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Lots of Winners at Gold Nugget's Texas Open

By Bobby Williams

The 1997 Texas Open, held over the Labor Day weekend at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, got off to a spirited start on Wednesday night with the co-ed draw. Winners were Diana Hagen and Danny Hersom, with Gwyn Orsi and Harvey Kidd taking second place.

In the "left-over guys" event, Carlos Guzman and Dave Fleming took first, with Jorge Galvon and Tommy McBurnett in second place.

There were three separate singles events on Thursday. Winner of the Division I was Bill Melton, with David Williams finishing second. In the 2's only, Jack Davis finished in first place, followed by Jeri Billard and Mary Koterak. Division II was won by Gary Williams, followed by Linda Nobles, Jack Snell and Mahlon Nobles.

In the draw partner events on Friday, Diana Hagen and Harvey Kidd won the Division I, followed by Ron Huddleston and Rod Cameron, David Williams and Carlos Guzman, Flynt Preston and J.D. Sweet. In the Division II draw partner, Jaye Galvon and Tre Cameron were the top winners, with Jeri Walker and Rob Houchin in second place.

In Saturday's 6-person draft team event, Brain Walker's team of Steve Burkett, Lilly Kidd, Mike Renich, Mahlon Nobles and Jack Snell took first place. Taking second was Bill Melton's team of Eddie Wood, Bob Pfiester, Flynt Preston, Whiz, and Nan Mehard (thanks to Nan and Lile, owners of Harbor Point, a good tournament bar in Dallas, for coming).

Sunday's Division I bring partner event was won by Janet Weidner and Fred Boyd, with David Williams and Tammy Denson in second place. In Division II, it was Jorge Galvon and Dave Fleming in first, with J.K. Plyer and David Veasey in second.

Sharon Huddleston did a great job with the bracket boards. Special thanks to Johnny Wayne and Billy Melton who helped adjust the boards, Tina Wade who helped Sharon and dusted boards, Jack Davis who

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Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash Breaks Previous Records

- 164 Entries in Three Events
- \$15,210 Total Pot
- George & Donna Inducted in Michigan Hall

Way back in 1990, Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake, Michigan, hosted the 6th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. The turnout was so large that it was expanded to the Northway Bowling Alley across the busy intersection of M-27 and M-55 to accommodate the crowd of participants. Instead of complaining about the inconvenience of settling in at one location and getting called to the other, shufflers called for a return to the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland, where the living is easy and the password is: "Let's have fun!"

While the Board Talk Reunion continued to move to other states, the popularity of this particular spot led sponsors to initiate the Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash. The first such event was held in 1991 and attracted 15 teams for the draw partner and 16 in the singles. Each year since then, participation (and the pot) has grown. People started coming in earlier and earlier and so it was decided that No 7, held Sept. 4-7, 1997, would be expanded to three events: a draw partner, an ABC draw and a singles.

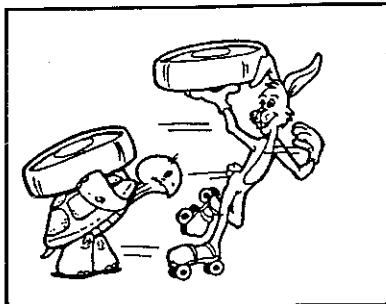
It was a wise decision. The 7th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash had 48 people signed up for Friday's draw partner, 78 for Saturday's ABC draw, and 38 for Sunday's singles.

Davidson/Kuebler Winners of Draw Partner

The "Cookie" Kueblers of Saginaw, Michigan, proved that senior shufflers can still be a force to be reckoned with in tough competition, placing first and third in the draw partner tournament.

Glen Davidson of Oklahoma, president of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, travelled from the Whistling Oyster in Washington to California to Pennsylvania (to help establish a tri-state hall of fame there) to Michigan to participate in the Fall Bash. He drew Bill Kuebler for the draw and came out on top of

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Mike Continues Search.....

Thank you for trying to help me find a shuffleboard table (see September's "As the Puck Turns"). I appreciate it. But I'm afraid I've moved to a dry area.

I've questioned, I've called, I've used one of Jimmy the Cop's tricks that I picked up from Bob Scott. It's look up "amusement devices" in the local phone book. So far nothing -- not a zip!

I did find one table in a small town called Evan City. So, with my spirits high and my weights in hand, I walked into the pub. To my dismay, the table had chairs stacked on it! There's no scoreboard, busted weights and the floor had more finish than the board! This board looked like one of the old, decrepit barns you see on a country drive. What a shame. Those people don't know what they're missing.

So, the search continues, but thanks to your Board Talk calendar, I see the Pennsylvania State Championships are being played at J & C's Tavern in Philadelphia Nov. 28-30. It's a long drive from Pittsburg, and I'll be out of practice, but look out Philadelphia!

Michael Tobin (Going Through Withdrawals),
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

We're sure you will be warmly welcomed at the Pennsylvania State Championships, Mike, and you are certain to meet some great people who can perhaps help you get some action going in the Pittsburg area. Keep us posted on your progress.

Welcome, John Barrow!

One of the very early tournament promoters in the Maryland shuffleboard scene has recently returned to the business. On August 1, John Barrow opened a

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real nice place called Cronter's Market. It's really a restaurant serving breakfasts and international seafood, less than 1 mile off the I-95 Perryville-Port Deposit exit. No used board here -- a brand new 22-footer. Easy stop on the way north and south. Stop by and say: welcome back, John!

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

We're very pleased to add John's Cronter's Market to our national network and encourage readers to stop and tell him thanks for supporting the World of Shuffleboard.

Carrie's Own White Unicorn

Shuffleboard lost a great supporter with the slipping away of Carolyn Werner, helpmate and constant companion of Marion Bailey of Visalia. As a guest in their home one morning, I looked out through the walnut grove, and there was a deer.

I informed Marion and Carrie; they looked -- it was gone. Carrie said: "A.Z., that was not a deer. That was the big dog next door that Cadillac Joe punched out."

I saw a white flash across the window on the other side of the room. I said: "That white guinea got out of the pen." Again, Carrie said: "No, it was not the guinea. It's in the pen." I said: "It must have been an egret," and Carrie said: "The egrets are at the river or canal. What you saw was my own white unicorn."

I know of no other person who was more deserving to have had their own white unicorn than Carrie.

I would like to think that Carrie's own white unicorn gave her the strength and accompanied her on the great journey she had to embark upon.

A.Z. Turnbo, San Martin, California

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady, A.Z. We feel very fortunate to have met her at The Dixie Belle at our 12th Annual Shufflers' Reunion. May she rest in peace with her very own white unicorn.

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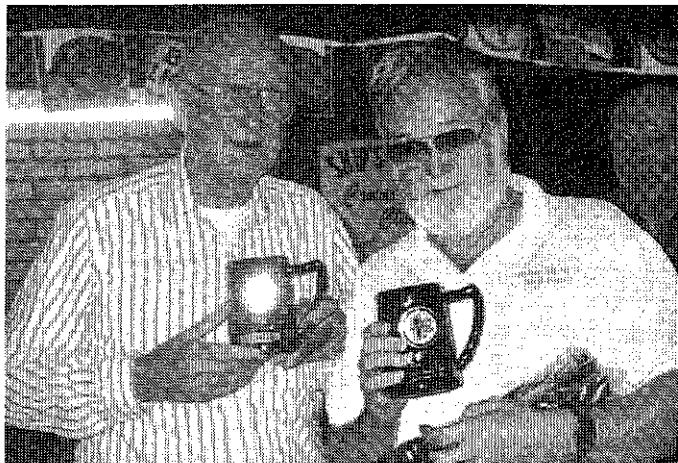
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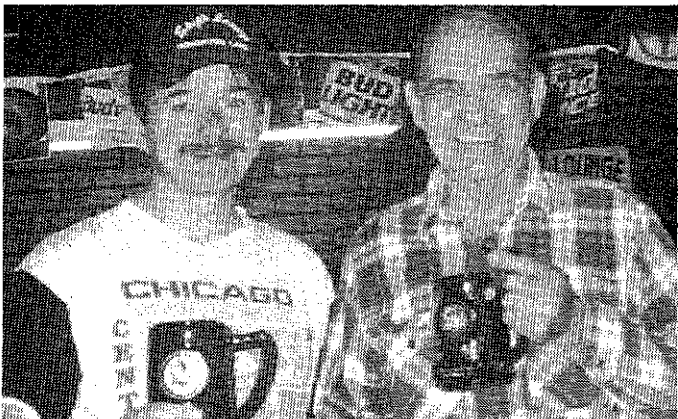
Shufflers "Invade" Houghton Lake for Skip's Fall Bash

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a field of 24 teams with representatives from Michigan, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Florida vying for a share of the \$3565 pot.



Bill Kuebler (left) of Michigan and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma took first in the open draw.



Taking second place honors were Cass Grubbs (right) of Florida and Bud Spier of Michigan.



Betty Kuebler, who was celebrating her 67th birthday this weekend, teamed up with Buss Voorhis of Indiana to take third.

Bonnie Morgan of Saginaw, who was showing off her beautiful new granddaughter, and John Myles of Livonia took fourth place.

Tied for fifth and sixth places were Roland Harkless of Michigan and Jim Long of Indiana, and Houghton Laker Jerry Cooley and Ken Frazier, also of Michigan.

Hershman/Parrish/Palmer Win ABC Draw

Even with the help of the nationally-accepted Bowers Rating System, it was a challenge for directors to form 26 teams out of the 78 players who signed up for the ABC draw, many of whom had not yet been rated and/or were participating in their first tournament. They ran out of pros, 0's and 1's and had to tap the 2's to serve as captains. The results were rewarding as some first-timers found themselves in the winner's circle, the objective of the ABC format.

The all-Michigan team of Jerry Hershman, Frank Parrish and Ron Palmer took top honors in this event. Jerry was one of those unrated players who became a captain because of his reputation in local competition (according to on-the-spot raters). He drew 2-rated Frank and 3-rated Ron and led them to the major portion of the \$5010 pot for this event.

Before they collected their 1st place cups and jackets (courtesy of Skip), they had to clash in the finals against the team of pro Glen Davidson of Oklahoma, Chris LeMieux (Canadian Chris) and Terry Ramey of Michigan in her first tournament appearance.

Taking third place was the team led by Michigan's Bjerne Sunde, who drew Steve Auten and Leon Black, both of Michigan. Leon was another first-time tournament participant.

John ("one-arm") Myles of Michigan coached his team of John Modglin of Indiana and Lupe Gonzalez, another first-timer from Michigan, to the fourth place finish.

Tied for fifth and sixth spots were: Captain Jeff Cottrell, Michigan; J.R. Bucher, Indiana; and Bill Kuebler, Michigan -- and captain Tom Nolder of Indiana; Ron Bown and Debbie Surfus, Michigan.

A Clean Sweep for Glen Ingram in Singles

With the biggest pot of the weekend at stake -- \$6635 -- Glen Ingram, a 1-rated player from Indiana, decided to take on the pros and 0's and win it all -- and he did! Competing against a field of 37 other equally determined players, he went through the charts undefeated to take the 1997 singles crown.

Before he claimed his jacket and cup, he had to meet the formidable Buddy Broka, also from Indiana, in the finals. Buddy did his best to challenge the undefeated Glen, with an appreciative gallery still on

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Washington

NELSON/BUHL DOUBLES, OCT. 18-19; OVER 55, NOV. 15-16, SHAMROCK TAVERN, LONGVIEW

The annual bring partner tournament at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview (renamed the Nelson/Buhl Doubles because Darrol and Doug have won six times in a row) is scheduled for Oct. 18-19. The entry fee is \$50 per team, plus \$10 per player will be added to the pot. Two out of three 15 point games in the winner's bracket, one 17 point game in the loser's bracket. The sale starts at noon on Saturday, starring Hall of Famer Jim Foran, with play immediately following.

The same format will be used for the 4th Annual 55 and Over tournament on Nov. 15-16. Entry is \$20 per player and \$10 per player will be added to the pot by the Shamrock. John Martin has won this draw partner event three years in a row. Can he make it four? Time will tell.

Both events will have \$10 round robins on Friday

night and both will feature Bernice's famous food.

For information on both events, call the Shamrock, 206-577-7444.

Texas

12TH THANKSGIVING CLASSIC AT GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, NOV. 26-30

The 12th Annual David Williams Thanksgiving Classic will be held at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas on Nov. 26-30.

Action will start on Wednesday with a 4-person bring team event, \$200 per team entry, 2 out of 3, double elimination. Team handicap must be at least 5. with only one pro or 0.

A free Thanksgiving Day dinner will be served on Thursday, followed by singles for Division I, 2's Only, and Division II. Entry fees are: (Div. I) pro's, \$150; 0's, \$100; 1's, \$50; (2's Only) \$50; (Div. II) 3's, 4's and 5's, \$25. Format is 2 out of 3 for Div. I, and single game, double elimination for Div. II and 2's only.

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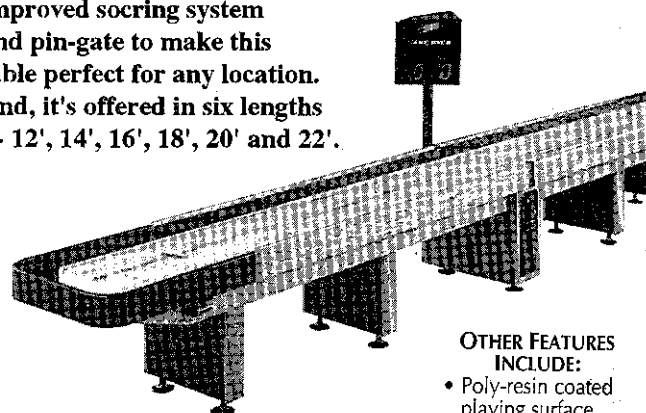
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Draw partner events are scheduled for Friday. Entry fees are \$50 per player for Div. I and \$25 per player for Div. II. Single game, double elimination, and no pro's or 0's may draw up.

Saturday features the 6-person draft team event, \$300 per team entry, 4 out of 7, double elimination.

Bring partner events for Div. I (\$100 per team) and Div. II (\$50 per team) are scheduled for Sunday. In Div. I, pro's must play with a 2 or higher and 0's with a 1 or higher, 2 out of 3 if time permits. In Div. II, the format is single game, double elimination.

A one-time \$10 registration fee will be charged.

For information, contact: David Williams, 817-451-9583 or 817-473-4029; Bobby Williams, 817-496-8972 or 817-265-7045; Bob and Cindy Houchin, 817-277-4029 or 817-295-9488.

Please post the enclosed flyer, with noted changes, in your favorite shuffleboard site.

California

5TH THANKSGIVING TOURNEY, NOV. 27-30, THE DIXIE BELLE, DOWNEY

The Dixie Belle, 9559 Imperial Hwy. in Downey, will host the 5th Annual Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 27-30. The first event will be an open doubles, \$100 per team entry fee, 2 out of 3, double elimination. The sale is scheduled for Thursday at 8 p.m. with play beginning on Friday at 11 a.m.

The second event will be an ABC Draw, \$25 per player entry fee. The format will be 2 out of 3, double elimination, with a 21-point single game in the loser's bracket. The sale for this event will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday with play beginning at noon on Saturday.

Nearby motels include: Best Western, 562-929-8831; Empire, 562-923-5511; and Downey Inn, 562-862-5050.

For further information, call the Dixie Belle, 562-803-4943.

New York

1ST ANNUAL FALL TOURNEY, HONKY TONK, SHERBURNE, NOV. 6-9

The Honky Tonk Saloon, 20 Classic St. in Sherburne, New York, will host its 1st Annual Fall Tournament on Nov. 6-9. Round robins will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday night. On Friday at 7 p.m. will be a draw partner event, \$15 entry, limited to the first 40 paid entries.

A mixed doubles, \$30 per team, is on the agenda for Saturday at 10 a.m., limited to the first paid 16 teams.

On Saturday at 4 p.m., there will be a bring partner event, \$30 per team, limited to the first 24 paid teams.

The final event will be the singles starting on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m., \$20 per prson.

All events will be single game, double elimination, 15 points straight, played on four boards.

For more information and/or lodging recommendations, call: Dale Law, 607-674-6580; Brenda Prosser, 607-674-4810; or Dick Losee, 315-691-2708. To enter, send checks, payable to Honky Tonk Saloon, to: Dale Law, P.O. Box 848, Sherburne, NY 13460.

Maryland

MEMORIAL TOURNEY AT HARVEY'S PLACE, STREET, OCT. 10-12; THANKSGIVING SHOOTOUT NOV. 21-23

The 1997-98 shuffleboard season at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, will kick off with a Memorial Tournament on Oct. 10-12. Events include a draw partner, \$12 entry on Friday night; a bring partner on Saturday, \$30 per team; an open singles, \$25 entry, and an A-B draw, \$12 entry, on Sunday.

The Thanksgiving Shootout will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, with a draw partner, \$12 entry fee, followed by a bring partner on Saturday, \$30 per team; an open singles on Sunday morning, \$25 entry; and a mixed doubles Sunday afternoon, \$25 per team.

All events are 15 points, straight, double elimination, with payoff of 1 in 4.

For further information, call Harvey's Place at 410-836-8881.

FOUR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

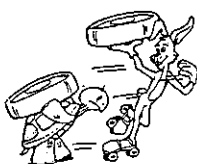
As we go to press, four states have set championship tournaments, for players in their states only, over the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 28-30.

Indiana

Chances R, 3421 S. Walnut, Muncie, Indiana, will host the 9th Annual Indiana State Championships. The double elimination events, played on four boards, will start with an open doubles on Friday, \$50 entry. A mixed doubles, \$30 entry, and the women's singles, \$15 entry, are scheduled for Saturday, with an open singles, \$30 entry, on Sunday. Sponsor sales will be

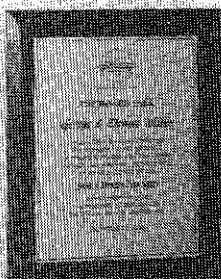
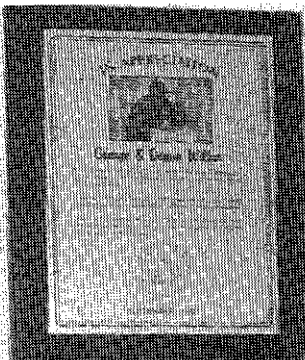
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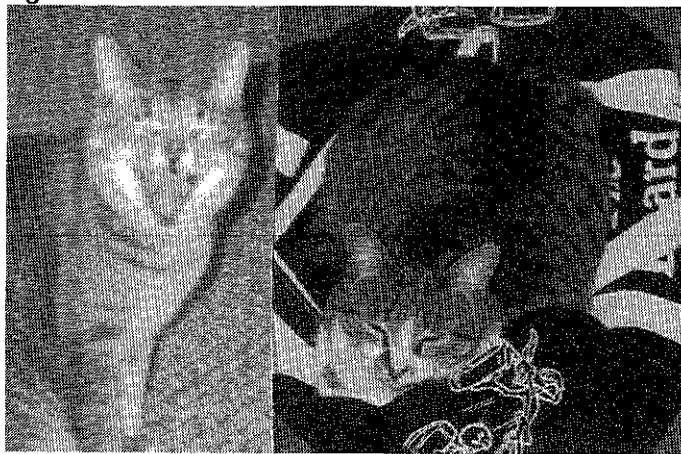
By George & Donna Wilber

Being inducted into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was an awesome experience for both of us. Thanks to the state committee and all of you who endorsed the induction.



We found the ideal place to mount our beautiful plaque, along with the Sol Lipkin award we received from The Shuffleboard Federation in 1992. As part of the renovation of the house we moved into several months ago, we turned a junk room off the deck entrance into a sunny breakfast nook. Come see it! You are welcome any time.

It's always good to be back home again after a tournament to see the two little creatures who wormed their way into our hearts almost two years ago.



"It's about time you came home," says Susie (left). And Hillary says: "Next time you pack this Board Talk bag, I'm going to be in it!"

Serving on state hall of fame committees is a good way to serve The World of Shuffleboard. Michigan is

working for the expansion of theirs and looking for volunteers from the Saginaw/Bay City, Grand Rapids and Lansing areas. Contact committee member Betty Parrish, 810-681-3325, and tell her you'd like to serve.

Speaking of volunteers, we gained an all-new appreciation for those who serve as raters for the national Bowers Rating System, which has had such a positive impact on our sport. We had the privilege to help rate players in our region recently and, if you take the responsibility seriously, it does involve some time. Because we had so many new and unrated players at our Houghton Lake tournament, we will be providing Ron and Debbie Bowers with some additional input for their next scheduled document because, hopefully those new and unrated players will be playing in other events and that information will be valuable to tournament directors. If you'd like to volunteer as a rater, contact Ron and Debbie, 1111 Byers Lane, Austin, TX 78753; phone: 512-835-7256.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! Even though we have published our new address since April, we are still receiving mail addressed to 421 E. Sheridan instead of 503 E. Sheridan. We and the Post Office (and eventually you because it will mean delays in delivery and the possibility of missing a deadline) would surely appreciate it if you would make this change. The address is published every month on the front cover, the back page and the inside back page.

#*@! happens! And it does, even to Michigan Hall of Famers (please don't take our plaque away). The ABC tournament at Houghton Lake was very important because it had so many new faces in the winner's circle and we were anxious to publish the photos of those faces. Alas! We couldn't figure out why our camera suddenly quit working until Debbie Turk found a black hole where the batteries were supposed to be. We found the batteries in the bottom of Donna's Board Talk bag and proceeded from there. But by then the film in the camera, which contained the photos of the ABC winners, had been exposed and ruined. If we can find a more reliable photographer who captured those photos and will share them, we'll print them next month. In the meantime, our sincere apologies to the winners.

We've all heard the saying: "Behind every good man...." and never is that truer than in our sport. Some of those women play, others don't, but they are always there to support their men. We salute the ESA for recognizing Michelle Foran (see Page 20) for being an important factor in the life of an NSHF inductee.



*To All Participants of the 7th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament:
In our book, you're ALL winners!*



We applaud you for your good sportsmanship, your competitiveness, your friendliness, and your fun-loving spirit! Thanks for making this a great weekend of shuffleboard at Houghton Lake.....We look forward to seeing you again!



*Carole and Skip (with his deer-hunting facial coverage which Carole says makes him look "sinister,") tell Board Talk Donna:
"This is one great group of people!"*

Carole & Skip Sliwa

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hand late Sunday night, but had to settle for second -- still worth the long trip from Bourbon.



Host Skip Sliwa presents congratulations, the first place cup and jacket to Glen Ingram for first-place honors in the open singles. Glen came through a field of 38 contenders undefeated.



Buddy Broka (left) of Indiana shares his second place honors with sponsor Ron Monville of Michigan.

Another Hoosier, Larry Creakbaum (the Red Baron), who claimed this particular crown for two consecutive years, flew in to a nearby airport to take third place. He didn't count on a smooch from George for his efforts.

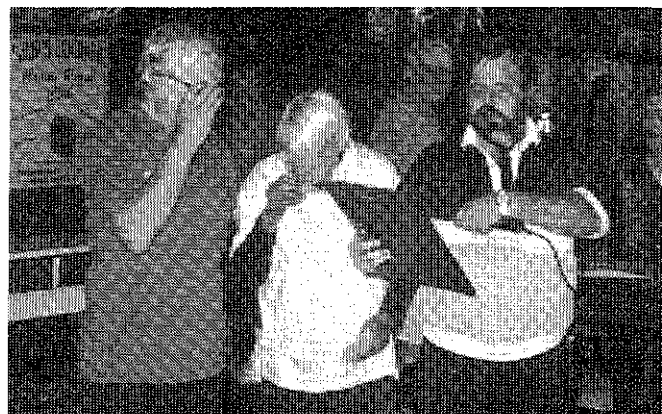


Saving Michigan from complete humiliation at the hands of the Hoosiers was John Tischler, who posed a threat to the top finishers until the field narrowed down to the Final Three.

Tied for fifth and sixth were Jim Long and Bobby Voorhis (last year's champ), both of Indiana. Finishing seventh and eighth were Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Bill Meyer of Michigan.

Board Talk Publishers Inducted

In a special ceremony on Saturday afternoon, George and Donna Wilber, publishers of The Board Talk, were inducted into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. They became the second inductees into the newly-formed state hall; Rudy Stober of Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, was inducted in June of this year. The presentation was made by Rob Kern, member of the Michigan Hall of Fame Committee and director of the Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash.



George and Donna Wilber, publishers of The Board Talk, were overcome with emotion when Rob Kern presented them with a plaque inducting them into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

The plaque, presented to George and Donna, included the Michigan Hall of Fame logo and these words: "In gratitude to George and Donna Wilber for their commitment to the promotion of shuffleboard and through their newsletter The Board Talk. Together you have impressed us with your innovative journalism and hard work while delighting us with talent, skills and humor. You have combined the joy of a happy marriage built on devotion, respect and caring and given us pride and dignity in our sport and ourselves."

In their acceptance of the induction, George and Donna shared their honor with all those who were there to witness it and who they represented nationwide: tournament participants, subscribers and advertisers, and especially those who give back to the sport to make it live and grow -- volunteers like Madge Goff of Oklahoma who lends assistance wherever she goes, whether it's organizing round robins or emptying ash trays and picking up empty glasses and bottles; Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Larry Creakbaum of Indiana, members of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and members of state Hall of Fame Committees like Rob Kern and the Parrishes who invest their time and talents to that effort; the Shuffleboard Federation, represented at this event by John McDermott, for providing the sport with discipline and professionalism; shuffleboard establishments which host tournaments and support leagues, such as Skip and Carole Sliwa of Skip's Lounge, Charlee McGoo of the Majestic (Pontiac);

Barbara Dixon of Logger's (Mancelona), Buss Voorhis of the Locker (Marion, Ind.), Bobby Voorhis of the Palace (Fairmount, Ind.), Dennis Bittner of Club Car Lounge (Durand), Reggie and Debbie Surfus of the Lakeside (Houghton Lake), Mike Jacobs of Jake's Corner Bar (Bay City), Bill Niswonger of American Legion Post 424 (Bourbon, Ind.), and Linda Stober Humbert of Stober's Lounge (Lansing), all present at the Fall Bash.

"You are a fine representation of people across the U.S.A. and Canada who make up The World of Shuffleboard and we are proud to share this great honor with you. Without you, there would be no need for The Board Talk," the inductees said.



George thanks Skip and Carole, hosts of Skip's Lounge, for another great tournament. And they salute all participants (see ad on Page 7).

George and Donna extend special appreciation to Skip and Carole and their fine staff for their hospitality, good service, and particularly the great meal on Saturday afternoon; to Cassie Kern who helped George with the charts on Friday; to all those who were on the spot to wipe and wax boards and help with the sponsor sales; to The Shuffleboard Federation for the spray and wax for this event; and last, but certainly not least, Rob Kern, director/bracketeer extraordinaire, an "indispensable" at all Board Talk tournaments since 1985.

More Notebook

Gordie Reports on Canadian Action

Just a note to let you know about the August tournament at Fraser Lake. There was a great turnout again and they had to put in one more board for a total of five. There were people from as far as Manitoba, 11 from here, and more from Victoria and Alberta.

We all had a great time with a steak barbecue in the parking lot on Saturday and a salmon barbecue on Sunday. The hospitality was great. This tournament

is getting bigger each year and will only keep growing. My apologies to Fraser Lake; on my way home, I lost the list of winners in all the events.

See you in Reno. So far, it looks like we have three teams going down and more party people. Finally, we are going to have our people coming to support "John's Tournament."

Gordie Smith, Coquitlam, B.C., Canada

We are looking forward to seeing you and Pat and all those fun-loving Canucks in Reno, Gordie!

National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

By Glen Davidson, President

Madge and I just arrived back home (Oklahoma) after a "brief" 6,000 mile tour of the Eastern U.S. We visited with Mike Kennedy and Mary Ann Watson as well as Jim and Rita Yank (Pennsylvania). Mike and Mary Ann now operate a Gun Club that has a membership of 3,500 people. The club is located half-way between J & C's and Harvey's on #1 Highway, southwest of Philadelphia. Mike says it's about 45 minutes to either place. It is a nice location on the side of a hill with a lake and plenty of trees. We went out twice to play shuffleboard, as well as going over to the Chesapeake Bay at Baltimore. Beautiful scenery! Mike and Mary Ann say they have found a home in the wilderness.

I had a meeting with all the group: Buddy, Brenda, Mike, Mary Ann, the Yanks and they all agreed to make their Hall of Fame a tri-state organization of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware. They also agreed to get three people inducted into their Tri-State or National Hall of Fame this year, probably the last being at Harvey's in December. Brenda will keep us posted on what is going on in their neck of the woods.

Thanks to Brenda for sending me the tapes for ours and her collection. I will send them back, Brenda, edited for your collection. All these films and pictures will be a library for shuffleboard in the years to come.

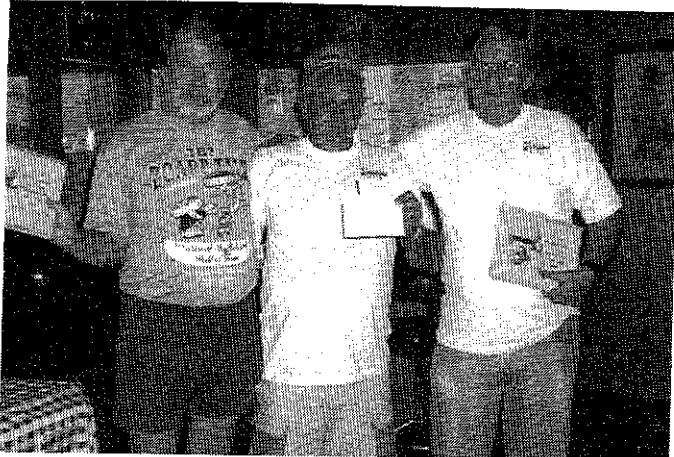
We are trying to find film or pictures of Mickey Mickens. If anyone can find them, please send to any Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, local or national.

We also visited J & C's in Philadelphia and received a t-shirt from the owner. I got to visit with Butch and Jim Wolf, Yank's son, and a few others I had not met on a previous trip. It was a great visit for us and to know that all of them are doing something now to get the Hall of Fame going in their own area is great! (Oh, yes, Madge won a round robin with Yank at J & C's.)

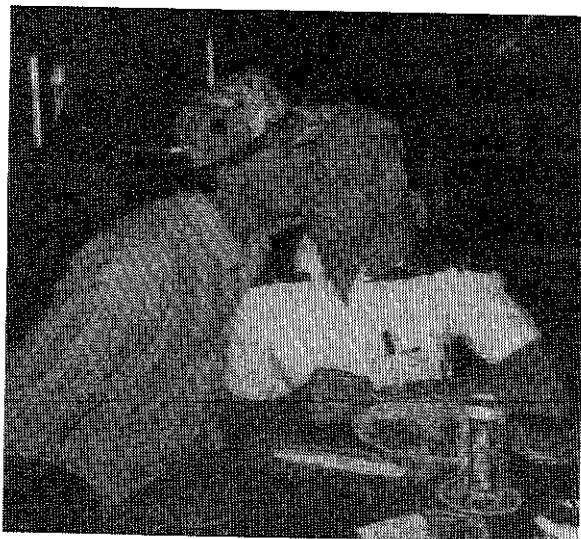
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Bud's 2nd Labor Day Tourney is Another Success

Bud Hillburn's 2nd Annual Action Lounge Labor Day Tournament was a huge success with plenty of talent on board to compete for a combined purse of over \$4600. All events were single game, double elimination, with the bring partner and sweetheart draw based on the Bowers Rating System. Bud points out that some of the best players in the country reside in the Tulsa area and he was honored to have some of those players in his tournament. Bar-B-Q spreads were served on Saturday and Sunday. The food was delicious and added to the overall atmosphere of fun and competition.



Pat Gainey (left), the "travelling vagabond" from Austin, Texas, and Jim (JFK) Kennedy (right) came up from the losers bracket in the draw partner to double dip Terry Yingst and Zane Porter for first place.



Zane Porter gets his meal interrupted with a buzz from partner Terry Yingst for their second place finish. Zane was reportedly ready to "go on the road" until the double-dip occurred.

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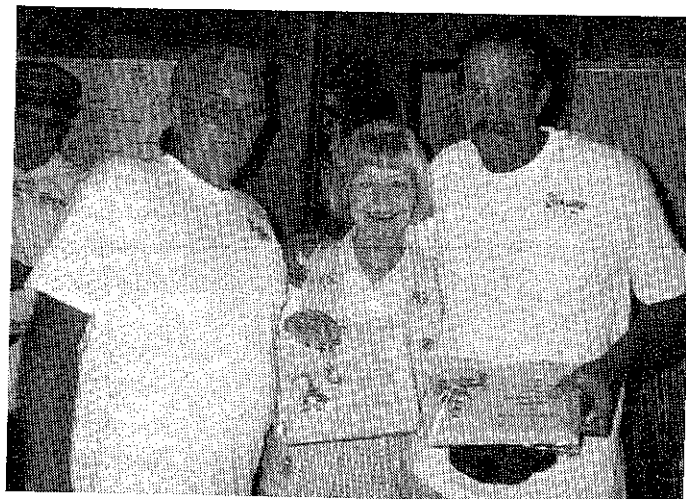


The husband and wife team of U.J. and Wanda West of Muskogee, local patrons, took first place in the bring your own partner event. Host Bud Hillburn presents them with their plaques and envelopes.



Second place honors went to John Cason and JFK of Tulsa.

Third place went to the mother and son team of Shari Faust of Tulsa and Bradley Lowery of Grove.



Shirley Giertes of Tulsa and Jerry Sabourin of St. Louis, Missouri, took top honors in the sweetheart draw.

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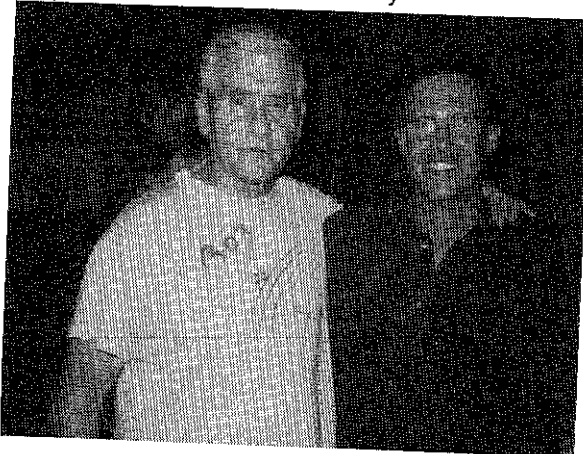
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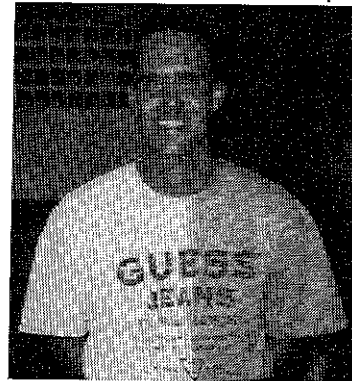
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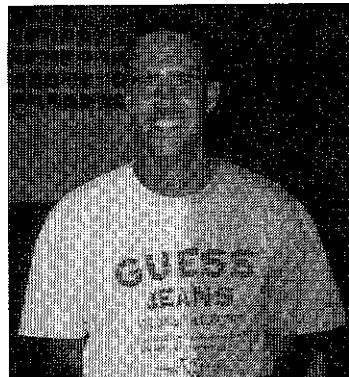
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season," reports Jerry Sabourin.

"Jerry Romy commented after the match, 'Hell, if I would have known it was going to be this easy, I would have started playing in these local tournaments years ago.'

"Thanks to the out-of-town team of Terry Smith, Peoria, Illinois, and Pat Gainey, Austin, Texas, for participating in this annual event," said Jerry.

Action at J & C's Hot-Hot!

Action at J & C's in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, continues to draw good participation for their A-B draw tournaments.

July 11 was "rookie night" when first-time winners, Brian Encerode and Kevin Ward, swept the winner's bracket to take first place. Regina Smith and Jim Wolf (yes, sometimes they do play together) finished second. "Uncle" Phil Neuman and Joey Orfanelli took third.

August 1 was a turn-around when 50-plus years of shuffleboard experience, represented by "Uncle" Phil Neuman and Jim Yank, came through the winner's bracket to the final. Kevin Ward and Jim Wolf beat Linda Marchell and Brian Encerode (3rd place) to face them. Kevin and Jim tried to double-dip, but experience prevailed with Uncle Phil and Yank handily winning the second game to secure their victory.

Sept. 5 saw a full house slate with many fine players present. Rita Yank and Linda Marchell ran the bracket, waiting for Judy Gartland and Regina Smith to complete their win against Greg Hager and Jim Wolf (3rd place). The all-ladies final went two games, with Judy and Regina successfully double-dipping for the victory over Rita and Linda.

J & C's hosted a weekend tournament on April 18-19. Friday night was an open draw with players from Delaware, Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania being paired together. As the night rolled on, the outcome became very obvious. The PA-MD connection of Mike Kennedy and Len Dell were on a roll. They captured first place by not losing a game, and battled against the MD-NY team of Judy Iseman and her partner, Dan, who took second place.

Saturday's bring partner brought sunshine and more shooters back for this day's event. By early evening, another PA-MD connection of Joe Williams and Dave Shewbridge came in first, with the father-son team of Jim Yank Sr. and Jr. taking second.

"Thanks once again to the Orfanelli family for their hospitality and all the shooters who participated, making a fun weekend for all in our area," said Rita Yank.

Upcoming dates for J & C's A-B draws will continue on the first Fridays: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, and Jan. 9. The Pennsylvania State Championships will also be held at J & C's on Nov. 28-30.

Texas Open *(continued from Page 1)*

ran the sponsor sales, and Jeri Billard and Tammy Denson who helped with entry fees. Special thanks to the Gold Nugget staff of KK, Rosa and Elizabeth (who remained dizzy most of the time).

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Thanksgiving Classic where Darrol Nelson and the West Coast players are coming to challenge the best players in the world (Texas and Oklahoma)! (See enclosed flyer and Upcoming Events for information.)

Congratulations, Bob & Cindy!

After many years of being best friends and business associates, Bob Houchin and Cindy Yarbrough, owners of The Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas, were married on August 10. They said their vows in the presence of shuffleboard friends and family at The Gold Nugget.

When you participate in their Thanksgiving Classic, be sure to give them your best wishes for a long and happy life together.

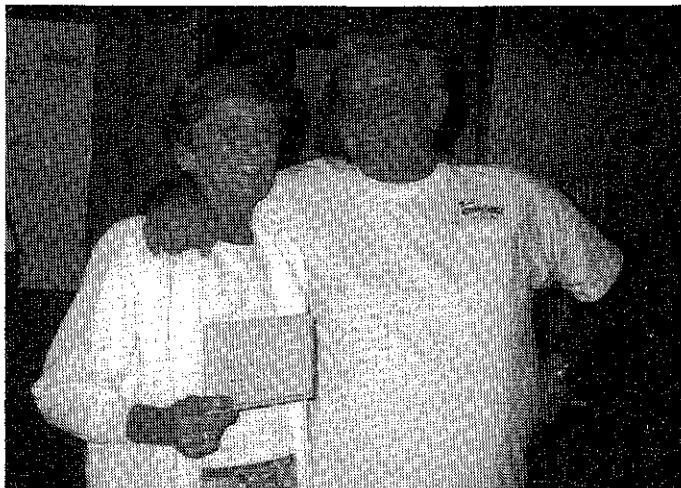


**In the world of love, Cindy and Bob
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Bud's Tourney *(continued from Page 10)*



Taking second in the sweetheart draw were host Bud Hillburn and Shirla Porter of Broken Arrow.

Zane Porter and Bud Hillburn tried to outdo each other as auctioneers, and we still don't know who won. Bud gives a big thank you to all the players and attendees for making this tournament a big success and a special thanks to Don Crall of American Legion Post 73 in Oklahoma City.



Bud also gives special thanks to Mike Ternice and Shirla Porter for their time and patience in running the brackets -- their first time and a great job!

"It is sure time for the Bowers rating system to be updated when a player such as JFK is rated a 2. Players need to understand they can't stay at the 2 or 3 level. Shuffleboard is the only sport known that punishes players for improving their game," Bud observed.

"Noticeably absent from this tournament were our state representatives to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Cliff and Sally Goff. Also, we would like to extend a personal invitation to our state's own National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame President, Glen Davidson. Hey, Glen, don't you think you can win in your own state or what? Remember, The Action is just 10 minutes from that place in Tulsa," said Bud.

(Editor's Note: It is our understanding that the Bowers Rating System is in the process of being updated -- no easy job as the number of names grows

and grows. It's important that shufflers understand that it is not Ron and Debbie who do the ratings; they gather, correlate and distribute information from the players' peers who volunteer to serve as raters.

Also, we're sure Glen will take your "subtle" hint!!)

Amateurs, Pros, and In-Betweeners Enjoy Blinky's Hal Perry Labor Day Tourney

Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California, was the site of the annual week-long Hal Perry Labor Day Tournament

As usual, the lady shufflers started off the week on Sunday, Aug. 24, with the "Champagne and Roses" draw doubles in rousing fashion (fun for all!). Winners were Jane Mourgas and Shari Bussey, with Kathy Thomas and Stevie Parks in second place. The pot was \$520.

There was \$950 in Monday's amateur draw doubles. Coming out of the losers bracket were Jane Mourgas and Dale Pirlot to win first place. Taking second place were Don Davidson and Dean A. Mathey, with Raymond W. and Bob Crum in third place. "We want to thank all the locals and Bob Crum coming over from Modesto, California, to join in the fun," said hosts Blinky and Barbara and director Rick Thomas.

In some very heated action, there were 15 players vying for a share of the \$1,210 pot in the amateur singles. Dale Pirlot nosed out Don Davidson, a very good friend of his and all those at Blinky's, for first place. Finishing third was (again) Jane Mourgas, showing some very good play.

There were eight determined teams participating in the popular ABC draw on Wednesday and Thursday. In the 2 out of 3 double elimination event, with a pot of \$1600, there was some great shooting from all teams and players throughout the two days. In a five-game final and some tenacious play, the first place team was Teresa Manfredi, Shari Bussy and Rick Thomas. They prevailed over the second place team of Sharleen Taylor, Steve Cathy and Don Cox, who came out of the losers bracket with some very spirited play. In third place was the team of Betty Hudson, Don Davidson and "Caveman" Jim Ward. "Thanks to all the locals and out-of-town and state players for participating in this fun event; namely Bob Hunt, the Caveman, Don Cox and Al Pease," said the hosts.

The pro doubles got started on Saturday morning with nine teams and a prize fund of \$5200. The amateurs who were spectators got some great experience watching this event. In an exciting final, first place went to Darrol Nelson and Don Cox who

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1997-98 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

OCTOBER 1997

Oct. 3

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

Oct. 4

30th Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 9-12

Division I Singles & Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 10-12

NASC Qualifier
The Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Oct. 10-12

Memorial Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Oct. 18

1st Midwest Getaway Open
Get-A-Way Lounge
Anderson, Indiana

Oct. 18-19

Nelson/Buhl Bring Partner
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 25-27

3-Event Tournament
Riverside Hotel
Earlville, New York

Oct. 27-Nov. 2

North American Championships
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

NOVEMBER 1997

Nov. 6-9

1st Annual Fall Tournament
Honky Tonk Saloon
Sherburne, New York

Nov. 7

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

Nov. 8

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 15-16

Over 55 Tourney
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Nov. 21-23

Thanksgiving Shootout
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Nov. 26-30

13th Annual Thanksgiving
Classic
The Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Nov. 27-30

5th Thanksgiving Tournament
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

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

Florida State Championships
Snuggery Bar & Grille
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Nov. 28-30

Michigan State Championships
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

Nov. 28-30

Indiana State Championships
Chance's R
Muncie, Indiana

DECEMBER 1997

Dec. 5

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

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. 27-31

2nd Houston Holiday Open
Hilton Southwest
Houston, Texas

Dec. 27-28

6th Annual Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

JANUARY 1998

Jan. 9

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

Jan. 16-18

East Coast Winter Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

FEBRUARY 1998

Feb. 13-15

Sweetheart Tournament
The Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

Feb. 14

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

MARCH 1998

Feb. 28-March 2

Mason-Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

March 11

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana
Street, Maryland

Upcoming Events *(continued from Page 5)*

held at 11 a.m. each day.

Hosts are Bob and Karen Schounce, 765-284-0855, and the co-directors are Bob Brown and Steve Hart.

The Ramada Inn is just two blocks west of the tournament site. Call 317-288-1911 to make your reservations.

Michigan

The Club Car Lounge, 111 N. Saginaw, Durand, will host the 12th Annual State of Michigan Championships on Nov. 28-30. This spacious facility is located just off I-69 with easy access from all parts of the state.

There is limited lodging and RV parking in Durand, so call host Dennis Bittner as soon as possible (517-288-9910) to make your reservations. There is also a multiple choice of lodging just 15 miles away in Flint. You're also just 7 miles from the Swartz Creek Race Track (but remember you're on the clock!).

Events will include: a mixed doubles on Friday, \$15 per player entry; three events on Saturday -- an open singles, \$40 entry; ladies' singles, \$15 entry; and Division II singles, \$20 entry, all played simultaneously -- and an open doubles, \$20 per player entry on Sunday. All events are single game, double elimination. A one-time registration fee of \$5 will go to tournament director Rob Kern. The Club Car Lounge will be open at noon on Thanksgiving Day so come early to check out the boards.

For tournament information and/or to save your spot, call John McDermott at The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., 810-380-9300; or George at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538.

Florida

The Florida State Championships will be held at the Snuggery Bar & Grille in Palm Beach Gardens. No details on events are available at this time, but you Florida shufflers can call the Snuggery, 561-622-2231, or watch the November issue for further details.

Pennsylvania

In the 1st Pennsylvania State Championships, the site is the popular J & C's Tavern, in Philadelphia. No details are available at this time, but Pennsylvania shufflers can call J & C's, 215-878-7343, or watch the November issue for further details.

(Editor's Note: It is our hope that during the coming years, we can have a tournament playoff with winners of those states holding state championships competing against each other. Let us hear from you.)

Nevada

LAST CALL: NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SANDS REGENCY, RENO, OCT. 27-NOV. 2

Hopefully, you have already filled out your registration forms that have appeared in the past several issues of The Board Talk, because those received after Oct. 10 are subject to a \$5 penalty for registration and for each event entered.

This will be the premier event of 1997, so don't miss this opportunity to participate in events for players of all skill levels and to meet shufflers from throughout the U.S.A. and Canada.

If you haven't made your reservations yet, call TODAY: The Shuffleboard Federation at 248-380-9300.

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

The following are shuffleboard establishments which have joined (or rejoined) the national network since we published the latest "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing in September. Please add them to your current listing.

California: ET's Sports Lounge, 27423 Jefferson St., Temecula

Indiana: Sportsman's Lounge, 1806 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie; phone 765-289-0701

Maryland: Cronter's Market, 1065 Bainbridge Rd., Port Deposit; phone 410-378-0045

Michigan: Hot Spot Sports Bar, 22909 W. 8-Mile Rd., Detroit; phone 313-533-1430

Texas: Taz Country, 1406 FM 1825, Pflugerville; phone 512-990-5526

Please stop in tell these folks that you appreciate their support of shuffleboard.

The next quarterly listing will be published in December. If your favorite shuffleboard site is not currently listed, sign them up before Nov. 15.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Your participation in the new Midwest Getaway Open at the Get-A-Way, 2332 Columbus Ave., Anderson, Indiana, on Oct. 18. \$40 per team entry. House will kick in \$5 per player, which goes to the first place team. Sale at 11 a.m. For more information, call 765-644-9454.

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In the last episode, Frisco Eddie had been beaten by "The Man," Glen Dawson, and lost the \$3,000 pot. Instead of putting Eddie back in the action, Long Beach Lil challenged the board.)

There was a lot of hustle and bustle from the crowd, and the players Glen and Eddie, after Lil made her announcement: "Gentlemen: I challenge the board."

Eddie walked over to where Lil stood. He wanted to talk -- he was totally baffled. At the same time, Glen Dawson strolled over to an elderly man who had been silently watching all the action. The spectators surrounding the seat the man occupied slowly drifted away from the area, as if they knew some sort of conference was about to take place.

Eddie was a little excited when he asked Lil: "Just what in the hell is going on here?" Lil gave him a cool look as she replied: "I've purposely stayed completely out of this thing so far, so you could try to prove whatever it is you have to prove. You can't see how this thing is being developed here, Champ. You are being set up -- and I mean really set up. You will not beat Glen Dawson tonight. This is his personal board, and you're on his turf. There may be two, or possibly three, players in the country than can take him at this place."

She continued: "I may be one of those three, Eddie -- but you're not -- not tonight, not here. He's over there now talking to his 'money man.' My guess is that he's not prepared financially for a full blow-out with me -- at least I hope that's the case. You may not realize it right now, honey, but I'm making this move for you. I can't sit here and watch you get hurt."

Eddie looked intently into Lil's eyes then. What he saw there convinced him that Lil was making sense and, even more important, that she really did care for him. He asked: "Well, how is this thing going to work now, sweetheart?" Lil turned her head then and said: "We're going to find out real quick, Champ. Glen is on his way over here right now."

There was no smile on Glen's face as he approached. He looked at Lil then and said: "I had a little talk with my friend over there, and we both feel that the play should continue just as it was -- just me and Eddie, I mean." Lil's reply was quick and to the point: "It's going to be just you and me, for \$2000 a series at least -- or we're gonna walk. That's it...and that's that."

Glen looked at her long and hard and was convinced that she was dead serious. He replied: "Well, now, Lil, I'll have to talk to my man over there and all. You know, I just don't think this is right."

Lil stared him down then as she said: "There won't be any confab with anyone, Glen. You tell me within 30 seconds, right here and now, if we have a game -- or we're history and we'll meet up next in Reno." Glen had a rather strange look on his face then, and there was no reply.

Lil gave him his 30 seconds and then turned to Eddie and said: "Pack up your weights, Champ -- we're out of here!" Eddie moved quickly then and was ready to leave. There still was no reply from Glen. He just kind of gazed at them as they picked up their things and headed for the door.

Lil did stop and turn just as she reached the doorway. She looked at him briefly and said: "Too bad things didn't work out better, Glen. See you in Reno, O.K.?"

Lil and Eddie both breathed a sigh of relief as they pulled out of the parking area of O'Brian's Pub. Lil's mind was working overtime as they made their way back to the Sea-Tac Airport. By the time they had arrived, turned in the rental, and were at the ticket counter -- she had things sorted out.

It was well over a month before the tournament at Reno. While they were waiting for their flight out, Lil took out a copy of The Board Talk and made out and mailed off their entry applications. Eddie didn't really know for sure what was going on, as he was busy at the Flight Deck Lounge, getting a "snoot full" before the take-off.

By the time Lil returned, Eddie was well on his way. Lil said: "Get your nose out of that glass, Champ. We've got a flight to catch."

After they had cleared the security checks and were headed down the aisles toward the departure area, Eddie stopped and said: "Hold on, honey bunch. I'd like to know just where we're headed here!"

Lil looked at him with a twinkle in her eyes and a smile on her face as she replied: "To Michigan. We're going to Michigan, my man!"

What lies ahead in Michigan for Eddie and Lil? Don't miss the next exciting episode. As always, we encourage you to let Balboa Ron know you're enjoying his series: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123.)

News From the NSHF

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At the Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash in Houghton Lake, George and Donna were inducted in Michigan's Hall of Fame, the second to be inducted in that state. Rob Kern conducted the ceremony. Betty Parrish could not make it because of sickness in the family, but I congratulate Betty and Rob and their committee for getting it done. Betty did all the paper work, as well as going to the court house for filing to make their organization legal. That usually takes a week for finalization.

So, for now this year, we have gotten two national inductees as well as two in the state Hall of Fame. Hopefully, we will have 4-6 more before 1998. Keep it going! We need those other people now.

On the way back home, we stopped for a visit with Madge's grandson and family at Green Bay, Wisconsin, then went over to Minneapolis, Minnesota to visit my son and family. What a trip!

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We were honored to have you and Larry Creakbaum at our induction representing the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Of

course, both of you showed your stuff on the boards, as usual. We salute the folks in the East for forming a Tri-State Hall of Fame. We remind them and all others who are forming state HOFs to share their experiences with Board Talk readers.

Last Chance to Win a year's subscription to The Board Talk!

Last month, we published a pair of legs. We've only received one call identifying them as either Sharon Huddleston's or Rena Fleming's. Wrong! We've given you two clues: it was at a July tournament and they were not Doug Buhl's legs (our last featured pair). Can you identify them?



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Blinky's Tourney (cont. from Page 14)

escaped the "jaws" of second place winners Karl Spickelmier and Steve Perry. Finishing third were Joe Hudson and Fred Thuman.

The pro singles, with a pot of \$5,975 at stake, began Saturday evening and continued until Monday. On Labor Day, the semi-finals finally ended with a tie for first place: Darrol Nelson and Dan Hitt. In third place was John Fisher, who made everyone earn their money with some great play. Steve Perry took fourth in the field of 18 players.

"Thanks to all of the out-of-town players who participated in the two pro/open events: Darrol Nelson from Oregon; Dan Hitt, Al Pease, and Caveman from Washington; Don Cox, Joe Hudson, Fred Thuman, Bobby Hunt, and George Camara from Northern California; Karl Spickelmier, Bubba Warren, John Fisher, John McGinnis, and Steve Perry from Southern California; and all the locals: Dan Mourgas, Paul Parks, Pat Bayless, Eddie Brayman, Subastian Bosco, Dale Pirlot, and Rick Thomas," said Blinky and Barbara.

"We also thank the local amateurs who participated during the week (ladies first): Jane Mourgas, Shari Bussey, Betty Hudson, Vicki Hunt (Sacramento), Lorraine Olson, Teresa Manfredi, Cori Brown, Sharleen Taylor, Stevie Parks, Kathy Thomas, Donna Cox, Melodi Bayless and Tammi T.; (gentlemen next) Dean A. Mathey, Don Davidson, Eddie Brayman, Gene McClendon, Steve Cathy, Subastian Bosco, Dale Pirlot, Jim Olson, Raymond W., Bob Crum (Modesto), Lile Hight (Oakdale), Dan Schell and Billy Y.

"We appreciate Fred Thuman's help with the wax, Karl Spickelmier and Dan Morgas for their help with the bracket boards, all the locals who helped along the way, and our bartenders and cocktail waitresses who were great all week. Many thanks to John McDermott and Phil Skover from The Shuffleboard Federation for their support and for getting the wax to us during the UPS strike. Thanks, also, to Don and Jay Melampy for the great barbecue and goodies on Sunday afternoon, which everyone proclaimed was great," they said.

Last, but not least, all the players thank Dick and Barbara Arreger for their patience and continued support of shuffleboard tournaments at Blinky's Sports Cafe.

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Jim Foran's NSHF Induction

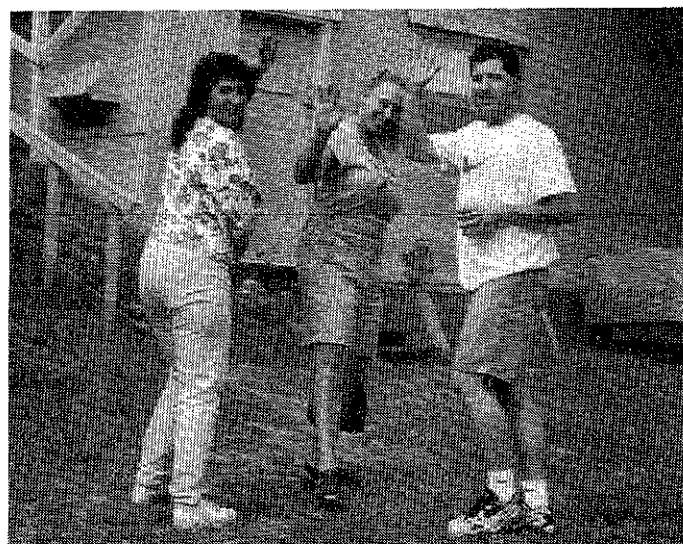
(Editor's Note: After we had gone to press with the September issue, in which we announced the induction of Jim Foran into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, we received additional information which we are glad to share with readers.)

Jim Foran was inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on Aug. 2, 1997, at the Whistling Oyster's Grand Masters Plus in Quilcene, Washington.

Jim Manders, president of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association, was the master of ceremonies at this serious, yet sometimes funny, event. A few of Jim's close friends shared some of Jim's shuffleboard stories (and antics) and a good laugh was had by all. Gary George stated that Jim has been an inspiration to him and many players in the Northwest and across the United States because of his unprecedented good sportsmanship and knowledge of the game. John Luhtala has known Jim for over 30 years and said he knows of no one more deserving than Jim to be inducted into the Hall of Fame because of his past and present dedication and talent for the game.

In Jim's acceptance speech, he thanked all of the bar owners for their support of the game, and George and Donna Wilber and Jim Manders for The Board Talk and the ESA Newsletter, the links that keep us all together. He thanked all of his past partners for holding up their ends, and his wife Michelle for picking him up when he was down and taking care of him, with a special "I love you" at the end.

In closing, Jim thanked Glen Davidson for coming over to the house and helping Michelle become a Camcorder wizard and all those who shared in the most touching and important shuffleboard moment of his life.



Jim's kids -- James, Stacey and Frankie -- were there to see their Dad receive his well-deserved honor.

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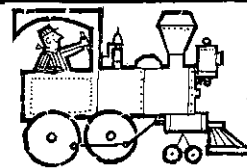
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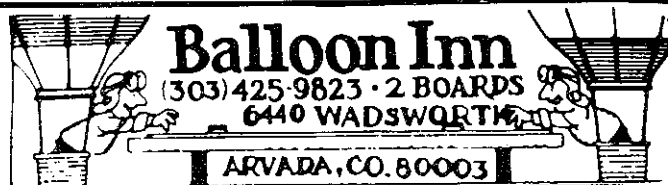
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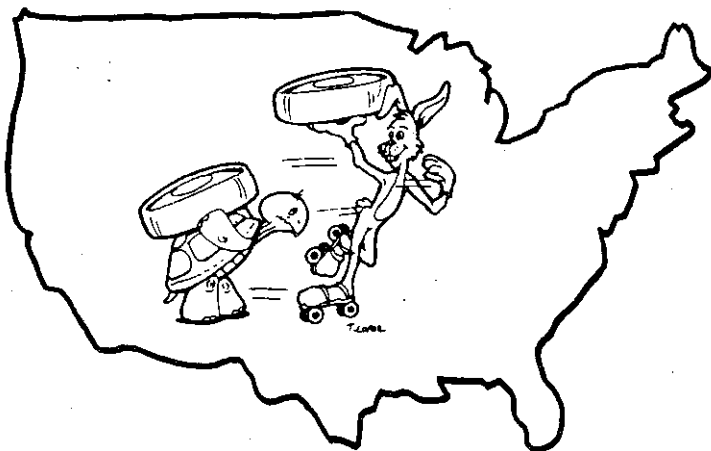
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