



## Rack'em Up cont...

All joking aside, the couples competing this weekend were all laughing with each other, enjoyed playing together and celebrated Valentine's Day with a fun game of a little skill and sometimes a lot of luck.

Bob and Raquel Ferguson, Lexington, Missouri, rolled through the A bracket undefeated and had to wait for the B bracket to battle it out to determine who their competition would be for first place.

Bill and Amanda Boles, Sedalia, Missouri, were placed in the B bracket right out of the gate when they battled Cory and Wendi Smith, also of Sedalia. The Smith's defeated them 5-1 in their first match of the day.

The Smith's then proceeded to win every match in their bracket until they met the Ferguson's. The Smith's had the lead 3-1, but the Ferguson's battled back and soon the couples were tied 4-4.

Bob and Cory played a lot of defensive moves, coaching their wives to do the same. In the end, the Ferguson's claimed the win and the Smith team moved to the B bracket.

The Boles, meanwhile, had found their rhythm and dispatched couple after couple to move back into the place running to face off once more against the Smith's. Cory and Wendi may have won their first competition when they had faced off earlier, but Bill and Amanda were on a mission. The Boles weren't about to let the Smith's beat them twice in one day. They took the next four games handing the Smith's third place and winning the opportunity to face the Ferguson's and try for first.

In double elimination, the Boles would have to defeat the Ferguson's twice to take the tournament win. The Ferguson's won the first game and were on their way to a second win, when

Bob took a cut shot and the cue ball rolled back around and tapped the eight ball into the pocket out of order giving them a loss. With the score now tied 1-1, the Ferguson's went on to win the next two games. The Boles were shaking their heads, but after a pep talk to each other, they rallied and took the next four games, sending the Ferguson's to the B bracket as well.

With the teams each having lost one match now, both teams went into the deciding match determined to win. The Boles won the first and fourth games and the Ferguson's won the second and third. Once again, the teams were tied. This time it was the Ferguson's who engaged in a short pep talk.

They then went on to win the fifth and sixth games and the tournament with the Boles accepting second.

Mike Brown and Sam Holman of Sedalia, took fourth place. Whitey Ware and Marilyn Dammen of Lincoln, Missouri,

and Allen Lejeune and Laurie Reninger of Warsaw, Missouri, tied for fifth place.

A Master Blaster Award went to Amanda Boles for powering up and making four balls on a break. Raquel Ferguson claimed the Slick and Slim Award when she made an extremely thin, almost 90 degree angled cut on her team's last object ball setting Bob up perfectly for a simple eight ball in the corner tap.

Sharky's Billiards will host the annual MO-KAN American Cue Sports Pool & Billiards Association Tournament March 13-15, 2009. Singles competition will be held on Friday, with the team competition starting Saturday.

