

Diablo Valley Pool League

5th Memorial Dave Piona Tournament

The Diablo Valley Pool league hosted the 5th Annual Dave Piona Memorial tournament last Saturday September 27, 2011. Sign ups started promptly at 10:30 am and tournament started around 11:45am once Christina Piona and daughter Star had arrived. This was another successful event and it drew total of 51 players, including 14 women from all over the area. We were very fortunate to have names such as George Michaels and Chris McDonald who had actually won one of the previous memorial tournaments held at Vinnies Bar. Friends and players came from Sacramento, Vacaville, Fairfield, Daly City, Livermore, as well as all over Contra Costa County. As we all know Dave Piona was not only a personal friend to us but he was also instrumental on the development of our pool clinics and teaching the basics of the game to our new and upcoming players. His friendly disposition and great demeanor will always be remembered. He enjoyed the competition of the Friday night tournament which has been held at Vinnies bar for the last 8 years. It was a place to eat, listen to music and play competitive pool. He had his corner where he always sat and studied the players giving positive and constructive feed back to all.

Christina Piona, brought a cd with Dave's photos his daughter Star had put together for Dave's memorial. We also had created a favorite play list with all Dave's favorite tunes such as Eric Clapton, Eagles, James Brown and the Dobbie Brothers. She thanked all for keeping Dave's memory alive and in a kind gesture proceeded to raise donations for Jeff Gregory's medical expenses from his recent heart surgery. Christina and the Vinnie's patrons were able to raise just over \$500. Uncle Randy Piona also showed up to salute friends and family.

Diablo Valley Pool Leagues and Christina Piona joined efforts and made the pot juicy adding a total of \$500 to the pot. Let us also take this opportunity

to thank Parker the owner of Vinnie's Bar and manager Jeanne for offering a delicious barbecue and allowing us to host the event at their house again.

We played a double elimination tournament with a race to two only on the winner side and one game on the one loss side. Tournament was run efficiently with 3 bar tables. By 9:00pm we already had our event champion. Congratulations to Jason Williams who had to shoot lights out this day, to win the event due to the excellent caliber of players participating. He had won the memorial tournament #3. He won his matches against Alex Almendral, last years winner, Bart, Bonnie, Johnny, Paul McCaffrey to finally face Paul Bramwell for the hot seat.

Paul in the mean time moved through the other side of the winner bracket winning against Mike Sano, Hunter, Mez, Chris Mcdonals, George Michaels and finally meeting Jason Williams to play for the hot seat.

For Top woman (\$50) Bonnie Bowman participant of the Tiger West Coast Women's Tour and Canadian player took top honors amongst 14 women.

The final standings read as such:



1st Jason Williams & 2nd Vincent Paul Bramwell



3rd George Micheals



4th Chris MacDonald



5th & 6th Martin Sherzai



5th & 6th Paul McCaffrey



7th & 8th Bee Davinson



7th & 8th George Williams



Bonnie Plowman
(Top Woman)



Christina, Patricia, Cony,
Rose and Diane

RESULTS:

1st	Jason Williams	\$450.00
2nd	Vincent Paul Bramwell	\$250.00
3rd	George Micheals	\$175.00
4th	Chris MacDonald	\$125.00
5th – 6th	Martin Sherzai	\$100.00
	Paul McCaffrey	\$100.00
7th – 8th	George Williams	\$75.00
	Bee Davinson	\$75
9th - 12th	Deo Alpajora	\$25
	Micheal Suhr	\$25
	Johnny Argavdar	\$25
	Chris Atkins	\$25

Again thanks to all for taking the time to celebrate with the Piona family and friends.