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Spring 8-Ball Tri-Cup Results

June 2-

4th Rodders, in Oregon City and Wichita

Town Pub in Milwaukie graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup with Rodders hosting the Sunday finals. Both locations and their crews did a fantastic job hosting our event. Both

sites accommodated our event extremely well and all the pool players and guests had a great time throughout the weekend. We received several positive comments from many of the players and host location staff over the weekend.

We had exactly 53 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 not-so-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 payout bundle of **\$18,354** 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 Rodder's—finishing up just after 8:00 PM. With a 5 table color of money break round. The results were as follows:

FINISHING 49 to 53rd and winning **\$150** were: **Shanahan's** "Chalking Behavior," **Slingshot Lounge's** "All The Almonds," **River Road House's** "8's & A's," **Dugout's** "A Stick Shy," and **3 Monkey's** "Nice Racks."

FINISHING 33 / 48th and winning **\$180** were: **Mike's Place** "Apotheosis," **DbI Aught's** "King's Table," **Sam's** "Live & Learn," **Watertrough's's** "Jiminez Cartel," **Mouse Trap's** "The Dirty Lowdowns," **3 Monkey's** "Sandbaggers," **Watertrough Saloon's** "Hawthorne Kids," **Coach's** "Rackham Asylum," **Underground's** "No Slop For The Wicked," **Back Alley's** "Rack On," **Pub 181's** "Sticklerz," **Touche's** "Crazy Train," **Skyland Pub's** "Zazu's Revenge," **Midway's** "Sotally Tober," **Wichita Town Pub's** "Kiss Kiss" and **Cascade Bar's** "Pool Dawqs."

FINISHING 25-32 and earning **\$230** for their team party were: **Joe Cellar's** "Unconscious 'D'," **Yur's** "Bone In Hand," **Back Alley's** "Yay Beer," **Cascade Bar's** "Blitzkrieg," **Lion's Eye** "Drop It Like It's Slop," **Kenton Club's** "Motorboaters," **McAnulty & Barry's** "O.C. Bomb Squad," and **Sunset Lane's** "Sloppy Joes."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$300** were: **Sellwood Inn's** "Here To Have Fun," **Shamrock's** "Watch Our Balls Drop," **Ringo's** "Money Shot," **Wild Horse's** "Pocket Pounders," **Golden Horse's** "Micro 691," **Mad Hanna's** "Cobra's & Gentlemen," **Fortune Star's** "Eric's Chaperones," and last but not least, **Timber's** "Cutters." (Continued on Pg. 2.)

HIDDEN (Except when in parenthesis) somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" new APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. From the May 25th newsletter one person called in: **Tim Higginson** (97202222) who plays for Underground Sports Bar's "No EZShots" in the Skyline D.J division. No one has yet to have found their number hidden in the May 29th Newsletter yet— Get on the stick 'cause you only have one more week to find it.

So, therefore there will only be a "Loser's Party of "FOUR" on the back page this week for you to ridicule— rub it in good

All you have to do is call the league office with the magic words "**Gimme My Shirt**" after finding your number, to claim your prize, and keep all your peers and teammates from pointing fingers, laughing & snickering, 'cause they know that a shirt remains in the box 'cause you failed to get yours!

There's 10 numbers hidden between this week and last out there—so go check it out one of 'em might be you.

BE AN OPAL WINNER

TRI-CUP

FINISHING 9-16 and barely just missing a medal, but winning \$430 were: Pub 181's "No Shot Sherlock," Silver Star Saloon's "Animals," Hungry Tiger's "Tiger Fury," Cascade Bar's "Bank 'n Spank," Midway's "Pool Ball Wizards," McAnulty & Barry's "Sweet Things," Back Alley's "8/9 Suited," and Andrew's Watering Hole's "That's Our Cue."

Special Note: Though Andrew's "That's Our 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- "Secret Society" was an already regionally qualified team from a previous Tri-Cup. Therefore, by the right of succession, (since a team cannot win two regional slots and deprive some other team from competing in Regional play) "That's Our Cue" from the Far East D.J. division with Team Captain:

Jeremy Cook, and teammates **Ryan Behnke, Tyler Bradley, Michelle Cook, Brandon Webb, Gary Behnke, Joyce Ferguson,** and **Billy Lovik Jr.** Will be competing in the June 16-18 World Qualifier Regional.



SUCCESSION: THAT'S OUR CUE

FINISHING 5-8th and taking home \$600, and the coveted "Bronze Medallions" were: **Scotty's** "Chalk And Awe" from the Midwest D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Karen Gjerner,** and teammates-- **Steve Kemp, Daren Adams, John Howard, Brian Nathman, Allie Enos, David Schelske,** and **Rowdy Pizer;** **Pub 181's** "Secret Society" from the Park Rose D.J. division with Team Captain: **David Scarth** and teammates-- **Wayne Moore, Tara Gantz, John Karleskint, Melissa Kruse, Brennan Lemke,** and **Juan Honrado;** **McAnulty & Barry's** "Wet And Wild" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Jeff Martini,** and teammates: **Jack & Deserie Daniels, Matt Linday, Michael Pranz, LeAnna Gray, Jessica Wehling,** and **Cindy White;** and **Jake's Place** "Wolf Pack" from the Sunrise D.J. Division with Team Captain: "Sir" **Isaac Norman,** and teammates-- **Michael Fery Jr. Alec Hamilton, Lachuy Nguyen, William Yung, Erin Mitchell,** and **William Chanda**

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$900 each team was: **Mandarin Palace's** "Deliquent Tendencies" from the Midwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Crystal Funderburk,** and teammates— **Don Shilliam, Chris Byers, Ettione Dixon, Nate Irish, Irina Chmil, Patricia Hornback,** and **Renea Funderburk;** and **McAnulty & Barry's** "Wrecking Crew" from the Berry Hill D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Jeff Martini,** and teammates-- **Michael Pranz, Larry & Cindy Kingrey, Cindy White, Vanessa Rauch,** and **Julie Blake.**

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold (Continued on Pg. 3.)



BRONZE -- CHALK AND AWE



BRONZE -- SECRET SOCIETY - Pub 181



BRONZE -- WET AND WILD



BRONZE -- WOLF PACK



TRI-CUP (Continued from Pg. 2) Medallions and \$1,220 was **Dugout's** "Right On Cue" from the Skyline D.J. division with Team Captain: **Michelle Solden**, and teammates-- **Paul Solden, Dave Byrum, Greg Shields, Jeff Farnsworth, Chris Willard, Kyle Milligan**, and **Ben Schneider**.

FINISHING 1ST and being handed a **\$1,624**. Check, Platinum Medals, and the bragging rights to being the 2017 Spring Session 8-Ball Tri-Cup champions went to **Falco's** "Dysfunction Junction" from the Moonlight D.J. division with Team Captain: **Sherry Maresh**, and teammates— **Glenn Maresh, Kyle Ho, Kim Hentz, Lei Hentz, Chuck Clarke, George Bute**, and **Laurie Haggart**.

Both finalist teams took the longest journey possible to make the final pairing. Coming out of the west— from Skyline's D.J. division Dugout's "Right On Cue's" journey was full of drama. On Friday night at Rodders they got sent to a 1 PM Saturday appointment in the dark side by Underground's "No Slop 4 The Wicked." Regrouping, "R.O.C." locked Cascade Bar's "Pool Dawgs" in their home kennel and moved to the 5 pm round against Joe Cellar's "Unconscious 'D'." "R.O.C." consciously took 'em down to the door to the road home. while "R.O.C." prepared for Sunday's 9 Am Medal round against McNulty & Barry's (Anything but) "Sweet Things" Unfortunately for "Sweet Things" things turned sour as "R.O.C." stood fast and was on their game. "R.O.C." won, claimed at least a medal and a guaranteed spot in the upcoming Regional.

In the 1 PM Sunday round "R.O.C." took down the feared "Wolf Pack" from Jake's Place., and then stormed their way on into the Gold/Silver round like a wrecking ball to crash into the "Wrecking Crew" knocking them each and everyone straight on out the door with the Silver, a check for \$900, and a car trip down the road to home. For "R.O.C." they had but one more stop to make first—The Finals against "Dysfunction Junction."

Falco's "Dysfunction Junction" or **(D.J's)** as we'll refer to them hereafter had a pretty much same sort of journey as did "R.O.C." **(D.J's)** started out on Friday night at the Wichita by shipping Mike's Place "Apotheosis." into the jungles of the dark side to never be seen or heard from again. Coming back for the 9 Am Saturday round **(D.J's)** found themselves surrounded and getting picked off one by one by the hungry "Wolf Pack" until they had to take sanctuary for the 1 PM Backside round.

In the 1 PM round **(D.J's)** pulled themselves together and patched up their wounds the best they could in preparation for a backside battle against Coach's "Rackham Asylum." **(D.J's)** limped their way victoriously to go into the 5 PM round against Lion's Eye "Drop It Like It's Slop" However, the balls didn't drop as the Lion's Eye group expected. Instead, **(D.J's)** came alive and functioned like a well oiled machine until it was "game over" and the "Drop It's" Dropped themselves out the door and down the road to home. So, back on the winner's track it was off to the Sunday Morning Bridesmaid round to plan their strategy for the next day's Sunday's Medal round.

In Sunday's 9-Am Bridesmaid / Bronze round the **(D.J's)** poured the cat nip to Hungry Tiger's "Tiger Fury and then chased the puddy tats on out the door with the bridesmaid check to claim a guaranteed regional slot, and at (Continued on Pg 4.)



SILVER - DELINQUENT TENDENCIES



SILVER - WRECKING CREW



GOLD - RIGHT ON CUE



PLATINUM - DYSFUNCTION JUNCTION

TRI-CUP



(Continued from Pg. 3) least a bronze medal. Heading into the 1:00 PM Bronze/Silver Medal round. (D.J's) "turned the hose on McNulty & Barry's "Wet & Wild" leaving them behind drenched and holding on to the Bronze and a \$600 check. In the 3:00 PM Silver/Gold Medal round (D.J's) gave "Delinquent Tendencies" a time-out sending them straight out the door to get their pictures taken with Merle and then down the road to home with the "Silver" and a \$900. check. Now there was only one more stop for "Dysfunction Junction" to go—and that was straight into the "Color of Money" Grand Finale where they would be competing against "Right On Cue" for everyone to see.

Well the crowd wasn't disappointed mainly because there wasn't much of a crowd left around to watch the slaughter. In spite of the fact that this was the first time in a Tri-Cup final, both teams—Dugout's "Right On Cue," and "Falco's" "Dysfunction Junction" made a respectable attempt at winning, and the match came down to the last ball on the last table playing..

After a horrible attempt at a *color of money break* on 5 simultaneous match tables (*All 5 lag winners tried to break the racks in unison on command*). The Final results were as follows:

On table 8, (D.J's) SL-4 **Kyle Ho** shutout "**R.OC's**" SL-3 **Ben Schneider** 3-0— for an applied Score of 3-Zip for (D.J's)

On table 10, "**R.OC's**" SL-4 **Greg Shields** came right back with a 4-1 win over (D.J's) Captain—SL-4 **Sherry Maresh** for an applied score of 2-Zip. Bringing the overall match score now to: 3 -2. still in favor of (D.J's)

On table 11 "**R.OC's**" SL-5 **Paul Soldan** lost a double hill thriller against (D.J's) SL-5 **Kim Hentz** 4-3 in an epic battle that saw **Kim** claim a 2-1 victory and bring the overall match score total now to 5-3 still in favor of (D.J's) . At this point with two match races yet to finish it was still possibly anyone's game.

On table 12, (D.J's) SL-4 **George Bute** went after "**R.OC's**" **Jeff Farnsworth** in hopes of sealing up the deal. Well that didn't happen. Instead, "**R.OC's**" **Jeff Farnsworth** out maneuvered **George** and took him down 5-Zip to receive a 3-Zip applied score for the "**R.OC's**". Score now: 6 to 5. in favor of the "**R.OC's**."

On table 13, the last table— "**R.OC's**" SL-3 **Kyle Milligan** 97202268 was matched up against (D.J's) SL-6 **Glenn Maresh** in a 2-5 match-race. It was an egg shell stepping match. Their play was meticulous, competitive, careful, methodical, and calculative. So much time had gone by, in fact, that all of the other tables had already finished and the scoresheets picked up and held in secret by Merle. **Kyle** and **Glenn** still had a third of their race to go, and had no idea how the rest of their teammates had, or had not, done in their matches. (D.J's) **Glenn** won the first two games, but SL-3 **Kyle** won game #3 and that put him up on the hill. In some very tense playing, **Glenn** managed to win games 4, & 5, and now the match was at double hill... The last game both players had the opportunity to win, but it was **Glenn** who pocketed the final 8-Ball and win the case game for a 5-1 win that gave (D.J's) **Glenn** an applied match score of 2-1.. This unknown to everyone except **Merle**.... brought the total overall team match score to "[7]" points for (D.J's) and "[7]" points for "**R.OC's**" !!!

The Team Match was tied at 7 points apiece. The "Tie Breaker," of course, was whoever the team was that had won 3 out of the 5 match races. - "**R.OC's**" had won Match Races 2 and 4, and (D.J's) had won Match Races 1, 3, & 5.

For their 2nd place finish Dugout's "Right On Cue" from the Skyline D.J. division received the Gold Medallion necklaces, and a check for \$1,220, plus entry into the Regionals. Falco's "Dysfunction Junction" received the Platinum Medallion Star Necklaces, a check for \$1,624, entry into Regionals, and all the bragging rights to becoming the Spring Session 2017 8-Ball Tri-Cup team champions.

The next step will be the June 16-18, 2017 8-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured teams will compete along with the honorable and worthy finalists from both the Summer and Fall 8-Ball Tri-Cup competitions. We have lost a slot because of a drop in our Open 8 & 9-Ball team count (APA give us team credit for scotch, Triple play, etc., so we will only have 6 slots—not 7 or 8— allocated to us for the 2017 APA National 8-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada, August 55-22th, 1279.

Special Thanks again to the staff and crews of Rodders, and Wichata, and for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: Don Walker, Shawn Kellar, Charlie Walker, Steve Chandler, Kevin Logan, Sammy McCabe, Maximum Buhler, and John Blue.

Capt.-Co-Captain Tournament



The first Saturday beginning the new session is usually the OPAL day of appreciation for all those who commanded teams the previous session. This time around, since we had holiday conflicts we moved this event to May 27th. Rodders in Oregon City hosted the 26 player turnout. With the \$15 per player entry, and \$75 in added money from Rodders and OPAL we had a total payout purse of \$450 which was paid to the top '8' finishers in the field.

The 32 Board tournament chart was modified single elimination which meant that every player was guaranteed to play at least two times, but beginning the 3rd round in the winners side it then became single elimination. The format was patterned akin to that of the US Amateur in that both 8-Ball and 9-Ball games were usually played. The winner of the (Continued on Page 5)

Capt.-Co-Captain Tournament



(Continued from Pg. 4) lag had first choice of either to break or to name the game. If the lag winner chose to break then the opponent chose what game to play first. If the lag winner chose to name the game then the opponent got to break. Skill level 2 & 3's had to win 2 games; Skill Level 4 & 5's had to win 3 games; and Skill level 6 & 7's had to win a total of four games.

We began the competition just after everyone checked in and the board drawn. Play actually began in humane human time around Noon-Thirty Pm just after everyone was registered, the board drawn, and a brief player's meeting where the players opted to go for a \$. green fee rather than hassle with a bunch of dumb quarters. We used all of the tables that were made available and the event progressed quickly. The final match ended a just a little bit before 6:00 PM. Everyone played hard, continuously, and shared in the camaraderie. It was a fun time.

The race to the "bragging rights" was a completely opposite journey for both finalists. **Tarek** (SL-8) **Zaher, Co**-Captain of "Sotally Tober" who plays out of Midway's Public House in the Southern D. J. division, went undefeated all the way to the finals. In the first round he wiped out **Dwayne** (SL-5) **Lord 5-Zip**. **Tarek** also scored a 2nd round 5-0 win over **Dallas** (SL-6) **Roemeling**, In round 3 he actually lost a game, but still went on to a 5-1 victory over **Kevin** (SL-5) **Blodgett** which left him in the bridesmaid slot and ended his tournament journey for the day. In the next Round, after fighting her way valiantly back through the loser's side, **Amy** (SL-5) **Wright** even utilizing some feminine wiles still got clobbered 5-zip, but had fun and got to take home a check for \$30 in 5th place money. In the Semi Final match **Eric** (SL-7) **Stedman-Falls** managed to make it to the hill before **Tarek**, but fell short and just couldn't seal the deal and eventually fell in double hill defeat 5-3.

Meanwhile, while **Tarek** was doing his thing, then there was a gentleman by the name of **John** (SL-6) **Prahl** who Captains the OT Outlaws out of Orchard Tap in the TPM-Vancouver division. **John** began his day's journey by getting pummeled by SL-5 **Rick Heagle 3-2** and sent into the loser's side right out of the gate. Refocusing, **John** faced off against **Amber** (SL-4) **Hi nchman-Eastman** who he took down with a 4-1 win. Next, **John** was pitted against the mighty **Tim** (SL-6) **Higginson** who ended up in a 4-1 defeat and following **Amber** out the door. **John** now entering the money rounds came back from the dark side to take on **Justin** SL-6 **Walker** defeating him 4-2, but sending **Justin** out the door with \$30 in 5th place money. Next it was the Semi-finals and he was up against **Mr. Dave** (SL-6) **McDowell**. **John** was focused and on a roll and defeated him 4-1 sending him off out the door with a check for \$60 in 3rd place money.

Now it was into the finals arena for **John** & **Tarek**, and whether the problem was that **John** had just got tired, or that **Tarek** had gotten the fear of losing thrown into him by **Erik**— Whatever the case, 5 straight games later and it was all over—**Tarek Zaher** had captured the "Bragging Rights" to being the 2017 Spring Session Captain Co-Captain champion. For his efforts **Tarek** received \$120 for first place, and **John** received \$90 for 2nd place.

Special Thanks to Rodders Staff & Crew who did a great job as event hosts. And also special thanks to Don "Coyote" Walker for officiating and helping Merle with setting up the tournament,



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THE LOSER'S CORNER



The 4 people listed below have been verified as losers from the May 22, 41521279 Newsletter If you happen to see any of these people give 'em your best razzing and then give 'em the old "L" sign,—all the while thanking them for leaving a shirt in the box so you can have a shot at winning it!

- 1—**WAYNE DELATTE** (97210974) plays for Belmont Inn's "Right to Bear Cues" in the Downtown D.J. division
- 2—**DENA GREEN** (97212652) who plays for Coach's "Rackham Asylum" in the Skyline D.J. division.
- 3—**DAVID MULDOON** (97217447) who plays for Slingshot's "Slingin' Around" in the Sunrise D.J. division..
- 4—**KELSEY BAYLESS** (97219516) who plays for Sellwood Inn's "Milwaukie's Best" in the Mt. Hood D.J. div.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to gawk at, then look to see if your number is hidden somewhere..

REMEMBER, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, and **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

