

table were dominated by players from New York. Looked like a victory for the Yankees; last year, it was the Rebels. First place was taken by Bill Jones, Sherburne, New York, and Ken Van Zile Sr., Oxford, N.Y. Coming in second and riding in the same car: Dick Losee of Poolville, N.Y. and Dan Miner, Guilford, N.Y. Taking third place was host Harvey Comer and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. Fourth and final money spot was taken by the Philadelphia team of Joe Freyling and Jim Yank Sr.

Every Saturday night a draw partner event is held at Harvey's Place and this Saturday was no exception. Many of the players who were already out of the Mason-Dixon competition signed up. The ultimate winners were Curtis Dean, Rising Sun, and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. Second place went to Dick Gorman and Dick Smedberg.

We haven't mentioned hostess Darlyene Belcher much lately, but a lot of folks who were at this tournament are talking about her. She didn't get to play this tournament as she usually does because she was a "little off her feed." But she did prepare a feed for the players and their guests -- the best pork loin I ever ate, said most, along with saurkraut, mashed potatoes, string beans, cranberry sauce and rolls. Boy, was it good! Kudos also go to our barmaid who gets there early and stays until after we are gone, cleaning up for the next day -- thanks, Jackie!

Finally, we take time on these pages to say get well to two of our usual participants who couldn't make it this time because of recent heart attacks: Dick Jeffries of Sherburne, N.Y. and Phil Neuman of Swarthmore, Pa. Both are recovering and we hope "the big man upstairs" sends them back to us soon. We friends in shuffleboard are concerned for them.

The next tournament at Harvey's Place is the Maryland State Championships (open to anyone from any place) on April 9-10, concluding this season on April 24 with the open singles and rated singles. When there is a Saturday only tournament, there are always enough players to get something going the Friday night before, so come early, says Harvey Comer.

The crowds are getting big enough that soon it may be necessary to reserve a spot in advance again -- like the old days. Call Harvey at 410-836-8881.

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## **Kane/Tinker Tops at Coaches, Fenton, Missouri**

*By Jerry Sabourin*

Neither wind, nor rain, nor hail -- or even a tornado that tracked through Jefferson County, Missouri, could keep the local area shufflers from gathering for the

2nd Annual Frank Kane Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament. The setting was Coaches Bar and Grill, a recently new shuffleboard establishment in Fenton, Missouri. When the final gun sounded in the wee hours of Sunday morning, Feb. 28, many a toast, salute and cheer took place in memory of the late shuffler, Frank Kane.

This tournament is promoted annually by Frank's son, Steve Kane, and friends. Steve, with partner and newcomer to tournament play, Chris Tinker, took first place honors. Congratulations to both of them for their steady and great play -- not to mention their dancing!

Second place honors went to the tournament favorites, the husband and wife team of Jim and Donna Dunn. Both are long-time supporters and promoters of quality shuffleboard play and tournaments throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The final money spot and third place went to the team of Bill Frame and Jerry Sabourin. It was Bill's first shuffleboard action in almost two years, and he played great!

The best part of the evening, besides shuffleboard of course, was Steve Kane's dancing for dollars. He came about as close to taking it all off as the law allows. We have pictures to prove it!

Everyone, participants and non-participants, had a great time at this shuffleboard event. Most of us are already looking forward to next year. Many thanks to our host, Coaches Bar and Grill, from all who attended. They had the best french fries I ever tasted. McD's better look out!

## **Shuffling at The Pillars**

*By Dan Miner*

Friday, March 5, started off the two-event weekend at Pillars, Guilford, N.Y. with 16 teams signed up for a draw partner. We had some real exciting matches and a super finish with the team of Dick Losee of Poolville and Cindy Miner of Guilford fighting their way through the losers bracket to take first place. By the way, this was Cindy's first big tournament (congratulations!). Second place went to Steve Bennett and Clair Law, both from Sherburne. We're glad to see you out and shooting again, Steve. Third place was Dan Miner of Guilford and Earl Durgan of Waterloo. Fourth and final money went to the team of Ken VanZile of Guilford and Jane Johnson of Jordan.

On Saturday, March 6, we tried something new with a six-person team event on three boards, best 2 out of 3 games, first two boards take the match. This made for some very interesting and hard-fought matches. But with five teams signed up, it took about 14 hours to finish so we had some very tired first and second place finishers. With this in mind, next time

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### **Pillars** (continued from Page 31)

we will either go to six boards or three boards, single game, double elimination. Other than being slightly tired, I am quite sure everyone enjoyed this event with five teams that produced 30 excellent players. All in all, the event was a success with the team of Dick Losee, Bill Jones, Bob White, Jimmy Fowler, Bill Bergner, and Pat Chase capturing first place and the biggest share of the \$2,470 pot. The team of Dan Miner, Ken Van Zile, Chris Cornish, Dick Brooks, Ryan Fuller and Dennis Leehive took second place.

I'd like to thank all the teams that played with special thanks to Dennis Leehive who traveled up from Jersey to help us capture second place. The total payout for the two events was \$4,110.

Upcoming events at the Pillars will be a four-event tournament starting July 2, 6:30 p.m., open singles, \$20 entry with a sale; July 3, 9:30 a.m., mixed doubles, \$30 a team with sale; July 3, 2 p.m., draw partners, \$20 per person, with sale; July 4, 11:30 a.m., bring partners, \$40 a team with sale. Payback is 100% and trophies will be awarded for first and second places in each event.

Pillar's is located at the corner of County Rt. 36 and 35, in Guilford, New York. Phone: 607-895-6416.

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### **March Madness No. 1 at Bourbon is a Winner!**

The first true round robin doubles, christened March Madness I, held at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on March 5-6, was a big success. The event attracted 20 teams from seven states vying for a share of the \$11,000 pot.

With a record of 15-4, the Massie Brothers, Greg and Tom of Indiana, took top honors. Rick Boyer of U.S.A. and John McDermott of Michigan finished second, with Len Dell and Rick Niblett of Maryland in third place. Bobby Voorhis and Terry Dowell of Indiana took fourth place. Bill and Billy Melton of Oklahoma came so close to taking first in this unique event, but didn't finish in the money. Despite this disappointment, Bill said he liked the format (the first he'd played in) and would try again.

"We had a couple problems and will work them out before March Madness II, set for the first weekend of March 2000," said director Terry Dowell. "We will start earlier and pay down more places, and if anyone has other suggestions for improvement, please send them to me at the American Legion, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504.

"The success of March Madness I would have been impossible without the expertise of bracketeer Rob Kern," said Terry. "Thanks also to John

McDermott for his guidance and his laptop computer."

A true round robin singles is tentatively set for Aug. 20-21 at Bourbon. Watch The Board Talk for details.

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### **Brunskills Top Sweethearts at Silver Spur**

*By Jolene Lembke*

The Silver Spur in San Bernardino, California, is a big Western-style bar in a country setting. We had balmy 75 degree weather, a live country western band and an all-day buffet there for our sweetheart tournament. We also had some lively shuffleboard games going on!



*Bob and Anna Brunskill emerged the winners, as they did last year. This couple is just too hot!*

Locals Eric Chiles and Jean Mays came in second and Bill and Ellen Ellis were third.

Our Tuesday night round robins and Thursday night league are getting the local players more interested in entering these tournaments, but I still depend on my loyal friends from Oskar's in Bellflower and the Dixie Belle in Downey to be there. It gives them a chance to get away from it all and let their hair down.

Thanks to Bill Maxwell for bringing us a new plank at 8 in the morning and Paul Weber for doing the brackets and for the cake and doughnuts.

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### **Taz Country Hosts First ABC**

*By Debbie Bowers*

Taz Country in Pflugerville, Texas, hosted a three-event tournament on Feb. 19-21.

Friday night's handicap doubles draw partner event was won by Randy Rogers of Austin and Kim Andrews of Houston. Second place winners were Brenda Moore of San Antonio and Lynn Bishop of Austin. Third place went to Ken "Doc" Strong of

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