

SURVIVAL SKILLS

You find yourself adrift, with 6 others, on a small makeshift raft in the open waters, no land in sight, after your yacht (AKA the Survival Pool) has sunk. You have 4 different opinions (N,E,S,W) as to which direction to steer the raft to survive. It turns out — you choose poorly. . .

What a week! Fasten your seatbelts, this is gonna be a long, wild ride. In our first over .500 week as a group (barely, 8-8 was still the average score) 5 players will share the weekly prize with very nice 11-5 scores. Let's get to them. I will try to be brief on each.

It was Ghetto to Glory for Bobby Higgins. You remember him, last place to first place in one week. I said it last week, I knew you would bounce back. Nicely done my friend!

(Magic) Mike Lamagna was last year's Main Pool champ. He's ravaging the Prize Fund again. 1 stride behind the leader early on this year. Good job Magic, but we're tired of you!

Justin Hawkins has had some success too in his brief time with us. Silver medal in last year's Best Bets and his first score this year comes early. Nice job Justin!

Dan (The Viking King) is another short timer with us with a nice resume. Bronze in the Main Pool 2 years ago and back to back Mystery Doubles trophies on his mantle. He's a very tough out. Nice going Viking King!

Ralph Marra joins the party in a crowded winner's circle. Besides this win he scored another prize this week in a minor pool. More about that later in the recap. Well done bro!

A lot of good scores besides these five but picking Best Bets is still a project for us. 16-24, another bad week. Only two 3-0's. Many 0-3's. This shouldn't be this hard??!

OK - time for the BIG news of the week. The headline this week is about surviving - or failing to do so. A fitting way for this minor pool to end. An unprecedented early end. A record that will be hard to break. Only 3 weeks to conclude the Survivor Pool!

7 players remained going into week 3. **ALL** seven went down this week. 4 different directions were taken by the seven but none survived the shark infested waters. A 7way tie means you all split the prize. This actually has happened once before with 7 going south the same week, but that was in week 11.

A prize is a prize, and this one will not be what you all hoped it would be (57.14 Lawrence's) but it's still a nice little pop early in the season. Here are the winners:

Brad (Blue Blood) Yale, Chris Reed, John Labriola, Ken Demchak, Kevin (Piano Man) Joel, Ralph Marra (we gotta find you a moniker bro) and Steven DeFabiis. Congrats ALL!

So many players won prizes this week, I think it's a record. And there are three more, but for them, not the prizes they want to win. Yes, that's right - - three players will be heading to Basement Bertha's this week.

A 5-11 dumpster fire is **not** the way Dave Ritter wanted to make a recap. Especially with a dozen players getting some cheese. And he even has to split the Booby Prize! Dave, at least you aren't a Jags fan - so there's that. Better days are coming. Just not this week in Bertha's cellar.

Also sharing low honors is Kenny Demchak. Ken's off to a tough start (14 under first 3 weeks). Not quite White Sox bad but enough for a last place tie in the Main Pool. It's not all gloom and doom for Ken. He was one of our previously named Knockout winners. You can brag about that to Basement Bertha.

John (Snowman) Cocchieri gets his first mention of the year. Like the others, not at all for the reason he wants to be recognized. The only silver lining is staying in Basement Bertha's down under flat, he will be away from the hurricane coming his way on the Gulf Coast of Florida this week. Good Luck Johnny. Better stock up on booze for the four of you.

Standings after 09/22/24 - Week 03

Standings			
	W	L	T
Frank Pisano	28	18	2
Carl Borman	27	19	2
Mike Lamagna	27	19	2
Louis Adams	26	20	2
Tony McFarland	26	20	2
Arnie Komet	25	21	2
John Moser	25	21	2
Kyle/Kevin Conroy	25	21	2
Paul Korinth	25	21	2
Teresa Kelly	25	21	2
Dan Stensgard	24	22	2
Justin Hawkins	24	22	2
Ralph Marra	24	22	2
Stu Silverstein	24	22	2
*** Bob for Fun ***	23	23	2
Brian/Brady Anderson	23	23	2
John Tallarico	23	23	2
Nate Singh	23	23	2
Bo Lebon	22	24	2
Joe Bednarski	22	24	2
Mark McCain	22	24	2
Rocky/Matt Durocher	22	24	2
Chris Reed	21	25	2
Dom Mancini	21	25	2
John Cocchieri	21	25	2
Kevin Joel	21	25	2
Bob Higgins	20	26	2
Brian Lamagna	20	26	2
Dave Ritter	20	26	2
Mike Banha	20	26	2
Mike Pasch	20	26	2
Steve DeFabiis	20	26	2
Tanya Tallarico	20	26	2
Tony Mascio	20	26	2
Brad Yale	19	27	2
JoMarie Sacchinelli	19	27	2
Stu Schrenzel	18	28	2
John Labriola	16	30	2
Ken Demchak	16	30	2
Ray Lavender	16	30	2
Ryan Pehush	16	30	2

Best Bet			
	W	L	T
Brad Yale	3	0	0
Stu Silverstein	3	0	0
Tony McFarland	2	0	1
*** Bob for Fun ***	2	1	0
Brian/Brady Anderson	2	1	0
Carl Borman	2	1	0
Dan Stensgard	2	1	0
Frank Pisano	2	1	0
Ken Demchak	2	1	0
Mike Banha	2	1	0
Paul Korinth	2	1	0
Rocky/Matt Durocher	2	1	0
Bo Lebon	1	1	1
Dom Mancini	1	1	1
John Moser	1	1	1
Steve DeFabiis	1	1	1
Arnie Komet	1	2	0
Chris Reed	1	2	0
Dave Ritter	1	2	0
Joe Bednarski	1	2	0
John Cocchieri	1	2	0
John Labriola	1	2	0
John Tallarico	1	2	0
Justin Hawkins	1	2	0
Kyle/Kevin Conroy	1	2	0
Louis Adams	1	2	0
Mark McCain	1	2	0
Mike Lamagna	1	2	0
Ralph Marra	1	2	0
Ray Lavender	1	2	0
Ryan Pehush	1	2	0
Stu Schrenzel	1	2	0
Tanya Tallarico	1	2	0
Teresa Kelly	1	2	0
Tony Mascio	1	2	0
Bob Higgins	0	2	1
Brian Lamagna	0	3	0
JoMarie Sacchinelli	0	3	0
Kevin Joel	0	3	0
Mike Pasch	0	3	0
Nate Singh	0	3	0