

CUE CLUB/TAP 8-BALL TOURNAMENTS

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This past Sunday was filled with friends, food, and PLENTY of pool. The \$700 added tournaments brought Las Vegas pool players of all skill levels to the Cue Club and kept the competition soaring all day. Match after match, the competition grew as the tournament moved along and no one could predict who would win each bracket.

One of the interesting matches throughout the day was Benny Schapero vs. Thelou Tepait. In rack 3, Benny played safe by hiding the 5 and this left Thelou with a hard kick off the bottom rail. Barely touching it, the hit was fair but this gave Benny a wide open table.

However, Benny rattled a ball in the side pocket and Thelous got out and won the game. Thelou found himself on the hill quickly and ready to break. With a solid hit, Benny watched as the 8 fell in and gave Thelou the match.

Leslie Weishar had a great first match finish and found herself on the winner side of the board. Her next opponent was Tommy Graham. Both players made exceptional shots and had it 1-1 in a race to 2. The 3rd rack was a battle as both players cleared balls and also had some unfortunate misses. As Tommy missed a cut shot in the side, it left Leslie a shot for victory. It wasn't going to be easy though as Leslie was going to have play perfect position to get on the 8. With a little spin she cut the 5 down the side rail and made it, but she'd have to bank the 8. She lined up and hit it perfect for a long bank, and it rattled!!! Tommy went on to make his last ball and pocket the 8 for the win. At some point, Tommy found himself on the one-loss side but made his way around and matched up with Nicole "Hot Seat" Civetz (*pictured*) in the finals of the skill level 2-3's board. They both played well, but a focused and determined Nicole capitalized when she could and won the match at 2-1.

Another exciting match was Mark Estes vs. Greg Monteiro on the winner's side. By the end of the 5th game Mark was up 3-2 in a race to 4. The 6th rack brought an unfortunate scratch by Mark giving Greg ball in hand on the 8, which made it hill-hill. Greg was able to win the 7th game and put Mark on the one-loss side. Mark finished overall in 4th place and Greg split for 1st with Frank Tran.

All in all, it was a great turnout and we look forward to many more in the future. Congratulations to all the finishers! Well done!

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