

Sabbar Shrine Poker Run

*From Tom Rowley of the
Sabbar Shriner's
Motorcycle Unit*

The 24th Sabbar Shrine Poker run took place on April 13, 2014. It was a success as it has been for the previous 23 years. There were approximately 175 participants. The weather for the run was about perfect: high seventies and a light breeze. The run this year was approximately 95 miles in length and went from the Sabbar Shrine Center in downtown Tucson [450 S Tucson Blvd] to the southeast on two lane blacktop roads and returned to Sabbar Center for the final stop. The four stops along the route were at the major run intersections and provided parking for the bikes while participants selected a number.

Two score sheets (A & B)

ent Poker Hands. The score sheets were marked either A or B which indicated which scoring template was to be used. High Hand [& \$500] was won by Conda Peeler, 2nd High [& \$300] was Tony Perata, and Low Hand [& \$200] by Taylor Kling.

Breakfast and lunch were both available at the Shrine Center for a reasonable price and many of the participants ate at the Shrine Center prior to leaving on the run or while waiting for the run winners to be announced and door prizes awarded.

As has been the case for many years, the winner of the Motorcycle Raffle was announced following the Poker Run. This year's winner of the 2014 Harley Davidson Dyna Super Glide was Jon Deshoza from El Paso, Texas. He chose to

with orthopedic, burns, and cleft palette problems. The hospitals will take insurance if the family has it, but needed treatment will be provided at no cost to the patient if they don't. It is the responsibility of each Shrine Center to provide transportation for the patients from their area to the hospitals. Arizona unfortunately is not one of the 22 hospital locations, so the Arizona Shrine Centers need to raise the funds to transport "their" children to a hospital. Sabbar Shriner's "children" go to either Los Angeles or Sacramento, California.

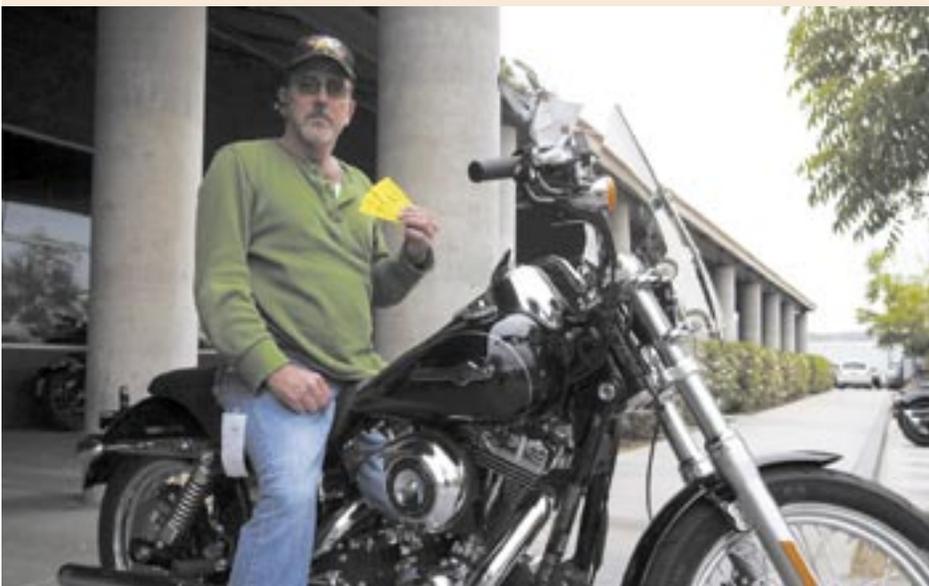
The profits from the Poker Run and the Motorcycle Raffle support patient transportation needs. The funds are used in one of two ways: either to provide tickets on public transportation for the child and its parent or guardian; or to help pay for the operation of our transportation scheduling facility and our Tele-Med facility within the Shrine Center. The Tele-Med facility uses live high definition television enabling our hospital doctors to conduct on-line follow up visits with patients, without the patients needing to travel to the hospital. Sabbar Shriners are currently responsible for approximately 1,400 children in various stages of treatment.

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Learn more about the Shriners by visiting the Sabbar Shriner's website at <http://www.sabbarshriners.org>. Read about their Motorcycle Unit at www.sabbarshriners.org/motorcycles/motorcycles.htm

*Our thanks to Tom for sending
this report along.*

Betsy & Bruce



each contained 52 numbers to choose from and were scored with templates (A & B) which converted the chosen numbers to playing cards. For example, a number 35 might convert to a Jack of Clubs on an A sheet, but a 5 of Hearts on the B sheet. Two templates were used so a rider and a passenger could both choose the same numbers and end up with differ-

take the Motorcycle rather than the alternate prize of \$10,000.00. He was not present at the drawing, but picked up his new bike the following week.

Shriners International operates 22 Children's Hospitals throughout North America. These hospitals treat children, 18 and under,