

18th Doubles Results - \$3100 payout

All the action took place at Side Pockets Sports Café in St. Charles, Mo. It was Saturday November 30, 2013. Initially 56 teams signed up. But as starting time neared another six teams came through the doors for a total of 62. The action was non-stop from 12-noon until the final '8' ball was dropped around 7p.m.

With the addition of those late entry teams the payout went up from \$2800 to \$3100 with first place taking home a full Grand, with a capital 'G'.

Following are the 8 teams that took away part of that \$3100. For the fifth time and third consecutive doubles event the winning team was male-female. The newest duo is the paring of Mike Wills and Paula Dooley. Previous winners Jim & Lisa Crosby made another run at it coming in 5/6.

First Place:	Mike Wills & Paula Dooley	\$1000 & Plaques	All eight teams that took away part
Runner-up:	Ron Deloney & Rudy Riva	700 & Plaques	of the winner's share totaled to 10.
Third:	Ken Pruett & Chris Salvo	500	Five teams were 6-4 combos while
Fourth:	Gene Rader & Jason Uttley	340	the other three were 5-5.
5th – 6th:	Jim & Lisa Crosby	190	There also were 12 male-female teams, the most
5th – 6th:	Ken Pratt & Jim Mosial	190	of any doubles event. Still looking for the day
7th – 8th:	Brendon Sullivan & Colby Hinch	90	two women pull it off. As indicated these ladies
7th – 8th:	Walter Crane Jr. & Nick Lowery	90	shoot straight when do-re-mi is on the line.

From the top of the board a couple '6's masquerading as '5's shot their way to the final two of which two had stood in the winner's circle in prior events. Ron Deloney and Rudy Riva escaped one match but steamrolled their way into second place.

From the bottom of the tournament board Mike Wills and Paula Dooley also met and defeated four teams of which three members had previously made the grade.

There were several memorial moments but one real highlight was the first match between Deloney/Riva vs Wills/Dooley. The first game Mike set up a straight-arrow side pocket '8' ball shot with the '8' center table and cue ball practically inside the corner pocket. This would not be an easy shot. It was comparable to the winning shot Cindy Bobbish pulled off in the 1986 team event that won her women's team the Championship 3-2 over a very tough Tennessee ladies team.

Paula, what seemed like a 15-minute hesitation, finally took her stance, breathed a few times, made five or six practice strokes, then floated the cue ball into the '8' straight into the called side pocket.

To be honest I was expecting a Faye Wray type of scream out of Paula. Because coming face to face with King Kong would have been much easier. But no, just a small pale look of disbelief one would get when cardiac arrest is setting in. And that was just the first game. She had to do it again.

The second game was a close copy as partner Mike (Wills) again set the stage for Ms Dooley to be the heroine. This time the shot on the '8' required a slight cut into the same side pocket. Anticlimactic compared to the previous game. Paula approached the table, steadied herself, took a couple practice strokes and rolled the cue ball so easy toward the '8' one would get the impression that if it touched the '8' too hard the balls would explode. There was enough of a hit that the '8' did reach the called side pocket and dropped in for the winner.

Congrats to Mike and Paula and to all the M0-8 members that once again made the doubles event successful.

See ya next time, Rusty, Dave, Roger, Dusty & Jay