

BOURBON, IN: Journey's End Bar & Grill in Bourbon hosted an open singles tournament on December 8th, 2007. Bar owner (and birthday boy) Mike Koontz donated \$200 dollars in entry fees to encourage Bourbon/Etna Green league players to participate in open play to match their skills against higher rated players. Indiana doesn't have tournaments with divisional play, our tournaments are usually "open" or "amateur 1.5>" or "Pro/Am" but not Div. 1, Div. 2 and Div. 3. **(1)** This doesn't please everyone, of course (what in shuffleboard DOES please everyone??) but may account for the fact that Indiana has the highest percentage of -1 and 0 rated players (in 2007 22.22%) as we all strive to improve.

The Tournament

A total of 25 people came to play this day. Instead of just handing out the trophies to the top 4 rated players, we decided to go ahead and play it out. And it's a good thing. Unrated player Obie Pierce won the winners bracket!. In the losers bracket game for 4th, Gary Anglin had Frank Blade down but couldn't put the game out and finished 4th for the day. After putting Frank Blade in the losers bracket Dennis Kinsey was defeated by Obie to finish 3rd. In the finals, age and experience defeated youth and enthusiasm as the hot, hot, hot Frank Blade double dipped Obie Pierce to take first place.

Journey's End will be hosting tournaments in February, March and April. See the [2007-2008 Indiana Schedule](#) for details.

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(1) This is in no way a criticism of states that do have divisions. Just the way it is in Indiana.

Note: Half-brothers Uriah Graham and Tyler Lozier both finished just out of the money.

1	Frank Blade - MI	-0.79
2	Mike Johnson	-0.27
3	Jim Long	-0.24
4	Terry Dowell	-0.21
5	Gary Anglin	-0.05
6	Larry Brown	-0.03
7	Mike Koontz	0.13
8	Dennis Kinsey	0.32
9	Rick Stocker	0.53
10	Gary Neff	0.74
11	Jody Berry	1.03
12	Bud Esterline	1.23
13	Randy Redman	1.30
14	Uriah Graham	1.55
15	Ken Reed	1.83
16	Jessica Williams - MI	2.08
17	Lacho Barradas - MI	2.13
18	James Sanchez - MI	2.25
19	Ann Harrell	2.59
20	Tyler Lozier	UR
21	Dave Arnett	UR
22	Obie Pierce	UR
23	Bud Shelton	UR
24	Jon Mauk	UR
25	Lisa Riewoldt	UR