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WFWF Spades Tournament

Sand Baggers stun Nil Bots to regain WFWF Spades Championship.

When the defending champion **Nil-Bot** team of **Tony Papa/ Ray Wottrich** advanced to the finals to face the 2001 champion **Sand Bagger** team of **Larry Bruder / Jodie Turner** it looked sure to be another classic in the lineage of Ali-Frazier, Cowboys-49ers, Lakers-Celtics, US-USSR.



However the title tilt ended more along the lines of **Titanic-Iceberg** (or perhaps US-Iraq). To keep a short story short: The Sand Baggers got some nice cards and played them well while the Nil-Bots never really got going in the final. 'nuff said. Way to go **Sand Baggers!**

Other items of note regarding the **3rd Annual Spades Championship:**

- A big shout out to Brian Nelson / Mary Settle (**Rub & Bubb**) for advancing to the semi-finals. Mary stepped in and did a great job replacing Brian's partner who had to cancel at the last minute
- Another shout out goes to the other semi-finalist team of Justin Thompson / Susan Hammerschmidt (**Slammer & The Hammer**). This team rode a hot streak into the semi's but were eventually ousted by the Nil-Bots.
- Eleven teams competed for the title.
- Eric Myklebost supplied some terrific foodstuffs for the group.

A big thanks to all who came and competed. Once again there were no casualties.

And don't worry about those Nil-Bots.... they'll be back and ready to go next year and one suspects that they will have clarified the '**prime directive**' by the time the tournament rolls around again.