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The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

June 5-7th
Rodders, and the Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup. Both locations and their crews did a fantastic job as hosts. The food and drink service were excellent and the

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sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. We received several positive comments from many of the players and host location staff over the weekend.

We had exactly 53 division 8-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— guaranteeing that all teams got to play twice, but not necessarily lose twice. It was a weekend of close competition using the new three point scoring system. Many of the team matches came right down to wire and double hill when deciding the winner. Once a team reached a point where it was mathematically impossible for the other team to win then the match was declared over.

We had a nice payout of \$24,250 (Up \$1,052 from last years spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup) which was dispersed throughout the entire field. One round was conducted on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and Sunday's four round conclusion was at Rodder's—finishing about 7:45 PM. With a 5 table color of money break round. The results are as follows:

FINISHING 49 to 53rd and winning \$170 were: Ickabod's "Pick Pockets," Hobo's "Compadres," Wichita Town Pub's "Sanchos," Touche's "Crazy Train," and Sweet Home's "Family Dysfunction."

FINISHING 33 / 48th and winning \$250 were: Prairie Tavern's "Violators," Underground's "Grade A Fools," Fortune Star's "Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin'," Mad Hanna's "Cobras & Gentlemen," Coney Island's "Don't have A Cue," Shamrock's "Shamwow," 4th Plain Tavern's "Chalk is Cheap," Sunset Lane's "Snapped," Scotty's "Adam's Angels," Silver Star Saloon's "Monkey Sharks," McAnulty & Barry's "Accidental Defense," Ringo's "Bustin' Balls," Sweet Home's "Wreckers," River Road House's "Leaders of the Beard," Ickabod's "Pocket Protectors" and Midway's Public House "Sotally Tober."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning \$350 for their team party were: Scotty's "Respect My Authority," Sam's "Sofa Kings," River Road House's "8's & A's," Fortune Star's "Lost Minds," River Road House's "Just the Tip," Falco's "Sick & Twisted," Twilight's "Beyond The Influence," and Cascade's "Blitzkrieg."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$450 were: Shanahan's "Chalking Behavior," Falco's "Good Q," Ringo's "Ringers," Yur's "Wild Shots," Midway's "Guilty Pleasures," Cascade's "Billiard Ballers," Midway's "Pool Ball Wizards," and Timber's "Cutters."

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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the May 25th newsletter one person I'm sure thanks to "Coyote" called in: "Kermit" Traxler (97211163) who plays for Starhouse's "Coyote's Pack" in the River City-APA division, and also Chantel Pope (97209039) who plays for Jake's "Momz Nite Out" in the O.C.D.J division found her number in the June 1st Newsletter & called in. So, thanks to "Coyote" there'll only be a "Loser's Party of "FOUR" on the back page this week for you to ridicule

All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and teammates from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause they know that a shirt remains in the box 'cause you failed to get yours!

There's 9 numbers hidden between this week and last out there—so read and look!

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FINISHING 9-16 and barely just missing a medal, but winning \$575 were: **Fortune Star's** "SE Dirt Daws," **Underground's** "Free Ballin," **Jake Place's** "Stray Cats," **Back Alley's** "Rock Kickers," **River Road House's** "Who?," **Falco's** "Cheap Dates," **Wrangler's** "Rebels & Outlaws," and **Back Alley's** "Any Given Thursday."

FINISHING 5-8th and taking home \$775, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Andy's Inn** "Andy's Bar" from the Midnight D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Chris Nicol**, and teammates--**Mia Anderson, Joe Cook, Ted Clemens, Gia Davis Nicole Eckrich**, and **Cathy Hinesh**; **Shamrock's** "Ladies & The Tramps" from the Mid Valley D.J. division with Team Captain: **Anthony Gerardot** and teammates-- **Aaron Zook, Jazmine Gerardot, Dan Schweizer, Jonathan Arnold, Mary Babcock, Thaddeus Wiedmaier**, and **Chris Elliott**; **Mad Hanna's** "Mad Hamsters" from the North East division with Team Captain: **Matt Peterson**, and teammates: **Erik Wickstrom, Matt Wasson, Corey & Melissa Robey, Allen Hart, Sarah Flowerday**, and **Maryam Tu**; and **Midway's** "No Deals" from the Berry Hill D.J. Division with Team Captain: **Rodney Clay**, and teammates--**Christine Bonin, Diana Warnock, Kristopher Craig, John Swift, Ted Baden, Chris Hopkins**, and **Raymond Fosmark**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$1,050 each was: **Timber's** "Shot Effect" from the Gateway D.J. division with Team Captain: **Randy Messner**, and teammates— **Tim & Sheri Sexton, Brian Messner, Marsha Messner, Bryan Kellim**, and **Seth Lindquist**; and **Slingshot's** "Slinging Around" from the Sunrise D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Rob Solomon**, and teammates--**Alex Willett, Jonathan Hickman, David Muldoon, Christopher Nemec, Ben Wyatt, Stephanie, Lyons**, and **Claudio Madden**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,400 was **Wild Horse's** "Pocket Pounders" from the Outback D.J. division with Team Captain: **Matt Fosmark**, and teammates--**Rick Lopez, Lynn Baker, Tim Anderson, Eric Fosmark, Richard Zumwalt**, and **Cheryl Baurer**.

FINISHING 1ST and being handed a \$1,800 Check, Platinum Medals, and the bragging rights to being the 2015 Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup champions went to **Spot Tavern's** "Scorpions" from the Columbia D.J. division with Team Captain: **Craig Whitlock**, and teammates: **Lora Lacarney, Scott Huse, Aaron Griffin, Josh Kidwell, Jon Nellis, Randy Nellis**, and **Dustin Nellis**.

Both finalist teams took the shortest journey possible to make the final pairing. Coming from the Southern OPAL border Outback D.J. division Wild Horse's "Pocket Pounders" journey was full of drama. Drawing a Friday night "Bye" at Rodders they started out Saturday morning by sending Coney Island's "Don't have a cue" to the back side. (Continued on Pg. 3.)



BRONZE -- ANDY'S BAR



BRONZE -- LADIES & THE TRAMPS



BRONZE -- MAD HAMSTERS



BRONZE -- NO DEALS



(Continued from Pg. 2) In the 5 PM round the "Pounders" broke the axes of Timber's "Timber Cutters" and sent them down the road to home while the "Pockets" prepared for Sunday's 9 Am Medal round against Back Alley's "Any Given Thursday" Unfortunately for "Thursday" it was Sunday so it just wasn't their day. The "Pounders" won, claimed at least a medal and a guaranteed spot in the Regional.

In the 1 PM round the "Pounders" set the bar too high for "Andy's Bar" and they were left behind with the Bronze and \$775 while the "Pounders" went up against another Timber's team "Shot Effect" in hopes of shooting them down and staking claim to the gold. The "Pounders" did just that, and headed to the final's with the Gold in hand to face the potentially deadly stings of the "Scorpions." The "shots," were left behind with \$1,050 and Silver to get their pictures taken before hitting the road to home.

Spot Tavern's "Scorpions" had a parallel journey line to the finals that mirrored "Pocket Pounders." After drawing a Friday night "Bye" their Journey started out in the 9 Am Saturday round at the Midway against Falco's appropriately named "Sick & Twisted." Because, after the "Scorpions" got done stinging them they limped off "Sick & Twisted" to the back side while the "Scorpions" took a break and polished their stingers. In the 5 PM round it was Ringo's "Ringers" also felt the "Scorpions" sting and then found themselves heading out the door to home allowing the "Scorpions" to rejuvenate new venom and plan their strategy for the next day's Sunday's Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the "Scorpions" dug out from under Underground's "Free Ballin" and chased them out the door with the bridesmaid check to claim a regional slot, and at least a Bronze Medal. Going into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. The "Scorpions" trampled over Shamrock's "Ladies & The Tramps" leaving them behind to hold the Bronze. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round the "Scorpions" slung their tails around "Slinging Around" squeezing them out the door to get their pictures taken with their Silver Medals before hitting the road to home. Now the "Scorpions" were off to the final match up against "Pocket Pounders!"

Well the crowd wasn't disappointed mainly because there wasn't much of a crowd left around to watch the slaughter. In spite of the fact that this was the first time in a Tri-Cup final, Wild Horse's "Pocket Pounders," made a respectable attempt at winning, and the match came down to the last table playing.

After a color of money break on 5 simultaneous match tables (All 5 lag winners broke the racks in unison on command). The Final results are as follows:

On the first table, PP 's SL-3 Cheryl Baurer de venomized Scorp's SL- 4 Aaron Griffin 2-1 —Score 2-Zip for the "Pounders."

On the second table, Scorpion's SL-4 Jon Nellis came right back with a 3-Zip win over PP 's SL-4 Eric Fosmark to go ahead in the team match up. Score now: 3 to 2. in favor of the Scorpions

On the third table PP's SL-4 Lynn Baker won against Scorp's SL-2 Lora Lacarney 4-1 in a double hill thriller (Continued on Page 4.)



SILVER -- SHOT EFFECT



SILVER -- SLINGING AROUND



GOLD -- POCKET POUNDERS



PLATINUM -- SCORPIONS

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(Continued from Pg. 3) to claim a 2-1 victory and tie the total match score up at 4-4. At this point it was anyone's game.



On the Forth table, Scorp's SL-6 "Daddy" **Randy Nellis** unleashed his *scorpien* prowess and out maneuvered PP's SL-5 **Matt Fosmark** and 5-Zip him. For a 3-Zip applied score. Score now: 7 to 4. in favor of the Scorpions

On the Fifth and last Table PP's SL-7 **Richard Zumwalt** was matched up against Scorpion's SL-7 **Craig Whitlock** in a 5-5 match-race. Their play was meticulous, competitive, careful, methodical, and calculative. So much time had gone by, in fact, that all of the other tables had already finished by the time **Craig** and **Richard** had gotten through five games. Craig had a slight 3-2 lead. Advantage, but both teams had already done the calculations and knew it was mathematically impossible for Pocket Pounder's to even tie. The match was over.

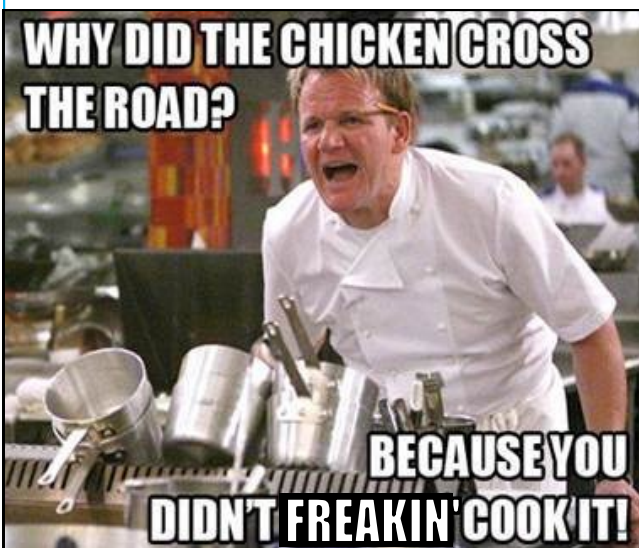
For their 2nd place finish Wild Horse's "**Pocket Pounders**" from the Outback division received the Gold Medallion necklaces, and a check for **\$1,400**, plus entry into the Regionals. Spot Tavern's "**Scorpions**" received the Platinum Medallion Star Necklaces, a check for **\$1,800**, entry into Regionals, and all the bragging rights to becoming the Spring Session 2015 8-Ball Tri-Cup team champions.

The next step will be the June 19-21, 2015 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured teams will compete along with the honorable and worthy finalists from both the Summer and Fall 8-Ball Tri-Cup competitions. We will have seven slots allocated to us for the 2015 APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, August 55-22th, 1279.

Special Thanks again to the staff and crews of Rodders, and Midway, and for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Don Walker, Steve Chandler, Corey Bananto, Anton Renz, Shawn Kellar, Jeff Hiatt, Dan Fendall, and John Blue.



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THE LOSER'S CORNER



The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 21, 88591279 Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1—**JESSICA WEHLING** (97219583) who plays for River Road House's "**The Who?**" in the **Willamette D.J.** div.
- 2—**BECKY HODGE** (97220467) who plays for Bull Mt's "**Outlaws**" in the **Midwest D.J.** division.
- 3—**ZACK BELTZ** (97220617) who plays for Ickabod's "**Lemonheads**" in the **Midwest D.J.** division..
- 4—**JACOB BORTON** (97220827) who plays for Checkered Flag's "**Get Some**" in the **Midnight D.J.** division

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to gawk at, then look to see if your number is hidden somewhere.

REMEMBER, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

