

# 29th Annual Sweethearts Mixed Doubles

February 10-12, 2006

Blue Goose Tavern & Red Dog Saloon, Port Orchard, Washington

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**February 10-12, 2006 (Port Orchard):** As usual the women came out in droves for the 29<sup>th</sup> offering of the Sweethearts Mixed Doubles the weekend before Valentines Day. A total of 26 teams competed for a prize fund of over \$4000 in the \$750 event. It also included a new twist as Norm McVeigh and Vern Gonzales spent both days video taping the play as well as interviewing participants and tournament officials and sponsors. This film is now being edited and will later air on local cable television. Equipment for this task was provided by the local cable television station.

When play ended early Sunday evening, new champions reigned. "Ranger" Rick Gindt and Canadian Joannie Millar held off the challenge of Mike Waters and Susan Clark, also from Canada, to gain the coveted championship and the lions share of the pot. Defending champions Gary George and Paulette McKinney finished a strong 3<sup>rd</sup>. Others finishing in the money were Nels Andersen and Linda Steffensen in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Tying for 5<sup>th</sup> place were the teams of Frank Mako/Melody Marine and Jeff Kersting/Michelle Foran. Now the hype begins as next year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great tourney.

Friday evening 18 teams that arrived early to get some board time in competed in a very spirited open draw event to shake loose some of the cob webs. Kenny Simmons and Paulette McKinney were still standing when it was over, Holding off Justin Casa and Marty Allen of Canada to take 1<sup>st</sup> place. Tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> were the teams of Gary Thompson/Rob Heidel and Don Mitchell/Judy George.

Long time sponsor, and owner of the Blue Goose & Red Dog Saloon wished to convey her thanks to all who participated, as well at to all the ladies who contributed to the fine Saturday evening meal. A special thanks goes out to the large "Contingent" that ventured south from Vancouver, B.C. to renew friendships and spirited competition.

-- Reported & Photos Submitted By: Bill Walker

## Sweethearts Mixed Doubles Winners



**1st & 2nd Place (Above L-R)**

**2nd Place:** Mike Waters & Susan Clark

**1st Place:** Joannie Millar & Rick Gindt



**3rd Place  
(Left L-R)**

Gary George &  
Paulette McKinney



**4th Place (Above L-R)**

Nels Andersen & Linda Steffensen  
with sponsor: Chuck Anthony and Host/Owner: Dee Hudson

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## Sweethearts Mixed Doubles Winners *(Continued)*



**5th/6th Place-tie (Above)**  
Frank Mako (center) & Melody Marine (right)  
pictured with Host/Owner: Dee Hudson (left)



**5th/6th Place-tie (Above)**  
Michelle Foran (left center) & Jeff Kersting (right center)  
pictured with Host/Owner: Dee Hudson (left) and  
Sponsor: Chuck Anthony (right)

## Norm conducts TV Interviews...



**(AboveTwo Photos L-R)**  
**Second Place winners** Mike Waters & Susan Clark  
being interviewed by Norm for television



**(AbovePhoto L-R)**  
Norm (TV Interviewer) & Vern Gonzales

