Ann Harrell - Bourbon, IN: Saturday August 18th was Shuffleboard Player Appreciation Day at Journey's End Bar & Grill in the big shuffleboard town of Bourbon, Indiana. The weekend began with a single elimination AB draw partner Friday evening. Jeri Ingram and Ann Harrell beat back all comers to take first place. Open play followed with most (but not all!) people opting for an early evening.

Indiana Shuffleboard Bar Owners Meeting

The doors opened at 8 AM Saturday morning with players and bar owners trickling in as the morning progressed. Sheryl Cockerill sat in on the meeting representing the IN HOF, Glen Ingram for the By-Pass Bar & Grill in Muncie, Gary Anglin for the Bourbon Legion, Mike Koontz for Journey's End, Bobby Voorhis for "The Palace" and Mike Grimes representing Carol Westerman of Lucky's Tavern in North Webster. Working from the 2006-2007 schedules and a dated "blank" for 2007-2008, the bar owners hammered out a 2007-2008 schedule with a minimum of bloodshed. This is the second year the scheduling for Indiana has been handled in this manner and it seems to be working well. For years Larry Creakbaum handled the scheduling for Indiana. Since he retired from that thankless position, the bar owners have stepped up to lay out the schedule for the year. These Indiana events and also the Michigan schedule provided by Jason Papa and Bill Kane have been forwarded to the TSA for posting compliments of eshuffleboard.com.

Player Appreciation Pro/Am - 24 Teams

All last season at Journey's End a \$5 registration fee was charged for each tourney to cover the cost of powder and trophies. That money was returned to the players last year in the form of \$500 added money. This year the added entry fee money was \$1,000! Crock pots of hot dogs, chili sauce, condiments and chips were provided for the players to help themselves during the course of the afternoon and evening and as always, quarters were provided for play. Mikel Johnson did his usual rousing job running the auction and Ann Harrell ran the registration desk and printed the sheets for all.

Results

The top-rated player in the state of Indiana, Bobby Voorhis chose currently unrated Gene Brown of Summitville, IN as his "2" for the pro/am event. After losing an early match they fought their way back through the loser's bracket to face Michigan players Frank Blade and "The Famous Lacho Barradas" (of 72 hour Reno bus trip fame) in the finals. Bobby and Gene won the first game on board 4 to force a final game on board 5. The Indiana team completed the double dip to take 1st place in this years "Shuffleboard Player Appreciation Day" tournament.

The Michigan team of Frank Blade and Lacho Barradas took second place honors. Jim Long from South Bend and Byron "The Greek" George of Fairmount were third. Fourth place honors were taken by Glen Ingram and Robert Atkins of Summitville. Rounding out the field, taking 5th/6th places were Larry Brown of Ft. Wayne with Mikey Grimes of North Webster and the team of Terry Dowell from Mentone and Roger Wilhelm of Ohio.

Thanks to all our Michigan and Ohio friends for rounding out the 24-team field and thanks to the bartenders and wait staff for keeping everyone supplied with food and drink. See you next year!

AB Draw

Ann Harrell & Jeri Ingram

Larry Brown & Vicki Morgan

Jim Long & Dave Nifong

Glen Ingram & Robert Atkins

Rick Stocker & Dave Arnett

Roger Wilhelm & Cathi Brandenburg

Jody Berry & Dave Petteys

Mike Koontz & Jane Seybert

Uriah Graham & Larry Creakbaum

Jerry Seibert & Tanner Griffis

Gene Brown & Jon Mauk

Mike Grimes & Chet Seybert

Bud Esterline & Tyler Lozier

Pro Am

Gene Brown & Bobby Voorhis

Frank Blade & Lacho Barradas

Jim Long & Byron George

Glen Ingram & Robert Atkins

Dennis Kinsey & Randy Redman

Gary Anglin & Tony Watson

Larry Brown & Mike Grimes

Terry Dowell & Roger Wilhelm

Bud Esterline & Don Keppel

Deb Voorhis & Ann Harrell

Rick Stocker & Jeri Ingram

Mike Koontz & Joyce Roberts

Gary Neff & Jody Berry

Mikel Johnson & Uriah Graham

Sheryl Cockerill & Connie Langolf

Tyler Lozier & Tanner Griffis

Mary Brown & Larry Deventer

Dave Arnett & Dave Petteys

James Fletcher & Bob Reyes

Steve Auten & Glenn Smith (Mi/OH)

Vicki Morgan & Chet Seybert

Dennis Stantz & Obie Pierce (OH/IN)

Jerry Siebert & James Sanchez (MI)

Jon Mauk & Dan Morgan