

Triple Play Masters & Ladies Team Regional

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The Twilight

Room's "Wild Flowers" and the Mousetrap "Scrappers." now had to be matched up against one another to see who would receive the third Las Vegas Slot should we win the APA slot lottery come the end of June. The team's faced off and when the final score was tallied after going down to the last ball pocketed in the third and final race the score was 5-3 in favor of the Mousetrap "Scrappers" with Team Captain: **Lori Wood**, and Teammates—**Samantha Noah, Leah Altman, Lola Watson, and Christine Bonin** that would be claiming the bragging rights to the third Las Vegas National slot if we are able to get one,



Maybe Vegas -- SCRAPPERS

Triple Play Masters Regional

The Master's regional contest was held at Rodder's in Oregon City on May 13th at the same time that the women's team 8-ball regional was going on. The site worked out perfectly with the Master's using the eight diamond tables out in the middle room while the Jack 'n Jill used the 7 Valley tables in the back room. The competition was both fierce and interesting, and there were a few "upsets" throughout the day.

We expedited the Triple Play Master's thirteen team, five round Modified Single Elimination format by playing on two tables simultaneously, and the finals on three match tables for each team match. That worked out very amicable as we were able to finish the last final complete with picture taking and Las Vegas orientation by 8:00 PM—ish....

The Master's division qualified teams were playing for two guaranteed Las Vegas National Championship slots, but OPAL has applied for a 3rd slot that APA Hq's has not awarded us yet to date. We may or may not get that third slot—Therefore we played down where we had two distinct winners, and then had the two tied 3rd place teams play off an additional match amongst themselves to determine who would get that third slot if we get a third slot... The bottom line is that there is \$6,330 dollars that was generated from the masters divisions over the past three sessions. Each slot will be allocated \$1,890 —(enough money to pay for round-trip-airfare and lodging at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas) The remainder of the money will be played out to the entire regional team field. Right now we don't know if that figure is going to be \$660, if we have three slots, or 2,550. if we only have two slots that go. If indeed, only two teams get to go then every team in the field not going to Las Vegas will receive retroactive compensation from \$75 for last place to \$390 for 3 / 4th.

The Master's competition format was patterned after the US Amateur. The winner of the lag either chooses to break or to name the game—8-Ball or 9-Ball. The opponent gets what the lag winner did not want. The race was to 7 individual game wins. If 9-Ball were chosen they played 8 games and if neither one of the players had won 7 games then they would switch to 5 games of 8 ball until one or the other of them did reach 7 games. Therefore, it was possible just to play 9-Ball and win. However, if 8-Ball were chosen there were only 5 games to be played—after which they started playing 9-Ball. Whoever won the match race won registered (1) point for the team. Once a team score totaled 2 Match-Race wins the team match was over. If they went into the Ozone layer and played more games in a category than was allowed they had to throw those games away, switch, and play the correct category. In the first round play it was Underground's "Heavy Stokers," 2-Zip over Orchard Tap's "SSA," Silver Star's "XXX" 2-Zip over Bull Mountain's "Outlaws;" Cascade Bar's "Big Uglies" 2-Zip over Dugout's "Humble Pie;" Underground's "Benchwarmers" 2-1 over 4th Plain Tavern's "Dawg Pound;" and 3 Monkey's "Beef Supreme" 2-1 over "Dugout's" "Chalk Is Cheap." Home Turf's "Last Minute," Home Turf's "Dragons," and 3 Monkey's "Coolers," all had "Byes."

in the 2nd round winner's side the "Coolers" iced the "Heavy Stokers" 2-1. "Big Uglies" took down "XXX" 2-1, "Home Turf Dragon's" breathed fire over "Bench Warmers" 2-1, and. "Beef Supreme" 2-Zipped "Last Minute" 2-1. and on the backside there was only one match going. It was Dugout's "Humble Pie" humbly showing the Bull Mountain "Outlaws" the way out the door to home.

In round 3 of the loser's side the "Last Minutes" froze out "SSA" 2-Zip sending them ass backwards on out the door and down the road; "Humble Pie" graciously put an end to "Bench Warmers" journey 2-1: "Dawg Pound" out-played "XXX" sending them home; and "Chalk Is Cheap" outlasted "Heavy Stokers" 2-1 sending them out the door to home as well. In the next round we played both the winner's (Continued on Page 6.)

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(Continued from Page 5) and loser's points together. The Winner's would be heading into the finals whereas unfortunately, the losing teams would be going out the door and down the road to home.

On the Winner's side, the "Coolers," upset the "Big Uglys," 2-1 sending them down the road to home while they perched themselves up on the lower tier winner's point. In the upper tiers of the winner's side of the bracket "Beef Supreme," had slain the "Home Turf Dragons," 2-0, and were perching themselves up on the winner's platform to wait and see who would be returning back out of the jungle to face them.. It wasn't a long wait, but no doubt it felt like an eternity. From out of the backside came "Chalk Is Cheap," who had just defeated "Dawg Pound," 2-1 in a double hill thriller diller..! They had arrived to take on undefeated "Beef Supreme" in the upper bracket finale for the first of two guaranteed prize slot into the Nationals. Next, emerging out of the lower part of the jungle was "Last Minute," who would be taking on the "Coolers," in the finals for the 2nd guaranteed Vegas Slot,

Playing for the first guaranteed Las Vegas slot was the undefeated 3 Monkey's team of "Beef Supreme" from the Triple Play Master's Vancouver division. Their opponent was Dugout's "Chalk Is Cheap" from the Triple Play Master's West Division. These two teams had met in the very first round. "Beef Supreme" had defeated "Chalk Is Cheap" 2-1. So, would it be revenge of the Nerds? Or Summer Re-Runs??? Well— I can tell you that the winning score was once again a 2-1 split decision, but this time it was in favor of "Chalk Is Cheap" with Team Captain: **Colin Marquis**, and teammates— **Brian Knapp**, **Paul Johnson**, and **John Hamilton**. It was they who had secured the first bragging rights to the plane seats to the Las Vegas Nationals next August.



VEGAS - CHALK IS CHEAP

Playing for the Second guaranteed Las Vegas slot was the undefeated 3 Monkey's team of the "Coolers" from the Triple Play Master's Vancouver division. Their opponent was Home Turf's "Last Minute" from the Triple Play Master's West Division who had gotten knocked into the loser's side in the 2nd round by "Beef Supreme" "Last Minute" came out of the gate giving it all they had. Even though "Coolers" **Bob Olson** was up 6 to 1 on his race to 7 over "Last Minute's" **Phil Bremer** it was all a moot point because "Last Minute's" **Andrew Dalby** took down "Coolers" **Larry Schave** 7-5 for the 1st point, and **Jason Bennett** slipped by "Coolers" **Greg Sowder** to secure the winning 2nd point. Therefore, Home Turf's "Last Minute" from the Triple play Master's West division with Team Captain: **Jason Bennett**, and teammates— **Phil Bremer**, **Isaac Norman** and **Andrew Dalby** had secured the second set of bragging rights to the plane seats heading into the Las Vegas Nationals come next August.



VEGAS - LAST MINUTE

Playing off for the "Maybe Baby" third possible third slot to Las Vegas was two teams that had both been undefeated going into the finals, but who no longer had that distinction coming out of the finals...! They were, of course, "Beef Supreme" and the "Coolers" — Who both play out of the "3 monkeys" in the Vancouver Masters Division, There would be no Guaranteed slot to Las Vegas, only a hope that one would materialize. Like the other finals they played on 3 tables simultaneously. On the third table "Coolers" **Bob Olson** 97217705 came out of the gate smoking against "Beef Supreme's" **Mike Dowell**. **Bob** took the first 5 games, of 8-Ball. Then switching to 9-Ball **Bob** won the first game, lost the 2nd game, and then closed the deal with a win in the third game to take the match 7-1.

On table 2 "Coolers" **Greg Sowder** lost the lag but got to name the game of 8-Ball while "Beef Supreme's" **Nathan Scott** broke. **Greg** went into a zone. He flat out won the first 4 racks and then Broke & Ran the final 5th game. Then, switching to 9-Ball he put himself on the hill by winning the first 9-Ball game. **Mike** then intervened and won the 2nd game, but then **Greg** won the case "3rd" game to claim the match race. At this point the match was called because the "Coolers" had already won 2 of the 3 races... "Coolers" **Larry Schave** happened to be up 5-4 over "Beef Supreme's" **Michael Farland** when the match was called. Therefore "MAYBE" if we get do get lucky and are able to secure a 3rd slot —that just MAYBE —The "Coolers" with Team Captain: **Greg Sowder**, and Teammates—**Bob Olson**, **Larry Schave**, and **Steven Peterson** who can at least say they've attained the bragging Rights to being the "Maybe Baby" third team to go should a slot come through like we hope it will...

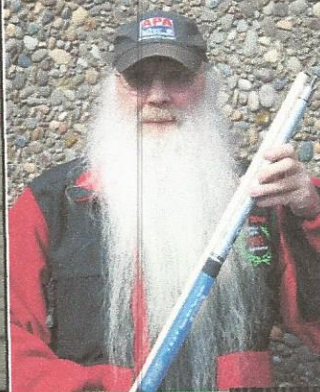


MAYBE VEGAS - The COOLERS



Spring Session Awards Party

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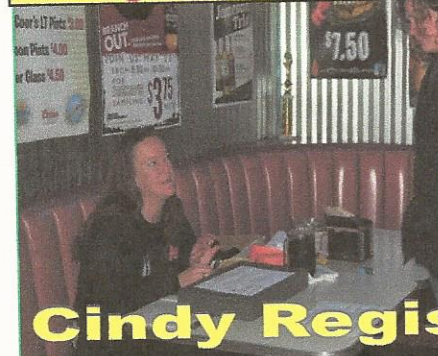
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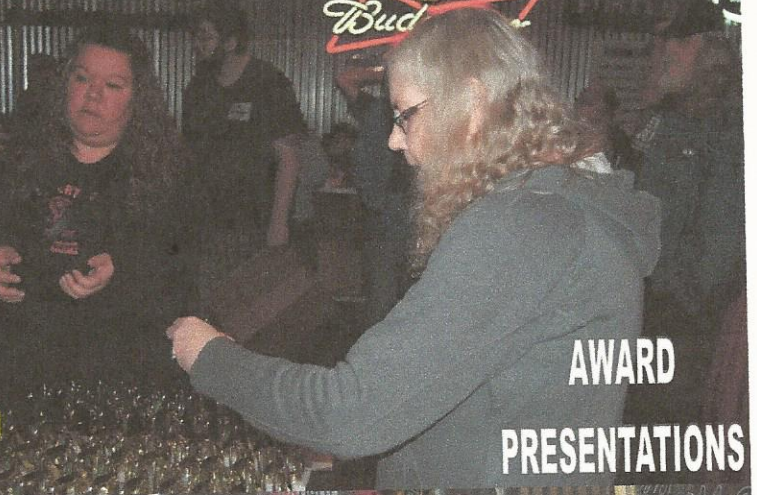
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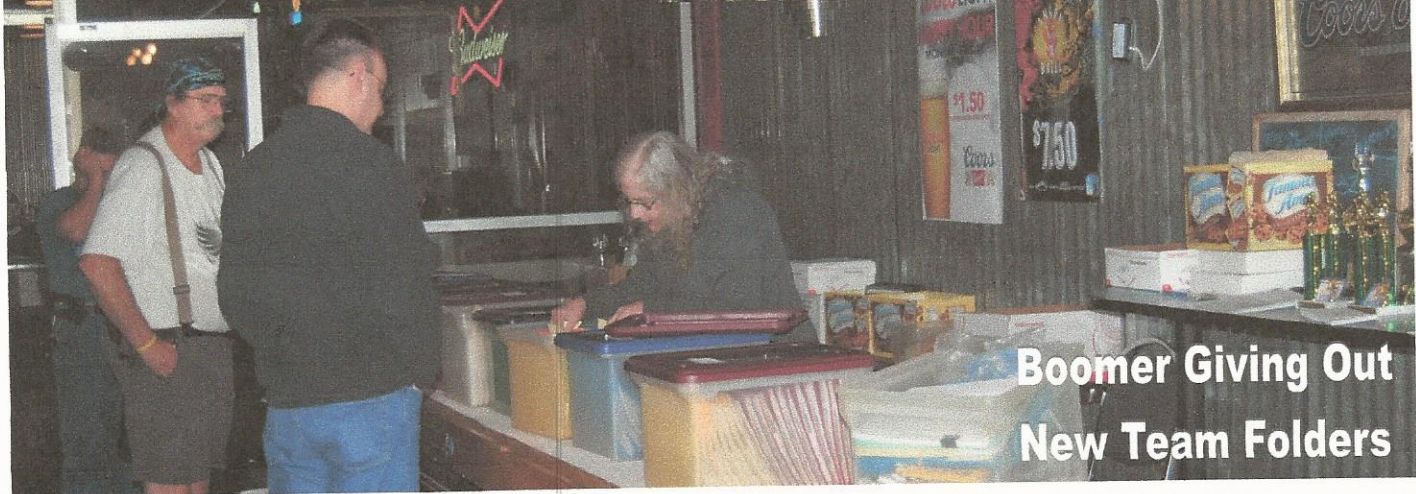


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- III ACCEPT BOTH GOOD AND BAD ROLLS.
- IV RESPECT YOUR OPPONENT.
- V RESPECT THE RULES AND TRADITIONS OF THE GAME.
- VI NEVER TAKE ANY SHOT FOR GRANTED.
- VII LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES.
- VIII SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF POOL WITH OTHERS.
- IX MAKE NO EXCUSES FOR POOR PLAY. ACCEPT THAT SOME DAYS ARE JUST BETTER THAN OTHERS.
- X NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL THE LAST BALL FALLS.

REMEMBER: relax, enjoy yourself and play within the spirit of the rules rather than the written rule. It is impossible to cover every situation 100% with rules Common sense, and good sportsmanship MUST PREVAIL. "*Win at the table and not from the chair*" is a generality that promotes harmony, camaraderie, and good times. And that folk's, to be sure, is exactly what WE of OPAL-APA strive continuously to be all about. 👍😊