We are locked and loaded for the 19 days of March Madness where one of you lucky 19 contestant will walk away with $\$ 10$ and bragging rights. A few of the rules

1) First Round Thu \& Fri the 64 teams will play and be reduced to 32 teams and each of those predictions you made correctly you will win 1 point.
2) Second Round Sat \& Sun the 32 teams will play and be reduce to what is known as the Sweet 16 . Those games are worth 2 points each for correct predictions. Must most of you will be hurting at that point having the teams you picked for a region already eliminated. (tough luck ())
3) The rounds continue each Thu-Sun with each game you get right doubling the scoring in each round
4) The final scheduled for April $4^{\text {th }}$ where the 68 team field will be reduced to only the champion and if you got that right you are awarded the heaping 32 points to add to your tally (Plus quite a few along the climb to the final)

To be perfectly clear.

- 1 point for each correct pick in Round 1 March 17\&18 64 teams to 32 teams
- 2 points for each correct pick in Round 2 March $19 \& 2032$ teams to Sweet 16 teams
- 4 points for each correct pick in Round 3 March 24\&25 Sweet 16 to "Elite 8 " teams
- 8 points for each correct pick in Round 4 March 26\&27 Elite 8 teams to "Final 4" teams
- 16 points for each correct pick in Round 5April 2 Final 4 to Terrible 2's (no that's Lincoln) ok final 2.
- 32 points for the correct Champion April 4 Championship.

The commissioner will send leader board results updates and probably disparaging remarks after each round. (if he has internet service.. which has been tricky lately). Because the last 2 tournaments have gone to our youngest grandchild is no indication that this game is rigged. There may be other indications, but that's not one of them. However if Addison, Lincoln Marina or BabyO win this time the commissioner is open to a congressional hearing. (oh I hope I hope I hope)

Meet your competition. (all relative descriptions are in relationship to the commissioner)
Ackerman Ark Brother Quent with quite a bit of help from his oldest son Nephew Ben (to be clarified (O))
AmazingAddison Oldest Granddaughter and birthday girls as of yesterday
AwesomeAizlynn $2^{\text {nd }}$ oldest Grandchild and winner of the Vanguard 2017 Tournament
Balgaardian Mat Balgaard. Pastor, Friend, Partner in Crime, officiated at Anthony wedding and my $2^{\text {nd }}$ favorite Balgaard Christian Ackerman Son \& Mr Army!!
CommissionerNana Yours truly
HannahO Daughter with JulyBabyO in the oven
HollyHawk Daughter with usually really good guesses.
JumpinJulyBabyO Let me direct your attention to HannahO.
Levi Ackerman Nephew and 5th offspring of Brother Quent.
LivelyLeAnn The Commish's wife. Also knows as Queen, Your Highness and the one who raised those great kids.
LoveableLincoln Grandchild \#4. Loveable and Adorabe.
MagnificentMerlin Grandchild \#3, 2019 champ and well known for repeating that the Commish got bit by a dog.
MatchlessMarina Grandchild \#5. Essence of Cuteness.
Miss Tea Misty Balgaard Niece who took a step down to marry Balgaardian. Wonderful mother and my fav' Balgaard.

OlanderLuck Clayton Olander Son in Law and soon to be father of 4.
Ryan Anthony Son in law and soon to be trapper of eagles!
Uncle Stan Brother Stan to the Comish and what a wonderful older brother to have. Commish is blessed in that way. RedThePig The Commish's favorite dog.

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!!

2019 Champion Merlin Anthony


2018 Champion Aizlynn Olander


