

9th Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament

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Marty Howard once again pulled together our annual Pinball Wizard Tournament at our usual location, CP Pinball in South Roxana, IL. We had a great turnout for the event as it is always a lot of fun.

As we have done recently, the tournament was set up using software that kept all of the players rotating between opponents and machines for the entire duration of the tournament itself. The tournament was played on a specific set of machines. This allowed for quick changes between games so that more time could be spent playing and less time waiting for your next opponent or waiting for a machine to open up.

For this year, in addition to Gateway members and friends, Marty also had some of the members of his dance club join in. It turns out some of those dancers are pretty good pinball players!

Once the time was up for the main part of the tournament, the wins and losses were totaled up and the top three winners were Stephanie (a member of the Schott's church), Danny, (a member of Marty's dance club) and Gateway's Jim Kiburz.

Stephanie, Danny, and Jim had a playoff to settle first, second and third place for the tournament. These were some high scoring games, but when it was all over, Danny had the high score with Jim coming in second and Stephanie third.

Next they totaled up the losses to find the bottom 3 players. Those were Marty's friend



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Joanna, Annette Morton, and me. The three of us played for the winner of the losers title. Annette won handily with Joanna coming in second and yours truly bring up the rear!

Marty had prepared medals and ribbons for the winners and losers and passed them out once the competition was over.

As usual, it was a great time and this format we have been using for the last few years where we are rotating during the majority of the tournament really makes it a lot of fun.



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