

Missouri 8 Ball Doubles Shootout
April 21, 2012 – Saturday
Side Pockets Sports Cafe
St. Charles, Mo

By The Numbers:

Years - 19

Months - 4

Weeks - 3

Days - 5

OR - we could just say - 19 years 5 months.

So what do these numbers have to do with the Missouri 8 Ball Doubles Tournament?

Aha, glad you asked because this is also entitled: **Donna's Revenge**

But first, let us return those thrilling days of yesteryear - another time, another place and another tournament.

It was the Missouri State 8-Ball Ladies Tournament that took place in Columbia, Mo. December 6th, 1992.

Close to 30 women entered this Ladies event. It would be the first State Tournament for ladies since the 1950s. A race to five - double elimination shootout - on 9-foot tables.

Two contestants, Rhonda Kennis and Donna Glascock, stood out to be the favorites in this talented field. These two ladies drove to Columbia Missouri together as they were then and still are teammates on several 8-ball teams.

When they eventually met in this State event Rhonda defeated Donna sending her to the one-loss side.

Rhonda, getting to the 'hill', awaited her final opponent. Meanwhile Donna was systematically knocking off the rest of the field for another opportunity at the title.

These two girls put on a great final. They each took turns winning a game until the final '8' ball was dropped with Rhonda edging out Donna 5-4 to take the Championship.

It has been rumored that after the match, while driving back to St. Louis County, Donna jokingly said, "If it takes me 20 years I will get my 'Revenge'."

It was close as the numbers will testify. And here is how it happened.

56 teams signed up for this Doubles Event - \$2,800.00 was the Payout

The Final between the teams of Glascock-Dunbar & the Bartrams went to the very last game and shot. Both teams arrived at the 'hill' from their respective sides of the tournament board, The Bartrams from the top half and Glascock/Dunbar from the lower half. When they met it was a 2-1 win going to Glascock/Dunbar.

Prior to this match Rhonda and Mike faced the Evans Brothers. The Bartrams beat the Evans' guys sending them to the left side. Nick and Mikey shot their way to the 3rd playoff spot and had a chance to go into second place when they tied the match 1-1 with Nick Evans breaking. Nick's sledgehammer break sent the cue ball flying off the table and as bad luck would have it, the '8' rolled toward the corner pocket and dropped in.

That knocked them out of the tournament for a 3rd place finish.

That untimely win allowed the Bartrams another shot at the title.

Having to beat Glascock and Dunbar twice would take some very good shooting.

The first set was a tough fought match going 2-1 for Rhonda and Mike when Denis rattled the '8' in the corner pocket allowing Mike another chance. Mike put it away sending the Final to the second set. This second set was just as exciting as the first set. It went all the way to the wire as Donna sank the '8' in the

3rd game for a 2-1 win. The Doubles Championship and Donna's long overdue 20-year revenge was answered.

By the way, these ladies are still close friends and teammates currently playing out of Fandangos, a very fine Sports establishment owned and operated by Mike and Rhonda.

It was a great tournament and great ending by two very good teams.

Also, this is the first time two mixed teams were the last two teams competing for the title.

Champions: Donna Glascock & Denis Dunbar	First Place Trophies & \$805.00
2nd Place: Husband & Wife team of Rhonda & Mike Bartram	2nd Place Trophies & \$550.00

3rd. Brothers: Nick & Mikey Evans	\$375.00
4th. Father & Son: Bill & Thomas Keith	\$250.00
5/6. Bob Mannecke & Bryan Overhoff	\$150.00
5/6. Ronnie Hansen & Arnie Heuvelman	\$150.00
7/8. John Bissell & Matt Hartack	\$100.00
7/8. Maurice Agaid & Scott Carter	\$100.00
9/12. Brendan Sullivan & Colby Hinch	\$ 80.00
9/12. Dale Water & Dustin Gregory	\$ 80.00
9/12. Rick King & Michael Rotter	\$ 80.00
9/12. Matt White & Ed Carion	\$ 80.00

There were several 'Firsts' in this tournament and a couple records broken:

As mentioned – The first time the last two defending teams were male-female.

Husband/Wife team of Rhonda & Mike Bartram finished (2nd), higher than any other.

Brothers Nick (age 16) & Mikey Evans (age 13) are the youngest team to cash, only 29.

Also they finished higher (3rd place) than any other brother act.

The Oldest team: Rick King & Mike Rotter at 144. (We won't say which is older.)

That's it for now. See you at the Singles and Team events in June and July.

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