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Mickey's Cues & Brews (7380 S. Eastern Ave. Las Vegas, NV) held the Las Vegas Cup 8-Ball B-Player's Tournament on Diamond Bar Box tables.



With the tournament staff setting the bar on the skill level of play I think everyone thought it was a fair field. The tournament drew 25 local players from Las Vegas. The picks were in on who would be the favorites to win the tournament and the players were ready to start their matches as the tournament was on its way.

The sound every pool player loves started it all, the snapping of the balls breaking. The players were out of the gates like watching a horse race. The pace of play was very fast.

In the first round of play there were some good match ups, like Stacy Allsup vs. Marv Rethman. Stacy started out on fire with a strong win over Marv. Next she played Lisa Bernard. With another win over Lisa she would play Tom Russo next. With her strong focus and steady play, Stacy found herself in a tough match with Tom. With this match going to the hill in a race to five, Stacy would win this match and find her way on the road to collect the first prize money and the Las Vegas Cup Victory.



Another first round match was Jeff Chappell vs. John Spartichino. Jeff who runs the TAP of Las Vegas league was playing strong and had wins over great players like John, Stan

Wylazlowski, and Paul Schipper. Jeff would find himself coming back the next day.



On the second day of play the winner's side had Stacy Allsup vs. Mark Gfeller and Jeff Chappell vs. Bernard Rogoff AKA the Gov.

Mark played a great match against Stacy. Mark was down in the match two to one and with a couple of misses by Stacy; Mark was able to fight like a prize fighter with nothing to lose and playing with heart. With the score four to four he was able to stop Stacy and advance to the semi finals.

On the bottom half of the bracket was a little bit of a different story. Jeff vs. the Gov. What can you say about the Gov. The Gov is 82 and has been around pool his whole life. I see him at tournaments everywhere I go. Let me tell you, don't underestimate this old goat. He can still play pretty good pool. Jeff fell short in his match against the Gov.

On the one loss side all the matches were close. Marv Rethman moved through the bottom half of the bracket like a snow plow on a snowy country road, as smooth as butter. Marv beat good players like Lee Harvy, Matt Adkins, Grant Gilbert and Jeff Chappell. Marv would fight his way to the hot seat on the one loss side.

The top half of the bracket was just a bit different. John Spartichino was moving along until he hit that bump in the road. That bump would be named Brian Miller.



Rob Hatley was also climbing that mountain, but fell a little short of his goal when he ran into Paul Schipper. Paul was now the man to watch on the one loss side. Paul played great in the tournament with some good wins over players like Rob Hatley, Brian Miller and Stacy Allsup. Paul would fall a little short from his comeback as Marv would beat Paul in the semi finals on the one loss side.

On the winner's side was Mark Gfeller vs. the Gov. Mark played a great match. In tough conditions, like I said before, the Gov has been around the game his whole life, and with his old school moves (sharking) it was hard on all the players but still was turning out to be a great tournament. Mark lost this match to a score 5-3.

Mark was still in the tournament and would play that snow plow Marv Rethman to get back on the winner's side. Marv the snow plow Rethman couldn't overcome the play of Gfeller. As the snow plow ran out of gas Mark would get another crack at the Gov.



With the first match being somewhat of a battle between old school and new school (class act) this was going to be a battle on and off the table.

With a true double elimination, Mark would have to defeat the Gov twice. Mark was playing good and beat the Gov in the first race to five. Both players were playing good but some late old school moves by the Gov in the second set proved to be too much for any man to handle. In a double hill match Mark would fall short of his goal but he will be back again.

Great shooting by the Gov. Congrats on your Las Vegas Cup first place win and \$650.00 in prize money.

Mickey's would like to thank all the players for coming out and supporting the tournament.

PAY OUT'S

1st Place	\$650.00	-----	The Gov
2nd Place	\$300.00	-----	Mark Gfeller
3rd Place	\$150.00	-----	Marv Rethman
4th Place	\$100.00	-----	Paul Schipper
5th Place	\$75.00	-----	Stacy Allsup
6th Place	\$75.00	-----	Jeff Chapell

-The Pool Fly