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7. Grand Prize Drawing — The grand prize drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003. The following prizes will be awarded: Any unclaimed \$50 instant winners; A \$500 second place winner and Grand Prize \$1,500 winner. The winning tickets must be presented at the Grand Prize Drawing to claim prizes.
8. If the cashier at a participating sponsor forgets to give you your tickets, be sure to remind them at time of purchase.

PINOCHLE

By JAKE DURHAM

It was getting pretty close to Turkey Day and that in itself was a good enough reason for celebration as the faithful gathered for the November Pinochle Tournament. The Bluejays had just finished another amazing football season, the Wildcats were moving down the stretch hoping they could make it to the League Championships Finals and the Jayhawks were opening another season of round ball, full of hopes and aspirations. from where they left off last year. There were rumors of moisture and flood warnings in the forecast for the East Coast but it was time to know it could actually happen. In the meantime a good game of knock would have to suffice. Before you knew it, the clock on the wall sounded seven and it was time to begin, so the gong was sounded and forty and eight took their seats, all bent on an eight-hundred point game (an average of one-hundred points per round).

Now making the trump suit has a lot to do with success in this game and as could be expected the early bidding was to the limit, which was evident by the unusual number of high scores turned in after round one and as the final score was posted, it was the team of Brett and Doug Gallentine who captured the honors and jumped out to an early lead. The team of Doc Peterson and J.D. Daffer got on track with the honors in round two, but it was the team of Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz who moved to the top of the ladder for the lead. The father-son team of Todd and Doyle Brooks, sometimes known to be pushers, captured third round honors but the team of Fuerstenau and Schultz still prevailed. The gong sounded to signal the break after round four and as the teams merged around leader board to see the results, the team of Dave Sheley and Jack Mechsner had taken the honors. But it was the team of Todd and Doyle who moved into the lead with four points above the one-hundred point per round average and the team of Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp was one point

lower. Fuerstenau and Schultz were in third, the Brothers Gallentine were in fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of Peterson and Daffer. The next five all were within ten points; so the field was stacked for the second half of play.

Hand and arm signals seemed to be the language of half time strategy as teams huddled during the break. Some had a lot of ground to make up while others felt the need to just hold their own, but there are those who will tell you it's all in the cards and as the second half got underway, you couldn't tell by the sounds, which teams were near the top and which were working to make up for low first half scores as everyone seemed to be bidding for control.

The team of Helen Roach and Pam Ballinger started the second half off with fifth round honors to move into contention but the team of Glennemeier and Stapp moved into the lead and were now the only team with a one-hundred point average. The crucial sixth and seventh rounds were coming up and the effort to gain control was obvious. The team of Julia Roeder and Larry Harman captured sixth round honors as the team of Dennis McMullen and Duane McEwen moved into the lead but things were tightening up. The team of Merle Taylor and Weldon Brooks took seventh round honors as time out was called to brace for the eight and final round. McMullen and McEwen still held the lead after round seven, Taylor and Brooks were in second place, Glennemeier and Stapp were in third, Fuerstenau and Schultz were in fourth and rounding out the top five were the Brothers Gallentine. Another half dozen teams were in obvious contention with another dozen as long shots. McMullen and McEwen had a thirty point advantage at this time and the question was, is this enough, only time would tell.

Some deep breaths were in order as the eighth and final round got underway. It was now all or nothing at all for many who were

putting as much pressure on the rest as possible as a set now could spell disaster, and as the first scores were turned in the lead changed immediately as might be expected. Eight teams recorded over one-hundred points the final round as the team of Sheley and Mechsner captured the honors for the second time but it was the Brothers Gallentine who found themselves on the top of the ladder with the championship score by a margin of four points. The champs had proved to be worthy opponents and accepted their honors with humility and vowed to return to defend their championship. The winning score by Gallentine and Gallentine was 756 points for an average of 94.5 points per round. Highest single round score was 135 points by Brett Gallentine and Doug Gallentine.

Top ten teams in order were: 1. Brett and Doug Gallentine; 2. Dave Sheley and Jack Mechsner; 3. Merle Taylor and Weldon Brooks; 4. Dennis McMullen and Duane McEwen; 4. Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp; 6. Todd and Doyle Brooks; 7. Bill and Nitzzi Wentz. 8. Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz; 9. Larry Smith and Stan Miller; 10. Gil Otter and Jake Durham.

Other teams not previously mentioned were: June Jolly and Margaret Magers; Bill and Joann Keiswetter; Darren McMullen and Angie Griffin; Eldon Billips and Art Miller; Wade Ambrosier and Jerry Darling; John Hildebrand and Coy Christy; Ed and Kathleen Berlier; Joyce Sumner and Eleanor Jensen; Jackie Porter and Mary Jane Wahlmeier; Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger; Dee and Thelma Bushnell.

It had been a thrill packed evening and as the post mortems were played out, the sounds of Elvis could be heard in the background. Thoughts of the next competition were the next order of business and a quick glance at the calendar showed the third Sunday in December would be the 21st, so come and sign in. early. Games start at seven.

NORTON MANOR NEWS

Tuesday Annetta Knapp was visiting her sister Ethel Miller when her grandson Brandon Otter came to see her. Not finding her at home he went to his aunt's. Finding her there he escorted her back to her room because she was wanted on the phone. — Grandma got lost in the Manor.

Thanksgiving Day Annetta's youngest son Rex Knapp, Lenora, ate dinner with her. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Otter and children, Lenora were afternoon callers.

Mary and Roger Vanover spent Thanksgiving evening with Rena Garwood. They also fixed the and ate with her.

Ethel Mille and Mick and Colette Miller were Thanksgiving

dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sharp.

The Silver and Gold dinner was held at the Manor on Tuesday. It was followed with a gift exchange and watching a video a Christmas program of Little House on the

Prairie. We had a good attendance.

Friday Doris Mizell attended the fifth-grade band concert at the Eisenhower Grade school. A very good concert for having just started this year learning to play their instruments.

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