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4th Annual Florida Open Rates Several "WOWS"

By Marty Allen

March 21-23, Snuggery Bar & Grille, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Yes, I believe "Wow" is the proper word because our "Southeast Shootout" provided new "Florida Open" records, such as the strongest field ever. Most states represented (6): New York, Maryland, Michigan, Illinois, Texas, Florida). Total player participation (81) in the three events. Total payout of \$8,570. Four in-house boards. A pre-tournament expense commitment of over \$1,000.

So we experienced three strong emotions with our new records: *encouraged* by the turnout, *enthusiastic* about next year, and *pure panic* about our expenses. As one wit said about our expenses, "What helps most is Bayer aspirin," and then with a laugh said "Welcome to the club, Florida." Yes, right!

Shameless Copycat

We credit the "Houston Holiday Open" tournament and Danny's Sports Bar background picture display of their business and individual sponsorships and a picture of their "raffle jar" and shirt sales article to help establish our smaller scale basic format to help defray expenses. So, thank you Diana Hagen, Johnny Ballard, and Jack Scott. Please, do me a small favor: never, ever tell me your total expense figure as I don't think I could stand the shock.

Observations:

Thank you, Billy Mays, Bobby Wright, and Johnny Wayne Crawford for transporting three American shuffleboards 1400 miles one way and, with able help from Bill Jones and Ed Galke, had the boards up and playing by mid-afternoon, Wednesday, March 19. Wow! Super job! Two of the boards were sold and Billy also sold 12 buckets of wax, so he was happy.

The following deserve a special thanks for volunteering or just stepping in to help out in a particular situation:

Bobby Wright of Texas was our "go to" man and always responded efficiently -- always!



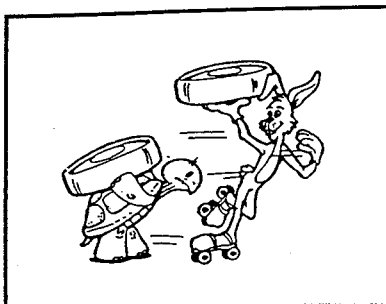
Winners of Friday's draw partner were (left to right): Billy Mays of Texas and Ed Galke of New York, 1st; Jimmy Kumpula, Florida/Michigan, and Terry Smith, Illinois, 2nd; Milt Benedict, New York, and Jeff Cottrell, Michigan, 3rd. Alvis Ramey and Ray Boyett of Florida finished fourth.



Saturday's open doubles champions were (left) Jeff Cottrell and Ed Galke. Lonzo Knight of Maryland and Pete O'Neill of Florida (center) took second place honors, with Charlie Potter and Chuck Dewees of Florida in third.

Doug Fridley Jr. of New York ran our "jackpot draws" at a faster pace and this was duly noted by myself.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

California and Pennsylvania Lose Shuffleboard Stalwarts

Lloyd Coffelt

Shuffleboard recently lost a good player, enthusiastic supporter and fine gentleman. Lloyd Coffelt passed away March 18, 1997, after a several-year battle with cancer. Lloyd loved the game, was well-known locally, playing with and against players such as Hal Perry, Joe Hudson, Fred Thumann, Bob Hunt, Nick Chaffin, Charlie Busch and others. More often than not, it was Lloyd whose wallet was full at night's end.

As a shuffleboard enthusiast, Lloyd participated many times at the big tournaments in Las Vegas and Reno.

He will be sorely missed by all.

The Sacramento (California) Gang

Joe Cooney

Joe Cooney died of a massive heart attack on Feb. 26, three days before his 61st birthday. Joe's name will probably not be familiar to a lot of Board Talk subscribers, but in the Philadelphia area, his name is synonymous with shuffleboard. Joe played in the Philly Leagues since the 1950s. He started out shooting for the old "737" Bar at 8th and Allegheny and was a big part of Philly Championship teams as well as Pennsylvania State Championship teams.

In recent times, he was involved in an in-house league at Kelli's Bar where he worked part-time, and taught many of the patrons about shuffleboard.

Joe was a devoted family man and is survived by his loving wife and three daughters, Barbra, Colleen and Marcia, also by his mother, three sisters, a brother, and nieces and nephews. Joe's daughters, Barbra and Colleen,

also play shuffleboard. Both played for one of my teams a few years ago and they did very well.

Joe, a retired Detective Lieutenant for the Philadelphia Police Department, will be missed very much by all his family, and friends which are many, as his viewing line showed. Amongst those many friends is Sister Francis Kirk, who with Joe had been running a shuffleboard tournament at Kelli's Bar for the past few years for their favorite charity, "Project Children," which will continue in Joe's name every June.

Anyone in The World of Shuffleboard interested in donating in Joe's name to this great charity would be greatly appreciated. You may do so by sending to: Project Children, c/o Sister Francis Kirk, 7049 Charles St., Philadelphia, PA 19135.

Jerry Herrmann, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

We encourage readers, whether they knew Joe personally or not, to consider donating to this worthy cause as a fitting memorial to him.

Believe It or Not: It Happened!

The Cecil-Harford County Shuffleboard League started the 1996-97 travel league with 16 teams (one team later dropped out -- didn't want to travel the sometimes 40-45 miles round-trip). After playing for 22 weeks and 352 games, the division leaders one through four play a two-game series until the final two teams are decided -- another 48 games for a total of 400.

The playoffs for league champion are decided by playing each other on each other's boards eight games. The first team to win nine games is the league champion; tie breaker if it ended 8 to 8 was to be total points scored during all 16 games.

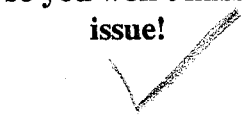
Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, won the first night five games to three and 23 points ahead -- the championship to be decided at George's Restaurant, Elkton, Maryland, two nights later. After the seventh game at George's, Harvey's was ahead eight games to seven and 12 points -- the last game to be the decider. George's "Bulldog Team" won the game. Now it was eight to eight. For the points, the Bulldogs won the last game by 13 points -- thereby winning the league championship on the last shot -- 416 games (potential of over 12,000 points) and won by a total of one point!

Believe it or not: it happened on March 27, 1997.

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Nebraska Action Keeps on Rolling

Butler/Peters Tops at Hart's

By Jackie Styles

Hart's Tavern, Omaha, Nebraska, hosted their 1st Annual Sweetheart Tournament on Feb. 14-16. It seemed only fitting to have a Sweetheart Tournament at a place called Hart's. Thanks to owners Harry and Faye Hart.

Once again, it was proven there are a lot of unnoticed shuffleboard talent in our beginners. Look out!

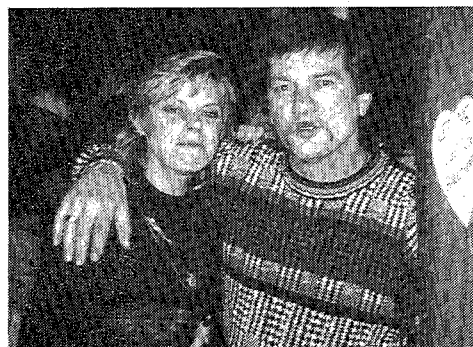


First place went to Jr. Butler and Laurie Peters.



*Mike Roach and
Judy May took
second place honors.*

*Larry Laws and
Vicki Simants
finished in third
place.*



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated. Hope to see you next year. Thanks to Harry Hart, Mike Roach, Pete Larrick and Eddie Styles for helping me with this tournament. Thanks also to all my great friends and fellow shuffleboard players for all the

cards, flowers, money and well wishes given to me during my recent back surgery. Feeling much better and hope to be back to shuffleboard soon.

Nebraska Holds First Team Tourney at Elbow Room, Omaha

By Annie Sloger

Nebraska has done a raffle tournament, a Cystic Fibrosis tournament, and now we have done our first team tourney.

On March 21-23, the Elbow Room hosted the first 4-person team event in Omaha. Along with the team event, they also held a singles tourney, held on two boards and coinciding with each other.

In the team event, the entry fee was \$80 per team and money was added to the pot.



Coming out ahead in a field of eight teams were (left to right) Mike Roach, Linda Ritter, Tom Harvat, and Joel Rahn.



Taking second place were (left to right) Free Hand Pete Peterson, Joanne Waller, Joe Spielman, and George Vanderlinder.

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We're Moving!

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Washington

OPEN DOUBLES AT FRANKIE'S, OLYMPIA, MAY 9-11; \$500 ADDED

A new member of our shuffleboard network, Frankies, 3663 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, will host an open doubles tournament on May 9-11. If 24 teams enter this event, \$500 will be added to this ESA points tournament.

Action will start on Friday with an A-B draw, \$20 entry fee. Cutoff time is 6 p.m. with play starting at 7 p.m. sharp.

The open doubles, \$50 per team, starts Saturday, May 10, with a 10 a.m. sale and play immediately following. This will be a 2 out of 3 in the winners' bracket, one 17-point game in the losers' bracket. Play will resume again at 10 a.m. Sunday. Food will be served on Saturday night.

Tournament directors will be Dave Arndt, 206-474-7889, and Mike Thorpe, 206-813-8755. Your hosts are Frank and Cheri Schnarrs, 360-412-1330. Suggested lodging is the Bailey Motor Inn, 360-412-7515; \$40 for single and \$45 for double.

ANNUAL MIXED DOUBLES, SHAMROCK TAVERN, LONGVIEW, JUNE 21-22

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview will host its 2nd Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament on June 21-22. Entry fee is \$20 per team, 2 out of 3, 15 point games with one 17 point game in the losers' bracket. The Shamrock will add \$5 per player to the pot. Last year's winners were Jim and Michelle Foran.

Come early for the round robins on Friday night, \$10 entry.

Food by Bernice will be featured on Saturday and Sunday. Some RV parking is available and there are motels nearby. Tournament directors will be Doug and Norma Debois.

For information, call the Shamrock, 360-577-7444.

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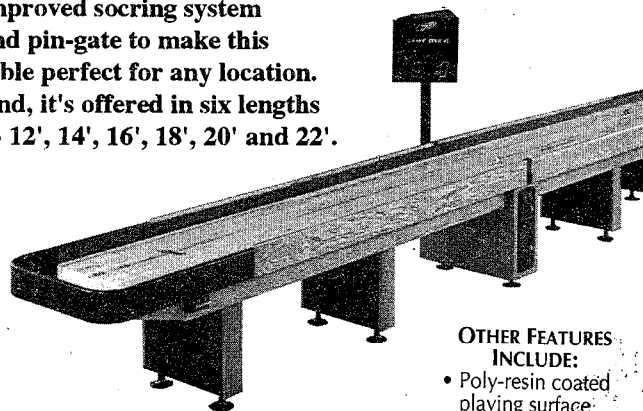
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Texas

3-EVENT TOURNEY AT TAZ COUNTRY, PFLUGERVILLE, MAY 9-11

Taz Country (formerly Bumpers), 1406 FM 1825 (Three Points Shopping Center) in Pflugerville will host a tournament on May 9-11. Features of this 3-event tourney include: "No registration fee, no seeding, no baloney, three boards, food on Saturday, and special drink prices."

The schedule starts with an A-B draw on Friday at 8 p.m., \$30 entry, single game, single elimination, draw split down the middle. On Saturday is the "total of 3 points" bring partner, \$100 per team, single game, double elimination, starting at 1 p.m. Sunday is the handicap singles beginning at 12:30 p.m. With 16 players or less, it will be a double elimination event, \$50 entry. With 17 players or more, it will be single elimination, \$30 entry.

For information, call Ron or Debbie Bowers, 512-835-7256, or your hosts, Gene or Sarha, 512-990-5526.

Missouri

MID-SUMMER DOUBLE-DIPPER, SONNY BOYS, CUBA, JUNE 6-7

Sonny Boys, 121 W. Main St., Cuba, will host its mid-summer "double dipper" tournament on June 6-7. The first event will be an A-B draw on June 6 at 6 p.m., \$10 entry fee, maximum of 24 players. A bring partner is on the schedule for Saturday at 10 a.m., \$15 per person entry fee. Players with a rating of -1, 0, or 1 must bring a partner rated 2.5 or higher. Maximum of 32 players.

Sonny Boys will add \$5 per player for the A-B draw pot and \$5 per team in the bring partner.

For information, call Sonny Boys at 573-885-6488.

Indiana

BOARD TALK "REUNION" AT LOCKER BAR, MARION, JUNE 11-15

Lucky 13 -- That's what it will be this year as The Board Talk joins hands with the Voorhis Family to stage the annual Shufflers' Reunion, held in memory of Marisa Voorhis, daughter of Buss and Martha, sister and sister-in-law of Bobby and Debbie. Action at the Locker Bar in Marion will start on Wednesday afternoon with an A-B-C Draw, \$20 per person entry. The sale for the open/pro

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Memorial Day Weekend Action Across the Nation

Shufflers across the nation will have their choice of action over Memorial Day weekend 1997....

New York -- The Riverside Hotel in Earlville will feature a mixed doubles, singles, draw partner and bring partner, plus round robins. For information, call host Roger Sawyer (who is adding \$500 to the bring partner event) at 315-691-3081, or Dale Law, 607-674-6580.

Michigan -- The 4th Annual Memorial Day Tournament at Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak will include an open singles and open doubles, both 2 out of 3, double elimination. For information, call Mike Papa at Wetlands, 810-543-2626, or John McDermott at The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-9300. See enclosed flyer for details.

Oklahoma -- The 11th Annual Arbuckle Open will be held at Prim's Wagon Wheel in Wynnewood. No -1s or 0s allowed! 1's and 2's will be Division I, 3's and above will be Division II. All events are \$25 per person. Check the enclosed flyer for details. For information, call your host, Al Primrose, at 405-665-2566.

Colorado -- The Balloon Inn, Arvada, will host a Division II singles (\$25 entry) and bring partner doubles (\$50 per team) with sales on Friday night and competition starting at noon on Saturday and Sunday. For information, call Gwen or Ron at 303-425-9823.

California -- Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara will host another Memorial weekend tournament. No details were received by deadline, but we assume it will be much the same as last year: open doubles, \$200 per team, open singles, \$100. To verify, call Barbara at Blinky's, 408-241-3933 or E-mail: Blinky2@ix.netcom.com.

Washington -- The 16th Annual Lilac City Memorial Tournament will be held at Rod's Drive Inn Tavern in Spokane. Events include a singles, \$50 entry; A-B draw, \$25 entry; and open doubles, \$50 per team, (\$500 added). Check the flyer that was in the April issue for details. For information on this ESA-sanctioned tournament, call M.P. at 509-921-8010, or Dan Hitt at 509-489-4877.

Oregon -- The Tolo Tavern in Central Point will host another ESA-sanctioned tournament that will include a draw partner, \$20 entry; singles, \$25 entry; and doubles, \$50 per team. For information, call Pat at the Tolo Tavern, 541-664-2656.

*Wherever you play, have a
fun and safe weekend!*

As The Puck Turns.....

By George & Donna Wilber

Just a few days after we went to press with the April issue, Mom finally decided that after almost 94 years, her "mission" in this world was finished. Thanks to a wonderful program for the terminally-ill, called Hospice, she was able to pass peacefully over to the "other side" at home with us, surrounded by those who loved her.

It's been an almost two-year period of a mixture of joy and sacrifice for us and now that it's over, there is a feeling of great loss, but also of gratefulness that we had the opportunity to love and care for this great lady during her final days. There was a feeling of relief, too, not so much for us as for her. It was a heartbreaker to watch that fiercely-independent "cow girl" from the prairies of South Dakota, who had fought against drought, sandstorms, blizzards, poverty and pestilence (and other challenges that would bring most of us "liberated" women of today to our knees) become totally dependent upon others.

We wouldn't have been able to help Mom through this traumatic change without Hospice. If you don't already have a favorite charity, we encourage you to consider supporting Hospice in your own area. You never know when you might need their services, either for your loved ones or yourself.

Thank you for your patience and your prayers during this difficult period.

Struggling through the rocky path toward some sort of normalcy has included moving across the street from 421 to 503 E. Sheridan. While that may be easier than moving across a continent, it still has its challenges. While our bed is at 503, our computer is still at 421. We eat our meals on a rolling tray table at 503 because our dining room table is still at 421. Our dirty clothes are at 501, but our washer and dryer are still at 421. Whatever we need, it seems, is "across the street." So, we ask your continued patience in responding to your calls and requests for just a little while longer.

Finally, we found two things on the same side of the street that gave us a break in the action and some needed respite -- our tape player and a cassette from Bill Moore of Oklahoma, the "Blues Doctor." It was a recording of one of Bill's blues shows, this one dedicated to shuffleboard players. Interspersed with great blues music, Dr. Bill sends personal messages to many people in The World of Shuffleboard, from people of the past like Pat

Porter to those of today -- from the Melton family to Jimmy the cop, and even us!

If you're a Blues fan and/or a shuffleboard fan, write to Bill and ask him what it would cost for you to have this "classic" as a part of your tape library: Bill Moore, H.C. 63, Box 5520, Hodgen, OK 74939.

Ron and Debbie Bowers of Austin, Texas, are continuing to serve The World of Shuffleboard with their player rating system. As of mid-March, they had 47 raters and 1240 rated players. The Bowers extend special thanks to Tony Howard for setting up their new Microsoft Excel program which they're using now for the ratings (and encourage you to thank Tony for all his work next time you see him at a tournament) and John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation for setting up raters for them on the West Coast.

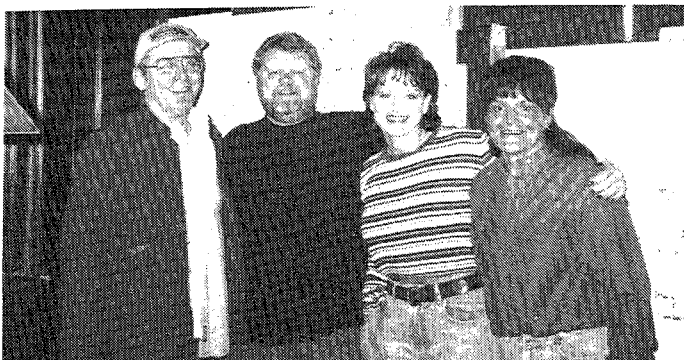
What Ron and Debbie and their volunteer raters are doing will be a real benefit to tournament directors for years to come. If you'd like to help the Bowers in this worthy endeavor, or ask how much it would cost for a copy of the player ratings (with their substantial investment of time, computer, phone, printing and mailing expenses, we can't expect them to continue their service for free!), write them at 1111 Byers Lane, Austin, TX 78753.

We're not particularly proud of the change in the "Nation's Top Shuffleboard States" standings on the back panel. Michigan, home state of The Board Talk, has slipped to No. 5, falling through our 13+ years from No. 1 to No. 2, then 3 and 4. Why? Well, there are two opinions on the editorial staff of two: (1) "George is our shuffleboard buddy. He'd never cut us off just because we didn't pay our renewal. He never puts the bite on us and if our name happens to be in the newsletter, he always has an extra copy in his car." (2) With a couple handfuls of exceptions, Michigan players are not travelers. They stick close to home and seldom even support tournaments in adjoining states, let alone those across the nation. Some are "kings in their own courts," but not confident enough to test their skills elsewhere -- so they don't really care what's going on elsewhere. Thankfully, those who do make Michigan proud! (You can probably guess which is whose opinion.)

While we're embarrassed by Michigan's fall, we're proud of Washington's continued growth and credit the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association's promotion of The Board Talk. As we've said before, the "secret" to California maintaining the No. 1 spot is maintenance -- subscribers respond to their red checks in a timely fashion. Congrats to No. 2 Texas and No. 3 Indiana for maintaining -- and growing!

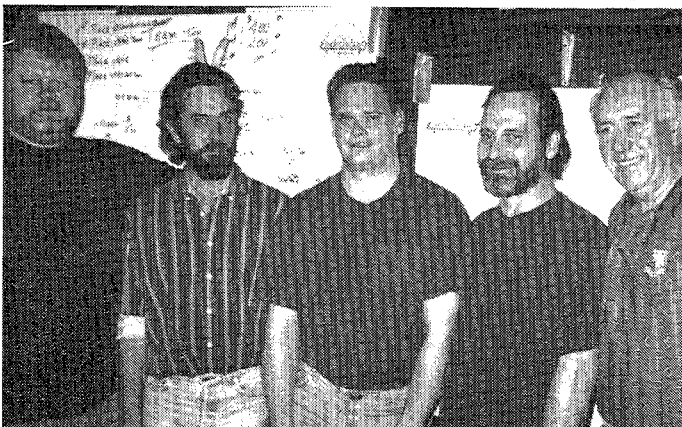
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Third place finishers in the 4-person team event were (left to right): Larry Morrow, Scotty Steinmeyer, Gina Rubek and Lisa Freeman.

In the singles tournament, 16 players entered. The entry fee was \$20 and again money was added to the pot.



Winners of the singles event were (left to right): Scotty (Dog) Steinmeyer, 1st; Randy Nusser, 2nd; Jay Watson, 3rd; Dan Perrigo, 4th. Congratulating them is tournament director Mike Roach.

Thanks to Larry Morrow, owner of the Elbow Room, for adding money to both pots and to Mike Roach for running the events.

Check the flyers at your local shuffleboard establishments for upcoming events.

Pittman and Riley Take the Fifth at Eagles, Houston, Missouri

By Woodie Cockrum

No, not in a Court of Law! They did it on the shuffleboards. Rick Pittman and Charlie Riley went the two full days without a loss to take the 5th Annual Texas County (Missouri) Championship. They have been teamed up for all five of these tournaments and it was only a question of when they would finish on top.

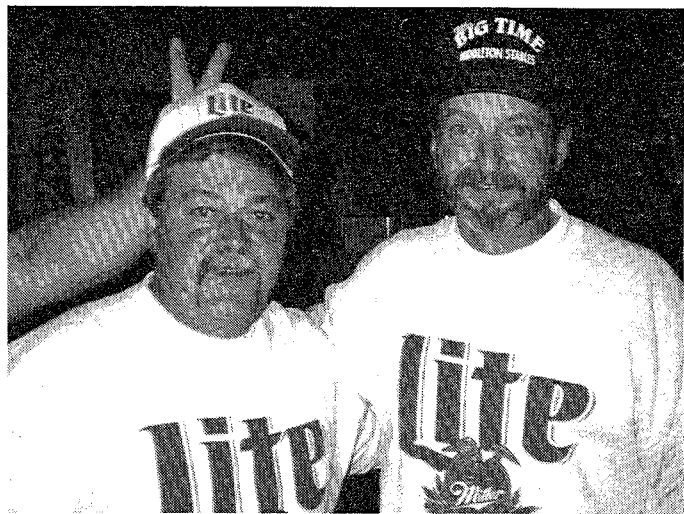
This tournament was played, as it is every year, at the Eagles Lodge F.O.E. 3911 in Houston, Missouri. The Great Rivers Distributing Company of West Plains, Missouri, sponsors this event and each year gives beautiful personalized jackets and many other gifts.



Leroy Cole (left), president of Eagles Lodge 3911, presents first place trophies to Charlie Riley and Rick Pittman.



Second place honors went to Moe Miller and Dean Pinkston.



A new team, John Stenger and Scott Gettys, finished third. They are rated among the top players in Houston, Missouri.

The Ladies Auxiliary and guys made sure everyone left with a few more pounds than they came with.

Thanks to the F.O.E. 3911 for hosting a great tournament.

Rendezvous Inn: They Did It Again -- Only Better!

Wallace/Casula are Winners

By Dick Gorman

The Rendezvous Inn, Perryville, Maryland, and Jim Wallace, did it again. On January 18, Lynn and Joe Hudock had their first tournament and were really pleased with the results. So, when they met this new crowd, they were "pumped" and said "Let's do it again, but do it better." They did! Experience from the first tournament said: better looking flyer, limited entries and free buffet. They did it again.

On March 23 at 11:15 a.m., the players were there and the tournament draw started promptly on time with the aid of Lynn's computer. A drawing for partners and a limited calcutta, and by 11:30, the 18 teams began playing. How's that for organization? While the games began, a breakfast buffet that would please anybody was available to any who wanted to participate.

The action began in this double elimination, 15 point tournament. Nobody knew that last tournament's winner was making plans of his own. When he drew his partner, he informed him that he was the reigning champion here and he expected to remain so -- and so he did.



Jim Wallace of Port Deposit, Maryland, and Richie Casula of Newark, Delaware, were first-place winners.

This was the first time in a long time we have seen Richie at the payoff table first. Where was Donnie?

Second place was taken by a new team, Curtis Dean of Rising Sun and Terry Dalton of Conowingo, that went all the way through the winner's bracket until the last game.

Third place money went to Len Dell of Baltimore and Jim Wolf of Philadelphia. Fourth place was taken by the local Perryville team of Jim Dennis and Mark McKinney.



Taking second place were the team of Curtis Dean and Terry Dalton. (Photos by Brenda Wallace)

While all of this was going on, a great buffet was being served to all participants. I got to the table late, but I heard there were three entrees and all the fixings to go with it, but most of it was gone, due to its great taste and second and third trips by some. But I was lucky. They somehow had forgotten to put out the Deer Stew, maybe because the table was so full. Anyway, if you haven't had any of Joe Hudock's Deer Stew, you haven't eaten yet.

These folks, Lynn and Joe Hudock, are here on the shuffleboard scene; watch for more!

Bob Has ABC Draw Down to a Science -- CC's 5th is Success!

By Bob Brunskill

CC's (Anaheim Ramada Inn, California) 5th Annual ABC Tournament, April 4-6, was another big success, with 45 players vying for \$3700 in entry and sponsor sale monies. In addition to the contingent from Amato's (the Coulter Clan plus Bubba, Kathleen and Ken), 14 players from the Dixie Belle showed up. A welcome addition was the group of five from Blinky's in Santa Clara and the two from Mr. G's in Visalia.

I overheard a comment about the girls from Santa Clara: "They're slim and play shuffleboard, too." Jennifer Rizzi, David Barsch, and Wayne Morgan were three first-time tournament players who, although not finishing in the money, are probably now hooked on the game.

By playing two rounds Friday night, we were able to finish Sunday afternoon at 2:20. The format was 15 point games, 2 out of 3, double elimination, on two boards. Everybody playing helped to do this by showing up on time and paying attention to when they were supposed to shoot, i.e., taking rest room breaks right after shooting instead of right before their turn.

The Federation/Bowers player ratings were used to

sort the players into A, B, and C groups. I use 3 x 5 cards with the player's name and rating (the 2 decimal place average number) on each card. Using a pool table, the cards are spread out in rating sequence and divided into three equal size groups. This gives a good visual indication of apparent rating errors and helps place unrated players correctly.

Pea pool tokens ("Pills") are then drawn at random for each group and written on the cards. The cards are then sorted into team number sequence and rosters written. The rosters are then used for the sponsor sale. After the sale, the same team numbers are used on the elimination chart.

This whole operation takes about 15 minutes. Each tournament gets a little faster and easier as your 3 x 5 card file builds.

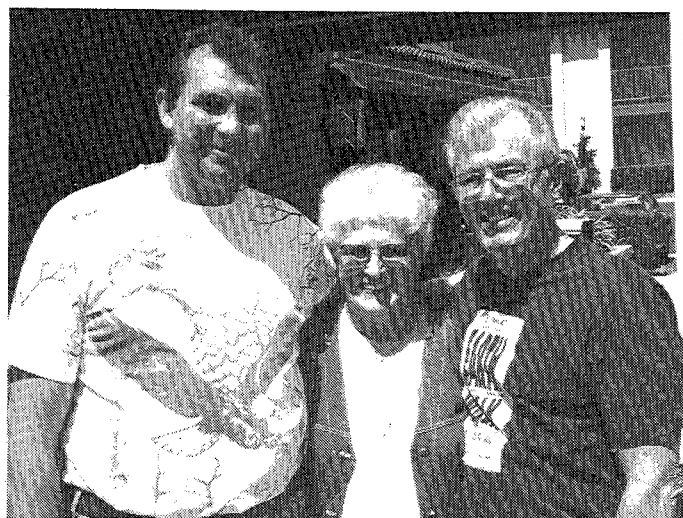
Thanks to co-director Vern Booth and to Paul Weber of the PCSA for doing a fine job on the sale. The bidding gave no clue to the finishing order with the exception of first place being the high bid.



"We're No. 1" say Rich (Bubba) Warren, Tony Bastanchury and Jim Coulter.



Brendan Coulter, Paul Elliott and Bob Flake took second place in CC's ABC Draw.



Bob Clark, Jeff Posthumus and Theresa Linton finished in third place.

Jimmy L's Spring Tourney Another Big Success

Jimmy L's, Tulsa, Oklahoma, held its annual spring tournament on March 14-16 and, as always, it was another big success.

Friday night's draw partner event had 20 teams playing for over \$6,000. First place was taken by Dave Davidson and E.T. Jenson. John Cason and Rick Jones finished second. Third place was Rena Fleming and Kathy Yingst, with D.G. Lang and Charlie Sawyer coming in fourth.

Fifteen teams played for over \$6,000 in the bring partner event. Bill Melton and Steve Burkett came back to win two matches to take first place. A strong second was taken by Sally Goff and Rick Yingst. In third was Mike Melton and Terry Yingst. "We may have to rename this the Melton and Yingst Tournament," said director Cliff Goff.

"Thanks to host Jimmy L for all the fine food Saturday and a great tournament. As usual, a big thank you to Sally Goff and Kathy Yingst for all the help over the long weekend. The people who worked the long hours all weekend also donated 25 percent of the registration fee to the Oklahoma Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I hope to see everyone again at the next tournament," said Cliff.

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Hall of Fame*

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singles will be held that evening at 9 p.m. There is a graduated entry fee for the singles: pros, \$100; 0's, \$75; 1's, \$50; 2's and above, \$25. That event is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. on Thursday and continues on Friday at 10 a.m.

The mixed doubles (sale on Thursday night), \$40 per team entry, will also start at 10 a.m. on Friday or at the conclusion of the singles, depending upon participation.

The sale for the open doubles, \$100 per team, is set for Friday at 9 p.m. with play starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, continuing on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The women's singles, \$20 entry, (sale on Saturday night) will also start at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

All events are single game, double elimination. There will be \$1,000 added to the open/pro singles and open doubles. A one-time \$5 registration fee will go to director-bracketeer Rob Kern.

For information, call Bobby V at The Palace Bar, 765-948-9102, or Buss at The Locker Bar, 765-662-0041. Use the enclosed registration form to save your spot for BIG NO. 13! Check the flyer for lodging information and a campgrounds special for those with RVs. As always at Board Talk Reunions, there will be door prizes every day, plus a printed program listing winners of the previous 12 tournaments.

California

5TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY TOURNAMENT AT DIXIE BELLE, DOWNEY, JULY 2-6

The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy. in Downey, will hosts its 5th Annual 4th of July Tournament on July 2-6. Three events -- an open doubles, open singles, and A-B-C draw -- will be played on five boards. The Dixie Belle, site of the 12th Annual Board Talk Reunion last year, is now under new ownership, but will offer shufflers the same warm hospitality and good food.

The enclosed flyer contains tournament details and lodging suggestions. Please post it in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word. If you have questions, call "The World's Greatest Bartender," Jim Anderson, at 562-803-4943.

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Oklahoma**SOUTHWEST OPEN, DEL CITY AMERICAN LEGION, JULY 1-6; BUCKS ADDED!**

An event that has become a 4th of July tradition for many shufflers across the country, the Southwest Open, is scheduled for July 1-6 at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City. There are eight point-earner events on the schedule for added bucks, plus a "warm-up" event on Tuesday, a 4-person team tournament. Check the enclosed flyer for details of the various events (something for players of all skills) and how you can earn points for the added cash.

The American Legion offers 21 boards (yes, read our lips, 21 boards!), as well as a 5-acre park with electric and water hook-ups for RVs and campers. While entries are accepted up until post time, please note that if you want to take advantage of the Super 8's special shuffleboard rate, you must make your reservations before June 15.

For further information, call Ron Huddleston at 405-843-1615 or E-mail: RHUDD@worldnet.att.com. or the American Legion, 405-677-9393.

Michigan**4TH MEMORIAL TOURNEY, WETLANDS, ROYAL OAK**

If you are an out-of-towner who has not yet been to the Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak, May 23-26 is a perfect time to make that first visit. This is the only pro style format (2 out of 3, double elimination) tournament of the year in this area.

The doubles event, which has been run under an A-B format the last couple of years, has undergone a change. Under the new format, the Bowers' Ratings will be used, and the total rating of the team must be at least "1". This means that players who are pros (-1 rating) must play with a player with a rating of "2" or higher; a player with an "0" rating would have to play with someone with a rating of "1" and so on.

In the open singles, a graduated entry will be used for the first time. Pros will pay \$150; players who are rated "0" will pay \$125; players who are rated "1" can get in for \$100; players with a rating of "2" will pay \$75; for players with a rating of "3", entry is only \$50; and anyone else can get in for \$25.

This tournament is being co-sponsored by Decker Shuffleboard, which is providing two additional boards, for a total of four. Host Mike Papa will start off each morning with a complimentary breakfast. For more

information, see the enclosed flyer or call The Shuffleboard Federation at 248-380-9300.

Nevada**PLAN AHEAD FOR NASC, SANDS REGENCY, RENO, OCT. 27-NOV. 2**

The most anticipated tournament of the year, the North American Shuffleboard Championships, returns to the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno for the seventh year, Oct. 27-Nov. 2. Coming off of last year's hugely successful event, there will be very few changes.

Highlights will include: 18 boards, a Pro/Am Draft Team Event, the availability of very economical room and airfare packages, thousands of dollars in added money, being eligible for five events, a players-only playing area, the North American Champion contest, etc.

To top it all off, veteran NASC tournament staff, anchored by Lyndon Baise, Rick Boyer, Kory Hungerford, Rob Kern, Bob and Mickey Lewis, Skip McCaslin and A.Z. Turnbo, will once again "bend over backwards" to try and make the North American Championships the best run shuffleboard tournament in the world, according to John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation.

"In an effort to continue to improve the quality of the tournament (not to mention the workload of our existing officials), we will be adding two more full-time people to the tournament staff," John reports. "Also, additional help with one of the most important details of the tournament, leveling the boards, is coming via the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association. We were very grateful to receive an unsolicited offer from the ESA to assist us if they could. With the short amount of time available (yes, we have to follow the chess tournament one last time), the toughest part of the setup process is getting the tables level end to end. Several pairs of ESA volunteers will assist with that effort. We appreciate their help and the tremendous level of support we receive from their part of the country."

The first flyer/registration forms will be in the June issue of The Board Talk. Early registration is highly recommended. Many of the events were full six weeks prior to the tournament last year and a complete sell-out is anticipated by Labor Day.

If you need one more reason to come to the 1997 NASA, with last year's unprecedented total purse of more than \$185,000, this will almost certainly be the first \$200,000 shuffleboard tournament.

For more information, contact The Shuffleboard Federation at 248-380-9300.

Believe It or Not (continued from Page 2)

Congratulations to George's Restaurant Bulldog Team and their captain, Larry Kirk from Harvey's Place.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

***The National Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame***
By Glen Davidson

As of now, there will be at least one person inducted into the Oklahoma State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. We will have one or two in Quilcene, Washington, at the Whistling Oyster. The state of Michigan will induct three. I believe they will probably have a news release as the time approaches for the event. I am hoping that California will come in with a couple any way. They have quite a few to induct. Bubba will let us know on that in plenty of time, I'm sure.

By the time this hits the stands, I'm going to have Texas with a state Hall of Fame. That state is big enough for several chapters -- Dallas/Ft. Worth, Amarillo, Houston, San Antonio, Austin -- all are strong shuffleboard areas. I can think of at least five to seven Hall of Fame people in Texas. Give me a call anyone in Texas who is interested. That goes for Missouri also. Missouri has an old story that goes way back in the history of shuffleboard. It's good to see Missouri coming back. We need you, Woodie, to help get a committee together. Give me a call and I will come help you get it going: 405-733-4430.

Illinois is a great state with plenty of shuffleboard history. I'm going through Missouri, Illinois and Texas on my next trip and hopefully we will get them all started.

I'm excited about the West Coast people coming to the Southwest Open over the 4th of July weekend. I sure would like to see some of the East Coast folks coming around the mountain to see us. You will get to see the biggest tourney ever here this year -- Mary, Mike, the Yanks, Jim Wolf, Al and NSHF Secretary Louise -- you all come see us, hear?

This will be in the shuffleboard history books as the year of the shuffleboard players of the U.S.A. Oh, yes, Canada will be included as well. Send for the tape of induction. Get it going for Labor Day. We will help. Get in touch with Dave Arndt in Tacoma. He and Jim Foran will keep the action going in that area.

(Editor's Note: The Evergreen Shuffleboard Association is currently working on getting a regional Hall of Fame set up for the Pacific Northwest. Congratulations to them! Keep us posted.)

3rd Toledo Open is Success!

By John McDermott

Avon's UAW Local 14 hosted their 3rd Annual Toledo Open, co-sponsored by Decker Shuffleboard, also of Toledo, Ohio, and run by The Shuffleboard Federation on April 4-6. Avon's consists of a bar which adjoins the large UAW meeting/banquet room. It could easily hold six boards and still have plenty of room for spectators.

For this tournament, Lou Decker, owner of Decker Shuffleboard, set up three extra boards. Lou is doing some of the best refinishing work in the country and reports that the demand for shuffleboards is higher than it has been in decades. The tournament has yet to achieve its potential in terms of the number of players, but all parties involved are committed to making this one of the premier events in the Midwest. There are quite a few very good local players who are relatively unknown outside of their area. A special thanks to Martha Nelson, who kept the money-table in good shape all weekend long.

The A-B draw led off the action and was won by the team of Bud Spier of Bay City, Michigan, and Jim "Jumbo" Russell of Toledo. They had to quickly compose themselves after being blown out in the first game of the finals after winning the winners' bracket. Second place went to the local team of Tim Meek and Leo, who made a big comeback against the third place team of John Myles of Livonia, Michigan, and Harold Rodebaugh of Toledo. Fourth place went to Slick Parrish of Waterford, Michigan, and Carolyn Walsh of Archbold, Ohio.

The doubles event was won by the veteran Toledo combination of Greg Broka and Jim Stockmaster, who went undefeated to take home top honors. They did so by knocking off the favorites, Frank Blade and Chris Passariello of Michigan. Third place went to Steve Braunfels of Toledo and Beef Camp of Hicksville, Ohio.

In the singles, it was Chris Passariello (lagging lots of deuces and 3's with his Pro Series weights) finishing first in impressive fashion. Greg Broka put all kinds of heat on Chris to no avail en route to finishing second. Third place went to Steve Braunfels, who had a very solid weekend in his return to tournament action after an absence of about a year and a half.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

***Elections for positions on the Board of Directors
of The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame
will be held during the July 1997 board meeting in
Del City, Oklahoma. For further information,
contact President Glen Davidson at 405-733-4430
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1997 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

MAY 1997

May 1-4

Spring Tourney
The Gold Nugget Club
Arlington, Texas

May 2

A-B Draw
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 3

36th Annual Spring Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

May 3-4

7th Annual Draw Partner
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

May 9-11

3-Event Tournament
Frankie's Sports Pub
Olympia, Washington

May 10

Doubles Tournament
Sportsman's Bar
Muncie, Indiana

May 22-25

4-Event Tournament
Riverside Hotel
Earlville, New York

May 22-25

16th Annual Lilac City Memorial
Rod's Drive Inn Tavern
Spokane, Washington

May 22-26

11th Annual Arbuckle Open
Prim's Wagon Wheel
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 23-25

Div. II & Under Singles/Doubles
The Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

May 23-26

4th Memorial Day Tournament
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

May 23-26

Memorial Day Tournament
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

May 23-26

Memorial Day Tournament
Blinky's
Santa Clara, California

JUNE 1997

June 6

A-B Draw
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 6-7

Mid-Summer Double Dipper
Sonny Boys
Cuba, Missouri

June 11-15

13th Annual Board Talk
Shufflers' Reunion Tournament
Locker Bar
Marion, Indiana

June 19-22

8th Annual Balloon Open
The Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

June 21-22

Mixed Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

June 27-28

1st Grey Eagle Open Draft Team
Family Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

JULY 1997

July 1-6

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 2-6

5th Annual 4th of July Tourney
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

July 5-6

ABC Draw
Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

AUGUST 1997

July 30-Aug. 3

Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 14-17

Pro-Am Draw and Singles
The Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Aug. 22-23

3rd St. Louis Shootout
Family Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

Aug. 25-31

Labor Day Tournament
Blinky's
Santa Clara, California

Aug. 27-Sept. 1

Texas Open
The Gold Nugget Club
Arlington, Texas

Aug. 28-31

Labor Day Tournament
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

Aug. 28-31

Crazy Canucks Labor Day
Weekend Tournament
AN & AF Club #68
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

1997 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1997

Sept. 4-7

Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 13-14

3rd Annual Open Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 19-20

Open Draw Partner
Family Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

Sept. 19-21

3rd Annual Ladies' Weekend
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

OCTOBER 1997

Oct. 4

30th Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 9-12

Division I Singles & Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 10-11

1st Missouri Doubles Champs
Family Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

Oct. 18-19

Nelson/Buhl Bring Partner
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 24-25

Fall Double Dipper
Sonny Boys
Cuba, Missouri

Oct. 27-Nov. 2

North American Championships
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

NOVEMBER 1997

Nov. 15-16

Over 55 Tourney
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Nov. 26-30

13th Annual Thanksgiving
Classic
The Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Nov. 28-30

Pennsylvania State
Championships
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nov. 28-30

A-B Draw Tournament
BZ's
Burien, Washington

Nov. 28-30

Thanksgiving Tournament
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

DECEMBER 1997

Dec. 11-14

9th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 12-13

3rd Annual Deuces Wild
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Dec. 27-30

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In the last episode, Frisko Eddie and Long Beach Lil had left Tacoma Tim's in Washington after a successful battle with Indiana Joe and The Wrapper, and were deciding whether to go North or South as they approached the juncture of 512 and I-5.)

The car was rapidly approaching the Intersection of I-5 and 512 -- and a decision had to be made NOW. At the last minute, Lil said: "To hell with it -- turn off at the first intersection and head North. We're goin' back to the airport and head on home!"

Then a very strange thing happened. Eddie swept past the north turn-off and went under the freeway and entered I-5 to the South! Lil hollered out: "What the #^%*&!\$ do you think you're doing?"

Eddie hollered back: "Just settle down and hear me out, 'Love bug.' You've made ALL the decisions so far and I have to say that money-wise, at least, you've been on the mark. Some of your choices haven't been too good, though....like almost getting us dead in Texas and right here in Washington, too. I'd like to call at least ONE shot on this trip -- and this is it. I feel like I'm ready now -- and I can beat anyone. So that's it -- and that's that!"

Lil was really taken back after Eddie's display of assertive behavior; in fact, she was a little stunned! She spoke up then: "Well, well -- how about this little outburst of authority here, Mr. Chavanist. O.K. Two things are going to happen right now. One, you're going to do a 180-degree turn at the next turn-off and second, you're never going to call me 'Love Bug' again!" Inwardly she had a sick kind of feeling that a major shift in the power structure was being attempted here.

Eddie turned to her with a look of strong determination, coupled with a hint of a twinkle in his eyes, as he replied: "If this car doesn't keep going straight South so I can finally go up against WHOEVER'S down there and prove myself -- which I'm ready to do -- we'll turn off -- O.K. But when we do, one of us will be getting out of this car so they can head wherever they choose to. This I mean, Lil."

Lil was silent, letting all this sink in. After a few moments of reflection, she replied: "Well, now, Mr. Macho. Maybe it is time for you to steer the boat for awhile. So I'll go along with this, but I'm telling you that you're stacking the odds against yourself, Champ. But, then again, I guess you have to have a little slack....So, drive on, Hot Shot."

Eddie felt good then. He had won! He felt strong -- very strong.

They hadn't eaten yet and it was lunch time, so Eddie asked Lil if she'd like to stop for some food. They were

passing Olympia now and Lil said she knew of a place that he might find interesting. They exited I-5 and, not far from there, there was the restaurant. It was called the "Steelhead Inn." It looked like a real nice place. After they entered, Lil asked for seating near the windows on the Puget Sound inlet stream side.

Immediately after they were seated, Eddie saw something he had never seen before. Outside the windows, he noticed a fast-moving outlet stream and it was filled with huge Steelhead trout. They were leaping upstream, heading for their fresh water spawning ponds. Then he saw something even more interesting. There were uniformed men on the side of the stream with large clubs -- and they were selectively bashing, and then "gaphing" a number of the fish and placing them in large containers. It was quite a sight!

Lil explained that they happened to be there at just the right time of the year to see this. It was spawning season and those men were from the Fishery and Wildlife Department. Although it looked cruel, they were actually doing this to expand the Steelhead population through the redistribution of their eggs into hatcheries.

It was kind of weird watching all this going on right outside their window while they ate their lunch. Seafood was the speciality of the house, but Eddie had opted for a hamburger instead.

After lunch, Lil suggested they stop off at a local place nearby. Although it was Sunday afternoon, she said that even if there wasn't any action, practice might be a good idea. They stopped at a place called the "Sportsmans Tavern."

It was only a few minutes after they had ordered a round, and Eddie had shot a few weights, that an older guy came up and said: "You wouldn't be the kid they call 'Frisko Eddie,' would you?" Eddie looked at him and replied: "Well now, you might just be right, my man. Want to play a game?" The man said: "Not on your life, Frisko. We heard about the action yesterday in Seattle. Fat chance of your gettin' a game here. Ha!"

So the word had traveled fast! They spent a little while practicing and then got back on the road. In less than two hours, they were near the Washington/Oregon state line and in a town called Longview. They found the spot they were looking for. It was called "O'Brian's Pub."

As they approached the front door, Lil said: "I'm not comfortable with this, Eddie. If 'the Man' is inside there right now, I'll get the ball rolling -- but if things go sour, I'm gonna pull out of the action. I want you to know that up front, Champ, O.K.?" Eddie replied: "Now that's a real

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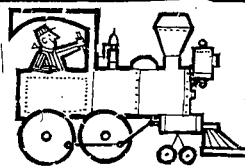
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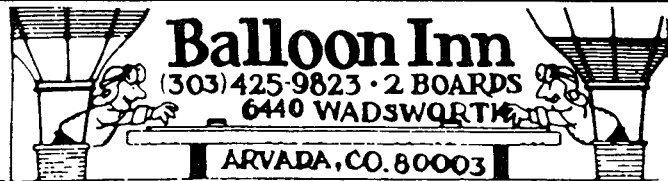
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Florida Open WOW (cont. from Page 1)

Alvis Ramey of Florida ran our 50/50 raffle draws superbly.

Dale Law of New York, along with Ray Boyett and Billy Mays worked the bracket boards.

Carole Boyett had charge of the money table and distribution of all monies.

Chris Boyett always does a fine job on sponsor sales.

Billy Mays, the Legend. I was lucky to have my camera with me and I took some pictures of his set-ups during his trick shot routine. Truly spell-binding.



Sunday's singles championships was won by Billy Mays of Texas (left) with Jeff Cottrell of Michigan in second, Colletta Stanley of Florida in third, and last year's champ, Pete O'Neill of Florida, in fourth.

Roy Boyett and his wonderful computer and handy workshop did it again. Computer forms for name/address, sponsor sale forms, business sponsorship display, individual sponsorship display, and a financial statement and tournament breakdown of all events and players. Ray, old buddy, I have one word: WOW! Plus nine donated wood wall trophy plaques and they are beautiful. Lisa Melton would be proud.

The Snuggery Bar and Grille and host Bernie Kirchner gave us great support. We would also like to thank our pretty co-hosts, Mary Ann, Lovee, Diane, Jeanne, Laurie, and Sue. Super service. Thank you!

Colletta and Bob Stanley had charge of the business sponsorships and, on short notice, produced some great sign-ons. Colletta played in her first Florida Open singles event and among others, beat her doubles playing partner (that's me) and defending singles champ Pete O'Neill and Bobby Wright of Texas. WOW! Maybe I'll take another look at her shuffleboard rating.

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Boothe/Naylor Win at River City Pub's Women's Doubles

River City Pub in St. Louis, Missouri, held its 3rd Annual Women's Doubles Tournament on April 5. Taking first place honors were Terrie Boothe and Roxanna Naylor. Terrie has won this event for the last year years, this year with a new partner, Roxanna. They went undefeated to win the championship.

Second place went to Peggy McGee and Carol Marshall, with Kathy Muich and Kelly Neil taking third.

"Greta Hensick and Pat Minks organized this great tournament," reports Chuck Muehlhauser. "The only thing missing was Greta's famous chicken and dumplings. Greta said she would make them for next year if everybody came back.

"The competition this year was very tough. Can Terrie do it four times in a row? Well, we'll find out next year," said Chuck.

Frisco Eddie (continued from Page 18)

vote of confidence, Love Bug. Thanks a lot!"

Eddie didn't even open the door for Lil either and entered ahead of her. Somehow he didn't feel quite as strong and sure of himself right at that moment....no, not at all.

-- CONTINUED NEXT MONTH --

Longview, Washington -- we've been there! Will Eddie come up against The Man -- and who is The Man anyway? Keep tuned for the next exciting episode. This was the 39th episode Ron has contributed to The Board Talk, in addition to his original three way back when. We encourage you to take just a minute to drop him a note to let him know you're enjoying his series: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

Additions to "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." Listings

The following establishments have joined (or rejoined) the national shuffleboard network since the last "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." was published. Please add them to your current list, and stop in to thank them for supporting your sport.

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Florida -- The Break Room, 6800 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee; phone 904-668-8800

Oklahoma -- Bristol Station, 5653 Tinker Diagonal, Midwest City; phone 405-737-7369

Washington -- Rod's Drive Inn Tavern, 3817 E. Sprague, Spokane; phone 509-534-5128

The next quarterly listing will be in the June issue. If your favorite shuffleboard site isn't currently a subscriber, sign them up before May 15. They will be listed, by state, with addresses and phone numbers, so travelling shufflers can stop in and play a game or two.

Season Finale at Harvey's Place

By Dick Gorman

The last of four weekend tournaments for the 1996-97 season was held April 11-13 at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland. Looking back over the four weekends involved, you could label this season a rebound year. After going through several seasons of declining attendance, the climate changed and we saw increased participation. Hard to pinpoint the exact reason, said owner/promoter Harvey Comer. "We made quite a few changes trying to respond to the suggestions of the players. Some worked and some didn't. We will keep the ones that worked and search for more ways to make this place even more popular," he said.

Friday night was the usual draw partner with 38 anxious participants waiting for the draw to see who their partners would be. The lucky benefactors of over \$1,000 for first place were Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, Md., and Don Casula, Wilmington, Del. Taking a close second place were Len Dell, Baltimore, Md., and Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md. Third place went to Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pa., and Jim Wallace from nearby Port Deposit. Fourth and final money spot went to J.B. Armour, Chesapeake City, Md., and Dale Law, Sherburne, N.Y.

Saturday was the bring partner event and it turned out to be a real barn-burner with Len Dell and Chuck King, Greenwood, Del., coming out of the losers' bracket to take first place. Second went to an equally strong team of Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md. Third went to the New York team of Jeff

Davies, Sherburne, and Dick Losee, Poolville, representing Riverside Hotel in Earlville. Fourth and final money spot went to Al DiBella, Philadelphia, and Louise Freer, who helped split the over \$2,000 pot.

The losers don't automatically get to go home at Harvey's because there is always room for a draw partner tournament every Saturday night. This Saturday was no exception with a winner-takes-all pot going to Regina Smith, Upper Darby, Pa., and owner-host Harvey Comer.

On Sunday, the group was limited as an open singles was held with money going to the two top finishers. Harvey Comer prevailed to take first place and Lindsay Hall, Baltimore, was happy to take second place money.

Darlyne Belcher and Harvey, our gracious hosts, were very happy with the rebound of participation in this year's four-tournament events and thank all who have helped make it worthwhile. Special thanks to Barbara Hanson, bartender and cook, who worked three 16-hour days in a row to help make this a success.

Harvey and Darlyne are not totally happy with the format, especially with the Sunday event, and plan to change things in next season's tournaments. Present thinking is to bring back the open singles and mixed doubles -- perhaps even both on the same day with staggered starting times. It is still in the thinking stage as to what will happen at the first tournament in October.

Watch the September issue of The Board Talk for the announcement, or call in the late summer, 410-836-8881, and ask for Harvey.

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