

# The 2006 Shot Event

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## Dick's Pre-Party Extravaganza

There's nothing like a night out with friends and fellow HRC shot glass enthusiasts. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our event and it was a kick ass gathering!

What started in 2004 in Joshua, TX by Joann Fauchaux, seconded the next year by Floyd Terry in Herndon, VA and continued this year by Dick Pruden in Mason, OH is now a tradition – the HRC Event Pre-Party! Traveling uncalculated miles to get together before the official Hard Rock Shot Events, our famed house parties are something to experience and certainly are the best way to indulge in our hobby and meet fellow collectors. Okay, okay, the word *indulge* can be taken “tongue and cheek” as we do it better than anyone.



Some of the attendees at the 2006 Shot Events – you know who you are!

So this year we started in Mason, Ohio at the house of Dick Pruden. Who has a phenomenal collection of Hard Rock shot glasses! We all had a peek, a gawk (maybe even a small cry at what we're missing) at his large and well displayed collection.



In the envy room – Larry, Tom, Andy, Dick, George and Mike!

As previously reported, we don't travel with our collections but to prove we know the value of the hunk of glass, we do have a tendency to show off what we can do with one. And this year we set out to crown an official King and Queen of the Shots.



It started out very slowly as it seemed no one wanted to present a challenge. It sure did change as the night got on.

The men started out drinking together in harmony, remaining tied for most of the evening. Some of the women, arriving at different points during the night, had some catching up to do here and there. As the night drew on, the competition grew fierce. Even those that had no real shot (no pun intended) at the title, felt compelled to do a shot or two with the clear front runners.



The top men came in with a combined high score of 114 shots. Marco R. held onto the title and took home the trophy with 39 shots (mostly tequila), with Trevor M. (new comer to the match!) with 38 shots and Mike C. (a former King) came in third with 37 shots.



The top women came in with a combined high score of 79 shots. We did have a tie in this category for Queen as Julie B. and Vicki P. raced to the cutoff time and drank 29 shots a piece (eventually, shot glasses became optional – a bottle is easier to down apparently). As Julie has held the title for several years, she took home the trophy and Vicki donned the lanyard. Lois M. came in with 22 shots (mostly tequila and pineapple – the Rumple Mintz is rumored to be her demise). Yours truly came in with a sad showing of 14 shots – but then some of us are only meant to bask in the glow of royalty...and avoid those that appear to be turning green.



Julie and Marco – took home the King and Queen of Shots trophies (and look - still standing!)



Everyone made it safely back to their hotels. Thanks to all designated drivers!  
(Janis and Anita – kept a careful watch on the contestants)

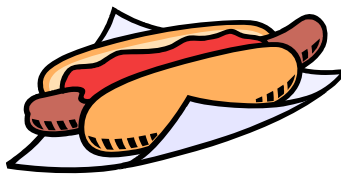
Now don't think we are purely drinkers (we can be but we are so much more). We had a small feast at our disposal (awesome meatballs!) and did some trading of the newly released HRC City shots:



Tijuana 2006 – one of MANY cities to release a new shot glass this summer.

Our host attempted to check our acuity on Hard Rock Cafes. The competition to name as many cafes as possible in a defined time frame proved to be more of a challenge than the drinking competition for some. I won't even post my score. But for those that read this and scoff – you should know that you had to define the cafes from pictures.

For example, which café is this to you?



To a few that had just drunk some Rumble Mintz, this represented the newly opened Hard Rock Cafe Hotdog (located somewhere in Weinerville, CA\*). Yes, someone actually wrote that as their answer!



Winners of the figure out the name of the café contest: Floyd T. (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Mike C. (1<sup>st</sup>), Carmen F. (3<sup>rd</sup>),

As if these competitions weren't enough, a mini-auction of prototype shots was held. \$500 was raised and split as initial support for the Indianapolis and Louisville Café charities.

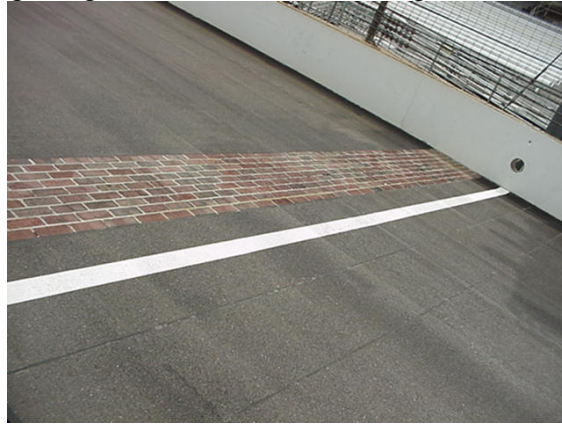


The Pre-Party came to a close but was an excellent kick off for the 2006 A Shot at the Finish Line Event. Thanks to Dick Pruden for hosting this years Pre-Party. We had a great time!

*\*To those that can't figure it out: HRC Hotdog never opened in Weinerville and the answer is actually Frankfurt.*

### **Indianapolis – A Shot at the Finish Line Event 2006**

Indianapolis (for those not getting a late start) had us taking a drive to the race track:



Crossing the finish line!

We went through the museum (loads of cars baby!) and even took a bus ride around the track (the driver wouldn't step on it though).

Then it was on to the Café to start the 2006 Event!



The raffle table was setup with many goodies to be won later in the evening.

For the opening night of a 2 night affair, we gathered in the back room of the Indianapolis Hard Rock Café. We had superb service from the attentive staff and no glass or plate was left unchecked. The café has incredibly friendly staff and we had a great time visiting the café. Kudos out to Sarah Beard and her staff!



The Event shot was released shortly after the fun got started.



The Indy Charity – Riley Hospital for Children – was on hand to give us an overview of the organization and the great work that they do with children suffering from arthritis. We held a live auction for some rare finds (Newport 2005 City shot – never released!) and a raffle for a ton of other items. Altogether, we raised \$1562 for the kids!



### Louisville – A Shot at the Finish Line Event 2006

Most of us arrived early on Saturday to take in some Louisville sights:



Churchill Downs – Place your bets people!



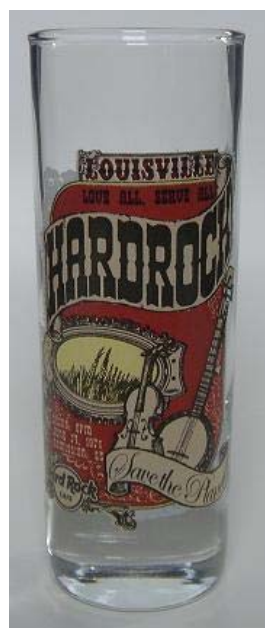
Received a mini bat at the Louisville Slugger Museum after the tour.

Then came the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of the Event:



And talk about your party town! Most of us got ID'd in the street heading towards the café and received a little blue wrist band as proof that we were there to have a good time (and old enough to do it!).

Not only did we have the Event shot but the Louisville had received the 2006 City shot as well. Score!



We had a great group of servers that we kept hopping all night. Excellent and friendly staff in Louisville – thanks to Stephanie Marshall and her staff for showing us a great time!

The live auction and raffle (plus Sunday's pin breakfast) for the Louisville Charity – Kentucky School for the Blind – raised \$1800. Way to go!

Kudos!

A very special thank you and good karma out to all the collectors (pin, bear, shot etc...) that donated items for this year's charity fund raisers. We could not have done it without your support and generosity! I'd also like to thank our bidders for helping out these great causes! A group of less than 30 collectors raised \$3339 for charity. Thanks to all of you for making this a success!



PS: Those were wedding bells you heard!! Congratulations to Dick and Anita who were engaged at the Louisville café (shortly after the event)!!

“Rock On!”

- Denise