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YOUR Board Talk is 15 Years Old!

By George & Donna Wilber

Yes, it is YOUR Board Talk! Whether you're a subscriber, an advertiser, or a reporter, you have played a vital role in helping us reach this 15th year landmark and we appreciate you!

When we were in Houghton Lake in September for our annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament, someone asked us: "How did you get started with The Board Talk and why?" He said he thought people would be interested in knowing. Some of you already know, but we forget sometimes that new subscribers don't. So, to celebrate our 15th Anniversary, we share that story:

January 1984, Vol. 1, No. 1

The Board Talk is introduced as a Michigan shuffleboard newsletter. Why? Well, because....We occasionally received flyers from bars that would be holding tournaments and George, who had been playing since 1975, was a potential participant; that's why he was on the mailing lists for these flyers. Said Donna to George: the fact that you get these flyers means something is going on out there. Seems like there ought to be some communications vehicle that would not only tell the shufflers about upcoming tournaments, but also who won them. George is a player; Donna is a writer -- why don't we team up and make a *whole bunch of money* by filling this void? That would be good for the sport of shuffleboard, for the players and the places they play, for suppliers and servicers, and, last but not least, the publishers of this new venture. Let's go for it!

The first issue was a 4-pager with an insert. In the lead editorial, we said: *"Shuffleboard players are a special breed of people with a special language, one that crosses city limits and leaps state lines. We'll work hard to make THE BOARD TALK a reflection of you -- that special kind of person who shares the camaraderie of others who speak your language, who cares about your fellow shuffleboard players and*

what's happening to them. Share and care -- that's what THE BOARD TALK will be all about."

We had 4-1/2 inches of tournament reports; there were three Michigan tournaments on the Calendar of Events. There were standings for two Michigan leagues, eight free listings for establishments in the Shuffleboard Directory (in the hope they would get so much action as a result that they'd gladly become paying customers). There was also a notice that A.J.'s Saloon in Pontiac, Michigan, would hold a winner-take-all singles tournament to determine who would represent A.J.'s at a national tournament in Las Vegas and have a chance to win \$17,500.

We had no subscribers, no paid advertisers, no mailing permit -- just an idea we thought was worthy of our time and effort. George climbed into his battered old van and started peddling the "new baby" to shuffleboard sites in the Lansing and Grand Rapids area. John McDermott offered his assistance by delivering it to Pontiac/Detroit sites. Surely, when

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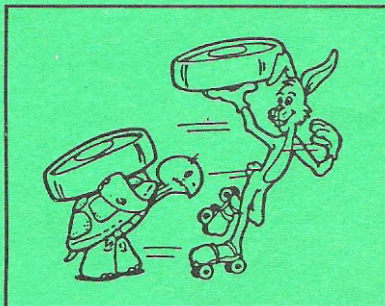
Important Notice to Readers:

The North American Shuffleboard Championships, held in Reno, Nov. 1-8, offered participants a smorgasbord of events! The result was a record number of entries and a record pot.

Because of the scope of this big event, and the fact that it ended close to The Board Talk's deadline, we agreed in advance that the final report would be in the January 1999 issue. This will allow time for John McDermott and Rob Kern to get their stats in order and for Ralph Duarte to get his photos developed.

For a brief sideline view of the NASC, see "As The Puck Turns."

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Johnny Wayne Shares Thoughts on the Game

Apologies to Johnny B: I wrote an article early this year about the Houston Open. Somehow Johnny Ballard's name was left out. He is one of the main principals in this event. My sincerest apologies.

Handicap: In Texas, we have been using the negative in many tournaments (maximum 5 points). For example, a team or player must score 20 before the other scores 15. Now instead of points being given, they must be earned. Spotting 5 is 1/3 of the game. One 3 lag + 5 = 8 and half of the game is over. Most of us feel this is a more true handicap method:

Handicap	Higher Rating Must Score	Lower Rating Must Score
5	15	20
4	15	19
3	15	18
2	15	17
1	15	16

Forfeit or Replace: There can be many reasons to allow replacing players. That's the way I was taught. You don't really want to win or lose by forfeit. We allowed Bobby Voorhis' team an hour and a half after start time until our next match was called (at the Texas Open). The problem was Bobby had two players not show.

I told Bobby my team would be madder than hell at me if they showed, or were replaced, and then beat us. That's the other side. What if the replacement player plays better. Still, I would rather let them be replaced.

Rules and Specifications for Weights: Never

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have seen them. Hopefully, they cover width, diameter, weight, height, circumference, finish and bottom surface.

Might not be received very well, but why not finish of only polished stainless steel or chrome? There are gold and flat slate gray now being played.

Does the rule prevent rubber or styrofoam from being attached to the sides? This would create mush hits. This is already occurring with the finish of some weights. A firm stick shot will drive six to eight inches with these weights being hit, or hitting another weight with them. A drive shot is acceptable, but not a normal medium speed stick shot.

Protected Hammer Rule: I still feel the same; would like hammer protected until the frame is over, which is when the score is marked.

Too many players can get nervous and make this mistake. I was told that the old rules of shuffleboard read: "anything done to the board, or in the game, to give a player an unfair advantage is illegal." Losing a hammer is an unfair advantage.

Some people say this would be the only sport allowing second chances to protect the hammer this way. How about baseball? 3-2 count, 10 foul balls = 11 chances. Football? Interception, penalty against defense -- second chance, etc. These sports have referees and umpires.

If we don't have referees for the game, we must have rules to protect players' rights.

Johnny Wayne Crawford, Chandler, Texas

Thanks for giving our readers something to think about, Johnny. Let's have some responses. Dialogue is good for the game!

Glen Enjoys Missouri

Madge and I just got back home from the shuffleboard tournament at Jerry Sabourin's house in Hillsboro, Missouri. There was more than shuffleboard -- a weiner roast and marshmallows, a great bonfire, hot tub, barbecue pits, fishing pond and Jerry's own personal tour of his 5-acre estate.

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Nelson/Buhl Score #9 at Shamrock

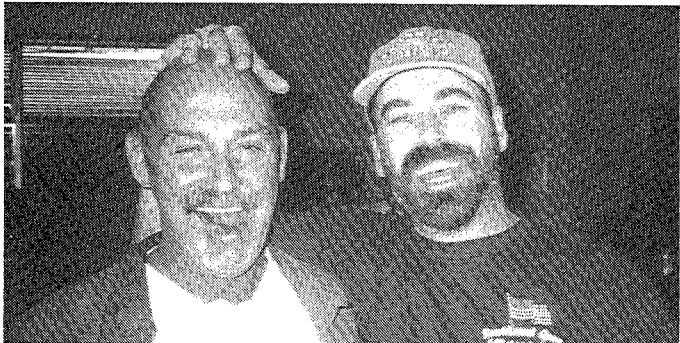
Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl did it again -- for the 9th year in a row -- at the Shamrock Tavern's annual doubles in Longview, Washington, Oct. 17-18.

Because of their consistent wins at this event, it was named the "Nelson-Buhl Doubles" several years ago.

This year was not all that easy for the duo with a strong field of 36 entries and a pot of over \$3,000.



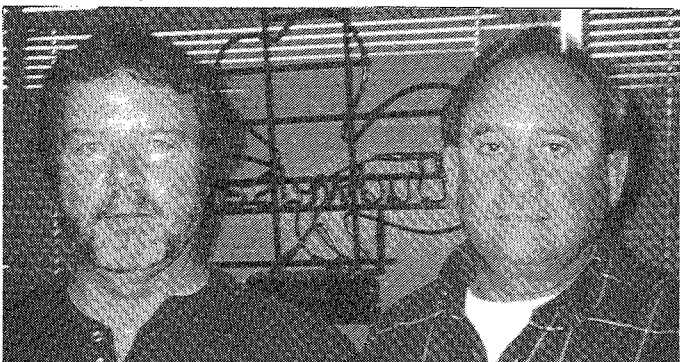
Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl did it again!



But not before Joe Lavin and Rick Gindt put them in the loser's bracket. The pair settled for second place.



Gary George and Mike Thorpe took third.



Jimmy Allis and Mike Waters finished fourth.

The Shamrock's annual 55 and Older Tournament was held Nov. 21-22. This tournament, as with the Nelson/Buhl doubles, is growing every year, and owner Jerry Berquist expected 24-25 teams to participate.

Watch the January 1999 issue for a report on this event.

(The Shamrock Tavern is a member of The Board Talk's national network.)

Colorado Players Mourn Loss of Shuffleboard Legend Bill English

By Jody Slack and Kathi Lloyd

Upon returning to Colorado from the North American Championships in Reno, the Colorado players were greeted with the sad news that one of the great legends in shuffleboard, Bill English, had passed away Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Bill English will be missed by the many players he mentored and befriended, such as Morey Balins, Jody Slack, Rick Boyer, George Ostrom and Grady McGovern, just to name a few. Due to declining health over the past few years, Bill did not play in the Colorado tournaments. But he and his wife, Bonnie, always tried to visit the players at the Balloon Inn during the June Open and Santa Claus Classic tournaments and root us all on.

Plans had been underway to set up the Colorado Hall of Fame and make our first inductee Bill English during the 9th Annual Balloon Inn Santa Claus Classic to be held on Dec. 11-13. The players still plan to induct Bill into the Colorado Hall of Fame posthumously at that time. All who had the privilege to know are invited to come and help us celebrate the life and great shuffleboard times of Bill English.

(Editor's Note: We heartily endorse your induction of Bill English into the Colorado Hall of Fame! Sadly, we never got to meet him, but we felt we knew him through his letters and phone calls. He was quite a shuffleboard historian and hopefully, when a National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame has a site and building, his writings will be preserved there. We encourage readers to remember his wife with prayers, thoughts, and cards: Bonnie English, 2000 Maple Dr. #62, Loveland, CO 80537. We also encourage them to attend the induction at the Balloon Inn.)

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Texas

LAST CALL FOR HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN, HILTON SOUTHWEST, DEC. 26-31

This tournament has events for all skill levels, pros through 5's. Check the enclosed flyer and decide which events are for you. Note, too, that there will be a special New Year's Eve party! What better way to see the New Year in than with your shuffleboard friends?

The Hilton Southwest is a beautiful facility and there will be free transportation to the Galleria shopping center for all those after-Christmas sales. The room charges for two beds (up to four people) is \$49.95 and includes two breakfast buffets.

Here are some comments from participants in last year's Houston Holiday Open:

"I would really like to thank the organizers for providing open boards as they did. I cannot tell you what a drag it is to travel to a tournament, pay all the entries, get all stoked up, lose your first two games, then have to sit there twittling your pucks and telling loser stories all day and night 'til the next event. Some

people played until the wee hours every morning that we were there. This is the wonderful thing about a hotel tournament." -- Tony Howard, Austin, Texas

"The most consistent group of 12 or more boards I've seen at a tournament." -- Bill Melton, Davis, Oklahoma

"One of the best tournaments in the country with some of the best boards around." -- Ron Huddleston, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"I especially liked the great room deal with free breakfast -- along with great weather and Texas hospitality." -- Gwyn Orsi, Omaha, Nebraska

"Very nice, plenty of room....boards available as soon as possible for round robins and challenge games.....Every event ran like precision clockwork." -- Johnny Wayne Crawford, Houston, Texas

The "critics" loved it! You will, too.

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**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from the
Houston Holiday Open Crew!**

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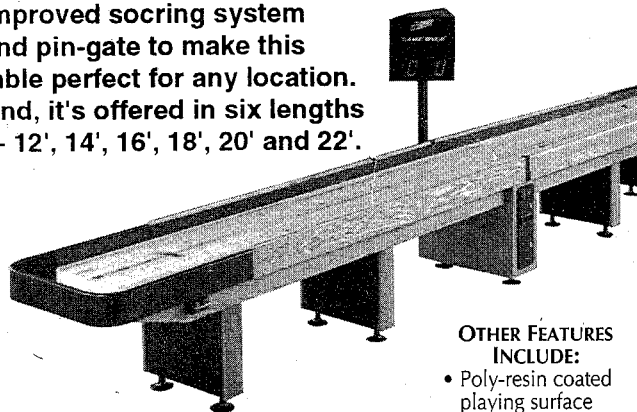
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Colorado**SANTA CLASSIC, BALLOON INN, ARVADA, DEC. 11-13**

The Balloon Inn in Arvada will host the 9th Annual Santa Classic on Dec. 11-13. It will be a bring your own partner open doubles, \$120 per team, double elimination. Sale will be at Friday at 8 p.m., with play beginning on Saturday at noon. For information, call Jody Slack, 303-421-9332.

At this event, **Bill English** will be inducted into the **Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame** (see Page 3).

California**ABC DRAW, ELK'S CLUB, DOWNEY, JAN. 23**

The Elk's Club, 11233 S. Woodruff, Downey, will host an ABC Draw Tournament on Jan. 23. Entry fee is \$25 per person. The sale will start at 10 a.m. with play immediately following. Bring your favorite dish for a potluck buffet.

At this event, **George Lucas** will be inducted into the **California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame**.

8TH PRESIDENTS' DAY TOURNEY, BLINKY'S, SANTA CLARA, FEB. 7-15

The 8th Annual Presidents' Day Tournament will be held at Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, starting Sunday, Feb. 7, and wrapping up on Monday, Feb. 15.

Whether you're a pro or an amateur -- or somewhere in between, there are events on the schedule for you. Check the enclosed flyer for complete details and make your reservations (advance reservations are advised).

Questions? Call Blinky's at 408-241-3933 or Rick Thomas at 408-578-0822, or Email: tomkat@internetmci.com

On Saturday, Feb. 13, **Hal Perry** will be inducted into the **California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame**.

Maryland**HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT AT THE RENDEZVOUS, DEC. 27**

The Rendezvous, 362 Front St., Perryville, will host a Holiday Shuffleboard Tournament on Dec. 27. It will be a double elimination draw partner event with a limited calcutta entrance fee, \$10 per person. Register with the bartender; the first 40 players signed up and

paid will play. The prize purse will be based on I and 4. Teams will be drawn and play begins at 11:15 a.m. A buffet dinner will be served to all players. For information, call The Rendezvous, 410-642-0045.

Plan to come and enjoy the Holiday Season at The Rendezvous!

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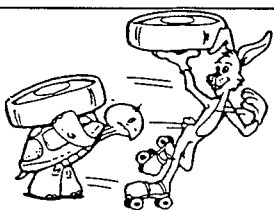
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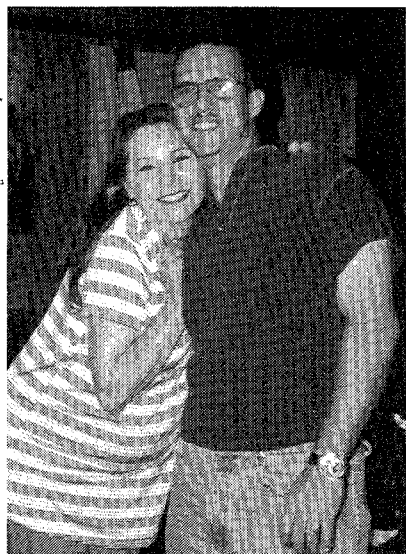
As The Puck Turns.....

By George & Donna Wilber



Once again, the North American Championships in Reno were a highlight of our year. It was great to visit with old friends and meet new ones, and be able to relate some of the names on our mailing list with real live people.

It's always a treat to see our old (let's make that long-time) friend, Sol Lipkin. He's an amazing man! At 90+ years, he was the Grand Marshall for the Memorial Day parade in his home town of Union, New Jersey. Does he look good or what?!



Lyndon (Coach) Baize, one of The Federation's talented crew for this BIG event, gave us this photo of Mark and Shannon McCleod, formerly of Texas and now of Indiana, and told us how much they are missed in the Lone Star State. We received a call from Shannon when we returned home.

She asked us to express appreciation to the players at a recent tournament at American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, Indiana, for giving her and Deana Royal a baby shower at that event. We had hoped to get a report and photos from host Larry Brown. Maybe next month.....

George attributes the "quote of the week" to Coach. The morning after watching the election results, we told Coach that we had seen him on TV shaking hands with Texas Governor George Bush Jr. He said: "No, that wasn't me, George. The most famous person I've shaken hands with is you!"

Another one of his favorites came from Vicki Hunt. He was in the coffee shop line to bring "breakfast" to Donna and Vicki was doing the same for Bob. After some small talk, Vicki said: "Well, George, I've got to go put on my shuffleboard face."

Our vote for the most exuberant player would have to (again) go to Freddie Thuman. It sure doesn't take much to send him into orbit and he lights up the room of wherever he happens to be.

The most excited winners had to be Susie Halstead of Kentucky with her first major victory (the amateur team she played on finished second); and Connie Zavala of Nevada who took third in the Div. III Doubles (the first Vegas representative in the winner's circle, she informed Balboa Ron at 1 a.m.). A bit more subdued, but just as happy with their wins were pros Bob Hunt, who took first in the pro doubles with David Williams, and Diana Hagen, who led her team to victory in the Pro-Am draft team event (the first repeat at the NASC?).

The differences in the reactions between pros and amateurs is certainly reflected in the sound levels. In the smaller room where the pros were playing the finals, it was serious and quiet, with subdued, respectful spectator reaction. In the big ballroom where the amateur events were taking place, there was no hesitation to cheer, clap, jump up in the air -- sheer bedlam at times. The contrast never ceases to amaze! Does that mean the amateurs are having more fun? Or does the money at stake make the difference?



When Joanie Millar of Canada was inducted into the ESA Hall of Fame, we didn't have a very good photo to publish. That's why we were glad that Georganna Brand gave us this one that shows Joanie's true personality. By the way, Georganna, Don Stallsworth has certainly upgraded his puck case from the Velveeta box he was using last year!

Kenny Hawkes kept us entertained for a couple hours with tales of his and Shari's travels. It was good to see them again -- as it was all of you!

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Board Talk's 15th *(cont. from Page 1)*

Michigan shufflers got a sample of this product, they'd convince their local bars and tournament directors that they should advertise in The Board Talk. Our initial plan was to have enough advertisers so we wouldn't have to charge a subscription fee. It didn't take long for that dream to die.

Ten shufflers turned out for A.J.'s tournament, paying \$100 each to vie for the chance to go to Vegas. The winner was **Lee McDonald** of Lansing, who had prowess on the boards -- but fear of flying. We decided the only "right" thing for the publishers of a new Michigan shuffleboard newsletter to do would be to accompany our representative to Las Vegas, to hold his hand up there in the blue skies high above and cheer him on as he met the toughest contenders in all the U.S.A. What an experience!

"World Champion" **Darrol Nelson** of Oregon took home the top prize of \$17,500; **Ed Graves (Portland Eddie)** of Oklahoma finished with second place honors and \$6,000; **Doug Buhl** of California took third, with **K.D. Makarounis (Mac the Greek)** of Oregon in fourth place. We consoled Lee on the way home that at least he could say that he had beaten the shuffleboard legend, **Billy Mays** of Texas.

We took a few copies of our introductory Board Talk to Vegas with us and invited tournament participants to put their names on a list if they'd like a copy of the next issue which would contain the results of this big event. We'd send it to them, free of charge. We got a few names and overnight, we became a "national" publication.

Would The Board Talk "Take a Walk"?

By the time we published the fourth issue in April of 1984, we told our readers that we were strongly considering aborting this venture because of the expenses involved. We had come up with a farewell headline: "The Board Talk Will Take a Walk." We never printed that "obituary" because of a packet of paid subscriptions from Texas, California and Oklahoma, and a handful of letters to the editor that encouraged us to "hang in there." (A nice guy from Oklahoma by the name of **Bill Melton** seemed determined that The Board Talk lived.) Still, we continued to subsidize publication of the newsletter with the salaries from our full-time jobs.

The Board Talk limped along through the next several years. Finally, tournament sponsors throughout the nation began to realize the value of advertising their events in the publication (our first was the **U.S.S.A.**, based in Texas), and a few businesses that provided shuffleboard with products and services discovered that the publication was a pipeline to potential customers (our first full page ad came from **Al Stewart's A & M Amusement Service**

based in California). "Goodwill Ambassadors" from many states continued to spread the word about a newsletter devoted exclusively to the sport of shuffleboard and our subscription list began to slowly -- very slowly -- grow. Volunteer reporters from various parts of the country joined our "staff" of two, anxious to spread the word about activities in their areas. (Our first reporters were: **Jolene Lembke** of Oregon, **Woodie Cockrum** of Missouri, **Balboa Ron Schweikert** of Nevada, and **Sandy Jenkins** of Texas. Three of those four have stayed with us throughout our 15 years.)

Looking Ahead.....

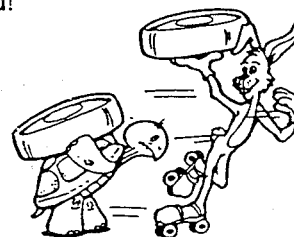
The Board Talk is now 15 years old, and we are optimistic about the future of shuffleboard and about the newsletter that serves that sport. We are a number of "hangers" away from making that whole bunch of money that was our goal at birth, but we wouldn't exchange the experiences of the past 15 years for all the material riches in the world.

The fact that The Board Talk is 15 years old means that its publishers are 15 years older than they were when they started this venture -- well past the age when "retirement" is supposed to start. While others our age climb into their motor homes and visit the sites on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing, we're tied to publication deadlines back home in Lansing, Michigan.

Our total commitment to shuffleboard means that it's not going to be a "15 and out" situation for The Board Talk. However, we are considering finding someone else to take over the helm, to handle the day-to-day operations, to agonize at deadline time and deal with printers and the Post Office. We're thinking it would be fun to travel the country as volunteer reporters instead.

Let us assure you that whenever it comes time to turn over the reins of YOUR Board Talk, it will be to someone who will continue our initial pledge: "to make The Board Talk a reflection of you -- share and care -- that's what The Board Talk is all about" -- back in 1984, today in 1998 (almost 1999), and into the next century.

We're convinced it will be a good one for shuffleboard!



When we adopted our logo, designed by Tammy Lopez of Lansing, we saw George as the hare and Donna as the turtle. Fifteen years later, it represents the pros and the amateurs and all those in between.

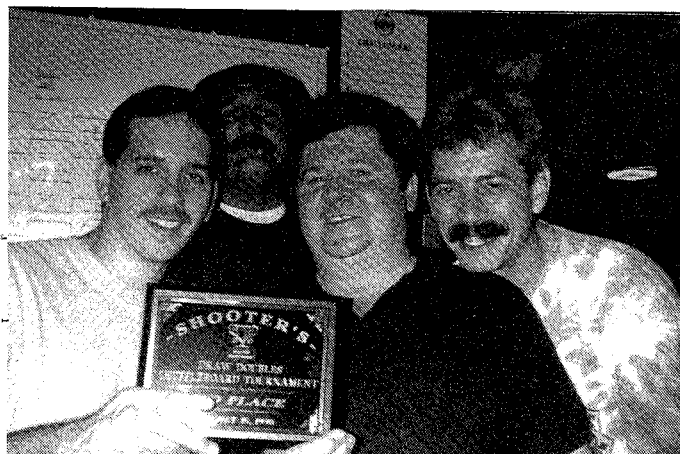
Miller/Riley Winners of Shooter's 1st Amateur Draw Doubles

By Host Jerry Sabourin

Congratulations to the outstate team from Houston, Missouri, Charlie Riley and Moe Miller for their first place finish in the draw doubles tournament Aug. 15 at Shooter's. Both players played exceptionally well all day and dominated the strong field that had assembled.



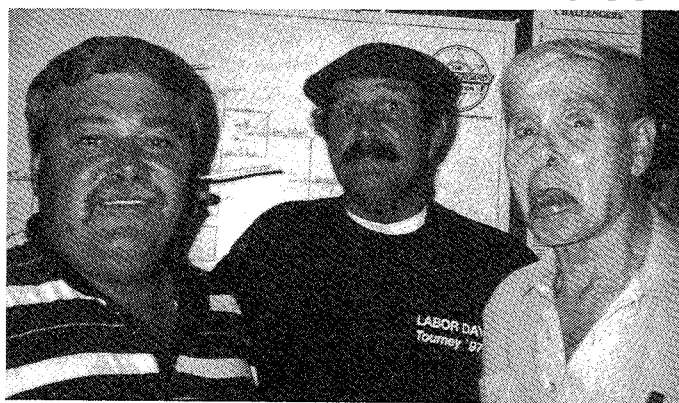
Jerry (center) presents the first-place plaque to winners Charlie Riley (left) and Moe Miller.



Second place honors went to the "dark horse" team of local players Jerry Romay (left) and Robert Kaza, who bought themselves in the calcutta for \$40. At right is the Dark Horse himself, Dan Kelly.



Third place finishing team was of mixed origin. Houston was represented by the likeable Ray Johnston and local steady player Chuck Muehlhauser.



In fourth position was John Stenger (left) and Gene McLeod, who expresses his sentiments about that finish.

All these teams are to be congratulated because of the adverse conditions they had to play under. Unfortunately, during the tournament, the entire area had an electrical power failure for approximately 1-1/2 hours. Talk about confusion! Reminded me of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, a couple years back when the tornado stormed through.

The good news was the total purse of about \$2500 -- not bad for a first-time tourney!

Congratulations to all the outstate players and out-of-state players for making time in their busy schedules for the tournament. Thanks, Pat Gainey of Texas, Tony Pelton of Arkansas, and the trio from Indiana -- Carol Westerman, Tom Bickel and Mike Johnson, the best auctioneer money doesn't have to buy.

Also, many thanks to Frank Edelen and Dan Kelly. Without their help, this tournament would not have been possible.

Shooter's is located 30 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri, in the rolling hills of the Ozarks. Looking forward to seeing lots of new faces at the next tournament. Always free camper hook-up and lodging accommodations available for shuffleboard shooters traveling across the nation. Not to mention free shuffleboard, too. Contact Jerry at 314-797-3577 for arrangements.

Shooter's schedule for 1999 includes 3-event tournaments on April 9-11, Aug. 20-22, and Oct. 29-31. The report of the Halloween Party follows....

Davidson/Super Sam Win at Shooter's Halloween Party

Congratulations to the team of Super Sam Eveland and National Shuffleboard Hall of Famer and representative Glen Davidson of Oklahoma for their first place finish in the Halloween draw doubles tournament at Shooter's.

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Shooter's *(continued from Page 8)*

Second place went to the local team of Jim Dunn and Dan Kelly, who gave Glen and Super all they could handle for the championship. Congratulations!

Finishing in third place was the team of Madge Goff of Oklahoma and Chuck Muehlhauser. Fourth place finishers were Donna Dunn and Will Capehardt.

Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and had a great time all day and throughout the evening -- be it playing shuffleboard or just sitting and lounging around the bonfire roasting marshmallows and hot dogs.

Special thanks to the out of staters from Oklahoma, Madge Goff and Glen Davidson, for traveling all that way and supporting, promoting, and helping with the tournament. By the way, Glen, how does it feel to get second billing to Madge?

Once again, thanks to Frank Edelen and Dan Kelly for their great help.

Can't wait until next year and am looking forward to seeing lots of new faces! Remember, for free camper hook-up and lodging accommodations for traveling shooters, and free shuffleboard, contact Jerry at 314-797-3577 for arrangements 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

(Shooter's is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network. See Glen's observations on this event on Page 2-19.)

Second Generation Promoter Leads a Winner at J & C's

By Rita Yank

Twenty brave souls congregated at J & C's Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, over the Halloween weekend. They were there to try their hand in the two-day local tournament being held at the bar. Due to a slight lack of communication, the outside shufflers were informed too late to participate. With a new tournament director taking the reins, it looked to be an interesting weekend.

Second generation promoter, Jim Yank Jr., showed he had learned his lessons well, as he ran an almost flawless tournament.



The open singles was the first event on the schedule, starting on Friday night and played on the three in-house boards. Thinking this would be a light turnout with only local shooters participating, the

directors were totally wrong. With Jim Yank Jr. running around doing what all good promoters do, it took two days to finish the singles. Finally calling it quits at 3 a.m., Jim decided to have all the money rounds start at noon the next day.

Bloodshot eyes and cobwebbed brains didn't deter the three finalists who showed up on time to get their piece of the pie.

When all the smoke cleared, Steve "Ski" Lacinski came through the loser's bracket to avenge his only loss to Butch Kelly. By double-dipping his opponent, he ended up taking first place. Butch finished second, with Louise Freer taking third.

Heads were finally clearing and thoughts of ghosts and goblins taking their place, the bring partner event got underway. Tricks were plentiful for some teams, while other team couldn't find a treat on this Halloween night. A few scary hours later, Jim Yank Sr. and Joe Frailing bested the field without losing a game. Al DiBella and Louise Freer outlasted Judy Gartland and Greg Wager in the finals of the loser's bracket to round out all the winners.

For the really ghoulish shufflers who stuck around, a draw partner was held later that night. Coming out on top were Al DiBella and Jim Yank Sr., besting Dave Milano and Bryon Ecenrode.

As usual, the Orfanelli Family did a great job. A big thank you to Jim Yank Jr. and welcome him to the much-needed ranks of the hard-working promoters of our beloved game. This writer thinks Jim did an outstanding job and is planning a much better national tournament for the near future.

Could it be this writer is prejudiced?

(J & C's is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network. And you go right ahead and brag, Mom! We don't blame you for being proud.)

Indiana Action

The Get-A-Way in Anderson, Indiana, hosted a doubles tournament on Oct. 10. Eleven teams shot for a total purse of \$1840. Winners were Steve Hart and Doyle Greer. Tom and Greg Massie took second, with Dave Vorndran and Steve Schuyler in third place.

Chances "R" in Muncie, Indiana, held a doubles and singles tournament on Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

With 13 teams vying for a share of the \$1310 pot in the doubles, Steve Hart and Dave Boaz came out ahead. Ricky Royal and Deb Voorhis took second place honors, with Mark and Shannon McCleod finishing third.

There were 21 players in the singles with a purse of \$1940. Dave Ingram took first place, Dave Vorndran finished second. Steve Hart was third and Dave Boaz was fourth.

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1998-99 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

DECEMBER 1998

Dec. 4

A-B Draw
J & C Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dec. 5

A-B Draw
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Dec. 11-13

9th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 12-13

ABC Draw
Frankie's Sports Pub
Olympia, Washington

Dec. 12

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Dec. 19

Open Doubles
American Legion Post 330
New Haven, Indiana

Dec. 26-27

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Dec. 26-31

Houston Holiday Open
Hilton Hotel S.W.
Houston, Texas

Dec. 27

Holiday Tournament
The Rendezvous
Perryville, Maryland

JANUARY 1999

Jan. 16

4th Annual Open Doubles
Chances "R"
Muncie, Indiana

Jan. 15-16

East Coast Winter Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Jan. 23

A-B-C Draw and George Lucas
Induction
Elk's Club
Downey, California

FEBRUARY 1999

Feb. 6

Rated/Open Singles
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Feb. 7-15

8th President's Day Tournament
and Hal Perry Induction
Blinky's Sports Cafe
Santa Clara, California

Feb. 12-14

Sweetheart Tournament
The Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

Feb. 12-14

Sweetheart Tournament
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Feb. 19-21

Winter Tournament
McCabe's
Saginaw, Michigan

Feb. 26-27

Mason Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

MARCH 1999

March 14

A-B Draw
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

March 27

1st Annual Bobby Schounce
Memorial Tournament
Chances "R"
Muncie, Indiana

March 26-28

Florida Open
Hobo's Pour House
Mims, Florida

APRIL 1999

April 9-10

Maryland State Championships
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 9-11

Toledo Open
Avon's Local 14
Toledo, Ohio

April 9-11

3-Event Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

April 17

Open Doubles
American Legion Post 330
New Haven, Indiana

April 24

Rated/Open Singles
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

MAY 1999

May 27-31

Memorial Weekend Tournament
Honky Tonk
Sherburne, New York

AUGUST 1999

Aug. 20-22

3-Event Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

OCTOBER 1999

Oct. 29-31

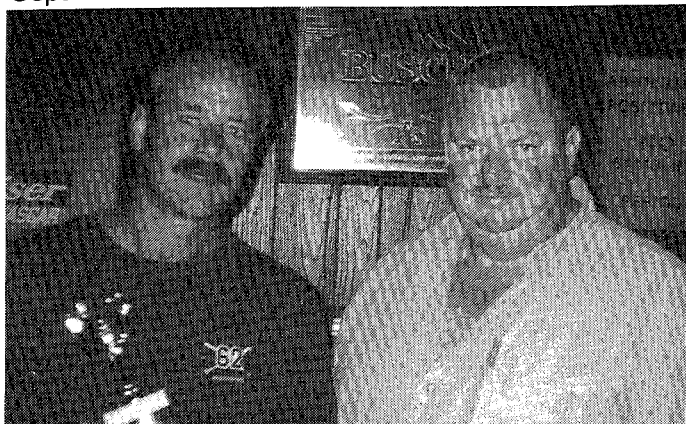
Halloween Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

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calendar. It pays to
plan ahead!***

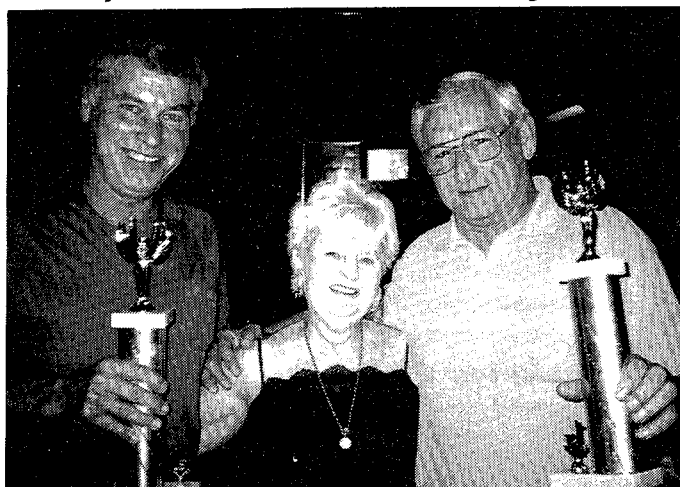
Muehlhauser/Miller/Pinkston Tops at Southwest Shootout

By Woodie Cockrum

The 3rd Annual Southwest Shootout was held at Barbara's Beer Garden in Springfield, Missouri on Sept. 24-26.



Chuck Muehlhauser (left) beat out some very good players to take the singles title. Second went to Rick Pittman (right) who is moving down the Bowers rating list. Jerry Sabourin finished third in the singles.



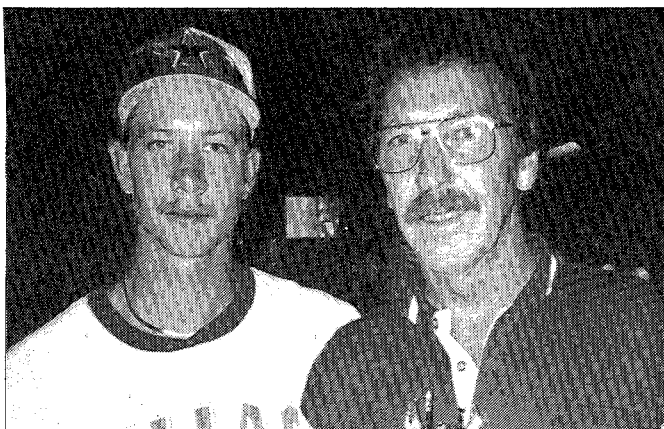
Host Barbara congratulates the winners of the bring partner event, Dean Pinkston (left) and Moe Miller. Nothing new. They have won this event two out of the three years it's been held. We are calling them the "Great Moedeanie."

I imported the president of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Jolene Lembke (my sis), and I passed out the word making sure everyone knew I was the president of the Missouri Hall of Fame, hoping to put the fear into some of them. It didn't work. They put us in the loser's bracket our first game. We had to play every team three or four times, it seemed, to make it back to second place. They did not say anything about our titles. All they said was "those two old folks played some pretty good shuffleboard."

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Jolene Lembke, president of the California Hall of Fame, teamed up with the president of the Missouri Hall of Fame, Woodie Cockrum, to take second place honors.



Third place went to Missouri's top freehander, Greg Tendle (right), and a young stud named Matt Harper. This kid is loaded with raw talent.

Crest and Judie Lazaro and the local ladies made sure the pool table was loaded with food. Barbara came in the last day with her traditional whole hog barbecue. Most folks left as a non-winner on the shuffleboard, but no one left hungry!

Terry Gregory and Rodger Ellison did a great job directing this tournament. I'm looking forward to next year, guys!

(Barbara's Beer Garden is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.)

Five States Represented at Pillar's Fall Tournament

Pillar's in Guilford, New York, recently hosted a Fall Tournament attracting shooters from five states. The event was hosted by owner Chris Klugh and run by Don Miner with help from many other local players.

Friday night started the weekend with a draw partner event. Chris Cornish from Guilford and Dale

(Slacker) Law of Sherburne were the winners, but not without a good fight from the second place team, Lonzo Knight of Maryland and G.H. Richardson of Arizona. Ken VanZile of Oxford, N.Y., and Ryan Fuller of Symarna, N.Y., took third place.

Action started early Saturday morning with the singles event. Lonzo Knight took first place, with Dennis Leehigh of Jerssie in second place. Third went to Rick Meyer of Baldwinsville, N.Y.

Saturday afternoon's bring partner event was won by Billy Jones and Dick Losee of New York. Lonzo Knight and Sam Jones of Maryland took second, with Ken VanZile and Dennis Leehigh taking third place.

Sunday finished up the weekend with a mixed doubles. Owner and host Chris Klugh came through with partner Ken VanZile to win this one, but it wasn't easy with the second place team of John Arndt and Linda (Miner) Meyer coming out of the loser's bracket to beat the winner the first time around, but couldn't do it twice. Taking third place were Faye Todd of Delaware and Fred Truax of Sherburne.

Chris thanks everyone who came and helped make this tournament a success.

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Market Street Cafe Hosts First of Four Tournaments

The Market Street Cafe in Charlestown, Maryland, hosted the first of their four tournaments on tap during this shuffleboard season.

The first event was a draw partner, attracting 13 teams. Winners were Chuck King of Delaware and Pete Gittney of Elkton, Maryland. Jim Wallace of Port Deposit and Ray Poore (Poor Boy) of Elkton took second, with Joyce Pyle of Chestertown and Chuck Cook of Elkton finishing third.

Saturday's bring partner was won by J.B. Armour and Chuck Cook of Elkton. Russ Smith of Charlestown and Pete Gitney of Elkton took second place honors.

First place in Sunday's round robin went to Joyce Pyle and Curtis Dean of Elkton, with Russ Smith and Carol Hampton, both of Charlestown, in second place. The husband and wife team of Faye and Wayne Todd of Wilmington, Delaware, took third.

"Market Street Cafe is a quaint old hotel in a very old historic town beside the waterfront. The setting is

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and
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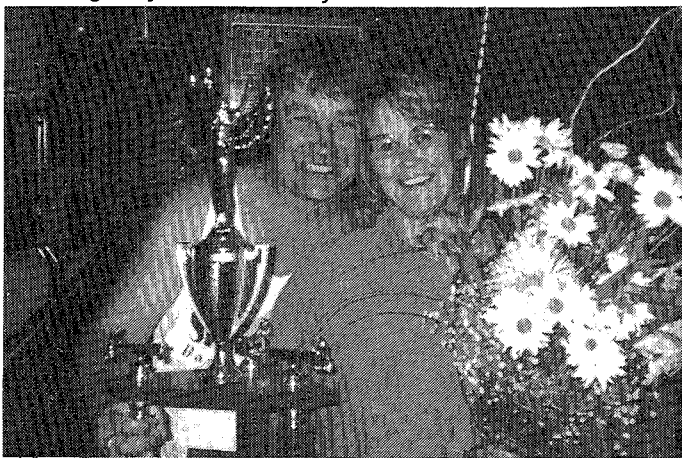
1265 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn, New York

Billy Hagmann/Paulette McKinney are 1998 Northwest Amateur Champions

By Mel Hohn

An entire year was devoted to finding out who was the best amateur in the Northwest. Three qualification tournaments were held throughout 1998 bringing players from across Washington and Oregon to the Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington. The prize: a chance to strut their stuff at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada.

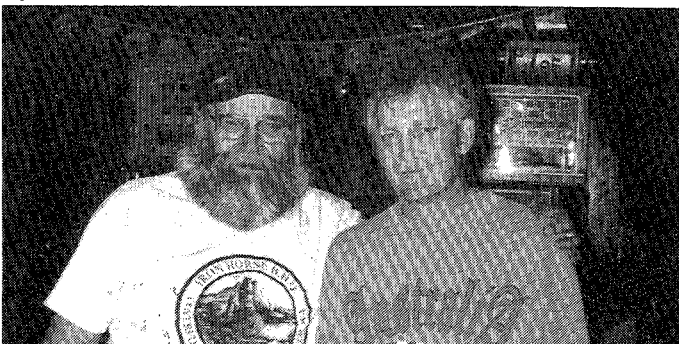
The championship event on Sept. 26 started with an A-B draw on Friday night. Mel Hohn and Paulette McKinney won the draw, and Paulette continued her winning ways on Saturday.



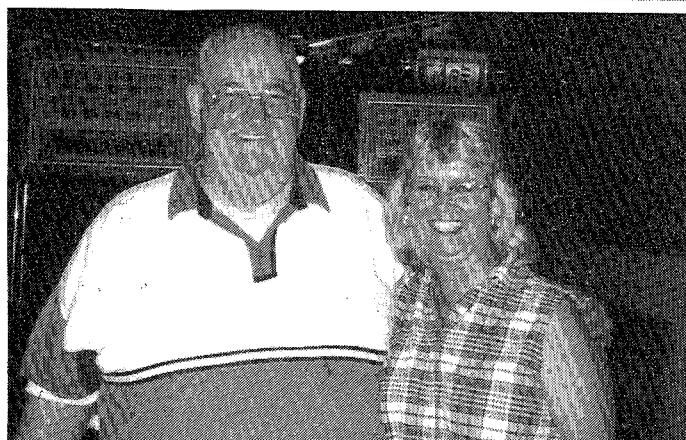
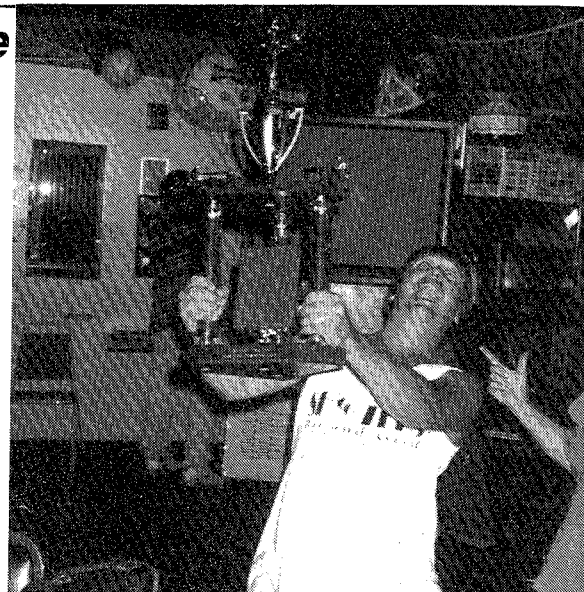
After Billy and Paulette went nuts (upper right photo) when their championship was declared, they posed for a "formal" photo with flowers donated by a local florist, Kings Ransom Florist and Gifts.

Some of the finest shuffleboard ever played was witnessed at this event. Threes were lagged to go out with the opponent having game on the board; weights were wrapped, covered and bumped. They stuck for twos and lagged fours. Over the past three years, I have been to numerous tournaments in numerous different locations, and this was the most exciting tournament I have witnessed to date.

Dean Johnson and Leroy Austin stretched out the finals to six games. Seventeen hours of play came down to one shot. Paulette McKinney, without the hammer and Dean and Leroy on 14, made a spectacular shot at 4:45 a.m. to win it all.



Leroy Austin and Dean Johnson settled for second.



Jerry Gibson and Judy George took third place.



Bob Hurst and Jeanette Hohn finished fourth.

The schedule for next year's Amateur Tournaments will be announced soon.

(The Fir Cone Tavern is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.)

ESA Hall of Fame Nominations

Nomination forms for the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame are available from Larry Pearson (425-423-0874). Mail your completed applications to Larry at 7601 Ridgewood Dr., #6, Everett, WA 98203. The committee has set a maximum of 15 inductees per year.

Sentiment Grows for Chris Danke Induction

Dear Friends:

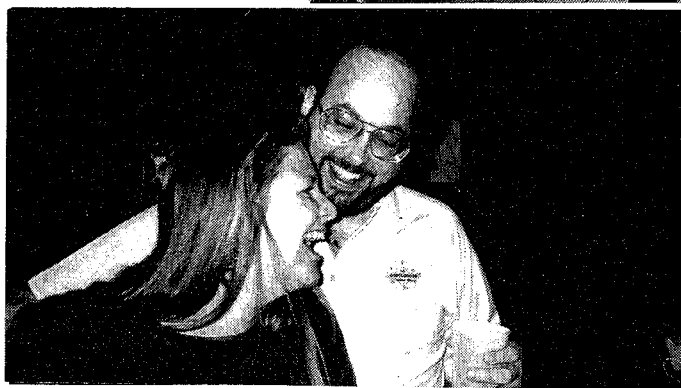
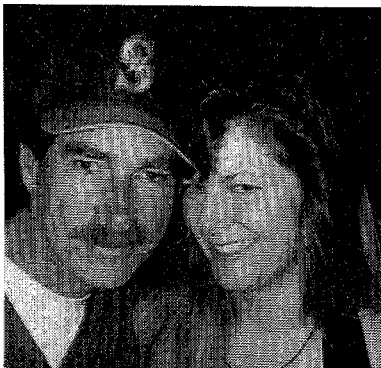
I'm afraid I have some news that isn't so good. Our good friend, Chris Danke, disappeared on Halloween night 1997 -- one year ago. The circumstances surrounding her disappearance suggest that she may have met with foul play. She has not been seen nor heard from since then by anyone. We assume that she is no longer with us -- at least in body.

Chris was someone I considered to be one of my very best friends. I also considered her to be one of the two best women players in the game for quite a period of time.

I would like to see her inducted into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Her accomplishments in our game speak for themselves. She was truly a beautiful person and will be sorely missed.

Darrol Nelson, Oregon

Darrol and Chris, one of his "very best friends."



Chris and John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.

Glen Responds....

I have waited a year for a nomination for Chris Danke from the people who knew her in California for years. Maybe if I start the ball rolling, someone else will join in.

Chris was known to all of us as a very outgoing person and a top-notch shuffleboard player, and eventually became one of the top women players in the nation.

I remember Darrol, Chris and I going to San Diego a few years back. This guy we played told me and Darrol to sit because he wanted to play the "easy

one." She beat him two or three in a row. He quit!

She played regularly at Amato's, Edgewood, Stagger Inn and other locations in California. In the late '80s or early '90s, she started the women's singles at the Edgewood. She played shuffleboard with John Fisher, Karl Spickelmier, Dudley Hutcherson, Bubba Warren, Jim Martin, Frank Dino, Hal Perry, Bob Hunt, Troy Tolbert, Joanie Swenson, George Lucas, Jim Davis, Jim Anderson, just to name a few.

The last few years she travelled and won tourneys in Indiana, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Michigan and more.



Partner Steve Wilson helped Chris become an even better player than she had been.



Chris and Glen Davidson.

We miss her, her upbeat personality, her pretty smile, and most of all, her dedication to the game and her will to win.

Life throws us some real challenges and she met hers well. She was the best ever for awhile. Rest well, Chris.

Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg, Oklahoma City, OK 73150; phone 405-733-4430

(Editor's Note: Send your photos, information and endorsements for Chris' induction to Glen.)

Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Eddie and his fiancée, Shelli, has arrived at the Sands in Reno for the big tournament -- and to get married. While Shelli freshened up, Eddie went down to the shuffleboard room and came face to face with his former lover, Long Beach Lil.)

After they had stared into each other's eyes for a moment, Lil, with an endearing grin, asked: "What's the matter, Eddie? Cat got your tongue?" Eddie had thought many times about what his first words would be when they met again, but all he could muster was: "How have you been, Lil?" "So-so, Eddie, just so-so. I almost went up to the tournament in Santa Clara, but I decided against it. I wasn't sure the timing was right, but now that I'm looking at you, I'm sorry I waited so long," was her reply.

Eddie could see the confidence in her eyes as she spoke. He knew he had to get everything straightened out up front or there was sure to be complications. As he was about to begin, Lil continued: "I don't have to ask how you've been -- you look terrific." She then took another initiative and said: "Look, Eddie, I have an idea of what your situation is now, and you probably have some notion of where I'm at." She took a glance at the workers in the main room (especially noticing one who was partially hidden behind one of the tables) and said: "We need to talk about it and come to an understanding -- but not here, O.K.? It's a little too public. Will you come with me just for a few minutes and we can sort everything out?"

Eddie hadn't been given a chance to even hardly speak. When he finally began to explain that Shelli would be down in a short while and all, Lil interrupted and persuasively took him by the arm, convincingly saying: "It's too public here -- and we won't be long....she'll think you're at one of the bars or something anyway. Hey, I'm not going to bite you or anything!"

Before he knew it, he had taken that first step and he was letting her lead him to the elevator. A crazy thought sped through his mind as they looked into each other's eyes on the ride up. Eddie was raised a Christian, and some mixed verses from the Book of Proverbs suddenly emerged in his mind: "She took hold of him and kissed him....I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you. Come, let's drink deep of love until morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk...All at once, he followed her -- like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose, 'til an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare -- little knowing....it will cost him his life...."

His "alter ego" quickly dismissed those thoughts, and he rationalized that they were only going up (he guessed to her room) to talk things over a bit, and get everything straightened out so they could all settle down and play some serious, yet friendly, shuffleboard during the upcoming week. He inwardly laughed off the fleeting notion and smiled at Lil as the elevator came to a stop. There were no words spoken, but they maintained total eye contact on the ride up. What they didn't know as they stepped out of their elevator was that they had passed Shelli, who was in the adjacent one -- on her way down to meet Eddie. Lil said: "I'm right down the hall a couple of doors, and we can get our business taken care of." She was slightly in front, and Eddie didn't see the slight grin on her face as she said it.

Shelli had exited the elevator now, and began to look around for Eddie. When she didn't see him, she asked one of the guys working on the boards if he had seen him. The guy was wearing a baseball hat and replied: "Yup, I saw him alright. He was standing right over there in the doorway...talking to Long Beach Lil."

Icy chills went through her whole body upon hearing that. She shakily asked him if he noticed where they went. Rather sarcastically, he answered: "Yup, they got on that elevator over there." Shelli was really shaken up now. She took a chance and asked him: "Do you know Lil? I mean, you wouldn't happen to know which room she's in, would you?" He stopped working then and looked into her eyes for a moment and said: "As a matter of fact, I just might, Shelli. Why don't you try room 1007." He turned from her then and resumed his work. She knew he was through talking and so she got out a quick "thanks," and then hurriedly made her way toward the elevators.

Eddie and Lil had entered her room now, and Lil motioned toward the dresser top, saying: "I've got some Wild Turkey bourbon, which you like so well, and all the set-ups here, Eddie. Why don't you fix us a drink while I use the bathroom. I want to get out of these travelling clothes." Before Eddie could say anything, she had left and closed the door.

Eddie started to get that "all too familiar" feeling now. He thought he could use a drink about then, though, so he mixed two stiff ones, and took a long pull on his while he waited for Lil to return. It was taking some time, and Eddie was working on his second drink -- when he finally heard her door latch start to open.

Meanwhile, Shelli was frantically pushing the "up" button for the first available elevator. A lot of people had checked in about that time though, and the elevators were really busy. In her mixed-up state, it

didn't dawn on her until then as to how the man who had provided the information had known her name. As far as she knew, she had never seen him before. She tried to convince herself to calm down a little, but then pushed those buttons once more.

Eddie's attention focused on the door that was opening now. His eyes went wide when he saw what Lil had changed into. She was dressed in nothing but the bottom part of the tiniest of string bikini underwear!

At the same time, although there was quite a gathering of people now, one of the elevator doors opened. It was the right side one of the pair and Shelli was on the side by the restaurant with the single elevator. She made a bee-line for that door and managed to get on just in time. She was right next to the buttons and she quickly pressed "10." Although it was but a few moments, it seemed like an eternity until that door closed and she was on her way up!

Eddie was speechless when he saw Lil's volumptuous body. He looked at those perfectly formed, well-rounded breasts, and then stared at the rest of the fantastically shaped form that stood before him. In a seductively low voice, Lil spoke: "I know all about your situation, darling. I also know one other thing. What you really want is what you're looking at right now. Come over to me, sweetheart, come now."

A flash went through Eddie's mind: that the words in Proverbs were actually happening -- at that very instant! He moved slightly toward her then, finally responding with: "Oh, Lil, I want you so badly....."

--TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH--

(Oh, oh! Will Eddie meet the same fate as the one described in Proverbs Chapter 7? Like an ox going to slaughter? a deer stepping into a noose? A bird darting into a snare? Find out next month!)

Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

This was a beautiful setting for a tournament with three boards -- two in the basement and one in the garage. He has two boards in the garage, but one, which we didn't use, was a 20-footer that he thought was a 22 when he bought it. If anyone needs a 20-foot board, call Jerry at 314-797-3577. He will do some trading for a 22 footer. He said he will have a 4-board tourney in the future. Everyone had a great time. If you're in the St. Louis area, you're missing out on a good one if you don't attend. Jerry and Carol were great hosts. The sign in front of their house reads: SHOOTERS, 1233 Tinhouse Rd., Hillsboro, MO 63050. If you're a shooter or not, come on in.

This was my first tourney in Missouri and now I will be returning for the Houston, MO, handicap tournament and Bill Jennings induction. I'm looking forward to it.

When we got back home, Pete Humphrey, the fellow who ramrodded Bristol Station (although some say Mary Lou was the real boss) has opened a somewhat different and a wee bit bigger place than the Bristol Station. It's called Bricktown Central Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 2001 E. Reno Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73117; phone 405, 235-1826. He has two boards in a conference room, a bar that will seat 60-plus people. He says he will have big-time bands and entertainment. He says if any of the players get a big woozie after a night at the tables, he'll give a discount on rooms so you won't have to drive. There will be a restaurant in the hotel close to the entertainment. There will be some shuffleboard activities there each week. So, if you're coming to Oklahoma City, be sure to stop in. (Mary Lou said that would be O.K., too!)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Madge and me.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

And a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you!

Puck Turns *(continued from Page 6)*

Outside of the wins and losses in Reno, it's hard to say who had the most interesting on-the-spot stories. It had to be between Frank Zavala and Rick Gindt. Frank got caught in a stormstorm while visiting his sister about 60 miles away. It was his first time driving in snow and he was terrified! He finally let two semi trucks pass him and followed them out of hazardous area. Rick made the mistake of going out of the Sands Regency alone late one night and got mugged and robbed. Will Frank drive instead of fly to Reno from Vegas next year? Not! Will Rick go outside the hotel alone next year. Not!

Our hearty congratulations to John McDermott, Rob Kern, Coach, Kory, Scott, Harvey, Rick and all the others who worked countless hours before, during and after the tournament to make it a tournament we'll all remember.

As indicated in our front-page notice, the results of all the events, along with photos, will be in the next issue.

And, as always, our heartfelt thanks to the generous Bellflower Bruce Hale who made our trip to Reno possible. We love you, Bruce!

D & G

**Congratulations and Much
Happiness, Ann and Brian!**

**George & Donna
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Market Street *(cont. from Page 15)*

beautiful," reports Brenda Wallace. "The hosts and owners are great people. Also the food is outstanding and served until 10 p.m. every night. Russ Smith has two boards which play well, and plans to acquire a third one. Everyone is looking forward to playing there again."

The Market Street Cafe, located at 315 Market St. in Charlestown, will host tournaments in December, February and March. Call 410-287-6374 for information.

(The Market Street Cafe is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.)

Washington Holds State Championships

By Cheri Schnarrs

The Washington State Shuffleboard Championships were held at Frankie's Sports Pub in Olympia. This year we formatted the tournament a little different. Friday night we started the men's and women's singles events at the same time, ending Saturday (well, we tried to end Saturday).

Twenty-four men rallied for the state singles crown and here's the blow by blow.... The final match started at 8 a.m. Sunday. Smilin' Dan (the Hitt Man) took first place after coming from the loser's bracket and beating Mike Thorpe (the Lethal Weapon) the first 2 out of 3 match. The winner was determined by a flip for the second set. Thanks, Dan and Mike, for showing all of us who is who in Washington! Third place went to Rick (You Want Some of This?) Gindt, and fourth to Loren (Bad Hair Day) Lampley. Fifth place Larry (Terminator) Pearson (doesn't he look like Arnold?) and sixth place Tommy (We're in the Money) Campbell rounded out the winner's circle.

The women's singles turned out to be a small amount of entrants. Where were you? Not up for a little competition? Hazel Thorpe (Cool Hand Lukette) won first place honors. Way to go, Hazel! I think she is proud of that plaque. Paulette (Sam) McKinney took second place in some very tough matches. I hear Sam is even giving Loren a run for his money. Third place went to Tina (Top Gun) Olson. Great shooting, women!

The doubles event had two categories, an open doubles for all ratings and Div. II doubles for 2 rating or higher. If this was a trivia contest, I bet you could guess who won! Dan Hitt and Mike Thorpe took first place against the very tough and experienced team of Jeff (Kingsbury) Adams and Larry Pearson. Third place went to Jim (I had a lot of fun) Foran and Rick Gindt. Div. II doubles was won by Dennis (Hubba, Hubba) MacPherson and Dean (Make My Day) Mako. Dennis and Dean came from the loser's bracket to

beat Tom (Call of the Rockies) Henry and Ray (You're Out of Cans) Olson. Third place was won by John (Dirty Harry) Rostollan and Eric Hansen.

Thanks to all the tournament directors; I could not have handled everything without your help. Mike Thorpe did a great job of running two separate tournaments at the same time. This was a first for us and everyone thought it went very well. Thanks, Mikel! The trophies were awesome. They were in the shape of Washington State with a shuffleboard weight imbedded where Olympia is. Thanks, Frank, for the wonderful idea and also for paying for them!

We hope in years to come the Washington State Championships will continue to offer both divisions. I personally feel it was a great success.

Congratulations, Grandma Melody!

Our next big tournament at Frankie's will be the Dec. 12-13 A-B-C Draw. Come join us if you are up for some stiff competition!

(Frankie's Sports Pub is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.)

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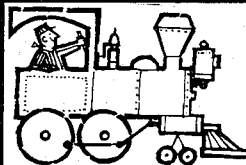
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