

Downey Elks Annual Sweetheart Tournament Results 2009



Many apologies to all my friends who participated in the annual Sweetheart tournament at the Downey Elks Lodge in Downey, Ca. I should have had this article posted a week ago. Sometimes I let life get in my way.

Anyway, what a lot of fun this tournament was. We had visitors from Northern California, Arizona and Nevada join us. That in itself should let everyone know of the success. Of course there was a lot of play as well.

We had the main event of bring partner mixed doubles with a negative spot handicap system. This certainly equaled out play and made for some great matches.

In the winners bracket, with a combined rating of 3.55, Allen and Joanie Healy controlled the play to get a shot of the title. In the end, running through the winners bracket proved to be the best way to victory as they took home the title of the best couple.

Coming in second was a team that played very well. This team rating is a 5.37. Bill Landress and Jana Brannen played their hearts out and came in a strong second.

Both first and second place went to local teams. The out of towners finished off the money field. Coming in fourth was the team of Marion and Bobbie Bailey with a rating of 3.70, visiting us from Exeter Ca. Our third place money went to the as always great and strong team of Jim and DeVonna Golden rated at 2.30, from Las Vegas , Nevada.

We had a total of \$2440 in the sponsor sale and \$800 in the entry. Our sponsors whom without we would not have much to play for were 1st place Chris Brown, 2nd place Ernie Alvarez, 3rd place Ernie Alvarez, and fourth place, Chris Brown. Obviously we see the luck of Chris and Ernie, or the greed (hee, hee). I just wanted to be sure to include our sponsors since we tend to always talk about the players and forget this vital part of our game.

So, lets get to the thank yous. Of course we have to thank the Downey Elks Lodge for giving us the chance to use their facility. We also need to be sure to let them know we appreciate their support for our events. We have such a great time and the facility is so well suited for our sport, we could not find a better place to play in Southern California and look forward to many events and a continued partnership.

Thank you goes tot the servers as always. We need to also thank our usual hard working team of Jan Manes and Bonnie Trumbo. It seams no matter the tournament, these two ladies work hard and never have a bad word to say. We cannot thank you enough.

Please give a huge round of applause to Joe Munoz. Joe did a great job of organization and auctioning and is a very integral part of our game. Also, thank you to Jim Martin and Chris Brown for their help with the tournament. A special thank you to Gary Gareau and Bob Naretta for all their hard work.

This tournament flowed so well that we were able to add an event. So, we did an AB blind draw. Our first place team was Jim Golden and Nick Chavez, second place went to Chris Brown and Bill Landress, third place to Bud LaChappelle and Jana Brannen and forth place team was Vern Booth and Bob Naretta. Congrats to you all.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Remember Phoenix is right around the corner.

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Jeff Posthumus