

Adirondack Open Continues to Grow....

By Pete Cummings

At a time when shuffleboard numbers seem to be down, the food (unsurpassed) and the hospitality (warm and friendly) at the Riverside Tavern in Keeseville, New York, is drawing them in. The three event tournament on Sept. 8-10 paid out nearly \$5,000 in prizes, but maybe more important for the sport locally, the good sportsmanship and renewed friendships overshadowed some great shuffleboard efforts.

The trip up north was well worth it for Louise Freer of Pennsylvania and her partner in two of the events, Bob White. Louise showed her consistency, determination and patience to work her way back through the loser's brackets to pull off a remarkable triple crown. Their game was beatable but the team was not as they continually won games without leading until the very end. Their patience and communication was a model for everyone to watch as they were seemingly out of many of the matches they played.



Bob White and Louise Freer holding some of their "hardware."

In the draw partner event, it was my privilege to draw the awesome Louise Freer.



Pat Brennan and Pauline Rock, our North Country host, finished second in the draw partner.

Local legend Dan Eaton teamed with Bob (WOW!) White to finish third.

The mixed doubles, a north country favorite because of all the excellent female shooters we have, had Bob and Louise winning from the loser's bracket. Brenda Prosser and Kenny VanZile were the doubled-dipped victims this time. Betty Rombach carried Pat Brennan to the third place money.

On Sunday, everyone's sights were set on Louise in the bring partner. Fortunately, Bob White saved his best play for Sunday and the marked team coolly played their way to another first. Pat Brennan (his outstanding efforts of two seconds and a third paled by Louise's accomplishment) and Pete Cummings took second place honors, with Ken VanZile and Lou Cousia taking third.



Bob White and Louise Freer, first in the bring partner; Pete Cummings and Pat Brennan in second place.

Lou Cousia and Kenny Van Zile, 3rd place bring partners.



Many thanks to Pauline, Judy Cobb, Ray and Betty Martin, and all the rest. Fun tournaments don't just happen. A lot of hard work goes in by people who don't end up on the podium or in the pictures with trophies in hand.

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