

Hills Capture St. Louis Holiday Tourney Crown

By Jack Murphy (with help from Terrie)

Devonshire Inn, St. Louis, Missouri, once again held a great tournament when the 3rd Annual Holiday Shuffleboard Tournament was held on Dec. 11-12. With 12 teams vying for a share in the overall winnings, there were some very competitive games. Everyone present had a chance to see some great shooting. There was a wide variety of talent represented with many of the games coming down to the wire.



Tournament co-organizer Pat Marshall (left) congratulates first place winners, the father and son duo of Bill and Mike Hill.

The Hills fought their way back from a loss in the second round to make it to the finals. They had two heated battles against the yet undefeated team of Melanie Shipp and Chuck Muehlhauser. Their first match in the finals was a great game that had everyone on the edge of their seats. After a 15-11 win, the Hills again rose victorious in a true nail-biter that ended up in a 15-14 final.



Congratulations to the second place team of Chuck Muehlhauser, a veteran player, and Melanie Shipp, an up-and-coming shooter. They both made a fine showing.

Third place honors went to tournament co-organizer Pat Marshall and his partner, Robert Kazka.



Devonshire Inn owner Sofija Pekic congratulates third place finishers Robert Kazka (right) and Pat Marshall.

They, too, played some exciting games that got them through the bracket and into the third place position.

This was a truly enjoyable tournament. Congratulations to Sofija Pekic, the gracious owner and our hostess. She provided us all with a great place to have our tournament and, once again, allowed all of us who didn't make it into the finals to at least be well-fed! I hope to see everybody back again next year!



The less fortunate, but still beaming, players show off their "consolation plaques."



Donna, a superb bartender, always ready with a smile and great service!

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