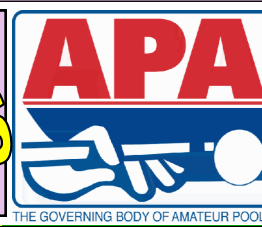




The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS Results



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9-Ball Team Regional

June 10-12

Rodder's in Oregon City graciously hosted our OPAL-APA Tournament of Champions Team 9-Ball Regional. The Rodder's Crew did a great job in hosting and providing quick service Food and drink was both plentiful and refreshing.

There were a total of 23 Tri-Cup Medallion winners.

MaGuffy's "Right on Cue" had gotten into the regional by "Rite of Succession" and River Road House's "Rack A Tac's" had Split off from Summer qualified "Under8ted" keeping four of the original players on the roster, added some new players, and formed a 25th team to compete for one of six (6) \$4,250 World Pool Competition slots to be held at the Westgate Hotel & Casino, this coming August 11-22 in Las Vegas. Eight teams from each of the three APA League sessions—Summer-2015, (9 teams from Summer because of the team split) Fall-2015, and 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 \$4,250 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 was Spring's Bronze Medal Winner's from Sam's in the Central 9-Ball division—"Tabula Rasa" with Team Captain: Tony Altman, and teammates—Joy Pierson, Randy Lussion, Haili Graff, Joseph Altman, Bryon Burleigh, and Katie Williams. "Tabula's" journey was "Bam Bam & Bam" undefeated through the winner's side by slinging Sling Shot Lounge's Summer-Gold Medallioner's "Slinging Around" to the last chance side of the bracket. Next they were right on cue when they knocked Maguffy's Spring Succession team "Right on Cue" on to the backside, and then in the winner's side final Saturday evening the "Tab's" 86'd Wrangler's Spring Bronze's "Who Needs a '6'" off to the "last freakin' chance side."



#1 of 6: TABULA RASA

Taking the Second set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas was Willamette D.J. division's "Wrangler's" who were the Spring Session's Platinum Star Medal winner's with Team Captain: Phil Hupp, and teammates—Aaron Hopkins, Mike Grimm, Sheri Fletcher, Caitland Grim, Angie Deister, Phil Judd, and Dan Smith. The "Wranglers" journey was also undefeated. Friday night the "Wranglers" ridiculously pounced on Fortune Star's Fall-Gold "Ridonkulous" and sent them to the dark side. In Saturday's 9 Am round "Wrangler's" drowned Midway's Summer Session's Silver Medallionaire's (Continued on Page 2.)

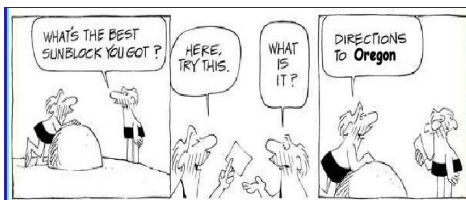
HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered.

From the May 30th Newsletter. Not a Single solitary soul found their number and called in this past 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 6th newsletter yet so far and escape their peer's ridicule.

Remember, 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 their embarrassing antics...!

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(Continued from Pg. 1) winner's "Waterlogged" to send them floating on over to the back pond. Next, "Wranglers" went on to the 5 PM winner's side finals where they cleverly out-played McAnulty & Barry's Spring Silver Medallion winners—"Whatever's Clever."

Taking the Third set of economy seats on that coveted plane ride to Las Vegas (and back) from the Mt. Hood D.J. division was the Summer Session's Tri-Cup Platinum Medallion winner's -- River Road House's, "8's & A's" with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates—**Shawn Gunderson, Sam Morrison, Jamie Smothers, Jessica LaDuke, Richard Fry, Dennis Worsham**, and **Vince Aleksa III**.

"8's & A's" journey was the same as the two previous winner's. On Friday Night they started out by taking down their sister team "Under8ted" and sent them to their death in the "Last Freaking Chance Side." In the 9 AM round "8's & A's" "ambushed" the Sam's Fall Bronze "Hit Squad" and threw them in the "Last Freakin' Chance" river wearing new concrete over shoes to go swimming.

Going undefeated into Saturday's winner's side 5:00 PM front side finals the "8's & A's" were up against the undefeated **Katies Back Yard's** Summer Session's Bronze Medal winner's —"Swinging Sticks." "The Stick's" had steamrolled their way to the final's by knocking off into the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" both the Summer-Bronze Medallion winner's—**Sweet Home's** "Sticks Like Jesus", and **McAnulty & Barry's** "Corner Hookers." When the battle was over, "8's & A's" were headed to Vegas and the "Swinging Sticks" swung their sticks all the way over to Sunday's "Last Freakin' Chance Side."

Laying claim to Saturday's Fourth set of economy seats on the plane to "Lost Wages" from the Southern D.J. division was **505 Tavern's** the Gold Medallion team from Spring Session.—"The Bank's Open." with Team Captain: **Jason Chun**, and teammates—**Robert, Bradley, & Andrea Brown, Darci Troyer, Kris Knutson**, and **Blake Hendrix**. Unlike the first three "Lost Wages" plane seat holders the "Bank's" journey was probably the most perilous and difficult pathway through the final, but still, somehow the "Bank's" "Wham'd and Bam'd" their way through undefeated. First, on Friday night the "Bank's" took down Fall-Silver Medallion holder's **Andy's Inn** "City Hunters"- sending them off to wind up getting lost in the "Last Freakin' Chance Side," In Saturday's 9:00 AM round the "Bank's" upended the Summer Platinum Break-a-way "Split" from "Under8ted" team "Rack A Tac's" in a tight and fiercely fought battle, and then in the 5 PM Saturday winner's side "Finals," the "Bank's" found themselves up against **Wrangler's** Fall-Platinum medallion holder's—"Poke And Hope" for the last of the winner's side marbles..!

"Poke And Hope" were also undefeated. They had wiped out McAnulty & Barry's "Just The Tip" on Friday Night, and then followed suit again in the Saturday 9:00 AM round by "Stickin' it" to Pub 181's Summer-Silver winner's—"Sticklerz," to be undefeated going into the finale... The contest was close and came down to the last racks, but the "Bank's" won the thrill of the Westgate APA World Pool Championships, received their regional trophies, and got their pictures taken in the bright sunlight while the "Poke's" regrouped for Sunday. (Continued on Page 3.)



#2 of 6: WRANGLERS



#3 of 6: 8 's & A 's



#4 of 6: The BANK's OPEN

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(Continued from Page 2.) Sunday at Rodder's 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 "Poke And Hope" after having been knocked to the "Last Freakin' Chance" side in the winner's point defeat by the "Bank's Open" had to face Sam's "Hit Squad" that 8's & A's had ambushed the day before. The two teams each put forth a worthy battle, but in the end the

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"Hit Squad" ended up taking "the hit" and going while "Poke & Hope" headed for the top of the bracket "last freakin' chance" final against "Why So Hard" who had just defeated Wrangler's Spring Bronze "Who Needs A '6'." to dash on out the door empty handed.

in the 5th slot final it was "Poke & Hope Vrs "Why So Hard" playing for the plane seats to the APA World Pool Championships 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 Wrangler's Fall Session Tri-Cup Platinum-Star Medal winner from the Mt. Hood D.J. Division—"Poke And Hope" with Team Captain: Katie Kemmerer, and teammates—Mike Grimm, Dan Roth, Megan Landess, Charles Roberts, 97209911 James Roberts, Dan Smith, and Jennifer Giller.



#5 of 6: POKE AND HOPE

Across the Room... having been kicked to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" after Saturday evening's winner's side final by "8's & A's," "Swinging Sticks," landed in the 10:00 AM Sunday Slot facing Pub 181's Summer-Silver "Sticklerz." Playing on two tables simultaneously the match went all the way to double hill before the "Swinging Sticks," managed to "stick it" to the "Sticklerz" who left out the door empty handed.

Likewise, also having been kicked to the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" after Saturday evening's winner's side final by Willamette D.J. division's Spring-Platinum "McAnulty & Barry's" "Whatever's Clever" not-so-cleverly-found themselves in Saturday's 1:00 PM round, but matched up against River Road House's "Little Monsters" Fall-Bronze winners. The match went to double hill before "Whatever's Clever" barely defeated the "Little Monsters" who disappointingly had to go out the door empty handed. So in the last final match of the day it would be Katie's Back Yard "Swinging Sticks" versus "Whatever's Clever." One team would be getting the 6th and final set of plane seats to Las Vegas while the other team would be receiving a check for \$500 in consolation money to go down the road to home with.

Again, playing on two tables simultaneously the two teams poised themselves to do the final battle of the day. Playing on two tables simultaneously, Katie's Back Yard Summer Bronze "Swinging Sticks" swung into immediate action against McAnulty & Barry's "Whatever's Clever" from the Berry Hill D.J. division for the sixth, and last, set of Plane Seats to the 9-Ball Team Las Vegas Championships. One team would be going home with \$500 in consolation money, and the other would be going to compete in the World Pool Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas. It was a long hard felt tense battle all the way and went down to double hill and the wire. Both teams had their chances, and the results could have gone either way. However, in the end It was the clever McAnulty & Barry's "Spring-Silver" team from the Berry Hills D.J. division "Whatever's Clever" with Team Captain: Chad Hep-ler, and teammates Thomas Helwig, Scott & Virginia Shoberg, Randy Evans, Lyn Kelsey, and Mary Wiltshire claiming the win, and the bragging rights to the sixth, and final set of 9-Ball Seats to Las Vegas August 11-15th 2016.

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(Continued from Page 3) Receiving a "Runner Up" check for \$500. were the two teams of: Katie's Back Yard Summer-Bronze medal winner's "**Swingin' Sticks**" from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain: **Robert Sims Sr.** and teammates— **Chris Nicol, Vic Purpuree, Cheri Smith, Ed Billiot, Lori Heroux, Robert Montgomery,** and **James Rhoden;** and

MaGuffy's Summer-Bronze medal winner's "**Why So Hard ?**" from the Mid West D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jason Scheck,** and teammates— **David Bowler, Paul Johnson, Chris Willard, Sapna Upadhayay, Johnathan Tang, Manny Fernandez,** and **Robert Martyn Jr.**

Special Thanks to **Rodder's** 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, Don Walker, Jeffy Hiatt,** and **John Blue.**



RUNNER-UP: SWINGIN' STICKS



RUNNER-UP: WHY SO HARD ?

APPARENTLY— MANY OF YOU DO NOT KNOW THIS... BUT A BILLIARD REFEREE WILL NOT make a call unless it's a sportsmanship violation, or the referee was first asked to watch the shot. The only exception would be if a ref did happen to be watching and saw the shot, and THEN one of the team members approaches the ref and asks if he saw what happened. At that point, the Ref can go to the table and make the call. Otherwise, if not asked, the referee keeps their mouth shut and says nothing. The reason is that it avoids the perception of officiators showing possible favoritism.



LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
- * A keyboard was a piano
- * A web was a spider's home
- * A virus was the flu
- * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy ...you just hoped nobody found out



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Men provide them with enough frustration!!

Submitted By:
Jeff Clohessy



THE LOSER'S CORNER



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The 5 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 30th 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—**DAVE WEST** (97208391) who plays for Legend's "**Mr. 8-Ball**" in the **CC-APA D.J.** division.
- 2—**DAVE WARDROP** (97213578) who plays for Ringo's "**Breaking Bad**" in the **Midwest D.J.** division.
- 3—**ROBERT JACOBSON** (97215477) who plays for Fortune Star's "**Bi Polar**" in the **Farside D.J.** division.
- 4—**TY EVAST** (97218529) who plays for Sundowner's "**9 Hangin'**" in the **Outback D.J.** division
- 5—**TERA YOUNT** (97221486) who plays for McAnulty & Barry's "**Accidental Defense**" in the **Southern D.J.** division

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look to see if your 97201962 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..!**

