

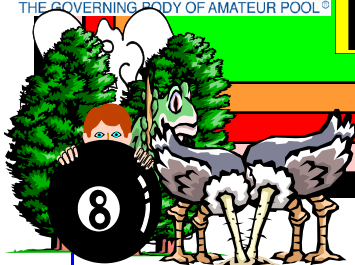


# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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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.

From the June 9th Newsletter—one person whose number was craftily hidden within the context, managed to grace us with a phone call to claim his valuable prize and that person was **Jerry Beers** (97204200) who plays for Fortune Star's "Just Tap It" in the Farside D. J. division. This also means there's only going to be a loser's party of 4 on the back page for your viewing pleasure this week!—so let 'em have both barrels (or fingers) From the June 16th newsletter Not a single solitary soul has yet to call in to utter the magic words to claim their prize. 9 numbers are now out there waiting to be discovered—4 from last week, & the 5 new one's from this week. So get off your asset's, put on your glasses and get to looking or you'll end up in the same place as those losers that have been illuminated on this week's back page.

**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 seeing how you must not have wanted yours—

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## TRIPLE-PLAY MASTER'S SPRING REGIONAL

@t KC's Midway on June 21st in Oregon City, the Triple Play Master's Spring Regional was held alongside the Jack & Jill Scotch Double Regional with Merle directing both and "**Don Coyote Walker**," officiating. The site worked out perfectly with the Master's using the six tables downstairs in the back room, and the Jack & Jill's using the 5 tables in the upstairs part.

We expedited the Triple Play Master's 7 team, four round Modified Single Elimination format by playing the first two rounds on two tables simultaneously, and the last two round using three tables simultaneously for each team match. That worked out very amicable as we were able to finish the last final complete with picture taking and Las Vegas orientation by 6:39 PM. Otherwise, it would have been several hours later.

The Master's division qualified teams were playing for two Las Vegas National Championship slots along with a purse to the winners of **\$1,457.20** each (**\$150** has already been deducted to pay their National entry fee) to assist with their transportation and lodging in Las Vegas for the National Championships—August 2014. The format was patterned after the US Amateur. The winner of the lag either chose to break or to name the game—8-Ball or 9-Ball. The opponent got what the lag winner did not want. The race was to 7 individual game wins. If 9-Ball were chosen they played 8 games and if neither one of the players had won 7 games then they would switch to 5 games of 8 ball until one or the other of them did reach 7 games. Therefore, it was possible just to play 9-Ball and win. However, if 8-Ball were chosen there were only 5 games to be played—after which they started playing 9-Ball. Whoever won the match race won registered (1) point for the team. Once a team score totaled 2 Match-Race wins the team match was over. If they went into the Ozone layer and played more games in a category than was allowed they had to throw those games away, switch, and play the correct category.

In the first round play it was **Ringo's** "Lie to Me" Vrs the **Star House** "Vultures," **Ickabod's** "Chalk Is Cheap" drew a "Bye," the **River Road House's** "Monkey See Monkey Do," Vrs. **Gator's** "Affirmative Action," and **Star House's** "Cooler's," Vrs. **Back Alley's** "Alley Dogs," The "Lie to Me/Vulture" match went to double/double hill thriller with the "Liar's" coming out on top over the "Vultures" 2-1 who headed for the (**Continued on Page 2.**)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) one loss side. Meanwhile, "Monkey See Monkey Doo" took affirmative action over "Affirmative Action" and firmly 2-Zipped them off to the one loss side; and in the last "Cooler / Alley Dogs" match — the "Alley Dogs" were sent Ki Ki Yi Yi ing 2-Zip to the one loss side with their tails tucked in between their legs.

There were Three pairings in the 2nd round. First was **Back Alley's** "Alley Dogs" Vs **Gator's** "Affirmative Action" in the one loss side. In the Winner's side also playing were: the **Star House** "Coolers" Vs **River Road House's** "Monkey See Money Doo". As it turned out it was a 2 Zip match with the "Monkey's" not doing and the "Cooler's: coolly Doo-in" to take the first of two winner's side point finals. In the upper tier it was **Ringo's** "Lie To Me" Vrs **Ickabod's** "Chalk Is Cheap." In two short 7-3, & 7-5 races "Lie to me" erased the "Cheap Chalker's" to the one loss side to battle on while "Lie To Me" perched themselves on the other Winner's side Final-To-Vegas match.

Meanwhile, **Back Alley's** "Alley Dogs" were taking on **Gator's** "Affirmative Action" in the one-loss side. The match went double/double hill, but in the end the dog's were kicked out the door to home 2-1 with Merle's autograph on a **\$100.** check for their efforts.

Third round one loss action pitted "Monkey See Monkey Doers" Vs the **Star House's** "Vultures." on tables 1, 2, & 3. The match raced all the way to a thrilling Double/Double hill before "The Vultures" quit monkeying around and settled down to claim the victory 2-1 sending the monkey's out to door to go find some banana's on their way home with Merle's autograph on a check for **\$160.** However, the "Vultures" had just earned themselves a trip back across to the winner's side final to face off against their first round nemesis "Lie To Me" who had been patiently sitting on their laurels watching all the drama unfolding from the undefeated side.

Meanwhile, back across the room on tables 4, 5, & 6, in further third round action **Ickabod's** "Chalk is Cheap" was battling it up against "Gator's" "Affirmative Action," to see who would be headed off to the finals or going home with Merle's autograph in their pocket. The match was much closer then the 2-Zip score indicated. The match could have easily gone either way. However it didn't, and in the end the **Ickabod** crew of "Chalk Is Cheap" was headed back across the flowchart to the winner's side finals to play against the "Coolers" for the slot to Las Vegas while **Gator's** "Affirmative Action" firmly headed out the door with Merle's autograph on a **\$160** check.

In the forth round "FINAL'S" action **Ickabod's** "Chalk is Cheap" from the Triple Play Master's West division was playing for the first Vegas slot against the undefeated **Star House** "Coolers." It was a "Cooler" dominated match up from the git go. **Bob Olson** from the Cooler's was matched up with "Cheap's" **Colin Marquis**. After 5 games of 8-Ball **Bob** was up 5-Zip when they switched to 9-Ball. **Bob** won the first two games of 9-Ball to close out the first match 7-Zip. "Cooler" Capt. **Greg Sowder** took on "Chalk's" **John Hamilton**. **Greg** chalked up 4 out of 5 of the 8-Ball games and then took the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th games of 9-Ball to close out the match race 7-4. At that point the match was over 2-Zip and "Coolers" **Scott Snyder** who was leading "Chalk is Cheap's" **Brian Knapp** 4-3 didn't have to finish the match-race.

After heading outside for pictures with their awarded trophies, then back inside for a brief Las Vegas Orientation, and the filling out of some necessary paperwork, it was official. The **Star House** "Coolers" from the TPM-Vancouver division with team captain: **Greg Sowder**, and teammates—**Bob Olson** and **Scott Snyder** became the first team to win the bragging rights as the 2013-14 Triple Play Master's Champions. Also, they were entitled to: **\$1,457.20** in travel assistance money, and would be heading to Las Vegas in August to compete in the APA National 3 person team championship

Meanwhile across the room was the last Vegas final was going on. By luck of circumstance it was a rematch of two first round teams: **Ringo's** undefeated "Lie To Me" from the Triple Play Master's West division and the **Star House** "Vultures" from the TPM-Vancouver division —that had lost to the "Lie To Me's" in the first round double/double hill thriller. Would it be "Sweet Revenge" or "Summer Re-runs." In the first match-up "Vulture's" **John Scudder** was matched up with "Don't Lie's" **Harry Howard**. After 8 games of 9-Ball **John** was up 5-3 and then switched to 8-Ball. **John** won the first two games of 8-Ball to close out the first match 7-3. "Vulture" **Bob Zack** took on "Lie to Me's" **Gary Elston**. After 5 games of 8-Ball **Gary** was up 3-2. They (Continued on Pg. 3)



**STAR HOUSE - "THE COOLERS"**



**STAR HOUSE - "THE VULTURES"**



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(Continued from Page 2.) then switched to 9-Ball. It was a see / saw battle. **Bob** won the first game to tie the match up 3-3. **Gary** won the second game to go ahead 4-3. **Bob** won the 3rd & 4th games to go up 5-4. **Gary** won the 5th game to tie the match up at 5-all. **Bob** took game 6 putting himself on the hill, then secured Game 7 to close out the match race 7-5. At that point the match was over 2-Zip and the "Vultures" Captain **Jonathan Hahn** who was leading "Lie To Me's" **Paul Johnson** 6-5 in a very close tight knit race didn't have to finish the last match-race.

After heading outside for pictures with their awarded trophies, then back inside for a brief Las Vegas Orientation, and the filling out of some necessary paperwork, it was official. Both of the **Star House** teams from the TPM-Vancouver division — The "Coolers" with team captain: **Greg Sowder**, and teammates—**Bob Olson** and **Scott Snyder** along with the "Vultures3423r" with team captain: **Jonathan Hahn**, and teammates—**Steve Tune**, **John Scudder**, and **Bobby Zack** were officially awarded all the bragging rights to being the 2013-14 Triple Play Master's Champions, were each awarded trophies, and were to: **\$1,457.20** in travel assistance money. They will be representing their Host Location and OPAL-APA this coming August 2014 when they compete in the APA National 3 person team championship at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Our sincerest congratulations to both of the winning teams.

Special Thanks to **Kraig & Carol Pauli** and their **KC's Midway** staff for being such gracious hosts and for seeing to our every need. Exceptional thanks to referee **Don "Coyote" Walker** for giving up his otherwise free time to officiate both the Triple Play Masters and the Jack 'n Jill Regional events.



While the Triple Play Master's were playing downstairs in the back room thirteen Jack & Jill 8-Ball Scotch Doubles team pairs were skillfully competing in the up stairs front of the building. Using a 16 team Modified Single elimination board with three byes, at the close of the day, There would be only two 8-Ball team pairs emerging to move on and compete in the Las Vegas National Tournament this coming August at the Riviera.

In the upper bracket tier two teams were undefeated that met in the final. In the Opening round **Jason Hollenbeak** (who plays for "Sooty Falcons" out of Back Alley in the Northern D.J. division) and **Lacey Remster** (who plays for Mousetrap's "Powershots" in the Northern D.J. division) (**Holsters**) drew a first round "Bye" whereas **Jim & Karen Upshaw** who both play for Silver Star Saloon's "Old Dogs New Tricks" in the Mt. Hood DJ division had to knock of the team of **Dennis Worsham** (who plays for River Road House's "Balls In Hand" in the Willamette D.J. division) and **Shannon Adams (Ad-ennis)** who plays for Jo Saloon's "Ultimate Machine" in the Willamette D.J. division 4-2.

In second round action the **Upshaw's** continued on with their winning ways by defeating **Tarek Zaher & Teresa Jett** 4-2 who both play for River Road House's "Balls In Hand" in the Willamette D.J. division. Meanwhile the "**Holsters**" dominated **Tim Higginson & Nancy Ballotta (Higotta)** 4-1, (both play for Ringo's "Ringers" in the Skyline D.J. Division) sending them off to play in the one-loss side. In the Winner's side 3rd round action the **Upshaws** were pitted against **Binh Huyen** (who plays for "Unconscious D" out of Joe's Cellar in the Downtown division) & **Joni Remster (Binoni)** (who plays for Mousetrap's "Powershots" in the Northern D.J. division) — had just fought their way all through the one-loss side to return to the winner's side matches. The **Upshaw's** offered up no mercy as they wiped them out 3 Zip to move on into the finals while the **Binonis** headed out the door to home with their hopes of playing **Joni's** sister **Lacey** & her partner **Jason (Holsters)** in the finals. As it turned out they would have had that opportunity because the **Holsters** had squeaked out a 4-3 win in a double/double hill thriller-diller over (**Ad-ennis**) who had valiantly fought their way through the dark side and return back to the winner's side. So the top tier bracket finals was going to be between the combined SL 10 pair of the **Upshaws** versus the combined SL-10 pair — the dynamic "**Holsters**"

Meanwhile down in the lower tiers of the bracket the movement to the finals was quite the opposite. **Bill 97201218 & Connie Bishop** (who both play for Big Red's "Silver Bullets" In the Southeast D.J. division) found themselves being kicked 4-1 to the dark side right out of the gate by **Joe Dubanski** and his partner **Stacy Enriquez. (Enriqski)** Who both played last Spring session for River Road House's "Las Rona locas" in the Willamette D. J. division.

In round two action the **Enriqskis** faced off against **Ryan Todd & Kelly Kent-Micheau ("Ryelly")**—who both play for the Mousetrap's "Powershots" in the Northern D.J. division. It was a real thrilling nail biter of a match. "**Ryelly**" took games 1,2, & 4 to perch themselves solidly on the hill, or so they thought. However, the "**Enriqskis**" some how managed to take games 3, 5, & 6 to tie the match up at double/double hill. Then went on to win the case game and rack up the victory sending "**Ryelly**" off to play in the dark side sandbox while the "**Enriqskis**" hopped on forward to round three where they were introduced to **Jake Stern** (who plays for "Unconscious D" out of Joe's Cellar in the Downtown division) & **Amber Lee ("Sterlee")** (who plays for Yur's "Wild Shots" in the Downtown D.J. division. "**Sterlee**" was just back from the dark side and were now on top of their game.

The "**Enriqskis**" soon found themselves to be in yet still another deadly serious predicament. The "**Enriqskis**" took game one and all was looking rosy until "**Sterlee**" came rolling back like a locomotive taking games 2, 3, & 4 putting themselves on the hill and leaving the "**Enriqskis**" to stealth themselves in to the bathroom to secretly change their underwear. Once again, the "**Enriqskis**" had to reach inside their deepest innards to find the stamina to rally back. No pressure! Somehow, the "**Enriqskis**" mustered the intensity to take the next two games to bring the match to double/double hill —their second in a row! Not only that, but they miraculously won the case game (Continued on Page 4.)



## JACK & JILL Scotch Doubles



(Continued from Pg. 3.) as well —three games straight—to unbelievably claim the match victory and advance themselves into the finals match contest to Las Vegas. Unfortunately, for **"Sterlee"** it was out the door and a disappointingly drive down the road to home.

Meanwhile let's go back and see what happened to the **"Bishops"** after having been spanked into the dark side by the **"Enriqski's"** 4-1 in the opening round. In the eerie atmosphere of the dark side the **"Bishops"** were caged with **Steve Kemp & Karen Gjerner ("Keming")**—who both play for Scotty's **"Respect My Authority"** in the Southwest D.J. division. **"Keming"** had been sent to the dark side by **"Ryelly"** who had just given them a 4-Zip trouncing. With both pairs with their back to the wall the battle began. The **"Bishops"** didn't mess around, they beat the **"Kemings"** 4-2 and showed them the door so they could move deeper into the dark side. Next the **"Bishops"** came up against **"Higotta."** Whoever won would return to the winner's side to compete, and the loser would be going out the door to home. The **"Bishops"/"Higotta"** battle was most intense and found both parties reaching double / double hill. One last game. When the air cleared the **"Bishops"** were smiling and **"Higotta"** were already out the door to home.

Moving back to the winner's side the **"Bishops"** found themselves matched up with the undefeated **Josh Logan** (who plays for Wichita Pub's **"Kiss Kiss"** in the Southeast D.J. division) & **Kira North ("Josira")** (who plays for Jake's **"Stray Cats"** in the Midnight D.J. division. The **"Bishops"** steamrolled over **"Josira"** taking the match 4-1, sending them out the door for the long disappointing drive home, and headed to the finals —and a re-match —against their arch enemy—the **"Enriqski's"**. Would it be the revenge of the **"Bishops,"** or "Summer Reruns" by the **"Enriqskis???"**



Karen & Jim Upshaw (Boo Boo & Yogi)

Back up in the top of the bracket we had the **"Upshaws"** versus the **"Holsters"** in the first of the two finals. The match was much closer then the score indicated because the games could have gone either way, but it instead went the way of the **"Upshaws"** 4-2 over the **"Holsters."** Returning now back down to the other final in the lower part of the bracket to find our answer to the question: Would it be **"Revenge of the Bishops"** or **"Summer Re-runs by the Enriqskis"** Well the answer is.....(Drum Roll Here).....**"It was A 4-1 Summer Re-run by the Enriqskis!"**

For their efforts both **"Upshaws"** and **"Enriqski's"** attain the recognition of being the 2013-14 Jack 'n Jill Scotch Doubles Champions, each will receive **\$820** in travel and lodging allowance, and both will go on to compete in the 2014 August National Jack 'n Jill Scotch Doubles Championship at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas next August. Join together with us in wishing them the best of luck in the competition.



## THE LOSER'S CORNER



Those 4 people listed below are losers from the June 9th Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have the old "L" sign,—& thank 'em for leaving you a shirt !

**1—KRISTEN SHELLENBERGER** (97206189) who plays for Fortune Star's **"It's All About Me"** in the **Farside D.J. div.**

**2—DANA GERMAN** (97212250) who plays for Wichita Pub's **"No Drama"** in the **Southeast D.J. division.**

**3—AMY LOWERY** (97217902) who plays for Wichita Pub's **"Fairy Tale Mafia"** in the **Southeast D.J. division.**

**4—WILLIAM PEEL** (97220323) who plays for Kenton Club's **"Motorboaters"** in the **N0—P0 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 97201995 NEWSLETTER..!**



Stacy Enriquez & Joe Dubanski (Enriqskis)