

The Board Talk

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Another Fun Shufflin' Adventure with the Crazy Canucks!

It was another fun-filled week at the AN & AF Club in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, where shufflers started gathering on the Monday before Labor Day for the 5th Annual Crazy Canucks Tournament.

The actual tournament action was launched on Thursday night with the "Winston Jim" draw doubles, which attracted 44 entries vying for a share of the \$880 pot. Taking first place honors in the "luck of the draw" were Doug Buhl of Oregon and Mike Thorpe of Washington. Mike Waters of Washington and John Mull of Oregon finished second, with Winston Jim himself of Oregon and Tony Lilly of Canada in third. Jim Buhl and Steve Fisher of Oregon took fourth place.

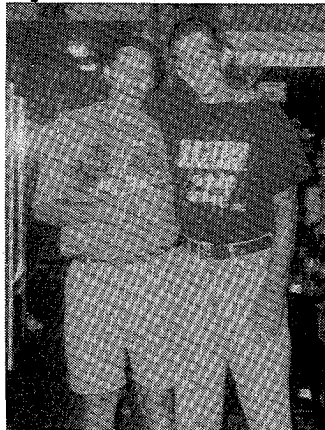
"It was the first time up here for some players, such as Jim Buhl, Jim Watson, John and Mindy Mull (who were honeymooning), Tina Olsen and her daughter and friend, Chucky Boustead from Van. Island, Tom and Janet Henry, Mike Kinney, Doug Pruitt, Jerry Mattson, and Desi Guches," said director Marg Okum. "It was the first time the Oregon players outnumbered Washington!"

Friday night's singles drew 27 entries and total prize money of \$1850.

who came back to beat Mike three straight games for first place."

It was the famous Winston Jim who took third place, with Nick Billings and Brian Burchysky of Canada in 4th and 5th, and Tom Henry in 6th place.

There were 16 teams in Saturday's open doubles competing for a pot of \$2940. "There was some great action in this event, with spectators at every table," Marg reports.



Loren Lampley and Don Mitchell of Washington took top honors over a field of 16 teams in the open doubles.

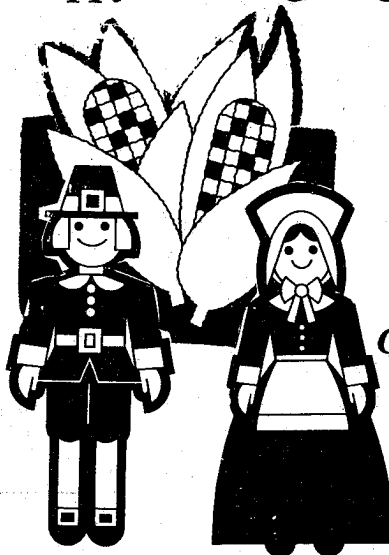
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Chuck Norris of Oregon took top honors in the singles. He congratulates Mike Thorpe of Washington for his second-place finish.

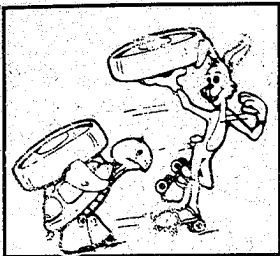
"It was a tough battle for Mike," said Marg. "He went all the way in the winner's bracket to meet Chuck,

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Bobbie Thanks The World of Shuffleboard for Outpouring of Caring for Bob Miles

I have received so many cards and letters from people who had known Bob and really cared about him and admired his shuffleboard ability. Some of the people I have not met, but the wonderful cards and letters truly helped through the final closure, which was much more difficult than anticipated.

Thank you again to all the people who cared and their kindnesses toward Bob.

Bob Miles was one in a million!

Bobbie Miles Wilson, Troutdale, Oregon

We're always proud to hear that the shuffleboard network is working during times of need and/or loss by its members. The people who are part of that network have never disappointed us and we urge them to honor Bob's memory by making a contribution to The Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, c/o Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446. And, once again, we salute you for enriching Bob's final days by supplying him a shuffleboard where he could display -- and share -- his unique skills as a player and a teacher.

The Lukens Find Shuffleboard Action in San Carlos

At the Labor Day tournament at Blinky's, we met the owner of The Orchid Room, Ken Dean. One of his bartenders, Greg, played in Blinky's singles events. Ken is a very pleasant man and invited us to play in one of their tournaments on Sunday, Sept. 9.

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While shuffleboard is a recent addition to The Orchid Room, the customers and bartenders are promoting it all the time. They have a blind draw tournament once a month, run by the bartender, Bonnie. She does a great job, calling people, etc., to see if they are coming down to play.

Their tournament rules are a bit different from what we are used to, but effective. The first game is a qualifying game. If you win, you go to the winner's bracket; if you lose, you go to the loser's bracket. You play a single game after that and, if you lose, you are out; if not, you go on to play in the winner's bracket.

I humbly tell you that a great lady, Marge, and I won the tournament. We had a lot of fun and met a lot of nice people that day.

The Orchid Room is located at 678 Laurel Street in San Carlos and their phone number is 415-592-7696 if anyone wants information on the tournaments. Let's help build shuffleboard in Northern California. We know Blinky's is doing a lot towards helping it build. Unfortunately, it is too far from us on a frequent basis. We are spoiled; we like to walk over!

Bev Lukens, San Carlos, California

We're always glad to spread the word about a new shuffleboard location and look forward to having The Orchid Room join our network (see enclosed "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."). A \$15 subscription fee will provide them with free advertising four times a year.

Fritzi Unveils Grand Plans for 35th Annual Bourbon Spring Doubles

Even though this tournament is not until May 4, 1996, I have started planning for this very first Hall of Fame Tournament. The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame has awarded the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, and myself the honor of hosting this first Hall of Fame Doubles Tournament.

You might be thinking: "So what? What does that mean?" What it means is that we are supporting the NSHF. Being the oldest running tournament in the country (35 years old in May 1996), we want to give something back to all the players from all over the country who have kept this tournament alive.

As my plans are not yet complete, there will be updates in the months ahead up until May. What I do

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Texas

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC, GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, NOV. 23-26

The Gold Nugget Club, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, will host its 11th Annual Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 23-26.

A draw partner event, \$50 per person entry, will start at 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. It will be single game, double elimination, with no two pros or 0's allowed to draw each other.

On Friday at 7 p.m., the bring partner event will start. \$100 per team entry, 2 out of 3, double elimination if time allows.

A 6-person draft team tournament, \$300 per team, will start at 4 p.m. on Saturday, best 5 out of 9 games, double elimination.

A Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday at 2 p.m.

For further information, contact Dave Williams, 817-451-9583, or Tom at the Gold Nugget, 817-277-4029.

California

3RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TOURNEY AT DIXIE BELLE, DOWNEY, NOV. 23-26

The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, will host its 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tournament on Nov. 23-26. The PCSA-sanctioned events will include an open doubles, \$100 per team, 2 out of 3, double elimination, and an ABC draw, \$25 per person entry, also 2 out of 3, double elimination.

The sale for the open doubles is scheduled for Thursday at 9 p.m., with play starting Friday at 10 a.m. The sale for the ABC draw will be Friday at 8 p.m. with play starting on Saturday at noon.

Thanksgiving dinner will be available on Thursday and a complimentary buffet will be served on Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.

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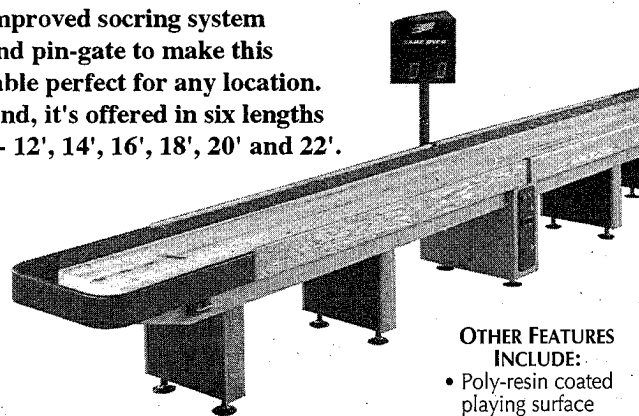
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Indiana**2ND IN BEEF'S SERIES OF 5 IN KENDALLVILLE, NOV. 18**

The second in the 3rd Annual Series of Five open doubles will be held at Beef's, 550 S. Main, Kendallville, on Nov. 18. Entry fee is \$40 per team, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m.

First-place finishers take 50 percent of the pot and are awarded four points; second, 30 percent and three points; third, 15 percent and 2 points; fourth, 5 percent and 1 point. Participants are also awarded one point for each of the series they play in.

At stake in the Series of Five is a share of the \$2,000 added money to the entry pot by Playfair, Inc. and Dale Gushman. First place finishers in each of the series are awarded winner's jackets, courtesy of Beef, and a set of Triple Crown weights are given away at each event, courtesy of JoAnn and Floyd Stein.

Recommended lodging in Kendallville are the Economy Inn, 219-347-3500, or the Days Inn, 219-347-5263. For further information, contact Beef or Marge at 219-347-9965.

The 3rd in the Series of Five will be on Jan. 20.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BOURBON AMERICAN LEGION, NOV. 11

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, site of the traditional spring and fall doubles (and host of the first National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Doubles in May of 1996), will host a singles championship on Nov. 11. It will be a 2 out of 3, double elimination event, played on five boards.

Entry fees will depend upon your level of skill: pros, \$125; 0's, \$100; 1's, \$75; 2's, \$50; and 3's, \$25.

Sponsor sale is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, with play immediately following.

If you have questions about the tournament and suggested lodging, your rating and entry fees, and/or to save your spot, call Fritzi Broka at 219-858-2689.

Time is short -- call today!

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DO IT! DO IT! DO IT!

Increase participation in your events by promoting them in THE BOARD TALK!

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Three states -- Florida, Indiana, and Michigan -- will hold events over the Thanksgiving weekend to determine 1995 shuffleboard champions. All are restricted to residents of those respective states.

It will be a first for Florida, where four scheduled events will be held in Titusville at Sam's Place and Our Place Saloon. Those four events include a women's singles on Friday at Sam's Place; a men's singles at Our Place, also on Friday; an open doubles on Saturday and a mixed doubles on Sunday, both at Our Place. All events are \$10 per person, and sponsor sales will be held for the men's singles and open doubles. Two additional shuffleboard establishments will be held in reserve and a shuttle service will be available on an "if needed" basis. For information, contact Florida Table Shuffleboard Association official Marty Allen, 407-471-4053.

The 7th Annual State of Indiana Championships will be hosted by Chances R in Muncie. Events include an open singles on Friday, \$20 entry; open doubles on Saturday, \$50 entry; mixed doubles, \$30 entry, and women's singles, \$15 entry, both on Sunday. Chances R is located at 3421 S. Walnut, just two blocks west of the Holiday Inn. To register, call your hosts, Bob and Karen Schounce, 317-284-0855, or tournament director Steve Hart, 317-683-9603.

The 10th Annual State of Michigan Championships will be held at the Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak. Events will include a mixed doubles on Friday, \$30 per team; a "B" singles, \$20 entry, a ladies' singles, \$15 entry, and an open singles, \$40 entry, on Saturday; and a bring partner event on Sunday, \$40 per team entry. **Sponsor sales for ALL events will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday.** The Hartfield Lanes will host some of the competition if the turnout is too large for Wetlands to accommodate. For information, call The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., 810-380-9300.

(Editor's Note: If those of you in other states are interested in staging similar events, the tournament directors of these three events would be glad to provide input/advice.. Two other states -- Oklahoma, Ron Huddleston, 405-843-1615, and Washington, Bill Bailey, 360-765-9508 -- held state events earlier this year. The more locations staging these state events, the closer we come to having a true national tournament with the various state winners competing against each other. Ideas? Let us know.)

As the Puck Turns....

By George & Donna Wilber

It was 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 1995. In the aftermath of another successful Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash, it was quiet in Skip's Lounge at Houghton Lake, Michigan. Three men sat at the bar -- host Skip Sliwa, Board Talk Editor George Wilber, and Shuffleboard Federation John McDermott. What did they have in common besides a love for and commitment to the sport of shuffleboard? They had all lost their Dads this year and they drank a toast to them, knowing that, if they could, those dads would say: "Well done, my sons."

That was a special moment and few had the opportunity to witness it. Yet, it goes on every day in The World of Shuffleboard. The network of caring and sharing that has developed over the past decade is truly awesome! Note the overwhelming response to the Jason Parker Benefit on Page 12, Bobbie Miles Wilson's letter in Notebook on Page 2 -- examples of people in our World who respond to the needs of others, whether or not they know them personally.

That caring has touched us personally as we deal with the challenge of caring for an aging parent. We were deeply touched by a recent message of encouragement from Judy and Ed Gartland of Pennsylvania. It wasn't until we talked with another East Coast member of our network that we learned that they, too, have some personal challenges to deal with. That made their message that much more meaningful -- to think they would reach out to lend their caring hearts when theirs were aching as well.

This network doesn't just stretch from sea to shining sea in the U.S.A. We just received a very special package from our "Crazy Canucks" friends, a beautiful license plate from the AN & AF Club, which reminds us to honor our veterans and which we'll proudly mount on our car. We look forward to the day when we'll be able to travel across the continent, tracking the various events that are going on, and responding to questions about that special license plate.

Sure, we recognize there's another side to our World -- as illustrated in Balboa Ron's series (see Page 18) which we eagerly await for each month, and the memories

recalled by Glen Davidson (Page 7) about his "hustling" days with Hal Perry. Both the "soft" and "hard" pieces of the puzzle are part of our world. As long as they are balanced, we have nothing but good things ahead.

Let's hope we all stay worthy of "Well done, my sons (or daughters)."

....Speaking of "daughters," your editors (well, at least the distaff side) are proud that the traditional male-dominated Bourbon Tournament winner's circle has once again been broken. Nebraska's Gwynette Orsi joined Fritzi Broka of Indiana to be the first women to take top honors in this event (Fritzi and Louise Freer of Pennsylvania took second in last Spring's event, another first), and Diana Hagen of Texas shared second in the Fall tourney.

We salute these "daughters" for overcoming the odds and breaking new ground. We also salute their partners for recognizing that women have some special talents (we're talking shuffleboard here!) and dared to tread where no others had before.

We don't usually use this space to advertise our wares, but we're going to make an exception here because, very frankly, we need advertising revenue! We've tried, very hard, to hold our line on subscription fees, hoping to fill that "void" with advertising revenue. Last month, we published our largest ever issue -- 32 pages -- and it cost us more than we could cover with subscription/advertising revenue. The editorial space of those 32 pages (and we're proud of that achievement because it means the sport is growing) far surpassed the advertising that is meant to support it.

Therefore, we call your attention to Page 3 and the opportunity to send your Christmas cards through the pages of *The Board Talk* (save postage and stamp-licking!) and Page 25 to send a special Christmas present of a year's subscription to a friend or member of your family.

We're not "begging." We honestly believe it's a good investment. Give it your consideration.

Our sincere best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

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THE BOARD TALK

National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Continuing with our "profiles" of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors, Hal Perry, vice president, has been around forever, and now he has a son, Steve, who is winning tournaments and looking like a chip off the old block. Hal has also been on shuffleboard committees before the P.S.A. that I formed in the early '80s and then for The Shuffleboard Federation. He and Bob Hunt are the two who pushed to form the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I met Hal in the '60s around San Jose and Sacramento. He was the top player in California at that time. He has won tourneys with Fred Thumann, Don Cox, PeeWee Ramos, Jim Allis and many more. He also captured some singles along the way.

The thing that stuck in my craw about Hal Perry was he didn't know what quit or defeat were. Hal and I went on a trip in the early '70s. We went to a place in East L.A. called Easy Pickins -- and it was. They picked us clean in six hours! I left my camera for what we owed. We went from there on to San Diego. Hal was walking the board against a player called Sheep at the Rodeo Run in Lemon Grove. We were down to nothing again. Hal played for six hours trying to win two in a row. We left there and went back to the Little Dixie in Pomona or out in the Carbon Canyon road where they all played from the L.A. area every weekend. Sally ran this place for many years. She had one good board and food and stayed open 24 hours. There were big trees out in the country, coves, horses, farms... They came out there to stay for the weekend -- travel trailers, camper shells and just plain cars. They played non-stop from Friday to Monday morning. I saw A.Z. Turnbo walking the board there barefooted on cement floor for 16-18 hours. He would step on a lit cigarette and not even flinch -- just shake his foot and keep walking. A.Z. was also a great player at that time.

Hal and I finally got it together for the first time on this trip, with Hal lagging those 3's and 4's. We played Friday night, all day Saturday and sometime Sunday. We had them all busted! So we went back to the Easy Pickens, picked up my camera and headed back to Sacramento.

That was quite a trip. That is just one story about

Hal, who has been around for 40 years, so the stories and the games get better with age.

Hal has always been a great supporter of the game. If there was a game or a tourney in the area, Hal was there -- just just local, but everywhere -- Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Washington, Oregon. If you're looking for someone who has played more, travelled more, or knows more about the game, or who was a better player, you're wasting your time. Hal is a Hall of Famer in his own right, a legend in his own time and never had to have an edge to play anyone, any time, on any board. I feel real proud to sit on the Board of Directors with Hal Perry.

As for me, I'm healing and should be good as new in 45 to 60 days. They took 1/4 of my lung out, benign tumor, no cancer. I've quit smoking for good, so you haven't gotten rid of me yet.

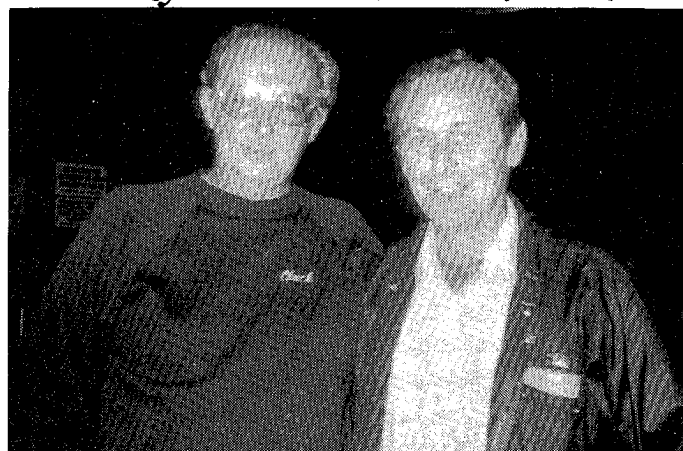
We will have our Hall of Fame Tournament at Bourbon, Indiana, next May. Fritz Broka and NSHF Director Larry Creakbraum will work together to raise money for the Hall of Fame. This tournament is the longest-running tournament in shuffleboard history and I think it only fitting, especially since they asked, to have it there. So far, I haven't heard from anyone else. Does that tell you anything? It does me!

Glen Davidson, Chairman, National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, (new address): 2807 Clanton Ct., Del City, OK 73115; phone 405-672-9378

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189 Barry Ave., Lansdale PA 10446***

Crazy Canucks (continued from Page 1)

Chuck Norris and Doug Buhl took second place honors in the open doubles at the Crazy Canucks Labor Day Tournament.

Don Stallsworth and John Mull teamed up to take third place, with Winston Jim (again!) and Tom Henry in fourth. Larry Pearson and Jerry Mattsen finished in fifth spot, with Joannie Millar and Tina Olson in sixth place.

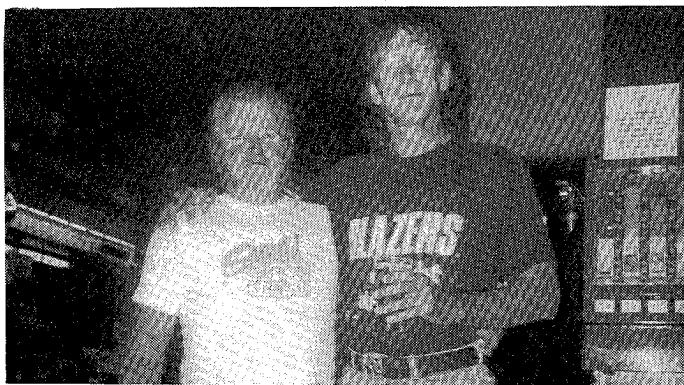


That fun-loving Irish canary, Joannie Millar, and her partner, Tina Olson, took sixth place in the open doubles.

"The calibre of play and sportsmanship of all the players were really fantastic, with good-natured rivalry and friendship everywhere," said Marg.

Marg has a long list of accolades for the support system of this big event.

"Special thanks to Mitch (alias Don Mitchell) for being our auctioneer. He's always great fun at this job. We just have to teach him how to pronounce some of the names," she said.



Auctioneer Mitch (right) and sexy senior citizen from Hog Heaven, Don Stallsworth.

"Thanks to Jackie and her daughter in the kitchen, Marilyn Athey for being my camera lady taking pictures, cheering Doug on, and helping me with anything else I asked of her.

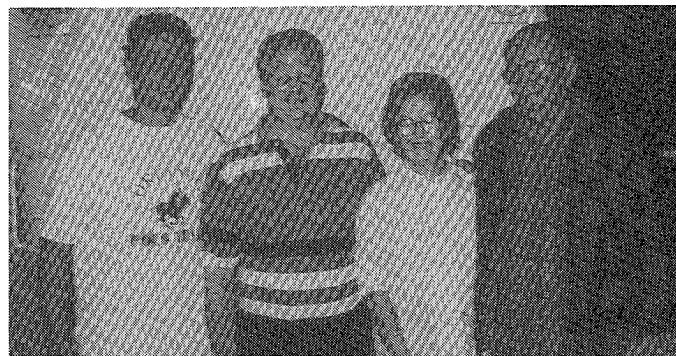
"Thanks to Georganna Brand, who was there with all her help, also to taking me to the mall where we bought 46 losing tickets on the 649 Lottery, for my earrings and my special red rose from Hog Heaven with Don Stallsworth's autograph; to George and Donna for the free subscriptions to The Board Talk; and to The Shuffleboard Federation for their donation of the wax and silicone for our tournament.

"Thanks also to our president, Bill Wonnocort and my husband for all his help with anything I ask; to our manager Bill Weir, who cheerfully does anything and everything for us, our guests, and anyone who needs him. Without these two guys, things wouldn't go so smoothly.

"All our club members, who help us as hosts, and yet take a backseat while all this is going on, and to all the players -- a big thank you. Without them, none of this would be possible," said Marg. "See you all again at the '96 Crazy Canucks Pro Tournament."

Taylor/Walker Tops at 2-K's First

The 2-K's Bar & Grill, 446 S. Hwy. 6, Houston, Texas, held its first city-wide A/B Draw tournament on Sept. 23. Twenty-six players entered the event, with Harvey Kidd, host and auctioneer, adding his special flavor to this "first."



Winners were (left to right) Michael Taylor (B) and Brian Walker (A), 1st place; Nancy Rice (B) and Rod Cameron (A), 2nd place.

Other winners were Johnny Ballard (A) and Mahlon Moore (B), 3rd; and Dicky Wooten (A) and Linda Green (B), 4th.

Onlooker Joe Spratt commented: "The mix of your seasoned pros and budding newcomers made each game truly exciting."

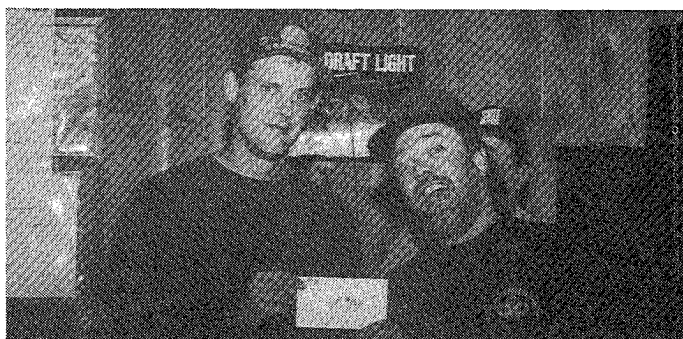
2-K's host Dan Dickson extends special thanks to Jack Scott for his recruiting efforts, making this first city-wide tournament successful.

Hitt/Adams Tops at 1st Annual Doubles at Edison Inn

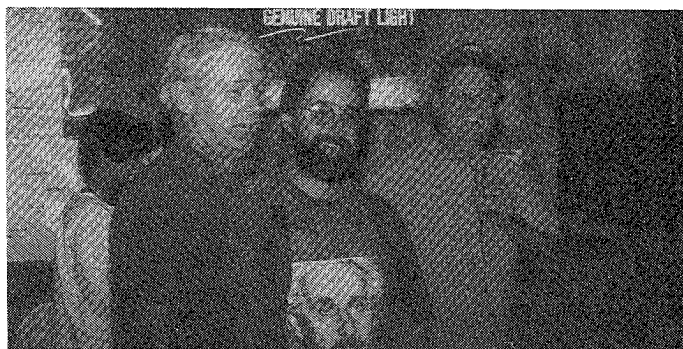
Fifteen teams competed for top honors at the Old Edison Inn's 1st Annual Open Doubles in Edison, Washington, on Sept. 16-17. Jeff Adams of Seattle and Dan Hitt of Spokane prevailed over locals Sherm Anderson and Mark Sullivan to claim the winners' share of some \$2100 prize money.

House shooter Jim (Killer) Kyle of Bow and Gordie Smith of British Columbia teamed to take third place, with "Caveman" Jim Ward and Dave Arndt of Tacoma settling for fourth.

Russ Miller of Mount Vernon and Doug DeBois of Rainier, Oregon, shared fifth place with Mike Thorpe and Mark Minium of Seattle.



Dan Hitt and Jeff Adams yuck it up after their first-place finish.



Second-place finishers Sherm Anderson and Mark Sullivan get a chuckle out of co-director Phil DePree.



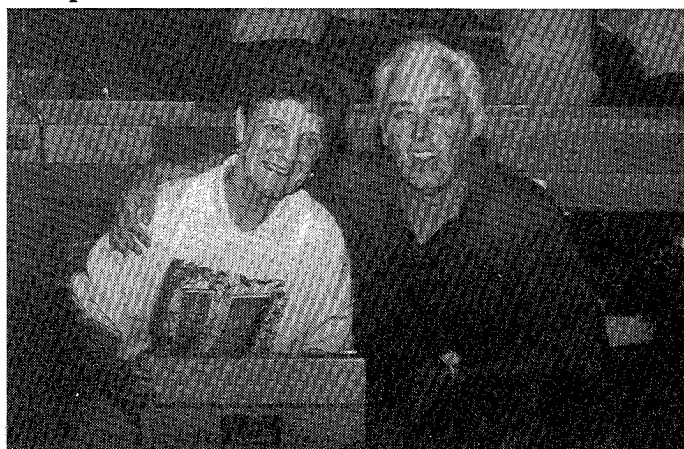
Gordie Smith and Jim Kyle receive their third-place envelopes from co-director Russ (The Colonel) Miller.

"Based on the enthusiasm of the several out-of-town, first-time Edison visitors, I think we can consider

this tournament a successful one that is sure to grow in future years," said co-director Phil DePree.

A Surprise for Joanie....

A highlight of the tournament was the presentation of a new set of weights to Joanie Millar of Canada who was nearly recuperated from recent surgery. The weights were paid for by donations from players at recent tournaments and presented to Joanie in a beautiful wooden carrying case hand-made by her tourney partner, Danny McKinnon. An emotional Joanie was rendered briefly speechless, as she thought she was receiving a gag door prize!



Joanie Millar and Danny McKinnon pose with Joanie's new weights in the case Danny made for her.

Phil extends special thanks to Edison Inn owners Mini and Sandy for the added money and great hospitality; to co-director Russ Miller and the volunteers who kept things moving smoothly; to the efficient Edison bar staff of Cecil, Michelle, Bob, and Casy, who kept everyone comfortably provided for; to Dennis Marsolais, chef of a super pot of Cajun-style seafood gumbo; to Mark Sullivan, official Edison tourney photographer, who finally remembered his camera; and to John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation for the generous donation of tourney wax.

The next event on the Edison Inn shuffleboard calendar is the 5th Annual Draw Partners on Dec. 16-17.

Attention, Tournament Directors!
Are the results of your recent
tournament in this issue?
Give your winners the national
recognition they deserve. Report it to
THE BOARD TALK!

Voorhis/Orsi Team Up to Take Top Honors at Bourbon Fall Tourney

The 28th Annual Fall Tournament at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on Oct. 7 was not a mixed doubles, but the top-ranking finishers were "mixed." First place was captured by Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska (Gwynette joins Fritz Broka as the only two women to ever take first at a Bourbon tournament), with Terry Dowell of Indiana and Diana Hagen of Texas taking second place honors.



Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana took first place at Bourbon's 28th Annual Fall Tournament.

There were 33 teams that battled for a chance at the \$8500 pot. Out of those 33 teams, nine states were represented: Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, and Colorado.

The remaining teams in the six place pay-offs were: Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum, Indiana, 3rd; Steve Hart and Steve Schulyer of Indiana, 4th; Brian Collins and Ricky Royal of Indiana, 5th; and Jr. Bucher and Larry Summy, Indiana, 6th.

The Legion thanks all participants and all the people who work hard in the kitchen and those who help Fritz run a very successful tournament.

Don't forget to make your plans early for the first Saturday in May for the very first National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Doubles to be held at the 35th Annual Spring event.

Bourbon to Host 1st Hall of Fame Tourney (Notebook continued from Page 2)

know is that the American Legion and the Bourbon Shuffleboard League will be making a monetary donation to the NSHF and to the entry spot of the tournament. The added money will mean that we can pay out 10 or more places in the entry instead of eight.

There will also be many door prizes, all having to do with shuffleboard, and donated by others and myself. They will be things like t-shirts, clocks, weights, weight cases, etc. Anyone entered in this tournament will have a chance at these prizes.

The one thing I am proud to announce is that there will be an open-ended number of entrants. I usually have a 64-team limit, but not for this one. Since it is going to be part of shuffleboard history, no one will be cut out. I will have a registry book which will belong to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. If we all bond together and support the NSHF in its recognition of the people, places, and things that have helped mold shuffleboard as we know it today, your name in the registry will be part of shuffleboard history.

The more people who support this Hall of Fame tourney, the more money the Legion will donate to the NSHF. Make your plans early! Watch future issues of *The Board Talk* for more surprises.

Fritz Broka, Tournament Director, Bourbon, Indiana

We urge all subscribers to plan now to participate in this first and encourage all support services and shuffleboard sites of our World of Shuffleboard to take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of history by making monetary and prize donations to this worthy cause. We also salute the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors for awarding the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, and Fritz, the honor of staging the first NSHF tournament. They won't be disappointed with this decision!

Ed and Dick Get "Bravos" from Mike on Ideas and Views

To Ed Galke (June '95 issue) and Dick Gorman (Oct. '95): "Bravo - Bravo - Bravo!" Keep up the good ideas and views.

To quote Dick: "Growth is a result of a VERY FEW shufflers working hard." Let's get more people involved within our local shuffleboard communities.

Mike Roach, Omaha, Nebraska

We say "Amen" to that, Mike! It is truly at the grassroots level where the future of our sport lies. Let's hope that the ranks of the very few who are working hard will grow and that they will one day be recognized by Hall of Fame status. If it were not for them, there would be no "pros" emerging.

Ina Responds to "Toughen Up" Advice

That was a good letter from Louise Freer ("Toughen Up!" Aug. '95). That suggestion is something
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Lots of Winners at Blinky's 5th Labor Day Tourney

Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California, hosted its 5th Annual Labor Day Tournament, featuring six events over nine days and a total prize fund of \$11,000.

The tournament started on Sunday with a Champagne and Roses doubles draw event for the lady shufflers. Kathy Thomas and Sharlene Taylor took top honors, with Teresa Palumbo and Shari Bussey in second place. Blinky's hostess Barbara Aregger and Renee Tuttle finished third.

The amateur doubles draw got underway on Tuesday night with some very spirited play. Local Sebastion Bosco and Marion Bailey of Visalia were the top winners, with George Main and Renee Tuttle, both locals, in second place, and local Jim Olson and Tony Soza of Visalia in third place.

The amateur singles was on the agenda for Wednesday with 16 players competing. Chris Wayt took the biggest share of the \$1400 pot, with George Main in second and Sebastion Bosco in third.

There were nine teams in Thursday's ABC draw competing for a share of the \$2100 prize money. First place went to Rick Thomas, Ted Fowler, and Kathy Thomas. Taking second place were A.Z. Turnbo, Steve Cathey, and Jim Olson. The team of Pat Bayless, Bob Lukens and Jay Leonard took third place.

The pro doubles got underway Saturday morning and the winners of this event were: Karl Spickelmier and Paul Elliot of the L.A. area, 1st; Steve Perry of Sacramento and Dudley Hutcherson of San Diego, 2nd; and locals Dan Mourgos and Rick Thomas, 3rd.

The pro open singles began on Sunday morning and when the smoke cleared on Monday, the top winners were Rich (Bubba) Warren of L.A. in first place, George Camara of Stockton in second, and Dan Mourgos in third place.

"Once again, there are many thanks to be distributed," said tournament director Rick Thomas. "John McDermott and The Shuffleboard Federation for supplying the wax for the week-long tournament; Ed Jr. and Sr. and Sun-Glo for supplying the silicone spray; A.Z. Turnbo for his ongoing support and for supplying four great boards to play on; Karl Spickelmier for doing the bracket boards for the pro events; Kathy Thomas and Stevie Parks for handling and distributing the prize funds; the out-of-town players for their participation -- Marion Bailey, Steve Floyd and Tony Soza from Visalia; Karl Spickelmier, Bubba Warren, John Fisher, Paul Elliot, John McGinnis, Linda Wright and Dudley Hutcherson from Southern California; George Camara, Steve Perry, Tina Lee, Bob Lukens and Greg Michelson from Northern California; and all of the local

players who participated.

"Many special thanks to the owners and hosts of Blinky's Sports Cafe, Dick and Barbar Aregger, for their enthusiastic support of amateur and pro shuffleboard and for providing a great barbecue on Sunday night for all of the players and guests," said Rick.

Jason Parker Benefit Nets \$5,000 for Worthy Cause

A benefit tournament for Jason Parker, seriously-ill son of highly-regarded Texas shuffler Don Parker, was held at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas on Sept. 29-30, and netted over \$5,000 through tournament percentages, auctions, raffles and generous contributions from The World of Shuffleboard.

Winners of the draw partner event were David Williams and Pat Kinard, with Bill Melton and Evelyn Corbin in second place, and Eddie Wood and Trish Remick in third.

In the draft team event, Bobby Williams' team of Keith Findley, Betty Baumgardner, Susie Boren, Carol Audit and Harry Craddock took first place honors.

"There are too many people to list who helped with money and time, but special thanks to Tammy Denson, Rudy Wedgeworth, Cherly Shaw, Roseanna Melton, Gary Nelson, K.K., and Bill Wooldridge," said Bobby Williams. "Thanks again to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause."

The next big event at the Gold Nugget is the Thanksgiving Classic, Nov. 23-26. See details in Upcoming Events.

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Upcoming Events (continued from Page 5)**Washington****OVER 55 DRAW PARTNER AT SHAMROCK TAVERN, LONGVIEW, NOV. 25-26**

Shufflers over 55 years young are invited to participate in the annual draw partners event at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview on Nov. 25-26. Entry fee is \$20 per person, plus there will also be a \$10 round robin.

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The 2nd Annual Dead Bird Shootout is scheduled at BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Drive, Burien, on Nov. 24-26. The doubles event, \$50 per team entry, will be double elimination, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket. \$500 will be added to the pot by BZ's, which has four good boards.

The sponsor sale, conducted by the talented Jim Foran, will be held at 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, preceded by a draw partners tourney at 7 p.m., \$20 per person entry.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to spread the word about this big event. For information, call Craig at 243-6018 or Jim Foran at 206-474-2724.

5TH ANNUAL DRAW PARTNERS, OLD EDISON INN, EDISON, DEC. 16-17

The 5th Annual Draw Partner Tournament at the Old Edison Inn, Edison, will move to a new month this year, taking place Dec. 16-17. The entry fee for this double elimination event is \$25 per player, with money added by hosts Mini and Sandy, proportionate to the number of teams entered.

This will be the final 1995 event on the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association's "Tour," and will serve as a "warm up" for the ESA's big draw partner tourney to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, in January of 1996.

For further information, call the Old Edison Inn at 360-766-6266, or tournament directors Russ Miller, 428-8818, or Phil DePree, 766-5301.

Nevada**PCSA's Extravaganza VIII at Aladdin, Las Vegas, Jan. 30-Feb. 4**

There are six events on the schedule of the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Extravaganza VIII at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, on Jan. 30 through Feb. 4, 1996. Those events include: bring your partner amateur doubles, \$100 per team, on Tuesday; an A/B draw, \$50 per player, on Wednesday; a pro singles, \$300 entry, and an amateur team event, \$300 per team, starting on Thursday; a pro doubles, \$200 per team, starting on Friday; and a women's singles, \$100 entry, starting on Saturday.

Check the enclosed flyer for complete details. Please note that you must be a registered guest of the Aladdin -- and your room reservations must be made through the PCSA -- in order to qualify for participation. Also note the deadline for entry and room reservations -- Dec. 29, 1995! Use the registration form for both.

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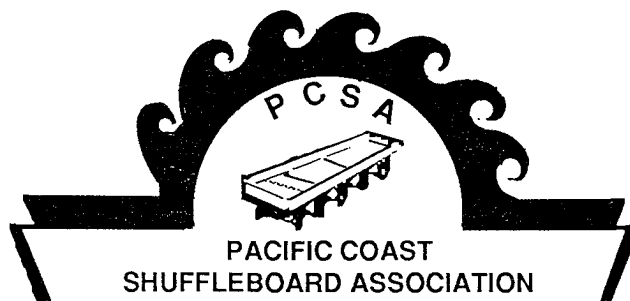
- Tue., Jan. 30 Auction 9 am. Bring your Partner Amateur Doubles, \$100 per team, play starts at 10:00 am. Limit 32 teams.
Auction of A-B Draw at 8 pm.
- Wed., Jan. 31 A-B Draw, \$50 per player. Limit 128 players, play begins at 8:00 am.
Auction Pro Singles and Amateur Team at 8 pm.
- Thu., Feb. 1 Pro Singles, \$300 entry. Limited to 32 players, play begins at 8 am.
Amateur Team (must have 2 women players) \$300 per Team, Limit 28 Teams,
play begins at 8:00 am.
Auction of Pro Doubles - Women's Singles at 10:00 pm.
- Fri., Feb. 2 Pro Doubles, \$200 per team, Limit 32 Teams, play begins at 8 am.
Pro Singles Finals 1:00 pm
- Sat., Feb. 3 Womens Singles, \$100 Entry, Limited to 24 players, play begins 8 am.
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- Sun., Feb. 4 Pro Double & Womens Singles Finals

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Thanks to all of you (Rost Kaune, Lyndon Baize, Brett Bowers, Casey Milligan, Tina Wade, Tony Howard, Tom French, Steve Luttrull, Kory Hungerford, and Robert Hurst Sr.) for your back-breaking work of getting the boards upstairs and getting them back downstairs.

A special thanks to Alfred Suarez for making the beautiful plaques which he DONATED his time on.

We wish to thank Bill Woolridge, Harvey Kidd and Sheriff for their auctioneering.

Thank you, Mike Melton and Betty Brantley for the great boards and all of your extra help.

Thanks to Time Out #2, Houston, Texas; Franks Club, Houston; and the Texas Mist, Austin, for the qualifier tournaments they hosted.

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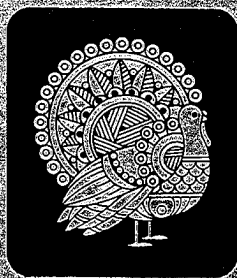
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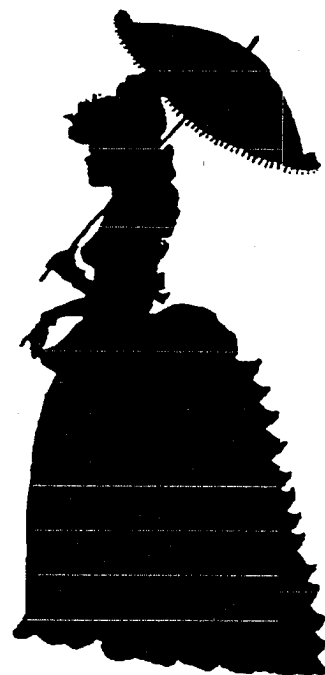
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Ina Responds (Notebook continued from Page 11)

I'm working on, all right. And another fine comment is in the update from Dixie Debbie, as always (Sept. '95).

But I think it's important to mention that both thoughts, as originally prompted by my letter (June '95) have no bearing on what I meant to say. What I wanted was to get my partners off my neck so they can do justice to their own game and let me breathe and concentrate, too. That's all.

That doesn't have anything to do with mean-spirited harrassment and "cheap tricks." And the last thing on my mind is to generalize about "all men." I hate a whining ninny at least as much as any of you. I'm no "victim" -- and believe me, I love men (one in particular, but that's a whole different saga)!

More than a few kind men have graciously helped me develop whatever proficiency there is there. Many thanks again and always, guys, you are much-appreciated!

At the same time, I'm a team player and I salute "team spirit" everywhere -- and it's important for the "strong" to help the "weak" and the "pro" to help the "coming generation." Believe me, many moons of my life have been devoted to studying techniques and skills of the legends of this sport. Yes, the full lengths of California and Nevada, guys -- that was ME staring at you, studying, learning from you. Thanks!

So, I didn't refer to any of those things. It's just the ego that wants to control someone else who stifles the spirit, tears down confidence, weakens resolve and distracts concentration.

The same "power, conflict and control" phase of any relationship seems to be what accounts for such a high divorce rate in marriages, too -- and that's the dynamic that prompted me to refer to "male vs. female." It's just a reference to natural chemistry with no "come-on" intended (there's just one man for me -- but again, that's a whole separate saga).

In the words of one Angelino (who is no angel either): "CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!"

Whenever circumstances lighten and let me get out and around more, I'm looking forward to starting something I really want: to meet all of you "Playing My Way Across the U.S.A." When I spent my birthday at the Dixie Belle, I'd hoped it could start then. But maybe next year! See you then! Thanks for being there!

Ina Rogers, Santa Ana, California

The letters from you, Ina, and Mike Roach, illustrate why we devote pages of our space to Shufflers' Notebook -- to provide a forum for healthy, constructive discussion on a number of issues. Hopefully, our sport will be strengthened

because of that open discussion. Thanks to both of you for responding.

Like you, Ina, we've had to put our dream to visit all the shufflers at all the establishments on our "Play Your Way" list (enclosed in this issue) on the back burner temporarily. Hopefully, we'll meet along the way some day!

Lou Records a Touching Tournament Moment....

Some readers may recall that several months ago I mentioned imminent retirement, my intent to move to New Mexico, and a desire to contribute more articles to *The Board Talk*. Well, I am retired -- sort of -- and I live in Fort Lupton, a small farming community 26 miles north of Denver and several light years away from Los Angeles.

Those of you who have read other articles I've written know that I tend NOT to write about tournament play. I leave that type of reporting to others. I tend to be just a little off-beat. On that note, let me introduce you to Ron Hurney, Candy Lepore, and Harlan Martel.

On Oct. 13-15, the Balloon Inn hosted its annual mixed doubles-bring your partner tournament. Numbered among the many entrants was the lovely Candy Lepore. Several months prior to the tournament, Ron Hurney, one of Denver's better players, asked Candy to be his partner. She was ecstatic. Oh, she had partnered up before with some of Denver's finest players (anything can happen in a \$5 blind draw event), but none had ever asked her to be their partner. None, that is, until Ron.

Off to practice she went. Night after night, she threw weight after weight. She'd throw a hundred weights and then she'd throw a hundred more. She was determined to play for Ron as she had never played before.

Then, a few short weeks before the tournament, Ron Hurney, age 45, died of an aneurism. After paying her respects, back to the boards she went. Night after night, she threw weight after weight. She threw a thousand weights and then she threw a thousand more. She had pledged to play in "Ron's memory" with a passion she had never known before.

On the night of the auction, Candy walked in and on her sweater -- just above her heart -- (with quiet dignity and solemn reverence) she wore a button that read, "A Partner in Spirit -- Ron Hurney."

That night, each time she approached the board, you could see Ron kind of hovering just over her left shoulder (he seemed to look larger than life) coaxing her, willing her to believe in her ability, telling her that it wasn't whether you won or lost, what mattered more was "why" one played the game. When her hammer would settle into a 2 or 3, you could see a smile play across his

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Frisko Eddie and Lil, after a hair-raising chase with Dollar Dan and Ape Man, made it to the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport. They boarded the first available flight to Seattle, Washington, and from the plane they saw Dollar Dan in the terminal, vowing to Lil that this was not over yet!)

As the plane turned to taxi to the active runway, the picture of Dollar Dan became imprinted in Eddie's mind. He could feel the anger that was there and he knew that the threat of "this isn't over...." was extremely serious. He noticed that Lil wasn't laughing anymore either, and had a look of concern on her face.

They taxied for some time and were busy listening to the flight attendant's instructions. They were finally cleared onto the runway and were caught up with the whine of the turbo engines and the backward pull in their seats as the Boeing 727 accelerated. During the climb-out, they both gave a sigh of relief. They sure didn't want to have to return to the terminal for maintenance problems or something!

Eddie remarked to Lil: "You know, we're gonna be O.K. for about two hours while we're in the air, but what's going to happen after we land? Do you think that Dollar Dan could have arranged for someone to screw with us after we land?" Eddie was amazed because Lil was actually smiling as she made her reply: "O.K., Champ, here's what I'm putting together in my head."

She continued: "The Dan-Man may not be able to have us intercepted at the airport. I kind of doubt that he can -- or will. There's one thing for sure, though -- he WILL cause some big trouble somewhere along the line." Eddie replied: "Don't you think we better consider scrapping our plans, then, and quit while we're ahead?" Lil answered: "When I planned this trip, I knew it wasn't all going to be clear sailing. No, we're not going to give up because of that Dan jerk! I'm going to get this thing 'fixed' so we won't have to constantly be looking over our shoulders."

Eddie noticed that she reached into her purse then and withdrew an AT&T calling card. She inserted the card into the phone console located in the seat before, and then remarked to Eddie: "Why don't you just take in the view from that window next to you, and let me take care of things, O.K.?"

Lil was on the phone for only a few minutes and then placed the receiver back in its rack. Eddie couldn't hear hardly any of the conversation as he was looking out the window, and Lil also had her hand covering the phone. She looked over at him then and said: "Well, my

man, we're covered -- that's it and that's that." Eddie replied: "I'd rest a whole lot easier if I knew just exactly what that means!"

Lil gave him a rather serious look then and said: "Do you remember what I told you back in Long Beach before we left, about my ex-husband Tony Russo?" Eddie answered: "I do remember that you used the term that he was 'very connected,' but I don't know too much about what that all means."

Lil explained: "Well, Eddie, all you really need to know here is that my 'ex' will be making a phone call or two even as we speak, and someone will be paying Dollar Dan, the Money Man, a visit as a result of those calls. When the Dan-Man finds out who he's dealing with, and what his options are, believe me, he won't only not bother us, he won't even remember our names or faces! Now, that's all you need to know for now, Champ. Just relax, O.K.?"

Eddie had heard so much by now, and saw so many crazy things that he decided to quit trying to figure things out -- and just go along for the ride. He even had a fleeting thought that after this thing was all over, there might even be enough stuff happen to maybe write a book about!

Later, they were over Oregon and the sky was crystal clear. Lil mentioned to Eddie that if he noticed three mountains below, they would be called the "Three Sisters." He noticed a tall mountain, which was near a large city. Lil took a look and told him it was Mt. Saint Helens (which had erupted several years back) and the city was Portland. She mentioned that they might be playing in a town just northwest of there called Longview, if they decided to work their way south from Seattle.

A short while later, Eddie noticed that a cloud cover had formed below. He saw a brilliant, snow-covered peak sticking through the overcast. Lil remarked: "That's the big one, Eddie. It's called Mt. Rainier. It stretches up to 14,410 feet and it's the third tallest mountain on the West Coast." Eddie asked: "Which ones are taller?" Lil replied: "Well, back down in So. California, there's Mt. Whitney, which is 14,900 feet and is the tallest in the continental 48 states, and then there's the tallest of all -- Mt. McKinley in Alaska. It's over 20,000 feet high -- and that's the end of the geography lesson, O.K.?"

She told him then: "Don't let this beautiful scenery fool you, Champ. All those super high clouds you see surrounding Mt. Rainier could cause us a lot of trouble. We're starting our let-down now, and pretty soon we're going to be IN those clouds down there, and trying to

dodge that mountain to get into the airport!"

The announcement came over the intercom then: "This is Captain Johnson speaking. We've begun our descent into Sea/Tac Airport now, and I've turned on the 'fasten seat belt' sign for your safety. The weather on arrival will be turbulent, with ceiling and visibility at minimum. We'll be entering a holding pattern for traffic separation, and to wait our turn to land. Everything is fine, folks, just be sure to keep your seat belts securely fastened and we'll be landing as soon as possible. I'll advise you when we're cleared for our final approach."

The weather started to get really rough shortly after they entered the clouds. It felt kind of strange going from all that sunshine into the dark blindness that surrounded them now. They both tightened their seat belts a little more, as they exchanged nervous smiles. Lil remarked: "Don't sweat it, Champ; we'll be safely on the ground in a little...."

She was cut off then, as the plane suddenly made a violent turn to the left! Eddie looked out his window and hollered out: "What the hell's going on here? I see smoke coming out from under the wing right where the engine's located!"

The nose of the airplane lurched forward then, and they started to lose altitude. The men began shouting and the women screaming as they saw the oxygen masks pop down from above their seats. As they started to get their masks on, Lil hollered into Eddie's ear: "You know what? I'll give you 100 to 1 odds that there's not one atheist on this plane right now!"

Will Eddie and Lil make it to their destination? And, if they do, what adventures lie ahead of them in Washington? Don't miss the next exciting episode in the December issue.

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Oklahoma Shufflers (cont. from Page 17)

partner with handicap points being spotted to the higher handicap team and ranged from teams with 0 to plus 8 points. The higher point team started with 80 percent of the difference between the two handicaps, flipped for the hammer and started the game.

I personally expected the higher point teams to have a slight edge, but the 0-rated team of Bill and Lisa Melton came through undefeated to take first place. Second place went to the 4-point team of Alan Primrose and Jerry Davenport in a final game tied 14-14 and a well-hidden trey by Alan that Bill just barely ticked. It stopped as a 4, or so most of us thought, before tipping off the end. The 3-point team of Sam Summers and

Ferlin Kearns made it to third before the beer allotment for the day kicked in and the bells started going off.



The father-daughter team of Bill and Lisa Melton took top honors in the handicapped bring partner, with Alan Primrose and Jerry Davenport in second place.

One note about the weekend: of the 40 players who participated, eight of them had never played in a tournament format before. The Bowers handicap program appears to be close, as the auction action did not reflect a pre-tournament favorite. It is an excellent event for introducing new players to tournament play, but not one that the experienced player would want to play on a regular basis.

I appreciate the attitude of those players willing to try something new for the possible good of the game.

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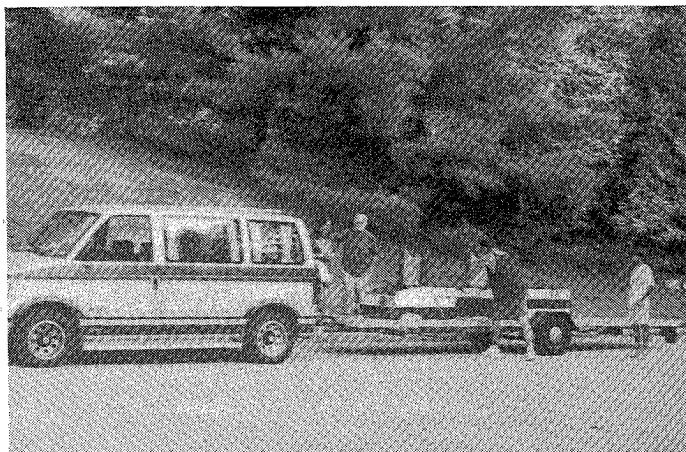
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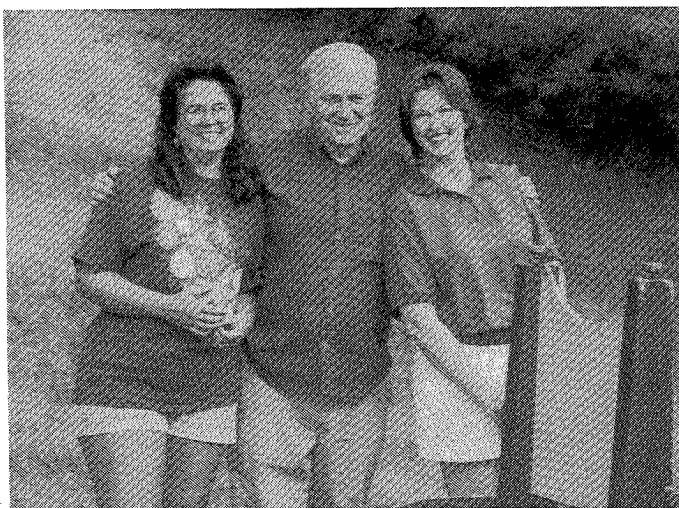
All in a Day's Work.....

Back in the spring of 1993, Doc Khan bought a shuffleboard and installed it in the recreation room of the beautiful home in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where he, Megan, and two sons live. Doc was never happy with the "plastic" top and shared his frustrations with *Board Talk* readers: "It looks beautiful -- a clear, pastic surface -- but it ain't wood!" His efforts to make a trade for a board with a "conventional" finish were unsuccessful until late August of this year. Bobby Voorhis of Indiana remembered Doc's sincere desire and called to tell him he could fulfill that wish.

On their way from Fairmount, Indiana, Bobby and Debbie stopped in Lansing, Michigan, picked up Board Talk George Wilber and one of his boards, tucked George in the van and his board along side of Doc's and off they went to Mt. Pleasant and then on to Houghton Lake.



The Khan's beautifully-landscaped acreage, including a river where George claims Bobby tried to dump him, provided some challenges for the crew.

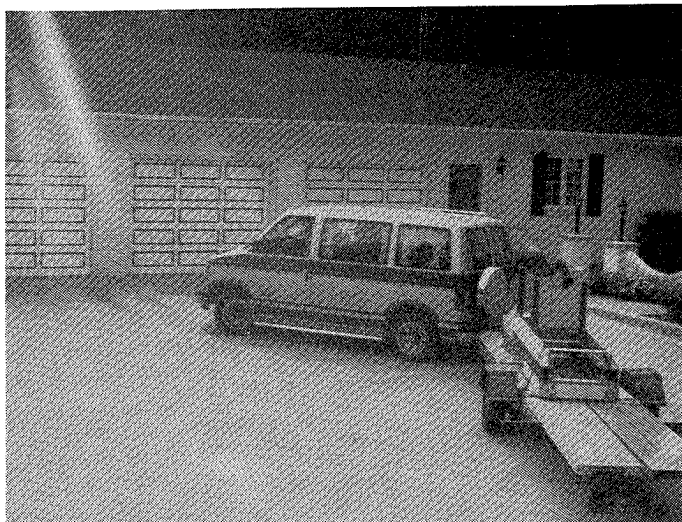


Looking none the worse for wear after installing Doc's board and loading his "reject" are George and his two right-hand women, Debbie and Megan. But they couldn't have done it without Doc's guidance!

"With muscle provided by Debbie, Megan, the Khan boys, George and me, we made it across the patio, through the sliding doors, and into the recreation room," said Bobby. "And with Doc's expert guidance, we did it with nary a knick on the oak trim!"

Said a grateful Doc: "Bobby's 41st birthday and our 17th wedding anniversary was spent, not on a cruise or a trip to Hawaii, but in the service of shuffleboard."

Before Bob, Debbie and George continued their journey, Doc (a gourmet chef) treated them to one of his specialties -- turtle bean soup -- which they pronounced delicious.

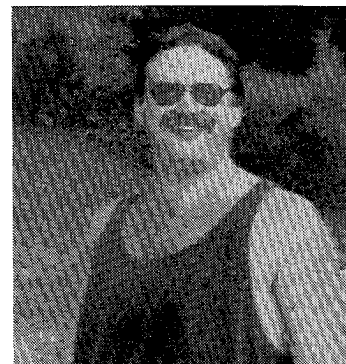


With the afternoon sun casting beams through the trees surrounding the Khan home, the trailer is loaded for its next stop.

Fortified with Doc's turtle bean soup, the trio headed for Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake, where George's board was installed for the 5th Annual Skip's/ Board Talk Fall Bash. Skip and buddy Jerry Cooley were there to help unload and set it up, so it was smooth sailing from then on.

It just so happened that this was Karaoke night at Skip's. Give Board Talk George a microphone and he thinks he's Larry King Live! He announced to the crowd that this was the birthday of the famous Bobby V and he and Deb led a "Happy Birthday" song for the tired shuffleboard installer.

Bobby Voorhis didn't expect to have a 41st birthday party at Skip's Lounge, after delivering a board to Doc Khan and another to Skip's. But it's all in a day's work.....



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NOVEMBER

Oct. 30-Nov. 5

North American Championships
Sands Regency
Reno, Nevada

Nov. 4

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 11

Bourbon Singles Championships
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Nov. 18

2nd in Series of Five
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

Nov. 23-26

11th Annual Thanks Classic
Gold Nugget Club
Arlington, Texas

Nov. 23-26

3rd Annual Thanksgiving
Weekend Tournament
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Nov. 24-26

10th Annual State of Michigan
Championships
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Nov. 24-26

2nd Annual Dead Bird Shootout
BZ's Sports Bar
Seattle, Washington

Nov. 24-26

1st Annual State of Florida
Championships
Our Place and Sam's Place
Titusville Florida

Nov. 24-26

7th Annual State of Indiana
Championships
Chances R
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 25-26

55 & Over Draw Partners
Shamrock
Longview, Washington

DECEMBER

Dec. 1-3

Three-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Dec. 9

"Best of Philly" Series
Singles Event
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dec. 16-17

6th Annual Santa Classic
Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 16-17

5th Annual Draw Partners
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Dec. 30

Open Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

Dec. 31-Jan. 2

New Year's Extravaganza
Winnipeg Hotel
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

JANUARY 1996

Jan. 20

3rd in Series of Five
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

FEBRUARY

Jan. 30-Feb. 4

PCSA Extravaganza VIII
Aladdin Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Feb. 17

4th in Series of Five
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

Feb. 17-18

Sweethearts Tournament
Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

Feb. 24

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

MARCH

March 2-4

Three-Event Tournament
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March 23

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Touching Moment (continued from Page 15)

image and you could hear him say, "Nice shot, partner, real nice shot." When she would miss a crucial shot and begin to doubt herself, that same smile, that same calm voice, and you could hear it say, "Real nice try, partner. Nobody hurt. It's still me and you, and I think I'll just lag us a deuce or two."

That brings me to Harlan Martel and how he figures in this tale. He, too, is one of Denver's better players, and he stepped in to be Candy's partner for the tournament. In doing so, he afforded her the opportunity to play the tournament in Ron's memory. That, fellow shufflers, is a class act.

Candy will probably never be nominated as a player to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and maybe Harlan won't either. Ron Hurney has already been inducted into a more hallowed shrine. But, if the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame has a special wing and if that wing paid tribute to "Touching Tournament Moments," then I truly believe Denver can lay claim to three legitimate nominees.

By the way, for those of you who hadn't had a chance to meet Ron, he can still be found hanging out at the Balloon Inn (his picture adorns a wall in a small area of the Balloon Inn which the Vogts dedicated in his memory). Drop by sometime, sit a spell. Have a drink in his memory -- he said he'd buy the next round.

'Til next time -- think nice thoughts.

Lou Lusero, Fort Lupton, Colorado

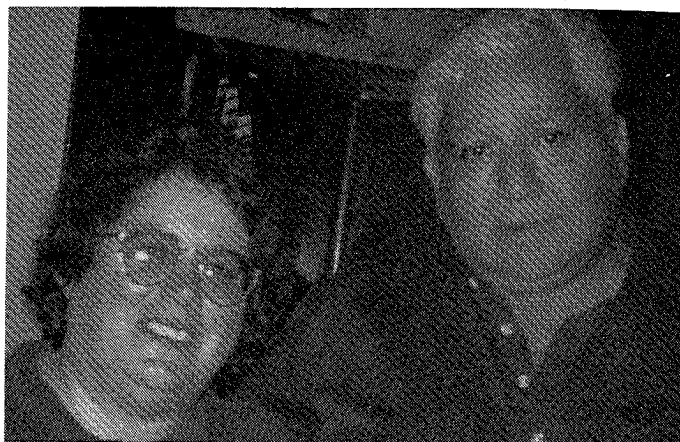
Thanks for sharing this "touching moment" with our readers, Lou. We don't know of anyone who could do so better than you!

Weber/Brennan/Jones Winners at Dixie Belle's Marathan

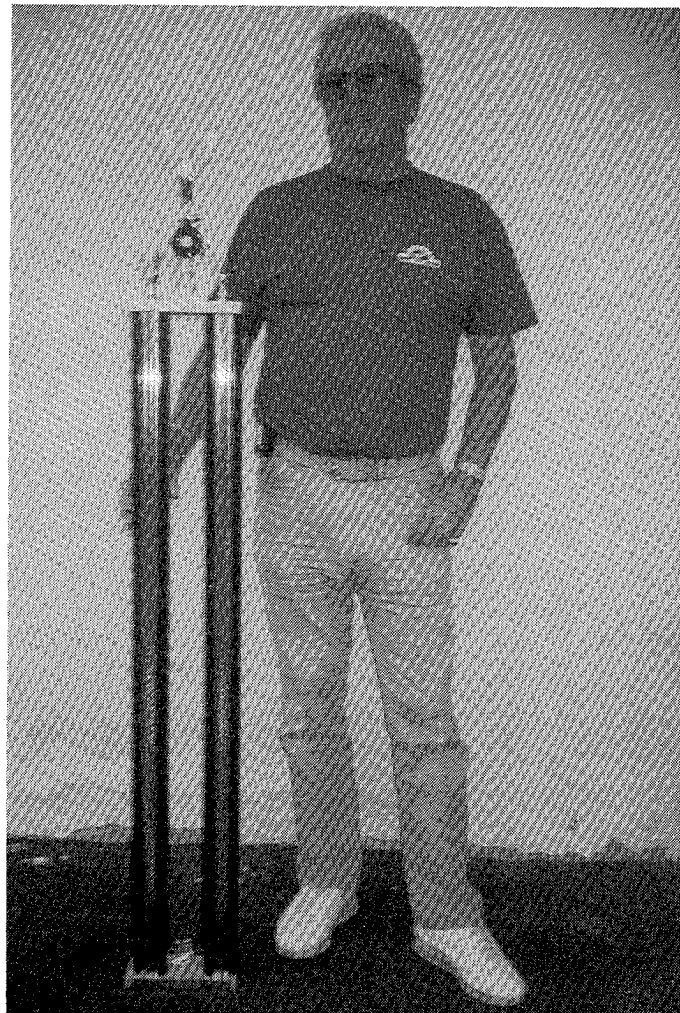
The Dixie Belle, Downey, California, hosted a "Marathan" tournament recently.



Winners of the Marathan Draw were Dave Brennan and Susie Jones.



Second-place finishers were Joe Muniz and Donna, with Tim O'Brian and Pat Patrick in third.



Winner of the Division A Marathan was Paul Weber, earning a trophy nearly as tall as he is. "Eat your hearts out, Dream Team Darrol and Jimmy," he says.

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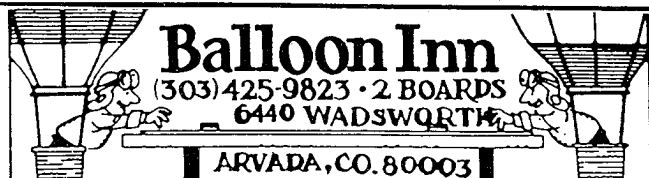
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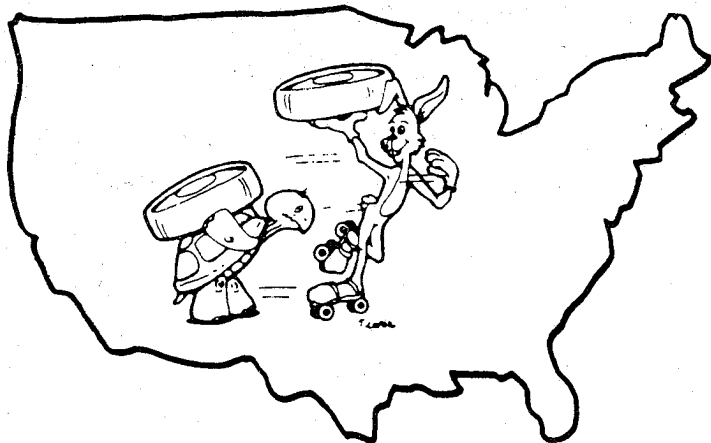
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