

Poker Run Awards & Prizes

2015 Poker Run Winners

The 18th annual SMLBA Tom Maynard Poker Run held May 15th and 16th was once again a huge success. The Poker Run consisted of 7 card stops located at sponsored locations on the lake which this year included Crystal Shores (Platinum Sponsor), Bayside Marine, Va. Dare Portside, Smith Mountain Dock, Crazy Horse Marina and Mexico Viejo, Gills Creek Marina and the personal dock of Jon Dabareiner. The Kick Off Party on Friday night took place at Mariners Landing under a huge tent with Smith Mountain and Smith Mountain Lake as a backdrop. All participants enjoyed dinner and dancing under beautiful skies.

Saturday morning festivities at Mariners Landing started with a mandatory safety meeting for Captains which was hosted by Poker Run Chairman, Steve Harrington and President, Marshall Prillaman. The start took place at 11:30am with the Smith Mountain Lake Fire and Rescue boats shooting water spray into the air signifying "GO" with the helicopter in the air taking the aerial shots of all participants. The SMLBA Poker Run is a family oriented event that is not a race so all boats had over 5 hours to complete the event which was followed by a dinner and awards presentation.

2015 Winners

Best Hand	\$1,500	Tim Rinker from Mauretown, VA	Four Kings with Ace
2nd Place	\$500	Erika Crowder from Prince George VA	Four Jacks with Queen
3rd Place	\$250	Harlen Gudgeer from Moneta, VA	Four Sevens with Ace
Worst Hand	\$200	Philip Moncore from Roanoke Rapids	23478
Most Miles Traveled	\$200	William Gibson, Kent Ohio	
Most Players on a Boat	\$200	Rick Smith, Forest, VA	10
Best Appearing Crew	\$200	Pat Bailey from Smith Mountain Lake	"Roaring 20's" Theme
Best Appearing Boat	\$200	Craig Mytelka from Virginia Beach, VA	34' SunSation CCX, Red with Black "T" top

Many of the participants did not want to leave SML on Sunday and went out for one last run before departure. We encourage everyone to go to our website www.smlba.com to see the pictures of this year's event and review our sponsors.

The SMLBA would also like to extend an invitation to everyone for the 2016 Tom Maynard Poker Run which all proceeds go to making the lake safer and other charities on the lake.

Thanks for a great turnout and I look forward to seeing everyone on May 20, 2016!