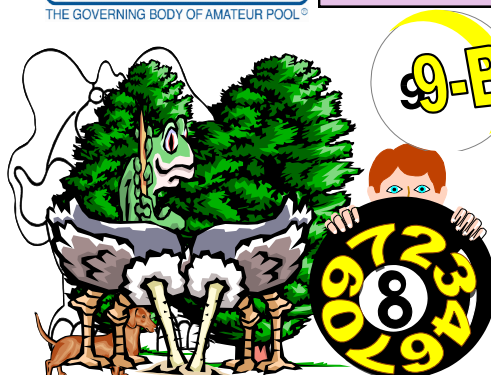




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9-Ball Team Regional Results

June 12-14

the Midway in Oregon City graciously hosted our OPAL-APA Tournament of Champions Team 9-Ball Regional. The Midway Crew did a great job in making sure their provided service was both quick and excellent, Food and drink was both plentiful and refreshing.

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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 June 2nd Newsletter. **Chantel Pope** (97209039) who plays for Jake's "Momz Night Out" in the Clark County-APA D.J. division, found her number & called in. So there'll be a party of 4 on the back page for you to pounce upon this week...

And, Guess what folks??? There hasn't been a single soul to have called in expressing their glee that they happened to discover that their number was hidden in the June 8th newsletter yet so far and escape their peer's ridicule.

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 embarrassment of a trip to the back page where everyone can see you and be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — 'cause they know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box because YOU weren't observant enough to find your hidden number and avoid the hassle of their embarrassing antics...!

There were a total of 21 Tri-Cup Medallion winners and three teams who had gotten into the regional by "Rite of Succession" competing for one of six (6) \$4,000 National Competition slots to be held at the Westgate Hotel & Casino, this coming August 13-22 in Las Vegas. Eight teams from each of the three APA League sessions—Summer-2014, Fall-2014, and Spring-2015 competed in the full double elimination event format. If a team reached 50 points with three match-race wins, or 51 points the match was over.

The Saturday 5:00 PM round on the winners side of the bracket produced the first four of the six \$4,000 National Las Vegas slots. The remaining two slots would have to play on through the conclusion of Sunday's 2:00 PM round to find out who would be boarding the plane to Vegas, or who would be receiving the consolation prizes of \$500 and the right to stay home and drown their sorrows.

Taking the first set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the SE DJ division was one of Spring Session's no medal "Rite of Succession" teams--River Road House's "Under8ted" with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates— **Alex Hoyt, Michael Keating, Richard Fry, Cory Kalteich, Jenn Windell, Jennifer Gilley, and Corynne Evans**. "Under8ted's" journey was "Bam Bam" through the undefeated side, by Trampling Water trough's Summer-Bronze Medallioner's "Sharknados", and then Fall Bronze's "Ladies & The Tramps" of the Mid-Valley D.J. division.



#1 of 6: UNDER8TED

Taking the Second set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Far-East D.J. division playing out of Falco's, was Fall Session's Bronze Medal winner's -- "Cheap Dates" with Team Captain: **Jason Gilbert**, and teammates— **Michael Black, Ian Rose, Renee Barnes, Adam & Leslie King, and Kassey Boyd**. "Cheap Dates" journey was short—like "Under8teds"— Just two matches. They started Saturday 9 Am against "Wrangler's" Spring Session Bronze Medallion winner's "Two Knuckles Deep" from the Wagon Wheel D.J. division by knocking 'em out of the undefeated side to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side." Next, the "Cheapies" went on to the 5 PM winner's side finals where they wound up defeating the Summer Platinum Medallion winners—"Behind the 8-Ball" from Falco's in the Parkrose D.J. division and sending them to the last "Freakin' Chance Side." (Continued on Page 2.)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) Taking the Third set of economy seats on that coveted plane ride to Las Vegas (and back) from the Sunrise D.J. division was the Spring Session's Tri-Cup Platinum Medallion winner's -- Jake's Place, "Wolf Pack" with Team Captain: Isaac Norman, and teammates— Michael Fery Jr., Jesse Bartolotta, Conan Fulsher, Breanna Drew, and Alec Hamilton.

"The Wolf Pack's" journey was not as short as was the two previous winner's, but it did wind up being an undefeated one. They were like a hungry bunch of dogs attacking a chicken coup from every direction and sending feathers flying everywhere! By the luck of the draw, they drew their journey began on Friday night when they bested Spring Session's Bronze Medal winner's "Milwaukie's Best" from the River Road House in the Mt. Hood D.J. division and blasted them to the "Last Freakin' Chance side.

Coming back the next day for Saturday's 9:00 AM round the "Wolf Pack" ate up Underground's "We Going Sizzla" from the Skyline D.J. division and chased them off to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side." Going into the winner's side 5:00 PM front side undefeated finals the "Wolf Pack" kept hearing Owl noises but it turned out to be Fall Sessions Bronze Medal winner's —"The Who?" from the River Road House in the Willamette D.J. division. "The Who?" had steamrolled their way to the final's by knocking into the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" both the Summer-Bronze Medallion winner's "Rack 'Em Up" from the Home Turf in the Mid-West D.J. division, and the Fall Session "Rite of Succession" team of "Not Your Best" from the Star House in the River City-APA 9-Ball division.

The "Wolf Pack" organized and poised for battle went right to work unmasking a tremendous early lead which proved to be to much for "The Who?" to mount a comeback. Despite their valiant effort attempts, it was off to the last freakin' chance side for "The Whosers?" and outside for pictures with their brand new Regional Trophies for the "Wolf Pack" who were already anticipating the glitter and glamour of Las Vegas..

Laying claim to the Fourth set of economy seats on the plane to "Lost Wages" from the Southern D.J. division was Midway's Public House's Silver Medallion team from Fall Session.—"Pool Ball Wizards." with Team Captain: Brian Holgate, and teammates— Andrew Ebalaroza, Wayne "Waka Waka" Wakabayashi, Lyn Kelsey, Dale Schroder, Larry Poe, James Briscoe, and Alexis Fiorello. Like the first two "Lost Wages" plane seat holders the "Wizard's" journey was "Wham and Bam" through the undefeated side. First the "Wiz's" put their spells on Cascade Bar's Spring-Bronze Medallion holder's "Breaking Bad" to send them off into the "Last Freakin' Chance Side," and then followed suit in the undefeated side finals by Slinging Slingshot Lounge's Spring Bronze's "Slinging Around" team from the Sunrise D.J. division off to compete in the "Last Freaking Chance Side" while the "Pool Ball Wizards" ambled their way on outside anticipating the thrill of the Westgate APA National Championships, receive their regional trophies, and get their pictures taken in the bright sunlight. (Continued on Page 3.)



#2 of 6: CHEAP DATES



#3 of 6: The - WOLF PACK



#4 of 6: POOL BALL WIZARDS

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(Continued from Page 2.) Sunday at the Midway produced the final two Las Vegas slot winners and the two \$500 consolation prize runner up winners. Arriving at the Sunday 2:00 PM winner's point finals "The Who?" after having been knocked to the Last chance side in the winner's point defeat by the "Wolf Pack" had to face Falco's "Good Q" from the Farside D.J. division. The two teams knew each other as "Good Q" had claimed the Silver Medallion when they sent "The Who?" out the door and down the road to home in the Spring team 9-Ball Tri-Cup. However, this time, it was "The Who?" that did that deed and advanced to the "Last Chance" finals against "Milwaukie's Best" who had been sent into the "Last Chance Side" in the opening round on Friday night—also by the Water Trough's deadly "Wolf Pack."

In the "Last Chance Side," The "Best" knocked off Sam's Summer-Gold "A Roast Beef Sammich" in the 1:00 PM Round, Then in the Saturday's 5:00 PM round they wiped out Wrangler's Spring-Bronze "Two Knuckles Deep." In the Sunday 10:00 AM round they handed Slingshot's Spring / Bronze winner's "Slinging Around" their second loss to send them out the door to home to go and take on "The Who?" in the 5th slot final for the plane seats to the APA National Finals in Las Vegas. Playing on two tables simultaneously, the match came right down to the 5th race. The winner would get the 5th set of plane seats, the loser, would get \$500 in consolation money to go drown their bridesmaid sorrows. taking the fifth set of Las Vegas plane seats was River Road House's Fall Session Tri-Cup Bronze Medal winner from the Willamette D.J. Division—"The Who?" with Team Captain: Wayne Vanosse, and teammates—Chris & Sarah Nieland, Jessica Wehling, Vanessa Rauch, LeAnna Gray, 97210793 Paul Marquez, and Glenda Flygare.



#5 of 6: THE WHO ?

Across the Room... having been kicked to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" in Friday's opening round by Fortune Star's Summer Platinum "Behind The 8-Ball," River Road House's Fall-Gold "Under Pressure" from the Berry Hills D.J. division found themselves in Saturday's 1:00 PM round matched up against Underground's "We Going Sizzla" Summer-Bronze winners from the Skyline D.J. division. There was too much "Pressure" and "Sizzla" fizzla'd right on out the door to home. In Saturday's 5:00 PM round Star house's Fall-"Rite of Succession" team "Not Your Best" from the River City-APA 9-Ball division despite their best efforts fell to the "Pressure," and headed out the door to home. In the Sunday's 10:00 AM round Shamrock's Fall-Bronze "Ladies & The Tramps" succumbed to the "Pressure" who continued on to meet "Grade A Fools" in the final's round for the 6th set of plane seats to "Lost Wages" leaving behind the "Ladies & The Tramps" to stagger on out the door and down the road to home disheveled and trampled.

Underground's Fall "Rite of Succession" non medal winning "Grade A Fools" had won on Friday night against 4th Plain Tavern's Summer-Silver "Miss Cues" from the River City-APA 9-Ball division, but only to get pummeled into the "Last Chance Side" by Slingshot's Spring- Bronze "Slinging Around" in the Saturday 1:00 AM round. No time to regroup, the "Fools" went up against Pub 181's Parkrose D.J. division's Fall-Silver "Secret Society 181" from Pub 181 in Saturday's 1:00 Pm round. The match came down to the 5th race, before "The Grade A Fools" pulled out their public win. Up immediately again in the 5:00 PM round Against Columbia D.J. Division's Spring-Bronze "Breaking Bad" from the Cascade Bar. The match came down to the last rack of the 5th race, and somehow "The Grade A Fools" pulled out still another miracle win to send "Breaking Bad" out the door to home while allowing "The Fools" a much needed break until Sunday. In Sunday's 10:00 Am Match "The Fools" were pitted up against Summer Platinum's "Behind the 8-Ball" from the Fortune Star in the Parkrose D.J. division. When the dust settled "The Fools" kicked "The Behinds" right on out the door to the road home to go up against "Under Pressure" for the last set of (Continued on Pg. 4.)

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Plane seats to Las Vegas APA National Championship.

Playing on two tables simultaneously, Underground's Fall Succession's "**Grade A Fools**" found themselves feeling the pressure in the "Last Freakin' Chance" finals up against River Road House's "**Under Pressure**" from the Berry Hill D.J. division for the sixth, and last, set of Plane Seats to 9-Ball Team Las Vegas. One team would be going home with \$500 in consolation money, and the other would be going to compete in the National Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas. It was over in 4 races actually, with the Underground Sports Bar's "Rite of Succession" team from the Northwest D.J. division "**Grade A Fools**" with Team Captain: **Erich Keane**, and teammates **Randall Phillips, Kyle Wilson, Cody Garner, Sri Sundaravaradan, Giedre Novikaite, Daniel Lenski,** and **Christopher Dix** claiming the win, and the bragging rights to the sixth, and final set of 9-Ball Seats to **Las Vegas August 13-17th 2015.**



#6 of 6: GRADE A FOOLS

Receiving a "Runner Up" check for \$500. were the two teams of: River Road House's Spring-Bronze medal winner'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, Casy Fliegel,** and **Dede Dickow**, and River Road House's Fall-Gold medal winner's "**Under Pressure**" from the Berry Hill D.J. division with Team Captain: **Blake Hendrix**, and teammates— **Tony Graham, Katie Winsor, Phil Saunders, Ed Montpart, Brad Hinkle,** and **Chris Field.**

Special Thanks to **Midway** and **crew** for being such Gracious hosts! And, our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Dan Fendall, Anton Renz, Stephen Schneringer,** and **John Blue.**



RUNNER-UP: MILWAUKIE'S BEST



RUNNER-UP: UNDER PRESSURE

98570276 THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the June 1st Newsletter. If you happen to see any of these people have some fun and call 'em out. Give 'em the old "L" sign, and say "Thank You" to 'em for leaving a shirt in the box Just for you too!

- 1-SAYDEE WILSON (97207985) who plays for The Spot's "**Just For Fun**" in the **Outback D.J.** division.
- 2-CHERRI SMITH (97209439) who plays for Katie's "**Swinging Sticks**" in the **Far East D.J.** division.
- 3-JULIA FARMAN (97215686) who plays for Fortune Star's "**Lost Minds**" in the **Farside D.J.** division.
- 4-SALINA GRAY (97200534) who plays for Coney Island's "**Don't Have A Cue**" in the **Mt. Hood D.J.** division

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look to see if your 97218632 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..!**

