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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 we finally got a winner: **Cindy Kingrey** (97297023) who plays for McAnulty & Barry's "Main St. Madness" in the Willamette D.J. division has called in, this past week uttering the magic words from the June 6th Newsletter—so she could get her prize and avoid this week's Loser's Corner.

From the June 13th newsletter however, there was not a single soul fortunate enough to find their number and call in, but those folks still have one more week to go before they meet their demise and disgrace if they don't call in... Would be such a shame too if they don't—especially since we personally saw several of 'em this past weekend at the 8-Ball tournament of champions team regional.

**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..

**BE AN OPAL WINNER---FIND YOUR NUMBER**

## 8-Ball Team Regional Results

**What A Weekend!** 25 8-Ball Teams competed June 17-19 in the double elimination format at Wichita Town Pub in Milwaukie. 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 15-21st. 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, Shamrock's "**Watch Our Balls Drop**" met up against Watertrough's "**Hawthorne Kids**" on Saturday morning and ended up directing them off on a wild goose chase into the "**Last Freaking Chance Side**." The "**Balls**" then went on "**Rat-a-tat**" the River Raod House "**Rack A Tac's**" in the 5 PM winner's side final sending the "**Tac's**" off to compete in the dark side

So, the Spring Bronze Tri-Cup winner's—"Watch Our Balls Drop" from the Midnight D.J. division's Shamrock with Team Captain: **Ben Foss**, and teammates-**John Niederhofer, Aaron Probert, John Ulrich, Don Clark Sr., Brian Kemption, Alex Willett, and Art Stebbins** 97218254 therefore, claimed the first \$4250 Slot and plane seats to the August APA Nationals at the Westgate Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Friday Night Falco's "**Disfunction R US**" were functioning quite well, but McAnulty & Barry'e "**2 Many Shots**" consumed "**2 Many Shots**" and ended up staggering off to the "**Last Freaking Chance Side**" when the match was over. In Saturday's 9:00 AM round the "**R-US 's**" (**Continued Page 2.**)

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## Spring / Bronze



**#1 of 7: WATCH OUR BALLS DROP**

# 8-Ball Regional

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Continued from Pg. 1) displaced the Falco's "Replacements" team over to the "Last Freakin' chance side" and the "R-US 's" got to remain undefeated and head to one of the four 5 O'clock Winner's side finals. In the finals against the undefeated last years 2015 champions—Timber's "Shot Effect" The "R-US 's" were either super functional, or the "Shot Effect's" weapons ran out of chalk, in either case "Shot Effect" found themselves going half cocked off into the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" Leaving Falco's Fall / Silver medal winner's "Disfunction R-US" from the Farside D.J. division with Team Captain: **Robbi Solomon**, and teammates—**Tyler Hanson, Kyle Ho, Ashley Smith, Corey Myton, Evan More, Daisha Acosta, and Ben Wyatt** to officially be awarded the 2nd \$4,250 Vegas Slot, Bragging Rights, and set of plane seats to Vegas.



#2 of 7: **Disfunction R US**

Playing out of River Road House, the Fall / Silver Medal winners—The "Little Monsters" started out Friday Night by scaring the Cascade **Pool Dawgs** "Ki Yiing and Whimpering" off to the "Last Freaking Chance Side" Saturday morning the "Little Monsters" slung "Slinging Around" over to the backside to do their slinging while the "Monsters" continued forward to the winner's side final against the undefeated 2 time champions— Cascade's "Breaking Cues." It was a very close match-race all the way, and came right down to the wire in "Double Hill—Sudden Death" Both teams had their chances, but in the end "Breaking Cue" had to take the disappointing walk to the "last freakin' chance side," whereas RRH's Fall Silver medal winner's "Little Monsters" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Chris Nieland**, and teammates—**Sarah Nieland, Jessica Wehling, Vanessa Rauch, Annie Trope, LeAnna Gray, James Smith Jr., and Terry Holsinger**, had just found themselves in the winner's circle. Now they had to go outside and get their pictures taken, fill out the paperwork 'cause they'd just won the 3rd \$4,250 slot to go compete in the APA National Championships at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas.



#3 of 7: **LITTLE MONSTERS**

The last of Saturday night's zero loss side finals match winners was McNulty & Barry's Summer/ Silver Medal winners- "Rawhide." They began Friday night by shaving, River Road House's Spring / Bronze medal holder's — "Beardies Back"—who disappeared off to eventually get a smooth face in "Last Freakin' Chance Side." Going into Saturday's 9 AM round "Rawhide" out-fought, out-maneuvered, and out-played McNulty & Barry's Summer / Silver sister team "Main St. Madness" sending them into the "Last Freakin' Chance Side" as well. Now, with the lights of Las Vegas glittering in their eyes "Rawhide" was riding full gallop to the 5 PM finals to slap leather against Fall / Gold winner's "Timber Cutters"

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 and the last \$4,250 slot of the night, the fourth set of team plane seats to Vegas was McNulty & Barry's "Rawhide" (Continued on Pg. 3.)



#4 of 7: **RAWHIDE**

## 8-Ball Regional



(Continued from Pg.2) from the Mt. Hood D. J. division with Team Captain: **Michelle Clay**, and teammates—**Rodney Clay, Kim Marrone, John Meister, Diana Warnock, Amy Zauner, Dave Rankin**, and **Ted Baden** — all happy campers.

We started off in the first round on Sunday at 10 AM with just Eight-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 the **"Timber Cutters"** chopped up Falco's **"Replacements,"** Scotty's **"Loco Ocho's"** broke the Cascade Bar's **"Breaking Cues,"** River Road House's **"Rack A Tac's"** allowed **"Ah So Crose"** to just barely not come close enough again — (At least **"Ah So Crose"** named themselves properly) and last, Timber's **"Shot Effect"** shot Ringo's **"Rackless Behavior"** straight on out the door to home,

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 \$4,250 Vegas slot was Scotty's **"Loco Ocho"** versus the **"Timber Cutters."** This time the **"Timber Cutters"** didn't take just an Axe to a gun fight The team match stunned everybody as they watched while the **"Timber Cutters"** took a surprising command of the translated **"Crazy Eights"** to wipe them out 7-3 making it unnecessary even to have to play the 5th race . It was over, and the Fall / Gold medal winners **"Timber Cutters"** from the Gateway. division with Team Captain: **Owen Vandehey**, and teammates—**David Anderson, Randy Barber, Tarek Zaher, James Sprague, Clarence Syptert III, Stephanie Fitzgerald**, and **Rise Devoe**, were the next regional finalists taking the 5th \$4,250 Vegas slot, and plane seats to the APA National Championship competition in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, at the same time, Timber's Fall / Bronze **"Shot Effect"** put up s similar losing fight against River Road's **"Rack A Tac's,"** who managed to unmask a 7-4 lead with already 3 match wins going into the 5th race so the match was stopped and declared over. Therefore, the Summer / Gold **"Rack A Tac's"** from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates—**Jennifer Windell, Cory Kalteich, Mike Keating, Terry Mason, Crysta Rankin, Kelsey Bayless**, and **Bree Drew** were the victory team claiming the bragging rights to the 6th Las Vegas Slot, the \$4,250 in Travel and Lodging allowance. They would be going on to enjoy a pool trip to compete next August in the awesome National APA Team Championships at the Westgate Resort 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 \$4,250 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 Scotty's Spring / Silver **"Loco Ocho"** from the Sunset Division, (Continued on Page 4.)



#5 of 7: RACK A TAC



#6 of 7: TIMBER CUTTERS



#7 of 7: The LOCO OCHO

# 8-Ball Regional

(Continued from Pg. 3) With Team Captain: **Adam Drew** And teammates— **Galeena Amyotte, Diane Ramirez, Alfreda Amyotte, Karen Ronning, Elizabeth Ingram, Nate Irish,** and **Alyson Ayers**. Their opponents were Timber's Fall / Bronze medal winners, and two

times past Vegas regional champion's "**Shot Effect**" who play out of the Timbers in the Gateway D.Jt division with Team Captain: **Randy Messner**, and teammates—**Tim Sexton, Marsha Messner, Sheri Sexton, Brian Messner, Bryan Kellim, Seth Lindquist,** and **Kody Geertz**.

We expected It would be a close and tense match coming down to the wire and into eventual Sudden Death—no pressure—but we were wrong. However, it could have gone either way very easily, The end result was that that it was all over in four races. Unfortunately, for "**Shot Effect**" they sort of choked on some key winning shots, and the "**Loco Ocho**" stepped up to the plate and took advantage of practically each and every situation to wind up claiming the victory 8 to 4 in just four races. Thus, winning the bragging rights to the 7th and last set of plane seats to Las Vegas, plus the \$4,250 in allotted travel and lodging assistance money.

"**Shot Effect**" received the \$500 consolation money to at least win a little something for their efforts. Perhaps go fire up a grill, throw on some steaks, and drown their sorrows in a few beers.

To recap, the seven (7) winning teams will go on to compete in the Las Vegas APA National Team Championships this coming August 15-22nd. Did you notice that 1 of the winning teams were Bronze Medalists, 4 were Silver Medalists, 1 Gold, & 1 a Spin Off, and 0 Platinum? — 1 Bronze, 1 Silver, 1 Gold Split, & from Summer, 2 Silvers, & 1 Gold from Fall, and 1 Silver, from Spring. We got all of the sessions, and we got 3 of 4 of 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 Wichita Town Pub and their outstanding staff for hosting this event. Also, Special thanks and "Kudo's" and to our dedicated referee's **John Blue, Steve Chandler, Stephen Scheringer, 97216518** and **Kevin Heatherdale** who dedicated a part of their weekend to officiate this important event.



## Runner Up: SHOT EFFECT



**Submitted By:** Sister Mary Ann, who **Jeff Clohessy** worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas.

As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was just a block away. So, she walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can the had already had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, so she decided not to wait... and so she walked back to her car to look and see if she might have something in her car that she could fill with gas. She spotted the bedpan that she was taking to the patient!

Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, there were these two protestants who had been watching from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said,

*'If that car starts, I'm turning Catholic.' !!!*



## THE LOSER'S CORNER



**The 4 people** listed below are June 6th 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-JAMES LUTON** (97219142) who plays for Sam's "**Hit Squad**" in the **Central 9-Ball** division.
- 2-BRIAN GORDON** (97219916) who plays for Pub 181's "**On The Run**" in the **Farside D.J.** division.
- 3-KURT BLOGETT** (97220745) who plays for Scotty's "**It's A Stupid Game**" in the **Western D.J.** division.
- 4-TYLER BELL** (97220745) who plays for Falco's "**Madam's Misfits**" in the **Farside D.J.** division.

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..!**

