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Humble Pie.

We planned to write a four page epistle about our super triumph at the *“World Trivia Night”.* With initial placings of 19 & 20 in their inaugural efforts, the NHN&WR teams would surely spread-eagle the field in 2007. Ha! It was a disaster, and this will be a very *short* letter. (Wouldn’t write it at all except that someone is sure to ask, *“Hey, … what happened at Trivia Night”.*)

What happened is both team tables of ten, came in tied for 32nd place, i.e. at least 310 people, and probably more, did better than we. Yuk.

The ten categories this year were nationalities: Canada, Mexico, U.S.A., Russia, Ireland, Italy, France, India, China & South Africa. Pretty well all within our comfort zone. Hey, … we had Canadians, people born in Ireland, Americans, parents who’d adopted from China, French extractions, some with kids very familiar with Africa, and we all loved Mexican, Italian, and Indian food. But then, … came the questions. Three smarty-pants Americans knew 2 of the ten U.S. questions. And it wasn’t just recall. When the answers were shown on the big screen it was like, “*What*?”. Blank stares prevailed.

But are we discouraged? No way, … already developing an updated modus operendus for 2008. (Scribe relief, colored coded post-its (like red =’s ‘this is the definitely right answer’), monitoring the behavior at the tables of previous winners ), no offhand answer changes, etc.) Like the old Brooklyn Dodger cry, … *“Wait till next year!”* By the way, … if there are no snide, snickering comments to this letter, the management will be grateful.

This may be a busy ‘letter month. We have just completed “Beer & Chainsaw” weekend in North Hero, definitely deserving a letter if only for the log splitter problem sleuthing, plus Nancy & Dave Jefferson’s car troubles on the drive up to the Trivia Event. In case you didn’t know, …there is a *“Deliverance Garage*” in Watertown, N.Y.

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