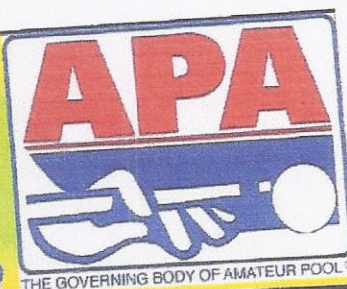


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Ladies Team Regional

On May 7th at Midway's Public House in Oregon City John Blue "Volunteered" to direct the OPAL-APA Ladies Team Regional 8-Ball competition of the division champions from the past 2015-2016 League Year. There was \$3,360. and two slots into the APA Ladies Nationals at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas up for grabs. Each slot would also receive \$1,680 to assist in travel and lodging for the Las Vegas ladies competition.

It was a Modified Single Elimination format for the ladies 5 person 8-Ball team competition in which they have a Skill Level cap of 13, and play just three match-races.

In round 1 action 3 teams had a bye while "Hole Punch" and "Wild Flowers" went after each other. "Hole Punch" emerged victorious 5/3 sending the "Wild Flowers" wildly off to the back side.

In Round 2 of the winner's side it was the "Silver Belles" pitted up against "Momz Day Out", and "I'm Cool with Whatever" taking on "Hole Punch." The "Silver Belles" gonged the "Momz" to the back side 5-3, and the "Hole Punches" punched the "I'm Cool With Whatever," to the back side 5-1.

In Round 3 of the back side the furious "Momz Day Out" regrouped, to stomp "Wildflowers" 5-1 sending them out the door to home while "I'm Cool w/ Whatever" coolly slipped by a "Bye." Therefore, in the Round 4 finals it was "Silver Belles" Vs "I'm Cool w/ Whatever", and "Hole Punch" Vs "Momz Day Out". The two winner's would be headed to the Nationals in Las Vegas, and the two loser's would be headed back to home.

In the upper tier finals the undefeated "Silver Bells" team from the Silver Star Saloon in the Ladies North division got zapped 4-Zip by "I'm Cool W/ Whatever" from the River Road House in the "League of our Own" division with Team Captain: Raquel Walton, and Teammates—Kira North, Haili Graff, Jordan Walden, and Zada Spiess who claimed the bragging rights to the first \$1,680. Las Vegas National slot, and

In the Lower Tier Finals the undefeated "Hole Punch" team from the River Road House in the Ladies "League of our Own" division got taken down by "Momz Day Out" from the Silver Star Saloon in the "Ladies North" division with Team Captain: Sue Stankovic, and teammates—Mary Laidlaw, Jennifer McKune, Kitti Frampton, and Chantel Pope snagged up the bragging rights to the second \$1,680. Las Vegas National Slot.

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one has yet to call in from the May 16th Newsletter and avoid the Loser's Corner. You only got one more week to find out if one of those numbers are not yours and get to win a free shirt. Get to looking folks.

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 This week will illuminate those who snoozed and lost out from way back in April, 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-

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9 Spring 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

May 13-15, Rodders and Wichita Town Pub graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Rodder's hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job making sure their provided service was both quick and excellent, and the food and drink was both plentiful and refreshing.

There were 42 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.

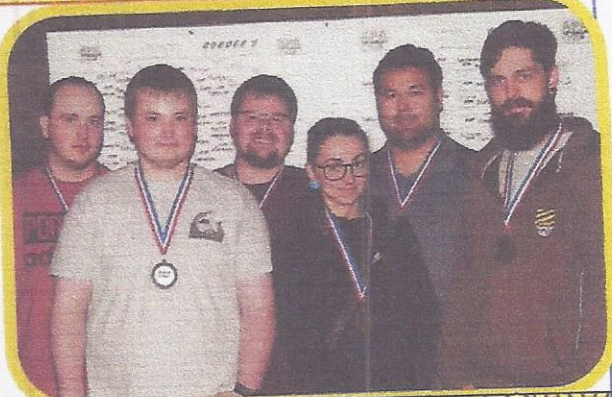
We had a total payout fund of \$19,454 which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 62 % of the total matches came down to double hill and almost 71% of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at 7:00 PM. An amazing statistic this time around was that 90% of the teams that lost on Friday won their next match and 90% of the teams that won on Friday lost their next two matches in a row to be put out of the tournament. Statistically translated this could be interpreted that if "Ya Play & Snooze Ya Lose" which makes as much sense as saying "Marriage causes Divorces." The results were:

FINISHING 33-42nd and winning \$175 were: 505 Tavern's "Bud 30;" 3 Monkey's "Sandbaggers;" Falco's "Rulerz;" Midway's "Totally Tober;" Ringo's "Hashtag T.Y.T.;" McNulty & Barry's "Main Street Madness;" Twilight Room's "Beyond The Influence;" Back Alley's "U-Rack-Em;" Pub 181's "On The Run;" and Wrangler's "Poke & Hope;"

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning \$250 was Epic Sport's "Trouble Makin' Trolls;" Sundowner Pub's "Crazy 9's;" Wild Horse's "Pocket Pounders;" Golden Horse's "Odz 'N Ends;" McNulty & Barry's "2 Many Shot's;" Cascade Bar's "Breaking Bad;" 4th Plain Tavern's "Not Your Best" and Silver Star Saloon's "Why So Hard?"

FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$400 was: Jake's "Crusaders;" Timber's "Cutters;" Wichita Town Pub's "Shooting Stars;" Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects;" Skyland Pub's "No Shot Sherlock;" Fortune Star's "Quit Talkin' Start Chalkin';" Wichita Town Pub's "Sancho's;" and Wrangler's "2 Knuckles Deep."

FINISHING 9-16 and winning \$550 was: Underground's "Ah So Crose;" Jake's "Wolf Pack;" Shamrock's "Shamwow;" Fish & Chip Shop's "Bad Wolf;" Dugout's "Right On Cue;" Underground's "Grade 'A' Fools;" Aloha Station's "Low Ballers;" and Hart Road Pizza's "Demi Gods Of The Felt."



BRONZE -- A STICK SHY



BRONZE -- RAWHIDE



BRONZE -- TABULA RASA



BRONZE -- WHO NEEDS A LOT



SUCCESSION: Right On Cue

Special Note: Though the Dug Out's "Right On Cue" missed out on winning a medallion, they still earned a spot in Regionals by right of succession. The team that beat them in the Sunday morning medal round- "The Hit Squad" was already regionally qualified from a previous Tri-Cup. Therefore, by the right of succession, (since a team cannot win two regional

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(Continued from Pg.1) spots and deprive another team from going on competing in regional play) Dugout's "Right On Cue" from the Skyline D.J. division with Team Captain: **Paul Soldan**, and teammates--**John Mohr, Michelle Soldan, Jeff Farnsworth, Glenn Molloy, Greg Shields, Damon Ferguson, and Chris Willard** will get to continue on to regionals and compete for one of the coveted \$4,250 slots and plane ride to Las Vegas Nationals at the Westgate Resort.

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FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$750 were: Dugout's "A Stick Shy" from the Northwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Christopher Hooper**, and teammates--**Charlie Foster, Rohit Varma Guntur, Wendall Pelham III, Kevin Heatherdale, Adrienne Peiham, Chris Weldon, and Ryan Carpenter; McAnulty & Barry's "Rawhide"** from the Mt. Hood DJ division— with Team Captain: **Michelle Clay**, and teammates--**Rodney Clay, Kimberly Marrone, John Meister, Diana Warnock, Amy Zauner, David Rankin, and Ted Baden; Sam's "Tabula Rasa"** from the Central 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Tony Altman**, and teammates--**Joy Pierson, Randall Lusson, Haili Graff, Joseph Altman, Bryon Burleigh, and Kate Williams; and Wrangler's "Who Needs a '6'?"** from the Wagon Wheel D.J. division with Team Captain: **Katie Kemmerer-Haight**, and teammates—**Kole Roth, Kris Craig, Joseph Yoder, Jennifer Giller, Dan Coburn, and Daniel Smith.**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$1,000 was: Sam's "Hit Squad" from the Central 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Andrew Rolfe**, and teammates-- **Steve Herring, Steven Nord, Heather Miller, Don Molnar, Mark Earles, James Luton, and Byrd McDonald; AND McAnulty & Barry's "Whatever's Clever"** from the Berry Hill DJ division— with Team Captain: **Chad Hepler**, and teammates--**Thomas Helwig, Scott & Virginia Shoberg, Randy Evans, Lyn Kelsey, and Mary Wiltshire.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,300 from the Central 9-Ball division was 505 Tavern's "The Bank's Open" with Team Captain: **Jason Chun**, and teammates: **Robert, Andrea, and Brad Brown, Darci Troyer, Kris Knutson, and Blake Hendrix.**

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Star Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,700 was Willamette D.J. division's **Wrangler's** with Team Captain: **Phillip Hupp**, and teammates--**Aaron Hopkins, Mike Grimm, Sheri Fletcher, Caiti Grim, Angie Deister, Phillip Judd, and Daniel Smith.**

"The Bank's Open" made it a long journey to the finals. They started out Friday night at Rpders in Slot #5 and were blasted to the dark side by **Hashtag T.Y.T.** They didn't play again until 1 PM Saturday when they guzzled down **Bud 30** and sent them out the door to home. In the 5 PM round they plowed through Silver Star Saloon's "Why So Hard" to gain a Sunday Morning berth against Shamrock's **Shamwow** who they eventually defeated to guarantee themselves both a Medallion, and a spot in the 2016 June Regionals. In the 1 PM round they left "Tabula Rasa" holding the Bronze and continued on with their quest. In the 3 PM round "The Bank's" cleverly squelched **Whatever's Clever** to leave them behind holding the Silver while they marched themselves on into the final's to go against the "Wranglers."

"Wrangler's" journey to the finals was similar to that of "The Bank's Open." The difference being that "Wrangler's" drew a "Bye" at the Wichita on Friday and didn't have to come in until 9 Am on Saturday where they met up with "Bad Wolf" who chased the cowboy's straight into the One Loss side to face off against their sister team **Poke 'N Hope.** "Wrangler's" managed to come out ahead and went on to the 5 PM round where they met the "Trouble Makin' Trolls" from Epic Sports. Well "Wrangler's" apparently weren't afraid of a little trouble and gave



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them flying out the door to home to claim their way into the Sunday 9 AM bridesmaid / medal round.

In the Sunday 9am round "**Wrangler's**" took the high balls and easily defeated the "**Low ballers**" sending them out the door with just a \$550 check. Owning now spot in regionals, and at least a Bronze Medalion it was time to head out the herd. In the 1 PM round the "**Wrangler's**" were not shy with "**A Stick Shy**," and even held the door open when they left with the Bronze. In the 3 PM round "**Wrangler's**" pummeled the "**Hit Squad**," and left them behind holding the Silver to face off against the "**Bank's Open**" in the finals for the title of 2016 Spring Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup Champion, and the Platinum Star Medallions.

The finals were played on 5 tables simultaneously with a simultaneous "**Color of Money**" break, and the final results between Southern D.J. Division 505 Tavern's "**The Banks Open**" and Willamette D.J.'s "**Wranglers**" were as follows:

On Table 8: Wrangler's SL-2 **Angie Deister** upended Bank's SL-2 **Andrea Brown** 19-16 for a 13-7 sliding scale score.
On Table 10: Wrangler's Captain SL- **Phillip Hupp** squished Bank's SL-6 **Brad Brown** 46-34 for a sliding scale score of 14-6 bringing the two table total to 27-13 in favor of Wranglers.
On Table 11: Bank's SL-4 **Blake Hendrix** Slid by Wrangler's SL-2 **Daniel Smith** 31-17 for a sliding scale score of 12-8 bringing the overall match now to 35 to 25 still in favor of Wranglers.
On Table 12: Wrangler's SL-2 **Sheri Fletcher** got swatted by Banks's— SL-5 **Kris Knutson** 38-9 for a sliding scale score of 6-14, bringing the comeback total to 41-39 still barely in favor to Wranglers.
Last, On table 13: to decide the match—Bank's Captain SL-6 **Jason Chun** took on Wrangler's SL-9 **Mike Grimm** who defeated **Jason** 75--33 for a 14-6 sliding scale score for "Wranglers" for a total match score of **55-45** in favor of Willamette D.J. Division's "**Wranglers**" who were all absolutely delighted to find out that they were able to claim the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,754 check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2016 APA Spring Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions.

The next step will be at Rodder's on June 10-12th 2016 for the 9-Ball Team Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cups to compete for one of 6 possible team slots that we are allocated for the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas August 11-15, 2016.

Special Thanks again to Wichita Town Pub, and to Rodders for being such Gracious hosts! Also, our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: "Derby" Dan Fendall, Don Walker, Miguel Madrigal, Charlie Walker, Kevin McCarthy, Kevin Logan, Stephen Schneringer, and the man of many hats—John Blue.

Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

May 20-22nd, Wichita Town Pub (On Kings Rd) and Rodders 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 sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. We didn't even have any inter-net dilemma's either ... Yipppee! — plus we received several positive compliments from many of the players and host location staff over the change in venues as well.

We had exactly 50 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 still 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 \$21,700 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 Wichita—finishing about 8:30 PM. With a 5 table color of money break round. The results are as follows:

FINISHING 49th & 50th and winning \$150 were: Hanko's "That's Gonna Leave A Mark," and 505 Tavern's "The Bank's Open."

FINISHING 33 / 48th and winning \$200 were: Cascade's "Blitzkreig," Falco's "Put Some Weird On It," Willamette D.J. Division's "Wranglers," Wrangler's "Posse," MaGuffy's "Average Joe's," Underground's "No EZ Shots," Katie's "Swingin' Sticks," 505 Tavern's "Money Shot," Fish & Chip's "Time Lords," Back Alley's "Sloppy Joes," Wichita Town Pub's "Sanchos," Mid Valley Division's "Lion's Eye," Spot's "Rock Out W/ UR Chalk Out," Coach's "Originals," Ice House's "Profanity" and Fortune Star's "Ridonkulous..."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning \$300 for their team were: Underground's "Stacked and Racked," Wild Horse's "Pocket Pounder's," Mad Hanna's "Mad Hamsters," Cascade's "Breaking Bad," Pub 181's "Secret Society," Joe Cel-lar's "Lucky Mummies," Wrangler's "2 Knuckle's Deep," and Underground's "Spicy Pickled Taco's."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning \$400 were: Andy's Inn's "City Hunter's," Cascade's "Cre8 UR F8," McNulty & Barry's "Horseless in O.C.," Kenton Club's "Motorboaters," Timber's "Cutters," Sellberg's "It's Complicated," Midway's "Waterlogged," and 3 Monkey's "Sandhoppers" (Continued on Pg 5)