

Ivy Inn

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Miller Lite Open 2012

April 27th & 28th was our annual Miller Lite Open. There was an A/B Draw on Friday night & a Bring Partner event Saturday. Forty-eight players from five states competed in our largest tournament to date. It was our largest tourney, not just because 48 players competed in our 16' x 70' tap room. But also because it was our first tourney with four boards. We had two boards inside & two boards outside under a tent. Inside was our House Board & a beautiful 9-year old Venture Board we picked up in February. It was a 20 footer in someone's climate controlled basement, eleven miles from the bar. It was played less than 50 times in nine years. What a find! Outside, we had the resurfaced J & C Board & the original Ivy Inn Board. Miller Lite was our gracious sponsor for the weekend, so all Miller products were discounted. They also donated hats & shirts for every competitor. Winners received even more prizes.

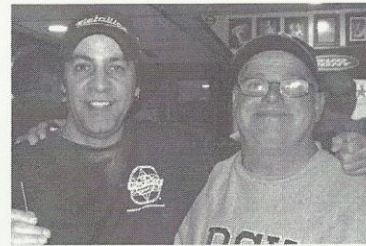
Friday's A/B Draw had 15 teams. With four boards, we were able to keep things moving along. Then at 1:45am, the final match found Steve Coleman & Al DiBella (WB) against Jeannie Pachik & Bill Kelly (LB). Steve & Al made quick work of the challengers, defeating them 15-6, for the A/B Championship.

The action began early for Saturday's Bring Partner Tournament. Some of the 23 teams filtered in as early as 9am. The largest calcutta in Ivy Inn history rolled off at 11:20am & the first games of the day commenced just after noon. As the tourney evolved, twelve games were played on the 20 Footer. The House Board, the J & C Board and the Ivy Inn Board had seen eleven games each. There were a few surprises too. The final four on the winners bracket side saw the two lowest calcuttas & the two highest. Eventually, the team with largest calcutta Curtis Dean & Louise Williams, won the winners bracket. They still needed 1 more win to close it out. That's where they met Cid Floriani & Mike Kennedy. Cid & Mike won their first 2 games of the day, before Curtis & Louise sent them to the losers bracket. They then won five more games to find themselves in a re-match for the Championship. This game was played on the 20 Footer & lasted over an hour. Great shots were made by each team, but Cid & Mike got payback for the earlier loss to Curtis & Louise. It's now Midnight, and the final game of the Tournament moved outside to the J & C Board. That's where Cid & Mike capped off a seven-game win streak to take this year's Miller Lite Open. Some of the best shooters on the East Coast competed at the Ivy this day. But, it was the great performance by Floriani & Kennedy people will remember. Congrats to them on a wonderful tournament!

I'd like to thank our tournament director Brian Pachik for his excellent work. It was an intense day. Brian & his officials were on point with every decision throughout this tournament. Maximum efforts were focused on getting every call right. And as always, the Ivy & friends provided free food for anyone involved with the tournament. Jimmy Frymoyer of the Mantawa Association wanted to thank us for all the 'Toys for Tots' we collected at our last event-Jack McKay Memorial Cup. So Jimmy provided 10 lbs of meatballs & 10 lbs of sausage/peppers. They were a huge hit. The chicken/pasta dish was made by Jeannie Pachik. The pulled pork & tortellini ceasar salad was Robin Bruzzese. Ray Whoriskey supplied the chicken/mushroom casserole. Louise Williams made the ham & potato au gratin. And Big Kel provided 8 lbs of shrimp & the cold cuts. Thanks to these 6 people for feeding everyone in the bar this day/night. Thanks to Haverford Township for granting us a permit for this event. Thanks to everyone who helped set-up & break down for this tournament. You know who you are! For complete results go to ivyinn.org

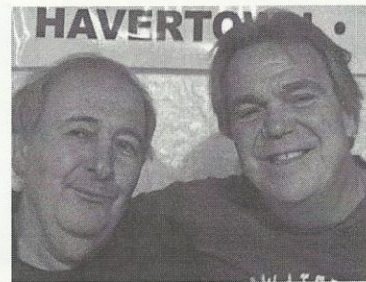
-- Reported by: Bill Kelly (Ivy Inn, Owner)

A-B Draw 1st Place Champs (Fri., April 27th: 15 teams/30 players)



1st Place (Above L-R):
Al Di Bella & Steve Coleman (WB)

Bring Partner 1st Place Champs (Sat., April 28th: 23 teams/46 players)



1st Place (Above L-R):
Cid Floriani & Mike Kennedy (LB)