

Au Natural Pinball

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Last 26th June, near Bologna (Italy), we had our sixth annual TILT! party. The peculiar characteristic of this party is that it is held outdoors in the open air! This requires lengthy preparation for using extension leads on the ground with multi-plug adaptors sometimes left hanging from the trees! Luckily enough, we never in the past got rain (well, almost...) but, just in case, some large tarpaulins are readily available to cover everything in a few moments.

In the garden of this country house, we had music with three different dj sk jockeys. Draught beer and mixed drinks were also available. Obviously, we had some pinballs and other games, all on free play. The mix between an open air party with music and coin-op games does the magic and the party is a must for those



interested in music, dance or coin-op games, and not necessarily all three! There were about 200 persons and all of them had a very good time as

this party. We had as a special guest, well known pinball collector Douglas Cope and his girlfriend Alison from England. This year the guys from ITVAC (Italian Video Arcade Collecting) group were also at the TILT! Party. They brought a Jamma video-game cabinet which they used to make available for play all night long several different classic video-games like Dig Dug and Pac Man, as well as Italian copies or original games, like a rare Model Racing Invasion, and others.

Back to the games, we played pinballs from my collection as well from personal collections of other



the party was on from dusk till dawn! Some of the guests traveled from very far to attend



Italian fanatics of the games. To say the truth, many are restoring games just to be able to bring 'em to next year's TILT! parties to show them off to the other collectors!

Massimiliano Vitasevic brought a Gottlieb's Fast Draw 4-player game which is really rare in Italy. Piero Cavina, well known Zaccaria's fan, had a Ten Stars on exhibit. Alessandro Tsiotas brought a rare Gottlieb two player, Big Jack and others.

Other games available for play included a Data East Tommy, Zaccaria Supersonic, Gottlieb Subway, Bally Loop the Loop and my rare head-to-head game Boot-A-Ball. Would you like to attend our next year's party? Just check TILT's web site at <http://www.tilt.it>, where you can also find several photos from other past editions of the party. See you next year! PGJ

