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OPAL: "A real 'GEM' in YOUR Community!"

THE OPAL GEM EXPRESS

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WELCOME TO SPRING SESSION 2011



Here we are into the final session of our 18th year of OPAL / APA... For those of you who are new to APA our regional OPAL / APA boundary is defined by the perimeters of Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah, and Washington counties. If you are a first time player welcome aboard you will soon find it to be a fun experience, and if you're a returning player we welcome you back in for 2011! With pride we can say that we have made many positive advances over the years and have become the premier example of excellence not only just in the Portland / Vancouver regional pool community, but for the entire West Coast as well as throughout the nation. Starting 2011 it is our hope that we'll finally surpass 600 active 8 & 9-Ball teams. Our creed is: "Sportsmanship Prevails", and we are "OPAL"—"A real "GEM" in YOUR Community!" But, we remember well that it is you—the APA player—who truly makes the Opal Gem shine and sparkle !

OPAL-APA has continually made terrific program advances via the Board of Governors who are active players that serve their respective divisions and the general membership in the role of Division Representative. The popular Tri-Cup tournament—a team money tournament that can also qualify your team for Regional play is an integral part of our ongoing program.

Starting with January 10's Opal Gem Express weekly newsletter we will be creatively hiding randomly drawn membership numbers somewhere within it's boundaries. Each time you find your number hidden in the newsletter and call into the league office with the Magic Words "Gimme My Shirt" you'll win a "free Shirt"—so good luck and good hunting! Also keep in mind that if you're the first to submit a joke, or cartoon, that is selected to be printed in the newsletter—you'll also receive with a "free" T-Shirt.. "Free — is a very good price! In addition, the newsletter, along with Boomer's Page, provides a weekly update on what's happening throughout our APA community as well as upcoming tournaments, and special events. Five membership numbers are drawn each week using a random draw which means your number can come up repeatedly.

"Cuetec Cues," "Valley Tables," & "Aramith Balls" — are all National Sponsors of APA and great supporters of the program. Locally, we have recently entered into a relationship with the Eugene, Oregon based **Ninkasi**. We hope that they will be every bit as beneficial to our membership as was Widmer Bros. We also have local merchants willing to give APA members special discounts on their products and services. If you take advantage of these merchant discounts you will be able to save a substantial amount of money over a very short period of time. It's a two way street—the more you support them, the more they'll support us.

As a reminder to those of you who are new to the league and/or have changed addresses... Please **PUT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY SCORESHEET ON THE BACK OF THIS IMMEDIATE WEEK'S SCORESHEET.** (Electronic divisions we need the email address of the person whose going to be receiving the information) We need to know who and where to send your new updates. Also, please include your zip code and your home, work, pager, and/or cell-phone numbers and email address's in case we need to contact you right away. 🙌😊

Merle, Boomer, Donna, John, Annette, & Brian

SIGNIFICANT DATES

January 8th —Fall
Capt-Co-Capt Tournament
Midway — Oregon City

January 14—16 th
9-Ball Tri-Cup - Midway &
Rodders in Oregon City

January 21 — 23 rd
8-Ball Tri-Cup @ Rodders &
Midway in Oregon City

February 5 th
Referee School @ Rodders

February 12-13th
Civil War— Midway & Rodders

February 19-20 th
Jack 'n' Jill Regionals-Rodder's

February 26-27
Singles Regional
Midway & Rodders

Friday April 15 th
Wild Card Draw-Mon & Tues
divisions Rodders

Sunday April 17th
Wild Card Draw-Wed, Thurs &
Sun. division Locations TBA

April 21-24
Chinook Winds OPAL-APA
NW Invitational—Lincoln City

Tuesday May 3 rd
New Player & Captains
Meeting @ Rodders

Sunday May 8 th
Spring Session End Party
@ Rodders

**Read the OPAL
By-Laws & YOUR
APA TEAM MANUAL**

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PLAY