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9-Ball Team Regional

June 9-11

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

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

From the May 29th 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 5th 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...!

BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD



There was one team McAnulty & Barry's “Profanity” had gotten into this regional by “Rite of Succession” as an already qualified team cannot deprive another team of a regional slot by taking two slots for themselves. Therefore, “Profanity” will be competing—just like everyone else—for one of six (6) \$4,500 World Pool Competition slots to be held at the Westgate Hotel & Casino, this coming August 10-19 in Las Vegas. Eight teams from each of the three APA League sessions—Summer-2016, Fall-2016, and, of course, the just recently competed—Spring 2017. This Regional however, will be competing using a full double elimination event format, and 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 \$4,500 National Las Vegas slots. The remaining two slots would have to play on through the conclusion of Sunday's 1:00 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 Platinum Medal Winner's from Sam's in the Sunrise D.J. division—“HIT SQUAD” with Team Captain: Andrew Rolfe, and teammates—Steve Herring, Heather Miller, 97211939 Mark Earles, James Luton, Byrd McDonald, Michael Christenson, and Chuck Creighton. “Hit Squad's” journey was “Wham, Bam, & Bam” undefeated through the winner's side by “slap-sticking” Sellwood Inn's Spring/Silver” Medallioner's “Here To Have Fun” to the last chance side of the bracket. Next they left them “Nothing” when they knocked Jo Saloon's Fall/Bronze team “The Best or Nothing” on to the backside, and then in the winner's side final Saturday evening the “Hit Squad” 86'd Epic Sports Bar's Fall/Platinum's “Goof Shot Shelby” off to the “last freakin' chance side.”



#1 of 6: The HIT SQUAD

Taking the Second set of seats on the plane to Las Vegas from the Midway in Southern D.J. division, was: “Pool Ball Wizards” who were one of the Summer session's “Bronze” Medal winner's with Team Captain: Brian Holgate, and teammates—Andrew Ebalaroza, Wayne Wakabayashi, Dale Schroder, Larry Poe, Buck & Teri Campbell, and Jose Otero. The “Wizards” journey was SHORT and UNDEFEATED. First the drew a Friday night “Bye” then they whooped ass on Mousetraps “Swingin' Sticks,” and then they blasted (Continued on Pg. 2.)

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(Continued from Pg. 1) Andy Inn's Spring/ Bronze absolute "**Nobodys**," and sent them to explore in the dark side.

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Taking the Third set of economy seats on that coveted plane ride to Las Vegas (and back) from the Sunrise D.J. division was the Fall Session's Tri-Cup Silver Medallion winner's -- Sam Billiard's, "**Wolf Pack**" with Team Captain: **Issac Norman**, and teammates— **Alec Hamilton, Randy Yung, Lachuy Nguyen, Erin Mitchell, David Kang, and William Chanda**.

"**Wolf Pack's**" journey was the same type of 3 banger as was the "**Hit Squad**". On Friday Night the "**Wolvesies**" were right on cue when they brought down Fall/Gold "**Right On Cue**," and sent them to their demise in the "**Last Freakin' Chance Side**." In the 9 AM Saturday round the "**Wolf Pack**" "**ambushed**" the **River Road House's** Fall Bronze "**Under8ed**." Then the wolfer's threw what remained to their wolf cousins hiding out in the "**Last Freakin' Chance**" forest just before making their way up the trail to the Finals against Spring/Bronze "**Underground's Assassins**." By luck of the draw, the Ass's had enjoyed a Friday Night "Bye," but then had come back in the Saturday morning round to "**steal the cheese**" from the Summer/Bronze "**Mousetrap**" which gave them the fast, inside track to the Saturday night Finals against the ferocious "**Wolf Pack**" who ended up Assassinating the "**Assassin's**" and claiming the bragging rights to the third row of plane seats.

Going undefeated into Saturday's winner's side 5:00 PM front side finals the Summer/Silver "**City Hunters**" were up against the undefeated **McAnulty & Barry's** Fall Session's Bronze Medal winner's —"**Wet & Wild**," who on Friday Night, had not only rubbed off all the lipstick from the faces of the "**Kiss Kiss's**" Kissy faces, but had also sent them into the ecstasy of the dark side. Then, on Saturday morning, "**Wet & Wild**" over powered Spring/Gold "**Delinquent Tendencies**" due to some missing team members that unfortunately sent the "**delinquents**" into the "**Last Freakin' Chance Side**" enabling "**Wet & Wild**" to enter the last 5 PM final's ring of the day against the "**City Hunters**."

The 4th race battle was both long and fierce. The air was full of tension so great you felt like you could have had to cut it with a knife. Many of the players succumb to the pressure and missed some easy shots that they normally would not have missed, but then there were a light of spectacular shots that were made as well.

When the winning ball was pocketed— Staking their claim to the "**bragging rights**," of being a 2017 Regional Champion, winning the Fourth, and last set of economy seats of the day on the August 2017 plane to "**Lost Wages**." From the Farside D.J. division was **Andy's Inn's**-Silver Medal team from Summer Session.2016—"The **City Hunters**." with Team Captain: **Wally Li**, and teammates— **Damien Hale, Roy Chan, Joanna Miles, Biviano Jimenez, Jimmy Wu, Skip Martin, and Crystal Miller**.

The **City Hunters** had managed to win out over **McAnulty & Barry's** "**Wet & Wild**," knocking them head-first into the "Last Freakin' Chance Side," but the good news was that the wild wets still had a shot at winning one of the last two available \$4,500 . (Continued on Page 3.)



#2 of 6: POOL BALL WIZARDS



#3 of 6: The WOLF PACK



#4 of 6: The CITY HUNTERS

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(Continued from Page 2.) Vegas Slots that were still possibly obtainable.

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Sunday's play only had two rounds of team matches. However, each team match was required to play continuously on two tables simultaneously... Everybody had the opportunity of being well rested because Saturday Night's play had finished by 11 PM, and Sunday's Round #1 competition was not scheduled to begin until 10:30 AM at the Wichita Town Pub.

At the conclusion of Saturday night in the last Freaking Chance side there were only 4 teams left alive and standing: (1) Midway's Spring/Silver **"Money In The Bank,"** (2) Mousetrap's Spring/Bronze **"Swingin' Sticks,"** (3) River Road House's Fall/Bronze **"Under8ed,"** and (4) McAnulty & Barry's **"Right of Succession"**—no medal team—**"Profanity."**

The four teams coming over to the backside after having lost in the four Saturday night winner's side finales were:
 (1) Epic's Fall/Platinum **"Good Shot Shelby,"** who were slotted to play on tables 6 & 7 against **"Profanity."**
 (2) Andy's Spring/Bronze **"The Nobodys,"** who were slotted to play on tables: 1 & 2 against River Road's **"Under8ed."**
 (3) Underground's Spring/Bronze **"Assassins,"** who were slotted to play on tables: 8 & 9 against Mousetrap's **"Swingin' Sticks."** And Lastly,
 (4) McAnulty & Barry's Fall/Bronze **"Wet & Wild,"** who were slotted to play on tables: 4 & 11 against the Midway Publik House's **"Money In The Bank."**

The winner's of the four 10:30 match ups would be going on to compete in the 1:00 PM Final whereas the loser's would unfortunately be going home sadly experienced, and empty handed. But then, that's the way competition is Sometimes one wins, and sometimes one loses....*That's just the way the Mercedes Benz.*

After the conclusion of the 10:30 AM round #1, there would be only four teams left standing in the competition. On tables 6 & 7 **"Profanity"** defeated **"Good Shot Shelby."** On Tables 3 & 4 Underground's **"Assassins"** assassinated **"Swingin' Sticks."** On Tables 1 & 2 **"Under8ed"** was rerouted out the door by **"The Nobodys,"** and on tables 8 & 9 **"Money In The Bank"** ended up depositing **"Wet & Wild"** on out the door and down the road to home.

Next up was the 1:00 PM final Finale. Two teams would be taking the **"Co-Bragging Rights"** to the 5th and 6th set of plane seats on the August 2017 flight to **"Lost Wages,"** and the other two team's would each be receiving a consolation check for \$500 to spend by group consensus however they wanted. They could all go drown their sorrows at a local pub, throw themselves a party, have a Bar B Q, go out to a nice team dinner together. See a movie, or simply just split up the money equally between them—Whatever!!!.

Emerging from the 10:30 AM round into the 5th World Vegas Slot Final—playing in the top tier of the last chance side on tables 6 & 7 were Underground's Spring / Bronze **"Assassins,"** versus Midway's Spring /Silver **"Money In The Bank,"** Playing on two tables simultaneously, the team match was declared over in less then 4 races due to the **Assassins** being assassinated 51-29. The winner got the bragging rights to the 5th set of plane seats to the World competition in Las Vegas, the loser, got \$500 in consolation money to help go drown their bridesmaid sorrows. Therefore, from the Willamette D.J. Division, Midway's Spring/Silver **"Money In The Bank"** with Team Captain: **Robert Ryder** and teammates—**Steve Tune, Jerry Harris 97215805 William & Ashley La Crosse, Marilyn Polk, and Nyla Sims**

Emerging from the 10:30 AM round into the 6th World Vegas Slot Final—playing in the Bottom tier of the last chance side of the bracket on tables 9 & 10 were the Andy Inn's Spring / Bronze **"Nobody's"** versus McAnulty & Barry's **"no medal"** Spring / Succession **"Profanity."** Playing on two tables simultaneously, the teams match-up was very close and almost went the distance but by a deciphered score of 51-49 **"Profanity"** secured the \$4,500 Vegas Slot and all the bragging rights to the 6th set of plane seats to the World competition in Las Vegas, the losing team, got \$500 in consolation money to help give them a bit of southern comfort. (Or Jack Daniels) Meanwhile, from the Mt. Hood D.J. Division, McAnulty & Barry's **"Right of Succession"**—No Medal winning team of: **"Profanity"** with Team Queen: **Barbara Duval** and teammates—**Brent Sanchez, Julie Blake, Kathy Boone, Adam Putman, JD Cantu, and James Briscoe.** (Continued on Pg. 4.)



#5 of 6: MONEY IN THE BANK



#6 of 6: PROFANITY

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(Continued from Page 3) Receiving a "Runner Up" consolation check for \$500. were the very last two defeated finalist teams of the competition. Concluding their journey In the upper tier bracket, were Underground's Spring/Bronze medal winner's "**Assassins**" from the Northwest D.J. division with Team Captain: **Andrew Amador**, and teammates— **Jason Coates, Jimmy truong, Jacobie Coates, Deana Copeland, Kyle Mohr, Joy Sears, and Dylan Helpingstine**; also.....

Concluding their journey in the Lower fork of the bracket and winning a parallel "Runner Up" Consolation Check for \$500 was Andy Inn's Spring-Bronze medal winner's **The "Nobodys"** from the Moonlight D.J. division with Team Captain: **Ted Clemens**, and teammates— **Kirk Clemems, Jia Li, John Hornby, Chris & Liezel Nicol, Mia Anderson, and Robert Randall**.

Special Thanks to **Wichita Town Pub**— **Mike, Tara, Blaze, Brandi**, and crew for being such Gracious hosts! And, our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our seasoned OPAL Referees: **Shawn Kellar, Dan Fendall, Kevin McCarthy, and John Blue**



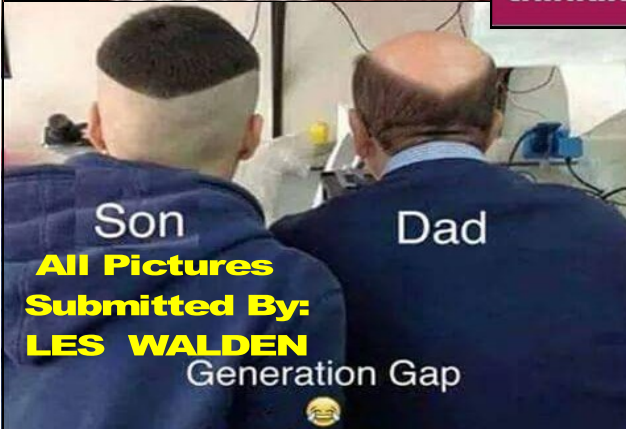
RUNNER-UP: UNDERGROUND ASSASSINS



RUNNER-UP: The NOBODY'S



Growing old is hard work... The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"



"Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."
~Unknown~

So I just saw a donkey crossing the road. The cool thing was he looked both ways before crossing. What a smart ass.



THE LOSER'S CORNER



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-RENEE' BARNES (97209623) who plays for Falco's "**Arkham Asylum**" in the **Farside D.J.** division.
- 2-ANDREA FLORES (97217705) who plays for Wilshire's "**Death By Vegas**" in the **NE-8** division.
- 3-ZADA SPIESS (97215477) who plays for Slingshot Lounge's "**All The Almonds**" in the **Southeast D.J.** division.
- 4-LEAH WEGNER (97218529) who plays for Fortune Star's "**Who Needs Enemies**" in the **Parkrose D.J.** division
- 5-NATE IVERSON (97221486) who plays for Epic Sports Bar's "**Good Shot Shelby**" in the **Parkrose D.J.** division.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look to see if your 97218668 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..!**

