

# SHARKY'S BREAKING NEWS

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Where the Shooters play in Sedalia

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## 5th Annual All-American Tour Stop 8 Ball Tournament



**9B Winners, Left to Right: 2nd, Mark McCaleb - 1st Place, Jim Helt - 3rd, Dean Foster**

Sharky's Billiards was the host of the 20th stop on the All-American ACS/Lucasi Tour December 10-11 in Sedalia, MO. The weekend was kicked off Friday night with the 99er double elimination 9 ball tournament. In a field of sixteen players, Jim Helt of Brighton, MO dominated and won the tournament. Coming in second was Mark McCaleb, Bloomington, IL, and claiming third was Dean Foster, Diamond, IL. Just out of the money in fourth place was Greg Mantei of Camdenton, MO, who plays out of Sharky's Billiards.

The highlight of the tournament weekend was the 8 ball tournament on Saturday and the field of twenty-six was tough! National "Master" player Jamey Martin, Camdenton, MO was in attendance. National "Advanced" player Gary Wallut, Deepwater, MO, came to shoot. The 2007 tour winner, Lloyd Moreland, Camdenton, MO, and the 2009 tour winner Andy Craig, Springfield, MO, returned to claim a second title. Previous MO-KAN ACS team champions in 2008, Jeff Paxton and Steve Allee, Sharky's players and both of Sedalia, brought their cues to claim a place and the 2009 MO-KAN ACS team champions Cory Smith and Kevin Kares, also of Sedalia, were shooting. Chris Wilder, Chenoa, IL, who has placed in the money every year returned with five strong Illinois players.

Doug Williams, Pontiac, IL, swept the winners bracket in races to six. In round one he defeated Paxton 6-4, round two he took out Frank Summers, Chenoa, IL, 6-1, and in round three he trounced Kares 6-0. That brought him to round four and Williams was on a roll. Mantei was sent to the losers bracket with a 6-4 score as was newcomer to Sharky's tournaments, Russell Pace of Tipton, MO, in the fifth round. Now all Williams had to do was wait for the outcome of the losers bracket.

Don Crump, Laddonia, MO, was sent to the losers bracket in round one by Helt. Crump battled through six more rounds of competitors to claim

fourth place in the seventh round against Pace who moved on to play Mantei for third. Pace swept the match 5-0, a score which doesn't come close to reflecting the intensity of the matches. National Advanced shooter Gary Wallut was heard to say of Mantei's level of playing, "He's playing out of his tree," an outstanding compliment in pool playing circles! Mantei finished third, the same spot he won in last year's competition.

Now it was down to the final match; Williams versus Pace. Coming up from the losers bracket, Pace would have to "double-dip" Williams to claim the championship. It looked like Williams wasn't going to open the door even a crack in the match as he came out shooting and took the first three games in a row without skipping a beat. Pace finally found his zone and came back to win the next five games. All Pace needed was one more victory to claim first place. Williams was not going down without a fight, though, and he buckled down and won the next three games giving him the win and first place. As the highest placing American Cue Sports league member, Williams also won free entry into the 2011 ACS Nationals held in Las Vegas, NV, which he then graciously donated to the second highest ACS league member, Greg Mantei.



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Fifth and sixth place winners were Cory Smith, Sedalia, MO, and Mark McCaleb, Bloomington, IL. Seventh and eighth place winners were Rich Tefertiller, Greenfield, MO, and Dean Foster, Diamond, IL.

In honor of all veterans and the Army versus Navy game - also played on Saturday - Sharky's Billiards and Modern Day Veterans, Chapter 402, awarded free entry into the next tournament at Sharky's to the highest placing Missouri veteran of the weekend tournaments. That honor went to Navy veteran Jim Helt, Brighton, MO, who placed first on Friday in the 9 ball tournament.

Sharky's Billiards will host a 14.1 Continuous Tournament December 31, 2010.