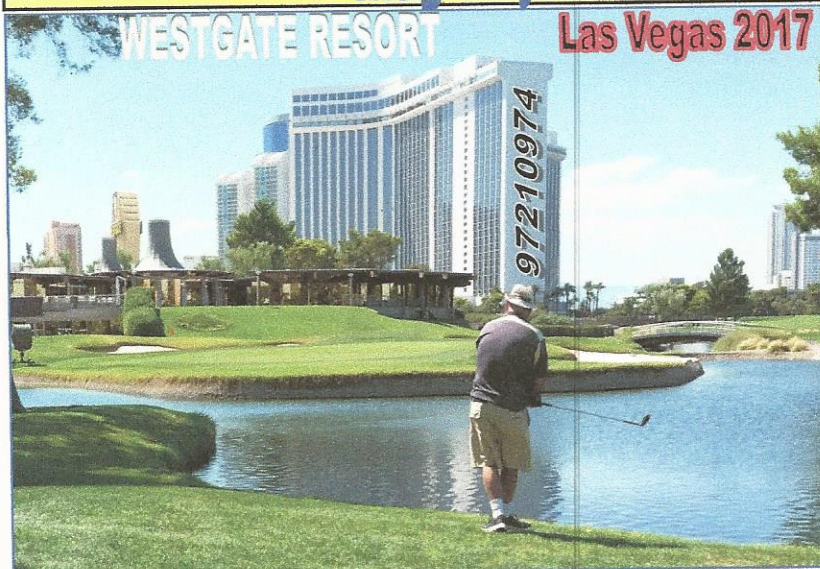
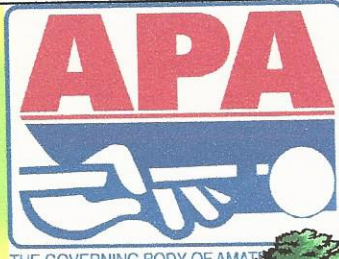




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THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

May 22, 2017 NLSU2017-01



APRIL 28th to May 6th 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 May 1-May 6th.

Representing OPAL in the APA National 8-Ball Scotch doubles championships were the teams of: **Dwayne & Erik Lord** who finished at 65th and won \$100. **Ryan Sundberg & Tony Aplin** along with **Larry Foust & Anjelea Johnston** finished up at 193rd and out of the money.

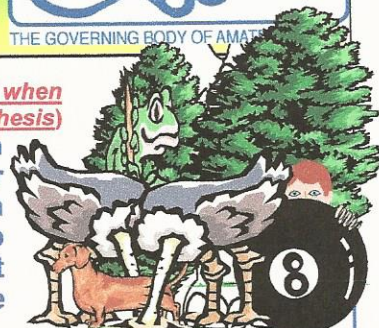
In 9-Ball doubles **Hannah Gelok & Bob Skelton** finished 17th, and won \$300. **Alex Willet & Ben Wyatt** along with **Amber Hinchman-Eastman & Aaron Wintersong** both finished up at 193rd and out of the money. In the Wheelchair event **Richard Fletcher** finished out of the money at 49th, but **Joel Goodman** came in with a 9th place finish and won \$150..

In the National singles competition we had 19 competing representatives—12 in 8-Ball and 7 in 9-Ball. In 8-Ball, three out of the 12 individuals entered, made it into the higher prizes and they were: **Jenny McCabe** in the (SL-4 Yellow Tier) who placed 17th and Won \$600 in cash and prizes, **Todd Speakman** who finished 17th in the SL-7 Purple Tier also won \$600 in cash & Prizes, and **Crysta Rankin** who finished 9th in the SL-2 & 3 Blue Tier won \$1,000 in cash & prizes. The rest of the OPAL 8 field-**Terry Drake, Richard Fry, Chris Lytsell, Anmdrea Flores, Kim Norn, Jason Chun, Dave McDowell, Tarek Zaher, Dale Mick, & Chris Boutourline** 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 three out of the eight OPAL players finished in the higher level money. They were: **Brian Holgate & Jenny McCabe**—who both finished 17th in the SL-4 & 5 White Tier and won \$565 each in Cash & Prizes. **Terry Drake** also competed in the White Tier and went on to win \$750 in Cash & Prizes for his 9th place finish. **Dee West, Karen Ronning, Todd Speakman, and Stacy Enriquez**, all tried their best, but all ended up "going on vacation slightly earlier" than they had hoped for... Still, overall, the OPAL players represented us very well in both 8 and 9-Ball singles which was an extraordinary accomplishment. OPAL congratulations and kudo's to all those who participated. You were all great ambassadors by doing us proud and representing both OPAL and Oregon extremely well.

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis)

somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" fresh APA membership numbers just waiting to be discovered.



From March 27th Newsletter **Kevin Zandi** who plays for Scotty's "Bugger Off" in the Sunset division avoided the Loser's Corner however, not a single person from the April 4th newsletter found their number and called in. So, there's going to be a Loser's Corner viewing of 7 people for you Gawkw at this week

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-

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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 20-24. Again, Steve Lingelbach, and crew, from *Biggelbach 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 156 team pairings in the Modified Single Elimination Early Bird Scotch doubles tournament on Thursday..

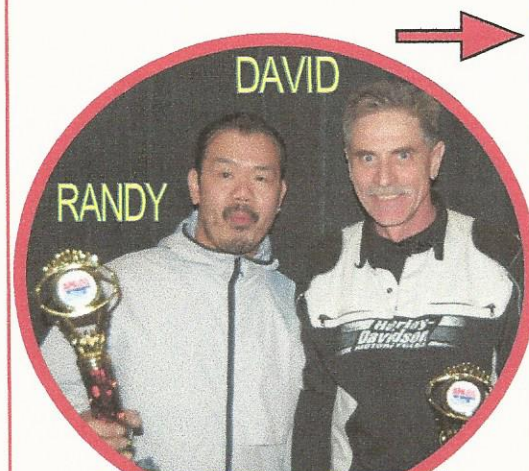
Scotch play began at 9:00 AM on Thursday and progressed smoothly throughout the day to conclude in early evening with OPAL's "Sunkiss Beauties" **Kim Norn & Maria Argueta** taking the top honors over the Salem "Myplayers" team of "Last Minute" with **David Derby** and **Randy Baker**.

The total payouts paid down to the top 64 finishers in the field minus green fees amounted to **\$12,792**. The top 32 finishers are listed in the table at right:



EARLY-BIRD SCOTCH PAYOUTS:

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1 ST	\$1,290	"Sunkiss Beauties"—Kim Norn & Maria Argueta	OPAL
2 ND	\$ 900	"Last Minute" David Derby & Randy Baker	Salem
3/4	\$ 650	"Lucky 5" – Amr El Zalabany & Eric Arndt	OPAL
3/4	\$ 650	"Bus Boys"—Anthony Keller & Rich Vander-Wouden	Seattle
5/8	\$ 420	"Do Little Brothers" – Sandeep Gonugunta & Dheeraj Nosina	Seattle
5/8	\$ 420	"Dumb & Dummer"—Paul Roshak & Eric Harmon	OPAL
5/8	\$ 420	"Boots & Heels"- Stella Rundle & Keith Hanson	Seattle
5/8	\$ 420	"Overcutters"- John & Jessica Gallagher	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"Rollin' "-Kelvin Pea & Kenneth Butler	OPAL
9/16	\$ 280	"Son of A Mother"- David & Lisa St. Clair	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"Beers-N-Wines"- Jason Bramble & Teri Issacson	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"White & Dark Choc8 "- TD Davidson & Dmitry Disko	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"Beer 4 Breakfast"—Tarek Zaher & Tyson Davis	OPAL
9/16	\$ 280	"Red & Blue"- Sadis Paripoonyo & Chris Blakeman	Seattle
9/16	\$ 280	"We Got The Runs"— Larry Neal & Jimmy Farmer	Salem
9/16	\$ 280	"Jimmy Nicked"-Nicole Eckrich & Biviano Jimenez	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"High D Ho"- Bobby Green, & Amanda Fuller	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"More Drinks"— Robert Crowley, & Nate Lannoye	Seattle
17/32	\$ 170	"Dallas Duo"—Andy Frazier & Mark Garland	Salem
17/32	\$ 170	"Name Too Long"-Amanda Winter & Terry Mason	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"How 'Bout Dat!"—Tim Gonzales & Zach Enriquez	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"Oh No You Don't"—Staci Moses & Josh Moraga	Seattle
17/32	\$ 170	"Get Off Me"- Conrad & Kim Stoddard	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"Schmark !"—Sean McCloud & Mark Munguia	Seattle
17/32	\$ 170	"Crazy Two Dayz"Phil Springer & Brittany Kauffman	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"2 & 1/2 Tips"—Dave McDowell & Zach Lutz	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"Marrswal" - Steve Marrs & Lisa Garrett	Salem
17/32	\$ 170	"Break & Mosey" – Tom Kerrigan, Kylie Pearson	Seattle
17/32	\$ 170	"De Ja Vu"—Lori Murray & Scott Stai	Seattle
17/32	\$ 170	"Rock Island"—Kent Browning & Bob Brown	Seattle
17/32	\$ 170	"The Dirty D"—Jeff Braun & Jonmichael Runtherford	OPAL
17/32	\$ 170	"Step One"—Daniel Coate & Bryan Delmaster	Seattle



2nd: Last Minute

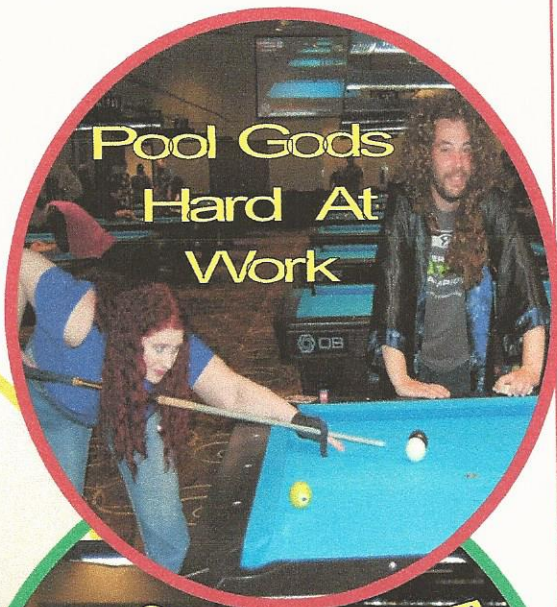


1st: Sunkiss Beauties

Chinook Winds (Continued) On Saturday 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* was **Kevin Logan**. 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 never-the-less. We paid back 100% and down through the top 4 pairs.



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

Friday morning at 8:30 AM we started off with the day with the players meeting where we introduced the referees, tournament staff, and vendors—**Steve Lingelbach & Carissa Biggs** with "Biggie's Billiards," **Adrienne Beach & Anne Bounds** with Rail 2 Rail live streaming, "Truffles R Us" with **Cindy Medina**, and "Jessie's Billiards." After the introductions, Floor Manager—**John Blue** went over the tournament rules to the 174 3-person team field that were present, and that would be competing in two separate round robin flights "A" & "B". While Flight "A" played Flight "B" was off to do whatever they wanted and Vice Versa.

Promptly at 9 AM the "A" flight took to the tables and we were underway once again. All day long the competition went on full blast each team hoping to secure a lion's share of the **\$21,402** purse that was left after deducting green fees. The purse was progressively paid out to the top 64 finishers of the field. By the evening's end the round robin portion was over and the top 64 teams had emerged that would transcend into Saturday's Modified Single Elimination tournament.

Saturday was truly a busy day for players and staff alike. At 9 am the first round of the 3-person team modified 64 single elimination board got underway with the winner's from the previous day. At 10:30 AM the first round of the 128 team pairs "Weekender Scotch Doubles" event began, and at 1 PM Steve and Carissa from "Biggelbach's Billiards" got the Lincoln City open going. In addition, Mini tournaments were ongoing continuously as well as the "Beat The Merle" contest. There wasn't an idle pool cue in the whole place. Meanwhile, **John Blue** and his referee staff were vigorously making sure everything was running smoothly and the matches kept pace within the time limits. The matches progressed right along according to schedule. At the "Control Table" **Boomer, Tracy Ahlstrom-Layton, Kim Pankonin, Clarice Hubbard, Angela Franklin, John Blue**, and **Randee Lee** — APA League Operator from Salem, and the many other assorted volunteers who helped in making everything possible and happening..

At approximately 9 PM on Saturday evening the 128 pairs Weekender Scotch doubles event had been completed paying out a total purse of **\$10,496** after the green fees were paid, to the top 32 finishing teams in the field. It was a Seattle 1st—"Poolside Modorosso" with **Zak Ross & Randi Michie** defeated "Two For Pool," - **Bob & Melissa Olson** in the finals leaving them with the second place honors.

The top 16 results are at right: ➡

WEEKENDER SCOTCH

Rank	Money	Team Name & Players	From
1ST	\$ 1,200	"Poolside Modorosso" Zak Ross & Randi Michie	Seattle
2ND	900	"Two 4 Pool"- Bob & Melissa Olson	OPAL
3/4	700	"Bus Boys" – Kevin Wickes & Devin Wallsworth	Seattle
3/4	700	"Kolbys Corner Pockets"—Crys Kyle & Dave Burger	Salem
5/8	450	"Smashing Balls" – Jeremy Saxe & Corbin Burke	OPAL
5/8	450	"Eye Of The Tiger"—Steve Roberts & Megan Boren	Salem
5/8	450	"Mismatch"- Doug Jimenez & Kristy Hill-Ganske	Salem
5/8	450	"Liver Failure" Rodney Clay & Cindy Kingrey	OPAL
9/16	290	"NIELAND TRAIN"-Chris & Sarah Nieland	OPAL
9/16	290	"The Nocturnals"- Sheri Vallespir * Mariena Gardner	OPAL
9/16	290	"De Ja Vu"— Scott Stai & Lori Murray	Seattle
9/16	290	"K X 2"—Kevin Blodgett & Kevin Zandi	OPAL
9/16	290	"Tight Racks"—Al Erickson & Billy Knotts	Salem
9/16	290	"Dazed 'n' Confused—Eddie Parenti & Kay Heltne	OPAL
9/16	290	"Bye Felicia"—Fox Pendygraft & Alesha Piper	Seattle
9/16	290	"Double Crown Neat"—Jose Santiago & Navid Azimi	Seattle



1st: Poolside Modorosso



2nd: Two 4 Pool

Chinook Winds (Continued)

The 3-Person team event which included both the round robin phase and the 64 board Modified Single Elimination phase had a total payout of \$21,402. which was paid out to the top 64 finishers in what originally, before the Round Robin elimination segment, was a 174 Team field..

The Round Robin phase took the entire day of Friday to complete, and the Modified single elimination 64 board began Saturday and concluded it's final rounds on Sunday finishing up at 4:00 PM. For brevity purposes the top 32 finishers are listed in the table to the right and the pictures of the first and second place winners are on the next page.



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3 PERSON TEAM RESULTS

Rank	\$\$\$	TEAM NAME & PLAYERS	FROM
1ST	1,650	"It Rolled Off"- John & Jessica Gallagher & Ron Charbonneau	Seattle
2ND	1,200	"Father & Sons"- Andy Frazier III, Mark Garland, & Jake Frazier	Salem
3-4	900	"Rack Pack"- Albert Jong, Patrick Suyama, & Bijoy Bordoloi	Seattle
3-4	900	"Cuddly Bunnies"-Jason Scheck, Paul Johnson, & Paul Solden	OPAL
5-8	600	"Team Spirit!"-Vladimir Petrov, Vjacheslav Min, & Renal Valiulin	Seattle
5-8	600	"Cobra Kai"-Binh Huynh, Eric Arndt, & Morgan Bell	OPAL
5-8	600	"Peaceful Easy Feeling" Travis Babcock, Alyssa Bashor, & Jim Albert	Seattle
5-8	600	"Victorious Secret" - Tom Kerrigan, Pat Stainaker, & Jillian Boyette	Seattle
9-16	450	"Silver Bullets"-Bill & Connie Bishop, & Ken Mutzel	OPAL
9-16	450	"Stokers"-Chris Plummer, Gary Schoonover, & David Johnson	Salem
9-16	450	"Oh No You Didn't" Staci Moses, Josh Moraga, & Kristin Cambus	Seattle
9-16	450	"PDX Capt's Crew"-Corey Otterson, Amr El Zalabany, & Rob Muller	OPAL
9-16	450	"King BVR"—Brad Ehlers, Van Ehlers, & Ramiro Munoz	Seattle
9-16	450	"We Got Our Shots"- Rob & Heather Bothern, & Dave Eastman	OPAL
9-16	450	"S.A.F."—Mario Chavez, Jason Harley, & Chad Dyess	Bend
9-16	450	"Smoking Donkeys"-Ed Ambo, Larry Tanabe, & Sandro Menzie	Seattle
17-24	300	"Scott's Renegades" Scott&Josh, Ruegsegger,&Margaret Goodman	Salem
12-24	300	"ORGANIZE"- Verrell Poston, Marcus Sterling, and Erik Procopio	OPAL
11-24	300	"Crouching Tigers"-Daniel Sie, Ramil Oregas, Adrienne Beach	Seattle
12-24	300	"Tri-force" Michelle Solden, Charles Glover, & Christal Sparks	OPAL
16-24	300	"Last Cue Benders"-Vams Kasavajhala, Joe Downing, & Veena Gonugunta	Seattle
15-24	300	"Team SAC"—Cid Saldana, Angie Weber, * Sean Hayes	Seattle
12-24	300	"Slopabottomus"-Andrew Rolfe, James Luton, & Joel Verdon	OPAL
17-24	300	"Money In The Bank"- Robert Ryder, Steve Tune, & Jerry Harris	OPAL
25-32	210	"Smoke, Hawk, & Tattered!"-Shawn Kellar, Troy Vandyke, & Thad Stovall	OPAL
25-32	210	"2 Men & A Badger" - John Ross, Andrew Vincent, & Tanya Bowe	OPAL
25-32	210	"Just Practice"-Joh Nellis, Chris Hopkins, & Brent Sanchez	OPAL
25-32	210	"Second St." Jeromie Underhill, Kevin Hess, & Zach Enriquez	OPAL
25-32	210	"What's That Smell?" Dan Ness, Lucille Gardner, & Daniel Welch	OPAL
25-32	210	"Sancho's 2"—Sean-Paul Salazar, James Shelton, & Bob Randall	OPAL
25-32	210	"Oh Crap"—Allen Nicol, Rebecca Slyter, & Connie Carlson	OPAL
25-32	210	"The 4th Man" Lisa & Devin St. Clair, & Mark McElwain	Seattle