

Kicking Off the First Annual Trenton Rotary March Madness Pool

Most of you are already familiar with the NCAA "March Madness" basketball tournament, its bracket format and the challenge of predicting the winners of each game to accumulate points and determine a ranked standings across all the pool players. Rick Lazarick has offered to be the Commissioner and has set up a pool online (using the CBS sports web site) for Trenton Rotary. Standings and points are all handled by the web site application.

1. Cost per bracket: \$20 per bracket to enter, multiple entries per person are allowed (for those who wish to invest at the \$40 level or higher)
2. Proceeds distribution: Following tradition, 50% of the revenue will go to the Club, 50% to the prize pool. The prize pool will be distributed: 40% first; 30% second; 15% third; 10% fourth; 5% LAST

We may also be establishing a trophy to be awarded annually with the winner's name engraved (making this "First Annual" declaration less oxymoronic). Also we may have a "tail end" trophy for the Last Place finisher.

It's fun to have a rooting interest in each and every game in the tournament, and even more fun when the prize values are high. So help us make this event successful by expressing your interest in playing, by sending your email address to ricklazarick@gmail.com. You will then get in invitation to join the Trenton Rotary bracket on the CBS Sports website (<http://trentonrotary.mayhem.cbssports.com>). You can sign up any time starting now, but no later than March 15. Brackets are available starting "Selection Sunday" March 12. This pool is also open to your relatives, co-workers and friends – the more the merrier – just let me know who to invite!

I will be collecting entry fees at weekly meetings, or you can mail a check to Trenton Rotary, PO Box 7476, Ewing NJ 08628.