

## Chamberlin/McNeill Winners at Market Street Cafe

The Market Street Cafe, Charlestown, Maryland, hosted a sweetheart tournament on Valentine's Day.



Winners were George Chamberlin of Perryville and Steph McNeill of Rising Sun (left). Taking second place honors were Tammy Little and Chuck Cooke of Elkton.



From Greenwood, Delaware, John Gardner and Mary Wagner took third place.



Local promoter/photographer Brenda Wallace didn't win any money, but she did collect a dozen roses from son Mitch for Valentine's Day.

"Bobbie and Chip Spangler are the owners of Market Street Cafe, a lovely family who cares about people — not just making money," reports Brenda Wallace. "Anyone who can find better hosts, let me know. We'd like to alert travelling shufflers that this is a great place to visit. It's located between Perryville and Elkton, Maryland, just off #40, easy to find, and the Suiquanna River is a great attraction for diners and players alike."

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## Mason-Dixon Classic Staged at Harvey's Place

By Dick Gorman

The annual Mason-Dixon Classic was held at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland on their four in-house boards on Feb. 26-27. Whoever thought that the line dividing the North and South (just a few miles away) would become the name of a shuffleboard tournament with the "referee" being the Bowers Rating System from Texas? It didn't take guns to level this playing field; it took Ron Bowers and all of his raters. Thanks, Ron, the crowds are increasing and the scene is a lot more fun. A nice size crowd arrived from Sherburne, New York (8 players); another four players from Philadelphia, all representing the North. Another new contingent of five players arrived from Western Maryland (Cumberland) to join with a group from Baltimore to form the rebel section. No war ensued, but they all could shoot and shoot they did!

Friday night filled up early; 32 players had their names in the hat and paid for a half-hour before the scheduled start of 6:30 p.m. The draw produced some interesting partners and the Bowers handicap system presented some interesting balance.

Leading the way to the winner's table were Don Casula of Wilmington, Del., and Al DiBella, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. Dick Gorman of Wilmington and local Arnold Ledford took second place. Third place money went to new player Joe Freyling of Philadelphia and Brenda Wallace from nearby Port Deposit. Host Harvey Comer and his partner, Dick Smedberg of Long Island, New York, finished fourth. No decisive win here for either the North or South, with so many players from no-man's-land Delaware. Matter of fact: dead heat North vs. South.

Saturday was the bring partner event with every team required to have a minimum of 2.0 points, the handicapped on basis of the difference in total Bowers System points. It made for an interesting day. The four teams walking proudly to the payoff

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 Daryene 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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