

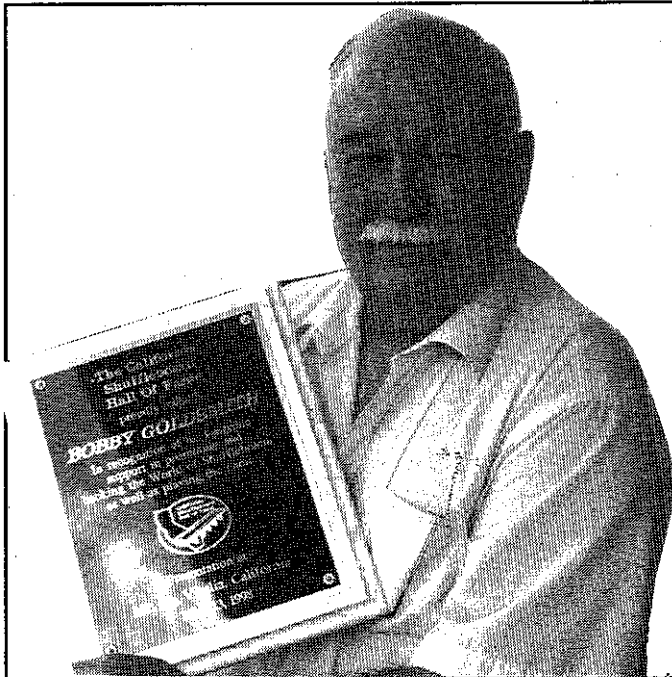
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California Inducts Goldsmith to Hall of Fame



Bobby Goldsmith became the third person inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

The induction of Bobby Goldsmith to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was held at Mr. G's in Visalia on May 23 in conjunction with that establishment's annual Memorial weekend tournament. Hosts Steve and Patsy Floyd had fenced off a patio area with awnings behind the bar, and the shade trees were welcomed in the warm afternoon. Bobby was surrounded by family members and friends, as well as the two previously-inducted Hall of Fame members, Al Stewart (with Von at his side) and Bellflower Bruce Hale, as the ceremony opened.

One after another, speakers told of how Bobby Goldsmith had gotten shuffleboard back into play in the 1960s with the tournaments he promoted. They told of some great matches that were played at The Hut and Mr. G's and the list of players who got into the action there read like a "Who's Who of West Coast Shuffleboard." Troy Tolbert, AZ Turnbo, and Glen Davidson gave tributes to Bobby, who sat smiling and

and laughing as these friends told of "the old days." It was said that if a player came to town, Bobby Goldsmith would be able to put together a match.

Bobby's sister, Robbie Gann, paid her respects to her older brother, saying: "Bobby taught me how to swim, and I swim as well as he. Bobby taught me how to drive, and I think I drive as well as him. Then, Bobby taught me how to play shuffleboard -- and I'm still trying to win my first game from him!"

Next up on the podium was Joe Scott, Bobby's nephew, who sang a song he composed about "Bobby G." By the end of the song, the entire crowd was tapping toes and singing along.

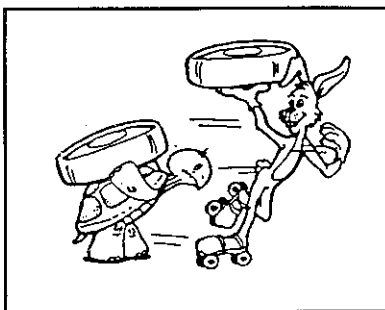
When Bobby accepted his plaque and congratulations from California Hall of Fame President Jolene Lembke, he shook his head and said: "My own nephew has upstaged me on my big day. I don't know what I'm going to say now. I was going to tell about getting the tournaments going in the '60s, but Troy told about that. And I was going to tell about the great games played, but AZ and Glen told about them. So, all I can say is that, next to my marriage and the birth of my children, this is about the best thing that ever happened to me!"

Bobby's Background

Through the years, Bobby has been involved in a wide variety of interests. He played semi-pro baseball, raised a few horses, raised a whole lot of pigs, did a few rodeo shows as a calf roper, fought a whole lot of roosters, and collected old Cadillacs, clocks and antique guns. In 1964, he bought a bar, The Hut, which had a 17-foot shuffleboard. When his customers went down the road to play on a regulation size board, Bobby quickly learned that his was not regulation size. Out went a wall, he extended the building, and in went a regulation shuffleboard. Thus began the long story of the game of shuffleboard for Bobby Goldsmith.

It was a common occurrence for Bobby to set up sessions at the old Hut and later at Mr. G's. Many shuffleboard greats graced the doors there, where

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

New Vegas Member Hails from Lansing, Michigan

I am a transplant from Lansing, Michigan. I lived there my entire life before moving out here in 1983.

I have noticed that shuffleboard isn't as popular here as it is in Michigan. However, I'm trying to make it more popular. I recently bought this bar and renamed it Sports Page and bought an old -- very old -- shuffleboard and had it restored and put in Sports Page. I'm advertising in the area trying to let people know. You can always tell when people come in and admire the board; they're always from the Midwest.

It was refreshing to read the articles in The Board Talk and get a little Michigan news. I was a bartender in Lansing and played several of the boards there and in the surrounding areas. The old "Hole in the Wall" in Holt was a popular spot back then. I also worked at Sammy's, Gino's, and the original Pour House. I used to go to Joe's Gizzard City in Pottersville also.

If you know anyone from Lansing coming to Vegas, please tell them to stop by and see the board, enjoy the bar and have a drink on me.

Sharon Bremer, Sports Page Pub
Las Vegas, Nevada

We welcome the Sports Page Pub to our national shuffleboard network and encourage readers to stop in for "Hot Slots -- Cold Drinks -- Good Food" and a game or more on Sharon's restored board. The Sports Page is located at 4821 Spring Mountain Road at Decatur. Who knows? You might just run into the famous Balboa Ron, author of the monthly "Frisco Eddie" series. Add Sports Page to the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing that was in last month's issue.

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Jean Makes Comeback; Woodie Gives Thanks

Another update on my wife, Jean. She is doing real well. They moved her to a rehab and have done wonders for her. For someone who had little chance to live, she has come just about all the way back. She is laughing and talking. At present, it does not look like she will have any after-effects.

People from everywhere have called and sent cards. You know, had it not been for The Board Talk, that could have never happened. Before 1984, we only knew about the shuffleboard players in our own neighborhood. You two have done so much through The Board Talk for people even outside of shuffleboard. Jean can not play a lick of shuffleboard, yet she had hundreds of friends praying and calling and sending get-well cards.

Woodie Cockrum, 4108 Valleywood Ct., Columbia, MO 65202-4217

Don't give us too much credit, Woodie. We are only as good as people we serve, and we're proud (as usual) that they responded to Jean's need for support. Since Woodie's letter was written, she had a slight set-back, so she still needs to know we all care. Send your messages to Jean at the above address.

News from The Dixie Belle

The Dixie Belle began its month by finishing our winter league, with two teams tied for first place (Pearl Minard, Jack Eichar, and Doreen Hawthorne, along with Ben Larsen, Patrick Perkins, and Patricia). Tim O'Brien, Mary Lou Deering, and Maggie Gallant won our League All-Star singles. In our League Marathon tournament, first place was taken by Tim O'Brien and Pat Perkins, second place by Chris Brown and Don Marshman, and third place by Jimmy Anderson and Doug Pancerev.

In the midst of our league playoffs, 30 or so of us drove upstate to Visalia to Mr. G's Memorial Day
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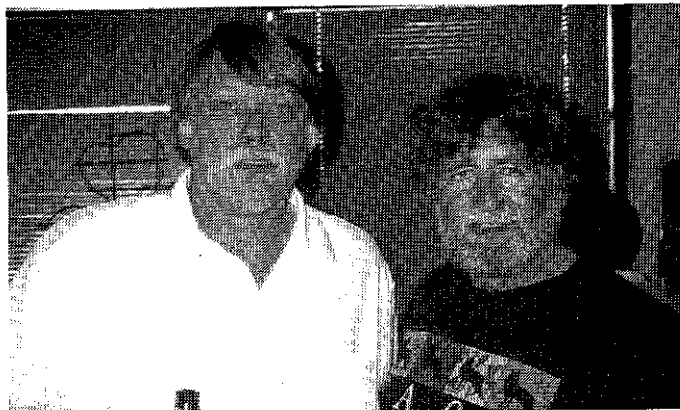
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Nelson/Redinger Tops at Shamrock's Draw

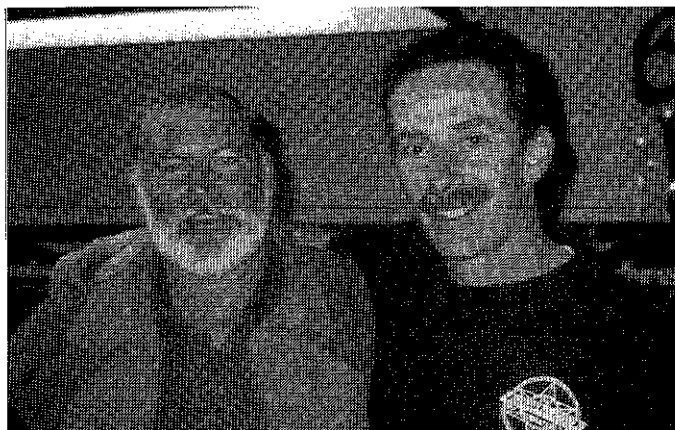
The Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, hosted its annual draw partner tournament on May 2-3, attracting 22 teams, with a total pot of \$3,100.



Darrol Nelson (right) and Mike Redinger, both of Oregon, took top honors.



Second place went to Don "D.K." Kerr (right) and Curt Grothen.



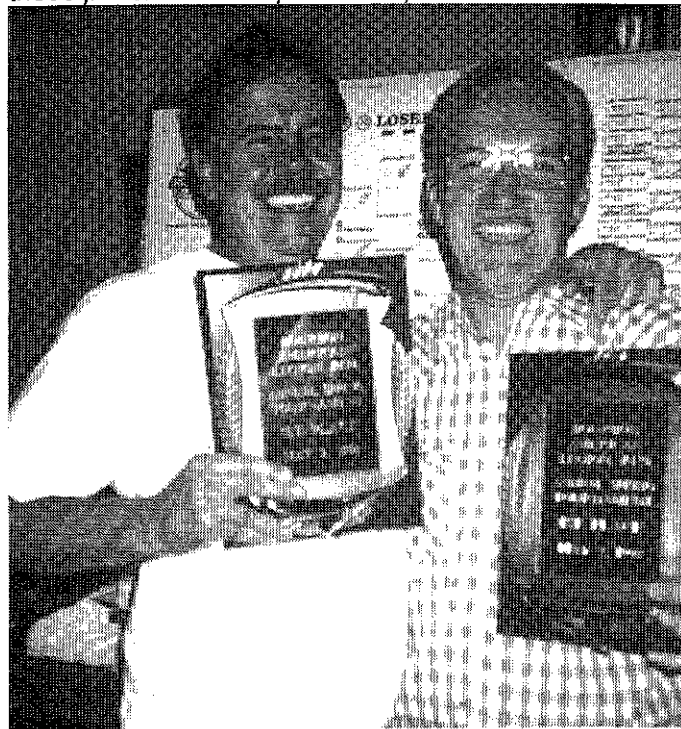
Dick Heffler and Kevin Larkin (right) finished third.

Barb Wochnick and Mike Waters finished fourth.

"It was another good tournament and the chili by Bernice was as good as ever," reports Ralph Duarte. "Tournament directors Ray Olson and Tom Henry did a great job."

Knox/Miller Winners at Bourbon's Doubles

(Editor's Note: When we reported the results of the 37th Annual Spring Doubles at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, in last month's issue, we did not have photos. Thanks to Pam Worsham for these photos of the top winners.)



Topping the field of 40 teams were Jerry Knox and Ray Miller, both of Indiana. *Gund*

Two other Hoosiers, Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt, took second place honors.

Greg and Tom Massie of Indiana finished third, with Len Dell and Rick Niblett of Maryland in fourth.

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

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.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to spread the word.

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.

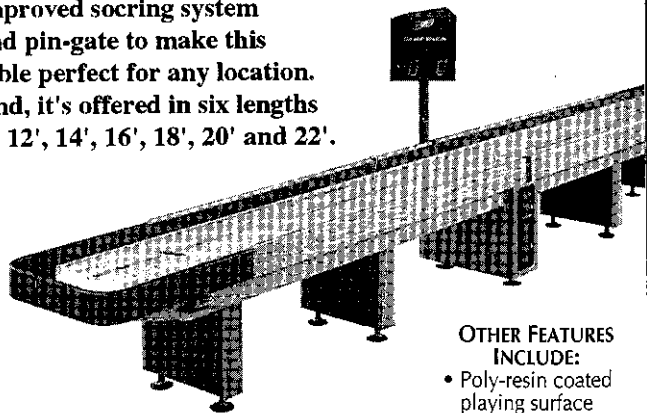
Three boards will be used for the tournament and will be set up on Sept. 22 for practice. There are many choices of motels within two blocks of the Legion.

Please post the enclosed flyer and plan to support this first! For further information, call Glen Ingram, 317-786-8908; Steve Hart, 765-683-1031; or the American Legion, 317-784-0841.

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OPEN DOUBLES AT SPORTSMAN'S LOUNGE, MUNCIE, JULY 11

The Sportsman's Lounge, 1806 E. Memorial Drive in Muncie, will host an open doubles on July 11. The double elimination event will be played on two boards and will pay four places for 16 teams. The sale will start at 11 a.m. with play immediately following.

For information, call the Sportsman's Lounge, 765-289-0701.

Washington

OPEN DOUBLES, TIM'S TIMBER TAVERN, KELSO, JULY 11-12

Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso, will host an open doubles tournament on July 11-12. Action will start on Friday night, \$20 per player. Players must be signed up and paid by 6:30 p.m. with play beginning at 7 p.m.

The main event, \$50 per team, begins with the sale at 10 a.m. Saturday and play immediately following. Payoff will be 55-30-10-5. Money will be added according to participation. Food will be served on Saturday.

Suggested lodging is the Kelso Inn, 360-636-4610.

For information, call tournament director Maradee (Maude) Thomas, or host Tim Bonner, 360-636-2627.

The next event at Tim's Timber Tavern will be an open doubles on Sept. 12-13.

GRAND MASTERS PLUS AT WHISTLING OYSTER, QUILCENE, JULY 28-AUG. 2

This will be No. 9 for the popular Grand Masters Plus, hosted by Bill and Sandee at the Whistling Oyster, 29403 Hwy. 101, Quilcene, on July 28-Aug. 2. Up to \$3,000 will be added, based on the number of entries.

The first event will be a women's singles on Tuesday, July 28, \$50 entry fee. The sale is scheduled for noon with play immediately following. Format is 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, 21 pt. spot 4 in the loser's bracket. Based on 18 players, \$400 will be added.

An A/B/C draw is on the agenda for Wednesday, \$25 per player with no sale. Play will start at approximately noon and the format will be single game, double elimination, 15 point games. \$300 will be added based on 20 teams entering.

On Thursday, there will be an open singles, \$100 entry, with sale at noon and play immediately following. 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, 21 pt. spot 4 in the loser's bracket. \$1,000 will be added to this event based on 28 players.

An open draw, \$25 per player, will be held on Friday. No sale, single elimination, 15 pt. games. If there are 24 teams participating, \$300 will be added.

The big Grand Masters, \$150 per team, will start with a sale at noon on Saturday and continue through Sunday, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, 21 pt. spot 4 in the loser's bracket. \$1000 will be added to this event based on 28 teams.

The Whistling Oyster's famous seafood buffet will be served FREE to participants on Saturday and Sunday, and \$4 breakfast buffets will be available on both days.

Some RV parking is available. Nearby lodging (it's limited, so reserve early) includes the Maple Grove, 360-765-3410; Bayshore, 360-796-4220; or Quilcene Hotel, 360-765-3447.

Because this tournament has grown every year, pre-registration is necessary. Entries will be accepted until July 25 or until the first 32 paid spots in each event have been filled. Use the registration form that was in last month's issue to save your spot. **No late entries will be accepted!**

For further information, call Bill Bailey at 360-765-9508 or 765-3436.

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.

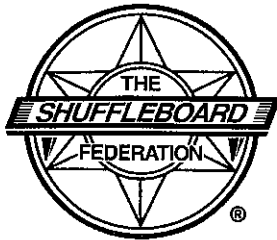
The main event will begin Saturday following the sponsor sale at 11 a.m. Winner's bracket matches will be best 2 out of 3 (15-point games), with single 17-point games in the loser's bracket. Entry is \$50 per team.

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.

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The Players Have Spoken! And We Are Listening.

We promote the North American Shuffleboard Championships™ as the ultimate players tournament - a partnership between The Shuffleboard Federation and our customers - the players and spectators who attend. Many of the things that our participants like best about the tournament are a direct result of their own input.

As a result of player feedback regarding the changes in format we had made for the 1998 North American Shuffleboard Championships™, several significant revisions have taken place. An updated flyer is in this issue of The Board Talk.

In order to minimize any confusion that may result from the revisions, all the rest of the flyers for the 1998 N.A.S.C. will be printed on red paper, with a date of 06/15/98, or later, in the bottom right corner of each page.

The changes include the addition of Division III Singles and Doubles events, and changes in eligibility for Division I and Division II. Players rated 0.00 to 1.49 will play in Division I, and players rated 1.50 to 2.49 will play in Division II.

Thank you to those players who took the time to contact us and voice their opinions. We shall continue to strive to make the N.A.S.C. the premier shuffleboard tournament in the world, and to improve it every year, by incorporating the ideas and desires of our participants.

If you have questions about the N.A.S.C., please contact us at 800-380-3033. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you in Reno.

Balins/Cowan/Anderson Winners at Balloon Inn

The Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, under the new ownership of Harry and Diana Stone, Barbara and Glen Chavez, hosted an open singles and handicap draw doubles on April 17-19.



New owners Barbara and Glen Chavez (right) join former Balloon Inn owner Gwen Vogt in congratulating the singles winner, Morey Balins.



Rick Boyer accepts congrats and the envelope for taking second place honors.



Gene Davis finished third in the singles.



The luck of the draw put Dave Cowan (left) and Travis Anderson together to take first place in the doubles.



Rick Boyer made it two second place wins for the weekend with partner Ron Sosovec (right).



Char Waugaman and Gene Davis rounded out the winner's circle by taking third in the doubles.

The 9th Annual Balloon Open Doubles was held on June 12-14. Watch next month's issue for results.

***Tell the World of Shuffleboard
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the pages of
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they always knew there would be action. Just to name a few: Bob Miles, Glen Davidson, Rod Cameron, Glen Young, Troy Tolbert, Leroy Ledford, Hal Perry, Big Norm, Cable Car Dennis, Billy Mays, Portland Eddie, PeeWee Ramos, AZ Turnbo, Billy Chiles....the list goes on and on.

Bobby's family is, and has been for many years, involved in shuffleboard. His dad, "Curly," was the horse collar player. His mom did a lot of cooking for the players when they came to town. His sister Robbie plays the game like a real trooper. Son Warren and son-in-law Russ play. His wife Charlene and daughter Leslie also play, but they like it best in the rooting section.

Called the "glue" that held California players together, Bobby received written tributes from many shuffleboard notables, including Hal Perry, a member of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors: "California shuffleboard and Bobby Goldsmith are synonymous. He could not only play the game, but he also promoted it. He is one of the great men of the game. His induction was inevitable."

In addition to his contributions to shuffleboard, Bobby has been recognized as a generous community leader, opening his heart and his wallet to underprivileged children, sponsoring athletic events and teams, and many other good deeds.

Bobby Can Use Your Prayers

A serious heart problem has curtailed Bobby's active shuffleboard playing, but nothing has lessened his love for shuffleboard. His heart will always be with the game and the many friends and associates that he has become so close to through all his years in shuffleboard. On June 8, he had experimental heart surgery.

"I called his wife to see how he was coming along and Bobby answered the phone," reports Steve Floyd. "I asked him what he was doing at home. He informed me that he lived there! He said: 'You can't keep a squirrel down in Timber Country.' He was in very good spirits.

"He will not know for four to six weeks if the surgery was a success," said Steve, "so all you good folks in shuffleboard land -- let us say a prayer for Bobby that his surgery will be a success."

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Chris Brown, Steve and Patsy Floyd, for contributing to this report. For more information on this event, see News from the Dixie Belle and On the Road Again with Glen in the Notebook section. For those who would like to send Bobby congratulatory notes and good wishes for the success of his surgery, his address is: 820 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, CA 93223.

Mr. G's 2nd Memorial Tourney is Another Success

There was more going on at Mr. G's in Visalia, California, over the Memorial weekend than the induction of Bobby Goldsmith. It was also Patsy and Steve Floyd's 2nd Annual Memorial Tournament and it was a big success, with 22 teams in the ABC draw and 15 teams in the doubles.



Host Steve Floyd (right) presents the first place ABC draw envelope to winning team -- Bob Brunskill, Siobhan Posthumus, and Bob Lindahl.



Second place honors went to the all women's team (the "Three Witches of Eastwick?"): Linda Rollins, Chris Brown and Anna Brunskill.

Third place went to Dave Brennan, Jeff Posthumus and Jim Coulter.

"With 22 teams, you would think there would be a few matches that would be easy," said Chris Brown, whose team played nine matches before settling for second place. "Not with the players that were gathered here. There was no such thing as an 'easy win.' It must have been hard to tell the first and second place teams apart, because there were no disappointed faces anywhere. Six people were beaming smiles, and all of us were well-pleased with the outcome. It surely was the longest, and best, tournament of my 3-1/2 year career on the boards."



Glen Davidson (left) travelled from Oklahoma for the induction of Bobby Goldsmith, and to team up with Larry Bailey of Visalia to take first place in the doubles.

Tony Soza of Visalia (left) and AZ Turnbo of Northern California took second place honors.



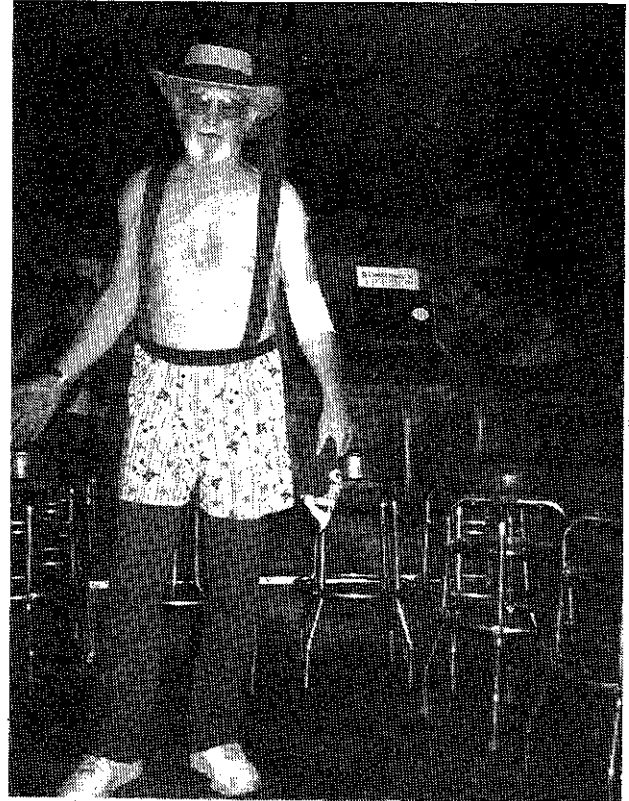
John McGinnis (left) of Southern California teamed up with Larry Newell of Visalia to take third place in the doubles.



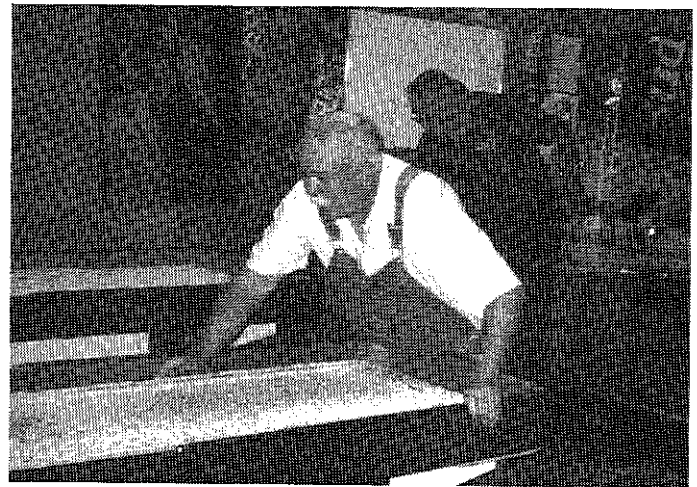
Total prize money for both events was \$10,500.

"A special thanks to everyone who participated in the tournament," said Steve and Patsy. "All the players and people who helped -- AZ Turnbo for supplying two boards, Paul Weber for taking care of the players' brackets and the sales, our bartenders Janet, Karen, Tammy, Kim and Mike. Thanks also to Angela for the shirt sales, Janet and George for the deep pit, and Charlene Goldsmith, Robbie Gann and all the Goldsmith Family for their help in the food department. Also thanks to Sal Renoso for his help

with the brackets and the many guys who kept the boards ready to play."



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Upcoming Events (cont. from Page 5)**Nebraska****DENNY BUSCH MEMORIAL
TOURNEY, PICCOLO'S,
JOE'S, OMAHA, JULY 24-26**

A memorial tournament honoring the late Denny Busch, popular Omaha shuffler highly-regarded across the nation, who passed away in May, will be held on July 24-26. The open doubles, \$40 per team entry, is scheduled at two locations: Piccolo's Bar, 13328 Millard Ave., and Joe's Duck Inn, 13336 Millard Ave., in Omaha. Payouts will be awarded to the top three teams with the remainder going to the Busch Family to help pay Denny's funeral expenses.

If there are more than 32 teams signed up by the deadline of Wednesday, July 22, 8 p.m., the sale, drawings and games will start Thursday at 7 p.m. If there are less than 32 teams, action will start on Friday at 7 p.m.

An auction of donated items, including two sets of Pro Series weights from The Shuffleboard Federation, Board Talk subscriptions and more, will be held on Saturday night. Boards for this special tournament will be donated by Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, headquartered in Omaha. If time allows, there will also be a singles event.

For further information, call Piccolo's, 402-895-9988; Joe's Duck Inn, 402-895-9987; Char, 402-331-5407; or Dru at 402-492-9396.

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

New York**4-EVENT TOURNEY AT DEW
DROP INN, WATERLOO,
JULY 30-AUG. 2**

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia Street, will host a 4-event tournament on July 30-Aug. 2. Action will start on Thursday night with \$5 and \$10 round robin draws.

A mixed doubles, \$30 per team, is on the agenda for Friday night. There are two events on Saturday -- an open singles, \$25 entry, at 9 a.m., and a draw partner, \$15 per person, at 4 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a bring partner event, \$30 per team, starting at noon.

For further information, contact John or Tracie at the Dew Drop, 315-539-5729. Use the flyer that was in last month's issue to make your reservations. These events have been sold out in past years, so it's important to get your spot saved now!

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

The Moose Lodge #644 in Baldwinville 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.

Oregon**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.

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tournament. The field behind Mr. G's began to look like a trailer park as shuffleboarders from all over the state flooded in. We even had our own handyman out there as Doug Pancerev spent time between matches doing some minor repair work for a few of the campers.

The weekend at Mr. G's got off to a great start with an ABC event consisting of 22 teams. Our own Paul Weber helped out Steve Floyd by drawing up teams and handling the sale. When Bellflower Bruce is on hand for an auction, you can always count on some spirited bidding and this was no exception. By the time the last team was sold, there was over \$10,000 in prize monies for the event. Two rounds were played Friday night, and play began Saturday morning at 9 a.m. As the day wore on, teams were being eliminated through some very competitive play. But no one left the building.

Everyone was waiting for the ceremony at 3 p.m. Bobby Goldsmith (Mr. G himself) was to be inducted into the California Hall of Fame. At the chosen time, we all settled ourselves in shady areas out on the patio Steve and Patsy Floyd had set up. It was an informal setting, with people scattered between the tables and spread out under the trees in chairs. And it couldn't have been more perfect. The weather was sunny but the temperature was comfortable. We were ready to pay tribute and to be entertained. And entertained we were, as speaker after speaker told amusing anecdotes about Bobby and how he had affected the World of Shuffleboard in California. After all the speakers had their say, Bobby's nephew, Joe Scott, took over the microphone. He was to sing a song he had composed about his uncle. As the music came up and Joe started singing, the crowd started weaving and bobbing in their chairs, feet swinging and toes tapping. If you looked around the crowd when the chorus came up, you could see quite a few people singing along. All in all, it was a fine performance. As Bobby accepted his award, he once again got the crowd chuckling.

Then came the meal. I have to say there are a lot of great things about a tournament at Mr. G's, but one of the best has got to be the food you are served. Every time I got up to play, someone would poke their head in the back door and yell that there was a pot of clam chowder out back, or spaghetti, or the barbecue was ready. They sure know how to feed a crowd!

On a different note, we would appreciate all of the shuffleboarders sending good thoughts out to Dixie Debbie. On a trip in May to the Cook Islands to see her partner Steve, Debbie was involved in an accident. She's back home and out of the hospital now, but it will be awhile until she's fully healed.

Chris Brown for Wes and Eileen, Jim and Evie and Dixie Debbie, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California

We encourage readers to drop a note to Dixie Debbie, c/o The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90241. Debbie has made a host of friends across the country and hearing from them would lift her spirits and hopefully speed up the healing process.

"The Board Talk Makes Us a Family....."

You and the shuffleboard family are just awesome!

I first have to express my deepest regrets regarding Denny Busch. This truly is a giant loss for me. I met Denny in Las Vegas and with each passing tournament, he became more dear. Denny always made it a point to see me upon his arrival to say hi and ask if there was anything he could do to help me set-up. Although I was only able to see Denny once, maybe twice, a year, he had truly become a dear, dear friend. He was always so positive and a joy to be around.

Which brings me to the point of this letter. If it weren't for The Board Talk and its advertisements, I probably would have never met Denny. And in the end, as it was in the beginning, if it weren't for The Board Talk, I would never have known of his passing. I also wouldn't have known about Jean Cockrum. Now Von and I can send a get-well message (which is ironic because it was just a short time ago that we received the same from Woody and Jean).

I truly believe that The Board Talk is what makes us a family across the country. It not only informs us of great places to play, but it acts like that favorite old aunt who keeps everyone informed on the rest of the family.

Thank you, George and Donna, for extending our family so. And during a time when I do not get out like I used to, thank you for keeping us in touch with our family.

Al Stewart, El Monte, California

We've been called a lot of things before, Al, but a "favorite old aunt" has never been one of them. It has a nice ring to it, so guess we'll keep it -- and thank you for your kind words. But, as we told Woodie, we're only as good as the people we serve.

We share your sentiments about Denny. One of our absolute greatest times we've had since we joined the shuffleboard family was spending a day at the race track in Omaha with Denny and Gwyn Orsi.

Spokane's Memorial Tourney a "Triple Hitt"

By Melody Marine

Rod's Drive Inn, Spokane, Washington, hosted its annual tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. Top honors went to Dan Hitt. Of the four events in the tournament, Dan took home three wins and a second place. His patience, determination and skill are indicative of his level of play. It is clear to all that he is definitely on his way to the top. Congratulations, Dan, you deserve it!

The handicap draw was a great success. Dan Hitt and partner Bea Gilman systematically picked off the competition. Bea's 30-plus years of experience clicked that night. When efforts to remove the hammer from Dan were used, Bea didn't flinch and started lagging threes. She certainly proved both her tenacity and love of the game.



Bea Gilman and Dan Hitt were winners of the handicap draw at Rod's Drive Inn.

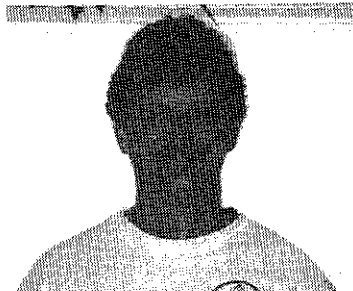


Steve Kalamarski and Melody Marine took second place in the handicap draw.

Al Pease and Caveman Ward took third place.

REMINDER!

Your reports must be received by the 15th of each month to appear in the next issue.



Rick Shaw (left) and his partner, Steve Kalamarski (shown with Melody), two house players, took first in Friday night's A/B draw. They battled against Dan Hitt and Jerry "Dink" Loberg, to take the win.

Third place was a split. Melody Marine and Al Pease agreed with John Rostollan and Caveman: "It's too late, we're too tired; let's split the cash and get some sleep!"

Only 16 teams played in the open doubles, but the purse was still close to three grand -- more evidence of Spokane's commitment to putting on a great tournament. Dan Hitt and Al Pease double-dipped Mike Thorpe and Gary George to steal first-place honors.



Dennis MacPherson and Fred Palmer snuck up on quite a few teams and took third place.

The four-lag contest paid out \$250. With a seven-way tie going into the last game of the tournament, once again Dan Hitt finished things off with a touch of class and style. With the last shot of the tourney, Dan lagged a four to not only win the final game of the open doubles, but to snag the 4-lag pot.

A special thanks to Vickie Rosslow and Pam Cole for their efforts to coordinate the Saturday buffet. Nothing compares to the all specialty dishes that were brought. It was a feast beyond words. Bartenders Chris, Patti, Jimmy, Nemo and Tom did a great job, too.

Rod's Drive Inn and the Spokane shufflers thank all the out-of-towners for making this tournament such a success: Russ Miller (thanks for the cherries), Gordy Smith, Loren and Paulette, Jim and Michelle Foran, Judy and Gary George, Al Pease, Caveman, Rick Gindt, Mike and Hazel Thorpe, Jim Buhl, Les Burt, Dennis MacPherson and Fred Palmer. We appreciate your support; hope to see you next year.

Mother's Hosts 2nd Annual "Spring Fling" in Corpus Christi, Texas

Mother's "Spring Fling" tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas, had 32 entrants, with 23 from the local area, five from San Antonio, one from Austin, one from Canyon Lake, and two "Yankees" from Michigan -- John Kinney who winters in Rockport, Texas, and Jimmy "The Cop" Kumpula who winters in Florida and drove to Texas especially for the tournament. "We sure hope Jim and John make it back next year," said tournament director Neil Garvin.

Friday night was a handicapped draw partner event which was won by Morrie Estes of San Antonio and Cindy Gillihan of Corpus Christi. Second went to Steve Winters of Rockport and John Schmidt of Corpus Christi. Third went to Fred Harris of San Antonio and Ruth Smith of Corpus Christi, with fourth taken by Mickey Baugh of Corpus Christi and Duane Keith of San Antonio.



First-place in the four-person team event, held on Saturday, went to (from left) Jennifer Schmidt, Pete Garcia, Brenda Moore and Sharon Olivio.



Second place honors went to the team of John Schmidt, Carolyn Groom, Jimmy the Cop, and Neil Garvin. The final frame decided the first two places.

Third place went to Pat Gainey, George Best, Sandra Pressley and Ruth Smith, with fourth going to Mickey and Virgilette Baugh, Duane Keith and Cindy Gillihan.

Mother's now has three in-house boards and is planning now for the next Spring Fling, set for March 19-21, 1999. "Y'all plan on coming down," said Neil.

More Notebook

Wigwam Tavern Tops in Washington's Kitsap County

Kitsap County in Washington State has always been a hotbed for shuffleboard action, and the 1997-98 season proved to be no exception! The league started with nine tough teams and, in the end, the Wigwam Tavern proved beyond any shadow of doubt that it fielded the strongest team seen in these parts for decades. Using a four-person team and a seven-game format, the winning crew dominated the league from start to finish.

The championship assemblage were teammates: Les (Top Gun) Burt, Alvin (Machine Gun) Orcutt, Mike (Hired Gun) Waters, and Norm (Son of a Gun) McVeigh as "starters." "Off the Bench" were: Janice (Zip Gun) Burt, Gary (Nail Gun) Orcutt, and Don (Gatling Gun) Tompkins.

After the dust settled, all participants took part in the first annual Kitsap County Championship Classic. League champs Wigwam Tavern were the victors, trouncing second place finisher, Fuzzy Naval Tavern.

This exciting season was capped by a banquet and draw partner tourney at The Blue Goose on June 20.

It's time for all shooters in the league to start focusing on the new season and keep the momentum going!

My thanks to everyone involved in making Kitsap County shuffleboard a major part of my life.

Norm McVeigh, Belfair, Washington

We're happy to hear that your league is so strong. We're convinced that local leagues will always be the backbone of shuffleboard.

"On the Road Again" with Glen.....

I have just read the June Board Talk and see how much I left out. Some of my followers (2) called letting me know also, so I will try to catch up.

First, Florence "Tree" Cameron let me know that she won the draw partner, first ever, at the 10-day tournament in Garland, Texas. Rod, her husband,

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In the last episode, Shelli convinced Eddie to stop at the Blue Moon on the way home from the airport instead of going directly to the apartment. Eddie discovered that while he had been on the road, Shelli had become a sharp-shooter on the boards. Only then did they go home for a passionate reunion.)

After their avid lovemaking, Eddie and Shelli lay exhausted. Then Eddie gently whispered into Shelli's ear: "Darling, I think we both know now that our love will last for always, so I want to ask this question." (Shelli's heart started to pound! Her excitement level was peeking in anticipation of what she had been waiting for so long -- that Eddie would finally "pop the question"!) Eddie continued: "I know I'm ready -- so would you be willing to be....begin another round of lovemaking, sweet thing?"

She was instantly taken back by what she heard! But after she looked him deeply in the eyes, and further sized things up, she realized that he meant to say that. She grabbed a pillow then and started hitting him with it. She hollered out: "That's NOT what I thought you were going to say, you bum!" (The pillow hitting was starting to get humorous now.) Shelli went on: "What the hell are you on, anyway -- that new Viagra stuff?" She was laughing and still hitting now as she said: "My aunt told me that Uncle Dick tried it and he wouldn't let her alone for four or five hours!"

Eddie was laughing and trying to cover his head from the pillow. He shouted out: "Hold it, Honey! You know I don't need any junk like that. Your beautiful body is all I need, Baby! Now, quit the pillow attack, or I might get distracted from our main business here!"

Upon hearing that, Shelli (rather quickly) put the pillow back behind her head. They looked deeply into each other's eyes and in only a moment or two, they were back in each other's arms. As if it were not possible, their passion rose to even greater heights when they made love for the second time, and then...again. After a few words of whispered love, their total exhaustion took them into a deep and dreamy, long sleep.

The following morning, Eddie arranged for a couple of days off for them. They spent their time leisurely, in the local area. The first day, they drove up to a place they both loved to go -- Napa Valley and the Wine Country. After all the free samples of wine from the many wineries, Eddie (who had to try them all) had a little buzz-on, so Shelli took over the driving.

The scenery was beautiful on the drive back to the city. The greenery and trees along the road were mixed with miles and miles of golden wheat, which they call the "Golden Wave." The wind ripples through it, and (especially from the air) it looks like giant

waves are moving along the ground. They also passed a few dairies and watched the back and white Guernsey cows as they made their way back to the barns. All in all, it was a beautiful, romantic, and relaxing day.

In a week or so, Eddie started to get back into a regular routine. All was moving along very smoothly at the Blue Moon and with Shelli and everything actually. Then one afternoon, Shelli came up to him with that "watch out" little grin on her face. He said: "What's up, Honey Love?" and waited for something unexpected from her. She was concealing something behind her back.

Her smile broadened as she revealed a copy of the Board Squawk magazine. She went on to explain: "Honey, I just happened to notice in here that there's a couple of tournaments that are real close to here coming up real soon. I want us to go, Baby. I'm ready to take on just about anybody!"

Eddie looked very hard into her eyes then as he gave his reply: "I've been waiting for you to come up with something like this for a while now. Now, you watch my lips very carefully, because I'm only going to say this once. The answer is definitely....."

--TO BE CONTINUED--

What will Eddie's answer be? And how will it impact their relationship? Don't miss the next episode!

Balboa Ron, who hails from Las Vegas, Nevada, reports that his state is forming a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and that the California Committee has donated some "seed" money to get them going. What a great gesture of support!

Michigan "Champ" Passes

Bill Kuebler, lovingly known as the "Cookie Man," passed away on June 16.

In last Thanksgiving weekend Michigan State Championships, Bill, at the age of 72, took the Div. II singles crown. He and his wife, Betty, placed fourth in the mixed doubles, and he and his partner, Frank Parrish, finished fourth in the open doubles. In the 1997 Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash, Bill drew Oklahoma pro Glen Davidson to take first in a field of 24 teams.

If you would like to send a note of sympathy to the family, the address is:

Betty Kuebler
1003 N. Webster
Saginaw, MI 48602

Lots of Winners at Blinky's 7th Annual

By Rick Thomas

Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California, hosted its 7th Annual Memorial week tournament May 17-25.

On Sunday, May 17, the always-spirited ladies' draw doubles got underway. This event drew cheers from players and spectators and at the end of the evening, the winners were Linda Aragon from Arizona and local Stevie Parks. In second place were Cori Brown and Lorraine Bingham.

On Monday, the amateur doubles draw shootout got underway and as always this event seems to get quite exciting and some pretty darn good weights were exchanged. At the end of this evening, the winners were Dale Pirlot and Chris Wayt. Giving them a scare and coming in second were the dynamo team of Jane Mourgos and Linda Aragon. In third place were local Eddie Brayman and Sandy McQuillan from Livermore.

The amateur singles began with 16 players vying for the \$2,040 prize fund. Tell you what, these folks came to play -- good play all night and some surprises. The results: In first place and celebrating his first amateur singles win was Steve Heidenreich who shot great all night; in second place, Dave Keithahn from Visalia; third place, Chris Wayt; and fourth place, Dale Pirlot.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the ever-popular ABC draw had 10 teams participating for a prize fund of \$2,770. Some of the amateurs and spectators alike were quite impressed with the quality of shooting during this two-day event. In the end, the local team of Pat Bayless, Eddie Brayman and Jim Olson took first place. In second place were Don Cox, Jane Mourgos and Lorraine Bingham, and in third the team of Nick Chaffin, Donna Cox and Vicki Hunt.

The pro/open doubles started Saturday morning with a prize fund of \$7,045. This event also provided some exciting shot-making. The end result showed Nick Chaffin (Roseville) and local Pat Bayless in first place. Bubba Warren (Huntington Beach) and Andy Brorson (Stockton) teamed up to take second place. In third was the team of Joe Hudson (Sacramento) and Fred Thuman (Auburn).

The pro/open singles got underway on Sunday morning with 19 players participating for a prize fund of \$5,450. Not unusual that this event was a barn burner. In the end and through the winner's bracket and playing very well was Bobby Hunt (Sacramento) in first place, with Don Cox in second. Coming in third from Bellflower was Karl Spickelmier, and in fourth place, Paul Parks.

The grand total for the prize fund for the week was \$18,955.

We would like to thank all the out-of-towners that always support this tournament and others who dropped in to play: Gil and Linda Aragon from Arizona, Bob Shaw from Texas; from Southern California -- Bubba Warren, Karl Spickelmier, John Fisher, Dudley Hutcherson; from Northern California -- Bob and Barbara Crum, Sandy McQuillan, Ray Comer and Richard Porter; from Livermore -- Hal Perry, Nick Chaffin, Joe Hudson, Fred Thuman, George Camara, Andy Brorson, Bobby Hunt, and all the locals who participated to help make this tournament a success.

Many thanks to the crew who kept the drinks flowing and to the cooks, Heinz, Don, and the crew who barbecued a pig. The food fest on Saturday was amazing!

Many thanks to Dick (Blinky) and Barbara for allowing us to support this great game of shuffleboard.

Quarterly "Map" Will Become an Annual Feature

By George & Donna Wilber

For several years now, we've been publishing (at our expense) a quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.," listing all the shuffleboard establishments that are subscribers of The Board Talk. We **know** it has been used and appreciated by travelling shufflers across the country. We **thought** it would be appreciated by establishment owners to have free advertising four times a year; some do, others evidently do not. There have been instances when an entire state has been wiped off the "map" because the shuffleboard locations failed to renew their subscriptions.

We've been asked: "Why don't you send notices?" to those who are delinquent. We simply do not have the financial and human resources to do that. If the average subscriber can respond to our "red check" method of notice, why can't the establishments?

Therefore, effective immediately, we will publish the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." once a year instead of quarterly. We will continue to list, every month, information about the new establishments that have joined our national network so subscribers can make additions to their annual listing. So, be sure to save the "Play Your Way" that was in last month's issue because you won't get a new one until next year.

Upcoming Events *(continued from Page 10)*

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.

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.

TEXAS OPEN/BOARD TALK REUNION, HARBOR POINT, RICHARDSON, SEPT. 3-7

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

"There are two added attractions this year," said Bobby Williams. "First, the Texas Hall of Fame will be inaugurated, with inductees and tributes to some past and present greats. The second added attraction is that Board Talk George has agreed to give shuffleboard lessons (pros and 0's only, please)." *Two-rated George says: "You'll be headed for the Hall of Fame -- guaranteed!"*

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, 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. Check the enclosed flyer for details.

Hotel information will be in the next Board Talk. Organizers are negotiating prices with two first-class accommodations: the Comfort Inn and the Marriott.

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.

2ND HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN, DEC. 26-31

Co-Directors Johnny Ballard and Jack Scott started working January 1st on improvements that would ensure the Houston Holiday Open's continued success as one of the most enjoyable, first class tournaments, for all skill levels, in the nation. Comments from many of the 125 participants revealed that the only way to improve was to anticipate increased attendance and tweak some of the events.

Some of the changes are:

1. The number of boards will increase from 12 to 14
2. The number of events increase from 9 to 12 (2 divisions AB Draw, ABC Draw, 2 division 4-person team, 2 divisions bring partner, 3 divisions singles, 2 divisions draw -- New Year's Eve)
3. Tournament will start 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26.
4. More boards will be made available for side games and round robins.
5. Increased size of mixed drinks, soda and coffee.
6. No late play or early calls for singles.
7. House phones from bracket boards to rooms for people staying in hotel and resting between matches.
8. Expanded New Year's Eve with two draws, hors d'ouvres and party favors.
9. TVs in tournament area for football games.

Many players said that after Christmas through New Year's Day was the best time to take off work if plans were made in advance. Well, make those plans now and vacation with over 150 shuffleboard friends at a first-class hotel for a budget price.

The venue will again be the elegant Grand Ballroom of the Southwest Hilton Hotel in Houston. The Hilton is offering tournament guests a first-class room with two double beds, and two breakfast buffets (a \$115 value) for \$49.95 + tax. The hotel provides a free workout area and courtesy service to local shopping.

More detailed information will be available in next month's Board Talk, or call Johnny B at 713-759-3706. Rules can be found on the net at www.shuffleboard.net.

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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 event is in honor of the late Rudy Stober, a member of the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Round robins will be held on Friday, Aug. 7. An open doubles, \$50 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 Carrie Clifton, 517-482-1190.

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

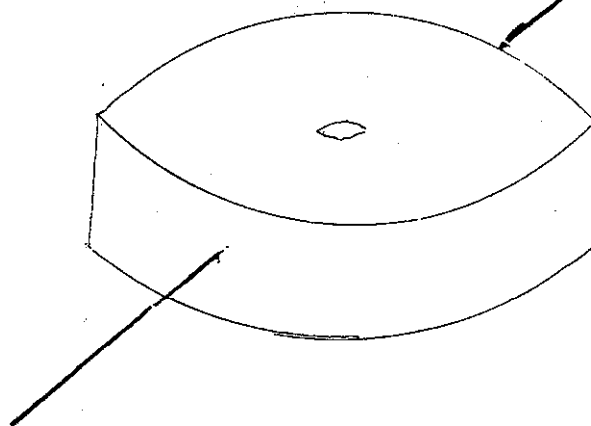
This annual fun-filled shuffleboard weekend, staged in the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland, has been set for Sept. 18-20. Skip's Lounge is located on the corner of Houghton Lake Drive and M-55 and there are dozens of motels and resorts and campgrounds nearby, so you can make it a family weekend.

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.

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1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JULY 1998

June 28-July 4

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 1-5

4th of July Tournament
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

July 2-5

1st Canadian Championships
Winnipeg Quality Inn
Winnipeg, Manitoba

July 3

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

July 4-5

ABC Draw
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

July 11

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

July 11-12

Open Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

July 24-26

Denny Busch Memorial
Piccolo's Bar and
Joe's Duck Inn
Omaha, Nebraska

July 25-26

Amateur Draw Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

July 28-Aug. 2

Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

July 30-Aug. 2

4-Event Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

AUGUST 1998

Aug. 7

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

Aug. 7-9

Mixed Doubles Draw
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.

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. 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. 19-20

Open Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

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. 3

Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

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place the dates of your
upcoming events on this
calendar. It pays to plan
ahead!*

1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER 1998

Nov. 1-8

North American Championships
Sands Regency Casino/Hotel
Reno, Nevada

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. 25-29

Thanksgiving Classic
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Nov. 28-29

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

DECEMBER 1998

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

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

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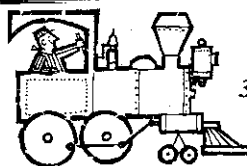
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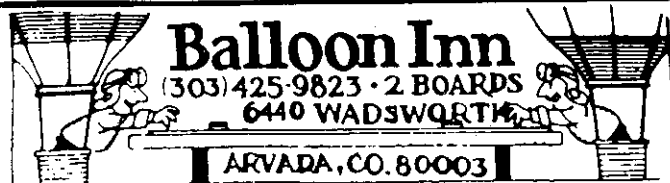
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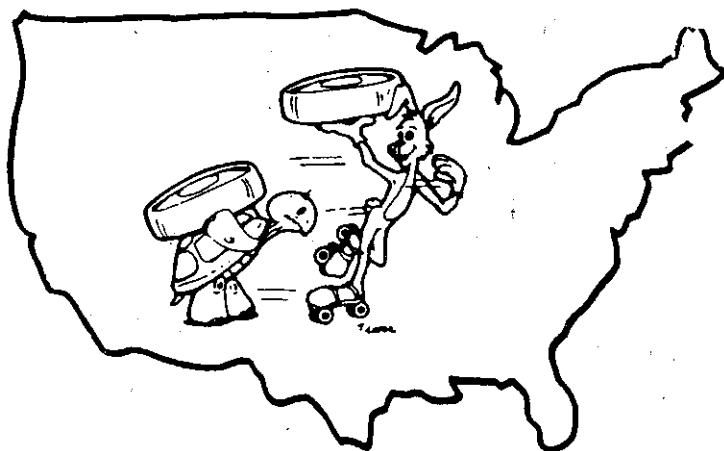
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