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times, it has never finished in first place and won the right to hold the coveted trophy.

Gueths said he was disappointed to hear about the theft from the Sunset Grill. He questioned how anyone would expect to get away with stealing something that is so personal to competitors in the dart league.

"It's like having a Super Bowl ring," he said. "Where'd you get that? You didn't play in a Super Bowl."

Inside the Sunset Grill, the trophy was displayed on a shelf alongside a TV, in a spot where anyone could have grabbed it if they wanted. Steichen suspects it was swiped by someone from an outof-town bachelor's party that stopped by the tavern earlier this summer.

Steichen held out hope that the perpetrator would bring the trophy back later, but that has not happened. If it does not come back soon, Steichen figures he will invest in a new traveling trophy, maybe a plaque that can be nailed down inside the champion tavern.

He doubts anyone will be able to remember all the league history that was recorded on the old trophy.

"It'd be pretty much impossible," he said. "It's gone."