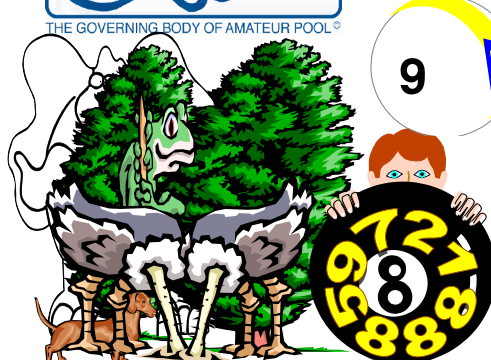




# The OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS

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## Fall 9-Ball Tri-Cup Results

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15—17 Rodder's and Midway's Public House in Oregon City graciously co-hosted our OPAL-APA Fall Session 9-Ball Tri-Cup. Midway hosted the Sunday finals. The Hosts and crews of both places did a nice job as hosts.

This time, again there were all kinds pesky computer-internet connection problems throughout the weekend at both locations causing several schedule delays. Unfortunately there were a lot of double hill matches that occurred that distorted the time schedule as well which contributed to holding up most of the next round of matches from starting on schedule

There were 44 division 9-Ball finalists teams competing in the Modified Single elimination format,— which is 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 \$16,944 (which was dispersed throughout the entire field. 63% of the total matches came down to double hill and almost half 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 7:30 PM. An interesting statistic was that exactly half of the teams that lost on Friday lost their very next match and were out of the tournament, but only 7 of the 16 teams who lost the Saturday 9 AM round Lost in the 1 PM round. This indicated that losing Friday night is definitely not the path to take! The results are as follows:

**FINISHING 33-44th and winning \$162 were:** Ice House's "Bus Boys," Fortune Star's "Prove It," Sam's "Tabula Rasa," Leo Lair's "Um Your Team," 505 Tavern's "Bud 30," Scotty's "It's A Stupid Game," 4th Plain's "Cereal Killers," McAnulty & Barry's "Mac & Cheese," Ickabod's "Lemonheads," Dugout's "Right On Cue," Dugout's "A Stick Shy," and Underground Sport Bar's "No Slop For the Wicked."

**FINISHING 25-32nd & winning \$225 were:** River Road House's "Milwaukies Best," MaGuffy's "Why So Hard?," Fortune Star's "Trick Shots," Slingshot Lounge's "All The Almonds," Wrangler's "Chalking Dead," Timber's "Shot Effect," McAnulty & Barry's "Rebels & Outlaws," and Mike Place's "King's Table."

**FINISHING 17-24th and winning \$350 was** Wichita Town Pub's "No Whining," Billy Blue's "Hugh Jazz Ballers," Andy's Inn "Andy's Aces," Shamrock's "The Dream Team," Wrangler's "Motor Boatin'." Midway's "Sotally Tober," Sundown Pub's "Crazy 9's," and Cascade Bar's "Sammy's Slammers."

**FINISHING Bridesmaid 9-16TH and winning \$450 were:** Fortune Star's "Devil's Rejects," Mousetrap's "Huh? Who?," Timber's "Kue Krew," Shamrock's "Shooting Stars," Back Alley's "Pool Sharks," River Road House's "Bye Bye Beadie," Sundowner's "Nine Hangin'." and Main Street Station's "Down On Main Street."

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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 last week's Jan 11th newsletter One happy soul has found his hidden membership number and called in. That was: **Phil Foster** (97220341 who plays for Barlow Tavern's "Robot Unicorns" in the NE D.J. division. Congrats.

So folks, there is still one more week & four unfound numbers to go (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 camping trip to the back page where you'll be in full visibility of all your peers. Which possibly means, that they'll be able to point their fingers, laugh & snicker, giggle & snort, at you — simply because YOU weren't observant enough to find your number and thus avoid the embarrassment!

**BE AN OPAL WINNER INSTEAD!**

**MY PEOPLE SKILLS ARE JUST FINE.**  
*It's My Tolerance To Idiots That Needs Work.*

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and winning "Bronze Medallions" while taking home \$650 each were: River Road House's "Just The Tip" from the Southeast D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Merissa Yonker-Small**, and teammates--**Doug Seilhan, Leah Gibson, Randall & Kathleen Kleeman, Josh Serven, Mark Griffin, and Diane Gottfried**; River Road House's "Little Monsters" from the Willamette D.J. division with Team Captain: **Chris Nieland**, and teammates-- **Sarah Nieland, Jessica Wehling, Vanessa Raunch, Annie Tope, LeAnne Gray, Robert Wallace, and James Smith Jr**; "Sam's The Hit Squad" from the Central 9-Ball. division with Team Captain: **Andrew Rolfe**, and teammates--**Steve Herring, Steven Nord, Heather Miller, Donald Molnar, Mark Earles, James Lutton, and Byrd McDonald**; and Back Alley's "Yay Beer" from the Columbia D.J. division with Team Captain: **Vicki Conway**, and teammates--**Dustin Petersen, Marc Kinyon, Susan Savage, Randy Heim, Daniel Miller, and Kenneth Conway**.

FINISHING 3-4 and winning Silver Medallions and \$900 each was: Fortune Star's "City Hunters" from the Farside D.J. division with Team Captain: **Wing Li**, and teammates-- **Peter Hale, Jia Li, Chun Wu, Truc Le, Skip Martin, Edison Bee, and Roy Chan**; AND River Road House's "Under8ted" from the Southeast D.J. division— with Team Captain: **Phil Bremer**, and teammates – Alex Hoyt, Michael Keating, Richard Fry, Cory Kalteich, Jennifer Windell, Jennifer Gilley, and **Corynne Evans**.

FINISHING 2ND and winning Gold Medallions and \$1,200 from the Farside D.J. division was Fortune Star's "Ridonkulous" with Team Captain: **Stephanie Serocki**, and teammates: **Alicia Rinesh, Ryan Miller, Dan Ness, Izzy Lemus, Kristopher Pixley, Adam Arnett, and David Hoggatt**.

FINISHING 1ST & taking the bragging rights, the Platinum Medals and the top money prize of \$1,600 was: Wrangler's "Poke & Hope" from the Mt. Hood D.J. Division with Team Captain: **Katie Kemmerer**, and teammates: **Michael Grimm, Kole Roth, Megan Landess, Charles Roberts, and James Roberts**.

The Journeys for both "Ridonkulous" and "Poke & Hope" were full speed ahead to the finals. "Ridonkulous" began in Slot 9 at Rodders against "Shot Effect" who they blasted into the one loss side. In the Saturday 9 Am round "Rebels & Outlaws" were ridonkulously imprisoned to the one loss side as well. In the 5 PM round the "Ridonkulus" out-maneuvered "Andy's Aces" to win the right to come back and compete the next day at the Midway in the Sunday 9 AM Medal round against the emergent from the dark side "Down On Main Street." "Ridonkulous" just barely escaped unscathed from that match to claim a spot in the regionals and at least a Bronze Medallion.

In the Scheduled 1 PM Silver Medal round they played on two tables simultaneously and ambushed the notorious "Hit Squad" sending them out the door with the bronze to get their pictures taken along with \$650 for 5th place. Next in the Sat 3 PM match round "Ridonkulous" went down to the last ball to re-rate "Under8ted" out the door to get their pictures taken with the Silver medals and \$900 in their pockets to move into the final match-up of the day against the undefeated "Poke & Hope" team.

On the flip side of the coin Wrangler's "Poke & Hope's" journey began Friday Night at the Midway in slot 58 against "Bye Bye Beardie" who ended up going

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BRONZE -- Just The Tip



BRONZE -- Little Monsters



BRONZE -- The Hit Squad



BRONZE -- Yay Beer



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Next, in the 9 AM Saturday morning round the **"Pokers"** soured **"The Lemonheads"** sending them to their doom on the back side. In the 5 PM round, the **"Pokers"** were pitted up against **"Sammy's Slammers."** After the dust settled concluding the 5 PM round the last thing the **"Sammy's Slammed"** after picking up their **\$300** prize check, was the door to outside and home. **"Poke & Hope"** on the other hand, would be coming on back for the 9:00 Am Sunday Medal round to compete against **"Shooting Stars"** in the quest for a bronze Medal. It came down to the wire, but in the end, **"Poke & Hope"** prevailed over **"Shooting Stars"** and graciously sent them out the door as bridesmaids with **\$450** in their pockets while **"The Pokers"** claimed the bragging rights, to at least a Bronze Medallion and a slot to regionals.

In the 1 PM Sunday Silver Medal round all competitive matches went to playing on two tables simultaneously, **"Poke & Hope"** spanked **"The Little Monsters"** and sent them skedaddling on out to their rooms crying with the Bronze and **\$650**. Moving up into the 3 PM round **"Poke & Hope"** shot the boots off the **"City Hunters"** and left them behind out of ammo and headed down the Silver highway with **\$900**. Now it was off the Gold / Platinum finals for Wrangler's **"Poke & Hope"** and the Fortune Star's ridiculous **"Ridonkulous"**.

Whether **"Poke & Hope"** just went to a new level, or if **"Ridonkulous"** simply reduced themselves to the ridiculous it really doesn't matter. After a perfect **"Color of Money"** break, and when the final ball was pocketed on the 5 match-play tables the results were:

On Table 1: "Poke's" SL-3 **Megan Landess** upended "Ridonk's" SL-4 —**Adam Arnet** 14-6.

On Table 2: "Poke's" SL-4 Team Captain **Katie Kemmerer** clobbered "Ridonk's" SL-5 **Dan Ness** 17-3. 82941279

On Table 3: "Poke's" SL-9 **Michael Grim** bested Ridonk's SL-7 **Ryan Miller** 20-Zip.

On table 4: "Poke's" SL-5 **Kole Roth** squeaked by Ridonk's SL-2 team Captain **Stephanie Serocki** 12-8 and

On table 5: Polk's SL-5 **James Roberts** blasted by Ridonk's SL-5 **Alicia Rinesh** 16-4. Tallying up the final scores the final results were:

**"Poke & Hope: 79 — Ridonkulous: 21."**

After everything was said and done, Wrangler's **"Poke & Hope"** —all grinning from ear to ear were absolutely delighted that they had accrued the victory, along with the coveted Platinum Star Medallions, a **\$1,600** check, and all the bragging rights to being crowned the 2015 Fall Session 9-Ball Team Tri-Cup champions. For their efforts Fortune Star's **"Ridonkulous"** received **\$1,200** & Gold Medallions.

The next step will be the June 10-12th 2016 9-Ball Regionals at Rodders where all of the pictured winners will compete along with the other finalists from both the Summer and Spring 9-Ball Tri-Cups for what still appears to be 6 possible team slots that will be allocated to us this year into the APA National 9-Ball Team Championship at the Westgate in Las Vegas August 11-15, 2016.

Special Thanks again to **Rodders & Midway** for hosting this event! And our many thanks to the hard work and dedication put in by our OPAL Referees: **Dan Fendall, Steve Chandler, Ed Parenti, Sarah Pearson, Don "Coyote" Walker, and John Blue.** Also much appreciation to **Kim Norn & Erric Harmon** for stepping up to the plate and getting things going Sunday Morning because stupid Merle had left the ear plugs in his phone which cut off the sound to his alarm.



**SILVER -- City Hunters**



**SILVER -- Under8ted**



**GOLD -- Ridonkulous**



**PLATINUM -- Poke & Hope**





It's TIME once again for:  
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## MANDATORY ATTENDANCE For ALL NEW Division Reps

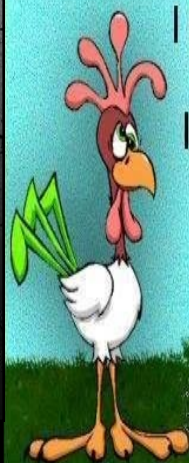
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