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HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers waiting to be found. WT ???? Apparently Julia Farman (97215686) who plays Fortune Star's "Lost Minds" in the Far-side D.J. division had called in, and it wasn't noted in the book—so she's exonerated from last weeks Loser's Corner.

From the June 8th newsletter Mark Woodruff (97201022) who plays for No-Po's "Mousetrap" found his number too. Not only that 3 others found their numbers in the June 15th Newsletter and called in. They were: Jeff Hanson, (97210793) who plays for Watkin Park's "Tammy's Brats" in the S.E. D.J. division, Robert Davis (97211594) who plays for River Road's "No B.S." in the S.E. D.J. division, and Josh Stern (97218632) who plays for JOQ's "Bone In Hand" in the Downtown D.J. division,

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, tee hee, ha ha, because they know there'll be a shirt waiting for them seeing how you either don't want yours, or maybe you really do prefer drawing negative attention to yourself..

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8-Ball Team Regional Results

What A Weekend! 25 8-Ball Teams competed in the June 19-21 in the double elimination format at Rodders in Oregon City. All teams had legitimate hopes of being one of the "Lucky 7" teams to win a (one out of 3.58 % teams) slot to the APA National 8-Ball Team Championships this coming August 16-22nd. We held the first round of play on Friday night. Saturday we had three rounds of play with the last one—the 5 PM round—producing four undefeated winner's side team champions to claim their seats on the plane to the city of Lost Wages.

Continuing their journey from Spring Tri-Cup where they took Bronze,— Drawing a "Bye" on Friday Night, "**No Deals**" met up against Wrangler's "**Posse**" on Saturday morning where they directed them off to a wild goose chase into the "last Freaking Chance Side." "**No Deals**" went to the 5 PM winner's side finals after to compete for the first Vegas slot against Shanahan's Summer / Bronze "**Chalking Behavior!**"

"**Chalking Behavior**" couldn't cut the mustard up against the steadfast "**No Deals**" and ended up getting a one-way ticket straight into the "last freakin' chance side" Therefore, Mid-way's Spring / Bronze Tri-Cup medal winner's "**No Deals**" from the Berry Hill D.J. division with Team Captain: **Rodney Clay**, and teammates-**Christine Bonin**, **Diana Warnock**, **Ted Baden**, **Chris Hopkins**, and **Raymond Fosmark** 97202512 claimed the first \$4000 Slot and plane seats to the August APA Nationals at the Westgate Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.



#1 of 7: NO DEALS

Friday Night "**Andy's Bar**" made Mad Hanna's "**Mad Hamsters**" even madder when they knocked them into the "The Last Freakin' Chance Side." Come Saturday's 9 AM round "**Andy's** Inn felt the same effects them- (Continued Page 2.)

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Selves when Timber's **"Shot Effect"** rifled **"Andy's Bar"** over to the "last Freakin' Chance Side" as well.

That allowed the **"Shot Effect's"** to go up against Ringo's Fall / Bronze **"Drunken Monkeys"** In the 5 PM winner's side final. It became really obvious that the **"Drunken Monkeys"** didn't have enough blood in their alcohol system and so the "Monk's were effectively shot over to the **"Last freakin' Chance side"** to sober up. Leaving Timber's Spring / Silver medal winner'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** to officially be awarded the 2nd \$4,000 Vegas Slot and reserved set of plane seats to Vegas.



#2 of 7: SHOT EFFECT

Playing out of River Road House, the Summer Platinum Medal winner-(Split off team from Underated), **"8 's & A's"** started out Saturday morning by taking the stingers away from the **"Scorpions"** and sending them scampering over to the **"Last Freakin' Chance Side."** while **"8 's & A's"** headed to Saturday's 5 PM title round to meet **"All The Almonds."** —Slingshot's Summer / Gold Medal winners. The match was close, but the **"8 's & A's"** team eventually prevailed and sent **"All The Almonds"** over to the **"Last Freakin' Chance Side"** to be eaten. The **"8's & A's,"** from the River Road House in the Mt. Hood D.J. Division, with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates—**Sam Morrison, Shawn Gunderson, Jennifer Windell, Jamie Smothers, Jessica LaDuke, Paul Marquez, and Richard Fry**, had just found themselves in the winner's circle with the 3rd \$4,000 allotted slot, and plane seats, to the APA National Championships at the Westgate Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.



#3 of 7: 8's & A's

The last of Saturday night's zero loss side finals match winners was Fortune Star's **"That's Our Cue"** who started out Friday night by crushing KC's Sport Bar's **"KC's Krushers"**—who had been Summer Tri-Cup's Silver Medallion winner's, but who were now headed off to the dreaded **"Last Freakin' Chance Side."** Going into Saturday's 9 AM round **"That's Our Cue"** out-fought, out-maneuvered, and out-played Maui's Fall / Rite of Succession team the **"Upsetters"** to send them on over to the **"Last Freakin' Chance Side"** Now, with the lights of Las Vegas glittering in their eyes **"That's Our Cue"** was off to the 5 PM finals against Jake's Fall / Bronze winner's **"Stray Cats"**

As expected, the team match was a close one—and it went all the way to double hill and into Sudden Death before it was decided who'd be going to Las Vegas and who'd be taking the path to Sunday's continuation in the **"Last Freakin' Chance Side!"** Emerging with the victory the last \$4,000 slot of the night, and the matched set of team plane seats to Vegas was Fortune Star's **"That's our Cue"** from the Far East D. J. division with Team Captain: **Ryan Behnke**, and teammates—**Daisy Behnke, Jeremy Cook, Michelle Thomas, Tyler Hanson, Joyce** (Continued on Pg. 3.)



#4 of 7: THAT's OUR CUE

8-Ball Regional *Ferguson, Brandon Webb and Gary Behnke* — all happy campers.

We started off in the first round on Sunday with just 8-Teams left—three of which would be ultimately filling up the rest of the seats on the plane to Las Vegas. In Sunday's 10 AM round action KC's Sport Bar's **"KC's Krushers"** crushed the coconuts of Ringo's **"Drunken Monkeys;"** Slingshot's **"All The Almonds"** squished The Spot's **"Scorpions;"** Jake's Place **"Stray Cats"** under estimated **"Under8ted:"** and got sent out the door to home while Andy's Inn **"Andy's Bar"** repremanded **"Chalking Behavior"** on out the door to home as it all turned out.

In the 2 PM Vegas round the team matches were played on two tables simultaneously. Three of the four teams left would eventually be going to Vegas whereas the bridesmaid 4th team would receive a consolation of \$500 to go drown their sorrows with as well as win the right to stay home and be emotional.

Playing on two tables simultaneously for the 5th \$4,000 Vegas slot was **"Andy's Bar"** versus River Road's **"Under8ted."** The team match stunned everybody as they watched while **"Andy's Bar"** took surprising command of **"Under8ted"** to unmask a 7-4 lead making it unnecessary even to have to finish the 5th race . It was over, and Andy's Spring/ Bronze medal winners **"Andy's Bar"** from the Midnight D.J. division with Team Captain: **Chris Nicol**, and teammates—**Mia Anderson, Joe Cook, Ted Clemens, Gia Davis, and Nicole Eckrich**, were the next regional finalists taking the 5th \$4,000 Vegas slot, and set of plane seats to the APA National Championship competition in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, at the same time, KC Sport Bar's Summer / Silver **"KC's Crushers"** put up quite a fight against Slingshot's **"All The Almonds,"** The match went all the way through the 5th race and into sudden death where **"KC's Krushers"** managed a come from behind 3 point Sudden death win over **"All The Almonds"** crushing the nuts with a 7-6 win to claim the victory, the 4,000 travel allowance, and the 6th set of plane seats to Las Vegas. It was final, and KC Sport Bar's Summer / Silver medallion winner's **"KC's Krushers"** from the Mt. Hood D.J. division with Team Captain: **Gerrie Moler**, and teammates—**Tom Moler, Bill Hayes, Jason Lovell, Jose Luis Espinoza, and Kayleigh Hoyt** were super pumped and absolutely thrilled, and excited about going on an airplane ride to compete in the awesome National APA Championships in Las Vegas.

Now, all that was left was for us to break the tie between 7th and 8th to determine who would be taking the 7th and final \$4,000 slot into August's APA Nationals, and who would be just going down the road to drown their sorrows with \$500 in their pockets. The final two team match-up was of course, between the River Road House's Summer / Platinum **"Under8ted"** from the South-East D.J. division, With Team Captain: **Phil Bremer** (Continued on Page 4.)



#5 of 7: **ANDY 's BAR**



#6 of 7: **KC 's KRUSHERS**



#7 of 7: **UNDER8TED**

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And teammates— **Alex Hoyt, Michael Keating, Jennifer Windell, Cory Kalteich, Corynne Evans, Steve Lingelbach, and Jennifer Gilley.** Their opponents were Slingshot Lounge's Summer / Gold medal winners **"All The Almonds"** who play out of the Midnight division with Team Captain: **Jordan Walden,** and teammates—**Rob Solomon, Ilse Kelly, Alex Willett, John Scudder, Nathan Currie, Ben Wyatt, and Zada Spiess.** The irony of the situation is that these two teams had already met—not in this tournament mind you, but way back last summer when they played for the 8-Ball Tri-Cup Championship. **"Under8ted"** had won under the team name of **"Money Shots,"** and then had Split themselves into two teams— **"Under8ted"** and **"8's & A's"** at the start of Spring Session. More ironically it was **"8's & A's"** who had put **"All The Almonds"** in the "Last Freakin' Chance Side."

As expected It was a close and tense match coming down to the wire and into eventual Sudden Death—no pressure— **"Under8ted"** won the first match 3-Zip, **"All The Almonds"** won the 2nd race 2-Zip, **"Under8ted"** took the 3rd race 2-1. The overall match was now 5-3 in favor of **"Under8ted."** **"All The Almonds"** rallied with a 3-zip of their own and took the overall lead 6-5, but it wasn't over, the 5th race was yet to come and it would be "Sudden Death." If either team won the first game it would be over because that first game won would be worth 2 points, and give that team the race win. **"Under8ted"** won —and—that ended it. Even if a 2nd game was played all **"The Almonds"** would do was tie in points. **"Under8ted"** would win as the tiebreaker was whoever had won the most races. **"Under8ted"** got the 7th \$4,000 slot, with the last set of plane seats to Las Vegas. **"All the Almonds"** received the \$500 consolation go party check Unfortunately, **"All The Almonds"** took off and didn't get their picture taken so we had to use the picture from when the team qualified with their Summer / Gold.



Consolation: ALL THE ALMONDS

To recap, the seven (7) winning teams will go on to compete in the Las Vegas APA National Team Championships this coming August 16-22nd. Did you notice that 2 of the winning teams were Bronze Medalists, 3 were Silver Medalists, 1 Gold, 1 a Spin Off, and 1 Platinum? — 1 Silver, 1 Gold, & 1 Platinum from Summer, 1 Silver, and the spin off from Fall, and 2 Bronze, & 1 Silver, from Spring. We got all of the sessions, and we got all the medals.

Join us in wishing the winners, the best of luck in the National Championships. We hope that they find the glamour and glitter of Las Vegas to be all that they hope it will be and more.

Special thanks to Rodders and their outstanding staff for hosting this event. Also, Special thanks and "Kudo's" and to our dedicated referee's **John Blue, Steve Chandler, Dan Fendall, Kevin Logan, and Don "Coyote" Walker** who dedicated a part of their weekend to officiate this important regional event.

THE LOSER'S CORNER

The 4 people listed below are June 8th newsletter losers. If you happen to see any of these people let 'em have your best razzing. Oh, and be sure to give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box just for you!

- 1—STEVE HERRING** (97208859) who plays for Sam's **"Hit Squad"** in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 2—STEPHEN SWANSON** (97212255) who plays for Joe Cellar's **"Unconscious D"** in the **Downtown D.J.** div.
- 3—SHAWN EDWARDS** (97219214) who plays for McAnulty's **"Main St. Madness"** in **Willamette D.J.** div/
- 4—MICHAEL DONALDSON** (97218402) who plays for Ice House's **"Bus Boys"** in the **River City-9-Ball** div.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look carefully to see if your number isn't hidden somewhere. **RE-MEMBER,** it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**



Submitted By:
Jeff Clohessy



"Dear Andy: How have you been?
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.
Please sign off your computer and come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."