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## **Fifth Annual Columbus Day Tournament St. Louis, Missouri October 7-8, 2004** Submitted by Jack Murphy

Ulena's Sports Bar in St. Louis, Missouri, was the setting for the Fifth Annual Columbus Day Tournament. Thanks to all those who participated, especially our friends from Kansas City, Houston (MO), and Arkansas. Hopefully they will all be able to join us again next year. So, mark your calendars now for next year's 6th Annual Columbus Day Tournament to be held on October 6 and 7, 2006!

Taking third place were the seasoned team of Chuck Meuhlhauser and Mark Gray. They played smart and tough throughout the tournament. Their final game was a tight 15-14 decision. This game handed them their second loss, but garnered Chuck and Mark for their Third Place honors.

Coming in second were the brother team of Jerry and Larry Romy. These brothers also played well throughout the tournament. They were handed their first loss in the second round in a close 15-13 game, but battled back through the loser's bracket and overcame some very tough competitors. Their final game was another hard fought battle, but they were handed their second loss in a close 15-12 game. Congratulations to Jerry and Larry for their Second Place honors.

The team of Frank Edelen and Pat Marshall breezed threw their first two matches, but had some close calls after that. In the semi-finals of the winner's bracket they toughed out a close match and moved on to the finals in an exciting 15-14 win. Frank and Pat re-grouped and were victorious in their next two matches making the only undefeated team of the tournament. Congratulations to Frank and Pat, our 2005 Columbus Day Tournament Champions!

There was a lot of strong shooting and many a game that came down to the wire throughout the tournament. It was exciting to watch these competitors shooting so well and to see all the participants enjoying the camaraderie and good sportsmanship. I'd like to send out a special thanks to all our out of town participants. Also, thanks, to Jill Romy, Frank Edelen, Steve



1st Frank Edelen w/Sponsor Jack Murphy and partner Pat Marshall



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3rd Chuck Meuhlhauser w/Sponsor Rich Steger and partner Mark Gray