

VEGAS BILLIARDS TOUR - PREMIERE EVENT

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Saturday, January 30th, kicked off the **2010 Vegas Billiards Tour - Premiere Event** with Scotch Doubles 8-Ball at the Las Vegas Cue Club. 39 teams competed for a 1st place prize of \$560.00!



With a handicap set at 16, a race to 4 on the winner side and race to 3 on the one-loss side, the first round looked to be an exciting one with some great match-ups. To name a few: Chris Thomas & Derek Lorcher vs. Ricky & Tina White. Chris McCreary & Steve Stokes vs. Brad Huffman & John May. Sondra Friestad & Debra Aarens vs. RC Fowler & Tom Rowe. Pam Fletcher & Julie Nogiec vs. Bruce Barrette & Tony

Spanier.

John Kutcher & Nicole Civetz didn't get to play very much against Windy Kopff & Scott Wells. Windy made an outstanding 3-rail kick shot on the 8-ball to win the match 3-0.



One of the married couples were Randy & Janette Kukla. They defeated Thomas Oram & James Murphy in the first round, but then lost to one of the stronger teams: Steve Proctor & Richard Mestas. It looked as if they were going to defeat Scott Mahan & Paul Schipper in the hill-hill match as Janette made a beautiful cut on the 8-ball only to scratch! Props go to Scott & Paul for

finishing 13-16th as one of the lower ranked teams (each are rated a 6).



The hot seat match was a gripping one as Kenny Miller & Ricky Tyrell competed against Dennis Lindenbach & George Specht. Both teams had table runs in the first 2 games with the alternating break format. It was a battle as they both were quickly on the hill. Dennis & George stood strong and went on to win and claim their hot seat spot.

Jim Blakeman & Craig Moore jumped to the one loss side fairly early having lost to Ray Skenandore & Jason Osborne, but kept focused and their eyes on the prize. Beating teams: Carlo Bellistri Sr. & Tim Wampler, Adam Pfeifer & Justin Acker, father/son team Joe & Don Klimchak, retaliating against Ray & Jason and Ben Teasley & Lyle Bondley. They soon found themselves playing Kenny & Ricky to get to the finals. Just as it looked like Kenny & Ricky had secured the match being up 3-1, Jim and Craig had another idea and didn't give up. They fought hard and moved on. This placed Kenny & Ricky in 3rd place.

Dennis & George and Jim & Craig split the prize money totaling \$810.00. Both teams played great and deserve their respectable wins and VBT points. Great job guys!

The tournament ran like clockwork, teams coming to their end were still happy and everyone had fun! Be sure to sign up for the next event in February and earn your VBT (Vegas Billiards Tour) points! Only the top 48 players will play in the final event later this year!

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