



Gail Cowan and George Ostrom made a strong showing for third in the Sweetheart mixed doubles.

Last, but by no means least, we had a party and raffle on Feb. 19 to celebrate the second anniversary of Glenn and Cee Cee Chavez owning the Balloon Inn, located at 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado (see Shuffleboard Directory).



Balloon Inn owners Cee Cee and Glenn Chavez (right) and new part owner Phil Cipri.....



.....bar managers Linda Fritz and Kim DeJulio.

Cee Cee, Glenn, Phil, Linda, Kim and I thank John McDermott and The Shuffleboard Federation for donating a set of weights for this event.



Paul Frizell shows off his new weights, won in the anniversary raffle. Paul has been a key supporter of recent (and hopefully future) tournaments and occasionally has played in our tourneys.

Paul is anxious to use his new weights. Again, thank you, John!

(Editor's Note: Reporter Candy Lepore was the photographer who took top honors for Photo of the Year in 1999 -- January 2000 issue.)

### Harvey's Hosts Mason-Dixon Classic

By Dick Gorman

Feb. 18-19 were the dates for the annual Mason-Dixon Classic at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, despite some "revenge" weather (we have basically been having a beautiful winter sans snow). The group was good, but the northern section didn't fare too well in the battle of the North and South.

Friday night's draw partner event had plenty of Yankee participation, but the southern players and the no-man's land (Delaware) seemed to dominate at the payoff table. Money and prizes went to the top four places based on one place for every four teams. Leading the way to first place (no losses) were Curtis Dean, Rising Sun, Md., and Johnathon Harris, Perryville Md. Taking second place were Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del., and Russ Smith, Charlestown, Md. Third place was paid to Andy Ledford, Street, and his partner Wayne Todd, Newark, Del., with final spot going to Johnny

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### **Mason-Dixon** *(continued from Page 11)*

Gardner, Greensboro, Md., and his partner Arnold Ledford (Dad of Andy), Street. No Yankees made the payoff for this one unless you want to count the Delaware players.

Saturday's bring partner event didn't bring much better luck to the teams from the North. First place money was taken by J. B. Armour, Chesapeake City, Md., and his partner Johnny Gardner, repeat money winner from Friday night. Second place was finally taken by the Yankees but not without giving a loss to the first place team. Herb Forster and his neighbor Joe Williams, both from Ridley Park, Pa, gave one great battle and last try. Third place went back to the Maryland team of Curtis Dean, nearby Rising Sun, and host Harvey Comer.

As usual, hosts Darlyene Belcher and Harvey Comer spread their hospitality and good cooking to all participants.

The next event at Harvey's will be the Maryland State Championships on April 29-30. Call 410-836-8881 to ensure your spot.

### **Another Fun One at Bud's Action Lounge**

Bud Hillburn's Sweetheart Tournament at the Action Lounge, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, turned out to be another great tournament. Bud served up some good ham with all the fixings. Zane Porter was on the scene after a serious bout of flu/pneumonia. Zane passed out sage words of advice such as "the secret of the game is to hit weights and lag." Most of the players tried to take Zane's advice but, as U.J. West said: "I tried but failed." Fred Washington claimed that the secret of the game is to gamble, gamble, gamble and then lag and pray. Johnny Cason and Rick Yingst stated: "Our secret of the game is to keep our secret secret."

The first event was an open draw, single game double elimination, and the bring partner was 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and one loss in the loser's bracket, and a sweetheart draw on Sunday. Both events were based on the Bowers Rating System. As Bud has said in the past, some of the best players in the nation reside in the Tulsa area and he was once again honored to have a lot of those players in the tournament.

In the open draw, Charlie Bryom and Shirley

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Davis fought to a showdown with Carolyn Jones and Keith Oyler. Charlie and Shirley hit weights and lagged well enough to come in first place. Carolyn and Keith "almost won" but had to settle for second. Mike Bruza and Cliff Goff came in third place.

Carolyn Jones and Mike Bruza took first place in the bring partner event. Do the names in the previous sentence sound familiar? Mike said: "I think I would like to play tournaments more often." R. U. Underwood and Ruthie Atherton fought hard but had to settle for second place. Bud Hillburn and Fred Washington played well, but had to settle for third. Fred gambled, gambled and gambled, but just not enough.

Gary (who is this guy?) White and Sherry Fisher (everyone knows her) came in first place in the sweetheart draw with Squeaky Salyer and Carolyn ("If I enter, I'm gonna win") Jones came in second.

Bud gives a big thank you to all the players and attendees for making this tournament a big success, and special thanks to Keith Oyler and Shirla Porter for their time and patience in running the brackets.

### **Dunns Win Sweetheart Tourney at TOPS**

*By Jack Murphy*

TOPS Bar in St. Louis, Missouri, was the setting for another fine turnout of local competitors for the annual Sweetheart Tournament, which was held on Feb. 12. Tournament organizer Bill Hill had to reluctantly turn down some prospective teams due to time constraints. Maybe it can be expanded into more than a one-day event in the future...

All of the men and women shooters teamed up to play some amazing games that were definitely exciting for this shuffleboard fan to watch. Almost every game played came down to hanging in the balance with that final shot. It was great to see how everyone put their best foot forward and got into some serious shooting all day long.



*First place honors went to long-standing sweethearts, Jim and Donna Dunn, congratulated by director Bill Hill. (continued on Page 22)*