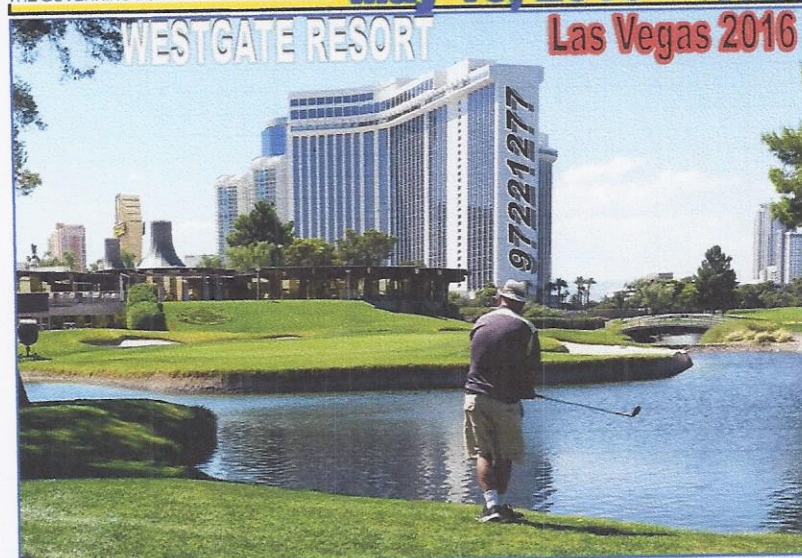
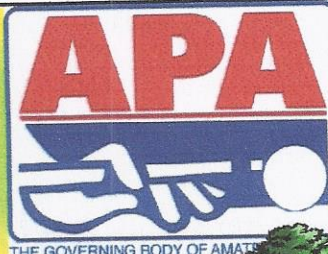




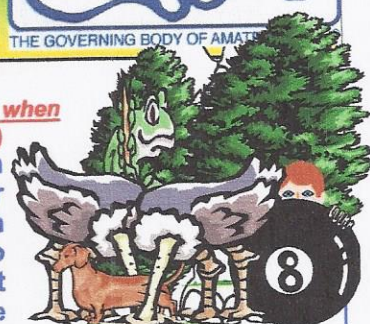
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# THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

May 16, 2016 NLSU2016-01



**HIDDEN** (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" fresh APA membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. No



one else called in from the March 28th Newsletter to join **Robert Doel** in avoiding the Loser's Corner —&/or not a single person from the April 4th newsletter found their number and call in either. So, there's going to be a Loser's Corner viewing of 9 people for you.

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 NO loser's corner, but 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, giggle, snort, and snicker 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-

**DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU - BE AN OPAL WINNER**

**APRIL 23th to May 1st** Merle and Boomer attended the National APA League Operator conference at the Westgate Hotel & Casino which was followed by the open 8-ball and the open 9-Ball National Singles Championships April 28-May 1st.

Representing OPAL in the APA National 8-Ball Scotch doubles championships were the teams of: **Rodney Clay & Virginia Shoberg** who finished at 129th and **Kim Trip & Heidi Piehl** finished at 257th. Both finished up out of the money.

In 9-Ball **Destin & McKenzie Hornyh** finished 97th, and out of the money. In the Wheelchair event **Joel Goodman** came in out of the higher money as well with a 33rd place finish.

In the National singles competition we had 14 competing representatives—6 in 8-Ball and 8 in 9-Ball. In 8-Ball, three out of the six individuals entered, made it into the higher prizes and they were: **Steve Kemp** in the (SL-6 Orange Tier) who placed 17th and Won \$600 in cash and prizes, **Tyler Hanson** who finished 9th in the SL-7 Purple Tier and won \$1,000 in cash & Prizes, and **Rick Hall** who finished 5th in the SL-5 Yellow Tier to win \$2,000 in cash & prizes. The rest of the OPAL field—**Dale Mick, Kelly Kent-Micheau & Tim Higginson** each got \$200 Travel Allowance, free lodging, \$100 last place money, a commemorative cue case, and an early vacation to enjoy all of the wondrous sites, lights, and sounds of Las Vegas.

In 9-Ball four out of the eight OPAL players finished in the higher level money. They were: **Robert Ryder & Richard Fry**—who competed in the SL-4 & 5 White Tier. **Robert** won \$565 for 17th and **Richard** won \$750 for 9th. **Phil Bremer & Mike Grimm** competed in the S:-7-9 Black Tier. **Phil** won \$565 for a 17th place finish, **Michael Grimm**, won \$1500 for his 5th place finish. **Andrew Ebalaroza, Jamie Smothers, Larry Gee, and Shawn Gunderson**, all tried their best, but all ended up "going on vacation slightly earlier" than they had hoped for... Still, overall, the OPAL players presented us with a 50% win ratio in both 8 and 9-Ball singles which was an extraordinary accomplishment. Special Kudo's to 8-Balls SL-6 **Steve Kemp**. It took Steve 23 years of trying before finally making it to nationals, but when he finally did get to Las Vegas he kicked ass and made up for long lost time & all those 2nd place regional finishes—way to hang in there Steve, and congratulations and kudo's to all those who participated. You all did us proud and represented OPAL very well.

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# 20th Anniversary PARTY

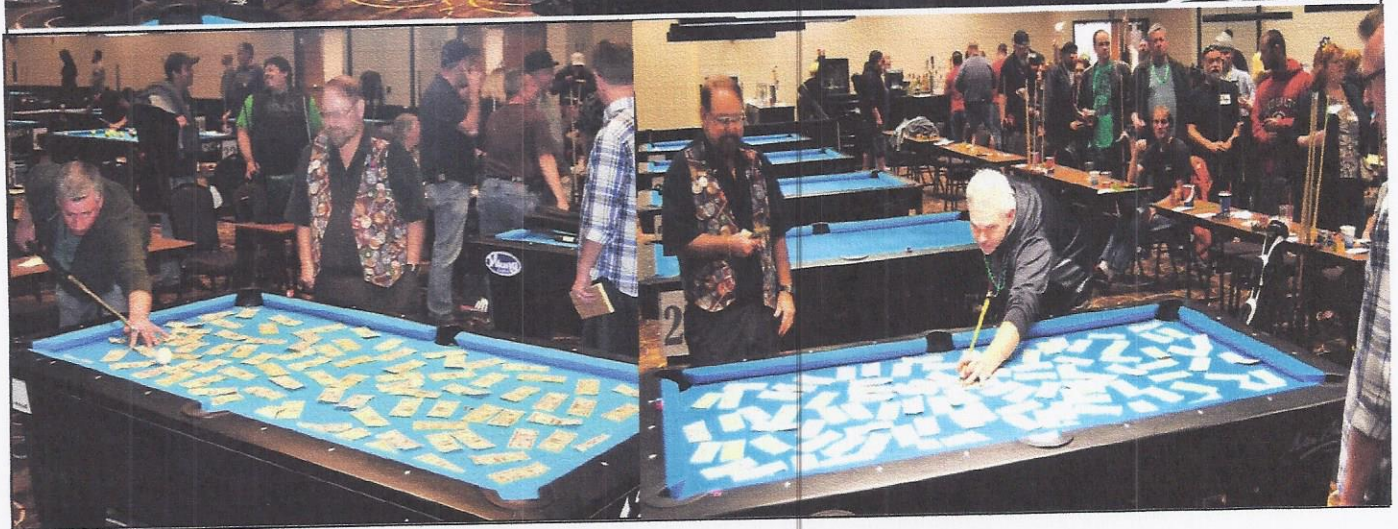
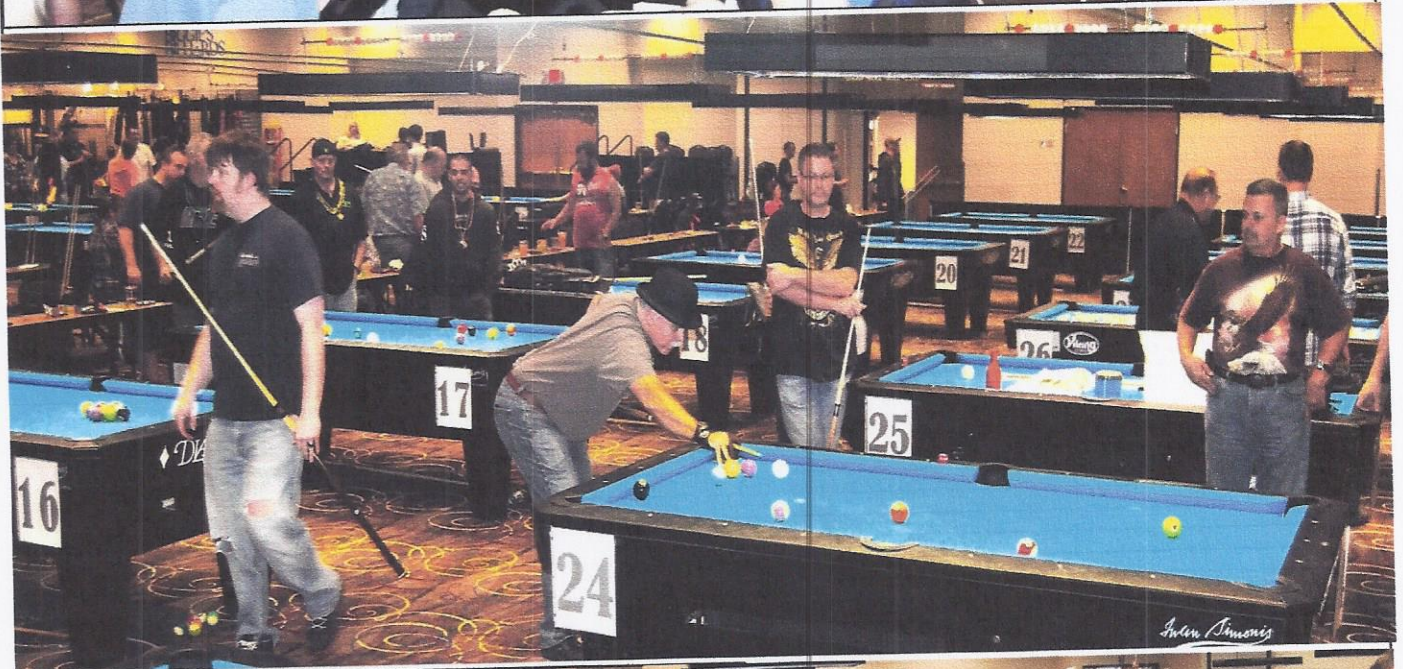


The 2016 8-Ball OPAL-APA INVITATIONAL marked the 20th year that we had been offering this 8-Ball tournament gathering at the Chinook Winds Casino. So on Wednesday night at 7:00 PM for all APA members were invited to come attend a very special 20th anniversary party commemorating this event. Chinook Winds provided all the attending members, guests, and tournament staff a Buffet feast extraordinaire with all the fixings, and no one, and I mean **"NO ONE"** went away hungry. The food was plentiful, and very tasty.

Chinook Winds also donated **\$1,500** to add to the festivities so at 7:45 PM we organized several **FREE ENTRY** fun activities and games for everyone to participate in and enjoy that paid out **cash prizes**. We, ran 3-Ball, A couple of Tables of 6 person Survivor games that paid out \$30 for 1st, \$20 for 2nd, and \$10 for 3rd. Also, a couple of tables of 5 person Break Contests payout out \$20 for 1st and \$10 for 2nd. All the games were administered and supervised by Merle, John, Boomer, and the referee staff: Maxine Buhler, Dan Fendall, Don Walker, Kevin McCarty, Sammy McCabe, Charlie Walker, Jeff Hiatt, and *whoever else we could get to help out*. But surprisingly what turned out to be the **MOST POPULAR GAME OF 'EM ALL** was what Merle called **"THE MONEY TABLE."** \$1's, 5's, 10's, and \$20 dollar bills totaling hundreds & hundreds of dollars were spread out over the playing surface of a pool table practically covering the entire thing. It was fast, quick, and a total **"NO BRAINER"** to play.

Men had to shoot a cue ball at least 4 multiple rails (Women had to shoot at least 3 rails) and if the cue ball came to rest, or even was touching a bill the shooter got to pick up and keep the bill. If the shooter scratched once—then they got another shot, if they scratched twice—they were done and/or go to the back of the waiting line. The line was long, but needless to say it moved very quickly. There was no limit on the amount of times a person could go through the line. It was not until after 1 o'clock in the morning that the last bill was won and picked up from off the table. Amazingly enough the last 6 bills left on the table were **EVERY** one —a \$20 dollar bill.





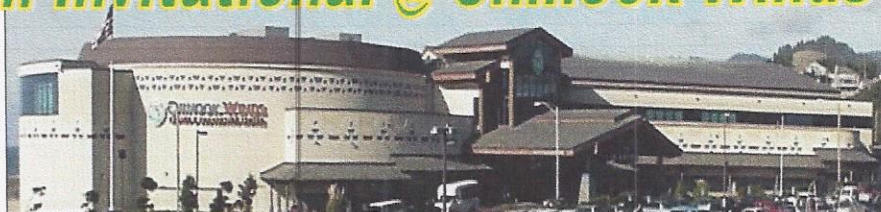


# OPAL-APA NW 8-Ball Invitational @ Chinook Winds

One week before the APA Singles & Jack 'n Jill Scotch Doubles National Championships in Las Vegas, Chinook Winds in Lincoln City hosted the OPAL-APA NW Invitational April 14-17. Again, Steve Lingelbach, and crew, from *Biggies Billiards* 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 153 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 Seattle's "Shootin' For Money" **Lori Murray & Scott Stai** taking the top honors over the Tacoma team of "4-Earl" with **Staci Moses** and **Josh Moraga**.

The total payouts paid down to the top 64 finishers in the field minus green fees amounted to **\$10,610**. The top 32 finishers are listed in the table at right:



## EARLY-BIRD SCOTCH PAYOUTS:

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1 ST	\$1,206	"Shootin' For Money"—Lori Murray & Scott Stai	Seattle
2 ND	\$ 900	"4-Earl" Staci Moses & Josh Moraga	Seattle
3/4	\$ 650	"\$5. Footlongs" – Scott Hood & Ken Nellis	OPAL
3/4	\$ 650	"Built For This"- Megan Mitsules & Kainoa Kama	Seattle
5/8	\$ 420	"Nice Racks" – Megan Boren & Kascy Murry	Seattle
5/8	\$ 420	"Raxploition"—Bobby Green & Amanda Fuller	OPAL
5/8	\$ 420	"Just Do It"- K. Jennifer Davis & Paul Gray	Seattle
5/8	\$ 420	"Black Jack Table"- Dan Winfree & Mike George	OPAL
9/16	\$ 280	"We Got It @ Ross"-John & Susan Ross	OPAL
9/16	\$ 280	"More Drinks"- Rob Crowley & Nathan Lannoye	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"It's How We Do It"- MacKenzie Hornyh & Jim Shelton	OPAL
9/16	\$ 280	"Cupla-Misfits"-Brad Summers & Jim Edwards	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"2 Way Shots"—Kevin Castillo & Veronica Lang	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"3,4, Hit The Floor"- Becky Hall & Jennifer Tate	Salem
9/16	\$ 280	"Girl Time"—Dana German & Claire Lewis	OPAL
9/16	\$ 280	"Pick Ur Poison"-Cory VanNortrick & Kevin Walsworth	Seattle
17/32	\$ 160	"Rackless Behavior"- Tim Higginson, & Ken Annen	OPAL
17/32	\$ 160	"Crouching Tigers"—Alex Dowd, & Daniel Sie	Seattle
17/32	\$ 160	"Becky, Kiki, & Jack"—Becky & Christine Chandler	OPAL
17/32	\$ 160	"Joga Bonito"-Abhay Pande & Sathesh Veluswamy	Seattle
97/21	\$ 160	"Geezy Money"—Elvin Estrella & Gary Del Rosario	Seattle
94/86	\$ 160	"Stealing Third"—Erin Matoza & Angie Allen	Salem
17/32	\$ 160	"Deez Nutz"- Dan Gates & John Bryden	Seattle
17/32	\$ 160	"Git-R-Done"—Jeff Lewers & Dale Crawford	Salem
17/32	\$ 160	"JTS Enterprises"-Scott & Josh Ruegsegger	Salem
17/32	\$ 160	"Two Fouls"—Luke Galvin & Billy Knotts	Salem
17/32	\$ 160	"Squirley Q's" - Teressa Heick & Mike Stanley	OPAL
17/32	\$ 160	"Team Samson" – Heather Tedrow & Kelso Woodwick	Seattle
17/32	\$ 160	"Tastes Better With Beer"—Shawn & Jessica Kellar	OPAL
17/32	\$ 160	"Dab City"—Kyle Seltmann & Bo Hyder	OPAL
17/32	\$ 160	"Self Induced" – Shawn & Traci Self	OPAL



2nd: 4-Earl



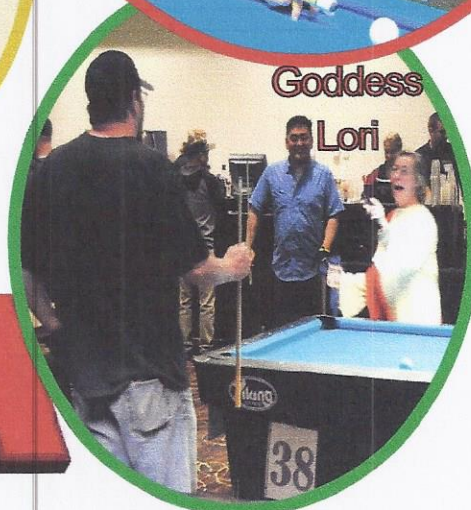
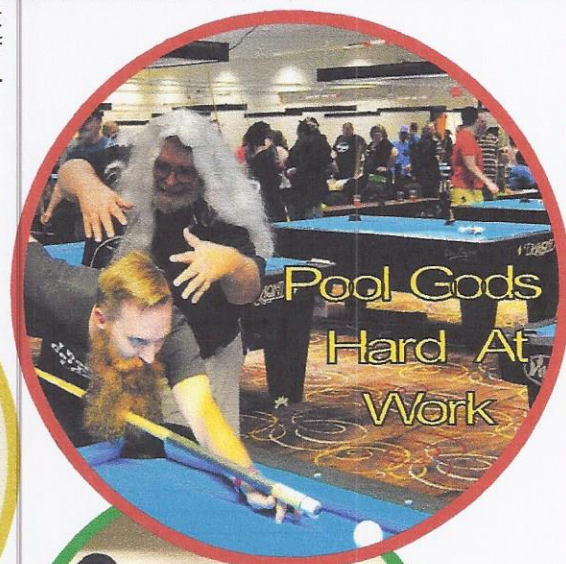
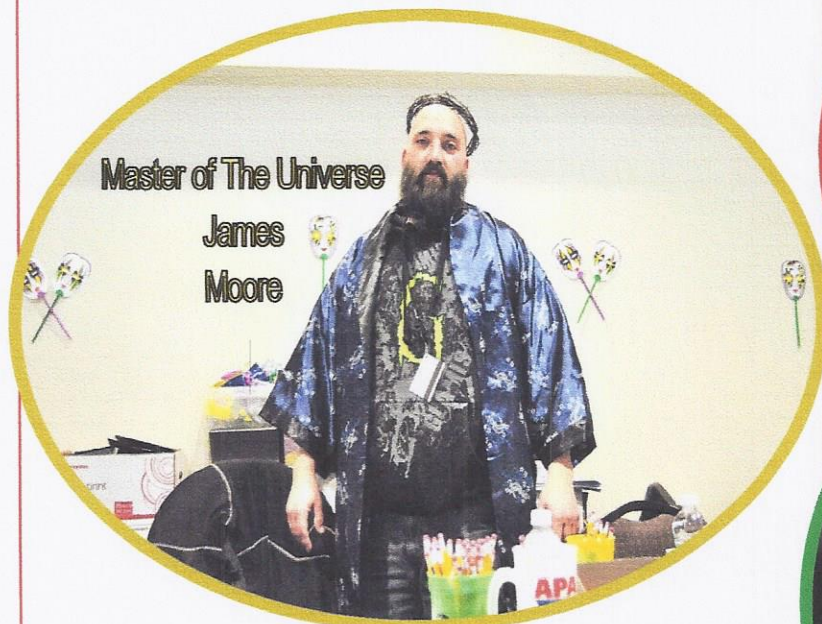
1st: Shootin' For Money



**Chinook Winds (Continued)** On Thursday Evening we scheduled our newest 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 on this project since last Chinook Winds trying to come up with something new and exciting that would be fun and enjoyable for everyone. They did it and this time all the "KINKS" were worked out and it went over extremely well..

Selected to play the role of the *Master of The Universe* again was **James Moore**. Another key ingredient to the game was a 12 sided "DIE", but we'll get to that later. There were 96 people who signed up to play which meant that after the blind draw for a partner we ended up with 48 scotch doubles pairings which were broken down into 3 flights of 12 pairs each. **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*" Yelled "**STOP**" the players had to stop immediately even if they were down in the act of shooting. Then immediately came the roll of the 12 sided Die. Whatever number that came up from "1" to "12" there was a corresponding numbered list from 1 to 12 that described a command that the players had to follow. 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 Gods place the cue ball anywhere on the table before the shooter's next shot, Pool God's mark any pocket that you want the 8-Ball to go into, The point is that there were 12 different commands that that could come up if the corresponding number was thrown on the die. 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 laughter nevertheless. We paid back 100% and down through the top 4 pairs.



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**EVERYONE** can play, and **ANYONE** can win!