

# The Board Talk

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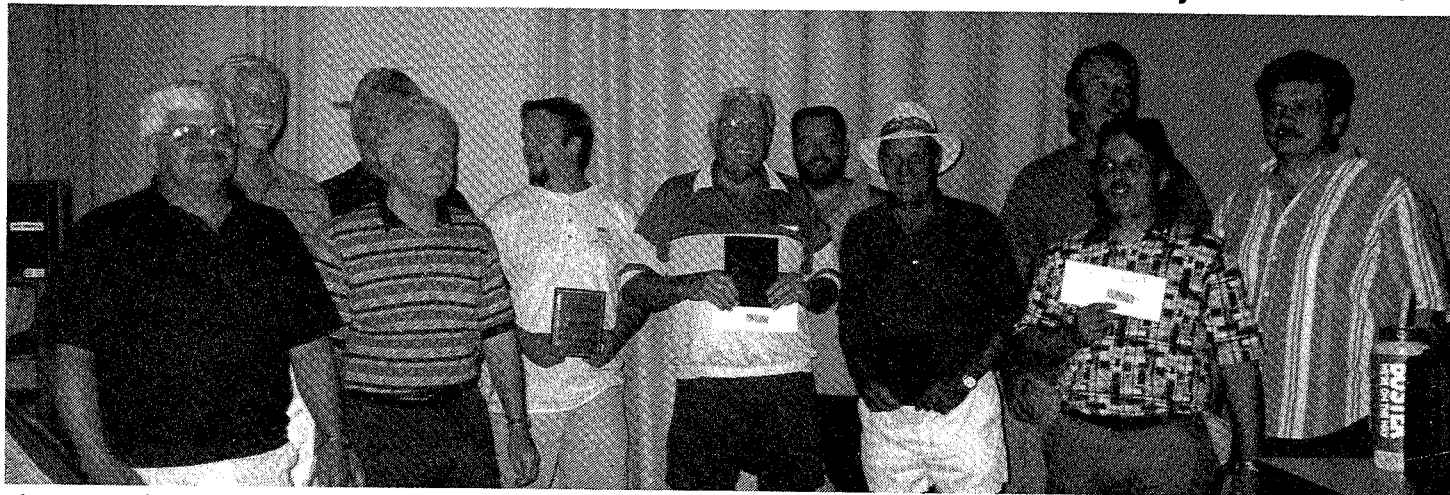
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## Pros, Amateurs, First-Timers Make '98 Southwest Open Another Record-Breaker

●More than 200 Shufflers

●669 Entries in 10 Events

●Rick Boyer Named MVP



Just one of the many winner's circles at the SW Open: (Div. I 4-person team event) Bill Melton, Johnny Ballard, Brad Lowry and Mike Melton (center), 1st; Bob Hunt, Johnny Wayne Crawford, Rick Niblett, and Tony Pelton, 2nd (left); Beef Camp (not shown), Greg Broka, Mike Johnson and Larry Brown, 3rd (right).

Shufflers from 18 states made the 7th Annual Southwest Open their own personal 4th of July tradition as they gathered at the American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, for a week of camaraderie and competition. Outside, the Legion's 5-acre park looked like a campground with RVs of various shapes and sizes hooked up for the duration. Inside the spacious, air-conditioned facilities, there were 24 boards that didn't get much "down time" before and during (and in-between) the 10 events on the agenda.

### 136 Players in 4-Person Team Event

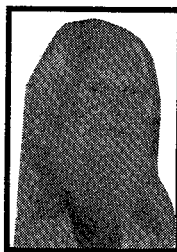
When you have over \$32,000 in the pot for the so-called "warm-up event," two thoughts come to mind: (1) there won't be any sponsor money left for the "main" events, or (2) potential sponsors came well-prepared with deep, deep pockets. Which would it be? There were 19 teams in the Division I and 15 in Division II 4-person team events which started on Sunday (that's 136 players!).

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## Billy Chiles Inducted

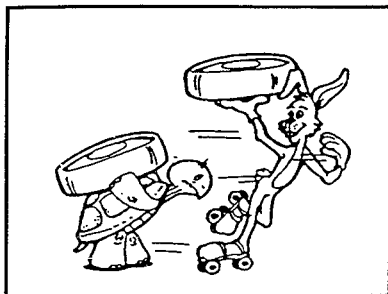
By Chris Brown

On July 4, 1998, during an afternoon break in the Dixie Belle Tournament, Billy Chiles was inducted into both the California State and National Shuffleboard Halls of Fame. Present for the ceremonies were his widow Chris, his daughter Lauren and son Eric.



The ceremony began with Rick Thomas, vice president of the California Hall of Fame, acting as master of ceremonies. He introduced Jolene Lembke, CSSHF president, who presented the state plaque to Eric Chiles. Eric spoke proudly of his father as he accepted the award. Next was read an amusing tribute from John McDermott (The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.) regarding the lagging prowess of

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# Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

## Glen Applauds Induction of Cliff Goff, Oklahoma

Cliff Goff is now in the Oklahoma State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. When you talk about shuffleboard history in Oklahoma, Cliff Goff has definitely played the leading role the past decade. He started in the leagues and served as president, then formed the Tulsa Shuffleboard Association and became president of that as well. He ran tournaments in Tulsa for the past 8-10 years and all the tourneys at Jimmy L's since 1991. He now serves as president of the Oklahoma State HOF. In the midst of all that, he married Sally ("My Gal Sal") and they have a little girl, now 7 yrs old, the apple of Cliff and Sally's eyes. She was there when her dad was inducted at Jimmy L's last tournament on June 9, 1998.

Congratulations to you and Sally, Cliff. You deserve it. You got it; enjoy and be proud of your achievements. This is something they can't take away from you; it is forever.

Sally is secretary/treasurer of the Oklahoma SHOF, Dave Davidson and Tom Hendrix are directors. They say there will be at least three inductions from now until 1999. **I say to all of you who want someone inducted into the Hall of Fame, send in your inductees to the state first and then on to the national.**

At the tournament at Jimmy L's, Dave Davidson and ET beat Madge and me out of the draw partners for first place. Ron Gamble and Weldon Lambert took first in the bring partners.

Ron and Sharon did a great job as usual at the SW Open. Congratulations to John Cason for his second place in the singles and to Darrol Nelson as usual. I'm sure John will remember this experience for a long time and be a little bit better than he was before.

## --ATTENTION--

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Congratulations to Bobby V's team for winning the Draft Team event. Madge Goff has now hit second in Reno, second at Jimmy L's, and now first at the SW Open. She says she knew she could win if she could ever get a team that could lag. I did see Bobby V lag a 3-4 to get out and then still a 3, a big 3 -- was that a slip or a slide?

Thanks to the California Hall of Fame for their help in getting Billy Chiles in the National Hall of Fame. Vice President Hal Perry was there to give the trophy to the family and to say his own farewell to Billy. If there was a contest in state Halls of Fame, I think California would win thumbs down. I'm hoping that all states will follow their example.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*We are looking forward to receiving a report from the Oklahoma Hall of Fame regarding Cliff's induction. We agree with you that he is most deserving.*

*We also endorse your praise for the California Hall of Fame. They, indeed, set the pace for the rest of the nation. However, they do have resources that some other states do not, and we don't want those states with less financial and creative resources to get discouraged because they can't pull off such extravaganzas that California does. We've said it before, and we'll say it again, the pages of The Board Talk are open to reports from all states. Committees can learn from the experiences of each other. What have been your successes, your failures, your frustrations, your problem-solving approaches, your fund-raising techniques? CARE AND SHARE -- that's what it's all about! We'd love to have a monthly column relating the experiences of state Hall of Fame Committees. We'd also like to hear from the National Hall of Fame Board of Directors about their news and views and actions. PLEASE let us hear from all of you.*

*It started out as a dream just a few years ago, and it's finally reached the reality status. You have a responsibility to help other states, and to record your actions as a part of shuffleboard history. YOU are making history; let US record that history! See Page 21 for Bobby Goldsmith's sentiments about being inducted into the California Hall of Fame.*

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# Shuffleboard's "Reach Out & Touch Someone" Network Works for Kentucky Couple

By George & Donna Wilber

Among the "first-timers" at the Southwest Open in Del City, Oklahoma, over the 4th of July week were Mike and Susie Halstead of Shelbyville, Kentucky. How they came to be there, how they were received, and what will happen as a result of that reception, is a testimony to the power of the national shuffleboard network.

It all started when Mike was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. After his family went to church on Sunday mornings, they would stop at a local shuffleboard bar on their way home. To give themselves a break, Mom and Dad would let the kids shoot the pucks up and down the board. It was then that Mike "fell in love" with shuffleboard.

After Mike and Susie married, they went into business together, and later moved to Kentucky (where shuffleboard is nil), but he never forgot his early indoctrination to the sport. When he and Susie went to Vancouver, Canada, last summer and found a shuffleboard bar, his interest was rekindled and Susie, during her introduction to the game, became "hooked."

## A Can of Cleaner Provides a Clue

The Halsteads became active in their local Moose Club in Shelbyville and, as an administrator, Mike convinced the "powers" there that installing a shuffleboard would be a good idea. The board was installed and, along with it, came a can of cleaner with The Shuffleboard Federation address and phone number on it. It was the first clue he had that there was an organized nationwide shuffleboard network.

Mike called The Shuffleboard Federation number and reached John McDermott. John told him about The Board Talk and the upcoming Southwest Open (in case they were really interested in getting involved in tournament play). When the Halsteads called The Board Talk to "sign up," they became the very first subscribers in Kentucky.

In June of this year, Mike reached a landmark -- his 50th birthday. "What would you like, honey?" asked Susie. "A shuffleboard," replied Mike. So, again, they called John McDermott, who encouraged them to contact Lou Decker in Toledo, Ohio. Lou responded with a refinished American board which is now in the Halstead's basement recreation room (replacing their pool table). They became the second location in Kentucky to have a shuffleboard. "It's become a neighborhood attraction and a family affair with our kids playing and bringing their friends," said Susie.

Shuffleboard at the Moose Club is not very progressive and the Halsteads were accused of "cheating" when they brought their own weights. They were ready to seek out something more advanced. In The Board Talk, they read about a tournament in Pendleton, Indiana, just 2-1/2 hours north from home. There, they met Terry Dowell and Pam Worsham, Mary and Larry Brown and Larry Creakbaum, and learned the principles of tournament play by watching. Those friendly Hoosiers also encouraged the Halsteads to attend the SW Open.

## "It's Like Being Part of a Big Family"

They came, they watched intently as the pros and so-called amateurs did their thing. Like sponges, they soaked up every little tip, each bit of information passed along by the helpful, sharing and caring shufflers they met in Del City. And -- like "baptism by fire," they jumped into the amateur singles event, learning all the way. In her first match, Susie had the thrill of her lifetime by beating highly-rated Jerri Billard of Texas, a victory enthusiastically shared by Mike, who didn't fare quite as well.



*Mike and Susie Halstead visit with one of their many new shuffleboard friends, Shirley Gierdes, at the Southwest Open.*

They went home richer -- not in money -- but in knowledge, new friendships, and an eagerness for shuffleboard experiences in the future.

What did these new members of the shuffleboard network think about you?

"The friendliness of the players and their willingness to share was just fantastic," they said. "Learning about a 'Jersey lag' and a 'Texas T' was just icing on the cake. It's like being part of a big family."

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## Upcoming Events Across the Nation

### Missouri

#### MISSOURI HALL OF FAME TOURNEY, EAGLES LODGE, HOUSTON, SEPT. 19

The Missouri State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Committee will hold a one-day only, handicap bring partner tournament on Sept. 19. The location is the Eagles Lodge 3911, South Hwy. 63, in Houston. Bring partner teams must add up to 3 points or higher. Entry fee is \$30 per team, with \$5 of that going to the state Hall of Fame. Action will start at 9:30 a.m.

For further information, contact: Charlie Riley, 417-967-4394 or 967-2169; Woodie Cockrum, 573-886-0799; Chuck Muelhauser, 314-487-1246; or Connie McCall, 417-887-7816.

*(Editor's Note: We encourage broad participation in this event to help another state get their Hall of Fame underway. Help them with some "seed" money, which every state committee needs.)*

The next event at the Eagles Lodge will be over the Thanksgiving weekend, at which time the late Bill Jennings will be inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame.

#### FALL TOURNEY AT CHANCES "R", LAKE OF THE OZARKS, OCT. 23-25

Chances "R" at Lake of the Ozarks, Sunrise Beach, will host their 2nd Annual Fall Tournament on Oct. 23-25. Entry fee for the bring your own partner event is \$30.

Entries may be sent to Chances "R", P.O. Box 472, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079. Reservations may also be made at Bass Point Resort, Lake Road 5-30 (phone 573-374-5205), or at the Lake House Inn (phone 573-374-7744), both located in Laurie.

For further information, call Karen Brittain or Jake Riley at Chances "R", 573-374-8770.

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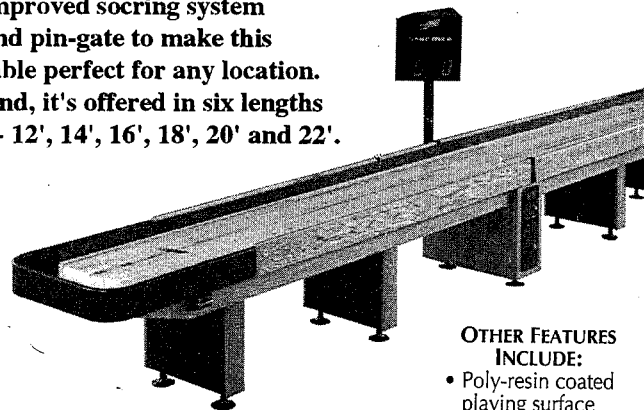
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## West Coast Hall of Fame Tournament, Medford Eagles Lodge, Medford, Sept. 3-7

The friendly folks at Medford Eagle's Lodge #2093 (Home of the Huggy Bear), 2000 Table Rock Rd., Medford, will host the West Coast National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Tournament on Sept. 3-7.

Action will start on Thursday, Sept. 3, with a 6-person draft team event, \$25 per person entry. There are three events on Friday, Women's Div. 1 (\$50 entry) and Div. 2 (\$25 entry) singles, and the Pro Singles (\$100 entry). On Saturday will be the Div. 2 Bring Partner Doubles, \$50 per team entry, with a Hall of Fame induction scheduled for 4 p.m.

Two events on Sunday are an open bring partner doubles (\$150 per team) and the Div. 2 singles, \$25 entry. The grand finale on Monday will be an A/B/C draw, \$25 per person.

A \$10 registration fee covering all events will be charged and must be received, along with your entry fees, by Aug. 1. **After Aug. 1, the registration fee goes up to \$25.**

The renowned Rob Kern will be the bracket man.

There are a number of motels all within four blocks of the Eagles Lodge. When making your reservation, be sure to mention that you are with the tournament: Windmill Inn of Medford, 541-779-0050; Rogue Regency Inn, 541-770-1234; Pony Soldier Motor Inn, 541-779-2011; Reston Motel, 541-779-3141; Motel 6, 541-779-0050. There is also RV parking available at the Eagles Lodge.

For further information, contact Lloyd Mann or Ed Fowler at the Eagles, 541-773-9056; Mike Kinney, 541-826-7793; Don Stallworth, 541-582-0206; or Frank Mako, 360-274-4875.

New York

## SEPTEMBER SHOOTOUT, MOOSE LODGE #644, BALDWINSVILLE, SEPT. 4-6

The Moose Lodge #644 in Baldwinsville will host a Labor Day weekend tournament on Sept. 4-6. Scheduled events will include a mixed doubles on Friday night beginning at 6 p.m. (entry \$30 per team), a singles at 9 a.m. Saturday morning (\$20 per person), a draw partner at 3 p.m. on Saturday (\$15 per person), and a bring partner on Sunday, starting at noon (\$30 per team).

The events will be played on four boards and will follow a single, game, double elimination format.

There will be a sponsor sale for each event, with play immediately following.

For more information regarding the tournament or lodging recommendations, contact Rick Meyer at 315-451-5435 or John Canino at 315-695-7025.

Indiana

## 1ST "INDY 15" SHOOT-OUT, AMERICAN LEGION 355, INDIANAPOLIS, SEPT. 26-27

The first shuffleboard tournament in Indianapolis in 30 years will be staged at the American Legion Post 355 (a new member of our national network), 4555 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, on Sept. 26-27.

Events will include an open doubles, \$50 entry, on Saturday, Sept. 26. Sale at 10 a.m. with play immediately following. Single game, double elimination. An open singles is scheduled for Sunday, \$30 entry fee. The sale will be held on Saturday night, with play beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Also single game, double elimination.

Three boards will be used for the tournament and will be set up on Sept. 22 for practice. There are many choices of motels within two blocks of the Legion.

The Legion is located off I-465 South, Hwy. 31, Greenwood exit.

For further information, call Glen Ingram, 317-786-8908; Steve Hart, 765-683-1031; or the American Legion, 317-784-0841.

## 3RD FALL OPEN, AMVETS, PENDLETON, SEPT. 19-20

The Fall Creek Valley AMVETS Post 26, 939 S. Broadway, Pendleton, will host their 3rd Annual Fall Open Tournament on Sept. 19-20. Action will start on Friday with round robins. The main events will be an open doubles, \$20 per player, double elimination, on Saturday, Sept. 19, and an open singles, \$20 entry, double elimination, on Sunday. Sponsor sales will begin at 11 a.m. both days, with play immediately following. Three boards will be available.

The AMVETS will open each day at 7 a.m. and food and beverages are available. Ample parking and plug-ins are available for campers.

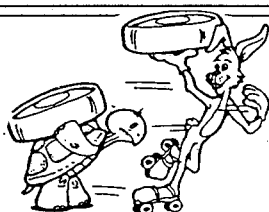
For registration and/or lodging information, contact Sonny Harris at the AMVETS, 765-778-7224.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this event.

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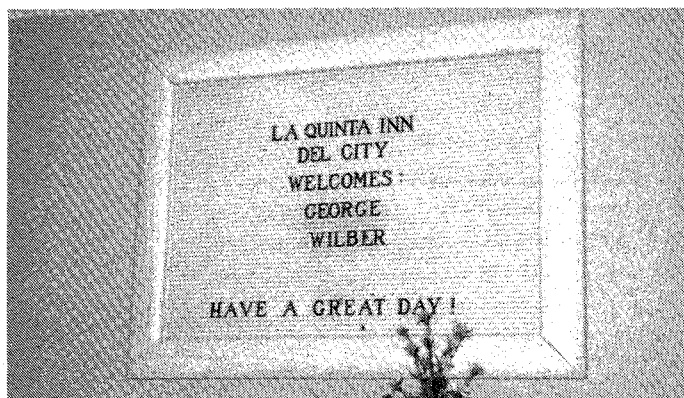


## As The Puck Turns.....



By George & Donna Wilber

Participating in the 1998 Southwest Open was again a great experience! It all started out when we checked into the LaQuinta Inn (a first-class facility with the best mattresses in the world!) and saw on the bulletin board: "The LaQuinta Inn welcomes George Wilber."



That made us feel pretty special. A lot of people at the American Legion asked: "What about Donna?" But it all evened out when the classy Southwest Open name tags were passed out and there were two for Donna and none for George!

We thank all the people who came up and introduced (or re-introduced) themselves. It's great to be able to put faces with the names on our mailing list. We also salute you for your caring and sharing attitudes (see story on Page 3) that make The World of Shuffleboard "one big family."



*It's always a pleasure for George to challenge "Ryan Sandburg/Sammie Sosa" on sports trivia.*

Thanks to Ron and Sharon Huddleston and their very capable crew for a smoothly-run event, and to Don Crall and his American Legion staff for being such great hosts.

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## Network Works (continued from Page 3)



*Mike congratulates his mentor, Terry Dowell, on his singles win.*

Already, Mike and Susie are looking ahead to upcoming events in Indiana (including the Bourbon Fall Tournament), and the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada. They also plan a return to the Southwest Open in 1999 to revisit the many members of their "extended family" who so warmly welcomed them to The World of Shuffleboard.

## Southwest Open Quotes of the Week:

"You can lead a horticulture, but you can't make her think." -- Steve Burkett, Oklahoma

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"A couple days with no events is a great idea -- and I think it was mine." -- Dale Koteris, Texas

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"Did I come all the way to Oklahoma to be mooned? Not!" -- Olga Sokolyk, Michigan

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Roseanne Melton to hubby Bill: "Thanks for my two trips in the RV." Bill: "What do you mean? This is your first trip." Roseanne: "Yes, my first and my last."

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"What do they call a funeral procession in Oklahoma? Kareoke." -- Vicki Hunt, California

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"If the American Legion gave a Senior Citizen discount on drinks this week, they wouldn't make much profit." -- George Wilber, The Board Talk

## Addition to "Play Your Way" Listing

To your latest "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing, please add:

**Texas:** Elks Lodge #1984, 3825 Duck Creek, Garland; phone 972-278-5300

The next annual listing will be published in January 1999. Make sure your favorite site is listed.

## Honky Tonk's Memorial Weekend Tournament Attracts Shufflers from 11 States to Sherburne, New York

By Dale Law

The Memorial weekend tournament at the Honky Tonk Saloon in Sherburne, New York, attracted players from 11 states and a total purse of \$10,000.

Tuesday night got the action started with round robins. Dick Losee and Bob White came in first with Bill Jones and Claire Law finishing second. The next round robin was won by Dick Losee and Dale Law, with Bill Jones and Bob White in second place.

Friday, while having lunch at Judy's Coffee Shop, it was decided the boards could use some finishing touches. It was greatly appreciated when players from across the country not only voiced their opinions, but gathered to perform the tasks. While I was gathering supplies, Al DiBella, Louise Freer, Pete O'Neill, Jim Yank Jr. and Sr. had most of the work done.

Thirteen teams entered the mixed doubles on Friday night. Al DiBella and Louise Freer came from the loser's bracket to capture first place. Dick Losee and Helen Fuller came in second, with Rick Meyer and Brenda (Moo-Moo) Prosser in third.



Louise Freer and Al DiBella (right) of Pennsylvania took first in the mixed doubles, with Dick Losee and Helen Fuller taking second place honors.

On Saturday, 50 players entered the draw partner event, vying for a purse of over \$3,500.



Mikel Johnson of Indiana (right) and Louise Freer battled through the loser's bracket to come out on top. Lenny Dell and G.H. Richardson finished second.

Third place went to Bill Jones and Jim Yank Jr., with Rick Niblett and Jane Johnson in fourth. Lonzo Knight and Brenda Prosser tied with Dick Losee and Shelly Paul for fifth place.

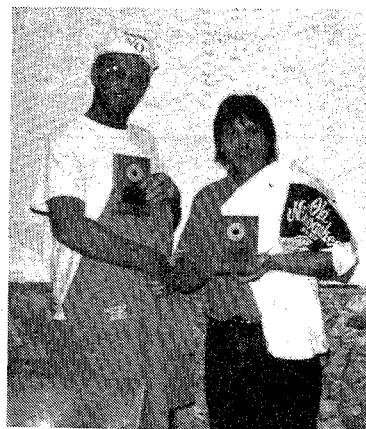
Sunday was the bring partner event with 19 teams trying to win a portion of the purse just shy of \$4,000.



Chuck King and Rick Niblett (center) took top honors, with Dick Losee and Bill Jones finishing second.

Third place went to Al DiBella and Louise Freer, with Fred Traux and Claire Law in fourth.

Although the tournament was winding down, 12 players stayed for the singles on Monday.



Bill Jones (left) captured first place, with Mike Johnson finishing second. Don Miner took third place in the singles.

A special thanks to all the people who made this tournament a big success. This includes the people who moved, set-up, cleaned and polished the boards; The Shuffleboard Federation for donating wax; the people who prepared four great meals; the directors, auctioneers, and participants. Your suggestions are appreciated, but remember, several players have donated a lot of time and effort to please the majority.

Good news: Brenda Prosser, (right) owner of the Honky Tonk Saloon, got rid of Board No. 3 less than one week after the tournament. Brenda plans to have another board in place before the Nov. 6-8 tournament. Watch The Board Talk for details.



# Forest Heritage Festival Tourney on the Upswing

By Mel Hohn

The Forest Heritage Festival in Shelton, Washington, is a yearly celebration where everyone gets together and pays tribute to the men and women of the forest industry who created this shining example of "Small Town America." There is a carnival, a street dance, parade, logger competition, and -- at the Fir Cone Tavern -- a shuffleboard tournament.

Generally, you would think this would be a bad time for a tournament. Blocked off street, filled hotels, and all the other distractions, could cause a problem -- but this is Shelton, and shuffleboard is almost a way of life here. This tournament started out as a way to provide entertainment for the local people. As shuffleboard gained in popularity, so did this tournament. At one time, as many as 26 teams crowded into the Fir Cone for this event. Unfortunately, the last couple of years showed a declining number of teams -- but, this year, things changed.

Most all Evergreen Shuffleboard Association (ESA) meetings end up with a decision on the need for more A-B-C, A-B, or rated tournaments. Most members agree that these events even out the playing field while, at the same time, encourage more new players to get involved. Therefore, based on this theory and the poor turnouts in recent years, the Fir Cone Tavern hosted its first A-B-C draw on May 29. The Fir Cone has three boards, therefore the entire event was finished in one day.

Twenty-seven players made up an evenly-matched field of nine teams which competed for top honors.



*Dennis James, Paulette McKinna, and Jim Thorton came through the loser's bracket to win the event.*



*The second place team of Mike Strayer, Mike Waters, and Marty Simmons barely missed winning it all in the third game of the second set.*



*Third place went to the team of Dean Johnson, Judy George and Gary George.*



*Fourth place went to the team of Larry Pearson, Norm McViegh, and Jerry Gibson*

A special thanks to all the ESA members who participated in this non-point event. To those who didn't compete, we say: "stop complaining."

Jeanette Hohn, owner of the Fir Cone Tavern, not only played, but also provided another excellent feed with the help of local shuffler, Billy Hagman.

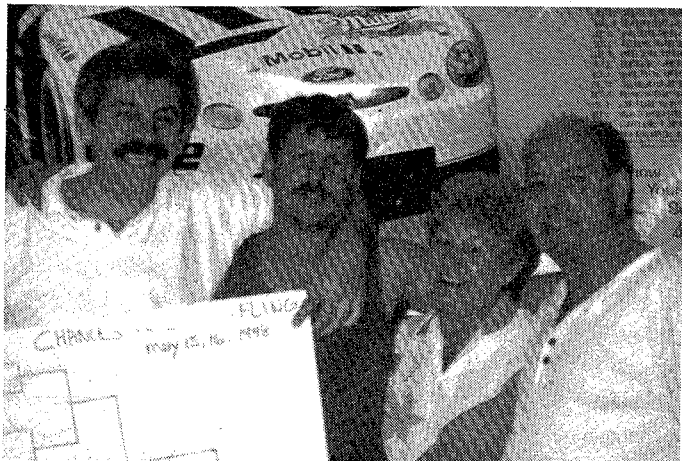
**DON'T JUST SIT THERE ON THE BAR STOOL COMPLAINING ABOUT WHO SHOULD BE IN THE SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME!**

**Nominate your choice to your State Hall of Fame, along with documentation and the required signatures, and they'll take it from there. If you don't have one, help form one!**



## Lake of the Ozarks' Chances "R" Hosts Spring Tourney

Chances "R" at Lake of the Ozarks, Sunrise Beach, Missouri, hosted their 1st Annual Spring Tournament on May 15-16. Winners Dan and Steve did a repeat of the Chances "R" 1st Fall Tournament last October.



Chances "R" hosts Karen Brittain and Jake Riley (right) congratulate repeat winners, Dan and Steve.



Larry and T-Bone took second place honors.

Third place went to Rick and John.

"Thanks to Kristi for her help and to all the other players who participated in this tournament. We hope to see everyone plus more at our 2nd Fall Tournament on Oct. 2-4 (see Upcoming Events for details)," said Karen and Jake.

*(Editor's Note: No last names available.)*

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## J & C's A/B Draw Results

By James Wolf

A small crowd at J & C Tavern in Philadelphia for the April 10 A-B draw, but no lack of quality. Of the 12 participants, only two had never shot in at least a regional tournament -- Robert Morgan and Kevin Ward (EDSL's rookie of the year). Al Pinner and Robert met Jim Wolf and Mary Ann Watson for the loser's bracket. Jim and Mary Ann then played (temporarily out-of-retirement) Steve "Ski" Lacinski and Kevin Ward. Jim and Mary Ann won a very tight first game proceeding to an easier second win to complete their double-dip.

On May 1, Jim Wolf and John Casher picked their way through the loser's bracket, knocking out Ed Hammond and Pete Skyler to gain the finals. Waiting for Jim and John were Regina Smith and Kevin Ward, who had swept the top side. Regina and Kevin prevailed in a competitive game for the win.

With the Philly Open approaching, June's first Friday attracted 20 shooters for this monthly event. The games began at 8 p.m. on J & C's three boards and the field began to thin. The final game of the loser's bracket featured "Uncle" Phil Newman and Joe Hornung against Kevin Ward and Louise Freer. Kevin and Louise prevailed and now faced Regina Smith and Jim Yank Jr. for the match. This was a close, back-and-forth game with neither side able to hold a lead. Four stubborn people, none giving an inch, hitting weights and filling the shuffle alleys. Finally, the winning deuce was shuffled by Jim Jr. to give him and Regina the win. We were pleased to have a few shufflers from Northeast Philly visit and participate in June's A-B and welcome them back.

July 3rd saw 14 competing in J & C's A-B. The seven teams began shooting and shortly after 11 p.m., Faye Todd and Louise Freer had swept the field to take the winner's bracket. Aimee Clark and Dave Milano were facing off against Regina Smith and Jim Yank to settle the loser's bracket. Regina and Jim won to gain the finals. Faye and Louise jumped out in front, but Regina and Jim had their version of fireworks to come from behind for a first game win. The second game was close all the way with Regina and Jim double-dipping for their win.

July's win by Regina was her third in a row, each time paired with a different partner. The only other to achieve three-in-a-row has been Kevin Ward.

Joey Orfanelli, host and bartender for the evening, observed: "I don't know how the games were downstairs, but I saw some really well-played shuffleboard on this board tonight!"

And, he was right -- good, competitive games played in a spirit of good sportsmanship.

See the Calendar of Events for upcoming A-B draws at J & C's.

## **More Upcoming Events**

### **Michigan**

## **3RD ANNUAL RUDY STOBER MEMORIAL TOURNEY, STOBER'S LOUNGE, LANSING, AUG. 7-9**

The 3rd Annual Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament will be held at Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan, Lansing, on Aug. 7-9. The tournament is in honor of Rudy, a member of the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Round robins will be held on Friday, Aug. 7. A bring partner event (no pros, 0's or 1's can team up), \$40 per team, will start with the sponsor sale at noon on Saturday, with play immediately following. An open singles, \$20 entry, is scheduled for Sunday. Sale and play starts at 1 p.m. Both events are single game, double elimination.

There will be drawings for prizes and 50-50 sales with half going to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in Rudy's honor. A free spread will be served on Saturday.

For further information, contact tournament director Carr Carrie Clifton, 517-482-1190.

## **8TH SKIP'S/BOARD TALK FALL BASH, SKIP'S LOUNGE, HOUGHTON LAKE, SEPT. 18-20**

This annual fun-filled shuffleboard weekend, staged in the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland, has been set for Sept. 18-20. Skip's Lounge is located on the corner of Houghton Lake Drive and M-55. There is an event going on in a nearby community and some motels are already booked. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

Events will include a draw partner on Friday night, \$20 per person entry, with no pros and 0's drawing each other. The sponsor sale will start at 1 p.m. with play immediately following. The sale for the A-B-C draw and the singles is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. The A-B-C draw, \$20 per player, will start at noon. Each 3-person team will have an A, B and C player with A's serving as captains. The Bowers Rating System will be used. The open singles, \$40 per player, will start at noon on Sunday. Single game, double elimination for all events.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment. For tournament

information, call George at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538. For lodging recommendations, call Skip, 517-422-5631.

### **Washington**

## **OPEN DOUBLES AT OLD EDISON INN, SEPT. 18-20**

The final event on the ESA's summer calendar is the 4th Annual Open Doubles at the Old Edison Inn, Edison, beginning Friday, Sept. 18, with an A/B draw starting at 7 p.m. Entry for this event is \$20, and the format is single games (to 15) and single elimination.

The main event will begin Saturday following the sponsor sale at 11 a.m. Winner's bracket matches will be best 2 out of 3 (15-point games), with single 17-point games in the loser's bracket. Entry is \$50 per team.

Last year's champs were Larry Pearson and Carl Roush.

There is some RV parking on-site (electrical only), available on a first-come basis. Motels are plentiful in Burlington and Mt. Vernon, minutes away from rural Edison. Call the Edison, 360-766-6266 for recommendations.

Tournament directors are Russ Miller and Phil DePree. Hosts Mini and Sandy will once again provide a king-sized pot of "loaded" seafood gumbo, Cajun style, with door prizes and great country hospitality all weekend.

### **Texas**

## **HANDICAP TOURNEY, TAZ COUNTRY, PFLUGERVILLE, AUG. 7-9**

Taz Country, 1406 F.M. 1825, Pflugerville, will host a handicap tournament on Aug. 7-9. Action will start on Friday night with a handicapped open draw, \$30 entry, single elimination. On Saturday at 1 p.m., the bring partner - total of 2 points -- will start. The entry fee is \$50 per person and will be double elimination.

A handicapped singles will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, \$50 entry. This event will also be double elimination.

Taz Country has three boards. Special drink prices during the tournament and food served on Saturday. Recommended lodging is the Rodeway Inn, Round Rock, 512-246-0005. For information, call Ron or Debbie Bowers, 512-835-7256 or 459-1264.

**More Upcoming Events on  
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## Philly Open at J & C's Tavern A Success

By Jim Wolf

The 1998 Philly Open at J & C's Tavern in Philadelphia on June 12-14: three days of camaraderie, friendship, new acquaintances, good sportsmanship and (oh, yes) some great shuffleboard. The Orfanelli's served excellent food on Saturday and Sunday and were wonderful hosts in every way. Tournament directors Jim and Rita Yank thank the Orfanelli Family for their efforts, a big thank-you to their tournament staff and to Chuck King for two entertaining sponsor sales. Most of all, Jim and Rita extend their biggest kudos to all of the shooters who participated to make the 1998 Philly Open a success.

How is success measured? Consensus: the shooters enjoyed themselves; participation in two events maxed-out; a well-attended Sunday event; \$5,500 in purses; shooters from five states; friendly spectators. You can pick it -- all of these elements were present.

The Friday night singles was called on time and the 20 shooters opened the weekend. At closing time, the field was down to six for an 11 a.m. restart on Saturday morning. Louise Freer edged Judy Gartland for fifth place. Jim Yank took fourth, Al DiBella third, and Chuck King second. The winner was Rick Niblett.

Saturday's bring partner event evidenced a 16-team field, filled out by Mike Johnson's arrival from

Indiana to partner with Dan Miner, New York. In their first outing in a regional tournament, Bryon Encerode and Kevin Ward finished fourth. Two New York shooters, Bob White and Bill Jones, finished third. The finals in our bring partner witnessed two excellent games played by four of the best shooters in the East. Louise Freer and Chuck King had taken the winner's bracket to assure a second place finish and that is what happened. Winning the event, accomplishing the double-dip: Rick Niblett and Len Dell.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny for our A-B draw. As the shooters gathered and the start-time approached, it became obvious that we would "B" short. We changed the event to a draw partner, true round robin format. Sale completed, the six teams went to J & C's three boards, each to shoot each other, winner by total points for their five games. Just missing out on a payday were Dan Miner and Regina Smith. Jim Yank and Jim Wolf came in second, three points behind the winning team of Chuck King and Chris Stillwell.

Sunday evening, the '98 Philly Open completed as our best to date, by far -- what were we doing? Taking the first step to an even better '99 Philly Open (June, of course).

## A Fun Memorial Weekend Tourney at Tolo Tavern

The 16th Annual Memorial Day Tournament was hosted by the Tolo Tavern, Central Point, Oregon, May 22-25.

There were 20 teams in the kick-off draw partner event on Friday. Winners were Desi Guches of Central Point and Bill Holly of Springfield, Oregon. Jim Reed of Springfield and Ray Olsen of Longview, Washington, took second place honors. Larry Balzer of Central Point and Lee Gifford of Butte Falls finished third, with Mike Kinney of Eagle Point and LeRoy Burkhart of Central Point in fourth.

There were 24 players in Saturday's singles, with Chuck Norris of Portland coming out on top, followed by Mike Kinney. Glen Redding of Coos Bay finished third and Curt Grothen of Longview came in fourth place. Doug DuBois of Longview and Steve Wilson tied for fifth and sixth.

Sunday's doubles attracted 21 teams. Mike Kinney and Desi Guches were the top winners, with Chuck Norris and Dick Heflin in second place. Mark Fulton and John King of Medford came in third; Steve Fisher and Jim Cockrell of Winston finished fourth. Tied for fifth and six were Kevin Calloway and Danny of Winston, and Tom Henry and Curt Grothen of Longview.

"I would like to thank all the players who came," said hostess Pat Burkhart. "They were a great bunch of people and a lot of fun. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the good food and barbecue."

"LeRoy would like to know if the person who picked up his box of shuffleboard weights is enjoying shooting with them -- and would they **PLEASE RETURN THEM.** Thank you!"

## Chiles Inducted (cont. from Page 1)

Billy Chiles, and a moving tribute from George and Donna Wilber (The Board Talk).

Hal Perry, vice-president of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, then presented the national plaque, which was accepted by Lauren with a touching message from the family.

In concluding the ceremony, Rick Thomas asked for the lights to be lowered as the crowd observed a minute of silence, during which Eric rang up his father's final 15 points.

## Some Tributes to Billy:

"Not only was he a gentleman, a great player and ambassador, his philosophy and mental aspects of

the shuffleboard game were amazing." -- Rick & Kathy Thomas

"I think they broke the mold when Billy Chiles was made. He was unique in his outlook on life and his love for the game of shuffleboard." -- Paul Weber

"He gave his time unselfishly to the game of shuffleboard to help young players coming up and to bring the game to a truly professional height. His words of wisdom and his soft gentle voice always managed to reach us all. He was the silent one in the game, but yet spoke with a loud voice, for somehow he was always heard." -- Freddy & Jois Thuman

"Besides being one of the best shuffleboard players on the planet and, as the first road player I ever met, he was very inspirational for my shuffleboard career. Billy was possibly the finest gentleman I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He is sorely missed." -- Darrol Nelson

"....when 'Moses' knocked weights off the board, he had that beautiful soft stroke and they barely made it to the end. So I went down to his end about halfway

through the (15 hour) session and asked good old Moses if he could 'please shoot just a wee bit harder.' In that calm and quiet voice, he simply said, 'Hal, that's about as hard as I can shoot.' That was Moses. He was a gentle man who never got too excited and always gave the game his best. Shoot softly in Heaven, old friend." -- Hal Perry

"Most of Bill's days between the '60s and his very last, were wonderfully full with the help of shuffleboard. Certainly there are hundreds of people he called 'friend' and they know who they are....We know the shuffleboard world misses him, because he loved it so, and it gave him all kinds of support." -- Chris Chiles

*Editor's Note: Billy passed away on May 21, 1997. It was a tragic loss for The World of Shuffleboard; no one in our sport commanded the respect and love that he earned as a player, a human being, a friend, teacher and mentor. We join his family and multitude of friends in rejoicing in his well-deserved induction.*

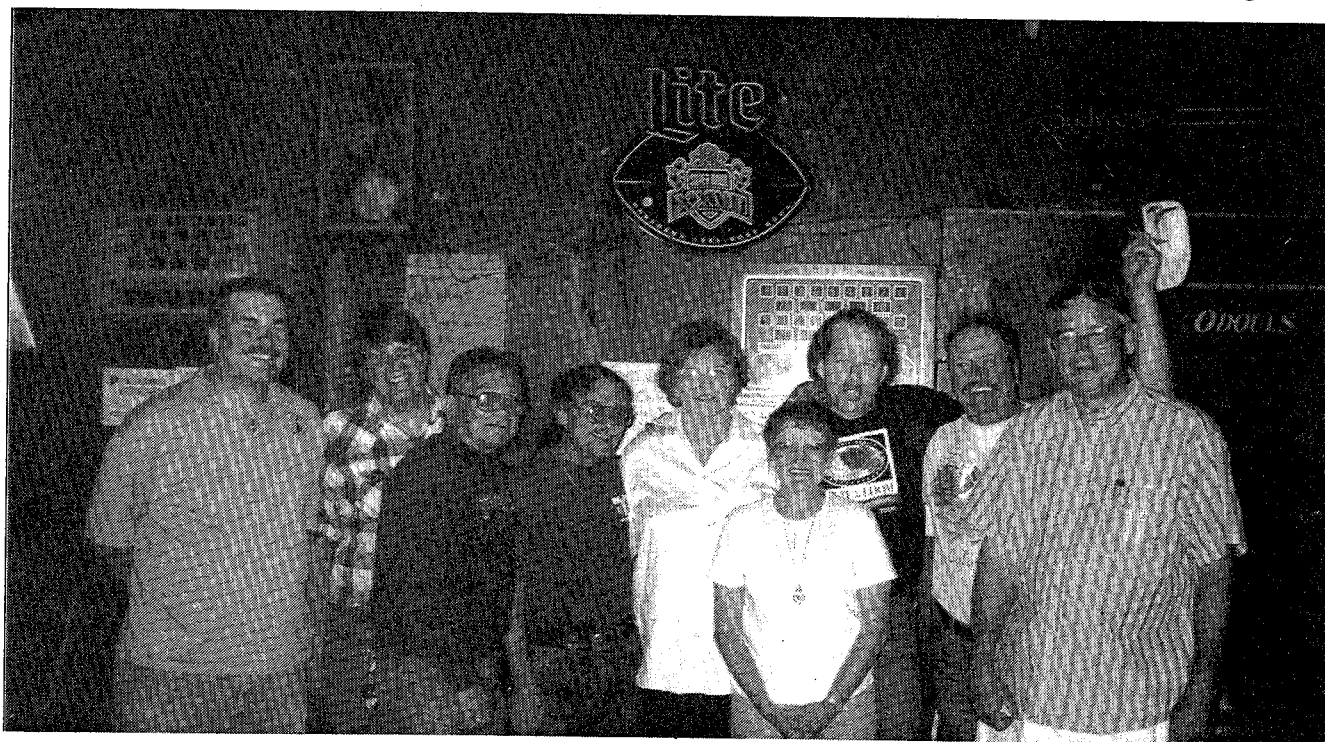
## ***Brunskill's Team Takes First in Billy Chiles Memorial A-B-C***

Thirty-six players participated in the Billy Chiles A-B-C Memorial Tournament on June 13 at the Silver Spur in San Bernardino, California. Bob Brunskill's team took first place. Bob had strong back-up with local team mates Ron Peters and Kirk Douglas.

Bob not only lagged a four to go out and win the tournament, he got a 50-dollar bill for doing it!

"We had an anonymous donor in our midst who put up \$100 for the first four-scoring hangers, with \$50 going to the California State Hall of Fame and \$50 to the player," reports director Jolene Lembke. "Thanks, Flower!"

The team of Jolene Lembke, Mary Lou Deering and Charlie Detterbeck came in second. Third place went to Frank Zavala, Ron Harp, and Doug Pancerev.



*Winners of the Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament were Bob Brunskill, Ron Peters and Kirk Douglas (right). Jolene Lembke, Mary Lou Deering and Charlie Detterbeck (center) took second place honors. Third place went to Frank Zavala, Ron Harp and Doug Pancerev (left).*



# Dixie Belle's July 4th Tourney Another Biggie

By Chris Brown

Another July 4th Tournament successfully finished at the Dixie Belle, Downey, California. With Dixie Debbie on very limited duty due to her accident, volunteers were desperately needed to keep everything going. As is usual around shuffleboard players, the volunteers were there! On the food front, Anna Brunskill arrived on Wednesday and Thursday evenings with potfulls of her wonderful food to keep the players going. Eileen and Wes got the barbecue on Saturday going, and all the local ladies contributed to the buffet. Dave Brennan and Joe Muniz were our auctioneers, while Paul Weber kept the monies straight. Doug Pancerev handled sign-ups and a dozen other tasks. Rich "Bubba" Warren and I worked bracket boards. Jim Anderson did double duty, coming in before the sun was up to attend to the boards, then working all day as bartender. Off-duty personnel were there as well, helping out wherever the need was. To all of you, and any others I may have missed mentioning, as tournament director I want to thank each and every one of you! Without your help, it never could have happened!

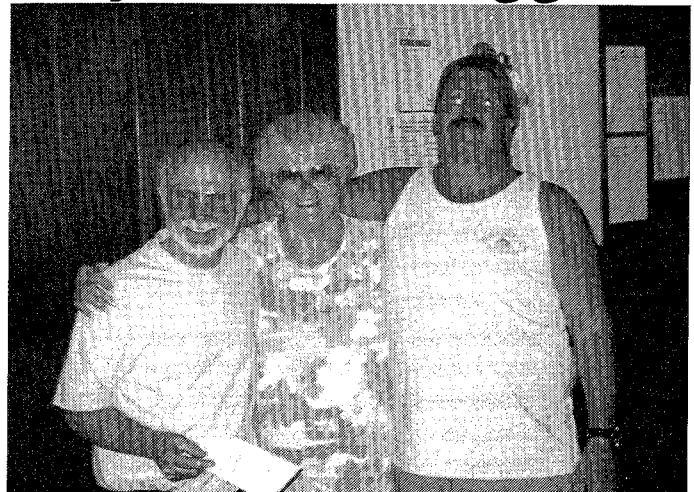
An additional thank you from Dixie Debbie goes out to A.Z. Turnbo (along with a steak dinner next time you're in town!). Al Salazar from Phoenix accidentally dropped a weight down our pool table and, after a day of 30 or 40 people sticking their arms down, up and around inside the table trying to find the weight, A.Z. stepped in and dismantled the table. Al has his weight back now, but it will be a while before he gets over being teased about the #4 weight in the corner pocket!

There were 20 teams participating in the opening A-B-C event, paying six places.



Winners of the A-B-C event were A.Z. Turnbo, Marie Coulter and Rich Miller.

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Second place honors in the A-B-C event went to Pat Bayless, Teresa Linton, and Ben Larsen.



As anyone who has ever played a tournament knows, when you make it to the finals through the loser's bracket, you do a lot of playing. Stamina is a keyword. When the finals are played and your team has finally finished, what do you do? Some players party, some wander aimlessly, and some try to catch up on their sleep. Dixie player Ben Larsen, after taking second place in the ABC event, sat down to talk to friends and just drifted off. Known for his ability to sleep anywhere, we still found it hard to believe that Ben could catch a couple hours sleep in the midst of the noise and commotion surrounding a tournament!

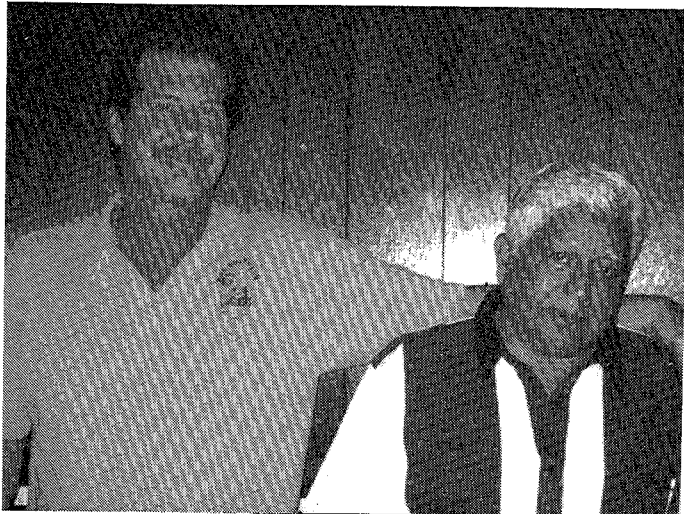


Third place went to Tim O'Brien, Evie Werner and Jack Eichar.

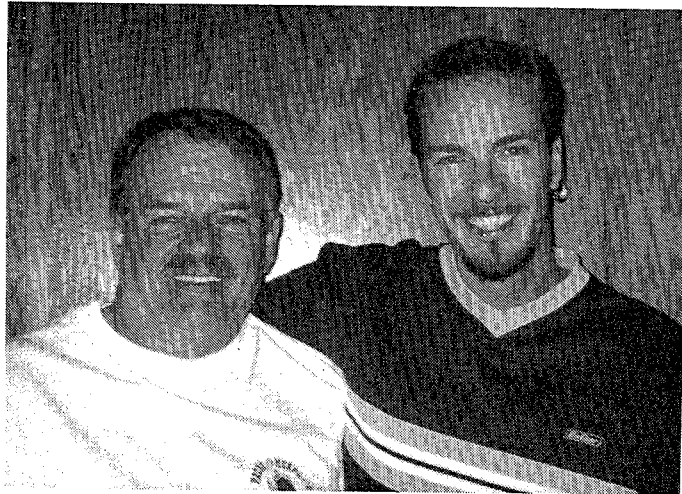


Other winners were: Paul Parks, Andy Brorsen and Charlie Detterbeck, 4th; Bill Maxwell, Pearl Minard and Jane Manes, John McGinnis, Vern Booth and Ian Jessiman, tied for 5th and 6th. Honorable mention went to the 7th and 8th place finishers: Gary George, Eric Chiles and Jim Coulter, Chuck Norris, Steve Cathey and Patricia Murphy.

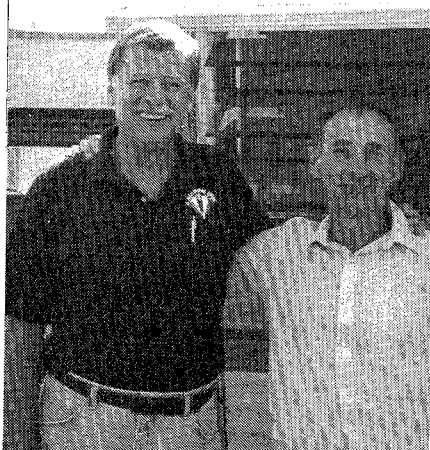
There were 19 teams in the doubles event which paid four places.



*Bill Maxwell and Joe Muniz took top honors in the doubles event.*



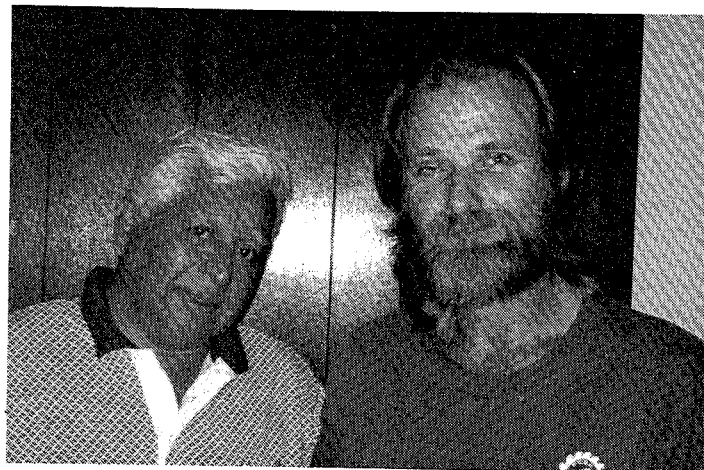
*The father and son team of Hal and Steve Perry captured second place.*



*Karl Spickelmier and Nick Chaffin took third in the doubles event.*

Other winners in the doubles were: "Jaybird" Wilson and Jim Martin, 4th; and honorable mention to the 5th and 6th place teams of Dave Keithan and Larry Newall, Greg McFarland and Craig Amundson.

There were 19 players in the singles event, paying four places.



*First place went to Larry Newall (right), with Joe Muniz taking second place honors.*



*Greg McFarland collects his third-place winnings from tournament director Chris Brown.*

Bill Maxwell took fourth place, with honorable mention going to 5th and 6th place finishers, Jim Allis and Chuck Norris.

Following the Billy Chiles induction (see page 1), the California Hall of Fame held a raffle to generate operating funds -- and it definitely did! So successful was the raffle sale that the CSSHF was able to present a check for \$500 to Dixie Debbie for the Potter's Wheel (the annual Dixie Belle Charity Golf Tournament is in support of this worthy cause). Debbie and the Golf Tournament Committee thank the California shuffleboarders for their continuing support.

The talk amongst the players here is now turning toward the Reno tournament, where we hope to see all the friends we've missed this year.

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THE BOARD TALK!**

# Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

*(In the last episode, Shelli made the bold suggestion to Eddie that they play in one of the upcoming tournaments promoted in The Board Squawk.)*

With a copy of the Board Squawk magazine in hand, Shelli had surprised Eddie by stating that she wanted them to check out some of the tournaments coming up in the Northern California area. She said she thought she was "ready to take on just about ANYone now!" Eddie had countered with: "Now, you watch my lips very carefully -- because I'm only going to say this once. The answer is definitely....." He paused then, as he looked into her eager eyes, then continued: "definitely YES! I've been wondering why you've waited this long to come up with a plan like this!"

Shelli broke out into a big smile then and began kissing and squeezing Eddie so hard, he had to say, "Hold on, Lover, I can't breath!" She proceeded to point out some of the places that were going to have tournaments soon in the Board Squawk. Eddie looked things over and then said: "Well, Hon, it looks like a good bet might be a tournament coming up in Santa Clara. It's at a place called Sparky's Sports Pub. I was there once some time ago, when I was learning how to shoot. I lost pretty bad then. It would be nice to go back there and 'clean house.'"

They sat down and had a cup of coffee. Eddie went on to say: "There was an interesting story I heard while I was there. It seems that some years back, the couple that owned the place then were involved in a weird sort of challenge. The husband's eyesight was very bad. He was considered legally blind. He knew his board so well, though, that he could still shoot a hell of a game. They said that one weekend a hustler from Texas showed up to stir up some action."

He continued: "Now, this guy's 'handle' was 'San Antonio Sam,' and he proceeded to beat up on everyone in the place. The man who owned the place (Billy Blinkman) got up and shot a few weights after the rest of them had enough. He purposely didn't look too hot while he practiced. The Texas man came up then and said he knew about Billy's situation -- and he'd make him a deal, if he cared to play. He offered to play for any amount....and he would wear a blindfold!

"Billy sort of hesitated a little then, but he was urged on by his customers, and all the other players whose money was stashed in San Antonio Sam's pocket. He kind of reluctantly agreed to play then -- best out of three for \$50. The Texas man commented that the deal was pretty much 'slim-pickins' -- but about that time, several of the players who had lost offered him all the side action he wanted."

Eddie went on: "Well, the Texas man took on all the side bets he could handle -- all of his winnings, plus most of his own stash. They blindfolded the Texas man then, real tight -- so tight that he couldn't see the grin on Billy's face as they started the first game. To make a long story short -- San Antonio Sam got beat two games straight! They say someone heard the Texas man complaining that he had gotten 'hustled' as he went out the door, but no one else heard him because they were too busy laughing and hooting as they picked up their winnings. Now, I don't know if the story is right or wrong -- but that's the way they tell it at the place we're going to."

Three weeks passed. They had practiced hard and Shelli's game really looked good. It was time. After breakfast on a Friday morning, they fired up the car and were on their way....to Santa Clara!

--TO BE CONTINUED --

*How will Shelli fare in her debut? Don't miss the next episode to find out. We urge you to let Balboa Ron know how you like his series: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89123.*

## Important Notices

Judith Iseman of Maryland has made a lot of friends throughout the U.S.A. and those friends agonized with her when her Dad was brutally assaulted four years ago and lived in a coma until May 21, 1998, when he passed away. If you'd like to let Judy know that your thoughts are with her, write: Judith Iseman, 115 Malone Ave., Chestertown, MD 21620.

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PLEASE don't disregard the second, third, fourth, etc. publications of tournament flyers. Even though they may look the same, the content may well have changed. For example, in the NASC flyer last month, there were a couple of typos: the ladies' singles eligibility for the contest was 2.50 to 5.00. It now reads 1.5 to 5.00. Also, the Internet number for the Bowers Rating System had an extra .com (scratch that). The Texas Open/Board Talk Reunion Tournament flyer had the wrong dates and entry information. Check the new ones enclosed. There has also been some changes in the Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament, details in the Upcoming Events column.

We don't call those boo-boo's; we call them "refinements of information" due to player feedback! Those tournament directors are listening to you...

## Shamrock Tavern's Mixed Doubles Draws 24 Teams

The mixed doubles held at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, on June 20-21, drew 24 teams vying for a pot of almost \$4,000. "It was one of the biggest, if not the biggest, tournaments at the Shamrock," said Ralph Duarte. "And it was a mighty well-run tournament by Mr. and Mrs. Doug DeBois."



Winners were Chuck Norris and Linda Steffensen.

Second place honors went to Mike Thorpe and Nancy.



Jim and Michelle Foran took third place.



Melody Marine and Al Pease finished fourth.

Other winners were Darrol Nelson and Hazel Thorpe, Patty O and Don Stallsworth.

"Bernice's chili was as good as ever," said Ralph.

### In Memory of Shufflers Past

If you would like to pay tribute to the memory of a shuffler in your area who has passed on, this space is available to you at \$5 for each space. Send to:

The Board Talk,

503 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

We suggest you match that \$5 with a donation to your state or national Hall of Fame.

Larger space available upon request.



#### In Memory of Bill Kuebler

He will be missed by his many local and state shuffleboard friends.

Bonnie & Sonny Morgan, Saginaw, Mich.

#### In Memory of Bill Kuebler

A champion on the boards --

A champion in Life!

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**In Memory  
of  
JERRY DAVIS**  
From his  
many friends

## Upcoming Events *(from Page 10)*

### Texas (continued)

## TEXAS OPEN/BOARD TALK REUNION, HARBOR POINT, RICHARDSON, SEPT. 2-7

The annual Texas Open Labor Day Tournament will be held at the Harbor Point Sports Bar, 2121 Buckingham in Richardson on Sept. 2-7. This extravaganza will be combined with the 14th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion.

The tournament format will include events for all skill levels: a 4-person team event for Divisions I and II on Wednesday; three singles events for pros through 2's, 2's only, and 3 and above, on Thursday; two draw events for pros through 2's, and 3's and above, on Friday; a draft team event on Saturday; and bring partner events for Divisions I and II on Sunday. A one-time \$20 registration fee will cover all events. Check the enclosed flyer for details. Fill out the reservation form to reserve your spot; **those who reserve in advance will be eligible for door prizes.**

Note that the first inductions into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame will be held on Friday night.

A block of 30 rooms has been reserved for shufflers at the LaQuinta (that's the classy motel chain that served many of the shufflers at the Southwest Open Open in Del City). It's located at 13685 N. Central Expressway (Hwy. 75), in Dallas. Call 972-234-1016 or Toll-Free, 1-800-NU-ROOMS. The special shuffler rate of \$49 is for up to four persons per room. **Rooms are scarce in this area, so reserve early -- and be sure to ask for the special shuffleboard rate.**

For further information, contact tournament directors David Williams, 817-451-9583; Bobby Williams, 817-496-8972 or 817-265-7045; or Greg Hixson, 972-231-9365.

## HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN, HILTON SOUTHWEST, DEC. 26-31: EVENTS FOR ALL!

Leave your Christmas presents under the tree and ESCAPE for a week of shuffleboard fun with your friends at the Houston Holiday Open, Dec. 26-31, at the Hilton Southwest. There are 12 events on the schedule for all skill levels, from pros to 5's. And what better way to spend New Year's Eve than a big party with favors, hors d'ourves and -- of course -- shuffleboard? Make your room reservations now: \$49.95 gives you a room with two beds (up to four people) and includes two breakfast buffets each day.

Phone 713-977-7911 or 1-800-Hiltons.

For further information, call Johnny Ballard, 281-759-3706, or Jack Scott, 281-558-0237. Watch for a flyer in next month's Board Talk. The Houston shuffleboard community is looking forward to hosting you!

### Oklahoma

## BUD'S 3RD LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT, ACTION LOUNGE, BROKEN ARROW, SEPT. 4-6

Bud Hillburn invites you to the 3rd Annual Labor Day Tournament at his Action Lounge, 81st & 145th Sts., Broken Arrow, on Sept. 4-6.

Events will include a \$20 draw partner handicap, single game, double elimination, on Friday, Sept. 4 (you must be signed up by 7 p.m.). A handicapped bring partner event, \$50 per team, single game, double elimination is scheduled for Sept. 5. On Sunday, Sept. 6, there will be a bring partner handicap sweetheart draw, \$40 per team entry, single game, double elimination. The Bowers 1997 players' handicap rating system will be used.

A \$5 registration fee covers both events. Free food will be served on Saturday.

For further information, call Bud at 918-258-1773.

## 10TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY TOURNEY, FULL HOUSE, WYNNEWOOD, SEPT. 3-6

The 10th Annual Labor Day Handicap Tournament at the Full House Bar & Grill, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr St., Wynnewood, will be held on Sept. 3-6. Action will start on Thursday, Sept. 3, with a ladies' and men's singles, each \$20 entry, at 7 p.m. A Sweetheart Draw, \$20 entry, is on the agenda for Friday at 7 p.m., with an open draw, \$20 entry at 7 p.m. on Saturday. A bring partner event, \$50 per team, is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

All events are single game, double elimination, using the Bowers May 1998 Rating System, with a maximum spot of 5 points. Sign-ups must be in by times stated, with sales starting at times listed and games beginning immediately following.

A one-time \$10 registration fee covers all events. Payouts will be determined by the number of entries and plaques will be awarded to first, second and third places in each event.

For further information, call Pat or Don Kinard at 405-665-2715. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.



## **Puck Turns** *(continued from Page 6)*

A special salute certainly was earned by the pros and O's who served as captains of the draft team event. Their "sharing and caring" attitude was displayed as they coached their teams of players with less skill, less experience, less "cool" than they have. Certainly, they wanted to win (there was a whole bunch of cash at stake), but never did we see any display of impatience or disgust when a team member failed to follow through on their instructions. Instead, they kept the team spirit alive and the feeling of camaraderie glowing as each supported the other. Perhaps we're a little prejudiced because we had the gracious Bill Melton for a captain (does he ever yell at anybody?). But we think not. A view of the "field" showed others who were doing the same. Anyone who doubts the professionalism of our sport should have been there to witness this particular event!

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An editorial salute to the Harford and Cecil County Shuffleboard League in Maryland for staging an outstanding awards banquet to wrap up another successful year. In addition to a classy printed program, coolies and pens were passed out to the 226 players and guests who attended. Other stats: 40 vases of flowers (arrangements by Brenda Wallace) given away, 300 balloons inflated and hung in team colors, 125 lbs. of steak and 125 lbs. of shrimp

consumed, plus much, much beer, liquor and sodas.

Three years ago, the team captains awarded a plaque to Art Cassata for all of his hard work and contributions (he edits the league newsletter). They then voted to have an annual Art Cassata Award presented to those who went out of their way for the league. Last year, it went to Carol Hampton, and this year to Brenda Wallace. What a great idea! So often, the stalwarts of leagues get taken for granted.

Another great idea they had was to give each team a roll of film to take as they saw fit during the banquet. The camera was turned in at the banquet and the committee had the film developed and returned to the teams' sponsoring establishments for a photo display.

Some league banquets are fun only for the winners as they pick up their fat envelopes and a boring affair for the rest of the crowd. Others are like the Harford and Cecil County Shuffleboard League, who stage a fun affair where there are no losers!

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Note our new listing in The Shuffleboard Directory - the Elks Lodge #1984 in Garland, Texas. You readers will do us a big favor if you respond to their paid ad by participating in their weekly tournaments.

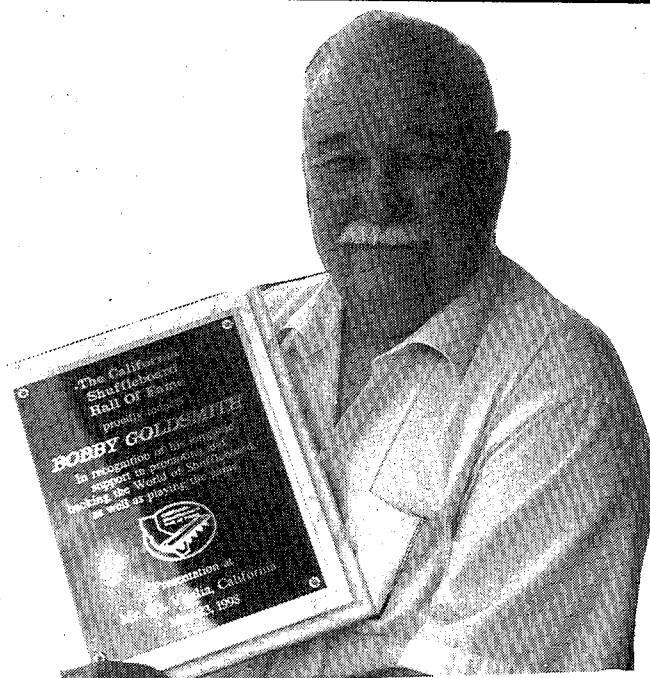
In fact, we would appreciate if you patronized all of our advertisers. Support those who support you!

D & G

***It would take every page of The Board Talk to list all of the people I would like to thank for having a hand in inducting me in the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.***

- ***It starts with all of the players, local and nationwide, who supported my tournaments through the years;***
- ***All the players who made Mr. G's a place to stop and play the great game of shuffleboard;***
- ***My family for letting me donate so much of my time to the game;***
- ***The Board Talk for bonding us all together.***

***It was a day I will relive, again and again, with a smile on my face and gladness in my heart. Thank you!.....Bobby Goldsmith***





# ***1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS***

## **AUGUST 1998**

### **Aug. 7**

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

### **Aug. 7-9**

A-B-C Draft Team Event  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### **Aug. 7-9**

Rudy Stober Memorial  
Stober's Lounge  
Lansing, Michigan

### **Aug. 7-9**

Handicap Tournament  
Taz Country  
Pflugerville, Texas

### **Aug. 13-16**

Crazy Canucks Tournament  
AN & AF  
Vancouver, B.C.

### **Aug. 15**

1st Amateur Draw Doubles  
Shooter's  
Hillsboro, Missouri.

## **SEPTEMBER 1998**

### **Sept. 2-6**

Texas Open and 14th Annual  
Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion  
Harbor Point Sports Bar  
Richardson, Texas

### **Sept. 3-7**

West Coast Hall of Fame  
Tournament  
Medford Eagles  
Medford, Oregon

### **Sept. 3-6**

10th Annual Labor Day Tourney  
Full House  
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

### **Sept. 4**

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

### **Sept. 4-6**

September Shootout  
Moose Lodge #644  
Baldwinsville, New York

### **Sept. 5-7**

ABC Tournament  
The Dixie Belle  
Downey, California

### **Sept. 5-7**

Labor Day Tournament  
Action Lounge  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

### **Sept. 12-13**

Open Doubles  
Tim's Timber Tavern  
Kelso, Washington

### **Sept. 18-20**

8th Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash  
Skip's Lounge  
Houghton Lake, Michigan

### **Sept. 19**

Hall of Fame Tournament  
Eagles Lodge 3911  
Houston, Missouri

### **Sept. 19-20**

Open Doubles  
Old Edison Inn  
Edison, Washington

### **Sept. 19-20**

3rd Annual Fall Open  
AMVETS Post 26  
Pendleton, Indiana

### **Sept. 24-26**

3rd Annual Southwest Shootout  
Barbara's Beer Garden  
Springfield, Missouri

### **Sept. 26-27**

Amateur Draw Championships  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

### **Sept. 26-27**

1st "Indy 15" Shoot-Out  
American Legion 355  
Indianapolis, Indiana

## **OCTOBER 1998**

### **Oct. 2**

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

### **Oct. 3**

Annual Fall Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **Oct. 3-4**

ABC Draw  
Corner Tavern  
Bow, Washington

### **Oct. 9-11**

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

### **Oct. 9-11**

Bring Partner Doubles  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### **Oct. 17-18**

Nelson/Buhl Doubles  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

### **Oct. 23-25**

2nd Annual Fall Bring Partner  
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## NOVEMBER 1998

**Nov. 1-8**

North American Championships  
Sands Regency Casino/Hotel  
Reno, Nevada

**Nov. 6**

A-B Draw  
J & C Tavern  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Nov. 14-15**

5th 55 & Over Tournament  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

**Nov. 14-15**

Mixed Doubles  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

**Nov. 26-29**

Florida State Championships  
Fill-N-Station  
Mims, Florida

**Nov. 26-29**

Michigan State Championships  
Club Car Lounge  
Durand, Michigan

**Nov. 26-29**

3-Event Tourney/Missouri Hall of  
Fame Induction  
Eagles Lodge #3911  
Houston, Missouri

**Nov. 25-29**

Thanksgiving Classic  
Gold Nugget  
Arlington, Texas

**Nov. 28-29**

A-B Draw  
BZ's Bar & Grill  
Seatac, Washington

## DECEMBER 1998

**Dec. 4**

A-B Draw  
J & C Tavern  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Dec. 11-13**

9th Annual Santa Classic  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**Dec. 12-13**

ABC Draw  
Frankie's Sports Pub  
Olympia, Washington

**Dec. 26-27**

Mixed Doubles  
Tim's Timber Tavern  
Kelso, Washington

**Dec. 26-31**

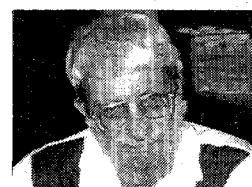
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## ***In the Winners' Circles at the SW Open*** (continued from Page 1)

In Div. I, after a bruising battle between the three finalists, it was Bill Melton's team of Johnny Ballard (Texas), Brad Lowry (Oklahoma), and Mike Melton (Oklahoma), that emerged the victors. A last-minute "pick-up" team representing four different states took second place honors: Bob Hunt, California; Johnny Wayne Crawford, Texas; Rick Niblett, Maryland; and Tony Pelton, Arkansas. Near the bottom of the totem pole, as far as sponsor bids were concerned, the valiant "never-say-die" team of Beef Camp and Greg Broka (Ohio), Larry Brown and Mike Johnson (Indiana) fought their way to third place.

In Div. II, the favorites didn't disappoint as the all-Okie team of U.J. and Wanda West, Kevin Talley and Jerry Widdoes captured the crown. That affable gentleman from Tennessee, Harvey Walden, joined forces with Texans Olga Vaughn, Joe Spratt and Pat Gainey to take second place. Considered a bit of a "dark horse," the Full House team from Wynnewood, Oklahoma -- Pat and Don Kinard, Ronnie Grove and Bill Carter -- did themselves proud by taking third.



*Top winners in the Div. II 4-person team event.*

### **124 Entries in Singles Events**

In Monday's open singles, there were 34 entries and 90 in the amateur singles (1's and above) for a total of 124 players. The well hadn't dried up yet as the pot for the sponsor sales soared to over \$40,000. Add the graduated entry fees to that and you have a real incentive to win!

In the amateur singles, that incentive drove local Dino Fleming and Hoosier Terry Dowell to the finals on Tuesday night. Terry earned his accolades as one of the toughest players in the Midwest as he wrestled the crown from a determined Dino.

Taking third was a newcomer to the major tournament scene, Marty Shepard from Blair (not Omaha), Nebraska. Marty, who called his wife back home to let her know that he was close to finishing in the money, later called to tell her he was IN the money. Marty said he found a different

atmosphere at the Southwest Open than he was accustomed to back home, where your opponent was your "enemy." Here: "I didn't play against anyone I didn't end up liking. That was a new experience for me." It was such a positive experience that after Marty went back to Nebraska after the singles, he turned around and came back the following day. "I was having such a good time, I just couldn't stay away," he said.



*Winners of the Amateur Singles, led by No. 1 Terry Dowell and No. 2 Dino Fleming. Not shown...*

*No. 3 Marty Shepard who went back to Nebraska following the match and then returned the following day, because he "just couldn't stay away."*



Others in the money for the amateur singles were: Tom Nolder (Indiana), 4th; Rob Houchin (Texas) and John Breathwit (Oklahoma), 5th and 6th; Chuck Muelhouser (Missouri) and Dave Ramold (Texas), 7th and 8th; Keith Oyler and Ron Gamble (Oklahoma), 9th and 10th; Ron Monville (Michigan) and Chuck Dewees (Florida), 11th and 12th.

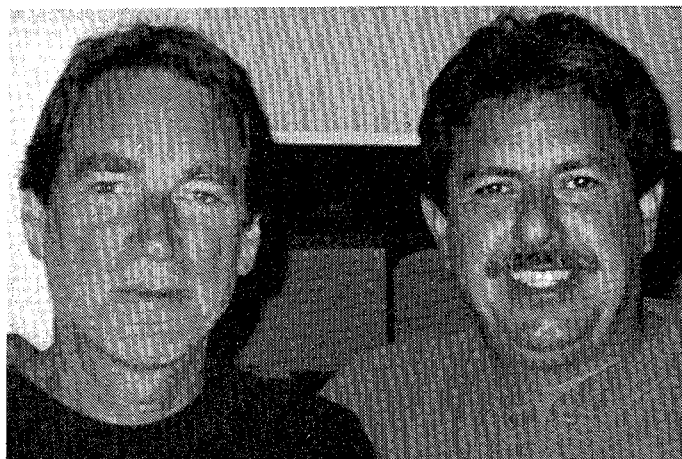
According to the sponsors for the open singles, those people who put their money where their mouths are (and can afford to do so), Darrol Nelson of Oregon was a favorite, with Oklahoma's Bill Melton not too far behind -- a safe bet, along with Bobby Voorhis of Indiana, Dave and Bobby Williams of Texas, and John McDermott of Michigan.

Way behind those well-knowns lurked "The Shadow," John Cason of Oklahoma, who sold for a meager \$400. Well-respected in this part of the nation as a force to be reckoned with, nationwide he was viewed as that illusive character that "Virgin Sue" described in her Board Talk articles as fading away

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## SW Open *(continued from Page 24)*

into smoke at the end of each match. At the 1998 Southwest Open, he refused to fade away. Instead, he challenged the mighty Darrol Nelson in the finals. He didn't win, but he has forever lost his reputation as "The Shadow" as he claimed second place honors.



Darrol Nelson (left), No. 1 in the Open Singles, and No. 2, John "The Shadow" Cason.

Bobby V didn't disappoint his sponsors as he took third place. Rick Boyer of Colorado (originally from Michigan and points in between) took fourth. David Williams of Texas and Mike Kinney of Oregon filled out the winner's circle at 5th and 6th spots.

## 134 Shufflers in Draw Partner Events

There were 134 shooters signed up for the draw partner events on Wednesday, breaking down into 33 teams in Division I and 34 in Division II.

There were some surprises in the Division I finishes as the luck of the draw gave odds-on favors to such powerful partners as Billy Melton and Bobby Williams, Darrol Nelson and Steve Burkett, David Williams and Bob Hunt, Terry Dowell (winner of the amateur singles) and John Cason (runner-up in the open singles). One by one, those teams fell by the wayside, leaving the field open for another favored team, Diana Hagen of Texas and Kevin Larkin of Washington, to claim victory. Always a threat, Rick Boyer of Colorado and John Breathwit of Oklahoma captured second place honors.

Rick Yingst of Oklahoma and Mike Johnson of Indiana finished third. The two Larrys -- Brown and Creakbaum -- travelled all the way from Indiana to draw each other and take fourth place. Tied for 5th and 6th spots were Johnny Ballard of Texas and Mike Renick of Oklahoma, and Dan Hitt of Washington and Rena Fleming of Oklahoma.

In Division II, Connie McCall (one of Woodie Cockrum's proteges) of Missouri and John Kosiske of Nebraska came out on top, giving Connie her first "national" tournament victory. Fellow Texans Lilly Kidd and Jack Snell took second place honors. Billy Poole



Winners of the Division I Draw Partner Event (above) and Division II (below).





of Texas teamed up with Char Rahn of Nebraska (director of the Denny Busch Memorial Tournament) to take third place.

Finishing fourth were Terry Roberts of Nebraska and Carol Audett of Texas. Tied for 5th and 6th spots were Weldon Lambert and Alan Cobb of Oklahoma, and Charlie Riley of Missouri and Mike Piper.

#### **144 in Draft Team Event**

There were 24 six-person teams in Thursday's draft team event. It turned out to be a hotly-contested battle, with many "rubber" games played during the 4 out of 7 double elimination event. Even though they were "mark 3" games, the quest for a share of the over \$34,000 pot lasted until Friday evening.

The No. 1 team in this exciting event was captained by Bobby Voorhis of Indiana, and consisted of Terry Dowell (Indiana), Rod Cameron (Texas), Ron Monville (Michigan), Charlie Riley (Missouri), and Madge Goff (Oklahoma).

Taking second place honors were captain Dale Koteris (Texas), Kevin Larkin (Washington), Jeri Billard (Texas), Chuck Dewees and Ray Boyett (Florida), and Pat Kinard (Oklahoma).

Dan Hitt's (Washington) team of Dino Fleming (Oklahoma), Melody Marine (Washington), Mary Brown (Indiana), Linda Nobles and Joe Spratt (Texas) finished third.

#### **48 in Bring Partner**

There were 24 teams in the Div. I bring partner event which started on Saturday morning. And the winners were Brenda Moore and Johnny Ballard of

Texas. Rick Boyer and Dennis Bird of Colorado finished second, with Mike Kinney and Darrol Nelson of Oregon in third place.

#### **38 in 2-Rated Singles/45 in 3 and 4-Rated Singles**

Weldon Lambert of Oklahoma was tops in the field of 38 players in the 2-rated singles. Eddie Guy of Texas took second, with Ron Gamble of Oklahoma finishing third.

Coming out on top of the 45 shufflers in the 3 and 4 rated singles was Dave Ramold from Texas. Brad Lowry of Oklahoma took second place, with Jerry Widdoes of Oklahoma in third place.

Believe it or not: it all totals up to 669 entries in 10 events. Is that a SUCCESS or what?

#### **Rick Boyer Earns MVP Award**

Rick Boyer of Colorado earned the MVP award and received a round-trip airfare to Reno for the North American Shuffleboard Championships, Nov. 1-8, courtesy of Aspen Travel of Tulsa, Oklahoma (1-800-380-6443). Of the \$1800 added money, Rick also won an added \$300 for -1 players; Rena Fleming won in the 0-rated category; Terry Dowell for the 1-rated players; Lilly Kidd for the 2-rated players; Dave Ramold for the 3-rated players, and Jack Snell for the 4-rated players. The \$300 awards were based on six skill levels to players who accumulated the most points during the tournament.

In addition to these awards, organizers of the Houston Holiday Open awarded a free night's lodging to Darrol Nelson, winner of the open singles, and Terry Dowell, winner of the amateur singles.



*The crew that made things run smoothly at the 1998 Southwest Open: Director Ron Huddleston, Dave Fleming, Rena Fleming, Joyce Gamble, co-director Sharon Huddleston, Jack Davis, Johnny Wayne Crawford, and Kathy Yingst. See Ron's viewpoints on the tournament on Page 30.*



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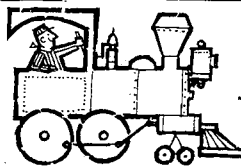
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## "SHUT UP AND SHOOT!"

By Ron & Sharon Huddleston, Directors  
The 1998 Southwest Open

Wow! More than 200 competitive shuffleboard players got together over the 4th of July for a true shuffleboard vacation. When, and if, a player lost out of a tournament event, they had a choice of going to the pool or entering round robins. We know at one time there were four robins going at the same time, each starting with 64 players. We also understand that there were a lot of good old-fashioned challenge games on the boards in the clubroom.

We hope everyone had a good time and, if so, thank the following people the next time you see them; it just flat-out doesn't happen without their assistance. **Don Cral** and the staff at the **American Legion** for their service, facility, and 24 boards; **John McDermott** and **The Shuffleboard Federation** for the silicone and wax (once again, we set a record on number of games -- 1744 -- and did not hear a single complaint on mush hits); also **Johnny Wayne Crawford** for helping set up the boards; **Jack Davis** for double-duty sponsor sale help; **Dave and Rena Fleming** for bracket work and overall great help; and **Kathy Yingst, Joyce Gamble** and **Kay Lambert** for all the assistance they gave Sharon.

We also appreciate very much the MVP round-trip airline ticket to Reno provided by **Aspen Travel** and **Bud Hilburn**. They have some excellent package fares to Reno this fall if you are headed that way: 1-800-380-6443.

Several tournament shuffleboard records were set and we were delighted to have **George & Donna Wilber** of **The Board Talk** present to enjoy seeing another forward step taken in organized shuffleboard. Their efforts in providing us a way to communicate with each other is certainly one of the reasons why we are having such big turnouts at some of the tournaments.

Last, but not least, we thank each and everyone of you for your participation and for your attitude while participating. That is what really makes it such a good shuffleboard vacation. We were happy to have most of the top name players in the game, as well as 30 or so first-time tournament players. Their most prevalent comments were: "I didn't realize there were so many good players in the country and I can't wait to get home and tell our friends what they're missing."

See you soon at the next tournament but, in the meantime: "SHUT UP AND SHOOT!"

(Editor's Note: That "Shut up and shoot" was the slogan on the t-shirts sold at the tournament.)

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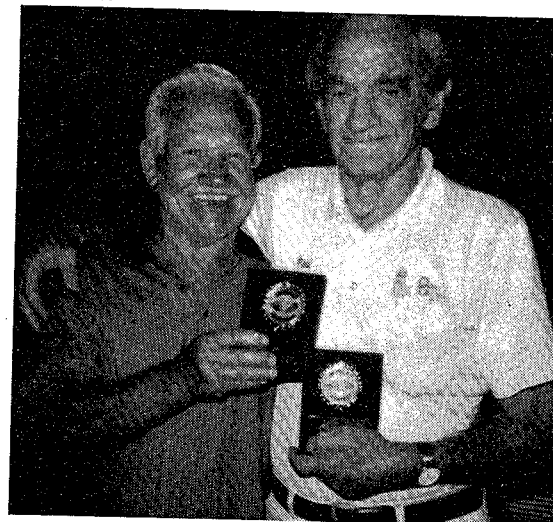
We apologize for having to leave the SW Open before it was over. It would have been embarrassing to tell most directors: "We have to go home because our cat is in the hospital." But Ron and Sharon share our love of animals and they understood. We went home to say goodbye to our Susie, but she is (temporarily, at least) recovering. If there are photos and other viewpoints on the events we missed, we'll publish them next month.

## Capehart/Edelen Win Super's 1st 50 & Over Tournament

Super's Bungalow hosted the 1st Annual 50 & Over Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 11.



First place went to the team of Will Capehart and Frank Edelen, who came out of the loser's bracket to double-dip the team of host "Super Sam" Eveland and Paul Casula.



Second-place finishers Super Sam and Paul Casula.

Third place went to long-time supporters of shuffleboard in St. Louis, Bill Hill and Greta Hensick.

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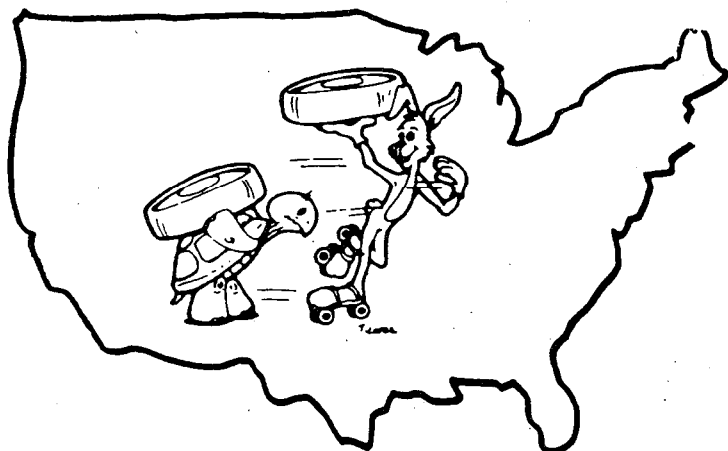
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