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Exeter, CA. – The local team of Steve ONeal and Ty Bayne held back a field of 12 other teams and won this years featured event at the Exeter Eagles annual Fourth of July Shootout. The doubles event got started on Saturday, July 2, following the ABC Draw that was won by the team of Turlocks Bob Crum, Exeters ONeal and local newcomer Rayla Phillips. Both events were best two out of three in both the winner and losers bracket.



As is their custom the local Eagles rolled out the red carpet to host visitors from Las Vegas and Northern and Southern California. A total of 41 players were on hand for the holiday weekend tournament and the Eagles served breakfast and lunch daily. The annual tournament paid out more than \$11,000 to the top finishers. Four fast shuffleboards were in top shape for the event that was bracketed by Yorba Lindas Bob Brunskill. Paramounts Paul Weber handled team auctions for each event. Both served as tournament directors. Tournament organizers included Marion Bailey, Wes Martin and ONeal.

In the very competitive doubles event, Hemets Robert "Cowboy" Wade and Long Beachs Gary Jones battled back through the losers bracket to face ONeal and Ty Bayne in the championship game on Sunday. Wade and Jones defeated the third place team of Jim and Devonna Golden from Las Vegas in the consolation finals. Placing fourth was Modestos J.R. Noel and Bob Brunskill.

In the championship match it was all ONeal and Bayne as the locals took two straight games from the visitors. The winners and the three other team finalists divided up the events purse of \$3,760.



In the ABC Draw - Crum, ONeal and Phillips went undefeated as they challenged an entry list of 11 other teams in the tournaments opening event that got started late Friday, July 1. Finishing second was Jim Golden, Farmersvilles Helen Martin and another newcomer local Ryan Martin. The third place team was led by Bob Brunskill and included wife Anna Brunskill and another new local player Kelly Hampton. The ABC Draw paid out \$3,730 in entry fees and sponsor money.

The four person add-to-six event was played on Monday (July 4) and featured seven teams. Tournament organizers added the event to this years tournament and the Las Vegas team of Jim and Devonna Golden, Jeff Keyes and Danny Leach captured the win over the team of Sacramentos Bob and Vicky Hunt, Helen Martin and Robert "Cowboy" Wade. The Nevada team collected their share of the \$3,640 combined entry fee and sponsor money. The tournament was played as a single match – loser elimination event due to time constraints.

The air conditioned Eagles hall in Exeter was a welcome respite to the mid-summer heat of Central California as the Eagles offered good food, cold drinks and plenty of shuffleboard during the holiday weekend. The tournament organizers plan to build on this years four-person team event as it proved to be very popular.

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4-Person Team - Add to 6 Event - 1tst Place (above): Jeff Keyes, Devonna & Jim Golden, Danny Leach (Las Vegas Team Champs!)

Thanks goes out to the bartenders, waitresses, Eagles Auxiliary, tournament directors and to the members of the Exeter Eagles for another successful tournament.

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