



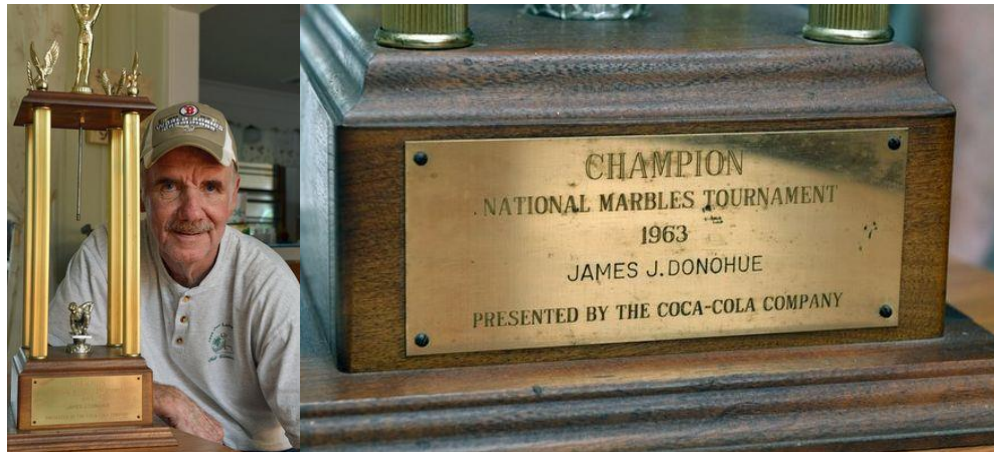
OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

1963 National Marble Tournament Champion

Recently the Enfield (CT) Public Library decided to host a program on vintage childhood past-times. The game they chose was marble playing. As part of this program, they asked me to put together a month-long marble exhibit and to give a presentation on marble collecting. Also, as part of this program, they had a presentation by Jim "Red" Donohue, the 1963 National Marble Tournament Boys Champion. Mr. Donohue has lived in Springfield, Massachusetts his entire life. He was the third (and most recent) National Champion from Springfield.



Ed McMahon presenting trophy to the 1963 National Marble Champion, Jimmy "Red" Donohue



In 2009, a videographer named Craig Snider, created a 17-minute documentary on Jim's road to the National Championship. I have uploaded this video to Youtube for your enjoyment. It's a

really good video, so you should take the time to view it. The video can be viewed at the link <http://youtu.be/sk1ig33dn1M>

You can also read a good article about Jim and other Springfield marble champions at http://www.masslive.com/living/index.ssf/2013/07/us_marbles_champ_of_1963_springfields_jimmy_red_donohue_remembers_remarkable_summer_including_appear.html

Marble Shows

The best place to learn about marbles, as well as to buy marbles, is at a marble show. Here are the next shows:

October 11-12, 2014. Northeast Marble Meet. Marble Show and Marble Auction. Marriott Courtyard, Marlborough MA, 508-480-0015. Contact Bert Cohen 617-487-5808 or Bob Block 203-209-7076.

October 19, 2014. Badger Marble Show. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Madison WI, 608-244-2481. Contact Bill Bass 608-723-6138.

October 26, 2014. Smoky Hill Marble Collectors Show. Quality Inn E Suites, Salina KS, 785-825-2111. Contact Larry Sawyer 785-472-3256.

November 1, 2014. Las Vegas Marble Show. Fortune Hotel, Las Vegas NV, 702-732-9100. Contact Lee Linne 253-815-6928.

November 8, 2014. Pride of the Prairie Fall Marble Show. Country Inn and Suites, Decatur IL 217- 872-2402. Contact Chuck Garrett 217-422-8454.

35th Northeast Marble Meet



The 35th Northeast Marble Meet is October 11th and 12th 2014. The Marriott Courtyard, Marlborough Massachusetts. The Meet consists of a Marble Auction and a Marble Show, as well as room-hopping throughout the weekend.

This meet has been held annually since 1980. The first 5 meets were held in Fairfield County CT, followed by 3 years in South Attleboro MA, prior to the move in 1988 to its current location.

On Saturday, October 11, there will be an auction of 110 lots of handmade, machine made and contemporary marbles, and related marble items. The format of the auction is still being determined. A super opportunity to pick up some great marbles at good prices.

November 8, 2014. Texas Fall Marble Show. Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek, Fort Worth TX 817-740-4600. Contact Lynn Johnson 940-300-3222.

Visit <http://www.marblecollecting.com/marble-community/marble-show-calendar/> for the complete marble calendar.

The Marble Show is held on Sunday, October 12. There are 36 exhibitor tables that will be filled by artists and dealers. There is always a wide selection of high-quality handmade and machine made marbles, contemporary marbles (including some artists selling their own work), and marble related items.

You can get complete information at <http://www.marblemeet.com>