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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. Well no else found their hidden number from the June 2th newsletter So, there's going to be 4 shirtless souls for you to ridicule this week—give it to 'em good!

From the June 9th newsletter it's another blank... No one has yet to call in and claim their prize. 'Tis a shame.

**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, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you either don't want yours, or maybe you really do prefer drawing negative attention to yourself..

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## 8-Ball Team Regional Results

**W**hat A Weekend! 24 Tri-cup 8-Ball Team Medal winners gave it their all June 13-15 in the double elimination format at Rodders in Oregon City. All teams had legitimate hopes of being one of the “Lucky 7” teams to win a (*one out of 3.43 % teams*) slot to the APA National 8-Ball Team Championships this coming August 17-23rd. We held the first round of play on Friday night. Saturday we had three rounds of play with the last one —the 5 PM round—producing four undefeated winner's side team champions to claim their seats on the plane to the city of Lost Wages.

Continuing their journey from Fall Tri-Cups where they took Bronze,— Drawing a “Bye” on Friday Night, **“Broke Again”** met up against Jin's **“Rawhide”** on Saturday morning where they proceeded to tan their hides sending them off into the “last Freakin' Chance Side” to battle against the field odds while **“Broke Again”** went on to contemplate meeting up with some Spring / Bronze **“Horizontal Possibilities!”**

**“Broke Again”** passionately took quick advantage of most of the possible opportunities and laid them out to the “last freakin' chance side” 7-4 in just 4 races to win the match . So, McAnulty & Barry's Fall / Bronze Tri-Cup medal winner's **“Broke Again”** from the Southeast D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Knutson**, and teammates-**Jessica Day, Jessica LaDuke, Brick Engstrom, Craig Knutson, Nathan Osborn, Jamie Smothers**, and **David Scarth** 97218769 claimed the first \$4000 Slot and plane seats to the August APA Nationals at the Riviera in Las Vegas.



**#1 of 7: BROKE AGAIN**

Across the room, on Friday Night **“Bugger Off”** had buggered **“Off In Church”**—the River Road House's Summer / Platinum winners to—**“The Last Freakin' Chance Side.”** Come Saturday's 9 AM round **“Bugger Off”** sent Auto's Bronze / Fall Medal winners **“Chalk Is Cheap”** over to the “last Freakin' Chance Side” as well allowing the “Bugger's” to go off and try to slip it to Wrangler's Summer / Gold **“Body English”** In the 5 PM winner's side final. **“Body English”** fought hard and took a 5-3 lead going into the last (*Continued Page 2.*)

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Two sudden death match races. **"Bugger Off"** won the 4th race 3-Zip, and then put **"Body English"** in the last freakin' Chance side with a 2-Zip, match over, 8-5 win in the 5th race. Scotty's Spring / Gold medal winner'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** were now officially awarded the 2nd \$4,000 Vegas Slot and reserved set of plane seats to Vegas.

Playing out of Pub 181 the Summer Bronze Medal winner's, **"Sticklerz"** started out Friday night by getting the best of **"Time Out For Hugs"** —sending them over to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" while **"Sticklerz"** headed to Saturday's 9 AM round to get **"A Roast Beef Sammich."** —Sam's Fall / Bronze Medal winners. The match was close, but the **"Sticklerz"** team eventually prevailed and sent **"A Roast Beef Sammich"** over to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" to be eaten. However, for the **"Sticklerz"** it was off to the 5 PM finals to face 505's Spring / Succession team—**"Felt Up."**

The **"Sticklerz"** found themselves in jeopardy and down 5-4 after the 3rd race. In the fourth race they came back with a 2-zip win to go ahead 6-5. Then, in the 5th sudden death race they won the first game and put the match out of reach at 8-5 and sending **"Felt Up"** to the "last Freakin' Chance Side" to regroup.

**"Sticklerz,"** the Pub 181 Summer Bronze medal winners from the Gateway D.J. division with Team Captain: **Tami Travis**, and teammates—**Ted Height, Bill Travis, Rebecca Beckensten, Mark Fisher, Shelley Goodell, Sharon Height, and Chris Travis**, found themselves in the winner's circle with the 3rd \$4,000 Vegas Slot, and plane seats, to the APA National Championships at the Riviera Hotel & Casino.

The last of Saturday night's zero loss side finals match winners was Back Alley's **"8-9 Suited"** who started out Saturday in the 9 AM round because they drew a Friday night "Bye." Saturday morning **"8-9 Suited"** outfought, out-maneuvered, and out-played Pub 181's Spring / Platinum **"Money Shots"** and sent them across the room to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" Now, with the lights of Las Vegas glittering in their eyes it was off to the 5 PM finals against their Back Alley nemesis -- Summer / Bronze winner's **"Pool Hustlers"**

As expected, the team match was a close one—going all the way to double hill and into Sudden Death where just one simple game would decide who'd be going to Las Vegas and who'd be taking the path to Sunday's continuation in the "Last Freakin' Chance Side!" **"8/9 Suited"** came roaring out of the gate taking a 5-Zip lead after two races. **"Pool Hustlers"** rallied in the next two races bringing the match score to 6-4 in favor of **"8/9 Suited."** The **"Pool Hustlers"** won the first game of sudden death to tie the match up at 6 points each. 1 final game, 1 more point to go. Somebody was going to win and it was (Continued Pg. 3.)

GOLD / Spring



#2 of 7: BUGGER OFF

Summer / Bronze



#3 of 7: STICKLERZ

Silver / Spring



#4 of 7: 8 - 9 SUITED



## 8-Ball Regional



**8/9 Suited** Back Alley's Silver / Summer's Medal Winners from the Northern D.J. division with Team Captain: **Tyson Miller**, and teammates—**Ray Ewert, Ian Miller, Larry Poe, Andy Miller, Thomas Lefkowski, Troy Amato, and Kathie Young** ecstatically claiming the 4th \$4,000 Vegas slot and set of plane seats to Vegas.

We started off in the first round on Sunday with just 8-Teams left—three of which would be ultimately filling up the rest of the seats on the plane to Las Vegas. In Sunday's 10 AM round action Back Alley's **"Pool Hustlers"** denied the win to Jo Saloon's **"Come Get Some;"** Sam's **"A Roast Beef Sammich"** gave their meat to Underground's **"Horizontal Possibilities;"** 505 Tavern's **"Felt Up"** slapped the leather to Jin's **"Rawhide;"** and Falco's **"Cheap Dates"** body slammed **"Body English"** on out the door to home in a double hill thriller.

In the 2 PM Vegas round the team matches were played on two tables simultaneously. Three of the four teams left would eventually be going to Vegas whereas the bridesmaid 4th team would receive a consolation of \$500 to go drown their sorrows with as well as win the right to stay home and be emotional.

Playing on two tables simultaneously for the 5th \$4,000 Vegas slot was Sam's **"A Roast Beef Sammich"** versus Back Alley's **"Pool Hustlers."** The team match stunned everybody as they watched the "Sammich's" turn the tables and absolutely devour the "Hustlers." 7-Zip in just 3 races. It was over, and Sam's Fall / Bronze medal winners **"A Roast Beef Sammich"** from the Sunrise D.J. division with Team Captain: **Brian Newcomb**, and teammates—**Kief Pedersen, Anthony Bittner, Brendan Mahoney, Brett Usher, Adreanne Everingham, Lindy Taylor, and Jeremy Ellet** were the next regional finalists taking the 5th \$4,000 Vegas slot, and set of plane seats to the APA National Championship competition in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the room Falco's Spring / Bronze **"Cheap Dates"** put up quite a fight against 505 Tavern's **"Felt Up."** Out to prove that they were no push over the **"Cheap Dates"** squelched the overtures of **"Felt Up"** to have their way with them. Instead after the first three races the team match was 5-2 in favor of the **"Cheap Dates."** The fourth race sealed the deal when the **"Cheap Dates"** won it 2-Zip to bring the total Team Match score to 7 to 2... It was over and Falco's Cheap dates from the Far East division with Team Captain: **Jason Gilbert**, and teammates—**Michael Black, Adam & Leslie King, Bridger Husemann, Ian Rose, Renee Barnes, and Kassey Boyd** graciously claimed the 6th \$4,000 Vegas Slot, and set of plane seats to Las Vegas.

Now, all that was left was for us to break the tie between 7th and 8th to determine who would be taking the 7th and final \$4,000 slot into August's APA Nationals, and who would be just going down the road to drown their sorrows with \$500 in their pockets. The final two team match-up was of course, between the Back Alley's Summer / Bronze **"Pool Hustlers"** from the Columbia D.J. division with Team Captain: **Don Collins** (Continued on Page 4.)

### Silver / Summer



### #5 of 7: A ROAST BEEF SAMMICH

### Bronze / Fall



### #6 of 7: CHEAP DATES

### Spring Succession



### #7 of 7: FELT UP



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and teammates—**Richard Kiltz, Brittney Settell, Brenda Collins, Miguel Madrigal, Dustin Nellis, and Clayton Miller**; versus the 505 Tavern's Spring-Succession team of "**Felt Up**" from the Southern D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jennifer Haller**, and teammates—**Kurt Haller, Brian Page, Andrea Brown, Jason Chun, Deana Butler, Robert Brown, and Brad Brown..** It was a close and tense match coming down to the wire and into eventual Sudden Death—

no pressure— At the end of the third race the match was tied 4 to 4. "**Felt Up**" won the 4th race to go up 6-4, but it wasn't over, the 5th race was yet to come and it would be "Sudden Death." If "**Felt Up**" won—it was over. If "**Pool Hustlers**" won— then the match would be tied 6-6 and one more game would have to be played. Both players felt the pressure, and missed frequently even on easy shots. It all came down to an untimely scratch and "**Felt Up**" had ball in hand on the 8-Ball and made it. Match over. "**Felt Up**" received the 7th and final available final **\$4,000** slot, and the last set of plane seats to the APA Nationals in Las Vegas. "**Pool Hustlers**" received the **\$500** consolation go party check and would be the replacement team if any of the winning 7 slot teams for some reason couldn't go..

Unfortunately, "**Pool Hustlers**" took off without getting their picture taken so we had to use the picture from when the team qualified with their Summer Bronze.

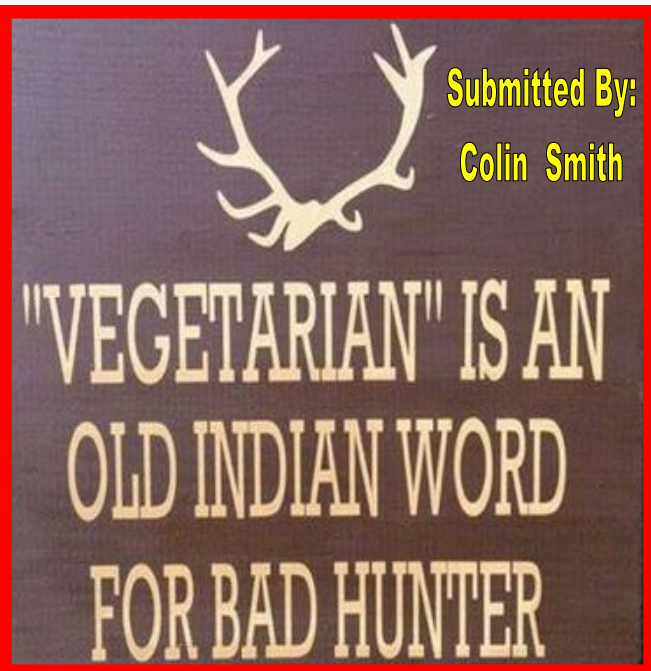
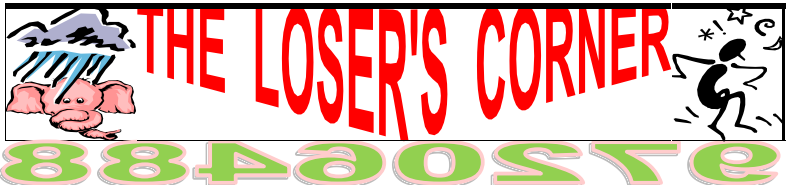


**Consolation: POOL HUSTLERS**

To recap, the seven (7) winning teams will go on to compete in the Las Vegas APA National Team Championships this coming August 17-23rd. Did you notice that 4 of the winning teams were Bronze Medalists, 2 were Silver Medalists, 1 was Gold. And 1 a succession team? 1 Bronze & 1 Silver from Summer, 2 Bronze from Fall, and & 1 Bronze, 1 Silver, & 1 Gold & 1 Succession from Spring. We got all of the sessions, but what happened to the "Platinum's?"

Join us in wishing the winners, the best of luck in the National Championships. We hope that they find the glamour and glitter of Las Vegas to be all that they hope it will be and more.

Special thanks to Rodders and their outstanding staff for all they're valiant efforts in hosting this event. Also, Special thanks and "Kudo's" and to our dedicated referee's **John Blue, Steve Chandler, Dan Fendall, Steve Schneringer, and Don "Coyote" Walker** who dedicated a part of their weekend to officiate this important regional event.



The 4 people listed below are June 2nd newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing. Oh, and be sure to give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1-HELEN KEBSER** (97206229) who plays at Twilight Room's "**Beyond The Influence**" in the **Northern DJ** div.
- 2-JAMES PIERCE** (97215627) who plays for Touche's "**8 Balls In The Bathroom**" in the **Downtown D.J.** div.
- 3-JACLYN McNEILL** (97216999) who plays for Jo Saloon's "**The Ultimate Machine**" in **Willamette D.J.** div.
- 4-JOHNATHON HICKMAN** (97218402) who plays for Slingshot Lounge's "**Slinging Around**" in the **Sunrise D.J.** division.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully 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..!**

