywhere!

By the luck of the draw they drew a "Bye" on Friday night and didn't have to play until the 9:00 AM Saturday where they were matched up against the recent Spring Session's Gold Tri-Cup Medallion's winners—Sam's "Tabula Rasa" from the Central 9-Ball division. "The Shaft's" poked "The Rasas" with their cue swords and found they had quite a match contest on their hands 'cause "The Tabula's" showed no sign of backing down and the match went all the way to a double hill thriller before it was over. By a narrow margin it was "Tabula Rasa" heading into battle in the last freakin' chance side Saturday Afternoon, leaving the "Super Shaft's" to go amuse themselves and wait anxiously for the 5 PM winner's side finals to arrive

In the finals "Super Shaft" were matched up against undefeated Sam's feared Summer Session Gold Medal winner's "Mark It Zero Donnie" who had been pummeling opponents to the floor ever since Friday Night's opening round. "Super Shaft" focused, and cautiously played their hearts out taking the first four match races 12-8, 12-8, 16-4, and 14-6 to mark not a single solitary zero for Donnie, but rather a **54 to 26** Vegas-going-plane-ride win for themselves... So it was off to the last freakin' chance side for the "No Zero's For Donnies." and outside for pictures with their brand new Regional Trophies for the "Super Shaft's" who will be sitting in the third set of seats on that plane to Las Vegas..



## #3 of 6: SUPER SHAFT

Taking the Fourth set of economy seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Willamette D.J. division was Summer Session's Tri-Cup Bronze Medallion winner's from the River Road House's "Balls-N-Hand" with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates--**Jacob McNamee, Terry Chesney, Cory Kalteich, Dennis Worsham, Chris Huntley, Dede Dickow**, and **Billie Spillers 97217902**. "Balls-N-Hand" journey was the very last of the undefeated group.

Solely by the dumb luck of the draw they drew a "Bye" on Friday night and didn't have to play their first team match until the 9:00 AM Saturday round where they were matched up against the Bronze Medalist's from the past Fall Session's Tri-Cup—Northern D.J. division's "Cliff's Tavern." It was a good match-up between the two teams and came right down to the wire, but it was "Balls-N-Hand" who ended up sinking the winning ball of the match to send "Cliff's Tavern" off to find adventure in the "last Freakin' Chance Side" while "Balls-N-Hand" got to take a four hour break, refresh themselves, and think over what their possible strategies might want to be for whoever was going to be their opponents in the 5 PM winner's side finals. . (Continued on Page 3.)



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Arriving at the Saturday 5:00 PM winner's point finals "Balls-N-Hand" was forced to match-up against Summer Silver Medal winner's "Profanity" who had convincingly come to them undefeated after having beaten their sister team from McAnulty & Barry's on Friday — Spring / Bronze's "Broke Again." Then, in the Saturday Morning round they knocked off Golden Horse's Fall / Bronze winner's "Chalk Is Cheap" to go seek their fortune in the "Last Freaking Chance Side!." To win this match-up it was going to be a real tough battle for both undefeated teams.

As expected the battle went both the full five races, but into Sudden Death as well. "The Balls" took the first Race 12-8, but the "Profs" came right back to win the 2nd race 12-8 Match tied at 20 All. "The Prof's" won the 3rd 13-7 to bring the match 33-27 in favor of "Profanity." The 4th race "Balls-N-Hand" squeaked out a 12-8 win to bring the total match score to 41-39. Now, in sudden death where the point values doubled it was who ever wins wins! When the dust settled, and the air cleared it was "Balls-N-Hand" who ended up winning the final match race 14-6 to claim an overall 53-47 team victory, a trip outside with their trophies to get their pictures taken, and then back inside to sit down with the rest of the Saturday Night Vegas winners to engage in an hour long Victory / Vegas orientation talk from Boomer. "Profanity" though in spite of their tremendous and spectator thrilling efforts, were off to Sunday's Last Freakin' Chance side.



#4 of 6: BALLS-N-HAND

Sunday at the Midway produced the final two Las Vegas slot winners and the two \$500 consolation prize runner up winners. After being kicked to the last freakin' chance side by "Super Shaft" concluding the winner's side finals "Mark It Zero Donnie" were contested up against Sam's Central 9-Ball division's Spring Session Platinum Medalist's "Not League Material." It was an awesome, and tense match which came right down to the wire, but in the end "Mark It Zero Donnie" barely managed to pull out the team win in the 5th and final match race win sending "Not League Material" on out the door and down the road to home leaving "Mark It Zero Donnie" with a dramatic come-back win and a spot in the 2:00 PM Last Chance finals for Las Vegas.

Meanwhile across the Room a similar scenario was taking place. After having been kicked to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" by "Balls-N-Hand" concluding the winner's side finals they found themselves match up against Pit Stop's "Chalked N Loaded" Summer / Bronze winners from the Western 9-Ball division. It proved to be a real see / saw battle, but in the end it was "Profanity" who continued on to the next round leaving "Chalked N Loaded" un-chalked and out of Ammo heading out the door to home.

Next, on two tables simultaneously, Underground' Fall / Bronze Medal Winners "Time Out for Hugs" who had been sent to the "Last Freakin Chance Side" on Friday by "Mark It Zero Donnie" had worked their way all through the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" by sending opponents out the door, one after the other. They took on and defeated: Fall / Bronze Medallion winner—Golden Horse's "Chalk Is Cheap" from the Far East division, Fall / Bronze Medallion winner "Cliff's Tavern" from the Northern D.J. division, Summer / Silver Medallion winner KC's Midway's "Diamonds In The Rough" from the Southern D.J. division, to land themselves in the "Last Freakin' Chance" finals in a rematch against "Mark It Zero Donnie." One would be going home with \$500 in consolation money, and the other would be taking an eventual plane ride to Las Vegas. It was over in 4 races with the "Donnies" taking the rematch 56-14. Underground's Spring / Bronze "Time Out For Hugs" with Team Captain: Dave Switzer, and teammates— Kirstin Stanley, Brent Baron, Will Ford Jr., Elizabeth Chamberlain, Bill Ford Sr., and Karen Ford received the "Runner Up" check for \$500.



#5 of 6: MARK IT ZERO DONNIE

Therefore, taking the fifth set of Las Vegas plane seats was Sam's Summer Session's Tri-Cup Gold Medal winner's from the Sunrise D.J. Division—"Mark It Zero Donnie" with Team Captain: Christopher Parra, and teammates— Andy Hoffman, Jason Stabe, Paul Marquez, Claudine Elzey, Tyson Bickle, Katie Hoffman, and Kim Engh.

Meanwhile across the room also on two tables in the other "Last Freakin' Chance Final" was "Shot Effect" who found themselves matched up against the eagerly awaiting "Profanity." Timber's Fall / Platinum (Continued on Pg. 4.)



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(Continued from Page 3) **"Shot Effect"** from the Gateway D.J. Division had drawn a Friday night "Bye," but then had been kicked to the "Last Freakin' Chance" side in the 2nd round by Sam's **"Mark It Zero Donnie."** The **"Shot Effect"** had worked their way all through the back page by continually knocking one opponent after the other out the door to home: McNulty & Barry's Spring / Bronze team **"Broke Again"** from the Southeast D. J. division, River Road House's Fall / Silver's **"No Drama"** from the Southeast D.J. division, and Falco's Summer / Bronze **"Cheap Dates"** from the Far East D.J. division to find themselves in the "Last Freakin' Chance" finals facing **"Profanity."**

The Final Match-up of the tournament was a real nail biter. It came down to the very last rack in the very last race. The first race was won by **"Profanity"** 13-7. The second race was won by **"Shot Effect"** 12-8. The third match-race was won by **"Profanity"** 13-7. Team score now 34 to 26 in favor of **"Profanity."** The fourth race was won by **"Shot Effect"** 13-7 bringing the total match score to 41 to 39 in favor of **"Profanity."** In the fifth and final match race it was going to be whoever wins Wins! It was very tense and very close all the way, but three untimely scratches near the end gave **"Shot Effect"** the edge that they needed to claim the overall team match victory 52-48--the Contest was over and McNulty & Barry's Summer /Silver **"Profanity"** from the Mt. Hood D.J. division with Team Captain: **Barb Duval,,** and teammates— **Gary Jackson, Dustin Jackson, Devin Orouke, Adam & Cassie Baker, Andrew Dalbey,** and **Jamie Smothers** were awarded the consolation check of \$500 and the "Miraculously" fortunate team of Timber's Fall / Platinum **"Shot Effect"** from the Gateway D.J. division—with Team Captain: **Randy Messner,** and teammates— **Tim & Sheri Sexton, Mike & Danette Voytko, Brian Messner, Chris Temple,** and **Bryan Kelim** was faced with the unusual reality that THEY had just taken the sixth and last set of Las Vegas plane seats and indeed were finally going to get to go compete in the National 9-Ball Team Championships. Both shocked and Giddy **"Shot Effect"** staggered outside to get their pictures taken with their brand new shiny regionally won trophies..



## #6 of 6: SHOT EFFECT

Special Thanks to **KC's Midway and crew** for being such Gracious hosts! And, our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Kevin McCarthy, Anton Renz, Shannon Young, Dan Fendall,** and **John Blue.**



## RUNNER-UP: PROFANITY



## RUNNER-UP: TIME OUT FOR HUGS

## THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 3 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 28Th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people have some fun and call 'em out. Give 'em the old "L" sign, and say "Thank You" to 'em for leaving a shirt in the box Just for you too!

- 1-JACOB ENDRESEN (97218815) who plays for Touche's **"Crazy Train "** in the **Downtown D.J.** division.
- 2-NORM ROSS (97219782) who plays for Ickabod's **"Lemonheads"** in the **Mid-West D.J.** division.
- 3-CHRIS WELDON (97202491) who plays for Don's Dug-out's **"A Stick Shy"** in the **Northwest 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..!**

