

1992 Annual Gin Classic

by Paul Voykin

This fun charity event again was held at Hackney's Restaurant in Wheeling. Nearly \$1,000 was raised and handed over to the Merryville Academy for Boys in Des Plaines.

The new Gin Champion is Dick "The Phader" Baker who in a very exciting game, according to witnesses, beat Kenny "Lucky Cap" Goodman. Kenny, in the semi-finals beat Dudley "Doodles" Smith. Last year's brilliant champion, Dave "The Quake" Meyer was vanquished quickly by a rookie who never played gin in his life. Other notable features of the event were Peter "The Bye" Voykin, co-chairman of the event and two time Gin Champion, after three lucky byes couldn't get bye in to the semi-finals. Also, co-chairman, John "The Bear" Beraducci was beat by "Doodles" Dudley Smith in the most bizarre game ever witnessed when both players actually fell asleep. Another interesting and astonishing event happened when Mike "The Neck" Bavier "open-hearted" "Luck Cap" Goodman only to lose to Goodman's open-hand after each player drew a record of 20 cards. Just one thing more. Jay Durham the third, first time rookie played spectacularly in our Gin Tournament. Rumor has it that Dudley "Doodles" Smith has been coaching Jay the third (and losing to him) the past few months. Like they say at the race track, "watch out for this maiden, next time up".

Thanks to everyone who participated and to all those who promised to be there and couldn't make it. Please send your checks to Johnny the Bear. It goes to a very needy cause.



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The Bull Sheet
Mr. Fred Opperman, G.G.C.S.D.

Farm Campus
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Dear Fred,

Paulina Home
Chicago, Illinois

My purpose in writing to you today is one of heartfelt thanks! I refer, of course, to the generosity extended to the children of our Maryville family as a result of the annual gin tournament at the Hackney's Restaurant in Wheeling.

Herrick Home
Hartlet, Illinois

The gifts, totalling \$815.00 are being put to excellent use in our work of caring for children who have come to us in desperate need, children who have been abused, neglected and abandoned.

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Maywood, Illinois

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Chicago, Illinois

It's sad but true that each year the number of children being abandoned and abused continues to grow and, of course, so does our task of providing the kind of care they need and deserve. With that in mind, you can understand our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful support you have sent our way. Truly, Fred, it is the help of good people such as you and your fellow-members that makes it all work.

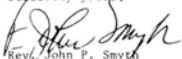
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Wishing you and all who participated in this beautiful endeavor God's special blessings, I remain

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