

Journey's End  
Sep 21-22 2007

Bourbon, IN: The Fall 2007 Amateur Tournament at Journey's End Bar & Grill started off Friday, September 21st with an open draw partner, single elimination. The only stipulation was that the 3 "A" players, Bud Esterline, Brian Collins, and Mike Koontz, could not draw each other. The team of Ann Harrell of Bourbon and Gene Brown of Summitville took first place. Ken Reed of Etna Green and Dave Arnett of Warsaw were second. The teams of Doc DeVenter of Ft. Wayne and Bob Lang of Ohio and Glen Smith of Ohio and Tony Watson of Fairmount split 3rd/4th.

#### **DOUBLES-14 TEAMS**

Fourteen strong teams participated in the doubles event. Coming in first were locals Kristie Redman and Uriah Graham. Uriah is about as local as he can get as he lives upstairs! Kristie made a triumphant return to tournament shuffleboard after not having played in but a few tournaments in over three years. Welcome back Kristie!

Coming in 2nd was the pickup team of Robert Atkins of Summitville and Obie Pierce of Ft. Wayne. Placing 3rd were Tony Lozier and his son Tyler Lozier. This was Tyler's 2nd or 3rd tournament other than local draw partners and he played great! Finishing 4th were Glen Smith and Roger Wilhelm of Ohio. It seems that Roger and Glen finish in the money in either the singles or doubles every amateur tournament. [See summary.](#)

#### **SINGLES-24**

There were 24 players in the singles event. Finishing 5th/6th were Kristie Redman and Bob Lang. The youngest player, Tyler Lozier finished 4th. Roger (always in the money) Wilhelm finished third. Taking the winners bracket was Gene Brown. Then came Glen Smith. Glen who had been playing game after game while Gene watched. You can guess the outcome. 1st Glen Smith, 2nd Gene Brown. Congratulations to both players!

#### **WRAP-UP**

Here is where we usually wrap things up and give our "thank you's" for all those folks that helped with the tournament. The first person that needs thanked is Mike Koontz, of Journey's End. He started these amateur tournaments back in the Fall of 2004. That tournament was so successful that the players requested another tournament in the Spring. The fall tournament usually has 30+ players and the spring tournament has grown to 50+ players. [See summary.](#) I think the amateurs really appreciate his efforts, moving in a 6th board and providing new sand, and putting out the quarters, just like for "the big boys".

Thanks to Brian Collins, who not only came over to play in the Friday night draw, but came back on Saturday and did the auction. Gary Neff once again rain the bracket boards and as the newest rater in Indiana, also kept an eye out on the play.

The biggest thank you goes to the players. Rob and Deb Kern drove down from Michigan even after two grueling weekends of shuffleboard behind them, Houghton Lake and the Wandering Women's Tournament. Bob Lang, Sharon Crowder and Glen Smith, 4+ hours from Cincinnati. Roger Wilhelm and Terry Wulfrum, also from Ohio. Jon Mauk from Warsaw. Jon brought his motor home over early Friday morning so several of the players had a nice place to rest and retire for the night without having to drive.

Thanks All, see you in the spring.  
Ann Harrell