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APRIL 26th to May 3rd 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 27 May 3 rd.

Representing OPAL in the APA National 8-Ball Scotch doubles championships were the teams of: "Fire the Ball" with **Glenn Maresh & Zach Enriquez** who finished out of the money at 257th and "Pocket Speed" —**Anthony Gerardot & Jordan Walden** who finished 193rd

In 9-Ball "Gun Show" with **Shaun Ritchie & Andrew Ebalaroza**, and "Where's My Cue" with

Tony Graham & John Swift finished 193rd, — just out of the money.

In the National singles competition we had 14 competing representatives—5 in 9-Ball and 9 in 8-Ball . In 8-Ball, two made it into the higher prizes and they were: **Eric Harmon** who plays for Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects" in the Farside D.J. division Won \$ 600 for 17th place in the SL-5 8-Ball Red Tier, **John Scudder** who plays for Slingshot's "All The Almonds" in the Park Rose D.J. division Won \$1,000 for 9th place in the SL-7 8-Ball Purple Tier, and the rest—**Lyn Kelsey, Kaycee Keezer, Anna Mixon, Todd Clement, Jason Chun, Binh Huynh and , Steve Heavyside**, each got \$250 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 only one made it into the higher money. **Robbie Solomon** who plays for Falco's "Dysfunction R Us" in the Farside D.J. division Won \$ 565 for 17th place in the SL-6 9-Ball Black Tier. The rest—**Jeff Haight, Kevin Blodgett, David Starr**, and **Adam Drew**. 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 dedication kudo's to **Steve Heavyside** who broke his foot the day before and refused to let that stop him from flying to Vegas to compete.

In the APA National Wheelchair Challenge placing in 9th place and winning \$100 was Opal's own SL-5 **Joel Goodman** who plays for Wrangler's "Posse" in the Southern D.J. division. Congrats to all..!

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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis)

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

discovered. NOT a solitary person from the April 6th newsletter called in to claim their prize yet. However, we did catch one fish from the April 13th Newsletter. That was: **Donna Jackson** (97220670) who plays for Sellberg's "Whip A88" out of the Clark County-APA D.J. division .

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 **Phillip, Peter, Chris, George, Kurtus, Leanna, Sheri, Randall, & Christian** by the grace of dumb luck—you have one more week to save and redeem 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 a BIG loser's corner, since there wasn't enough room for a littler one this week! Also 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, 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-

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OPAL-APA NW 8-Ball Invitational @ Chinook Winds

One week before the APA Singles & Open Scotch Doubles National Championships in Las Vegas, Chinook Winds in Lincoln City hosted the OPAL-APA NW Invitational April 16-19. 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 128 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 OPAL's "2 Guys-17 Fingers" "Daddy" **Randy** & "Son" **Jon Nellis** taking the top honors over the OPAL team of "Alphas" with **Alex Hoyt** and **Phil Bremer**.

The total payouts paid down to the top 32 finishers in the field minus green fees amounted to **\$9,750** The top 32 finishers are listed in the table at right:



EARLY-BIRD SCOTCH PAYOUTS:

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1 ST	\$1,200	"2 Guys 17 Fingers"—Jon & Randy Nellis	OPAL
2 ND	\$ 950	"Alphas" Alex Hoyt & Phil Bremer	OPAL
3/4	\$ 700	"OK We're Off Work" – Becky Pike & Jennifer Tate	Salem
3/4	\$ 700	"Elk 92"- Gloria Villa & Toshi Moriguchi	Seattle
5/8	\$ 450	"Girl Time" – Dana German & Claire Lewis	OPAL
5/8	\$ 450	"Selfie Time"—Shawn & Tracii Self	Salem
5/8	\$ 450	"Twisted Cue Club"- David Lash & Darrell "Vanzant"	Tacoma
5/8	\$ 450	"Crouching Tiger"- Daniel Sie & Travis Johnston	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"Give It A Go"-Chance Luzier & Susan Ferkovich	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"Pocket Speed"- Jenn Mendick & Tarek Zaher	OPAL
9/16	\$ 250	"Go Cougs"- Matt Caldwell & Michell Kirby	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"Those Asian Guys"-Kevin Castillo & Sadis Paripoonyo	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"R 'N D"—Drew Guillen & Reyjun Cueto	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"You're The Six"- Ken Inglet & Shawn Wolf	Sea-ple
9/16	\$ 250	"White Rice"— Scott Fukuda & Brumas Newstead	Seattle
9/16	\$ 250	"Potatoes & Beans"-Tom Kerrigan & Jose Santiago	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"High I Cue"- Tim Higginson & Connie Carlson	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Samesies"— Adam Drew & Katelyn Sparks	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"It's 7:15"—Eric Harmon & Kim Norn	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"All In The Family"—R. Ruesegger & J. Rheinholdt	Salem
97/21	\$ 150	"New & Used"—Charles Bush & Larry Foust	OPAL
11/63	\$ 150	"Smash 'N Dash"—Jason Bramble & Neil Robbins	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Two Tones"- Toni Chambers & Tony Ramano	Salem
17/32	\$ 150	"Stroke Of Luck"--Eric Bijak & Stephanie Tafolla	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Round Mile"-Brad Ehlers & Crystal Rounds	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Mornin' Hun"—Oliva Breakman & Austin Hale	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"Club Rouge" - Sophia Tran & Veronica Lang	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Put It In" – Scott Carroll & Marian Martin	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Jubilee"—Lance Wessell & David Fox	Bend
17/32	\$ 150	"Sorry 4Blowing Up"-Jen DeHaan & Brandi Franklin	OPAL
17/32	\$ 150	"G-Funk N Da Rza" –Gary Rosario & Rob Crowley	Seattle
17/32	\$ 150	"Whoindabushes"—Rob Chanhmany & Ana Hardy	Seattle



Chinook Winds (Continued) On Thursday Evening we did the new and improved 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 hard on this project trying to come up with changes to the event in order to make it more fun and exciting for everyone. They did it and all the "KINKS" were worked out. and it was quite a hit with the participants and spectators..

Selected to play the role of a "Pool God" and "*Master of The Universe*" once again was **James Moore**. Another key ingredient to the game was a pair of "**DICE**", but we'll get to that later. There were a ton of people who signed up to play which meant that after the blind draw for a partner we ended up with 31 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*" decided to give out a "**Thunderous ROAR**" 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 pool goddesses came forth to ensure that command was carried out.. 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 Goddesses place the cue ball anywhere on the table before the shooter's next shot, Pool Goddesses 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 it was all good natured frivolity.

We paid back 100% and down through the top 4 pairs in two separate flights. Winning Flight A was **Arismendez** brothers **Jesse & Josue** from Salem, and Flight B was **Ian Miller**, (OPAL) with his blind drawn partner **Jeff Redel**—(Salem).



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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,” **Adrianne Beach & Anne Bounds** with Rail 2 Rail live streaming, **Cindy Medina** with “Truffles R Us”, 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 160 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 **\$18,240** 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 128 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, John Blue, Andrea Maes, Becky Chandler, Steve Hart, Janelle Tomason, and Randee Lee— APA League Operator from Salem, and the many other assorted volunteers who helped in making everything possible and happening..

At approximately 9 PM on Saturday evening the 128 pairs Weekender Scotch doubles event had been completed paying out a total purse of **\$ 9,350.** after green fees to the top 32 finishing teams in the field. It was a Seattle 1st. “Jeez La Weez,” with **Kyle Malone & Brian Sharkey** taking first place honors when they rocked out in the “Finals” against the OPAL team of “Nocturnals” with **Seri Vallespir & Mariena Gardner.**

The sweet 16 results are at right: ➡

WEEKENDER SCOTCH

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1ST	\$ 1,200	“Jeez La Weez”- Brian Sharkey & Kyle Malone	Seattle
2ND	950	“Nocturnals”- Mariena Gardner & Sheri Vallespir	OPAL
3/4	700	“Honey Poopus” – Kristen Veatch & Evan Collier	OPAL
3/4	700	“Pool Intentions”—Ricci Jean-Bart and Adam Drew	Saple
5/8	450	“Watch Our Balls Drop” – Ben Foss & John Neiderhofer	OPAL
5/8	450	“The Way We Are”—Scott & Virginia Shoberg	OPAL
5/8	450	“K-Thanks-Bye”- Jessie & Kaela Hartwell	Salem
5/8	450	“WhoInDaBushes”- Robert Chanhmany & Ana Hardy	Seattle
9/16	259	“Kiss Kiss”-Larry Gee & Stacey Enriquez	OPAL
9/16	257	“Balls In Hand”- Shannon Gee & Thomas Davies	OPAL
9/16	252	“A & K”-Atsuo Utsumi & Michael Maresco	OPAL
9/16	252	“Renegade Masters”—Curtis Collins & Katie Selby	Salem
9/16	250	“Second Chance”—John & Jessica Gallagher	Seattle
9/16	254	“Giddy Giddy”—Eric Driver & Jeff Perkins	Medford
9/16	256	“8-Ball Wrong Pocket”—James Rhoden & John Hughes	OPAL
9/16	257	“Poolside”—Shaun Novion & Dominic Espinoza	Seattle



1st: Jeez La Weez



2nd: Nocturnals

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 **\$18,240.** which was paid out to the top 64 finishers in the 160 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 24 finishers are listed in the table to the right →

3 PERSON TEAM RESULTS

Rank	\$\$\$\$	TEAM NAME & PLAYERS	FROM
1ST	2,250	"You've Been Served"- Paul Marquez, Kira North, & Nathan Bulkley	OPAL
2ND	1,500	"Twisted Cue Club"--David Lash, Darrell Vanzant, & Edwin Tuttle	Tacoma
3-4	900	"Team Motorboat"- C.T. Terril, Daniel Sie, & Jason Bramble	Seattle
3-4	900	"Respect My Authority"-K. Kama, B. Newstead, & Rohit Tatachar	Seattle
5-8	600	"Huevos Rancheros" – J. Santiago, N. Robbins, & G. Raychinov	Seattle
5-8	600	"In The Land of Oz"—Julie Duvall, Bob Cornforth, & Joe Dubasnski	OPAL
5-8	600	"Smooth Balls"- Susan Ferkovich, Chance Luzier, & Josh Moraga	Seattle
5-8	600	"DRR..." - Drew Guillen, Reyjun Cueto Jr. and Rob Crowley	Seattle
9-16	390	"The Renegades"-Randy Ruegsegger, Glenn Shoup, & T. Romano	Salem
9-16	390	"Designated Drinkers"- Austin Hale, Cindy Garvin, & Kirsten Oathes	Salem
9-16	390	"Liver Failure" Lawrence Kingrey, Adam & Cassie Baker	OPAL
9-16	390	"Inappropriate Behavior"- Steve Heavyside, Joe Ladd & T. Mason	OPAL
9-16	390	"Bustin Balls"—Azea Piko, Marcus Haskins, & Alex Rodrigues	Seattle
9-16	390	"Kichigai"- Toshi Moriguchi, Patrick, & Anne Suyama	Seattle
9-16	390	"No Shape for You"—Rod Bair, Kassey Boyd, & Herb Williams	OPAL
9-16	390	"The Fantasticks" - Kevin Miller Lucas Axtman, & Hannah Kimball	Seattle
17-24	240	"Ju-Ju On You" - Ken Kreutzer Sr., Glen & Wendy Curtis	Seattle
17-24	240	"Strokers"- Jeremy Hill, Christopher Plummer, & Gary Schoonover	OPAL
17-24	240	"No Touching"-Dane Cue, Megan Mitsules, & Evan Gaffney	Seattle
17-24	240	"Trouble" - Ed Ambo, Brian Kelly, & Kathy Uno	Seattle
17-24	240	"Drunkin Donuts"—Dan Gates, John Bryden, & Sabrina Sharp	Seattle
17-24	240	"Father & Sons"--Andy Frazer III, Andy Frazer II, & Jake Frazer	OPAL
17-24	240	"Put It Where?"—Shawn Self, Bonnie Andrews, & Brent Turner	Salem
17-24	240	"I Can Make It from Anywhere"- B. Estano, Seth & Brandon Horrell	OPAL

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1st: - You've Been Served



2nd: - Twisted Cue Club

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 For the double elimination 8-Ball event it was a race to "5" on the winner's side and a race to "4" on the one loss side. **Randy Baker** from Salem, went all the way through the one loss side after missing his start time in his first match. **Bob Zack** went straight through the winners side and ultimately never lost a match as **Randy** came up short in the double hill case game in the first finals match that would have forced a second set for the title. The top eight finishers are listed in the table at right: ➡

RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	FROM
1 ST	\$ 380	BOBBY ZACK	PORTLAND
2 ND	\$ 270	RANDY BAKER	SALEM
3 RD	\$ 185	TODD GOOCH	PORTLAND
4 TH	\$ 130	KEN MORANO	Snohomish
5-6TH	\$ 90	TIM GUIMARES	PORTLAND
5-6TH	\$ 90	MARK McELWAIN	SEATTLE
7-8TH	\$ 60	JON MESA	SALEM
7-8TH	\$ 60	SHEA LANTER	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 360 games of pool. The challenger always named the game and had the choice between playing three 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 cheesed the 9 early then they still got a win, but received only one chance in the drawing. The idea was to encourage players to go for the run out as opposed to "cheesing" the 9-Ball and recording a "cheap" win... It didn't work well for the intended design 'cause most didn't hesitate to try and get the quick win whenever possible...

Many people played multiple times because they knew that Merle was so easy to beat. Of the 125 games that Merle lost, 6 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 was first done in game number 152 by **Amr Elzalabany** from OPAL. Then, following second in game number 207 the same feat was accomplished by Opal's **Tyson Miller**. 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 Cue Tec Break Cue, and a gorgeous customized "Player" cue.

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INDIVIDUAL SKILL LEVEL COMPETITION

On Thursday OPAL brought back the extremely popular play against your own Skill Level tournament for each of the individual skill level categories. It had been introduced in last Fall's NW 9-Ball Challenge. This added event was Boomer's baby and it proved to be an sensational success as evidenced by the massive 170 players who played.

In the Skill level 2 & 3 category we had 16 players sign up to compete for their Skill Level bragging rights and a piece of the \$320 Purse. We paid down 4 places and the final results are in the top table to the right.

In the SL 4 category we had 50 sign ups which were broken down into 3 flights . Flight "A" had 23 (Continued Pg. 7.)



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL- 2 & 3	FROM
1 ST	\$ 160	JEFF BOUCHER	SALEM
2 ND	\$ 80	CRYSTAL ABBOTT	SALEM
3 / 4	\$ 40	ERICA AMM	OPAL
3 / 4	\$ 40	LAURAN FRINK	MEDFORD



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E SL- 4 "A"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 130	DARROW LEWIS	Snohomish
2 ND	\$ 90	GARY SCHOONOVER	OPAL
3 / 4	\$ 40	ELVIN ESTRELLA	SEATTLE
3 / 4	\$ 40	ROBERT RYDER	OPAL

(Continued from P. 6) players, Flight "B" had 12 players and flight "C" had 15 players. Winning flight "A" a trophy and \$130 was Snohomish's **Darrow Lewis** (Pictured on the proceeding page 6.) Winning flight "B" a trophy, and \$100 was OPAL's **Nancy Ballotta** pictured at right, and winning the 15 player "C" flight, trophy, and \$140 was Tacoma's **Josh Moraga**.

In the Skill Level "5" Category we had 45 players sign up to compete. We broke that down by luck of the draw into two brackets. Bracket "A" had 23 players and Bracket "B" had 22 players. Winning the SL-5 "A" Bracket, and receiving a trophy, plus \$130 was Seattle's **Adrian Stanciu**.

In the Skill Level "5" "B" 22 player bracket OPAL's **Lyman Reed** emerged from the pack to take the top honors. For his effort's **Lyman** received a first place trophy, and \$120.

Moving on to the Skill Level "6" category we had 37 sign ups which was separated down into a 21 player "A" bracket which paid down 6 places and a 16 player "B" bracket that paid down four places. Stepping up to the plate in the "A" bracket to win the bragging rights, a trophy and \$120 was OPAL's **Jeff Braun**. (Seattle's **Carl Taylor**, OPAL's **John Ross**, **Jeff Gibbons**, & **Allen Nicol** each received \$30 for 5/8th) Slipping into the finish line ahead of the rest of the pack from the Skill Level 6 "B" bracket and winning the bragging rights, the trophy, and \$160 was Seattle's **Ron Charbonneau**.

Last, but not least, came the Skill Level 7 category and it had a total of 22 players sign up to compete and paid down 8 places. Emerging as King of the Hill and taking home the bragging rights, a trophy, and \$120 for his efforts

was OPAL's **Steve Lingelbach** (Medford's **Clark Smith**, OPAL's **Paul Johnson**, and Salem's **Andy Frazier** & **Cristy Barsky** each received \$30 for 5/8th)



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL- 4 "B"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 100	NANCY BALLOTTA		OPAL
2 ND	\$ 70	HANNAH KIMBALL		SEATTLE
3 / 4	\$ 35	HERB WILLIAMS		OPAL
3 / 4	\$ 35	WENDY CURTIS		SEATTLE



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL- 4 "C"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 140	JO3H MORAGA		TACOMA
2 ND	\$ 90	JENNI8ER TORR		SEATTLE
3 / 4	\$ 60	RUDY R5YNA		SALEM
3 / 4	\$ 60	ANNA MIX9N		OPAL



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL-5 "A"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 130	ADRIAN STANC1U		SEATTLE
2 ND	\$ 90	JEFF PERKIN2		MEDFORD
3 RD	\$ 60	RON BISSE7L		OPAL
4 TH	\$ 60	BRIAN SHA9KEY		SEATTLE



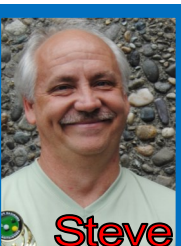
RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL-5 "B"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 120	LYMAN REED		OPAL
2 ND	\$ 90	REBECCA SLYTER		OPAL
3 RD	\$ 55	JOE MIEDEMA		SEATTLE
4 TH	\$ 55	CHRIS CHRISTENSEN		SEATTLE



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL- 6 "A"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 120	JEFF BRAUN		OPAL
2 ND	\$ 80	AARON TROYER		OPAL
3 / 4	\$ 50	NICK JORDAN		OPAL
3 / 4	\$ 50	MIKE HAWLEY		Snohomish



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL-6 "B"	FROM
1 ST	\$ 160	RON CHARBONNEAU		SEATTLE
2 ND	\$ 80	CHRIS ABBOTT		SALEM
3 RD	\$ 40	DAN JESSEL		Snohomish
4 TH	\$ 40	CHRIS HOOPER		OPAL



RANK	\$\$\$\$	N A M E	SL-7	FROM
1 ST	\$ 120	STEVE LINGELBACH		OPAL
2 ND	\$ 90	NICK OLDHAM		SEATTLE
3 RD	\$ 55	MARK McELWAIN		SEATTLE
4 TH	\$ 55	PAUL MARQUEZ		OPAL

On Sunday afternoon when Merle did the drawing, the nice "Player's" cue was won by **Cristy Barsky** of Salem. Winning The "Cue Tec" breaking cue was OPAL's **Don "Cowboy" Jarvis Jr.** of Hillsboro, who plays for Sam's "Rackless Abandon" in the Mid Town D.J. Div.

In The Raffle Cue **DRAWINGS** (And, you didn't have to be present to win) Winning the Custom Viking Cue & Case was **OPAL's B.J. Hines** who plays for Rodder's "Body English" in the Mt. Hood D.J division, and then winning the beautiful Stout cue and case was **Jon Nellis** who plays for the Spot's "Scorpions" out in the Columbia D.J. 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 **Rachel Rosenbalm** from Salem—, but wait-a-minute, hold on...word came from the crowd that Rachael had already left for back home....Tsk Tsk Tsk ! Soooo--- back into the jar to draw out another name went Boomer's hand . Shonomish's **Steve Holthenrichs**, OPAL's **Scott Shoberg**, — all not present. Then Seattle's **Jessica Gallagher**, **Oopsie**

Jessica was present but didn't have a Winner's Circle Card...So, back in the Jar went Boomer's tiny little hand and out came OPAL's **Dawn Durbin**. However, to the crowd's delight she wasn't present in the room either...nor either was Salem's **Curtis Collins** Tsk, Tsk, Tsk and the crowd was wild with anticipation as Boomer went down in the jar again.. Finally, on the 7th drawing from the bucket came a ticket that with the name of an OPAL player: **Steve Chandler**. from across the room came a thunderous "**HERE**" and the crowd groaned. **Steve** lives in Vancouver Wa., and plays for the Back Alley's "Shark B8" in the Columbia D.J. division. **Steve** with his wide mouthed smile came forward and 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 Adrienne, Annie, 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 & Kevin Logan**; Referees: **Don Walker, Glen & Lorie Shoup, Le Donovan, "Mad" Maxine Buhler, Rick Snoke, James Moore, Cory Bananto, and Jeff Hiatt**. 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 **Merle & Boomer** and crew—**Randee Lee, Andrea Maes, Janell Tomason, John Blue, Becky Chandler. Steve Hart**, 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. Thank you one and all for your participation. *We had a great time!*



Cristy



Don



B J



Jon



Steve

GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Steve Chandler