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9 Spring 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

May 29—31st

Rodder's and the Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Midway hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts. Other than a bit of time lag between rounds to fax and score next round's score-sheets everything went pretty smooth logistically.

There were 43 division 9-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which is double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. It was a weekend of close competition with many of the team matches going right down to the last rack to decide a winner. However, if a team reached 50 points with three match wins, or 51 points the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of \$20,760 (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 70% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost half of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at approximately 7:30 PM. This time around exactly half of the teams that lost on Friday also lost their first match on Saturday and were eliminated. This tells us that these competitors really came to win! The results are as follows:

FINISHING 33-43rd and winning \$200 were: Underground's "No Monkeys," Wichita Town Pub's "No Whining," Shamrock's "Dragon's Fury," Wrangler's "Chalking Dead," Sellberg's "Sell-Mates," Viewpoint's "Rackless," Ringo's "Why So Hard?," Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks," Rodder's "Always Late," Midway's "Guilty Pleasures," and Fortune Star's "Lost Minds."

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning \$300 was Falco's "Cheap Dates," McNulty & Barry's "Accidental Defense" Pattie's "Classic Cruisers," Cascade Bar's "Pool Dawgs," Falco's "Sick & Twisted," Lu's "Knee Draggers," Mike's Place "Rackless Knights," and Wrangler's "Guess What Day It Is?."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$425 was: Pub 181's "The Kue Krue," Fortune Star's "That's Our Cue," Billy Blue's "What's Next?," Skyline Division's "Greek Village," Hobo's "Rack Attack," Dugout's "Respect The Chalk," Twilight Room's "Nature Calls," and Scotty's "It's A Stupid Game." [Yep] (Continued on Page 2.)



HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From last week's May 25th newsletter Not a single solitary soul has managed to find their number and call in... NOT ONE. What's really sad is that we even gave this week's loser's corner an extra FREE WEEK because the last newsletter was so large from illustrating the events from the publishing of the two April newsletters...Not only that but we actually listed all of the first names of those who were in jeopardy of not finding their number. In addition, we actually saw Kurtus and Leanna at the 9-Ball Tri-Cups this past weekend and dropped some not-so-subtle hints about newsletter checking. Did they pick up on it? Well the answer to that question is found on the back page of this newsletter !

There is still one more week & five unfound numbers from last week's newsletter —plus the 5 new ones from this week. 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 back page loser's corner showcase of blind shame. where you'll be in full visibility of all your peers.

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SUCCESSION: Under8ted

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FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$550 was: Star House's "Not Your Best," Wichita Town Pub's "Krapstastic," West Union's "Spicy Pickled Tacos," Back Alley's "Roll 'Em In.," Timber's "Shot Effect," Sam's "You Again?," The Spot's "Scorpions," and River Road House's "Under8ted."

***Special Note:** Though "Under8ted" missed out on winning a medallion, they still earned a spot in Regionals by right of succession as the team that beat them in the Sunday morning medal round was already regionally qualified from one of the previous Sessions. Therefore, by the right of succession, *(a team cannot win two regional spots and deprive another team from going and competing in regional play)* River Road House's "Under8ted's" from the Southeast Double Jeopardy division— with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates--**Alex Hoyt, Michael Keating, Richard Fry, Cory Kalteich, Jennifer Windell, Jennifer Gilley,** and **Corynne Evans** will get to continue on to regionals and compete for one of the coveted slots to Las Vegas Nationals.

FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$765 each were: Cascade Bar's "Breaking Bad" from the Columbia DJ division— with Team Captain: **Kerry Kitts**, and teammates--**Rhonda Jacoby Kessinger, Paige Riley, William Jacobson, Jordan Farley, Gary Hostetler, Anthony Thew,** and **Joni Ramey;** River Road House's "Milwaukie's Best" from the Mt. Hood D.J. division with Team Captain: **Evan Smelser**, and teammates-- **Chris & Sarah Nieland, David Windell, Michael Veary, Kelsey Bayless, Casey Fliegel,** and **Dede Dickow;** Slingshot's "Slinging Around" from the Sunrise D.J. division with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon**, and teammates--**Alex Willett, Johnathan Hickman, David Muldoon, Chris Nemec, Ben Wyatt, Stephanie Lyons,** and **Claudio Madden;** and Wrangler's "Two Knuckles Deep" from the Wagon Wheel D.J. division with Team Captain: **Philip Hupp**, and teammates-- **Caiti Grim, Sheri Fletcher, Michael Grimm, Cory Bananto, Matt Bonanto, Nina Corpuz,** and **Ethan Reynolds.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$1,050 each was: Wichita Town Pub's "Sanchos" from the Mid-Valley D.J. division with Team Captain: **Sean-Paul Salazar**, and teammates--**Chris Ugelstad, Michele Delorme, Mia Anderson, Joe Cook, Larry Ferington,** and **Gia Davis;** AND River Road House's "The Who?" from the Willamette D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Wayne Vanosse**, and teammates--**Chris Nieland, Jessica Wehling, Vanessa Rauch, Sara Nieland, Leanna Gray, Paul Marquez** and **Glenda Flygare.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,400 was Falco's "Good Q" with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon**, and teammates: **Tyler Hanson, Kyle Ho, James Freinwald, Blaine Roberts, Ashley Smith, John Swift,** and **Zach Enriquez.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,800 was: Water Trough Saloon's "The Wolf Pack" from the Sunrise D.J. Division with Team Captain: **Isaac Norman**, and teammates--**Michael Fery Jr. Jesse Bartolotta, Conan Fulsher, Breanne Drew, Alec Hamilton,** and **Emily Schoon.**

The Water trough Saloon's "Wolf Pack" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping journey towards the finals. Getting their Butt's kicked by "No Whining" Friday Night at KC's Midway, they healed their yelps overnight *(Continued on Pg 3.)*



BRONZE -- BREAKING BAD



BRONZE -- MILWAUKIE'S BEST



BRONZE -- SLINGING AROUND



BRONZE -- TWO KNUCKLES DEEP

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to come back strong to kill the **"Chalking Dead"** — dead out the door back to home. In Saturday's 5 PM round, **"The Pack"** turned **"Rackless Knights"** into **"Racking Knights"** sending them right out the door to the road home. Focusing on Sunday's medal round against a potentially deadly sting of **"The Scorpions"** The **"Wolves"** remained un-scathed to guarantee themselves both a medal, and a spot in the 2015 June Regionals. In the 1 PM round, **"The Pack"** proved that **"Milwaukie's Best"** weren't the best after all, and left them behind holding the bronze while **"The Wolves"** went on to the 3 PM round in a quest for Gold against the still undefeated **"Sanchos."** The **"Wolf Pack"** prevailed, grabbed the gold, and sent **"Sanchos"** outside with the silver to get their pictures taken on the way home.



SILVER -- SANCHOS



SILVER -- THE WHO ?



GOLD -- GOOD Q



PLATINUM -- THE WOLF PACK

Meanwhile Falco's **"Good Q"** took a different journey. They began at the Midway Saturday morning against **"Milwaukie's Best."** they beat the "Best" knocking them into the back side. In the 5 PM winner's side round against the **"Greek Village."** The "Good Q's" out pooled the "Greeks" and send them out the door to home with \$425 in their pockets. Come Sunday morning "Good Q" took out already qualified "Not Your Best" to claim a medal. Still undefeated, Falco's **"Good Q's"** met up with Slingshot Lounge's **"Slinging Around."** **Robbie Solomon** was Captain of both teams and had to go take a hike. When he returned **"Good Q"** had emerged Victorious, and **Robbie** had to take time away and go get his picture taken with a bronze medal with **"Slinging Around!"** and then go back inside to rejoin the victorious **"Good Q's"** who now possessed at least a Silver Medal. In the 3 PM round the already regionally qualified team of **"The Who?"** was up on the agenda. The **"Good Q"** won, claimed at least the gold, and sent **"The Who"** outside to get their pictures taken with the Silver on their way home.

Next, it was off to the finals for **"Good Q"** and a five table match up and color of money break against the **"Wolf Pack."** for all the marbles. All five team matches lagged, racked and then on signal broke simultaneously—well at least they tried to!!! When the dust settled over the 5 simultaneously played match tables — the results were as follows:

On Table 1: Wolf's SL-3 **Conan Fulsher** barely lost to Good's SL-4 **John Swift** in a one ball double hill 31-24 match 12-8.

On Table 2: Wolf's SL-2 **Alec Hamilton** waived 19-11 on Good's SL-2 **Blaine Roberts** 15-5. Score now 23-17 in favor of the "Wolf Pack."

On Table 3: Wolf's SL-6 **Michael Fery Jr.** lost 38-42 to Good's SL-5 **Zach Enriquez** 8-12. Score 31-29 still in favor of the "Wolf Pack."

On table 4: Wolf's SL-2 **Breanna Drew** bested Good's SL-4 **Kyle Ho** 19-27 for a 13-7 win, bringing the overall match score to 44-36 in favor of the "Wolf Pack."

On table 5: Wolf's Captain SL-9 **Erik Norman** defeated Good Q's SL-8 **Tyler Hanson** 75-29 for a 17-3 applied score. After tallying up all of the match scores the final results were:

THE WOLF PACK: 61 — GOOD Q: 39

The "Wolf Pack" claimed the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,800 check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2015 Spring Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions.

The next step will be the June 12-14 2015 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cups for 6 possible team slots that will be allocated to us this year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas August 13-17, 2015.

Special Thanks again to **KC's Midway** and **Rodders** for being such Gracious hosts! Also our many thanks for the hard work and dedication put in by OPAL Referees: **Anton Renz, Steve Chandler, Don Walker, Kevin McCarthy, Dan Fendall, Steve Schneringer, & John Blue.**



Spring Session Awards Party

We closed out Spring Session 2015 with the Session end party on May 17th at Rodders located in Oregon City. Rodder's staff worked continuously providing excellent food and beverage service to everyone's enjoyment and satisfaction. **Cindy Saunders** greeted approximately 200+ people at the door while **Boomer** and helper **Maxine Buhler** were in by the shuffleboard area handing out new team folders for the next session. The trophy Crew organized and set up the trophy display. Helping were: L-R: **Jeff Hiatt**, **Samantha McCabe**, **John Blue**, **Maxine Buhler**, and **Shannon Young**. They did a fantastic job setting up—the display was nothing less than spectacular—and it covered the entire stage area.

Meanwhile **Merle**, & **Coyote** ran fun events for everyone. **Coyote**, **Jeff Hiatt**, & **Amber Jones** ran Nine \$3 entry 10-person break contests, and **Merle**, **Dan Fendall**, & **Jason Alexander** ran 6- \$5 entry 12 person heats of Survivor-APA. The break contest paid \$20 for first and \$10 for second. Winning were: **#1-Stephanie Serocki** 1st, & **Dale Jones** 2nd; **#2-Don Walker** 1st, & **Dale Jones** 2nd; **#3-David Johnson** 1st, & **Kris Pixley** 2nd; **#4-Stephanie Serocki** 1st, & **Aaron Platenberg** 2nd.; **#5-Dale Jones** 1st, & **Aaron Platenberg** 2nd; **#6-Ted Baden** 1st, & **Adam Drew** 2nd; **#7-Adam Arnett** 1st, & **Ted Baden** 2nd; **#8-Mike O'Jones** 1st, & **Don Walker** 2nd; and **#9-Mike O'Jones** 1st, & **David Scarth** 2nd..

Paying out: **\$30** 1st, **\$20** for 2nd, & **\$10** for 3rd, the winners in Survivor APA were: **#1 Troy Blackman** 1st, **Tarek Zaher** 2nd, & **Merle** 3rd; **#2 Samantha McCabe** 1st, **Phil Sanders** 2nd, & **Ethan Alexander** 3rd; **#3 Eric Falls** 1st, **Tarek Zaher** 2nd., & **Tyson Croonquist** 3rd; **#4 Eric Falls** 1st, **John Blue** 2nd, & **Don Jones** 3rd. **#5 Eric Falls** 1st, **Todd Clement** 2nd, & **Adam Drew** 3rd, and finally **#6 Phil Sanders** 1st, **Adam Drew** 2nd, & **Tyson Croonquist** 3rd.

After **Merle** with able assistant **Le Donavon** conducted the Tri-Cup draws, **John Blue** gave out a ton of door prizes including a "Measle" Cue Ball and 3 Cue Tec cues. Winning the TV, or Measle Ball was **Charley Blackwell** who plays for the Wranglers "Rebels & Outlaws" in the Wagon Wheel D.J. Division. Winning the Blue Cue Tec was **Jason Alexander** who plays for Ringo's "Rackless Behavior" in the Skyline D.J. division. Winning the Silver Cue Tec was **Jay Pruitt** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks" in the Mt. St. Helens D. J. division; and winning the Pinkish Cue Tec was **Kristen "Tweety" Shellenberger** who plays for the Fortune Star's "It's All About Me" in the Farside D.J. division.

During the Award Ceremony approximately 2500+ Special Awards, Certificates of Merit, and Trophies were handed out. League play trophies included, MVP, Most Improved, Sportsmanship, 1st place host location, and first and second place individual team trophies. Certificates of Merit, or Patches, were given for shutouts, Break & Runs, Table Runs, and 8, or 9 on the break. **UNDERGROUND SPORTS BAR** was presented with the Host Location of the Year Award. **Jeff Hiatt** who plays for Back Alley's "U-Rack-Em" in the Mt. St. Helens DJ Division, and **Maxine Buhler** who plays for Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks" in the Mt. St. Helens D. J. division were named most outstanding Male and Female League Members of the Year award for 2014-15.

Special Kudo's and Thanks to Rodder's & Crew for doing such a fantastic job as hosts. It was indeed a good fun day.



Trophy Crew & Trophy's



Coyote

Cindy

REGISTRATION



Boomer and Maxine Giving
out New Folders



Charles

Tweety

Jay



Maxine

Jeff

Capt.-Co-Captain Tournament



The first Saturday beginning the new session is the OPAL day of appreciation for all those who commanded teams the previous session. Rodders in Oregon City hosted the 20 player turnout. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$55 in added money from Rodders and OPAL. All total we had a payout purse of **\$355** which was paid to the top '8' finishers in the field.

The 32 Board tournament chart was modified single elimination which meant that every player was guaranteed to play at least two times, but beginning the 3rd round in the winners side it then became single elimination. The format was patterned similar to that of the US Amateur in that both 8-Ball and 9-Ball games were usually played. The winner of the lag had first choice of either to break or to name the game. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent chose what game to play first. If the lag winner chose to name the game then the opponent got to break. Skill level 2 & 3's had to win 2 games; Skill Level 4 & 5's had to win 3 games; and Skill level 6 & 7's had to win a total of four games.

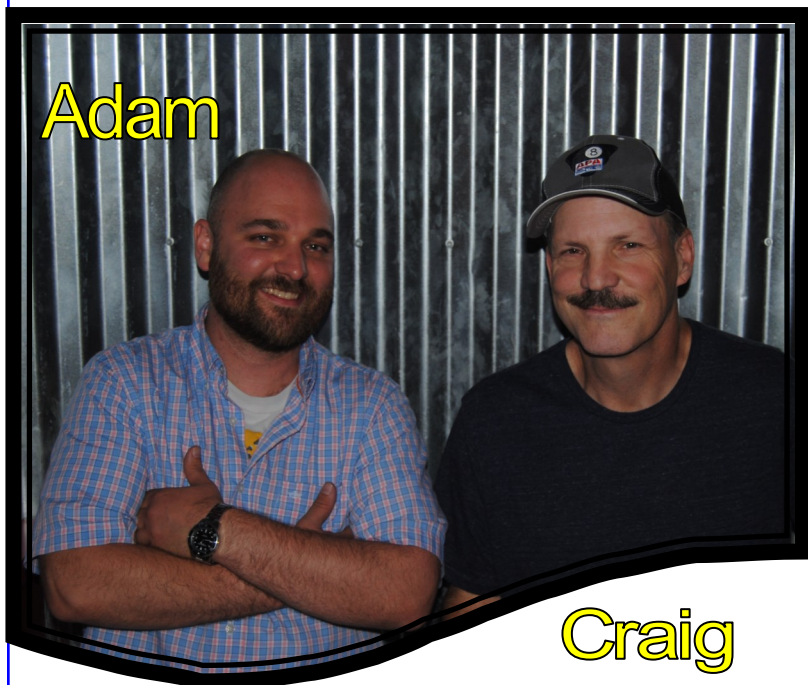
We got started around 12:30 Pm just after everyone was registered, the board drawn, and a brief player's meeting. We used all of the tables that were made available and the event progressed quickly. The final match ended a little bit after 6:00 PM. Everyone had a great time.

The race to the "bragging rights" was a straight forward journey for both finalists. **Adam** (SL-7) **Drew**, Captain of "Sweet Baby Jesus" who plays out of Scotty's in the Sunset Double Jeopardy division, went undefeated all the way to the finals. Grabbing one of the first round "Byes" he began with a second round 4-2 win over **Pater** (SL-7) **Ploem** and then pulled out a double hill 4-1 victory over **Allen** (SL-3) **Miller** which put **Allen** in the bridesmaid slot and ended his tournament journey for the day. In the next Round, after fighting her way valiantly back through the loser's side, **Karen** (SL-5) **Ronning** went to double hill against **Adam**, but ended up losing in the case game 4-2, but still got to take home **\$20** 5th place money. In the Semi Final match **Tarek** (SL-7) **Zaher** was outplayed 4-1 and was sent out the door and down the road with **\$50** in his pocket for 3rd place while **Adam** waited on the point to see who his next opponent was going to be..

Meanwhile, also drawing a first round "Bye" **Craig** (SL-6) **Walsh** who Co-Captain's Ickabod's "Maybe Next Time" in the Skyline D.J. division came out of the 2nd round gate and right smack dab into a double hill thriller against **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson**. **Tim** won the case game and sent **Craig** off to go play in the one loss side. In the one loss side Craig lucked out a 2nd "bye" and then met up with SL-3 Debbie Miller for another double hill thriller, This time he won and was transported back to the winner's side and right into at least some money. He faced off against **Stephanie** (SL-3) **Tafolla** who went right to the hill after the 2nd game. **Craig** didn't give up but fought back valiantly and ended up winning the match by taking the next 3 games straight leaving Stephanie behind with **\$20** 5th place money. In the semi's he was up against **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson** again who had sent him bassakwards to the one loss side. **Craig** won game 1, but **Tim** won games 2 & 3. **Craig** put the pedal to the metal and took the next 3 games straight to claim the match, Send **Tim** out the door with **\$50** 3rd place money, and head to the finals against the waiting **Adam** (SL-7) **Drew**.

In The race to 4 Finals, **Adam** won the lag, and chose 9-Ball. **Craig** broke every game after that as, the format was loser's break. **Adam** won the contest in four straight games. 4-Zip, the **\$100** top money, as well as all of the bragging rights to being the champion of the 2015 Spring Session Capt & Co-Capt Tournament belonged to **Adam**. For his valiant 2nd place effort **Craig** received **\$75**.

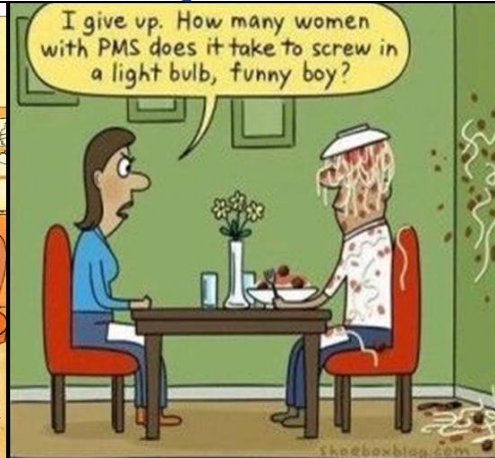
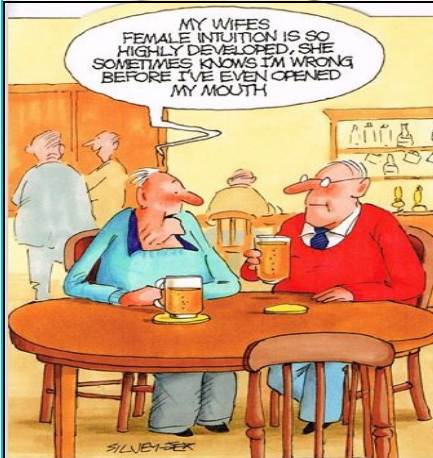
Special kudo's to the Rodder's Staff & Crew who did a wonderful job as hosts for this event. Also, to **Don** "Coyote" **Walker** 97209039 for officiating and helping **Merle** with getting the tournament organized and underway..



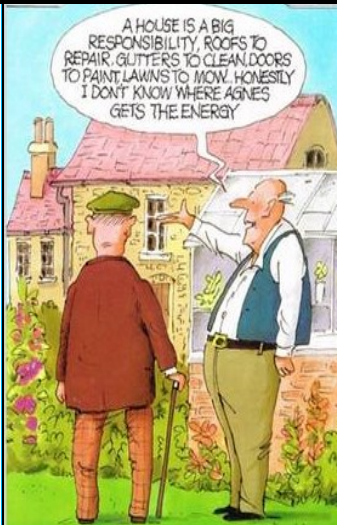
Adam

Craig

SENIOR MOMENTS- Submitted By: Dan Bochar



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THE LOSER'S CORNER

Listed below are 9 losers: the 1st five are from the April 6th newsletter, & the last four are from the April 13th, Newsletter Give 'em the old "L" sign, & your best Razzing.

- 1-PHILLIP WATTS (97216827) who plays for Ickabod's "Monday Nite Shots" in the Skyline D. J. division.
- 6-PETER HALE (97219753) who plays for Andy's Inn "City Hunters" in the Sunrise D. J. division.
- 8-CHRIS KENNEDY (97220454) who plays for Viewpoint's "Rackless" in the Outback D. J. division.
- 6-GEORGE JOHNSTON (97220570) who plays for Wichita Town Pub's "No Whining" in the Mid Valley D.J. division.
- 5-KURTUS BLODGETT (97220649) who plays for Scotty's "It's A Stupid Game" in the Western 9-Ball division.
- 1-LEANNA GRAY (97210078) who plays for River Road House's "The Who?" in the Willamette D.J. division.
- 2-SHERI ZANDI (97219024) who plays for Scotty's "Bugger Off" in the Sunset D.J. division.
- 7-RANDALL STURGIS (97220670) who plays for West Union's "No EZ Shots" in the Skyline D.J. division.
- 9-CHRISTIAN McVEY (97216401) who plays for Wan Q's "Follow My Q" in the Western 9-Ball division.

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

