

THEY STARTED OUT AS STRANGERS - VEGAS BILLIARDS TOUR STOP #6

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On Saturday, August 14th, 2010, **Bill Stock, Scott Mahan** and **Roger Ignasiak** (pictured) arrived at the Cue Club for the 3-man team event. They had only just heard of each other, never formally met. They were of the handful of individuals that just wanted to play in the tournament, it didn't matter with whom. Turns out, a winning team was formed.

The format was round robin, 9-ball (no handicaps - every player on 1 team played every player on the other team 1 game in rotation) race to 8 games. The team skill limit restriction was a little tricky. 25 or under, only one 9 or above rated player and only one 8/8.5 rated player were

allowed per team. The tournament drew 17 teams (51 players) and lasted 7 hours. There was tons of

positive feedback from this very smooth running format. Bill, Scott and Roger made it all the way to the hotseat defeating: **Greg Kuhl, Thomas Oram** and **James Murphy** then **Tim Wampler, Amy Encinias** and **Jimmy Moore** then **Jim Carmona, Rick 'Ludwig' Miller** and **Tony Silvas** and **Al Lawrence, Chuck Aouste** and **Danny Lopez**.

The semi-final match on the one-loss side was a great match between Al, Chuck & Danny and **Jason Osborn, Allen Arana** and **Frank Tran** (pictured). The match went hill-hill with Jason and Al to play the hill game, Al to break. Jason made a confident shot on the 7-ball and the 8 and 9 laid perfect for the win. But it was in the finals where Bill, Scott and Roger were victorious winning 8-5.



The winner of the Cue Club's \$500 cue raffle was **Patrick Kenney!**

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