



This Week's Program

October 17, 2013

Presenter: Scott Pritchard, Owner, Pritchard's Picks



Program: Update on the resurgence of sports betting in Las Vegas.

Scott Pritchard is a professional sports bettor with over 30 years of experience.

Scott is the consummate professional and wagers every day. Because there are games everyday, he sees opportunity to win money each of those days.

He moved to Las Vegas in April of 1993 after having his own radio sports show in Aurora, Illinois for seven years, covering the Chicago professional sports teams. He interviewed players and coaches; from Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen to Mike Ditka and Phil Jackson.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

10/17 Gerry Holinski
10/24 Jon Hoolihan
10/31 Shannon Hoolihan-Wilcox

Weekly Bulletin Scribes

10/17 Susan Johnson
10/24 Steve Tucker
10/31 Christine Smith

Rotary Recap

By: Nancy Dailey & Jim Paxton

October 10, 2013

President Mike Soden rang the bell, and the first order of business for Rotary Club of Green Valley was to introduce guests. Green Valley Principal **Jeff Horn** accompanied **Sabrina Singh**, "student of the month," and her parents, **Sandra** and **Dean Singh**.

Also attending were returning guests **Jeff Horn**, **Mary Ann Reilly**, **Jeff Bills** and **Dave Chase**. **Jeff B** and **Dave**, uniquely, could be classified as both guests and new members, as they were inducted into the Green Valley Club during the meeting. **Jeff**, **Dave** and **Mary Ann** were formerly Rotarians in other clubs. Former District Governor in Washington State, **Rampur Viswanath**, was also introduced.

Vice President Shella Callum introduced speaker **Scott Pritchard**, a professional sports gambler. Featured on at least 10 radio shows and covered in the Huffington Post and New York Times among others, **Pritchard** shared his insight into successful sports betting.

Scott noted there are four key principles in sports betting: patience, discipline, money management (the most important), and finally, emphasis on key numbers. He stressed that sports betters should not approach a wager by being emotionally attached to any teams. Interestingly, 15 percent of pro-football games are decided by three points or less. Betting is not an exact science.

Scott has been betting for 30 years, and has been invited this week to play in a competition at the Golden Nugget, which will be covered by ESPN. Only 16 players were invited, demonstrating that **Scott** has reached an elite, inner circle of sports wagers. The first place winner will walk away with \$20,000.

Scott told the story about a female friend in the business who actually went to the job interview bringing along her dog. Although she did not begin with much knowledge of the field, she eventually wrote a book on the topic that evolved into a movie, "Is Someone Else Writing Your Book?" **Scott** challenged Green Valley Rotarians, "what you think about you should bring about."

Scott touched upon important aspects of life: to keep an open mind, have mentors, and be willing to take risks. For dreams to happen, take action, he advised.

Scott emphasized that his successful strategy is to look at the points against the spread. "Follow the money."

Darry D. astutely asked which team he favored to win the Super Bowl. "I like the Broncos. Everyone likes the Broncos, so it's probably a good idea not to bet on the Broncos, **Scott** admonished. Ask yourself, "If the Broncos don't win, who will? What numbers can you get?"

Regarding club announcements, **Jim Frey** informed members about the volunteer opportunities to help with the Halloween activities at Opportunity Village. Work sessions begin at 5 p.m. on October 20 and 25. More information will be forthcoming about the Opportunity Village Christmas program.

Mike Sodden is posting information of the website regarding the opportunity to host Nellis airmen for Thanksgiving dinner.

Darcy presented a check to Treasurer **Jim Servino** for the first sales of Rotary shirts.

Judy Lloyd and **Jim Paxton** were recognized as they traded in their red new member badges, for blue permanent ones.



Finally, **Mike P.** introduced **Sabrina Singh** as "Student of the Month." She is first in her class at Green Valley with an amazing 4.8 GPA, captain of the school's speech and debate team, and described by one teacher as a "quietly dedicated leader who enjoys public service." Her career aspirations include college degrees in architecture and civil engineering. This month's student received a certificate and a \$50 gift certificate to Borders.

The happy bucks flowed in recognition of **Jeff's** and **Dave's** inductions, the "Student of the Month", **Nelda's** recent trip to Italy, **Susan's** run in the Berlin Marathon (where her daughter drank plenty of water). More dollars came in following random football ramblings about IU, Illinois, UNLV, UCLA, and even the Oregon Ducks.

Guest and future member **Mary Ann** gave a happy buck honoring her daughter who works with "Disney on Ice" and is the company's first female engineer.

Guest **Rampur** presented **President Mike** with a bouquet of flowers for **Larry Skaggs** in recognition of **Larry's** recent completion of district governor training.

And finally, a hefty \$1,014 was up for grabs in the weekly raffle. **Dick D.** held the winning ticket and selected the seven of clubs, so the amount increases yet again, next week.

Visiting Rotarians

Rampur Viswanath

Guests

Scott Pritchard - Guest Speaker

Dave Chase - Initiated Member

Jeff Horn - GV Principal

Sandra Singh

Mary Ann Reilly - Pending Member

Jeff Bills - Initiated Member

Sabrina Singh

Dean Sing

Club Leaders



Michael Soden
President



Jack R Ewing
President-Elect



Shella R. Callum
Vice President



Melinda Margolis
IPast President



Jay Larson
Secretary



Jim Servino
Treasurer



Lauren Robydek
Sergeant-at-Arms



Christine L. Smith
Club Director



Larry Skaggs
Club Director



Caroline A. Orzes
Club Director, Rotary
Relations Chair



Nancy Dailey
Club Director, Membership Chair



Susan Holland Johnson
Club Director, Rotary
Foundation Chair



Robert D Frizell
Projects Chair, Club
Director

Birthdays



Ashley Mahaney
October 16



Frank King
October 18



Gerry Holinski
November 01



Nelda Manna
November 13

Wedding Anniversaries



Christine L. Smith
Nov 02

Events

October 2013

10/17 - Weekly Meeting: Chuck Schwartz, CEM, CONVEX
10/24 - Weekly Meeting: Club General Assembly
10/31 - Weekly Meeting: John Pederson, President, Ethics Talks

November 2013

11/07 - Weekly Meeting: Justice James Hardesty, Nevada Supreme Court
11/12 - November Board of Director's Meeting