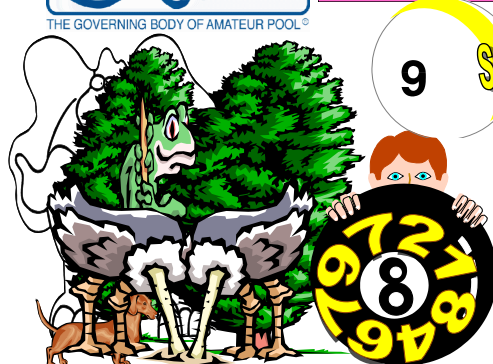




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Summer 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

SEPTEMBER 13-15th Rodder's and KC's Midway in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. KC's Midway hosted the Sunday finals.

The Hosts and crews of both places were both very good hosts and took care of everyone very well. Other than some minor microphone connection problems at Rodder's everything seemed to go along pretty smooth logistically—especially since the "DUCKS" won!!!

There were 44 9-Ball division finalist teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,—which was double elimination through the first 2 rounds transcending into single elimination beginning the third round. It was a weekend of close competition with many of the team matches going right down to the last rack to decide a winner. However, if a team reached 50 points with three match wins, or 51 points the match was declared over.

We had a total payout fund of **\$13,064** which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 71% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost 40% of those came down to the last rack. We ran one round on Friday night, three rounds on Saturday, and concluded on Sunday with four rounds finishing up at 8:30 PM. An interesting statistic this time around was that exactly 50% that lost on Friday lost their very next match too and were put out of the tournament. Apparently Summer Re-Runs was a big part of the curriculum! The final results were as follows:

FINISHING 33-44th and winning **\$150** were: Mike's "Filthy McNastys," Back Alley's "Team Shockers," Blitz 99's "Blitzkreig," Mousetrap's "Powershots," Shamrock's "8 Amigos," Ickabod's "Ninth Element," River Road House's "8's & A's," Coach's "Put Me In Coach," The Perch's "Balls In Hand," Back Alley's "Pool Hustlers," Yazzi's "Pocket Pool," and Nite Hawk's "Wild Wranglers."

FINISHING 25-32nd and winning **\$175** was Underground's "Shark Tank," West Union's "Spicy Pickled Taco's," Sunrise Division's "Sam's Billiards," Pub 181's "Secret Society," McAnulty & Barry's "Shooting With Dad," Back Alley's "Blackbirds," Ringo's "Scratch 'N Sniff," and Ickabod's "Maybe Next Week."

FINISHING 17-24 and winning **\$225** was: Wrangler's "Twisted Stixx," Shamrock's "Slop Is Sexy," Timber's "Cutters," Northern Division's "Red Fir Inn," Cascade's "Vantucky Pocket Pounders," Slingshot's "Slinging Around," Sam's "Not League Material," and Back Alley's "Seriously !!!."

FINISHING 9-16 and winning **\$325** was: Jin's "Rawhide," Viewpoint's "VP Butterballs," Park City Pub's "Chalk It Up," (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 last week's September 9th newsletter there wasn't a single person that called in—Rather Amazingly there were TWO ! Yes that's right there were 2 people who called in and they were: **Daniel Villarreal** (97215729) who plays for "Leo's Lair" in the West Hills D.J. division; and **Allen Rowley** (97219160) who plays for River Road House's "U-Rack-Em" in the Mid-Valley Double Jeopardy division.

There's still one more week & three unfound numbers left (plus the 5 new ones from this week's newsletter) before the losers corner comes into effect.

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 week-long spotlight on the back page where all your peers can gawk, jeer, and poke fun at you.

Simply 'cause they'll know that there will be a shirt waiting for them in the box 'cause YOU weren't observant enough to find yours & avoid the embarrassment!

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(Continued from Pg. 1) Fortune Star's "The Other Guys.," 505's "Bud 30," Fortune Star's "Disfunction R Us," Sundowner's "9 Hangin'," and River Road Houses' "Off In Church."

FINISHING 5—8th and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$450 each were: River Road Houses's "Balls-N-Hand" from the Willamette DJ division— with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates-- **Jacob McNamee, Billie Spillers, Theresa Chesney, Cory Kalteich, Dennis Worsham, Chris Huntley,, and Dede Dickow**; Pit Stop's "Chalked & Loaded" from the Western 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Dallas Roemeling**, and teammates-- **John Patrick, Erik Brown, Robert Brown, Jerry Sindt, Mark Fisher, and Bart Sunseri**; Falco's "Cheap Dates" from the Far-East Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Jason Gilbert**, and teammates--**Mike Black, Renee' Barnes, Adam King, Chad Carl, Leslie Roth, and Bridger Husemann**; and Ice House's "Right On Cue" from the River City 9-Ball division with Team Captain: **Tony Baldwin**, and teammates-- **Thomas Roberts, Derrick Kephart, Jeremy Hubbard, Thomas Judge, Cari Safley, Johnny Watson, and Frank Rumpel**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$650 each was: McAnulty & Barry's "Profanity" from the Mt. Hood Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Barb Duval**, and teammates-- **Gary Jackson, Andrew Dalbey, Adam & Cassie Baker, Dustin Jackson, Devin Orouke, and Misty Glenn**; AND Midway's "Boomer's Ringers" from the Southern Double Jeopardy. division— with Team Captain: **Eileen Read**, and teammates--**Rod Bair, Leanna Gray, Amber McKune, Chris Read, and Lyn Kelsey**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$900 from the Central 9-Balldivision was Sam's Billiard's "Mark It Zero Donnie" with Team Captain: **Chris Parra**, and teammates: **Andrew Hoffman, Morgan Sackett, Kimberly Engh, Daniel Trafican, Jason Stabe, Paul Marquez, and Claudine Elzey**.

FINISHING 1ST and winning the bragging rights—the coveted Platinum Medallions— and the top money prize of \$1,264 was: Falco's "Madam's Misfits" From the Farside Double Jeopardy division with Team Captain: **Connie Barnes**, and teammates:—**Miller & Stormi Lowe, Mike Black, Kelly Lowe, Jason Lovell, Tony Ramirez, and James Newland**.

Both teams ended up taking the shorter undefeated route to get to the finals. "Madam's Misfits" played with a lot of heart and often just barely escaped out of the clutches of their opponents on their egg shell stepping journey towards the finals. At KC's Midway "Madam" drew a "Bye" on Friday Night. Arriving Saturday morning they came cooking right out of the gate by making pancakes out of "V.P. Butterballs" 51-9 to advance to the 5 PM round against "Twisted Stixx." "Madam" twisted them right out (Continued on Page 3.)



BRONZE -- BALLS-N-HAND



BRONZE -- CHALKED & LOADED



BRONZE -- CHEAP DATES



BRONZE -- RIGHT ON CUE

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The door with a 54-23 4 race defeat to move on to Sunday's 9 AM medal round against "Bud 30." Through 4 races the score was tied 40-40, but Madam prevailed to win 56-44 and guarantee themselves a spot in the 2014 June Regionals. Next "Madam" out spent "Cheap Date" 51-41 sending them out the door with the Bronze, Next, "Madam's" found themselves down 42-38 after 4 races against "Profanity," but "Profanity" couldn't field a 5th player so Madam got to leave them behind cursing the Silver while they went on to the waiting seat for the Gold/Platinum finals.

Meanwhile, "Mark It Zero Donnie" took a similar path to the finals. Drawing a "Bye" on Friday night up at Rodder's, they started out Saturday morning by snacking on the "Spicy Pickled Taco's" 50-14 sending them to the one loss side. In the 5:00 Pm round they sling-shoted "Slingin' Around" out the door 50-20 in just four races. Sunday's 9 Am medal round was against "Chalk It Up." The "Donnies" dominated with a 50-36 win to show 'em the door to home, and claim the bragging rights, to at least a Bronze Medallion and a slot to regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday "The Donnies" ended the journey for "Chalked & Loaded" by clobbering them 50-30 and leaving them behind holding the Bronze. In the 3 PM round "Boomer's Ringers" fell by the wayside 50-32, and so it was off the finals for the "Zero Markers" and off down the silver asphalt highway for "Boomer's Dead Ringers."

The "Madam's Misfits" / "Mark It Zero Donnie" finale got underway on 5 tables with all five tables breaking simultaneously on Merle's command. Each table had an assigned scorekeeper who turned in the score-sheet to Boomer when each individual match finished. The final results are as follows:

On Table 1: Madam's SL-4 **Jason Lovell** defeated Zero's SL-4 **Andrew Hoffman** 14-6.

On Table 2: Madam's SL-3 **Tony Ramirez** defeated Zero's SL-3 **Jason Stabe** 13-7.

On Table 3: Madam's SL-2 **Kelly Lowe** over-ran Zero's SL-3 Team Captain, **Christopher Parra** 16-4.

On table 4: Madam's SL-3 **Stormi Lowe** slaughtered Zero's SL-3 **Morgan Sockett** 18-2, and lastly:

On table 5: Madam's SL-6 **Michael Black** got his butt handed to him by Zero's SL-9 **Paul Marquez** 16-4. Tallying up the match scores the final results were:

MADAM'S MISFITS: 65 — MARK IT ZERO DONNIE: 35.

After everything was said and done, "Madam's Misfits" were all grins and ecstatically happy that they were able to claim the victory, the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a \$1,264 check, and all the bragging rights to being the 2013 Summer Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. "Mark It Zero Donnie" expressed fantastic sportsmanship when they went out of their way to congratulate Madam's on their win. For winning the Gold "The Donnies" received \$900.

The next step will be the June 2014 9-Ball Regionals where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 9-Ball Tri-Cups for one of six team slots that will be allocated to us this next year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at Las Vegas during August 2014.

Special Thanks again to the owners and staff of Rodders and KC's Midway for being such Gracious hosts! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: John Blue, Terry Pinto, Shannon Young, Charlie Walker, Stephen Schneringer, and Don "Coyote" Walker,



SILVER -- PROFANITY



SILVER -- BOOMER'S RINGERS



GOLD -- Mark It Zero Donnie



PLATINUM -- MADAM'S MISFITS

OPAL-APA NW 9-BALL CHALLENGE

November 7 - 10, 2013

Chinook Winds Casino --- Lincoln City, Oregon



Don't laze around and miss out on one of OPAL-APA's grandest events. The OPAL-APA NW 9-Ball Challenge at Chinook Winds Casino at the beach front in Lincoln City. APA poolplayers from far and wide come from all over just to attend this event.

Chinook Winds is going all out again with all kinds of goodies and surprises to go along with the event.

There will be lots of fun side events going on, Chances to win one of several nice cue give-aways, or possibly \$1,200 to buy yourself a trip for two to the tropical isles of Hawaii! Plus you'll get plenty of opportunity to play lots and lots of pool.

If you've never attended one of our APA-Chinook Winds events then this will be your chance to be a part of one and have a blast while

getting away from it all at the same time. If you haven't signed your team up — do it now before it's too late. The last few years we've had to turn teams away—the teams who missed out last time have all made sure that they get in this time because many have already signed up. If you want to play, but need a scotch partner, or another person to fill out your three person team at least send in your portion of the entry fee to hold your slot while you look.

If you need help finding someone to partner up with call the league office maybe we can help find you someone that's to your liking. This is APA where everyone can play and anyone can win—or at the very least be competitive. We offer many extra fun activities to go along with the main even competitions as well....Beat the Mere, Survivor, Rocket Pool, Mini Tournaments and other fun things. So give it a try. No matter what skill level you are, you're sure to be glad you came because like before, it's going to be a grand time. **SIGN UP NOW Call the League Office 503-243-6725.**

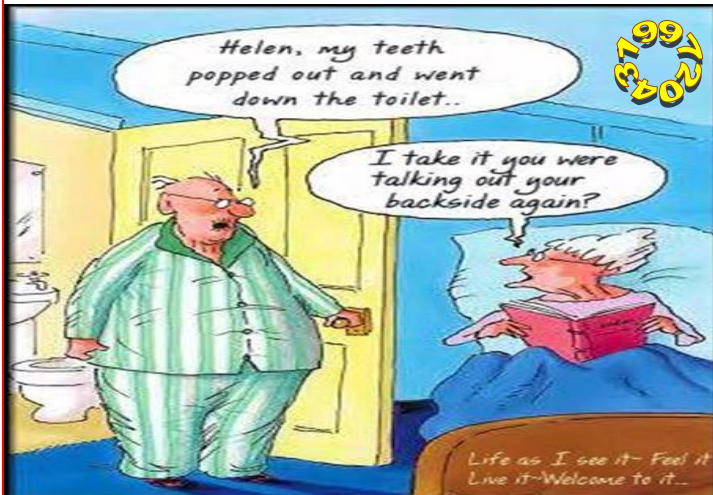


EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN. Submitted By: **Dan Bochard**

Missy, A dog lover, whose dog was a female and in estrous had agreed to look after her neighbors' male dog while they were on vacation. She had a large house and believed that it would be no problem at all for her to keep the two dogs apart.

However, as she was drifting off to sleep that first night she heard awful howling and moaning sounds. Immediately she rushed downstairs and discovered the dogs were painfully locked together, and unable to disengage, as frequently happens when dogs get happy together.

Missy was Unable to separate the two dogs, and perplexed as to what to do next, she decided her best option was to call Dr. Quagmire, the veterinarian—although it was late. He answered the phone in a very grumpy voice. After Missy explained the problem to him, the vet said, "Hang up the phone and place it down alongside the dogs. I will then call you back and the noise of the ringing will make the male relax and he will be able to get free." "Wow..." said Missy, "So you think that will work?" "It sure as hell worked on me!" he replied...



There is no loser's corner until next week! But, there are still 3 numbers unclaimed from week #1 plus 5 new ones from this week-So, get looking !!

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