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●North American Championships, Sahara, Las Vegas,

Sept. 26-30: (Pro-Am): 1st--Gordie Collins/Jeff Cottrell, Mich.; 2nd--Val Borja, Mich./Chuck Norris, Oregon; 3rd--Darrol Nelson, Oregon/Larry Newell; 4th--Chris Danke, Calif./Gene Davis, Col. **(Women's Singles):** 1st--Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd--Brenda Moore, Texas; 3rd--Peggy Richards, Ariz.; 4th--Joanie Swenson, Calif. **(Open Singles):** 1st--Darrol Nelson, Oregon; 2nd--Bobby Voorhis, Ind.; 3rd--Glen Davidson, Okla.; 4th--Eric Waldman, Mont. **(Open Doubles):** 1st--John McDermott, Mich./Glen Davidson, Okla.; 2nd--Eric Waldman, Mont./Chuck Norris, Oregon; 3rd--Sam Summers, Okla./Darrol Nelson, Oregon; 4th--Billy Mays/Earl Kelly, Texas. **(Legends):** 1st--John Ballard, Texas/George Wilber, Mich.; 2nd--Jimmy Kumpula, Mich./Bob Hunt, Calif.; 3rd--Larry Tafoya, Ariz./Skip Jackson, Ind.; 4th--Ed White, Az./Lou Lusero, Calif. **(NASL Team Event):** 1st--Arizona (Mark Rutkowski, Bill Thomas, Willie Monahan, Ted Behrens, Cindy Clark, Alice Arendondo; 2nd--Mr. G's Cardroom, Calif.; 3rd--Balloon Inn, Colo. **(Mixed Draw):** 1st--Mary Koteras/Garry Kennedy, Texas; 2nd--Brenda Moore, Texas/Jim Baker, Canada; 3rd--Diana Hagen/Dale Koteras, Texas; 4th--Cassie Kern, Neil Fetter, Mich.

●East Coast Extravaganza, George Washington Lodge,

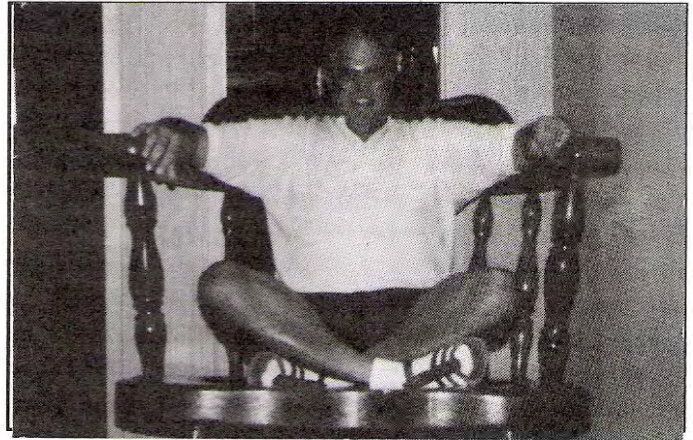
Philadelphia, Pa., Thanksgiving Weekend: (Draw Partner): 1st--Rick Boyer/Jeff Cottrell, Mich.; 2nd--John McDermott, Mich./Bobby Voorhis, Ind.; 3rd--Cheryl Collins, Mich./Alvis Ramey, Md. **(Open Singles):** 1st--Bobby Voorhis, Ind.; 2nd--Lonzo Knight, Md.; 3rd--Jody Slack, Col.; 4th--John McDermott, Mich.; 5th-6th--Bill Lally, Pa.; Chuck King, Del. **(Women's Singles):** 1st--Judy Gartland, Pa.; 2nd--Rita Yank, Pa.; 3rd--Wanda Farris, Md.; 4th--Penny Cottrell, Mich. **(Open Doubles):** 1st--Glen Davidson, Okla./John McDermott, Mich.; 2nd--Don Perry, New York/John Ballard, Texas; 3rd--Stosh Chmielewski, Pa./Mickey Mickens, N.J.; 4th--Jerry Herrmann/Tom Schaefer, Pa. **(Mixed Doubles):** 1st--Al DiBella, Pa./Judy Iseman, Md.; 2nd--Betty Parrish, Mich./Scratch Todd, Del.; 3rd--Penny Cottrell, Mich./Lonnie Blake, Md.

Other Significant Happenings in 1990:

(January) Board Talk Editors issue a plea for those in The World of Shuffleboard to end the "internal strife" that led to the demise of the sport years ago and could do so again.

"Let's all make New Year's resolutions to knock off this kid stuff. Shuffleboard needs responsible adults to keep it alive and well," they said.

February -- There was more going on at Extravaganza II in Vegas than the action on the boards: PCSA's Joe Muniz launched Crap Table Caper I; Michigan's "Eighties Ladies" were a hit; three participating couples decided to tie the knot: Bobby and Debbie Voorhis, Dave and Bobbie Arndt, and Mac and Trish Makarounis; A.Z. Turnbo used some balloons to try to enter the Women's Singles.....and:



Sam Summers showed off his new physique after a diet!

May -- The Shuffleboard Federation and its Player Policy Board drop the requirement that participants in SF tournaments must be subscribers to The Board Talk because of so much griping.

June -- The shuffleboard community is shocked by the sudden death of Michigan player Wayne ("Weener") Reist, a young man with a wife and family. Two benefit tournaments are held to help with expenses.

July -- Glen Davidson of Oklahoma celebrated his 60th birthday by taking the singles title at the U.S. Open. To reach that achievement, he had to beat "giants" John McDermott, David Williams, Bill Melton and Sam Summers. Calling it a highlight of his long career, Glen said: "It tells all the youngsters in the game, just think, you can win one at 60 years young."

October -- California shufflers launch a benefit drive for 4-1/2-year-old Jamie Maxwell, daughter of Billy and Sharon Maxwell, to help pay the staggering medical costs for her Gaucher's Disease treatments.

December -- The Shuffleboard Federation's 1990 point standings are announced: (Open Division) (in order) Sam Summers, Glen Davidson, Bobby Voorhis, Bill Melton, John McDermott, Johnny Ballard, David Williams, Darrol Nelson, Dale Koteras, Frank Blade; (Women's Division) Diana Hagen, Brenda Moore, Cheryl Collins, Peggie Richards, Janet Weidner, Mary Koteras, Debbie Voorhis, Judy Gartland, Val Borja, Sharon Finch.

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, "Tacoma Tim" had taken his rifle to sneak up on the driver who had been tailing him, Frisco Eddie and Lil to and from the restaurant where they had dinner. The driver, however, got the drop on Tim.....)

The shock of feeling the business end of a gun on the nap of Tacoma Tim's neck was overwhelming. He followed the instructions given by the icy voice that was holding the revolver, and dropped his rifle in the front seat of the car.

After Tim raised his hands, he was told to turn to the left and start walking very slowly toward the front porch of his house. His mind was whirling now. He had visions of Lil, Eddie, and himself getting blown away -- all because of his stupid idea to try and get the drop on this guy who had been following them.

As they worked their way toward the house, Tim and his abductor could clearly see Lil and Eddie standing in the front doorway. As per Tim's plan, they were putting on the charade -- pretending they were talking to Tim. Tim had told them not to look in the direction of the car, so as not to give away his "stealthy" scheme.

Lil and Eddie couldn't have seen much anyway, with no streetlights and all. The voice behind Tim said: "You're doin' just fine, cowboy. Now, when we get close, you don't make a sound -- or you're history."

They actually got to the very edge of the foot of the porch before Lil and Eddie noticed them. Before anyone could do anything, the guy behind Tim said: "O.K., up there -- just freeze right where you are. 'Tex' here and me are coming up. Do exactly as you're told. We wouldn't want to make a mess right outside here, now would we?"

After they stepped up onto the porch, the guy (who everyone now knew was one of Dollar Dan's "guns") told them to "very carefully move inside the doorway." After they all got in, the man told Lil to close the door. After they were inside, he told them all to take seats. Tim still had his hands on top of his head. This man was frightening just to look at. He looked just like one of the "hit-men" from the God Father movies! They all had a very sick feeling in the pits of their stomachs. Lil was wishing very deeply now that she wouldn't have pulled off the hustle in Ft. Worth. She had misjudged Dollar Dan. She never thought that he was crazy enough to get them dead over a stinking \$10,000.

The guy was just staring them down now. He was tall, with black hair. He had a mean-looking scar on his left cheek, and his eyes were sharp -- and very menacing. He finally spoke: "Now that we're all real comfy, let's identify ourselves. I know that you must be Lil. I'm guessing that the kid here is Eddie." They both nodded as

he gave them a piercing look. He went on with: "You guys really tried to pull one off down in Texas, I hear. I was told it was a pretty slick hustle. Right now, I bet you don't think it was that cool a thing to do though."

He continued: "I won't bother to give you my name, 'cause it won't make any difference anyway. I like to work fast, so I think the conversation is about over. I don't even want to know 'Tex's' name here, 'cause in about ten seconds, he's gone. It'll feel great to blow this one away 'cause of what he tried to pull outside there."

He pointed the revolver right at Tim's temple then. A horrifying intensity had grasped the room now. Tim's whole life flashed before him, and he was in a cold sweat when he heard the alarming "click" as the man cocked the revolver.

There was a fleeting second of silence -- icy silence, just before that terrifying loud sound.....

-- CONTINUED NEXT MONTH --

If you're enjoying Balboa Ron's "Frisco Eddie" series, we encourage you to let him know: Balboa Ron Schweikert, 8301 W. Charleston Blvd. #1050, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

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Keep/Switch Hammer (cont. from Page 10)

went flying in the air and hit a pitcher of beer at a table where people were sitting. Glass and beer got all over them. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but they were mad!

I remember some very good players who quit the game, or their game was never like it should have been when switch hammer arrived in Southwest L.A. in the mid '60's. I believe this was because of the nothing-to-lose hammer attitude. If you think a switch hammer 15 point game takes a long time, imagine a 15 point keep hammer game, or even a 12 point game. Bob Miles once told me he played a game that lasted over 2 hours!

I believe it should be mandatory to give one point when a player loses the hammer on a clear board, or if he shoots and goes with one weight left on the board with hammer. The only exception may be that if the opponent is on 14, then switch. Otherwise, when a player has to give one for going off with hammer, he still keeps it next end in a scoreboard game. I think this style of play would speed up a tournament and give some to a player or team that is somewhat weaker.

How many ends do we see that no points are scored? Truly, some boards are tough to lag for any player, and these are the type of boards that we especially need scoring at all times. The hammer is a strong tool to have, so why shouldn't a player be penalized one point if he cannot score with it? It sure is not as tough as losing it!

Art Green, Everett, Washington

First, Art, welcome to the shuffleboard network! Second, thanks for opening a subject that "old-timers" will relate to much better than our younger players, most of whom have never heard of a frame game or played keep hammer. You'll probably get some feedback from those who do remember.

The time it takes to play a game mostly depends on who is playing and/or when you get down to the money games. Some players do abuse the 30-second time limit to shoot and others meet to discuss strategy often between frames. If the time of games does get to the point of destroying our sport, then we may have to consider playing so many frames, whether it be 8, 10, or whatever.

We agree with your comments that there is much more pressure with keep hammer plus damage to weights and boards. However, damage to boards has been considerably reduced because we are now allowed to throw wax on the board while playing. Granted, on keep hammer, no points are scored quite often; however, rarely on switch hammer.

One more question: somebody must shoot first. Do you suggest another way besides the coin flip?

We look forward to responses from other players to your ideas.

A Prayer for Ms. Vicki

You can always tell when Vicki gets there,
From the noise in the room to her bodacious red hair.

She plays her spoons and causes such a racket,
Vicki starts out in "The Party Bracket."

Her best friend is a stuffed monkey, getting old and showing his age,

But when they're together, they cause quite a rage.
She's our friend and we love her with all our hearts.
We're hoping this benefit will give her a fresh start.
Please, God, let her get well,

To have her just like she was would really be swell.

I love you Vicki. You're family....

Betty Parrish, Waterford, Michigan

Betty's poignant prayer is for Vicki Gohl, shuffler from the Pontiac area, who has been in the hospital since March 29. What was initially diagnosed as a severe sinus infection turned out to be something much more serious. A benefit for her will be held at the Pontiac Eagles on June 22. See Upcoming Events on Page 5 and respond, as you always have, to the needs of a fellow shuffler.

A Salute to Bourbon from Ron....

We just returned from a fine tournament in Bourbon, Indiana, and want to compliment Fritz Broka, the American Legion Post 424 and staff for organizing and operating such a fine event.

The competition doesn't get any stronger nor renewed friendships any better. And the Saturday chicken BBQ is a sight in itself.

Thanks to Beef for going downstairs while I played a game on Board 6, and also to George for the inspiration that my gray hair wouldn't necessarily remain gray.

Thanks for a great time and a great tournament!

Ron Huddleston, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

And From Pat....

Thanks for the invitation to play in Bourbon. It was a great experience for me and one that I thoroughly enjoyed.

I am looking forward to playing in many more tourneys in the future. The many people I met and the friendliness and hospitality shown to me proved what great people play the game of shuffleboard.

Pat Brennan, Colchester, Vermont

Hot Competition at Whistling Oyster's Pacific Northwest Championships

There was competitive action on the six in-house boards at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington, during the Pacific Northwest Championships on May 10-12 as players vied for a pot of \$5630 in three events. There was a humongous Mexican feed that was supposed to last for two days but got gobbled up in one (host Bill Bailey only got a half-cup of Taco soup -- poor Bill!). And, as usual, the party in the motor home "pit" below the Whistling Oyster lasted until the wee hours of the morning. However, the big news about this tourney was that a couple of women who usually sit on the sidelines and cheer their men on to victory got into the action -- and placed!

Action started on Friday night with the mixed doubles draw (and, as usual, there were about a dozen men "left over" who spent the evening in round robins). Winners were Mike Waters and Linda Stephenson of Washington. Taking second place honors were Doug Buhl of Oregon and Hazel Thorpe of Washington, with Don Stallsworth and Marilyn Buhl of Oregon in third place.

In the women's singles, which went 2 of 3, double elimination, Jolene Lembke (who was in the area to visit her friend Ruth Miles) of California prevailed. Taking second place honors was Hazel Thorpe, with Jackie Anderson of Washington in third.

It was stiff competition and a lot of close games in the open doubles, but guess who prevailed -- yep! Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl! Coming in a close second (for the first time in his own tourney, Bill says) were Bill Bailey and Loren Lampley. Mike Thorpe and Carl Rousch took third, with Bruce Wechter and Don Stallsworth of Oregon in fourth place.

Hosts Bill and Sandee thank all those who participated and look forward to seeing all of you in August for the Grand Masters.

Two First Firsts at Wetlands

Any win in a tournament is exciting, but probably none is as special as the first. At Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak, Michigan, during the first annual mixed weekend, April 19-21, two players had their first top finish in a tournament -- Kim Parrish in the ladies' singles and Claudia Gosczyński in the mixed doubles.

The action began with the mixed doubles, in which Claudia and partner John McDermott prevailed, beating Penny Cottrell and Wetlands owner Mike Papa in the finals. Mike and Penny earned their trip to the finals with a come-from-behind win against the husband and wife

team of Frank and Kim Parrish.

The tournament also included a men's and ladies' singles. Kim Parrish certainly earned her first-place finish, having to defeat Debbie Voorhis of Indiana and Sandy Blade in the last two games. Sandy finished in second place, with third going to Debbie V.

For a while, it appeared that this was going to be a very unusual weekend at Wetlands (two events completed without a double dip), but Frank Blade completed a comeback that saw him win five games in a row to get to the finals, and two more over John McDermott, who finished second, to take first place in this hotly-contested open singles event. Third place went to Jeff Cottrell, who Frank defeated in the loser's bracket finals, avenging a loss to Jeff earlier in the tournament.

John and Mike extend special thanks to Kris Chandler for her help with the sponsor sales and to Jeff Cottrell for his help with the boards.

Creakbaum/Long Winners at Sportsman's Lounge

Larry Creakbaum and Jim Long came out of the loser's bracket to win the open doubles held at the Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana, on May 11. A total of 14 teams competed for \$1930 total payout.

Second place winners were Bobby Schounce and Larry Vance, with the Massie brothers, Tom and Greg, winning third. Rudy Parris, owner of the Sportsman's Lounge, as usual added \$100 to the tournament payout.

Watch future issues for announcements of upcoming open doubles at the Sportsman's Lounge.

Oklahoma Handicap: A Glimpse of the Future...

By Ron Huddleston

We would normally have around 30 players turn out for a weekend get-together. It's the price we pay in Oklahoma for having so many top-line players. You know that you will be trying to beat the likes of Bill and Billy Melton, Sam Summers, Glen Davidson, as well as several other tough tournament players.

Consequently, most of our 2, 3, and 4-rated players choose not to enter.

Well.....After going to Tulsa's Sweetheart Handicap and talking to Alan about their local handicap robins, we decided to have a full handicap draw and bring partner tournament at American Legion 73 in Del City on April 19-21. Over 70 players from Texas, Missouri and the shuffleboard cities of Tulsa, Davis, and Wynnewood showed up, each player fully expecting to win.

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Meltons Tops at Jimmy L's, Tulsa

Twenty-one teams in the draw partner event and 13 teams in the bring partner vied for a pot of over \$15,000 at Jimmy L's annual spring tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 15-17.



Host Jimmy L congratulates Nebraska visitors Denny Busch (center) and Tom Galvin for their first-place win in the draw partner event.

Second place in the draw partner went to John Cason and Tom Hendricks and third to Bill Melton and Terry Yingst. Rick Yingst and Terry Gerard finished fourth.



Tournament Director Cliff Goff (left) awards the first-place trophy to the father-daughter team of Lisa and Bill Melton in the bring partner event.

Second place honors went to Mike Melton and John Breathwitt, with David Williams and Shari Foust, third.

"A big thank you to Jimmy L and Triple A Vending for all the fine food and the two sets of Triple Crown weights given away. A special thanks to Kathy Yingst and Sally Goff for all the help to make everything go so smooth the whole weekend," said Cliff Goff. "I would also like to thank all the players, local and out-of-towners, who helped make this tournament the success it always is."

REMINDER!

The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month for publication in the next issue.

Warren/Ruiz/Posthumus Winners of CC's A-B-C Draw

The 4th Annual A-B-C Tournament at CC's, Anaheim, California, attracted 24 players vying for a pot of \$2,140.



Rich (Bubba) Warren, Bob (Freehand) Ruiz, and Jeff Posthumus (that "addicted" player who paid tribute in last month's Notebook to the people who have helped him learn and love the game) were winners of the A-B-C Draw at CC's.



Dot Bastanchury, Vern Booth, and Chris Brown took second place honors.



Anna Brunskill, Bob Brunskill, and Michele Lama took third place

"In addition to a contingent from Amato's, several players from Wes and Eileen's Dixie Belle showed up," report Anna Brunskill and Gloria Duron. "CC's manager, (continued on Page 22)

CC's A-B-C Draw *(continued from Page 21)*

Mary Bickler, did an outstanding job with the food and coordinating all the behind-the-scenes efforts that made for a smooth-running operation. A very pleasant surprise was the unadvertised free breakfast provided on Sunday morning for an unexpected head-count of 25. Many thanks to the bartenders and servers for an outstanding job and to Joe Muniz of the PCSA for doing a fine job on the sponsor sale."

The tournament was directed by Vern Booth and Bob Brunskill.

Law/Losee Winners of "Limited" at Riverside Hotel

The Riverside Hotel, Earlville, New York, held a draw partner "limited" tournament on April 21. The maximum bid for the sponsor sale was \$30 with a \$5 entry fee. Twenty-four players tossed their names in a hat for the draw. Bob Carpenter set up the brackets while Steve Bennett handled the sale of the teams.



Dale Law (left) and Dick Losee went undefeated to take first place.



Shelly Paul and John Canino finished second....



...third place went to Ralph Barker and Ryan Fuller.

"Owner Roger Sawyer continues to make improvements for the players at Riverside," reports Dale Law. "He currently has four boards side by side and has added a relaxation room. Keep a look-out for upcoming events."

Booth/Cobb Win Again at River City Pub, St. Louis, Missouri

The best women shooters from St. Louis competed in the 2nd Annual Ladies' Tournament on April 6 at the River City Pub, St. Louis, Missouri.

Terrie Booth and Lynne Cobb defended their title, winning for two yers in a row. Taking second place honors were tournament director Greta Hensick and Pat Minks. Finishing third were Clare Cullen and Kathy Muich.

"Greta did a great job in organizing this tournament and brought in the best chicken and dumplings for everybody in the pub," reports Chuck Muehlhauser. "Can Lynne and Terrie do it three times in a row? Well, we'll find out next year!"

Grand Finale for '95-'96 Season at Harvey's Place

By Dick Gorman

April 12-14 marked the final in a series of four weekend tournaments at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. The season ended on a good note with increased participation over previous years and a few changes in format, based on player feedback. A lot of new faces at the payoff table, which we believe is a result of the change in format -- paying more places and the second chance draw tournament with a limited sale. The whole format has been designed to encourage new tournament players and the results are showing. Note one of the new players, Curtis Dean of nearby Rising Sun, Md., finished in the money in all three events. Hats off and salutes to Curtis.

Friday night's event was the draw partner and surprises were in store. Finishing in first place were Calvin Grace, Darlington, Md., first-time winner, with his partner Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md. Second place was taken after two matches by George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md., and Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md. Third place went to pre-event favorites Len Dell of Baltimore and Rick Niblett, Salisbury. Fourth place went to long-time missing Al DiBella, Philadelphia, and his partner, Lindsey Hall, Baltimore. Fifth and final money spot went to Curtis Dean, Rising Sun, and Grace Wyatt, Millsboro, Del.

Saturday's bring partner event was a real success considering there were three other tournaments in the

area; we still had good participation, but not as many as the last weekend tournament (maybe someday we will get better coordination of dates). After a long day, Len Dell and Rick Niblett walked to the payoff table to take first place money. Second place was taken by new-to-the-tournament-scene J.B. Armour, Chesapeake City, Md., and for the second time during the weekend, Joyce Pyle. Third place went to host Harvey Comer and his partner, Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md. Fourth place went to the star performer Curtis Dean and long-time-missing-from-the-tournament-scene Steph McNeil, both from Rising Sun. Fifth place was nailed down by George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md., and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Md.. Final money spot sixth place went to Herb Forrester, Ridley Park, Pa., and Frank Ouly, Bear, Del.

Sunday's event was a true round-robin where each team played every other team with total score being the determining factor of winners. First place went to Wendy Davis, Wilmington, Del. and Curtis Dean (again). Second place went to Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, and Grace Wyatt, Millsboro, with third place going to host Harvey Comer and his partner, Faye Todd, Newark, Del.

The year was good, the hospitality provided by Darlyene and Harvey and the great cook, Judy McManus, were great, and the enthusiasm was high. Watch the September issue for next year's schedule which will start in October.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Because of shufflers' vacation schedules, the tournaments for

●May 17-19

●June 14-16

●July 19-21

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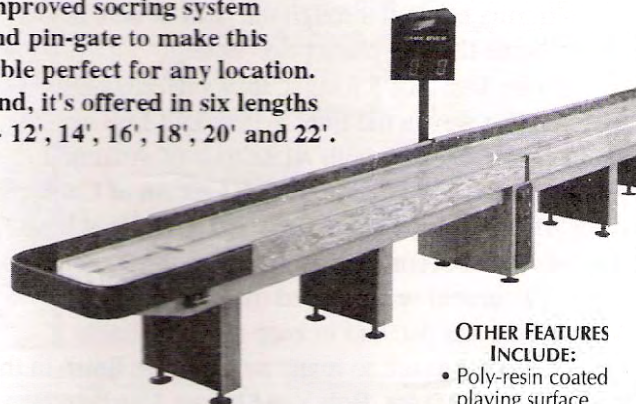
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Players From Several States Honor Memory of Bill Gibbs

By Al Salazar

On Friday, April 26, the Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament was kicked off at Family Billiards in Phoenix, Arizona. Players from as far away as New York and Philadelphia competed. Delegations from Northern California, and the Dixie Belle in Southern California represented themselves very well.

The first event was a single game, double elimination A-B Draw. Twenty-three teams competed on four boards. Nick Chaffin of California and Linda Myers of Phoenix came out of the loser's bracket to take the title. Down 13-7 in the semi-final match, Linda scored 8 points in one frame to win the match. Then down 12-8 in the finals, Linda lagged a 3, with 4 points on the board, to force a final game. Joe Muniz of California (and the PCSA) and newcomer and tavern owner Bob VanAlstyne of Phoenix finished in second place. Bob Hunt of California and Cardinal Dan of Arizona were the third place finishers. Paul Weber of California and Bill Bryant of Arizona finished fourth.

Next up was Arizona's first A-B-C event with 12 teams entered in the hotly-contested matches. Once again, the winner came out of the loser's bracket to take first. Bob Brunskill of California, Cindy Clark and Bryan Nelson of Arizona beat the sponsor sale favorites of Steve Perry, Anna Brunskill, both of California, and Paul Gialamas of Arizona. Bob Lewis, Vince Myers and Alta Chance, all from Arizona, took third place.

The final event, an open doubles, started Saturday evening after a great pig roast and ended Sunday afternoon. The top sponsor sale team of Hal and Steve Perry of California breezed through the field of nine teams, taking home the first place prize money.

In the best 2 of 3 format, they suffered only one loss and that was in the final match. Bill Maxwell of California teamed up with Al Salazar of Arizona for second place. Bob Hunt and Nick Chaffin of California came in third. In the match for third, Bob Hunt lagged three 4's in the second game to force a third game.

The turnout was so good that owner Bob VanAlstyne has decided to keep all four boards. It was very satisfying to see so many new players finish in the money. Linda Myers, Bob VanAlstyne, Cardinal Dan, Bryan Nelson, Paul Gialamas, Vince Myers, and Alta Chance all competed in their first tournament and beat some good players doing it.

Thanks to all who helped put on the show: Alice Arredondo, Bob Lewis, Bob VanAlstyne, Nancy Salazar, Mickey Lewis, Marilyn Roberts, Bill Thomas, and all who helped out. With all that help, it had to be good!

Lastly, thanks to Bill Gibbs for all the fond memories he gave us.



A-B Draw winners Linda Myers and Nick Chaffin collect their envelope from Director Al Salazar.



Joe Muniz and host Bob VanAlstyne took second in the A-B Draw.



Bob Hunt and Cardinal Dan congratulate each other for taking third in the A-B Draw event.



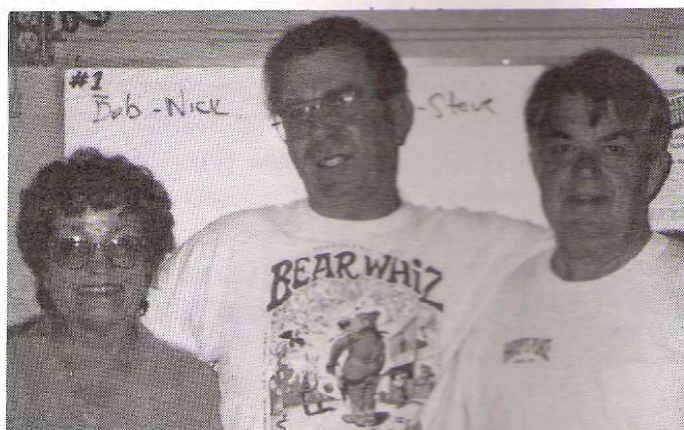
Showing off their 1st place trophies are the winners of the A-B-C Draw: Bryan Nelson, Cindy Clark, and Bob Brunskill.



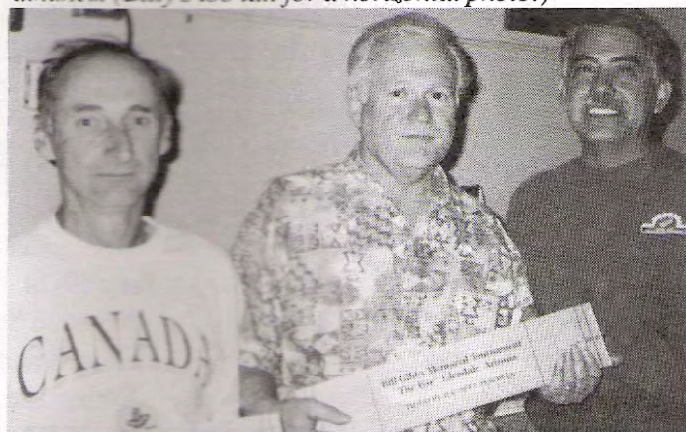
Paul Gialamas, Anna Brunskill and Steve Perry took second place honors in the A-B-C Draw.



Billy Maxwell and Al Salazar took second place in the open doubles. (Billy's too tall for a horizontal photo!)



Third place went to Alta Chance, Vince Myers and Bob Lewis.



And third place went to Nick Chaffin and Bob Hunt.



Tournament Directors Alice Arredondo and Al Salazar congratulate the father-son team of Hal and Steve Perry for winning the open doubles. The powerful Perrys recently took top honors in Blinky's doubles and singles and have a friendly rivalry going on with Bill and Billy Melton (see Page 1).

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June 14-16

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June 15-16

7th Annual Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

June 15-16

2nd Annual Everett Invitational
Shotze's Rack 'N Roll
Everett, Washington

June 21-22

Hangover Drag Partner
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

June 21-23

New York State Championships
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

June 22-23

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Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

June 22

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July 2-7

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July 13

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Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

July 19-20

Missouri State Championships
Longbranch Lounge
Springfield, Missouri

July 26-27

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Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

AUGUST

July 31-Aug. 4

7th Annual Grand Masters
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 2-4

Summer National Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Aug. 10

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Aug. 16-17

A-B Blind Draw
Top's, That Other Place Saloon
St. Louis, Missouri

Aug. 16-18

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Aug. 23-25

2nd Annual 6-Person Team
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Aug. 23-25

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Sept. 5-8

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Sept. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Sept. 20-22

2nd Annual ABC Draw
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

1996 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

Sept. 20-22

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Sept. 27-28

Bring Partner Champions
Top's, That Other Place Saloon
St. Louis, Missouri

OCTOBER

Oct. 5

Annual Fall Bourbon Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 11-13

2nd Annual Ladies' Weekend
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Oct. 12

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Oct. 18-19

Pre-Halloween Bring Partner
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Oct. 18-20

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Oct. 18-20

Bring Partner Mixed Doubles
Balloon Inn
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Oct. 19-20

Bring Partner Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 28-Nov. 3

7th Annual North American
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NOVEMBER

Nov. 9

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Nov. 15-16

Pre-Thanksgiving Bring Partner
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Nov. 15-17

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Nov. 28-Dec. 1

11th Annual State of Michigan
Championships
McCabe's, Saginaw, Michigan

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Over 55 Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

DECEMBER

Dec. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Dec. 14-15

8th Santa Classic Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 20-21

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Oklahoma Handicap *(cont. from Page 20)*

It was difficult to spot points (up to 7 in one game) and flip for the hammer, but the final scores proved the equity of the format as 90% of all games reached 13-13 or better before a winner was determined.

We acknowledge Ron and Debbie Bowers and their rating committee. This type of tournament would not have been possible without their efforts to provide a handicap measurement to the game. It may not be perfect, but is by far the best we have ever had. It appeared we may have had three or four players over or under rated one point, but that would still leave it over 95% accurate. Pretty good for a peer rating system.

Winners of the draw partner event were: Sam Summers and Kenny Brewer, 1st; Lisa Melton and Pat Gainey, 2nd; Bill Holley and Shari Faust, 3rd; Rick Jones and Weldon Lambert, 4th; Ferlin Kearns and Bob Summers, 5th; and Sally Goff and Terry Gerrard, 6th.



Draw Partner winners celebrate their victories.



Glen Davidson and Shirley Giertes (center) took first in the bring partner. Tom Hendrix and Bob Summers (right) finished second, with Billy and Mitch Melton (left) in third place.

Taking fourth place were Shannon Tice and Don Kinnard, with J.W. Crawford and Janet Weidner in fifth and Goose and Gerald Wood in sixth place.



Fourth, fifth and sixth place finishers in the bring partner strike a winning pose.

This tournament will become an annual event because of the response and comments. Cliff Goff probably said it best: "If you play to your rated skill level, you can win. If you play below it, you will not."

Our compliments and thanks to all the fine players who helped make the inaugural Heartland Handicap such a fun and successful tournament.

We will be using this same format for the fall tournament, Columbus Day weekend, in October. In the meantime, we are looking forward to seeing you the 4th of July (see enclosed flyer.)

River Inn Action Heating Up

The River Inn, Williamsport, Maryland, is growing in popularity ever since the owners, Glen Arvin (formerly of Glen's Tavern in Funkstown) and Danny Koontz, opened their upstairs hall to shuffleboard events. Players from several states participated in their March draw partners and bring partners events, which were single game, double elimination with payouts for the first three spots.

"Everyone was pleased and surprised to welcome an old friend, JoAnn Ware, formerly from Maryland and now living in Florida," reports Louise Freer.

The Friday night draw partner saw a number of very strong teams matched up. In the end, it was Louise Freer and Butch Kelly of Pennsylvania finishing first. Len Dell and Jim Snyder of Maryland settled for second place after winning the first game of the final match. JoAnn Ware and Lindsay Hall of Maryland took third.

Saturday's bring partner tournament was just as strong of a playing field. Again, the event was single game, double elimination, with a three spot payout. Coming out of the loser's bracket to finish first were Louise Freer and Al DiBella of Pennsylvania. Second place went to the always strong team of Len Dell and Judith Iseman, both of Maryland; and third place went

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River Inn (continued from Page 29)

to Lonzo Knight and Wanda Farris, both of Maryland.

Glen and Danny provided a roast beef and all the trimmings dinner for all participants.

"The River Inn is one of the newer shuffleboard sites on the East Coast and is a large, comfortable establishment located in historic Williamsport," reports Louise. "It has a large shuffleboard room (currently with three fast boards, but room for more), horseshoe bar, dining room, dance hall and lots of free parking. Owners Glen and Danny invite everyone to come out to beautiful western Maryland and participate in upcoming tournaments."

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NSHF Minutes (continued from Page 14)

We extend special thanks to tournament director Fritz Broka for her enthusiastic and successful support of the Hall of Fame. The tournament donated an unprecedented \$1,000 to the Hall of Fame! Special thanks to John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation for donating the ENTIRE proceeds of the sale of commemorative board wipes. The board wipes are truly special, with a unique and distinct laser engraving and detachable wiping surface. Thanks to Fritz and John for their commitment to helping the NSHF grow and progress. Thanks also to George and Donna Wilber of The Board Talk for presenting the board members with very cool commemorative shirts!

Our primary goal for this particular meeting was to come up with a list of players over the age of 60 who could be considered for induction into the NSHF. They are as follows:

Players:

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Ruthie Miles
Porter White

Promoter:

Leonard Dominick
Jimmy "the cop" Kumpula
Sol Lipkin
"Balboa Ron" Schweikert
Al Stewart
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Now comes the difficult part! We want, need and request help from The World of Shuffleboard. In order to induct any of these people, we need feedback -- feedback in the form of a letter saying, "Yes, induct this player," "no, don't induct this player" -- and why, a petition with some or all of the 20 required signatures, and, most importantly, information about these nominees. We'd like to involve everyone, as much as possible, in these decisions. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

In addition, if there is a player over the age of 60 who deserves to be in the Hall of Fame, let us know! That player's name will be printed in The Board Talk with the same request as above.

The board also discussed and made progress in choosing a logo to represent the NSHF. We will publish it in next month's Board Talk, with the invitation to let us know what you think.

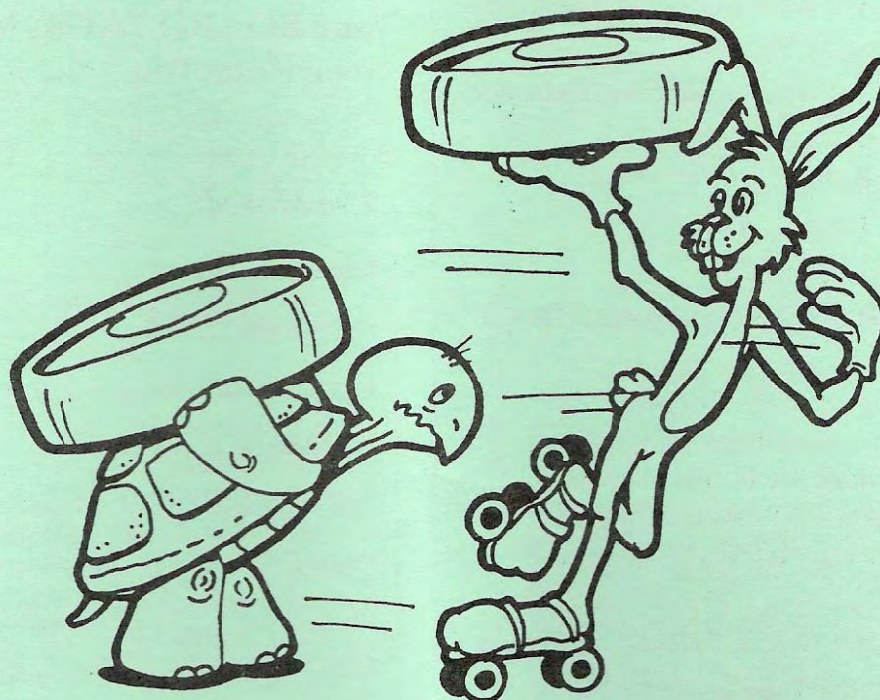
Lastly, we'd like to extend grateful thanks to all the fine people who gave us their ideas and feedback at the Bourbon tournament.

Louise Freer, Secretary, National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame
189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446

(Editor's Note: We strongly urge all readers to respond to this opportunity for input on the induction process. We certainly will! And, to those who are being considered and don't meet the final criteria: consider it an honor that you've even been suggested for induction. That, in itself, is a tribute to what you have contributed to The World of Shuffleboard.

Also, the NSHF still needs contributions to keep their efforts going and to meet the ultimate goal of a permanent home for shuffleboard history. Send your donations to Louise, made payable to The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.)

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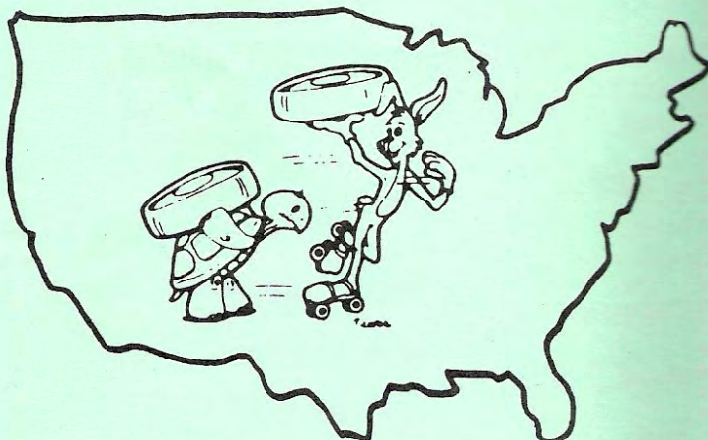
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