
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, WA
Sweethearts
By Claire Kenney

February 14 2008 was the date this year for the 32nd annual Sweetheart Tournament. It doesn't happen very often but this years tourney did land on Valentines Day.

Dee Hudson and her Blue Goose Tavern have been hosting this event for twenty years. Its a good location. A bar with a warm feel and a view of Puget Sound outside the door attracts shuffleboard players from all areas of the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

The pre tournament draw on Friday night was a kick-off for the weekend competition. This was held at the Red Dog Saloon which is only a stones throw from the Blue Goose. As in years past both taverns are used because of the many entries and the need for all four boards. Claire Kenney and Ken Simmons drew partners Friday night and earned first place bragging rights.

Bill Walker, bracket man and tournament director had pen in hand early Saturday morning to sign up participants so the event could start on time. Bill runs a lot of tournaments. He's a fair man and his events are well ran. Good job Bill.

The Saturday night feast was just that. A feast. Players and fans brought some of their favorite dishes for everyone to try. No one leaves hungry here. The "cooks" always outdo themselves.

Claire Kenney and Ken Simmons teamed up this year and took first place but not without a fight from Mel and Jeanette Hohn. Coming from the losers bracket Mel & Jeanette beat Claire & Ken to put both teams on equal footing for a one game to twenty-one play off.

Kudos to Mike Waters. He took a relatively new player Teri Rasmussen and finished in the money.

1st place-----Ken Simmons & Claire Kenney
2nd place-----Mel & Jeanette Hohn
3rd place-----Mike Waters & Teri Rasmussen