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5th Annual Florida Open is a "Shocker"

By Marty Allen

March 27-29, Snuggery Bar & Grill, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida -- We're in shock! This year's Florida players represented our strongest Florida field ever. All of our top players were here, and we had visions of sweeping all events.....

Well, as always, Mr. Reality won out over Mr. Vision (fair warning: we do have high expectations for next year).

The 5th Annual Florida Open had a total jackpot of \$7,865 for the three events. Seven states were represented and we thank players from Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Washington, and Florida for participating.



Congratulations to Alvis Ramey (left), Florida, and Tom Nolder, Indiana, for their Friday draw partner event victory.

Both Tom and Alvis are very knowledgeable shuffleboard players and just played outstanding. Of course, Mr. Kumpula (alias "Jimmy the Cop") really perked up and had his wallet out in a flash when this team was introduced in the sponsor sale.

Finishing second in the draw partner event was the Florida team of Doug Fridley Jr. and Chuck Fall. Third went to Pete O'Neill of Pembroke Pines, Florida, and Jerry Hershman of Utica, Michigan. Fourth went to the Florida team of Armand Nault and Dave Macko.



Our 1998 open doubles champs were Pete O'Neill, Florida (left) and Lonzo Knight, Maryland, with Cass Grubbs and Dave Macko, both of Titusville, Florida, taking second place honors.

Lonzo and Pete also won in 1996 and placed second in 1997. They are our most successful doubles team in the five year Florida Open history and they will defend their title next year.

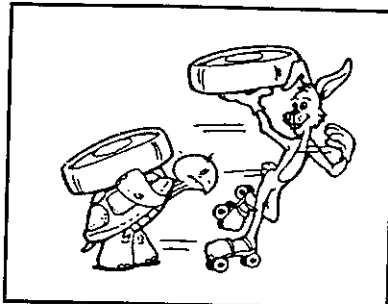
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Shufflers' Notebook

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Rusty Agrees: Joe Abraham Belongs in Hall of Fame

First of all, thank you once again for the wonderful job you both do with The Board Talk. I always look forward to receiving my subscription up here in Alaska, and especially reading about the many people who have crossed my life during my years of shuffleboard.

That brings me to the article of Mr. Joe Abraham (March '98 issue). Joe has been a friend of my family for many years. He goes way back with my father, Russell, who used to own the "BeeGee" in Peoria, Illinois. After my father passed away in 1979, I took up shuffleboard playing to be as good as my father. This is when I really got to know Joe. Through the help (teachings) of people like Joe Abraham and Bob Perry, not to mention many more "Peorians," I became a well known, dominant player around town, even at one point playing Joe and Bob every Friday and Saturday night in front of a packed bar -- and coming out ahead.

I must say this about Mr. Abraham. He is not only a mentor of the game of shuffleboard, but a well-respected and a kind and respectful man in his own right. There doesn't come much better.

I recently saw Joe and Bob Perry in October at my mother's funeral in Peoria, and they both are still looking as good as ever. Don't think for a minute that either one has given the game up!

I fully support that Mr. Joe Abraham should be in the Hall of Fame, and I'm sure the whole town of Peoria, Illinois, does as well. Just ask anyone who Joe is!

Thanks, Joe! You're the best!

I think the memorial spaces is a wonderful idea. I

recently lost my mother, who was an avid supporter of my father and of me after he passed away. I believe she saw my father through me as she watched endless nights as I "pounded the weights!"

Rusty Girdler, Anchorage Alaska

It's always a pleasure to hear from you, Rusty. We have passed your "endorsement" of Joe Abraham's induction along to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Thank you for your support of our "In Memory of Shufflers Past" feature and for the memorials to your parents.

"Okies" Say Thanks to Missouri Hosts

Ron Blalock, Euel Jensen, Alan Cobb and I want to say "thank you" to all the players and members of the Eagle Lodge in Houston, Missouri.

The four of us have participated in several events around the country, but none exhibit more hospitality and sportsmanship than you will find with this group of shufflers.

Check out the Texas County Open, Houston, Missouri, next year for a fun weekend of shuffleboard in the "Ozarks," and have a shot of apple pucker before you leave.

Ron Huddleston, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

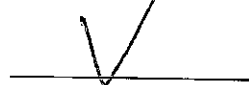
Your Missouri hosts enjoyed having you four and Don Crall there, too. Check the delightful report from Woodie Cockrum and Charlie Riley on the next page and note they didn't whine one bit when you took the biggest share of the pot. Evidently you were very welcome guests and good ambassadors for Oklahoma. We hope many of them will check out the hospitality at the Southwest Open, American Legion 73, Del City, Oklahoma, over the 4th of July weekend.

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"Okies" Show "Show Me State" Shooters How

Don Crall, host of the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma (site of the upcoming Southwest Open) loaded up some of his local players and made a visit to the Eagles Lodge 3911, Houston, Missouri, on March 13-14 for the Texas County 6th Annual Tournament. Alan Cobb was in charge of the routing map, but lost it in a liquor store somewhere around Springfield, Missouri. The claim was they had a blow-out and left Ron Blalock and E.T. Jenson to fix it, and sent Ron Huddleston on in the other car to report why the others were tardy.

With 17 teams participating, Missouri's largest sponsor sale was recorded, thanks to other out-of-staters Mick Moran from Arkansas and Harvey Walden from Tennessee, along with Don Crall's bunch.

Ron Huddleston and Alan Cobb, after being put in the loser's bracket by Julie Hartman and Steve Lindsey in the semi-finals (15-13), practiced up on Chuck Muehlhauser and Jerry Sabourin (15-14), then came back and double-dipped Julie and Steve, 15-6 and 15-12, to take the championship. Okies Ron Blalock and E.T. Jenson took fourth place, but out of the money.

The Ladies Auxiliary furnished snacks and finger food Friday night and the Lodge provided its

traditional corned beef and cabbage, spearheaded by Mel Flowers, on Saturday.



Ron Huddleston (right) and Alan Cobb (second from left) are congratulated by tournament director Charlie Riley and Don Lackman of Great Rivers Distributing Co., sponsors of the event, for taking first place in the Texas County 6th annual at Eagles Lodge 3911, Houston, Missouri.

"We used this tournament to kick off our Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame," reports Woodie Cockrum. "We elected our board members and will

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To: Bill Melton



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Oregon

MEMORIAL TOURNEY AT TOLO TAVERN, CENTRAL POINT, MAY 22-25

The Tolo Tavern's annual Memorial Weekend Tournament will include a draw partner event on Friday night, \$20 per person entry; a singles on Saturday, \$25 entry; and an open doubles on Sunday and Monday, \$50 per team. For further information, and/or lodging recommendations, call Pat at the Tolo Tavern, 7878 Blackwell Rd., Central Point, 541-664-2656.

Colorado

9TH ANNUAL BALLOON OPEN, BALLOON INN, ARVADA, JUNE 12-14

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, will hold its 9th Annual Balloon Open on June 12-14. It will be a bring your partner, \$120 per team entry, 2 out of 3, double elimination. The sponsor sale is set for

Friday at 8 p.m., (blind draw following) with competition starting at noon on Saturday.

For information, call the Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823, or Ron and Gwen Vogt, 303-657-1910.

California

BILLY CHILES ABC DRAW MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, SILVER SPUR, JUNE 13

The 1st Annual ABC draw tournament dedicated to the memory of Billy Chiles will be held at the Silver Spur, 25041 East 9th St., San Bernardino, on June 13. The sale starts at noon with play beginning at 1 p.m.

For directions and/or information, call Jolene Lembke, 909-797-9685.

2ND MEMORIAL WEEKEND TOURNEY AT MR. G'S, VISALIA, MAY 22-25

Mr. G's Bar & Cardroom, 15742 Ave. 296, Visalia, will host its 2nd Annual Memorial Weekend

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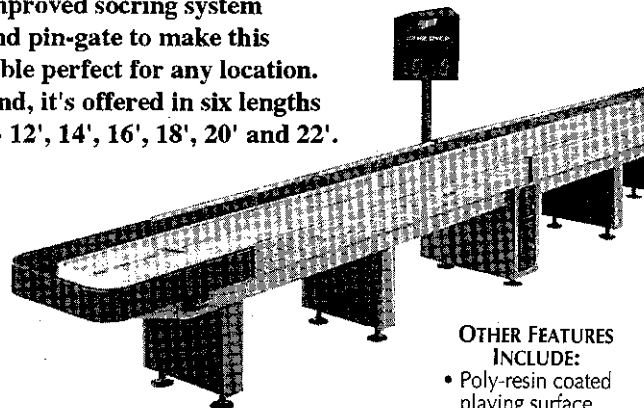
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--Bob Shaw, Fort Worth, Texas

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Tournament on May 22-25.

Action will start with an A-B-C draw, \$25 per player, on Friday, sale at 7:30 p.m. and play immediately following.

For Saturday's handicap doubles, \$100 per team entry, teams must have a combined rating of at least two or more (Bowers rating system in effect).

All events, played on three boards, will be best 2 out of 3, time permitting. For further information, contact Steve Floyd, 209-739-9926.

Bobby Goldsmith will be inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame at this tournament.

7TH HAL PERRY TOURNEY, BLINKY'S, SANTA CLARA, MAY 17-25

Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, will host its 7th Annual Hal Perry Memorial Week Shuffleboard Tournament on May 17-25.

Action will start on May 17 with a ladies doubles draw, \$10 entry. An amateur doubles draw, \$20 per person, is scheduled for Monday, followed by an amateur singles, \$20 entry, on Tuesday. All these events are single game, double elimination.

An ABC draw, \$20 per person entry, is on the agenda for Wednesday and Thursday. This event is 2 out of 3, double elimination.

The pro doubles, \$100 per person entry, starts on Saturday (sale on Friday night), with the pro singles, \$100 entry (sale on Saturday night) on Sunday and Monday. These events are 2 out of 3, double elimination. A pig barbecue is scheduled for Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m., and the singles may start that evening.

For further information, call Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822, or Blinky's, 408-241-3933, or e-mail Tweetyb1@ix.netcom.com. Check the flyer in last month's issue.

4TH OF JULY TOURNAMENT, THE DIXIE BELLE, DOWNEY, JULY 1-5

The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Highway in Downey, will host their annual 4th of July tournament on July 1-5. Events will include an ABC draw on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (sponsor sale Wednesday prior to play), an open doubles on Friday and Saturday with sale on Thursday night, and an open singles on Saturday and Sunday with sale on Friday night. All events are 2 out of 3, double elimination.

The 4th of July festivities on Saturday will include a barbecue in the afternoon.

For further information, call The Dixie Belle, 562-803-4943, or e-mail Dixiedebbie@AOL.com. Check the flyer in last month's issue.

Texas

2ND LONE STAR CLASSIC, GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, MAY 7-10

The Gold Nugget, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, will host its 2nd Annual Lone Star Classic on May 7-10. Action will start on Thursday night with three singles events: (1) Division I -- Pros, \$150 entry; 0's, \$100; 1's, \$50; (2) 2's only -- \$50 entry; (3) Division II -- 3's, 4's and 5's, \$25 entry. Single game, double elimination for all three.

Friday will be draw partner events for Div. I (\$50 per player) and II (\$25 per player), with no pros or 0's drawing up. A 6-person draft team event (\$300 per team entry) is scheduled for Saturday, 4 out of 7, double elimination.

On Sunday is a handicap draw partner, \$30 entry, with the stipulation that pros must play with a 2 or higher, 0's with a 1 or higher.

For further information, call Bob or Cindy at 817-277-4029 or 817-295-9488. Check the flyer in last month's issue.

Y'ALL COME TO THE GRAND SLAM, VFW POST 5076, GARLAND, MAY 16-25

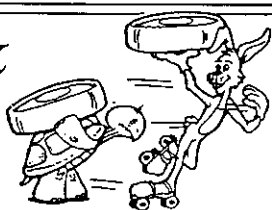
A new tournament at a new location -- the Texas Grand Slam, VFW Post 5076, 1906 Miller Rd., Garland -- is scheduled for May 16-25. Action begins on Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m., with the Pro-Am Qualifying Singles for 2's, 1's, 0's and pros, \$20 entry. At 6 p.m., there will be a draw partner event for Beginner/Pretty Good (3's, 4's and 5's) players, \$10 entry. On Sunday will be the finals for the Pro-Am and Beginner/Pretty Good events.

Two 4-person Bring Team events are scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. One is for players that add to 5 for \$100 entry, and the other is for those who add to 10 or more, \$10 entry, with the finals for these events on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Wednesday's events include a Bring Sweetheart handicapped (must add to 1 or more), \$50 entry; and a Left-Over Guys & Gals handicapped draw, \$20 entry.

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As The Puck Turns.....



By George & Donna Wilber

Along with a set of proposed rules to be voted on by its membership, the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association (serving the players and sponsors in the Pacific Northwest) included a "Code of Ethics," which we think is worthy of consideration by others:

"I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.

"I will conduct myself in an honorable manner both during and after a game.

"I will never knowingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach.

"I will take no action which could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, team-mates or officials.

"I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner always keeping in mind that the purpose of rules is to ensure that the game is played in an orderly and fair manner.

"I will humbly accept any penalty which the tournament director(s), at all levels of shuffleboard, deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or rules of the game."

There are a small number of individuals in our World of Shuffleboard whose main goal in life seems to be to create controversy at tournaments and make the events miserable for directors, officials, and fellow participants. You know who they are. Show those chronic complainers and trouble-makers this code (or make up your own) and let them know you expect and/or demand their compliance. If these individuals cannot be "rehabilitated," then they should look for another sport.

On the more positive side, every sport needs role models and we certainly have one in Bill Melton. We call your attention to the ad on Page 3 in which his professional association salutes him for being a "true champion" -- both on and off the shuffleboards. That says it all for a man who adheres to his own strict code of ethics in his professional, his personal, and his shuffleboard lives. We salute Nationwide Dentures, Inc. for buying the space to pay tribute to their champion -- and ours!

Welcome to our very first subscribers from the state of Kentucky -- Michael and Susie Halstead from Shelbyville. They are looking forward to meeting kindred souls who share their love of shuffleboard, so

when you meet them at upcoming events, be sure to give them a warm welcome to our national network.

Thanks to those who responded to the opportunity to remember the family and friends of shufflers who have passed away. (See "In Memory of Shufflers Past" on Page 19.) Betty Parrish of Michigan, whose great idea this was, reports that shufflers in her area think it's a great idea, but have a problem with coming up with the appropriate words. Let us assure you, you don't need anything besides "In Memory of" and you don't even need to include your name if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Also, even though we encourage you to contribute a matching \$5 amount to your state or national Hall of Fame, that is not a requirement.

However you choose, we hope you will use this feature to remember those who had some influence on your shuffleboard life. As Betty so eloquently said in the April issue: "Not all 'Shufflers Past' came into the gold playing the game -- but many of them were worth their 'weight' in gold for what they did for the game."

We couldn't have said it any better!

We've never been shy about our support of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame since its inception in 1995. The concept has come a long way since then, thanks to the people who serve on the national and state boards and committees. The "newborn" California State Hall of Fame, for example, has inducted two worthy individuals, will induct another this month, and has nominated some for induction into the national. There will be an induction at the West Coast Hall of Fame Tournament in Oregon in September and one in Missouri over the Thanksgiving weekend. There may be more that we haven't heard about yet.

For all the members of the NSHF Board of Directors who agonized over whether their worthy cause would ever reach fruition, we assure you: IT'S HAPPENING!

We remind you, once again, that the pages of The Board Talk are open to reports from state committees. Share your ideas, your experiences, your successes and failures, to make it a little easier for other states to get on board.

While we pat ourselves on the back for all the progress we have made toward a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Nebraska has just quietly set the pace for the rest of the nation. They are now entering their 21st (yes, that's 21 years!) year of inducting worthy individuals into their state Hall of Fame (see report on Page 22). A big salute to them. We like their criteria: "It's not how well you play -- it's what you have done for the sport of shuffleboard."

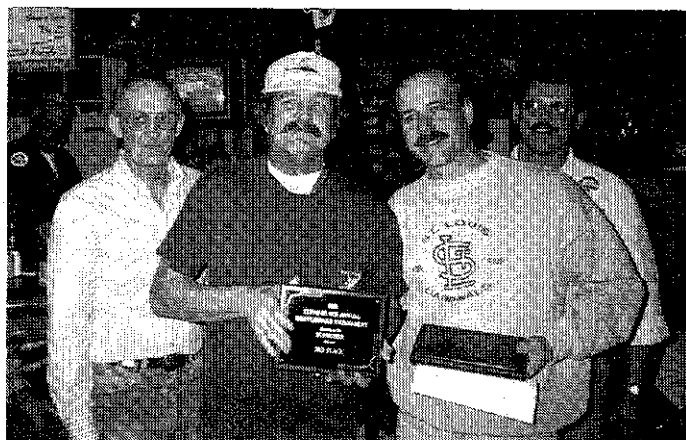
George & Donna

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induct one player, the late Bill Jennings, over the Thanksgiving week-end. If any Californians would like to come, give me a call at 573-886-0799."



Julie Hartman and Steve Lindsey accept their second-place plaques.



Jerry Sabourin and Chuck Muehlhauser took third place.

"At this point, we all need to thank the good Lord for helping Jerry pull through a major operation," said Woodie. "He had throat cancer and had to have his voice box removed just last November. Good to see you back, Jerry!"

Great Rivers Distributing had several drawings for gifts and also presented winners with personalized jackets.

"We really enjoyed having Don Crall and the four players from Oklahoma, seven players from Springfield, four players from St. Louis, one from Tennessee, one from Arkansas, and the players from Columbia, Cuba, Rolla, Salem, and Houston, Missouri," said director Charlie Riley.

"We invite any shufflers traveling through this area to stop in and see us. We have two boards and almost always some people playing. We like to play! Our lodge is located at the south edge of the city limits on Highway 63, just 45 miles south of I-44," he said.

Watch for details on the induction of Bill Jennings into the Missouri Hall of Fame!

Anderson/Cockrum Winners at Columbia's VFW Post 280

The VFW Post 280 in Columbia, Missouri, hosted a tournament played over the course of three weeks, wedged in between Bingo and other post events.



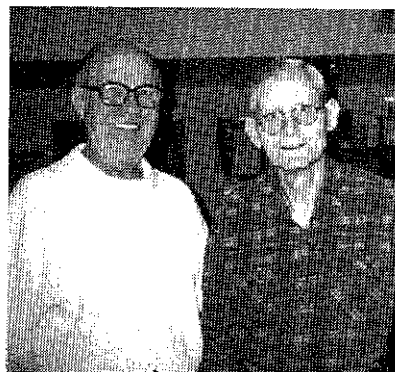
The winners of the single game, double elimination tournament were Jo Anderson and Woodie Cockrum.

Barb and Bob Valentine (right) took second place honors.

Finishing third was the team of Rosa Lee Huffbauer and Terry Rose.



The most popular event was the "Board Talk Lagging Contest." Everyone was allowed two rounds of two weights, each to try to win a year's subscription to The Board Talk.



Winners of that contest were Ted Craig (left) and Don Timmons. To determine the champion lagger, Don and Ted lagged it off, with Ted winning.

VFW Post 280 Manager Ron Martin supplied the trophies and a free dinner.

"With the response to this tournament, no question that Columbia, Missouri, will be showing up on the Calendar of Shuffleboard events in the future," said Woodie.

(Editor's Note: We hope Don and Ted will enjoy their subscriptions to The Board Talk and share the word with others in that area who don't know we exist!)

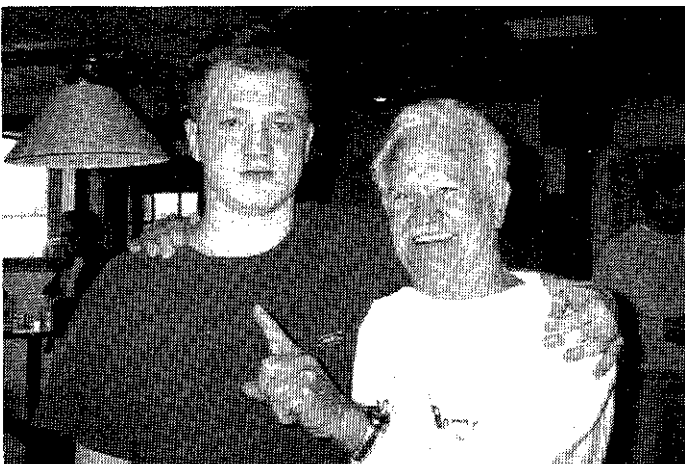
Michigan's Spring Snowfall Fails to Deter Determined "Leprechauns"

Photos and Report by Frank Edelen

A four-inch snowfall on the first day of Spring did not deter the turnout at Wetlands Bar & Grill, Royal Oak, Michigan, for the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament on March 20-22.



Friday's draw partner event saw John McDermott (left) and Jerry Bryant come out of the loser's bracket to double-dip the previously undefeated team of Alonzo Cottrell and Sam Eveland.



Local Alonzo Cottrell, the youngest player in the tournament, and "Super" Sam Eveland of St. Louis, Missouri, the oldest player, took second place honors.

Third place went to Bjerne Sunde and Scott Auten.



Host Mike Papa (right) and Bill Meyer were winners of the handicap doubles.

Runners-up were Frank Parrish and Steve Auten, with Bjerne Sunde and Scott Auten in third place.

The singles event, with a very strong field of 20 players, ended Sunday with the undefeated Alonzo Cottrell in first place, "Big John" Tischler in second, and Jeff Cottrell (Dad of Alonzo) in third place.

Royal/Davis Tops at Sportsman's Lounge

The Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie, Indiana, hosted a doubles tournament on March 14, attracting 17 teams vying for a total pot of \$2500.

Finishing first was the team of Ricky Royal and Jim Davis, with Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt taking second place honors. Third place went to Lynn Nearing and Fred Traux, with fourth place going to Bob and Bobby Brown.

"We welcome Fred and Rita Traux, who travelled from Sherburne, New York, to visit friends Lynn and Deb Nearing, of the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, and participate frequently in our local tournaments," said Marcia Brown. "Come visit us again, Fred and Rita!"

As usual, host Rudy Parris added \$100 to the entry fee pot.

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

The following establishments have joined (or rejoined) our national shuffleboard network since the last listing was published in March. Please add them to your list.

California: Old Town Saloon, 2562 Old First St., Livermore; phone 510-447-0901

The Huddle, 5289 Propsect Rd., San Jose; phone 408-725-9490

133 Club, 133 W. Yosemite Ave., Manteca; phone 209-823-4877

Florida: Rickey's Restaurant & Lounge, 220 NW 180th Ave., Pembroke Pines; phone 954-441-9464

Missouri: Eagles Lodge 3911, South Highway 63, Houston; phone 417-967-2169

Chances R Restaurant & Lounge, Lowry (Lake of the Ozarks)

Super's Bungalow, 5429 Nottingham, St. Louis; phone 314-352-3879

Oklahoma: Sipango, 4301 N. Western, Oklahoma City

Texas: Fargo's, 3600 Amarillo Blvd. W., Amarillo; phone 806-372-1320 (Welcome back, Janet!)

Our next quarterly listing will be in the June issue; deadline: May 15. Don't let your favorite shuffleboard site be left off!

Upcoming Events (TEXAS GRAND

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On Thursday at 7 p.m., there will be an A/B Draw for -1's, 0's, 1's and 2's (-1's and 0's can't draw up) for a \$50 entry; and an open draw for 3's, 4's and 5's, \$25 entry.

There are three singles events with handicapped entries on Friday, starting at 7 p.m.: (Event 1) Pros, \$250, and 0's, \$150; (Event 2) 1's, \$100, and 2's, \$50; (Event 3) 3's, \$25, and 4's, \$15.

On Saturday there will be a 6-person draft team event, \$40 entry. 2's will draw pros for team captains and together they will draft a team. 4 of 7, double elimination.

Two bring partner events are on the agenda for Sunday. Teams that add to 0 or more, \$50 entry, and handicapped adding to 4 or more, \$25 entry. If needed, the finals for these events will be held on Monday.

A one-time \$10 registration fee will cover all events.

The VFW is a spacious, air-conditioned facility with RV hook-ups, motel shuttle, food, beverages, and more. Check the flyer that was in the past two issues for further details.

Questions? Call Greg Hixson, 972-644-4855; Mahlon Nobles, 972-496-6112 (e-mail mpnobles@msn.com); or C.W. Walker, 214-351-3308.

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN, AMERICAN LEGION, DEL CITY, JUNE 28-JULY 4

This big tournament starts on Sunday this year and all events will be finished on Saturday night (see enclosed flyer). You'll also note that there are two days where no new events are scheduled. They will be used to finish events started the previous day and if you have lost out early, you might choose to take the day off or play in one of the many round robins or pea games.

Directors Ron and Sharon Huddleston and host Don Crall recommend the LaQuinta Inn (800-531-5900 or 405-672-0067). When you call, ask for the "Shuffleboard rate of \$49 plus tax for the Del City, OK hotel." This rate is for a room with two beds and up to four people per room and has a swimming pool. Transportation to the motel will be provided in the event of too much partying.

Use the enclosed flyer to make pre-register for the tournament. Please note that there is one change from previous flyers. In Event #4, the Amateur Singles, no pros or 0's may enter.

Questions? Call Ron at 405-843-1615, or the American Legion, 405-677-9393.

Washington

10TH ANNUAL FOREST FESTIVAL, FIR CONE, SHELTON, MAY 30-31

The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton will host the 10th Annual Forest Festival Tournament on May 30-31. Action will start on Friday night with an A-B draw, single game, single elimination.

The first-ever Pro-Am event at the Fir Cone will be held on Saturday. A and B players must find a C player to participate. Entry fee is \$40 per team. The sponsor sale is scheduled for 11 a.m. with play immediately following. Double elimination, 2 out of 3 15 point games in the winner's bracket, single game to 17 points in the loser's bracket. A Saturday night feed will be served.

An open singles, \$50 entry, is set for Sunday. Double elimination with the number of games in each bracket depending on the number of players.

For more information, call Mel Hohn, 360-426-2221, or on the internet at FIRCONE@aol.com.

DOUBLES, FRANKIE'S SPORTS PUB, OLYMPIA, MAY 9-10

Frankie's Sports Pub, 3663 Pacific Ave., Olympia, will hold an ESA tournament on May 9-10. An A-B draw, \$20 per player entry, is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday's open doubles, \$50 per team, starts with a 10 a.m. sale.

Food will be served on Saturday night, with a Mother's Day brunch on Sunday at noon.

Questions? Call Cheri at Frankie's, 360-412-1330.

4TH ANNUAL EVERETT INVITATIONAL, SHOTZE'S, JUNE 6-7

Shotze's Rack 'N Roll, 9602 Evergreen Way, Everett, will host its 4th Annual Everett Invitational Shuffleboard Tournament on June 6-7. Action will start with \$20 A-B draw partner events on Friday night. The main event will be an A-B draw partner, \$50 per team entry, 2 out of 3 in the winners' bracket, single game 17 points in the loser's bracket. The sponsor sale is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, with play immediately

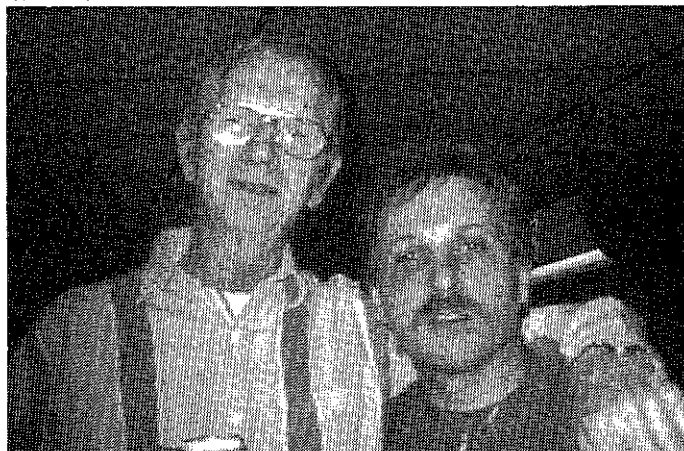
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Indiana Tournament Diary *Reports by Mikel Johnson*

Old-Time Michigan Shooter Back on the Scene

At a recent tournament at the Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie, Indiana, I had the privilege to team up with old-time Michigan shooter, Don Bauer, who now resides in Columbus, Ohio. To show the "old man" still has it, we were fortunate to capture second place in a very strong doubles event.

So, Ceylon Davis, if you're reading this, your old lifetime partner, Don Bauer, says "hello and take care and how sweet it is!"



Reporter Mikel Johnson with old-time Michigan player Don Bauer.

First place was captured by Bob Brown Sr. and Bob Brown Jr. Third place went to Dave Vondran and Sheryl Cockerell. Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum finished fourth, with Beef Camp and Larry Brown in fifth place.

(Editor's Note: We'd lost track of Don and Brenda after they left Michigan; glad to hear he's back on the scene again. Ceylon retired from shuffleboard a few years ago so he's not a subscriber, but we'll make sure he gets a copy of this issue. Here is a photo of Ceylon and Don after they took third place in a field of 37 teams in the open doubles at our 6th Annual Board Talk Tournament in 1990 at Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan. At that same tournament, you and Chris Passariello took first in the draw partner event.)

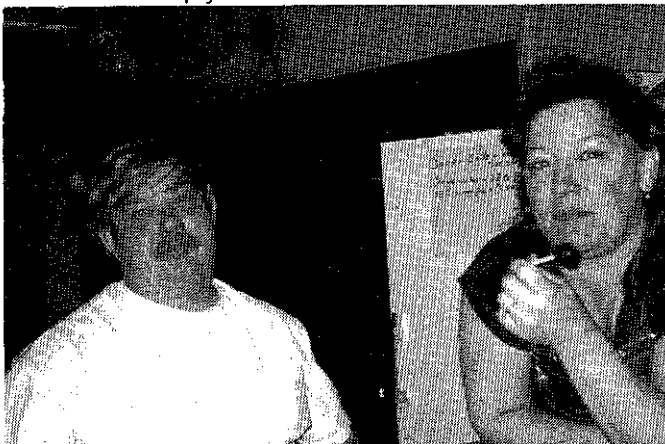


Larry Pace Will Be Missed

An open doubles, hosted on Feb. 28 by the Evansport Bar, Evansport, Ohio, drew a good turnout. With a healthy sponsor sale and added money provided by Dale Gushman and host Larry Pace, the tournament began. After the smoke cleared, it was the tough Indiana/Ohio duo of Larry Brown and Beef Camp coming from the loser's bracket to take top honors. Second place went to Gene Fittsimmons and Terry Sidle, with Dale Gushman and Mikel Johnson in third. It was another great job by owners Larry and Rhonda Pace.

On a sad note, Larry Pace was tragically killed in an automobile accident five days following this tournament, another shuffleboard friend who has been silenced way too early. Larry was an avid promoter of shuffleboard, always adding money to his tournaments and providing a great time for all.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to his loving wife, Rhonda, from all the shuffleboard family who knew him or those who have only read of his tournaments. Please remember him as a great loving father, husband, friend and devoted shuffleboard promoter. He will be deeply missed.



The last photo taken of Larry was this one at the tournament with his wife Rhonda.

A Biggie at Locker Bar

An open doubles tournament at the Locker Bar, Marion, Indiana, on Jan. 31, attracted 40 players from Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Texas and Indiana. What do you get when you mix a batch of names like Voorhis, Brown, McCleod, Massie, Passariello, Dowell, Gushman, Wolfram, Boaz, Ingram, Welsh, Vorndran, and many, many more? You get one of the strongest competitions in an open doubles event with a total purse of over \$4,000.

Getting knocked into the loser's bracket after the second game did not dampen the spirits of the strong

team of Terry Dowell and Mikel Johnson. This, in fact, just made Terry and Mikel play harder and gave them more ambition to capture the first place crown in this event, double-dipping the pro team of Bobby and Debbie Voorhis, who settled for second. Third place went to the hard-fighting team of Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum, with Tom and Greg Massie finishing fourth.

This was one of the strongest open doubles events seen in quite some time. Please check the calendar of upcoming events taking place at the Locker Bar and Palace Bar (Fairmount, Indiana). Both are great tournament action spots. Thank you, Buss, Bobby and Debbie, for another great job.

Happy Birthday, Carol Westerman!

Lucky's Tavern in North Webster, Indiana, hosted an open draw and mixed doubles tournament on March 20-21.

Friday night's open draw was won by Kent and Mikel Johnson, with second place going to Dave Hyde and Brenda Owens. The round robin following was taken by Bruce Kentworthy and Adrian Owens. Second went to Dave Hyde and Dave D, with third going to Mikel Johnson and Brenda Owens.

Saturday started off with the players singing "Happy Birthday" to our hostess and owner of Lucky's Tavern, Carol Westerman. How old is she? She'll never tell!



With a huge sponsor sale and great player participation, the mixed doubles crown went to Terry Dowell and Pam Worsham.



Being knocked into the loser's bracket their first game and coming all the way through was the birthday girl herself, Carol Westerman, and her partner, Mikel Johnson.

Third went to Jim Long and Marge Camp, with fourth going to Indiana State mixed doubles champions Mary and Larry Brown, and fifth to Larry Creakbaum and Vicky Morgan.

Carol thanks all the players for their participation and Budweiser for the sponsorship. The players thank Carol for the great pork chop dinner she provided and for another fantastic tournament.

In other action at Lucky's, Larry Brown and Beef Camp won the December doubles, with Larry Huffer and Mike Johnson in second, and Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum in third. In January, Terry Dowell and Mike Johnson took first, with Larry Brown and Beef Camp, 2nd; Bruce Kentworthy and Larry Spangler, 3rd; Dan and Claude Johnson, 4th.

Dale and Claude Honored at Eagles Casino/Extravaganza

Eagles Lodge Post 1339 in Warsaw, Indiana, hosted its second annual shuffleboard casino and extravaganza with 64 players from five states (Texas, Missouri, Ohio, Iowa and Indiana) vying for a share of the \$10,000 pot in cash and prizes.

Action started with an A-B draw with 36 players competing.



Tournament Director Mikel Johnson presents first-place trophies to the "old silver fox" Jim Long and partner "Billy Mays look-a-like" Larry Spangler in the A-B Draw.



Larry Brown and Mikey Grimes accept second-place honors from Mike.

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Beef Camp and Adrian Owens finished third, with fourth taken by Tom Massie and Pam Worsham.

Before the start of the open doubles event on Saturday, two awards were given for recognition and achievement. The first was presented to Dale Gushman of Ohio for his outstanding services of promoting shuffleboard. The second was presented to none other than my father and mentor, Claude Johnson, for his outstanding dedication to The World of Shuffleboard for over 38 years. Full-hearted applause was given to these two individuals by the participants.

There were 44 players entered in the open doubles.



Taking first place trophies and the lion's share of the money were Bobby Voorhis and Ricky Royal.



Second-place honors went to Dave Welsh and Dave Vorndran.

"Laggin'" Mary Brown and her partner, Brian Collins, took third, with Tom and Greg Massie in fourth place.

On Sunday, only five hours later, the open singles started with graduated entry fees and another large sponsor sale.



....And it was Terry Dowell who captured the singles crown, coming out of the loser's bracket.

Second place honors went to Brian Collins.

Third place was taken by Bobby Voorhis and fourth by Buddy Broka.



When there wasn't shuffleboard to play, there was casino action to enjoy at Warsaw Eagles Post 1339.

There was great action all weekend long and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. With over 100 door prizes free to shuffleboard players, everyone was a winner at this tournament. Thanks to the cooks for such a fine menu that was provided to our players and thanks to the Eagles Club for taking the chance on my idea for proving that a shuffleboard tournament of this magnitude can be very profitable. Thanks also to the local sponsors: Budweiser and Miller for keeping beer price specials, banners, and added awards; Fast Cab, Fast Courier, Lucky's Tavern in North Webster, the Palace Bar in Fairmount, the Locker Bar in Marion, Biomet, Zimmers, Owens, Krogers, Dana, Bill Niswonger for Federation wax, silicone spray, two sets of Triple Crown weights and two weight cases, Wireless Marketing, Days Inn for an incredible weekend package, Fritz Broka for the beautiful job on the trophies, Mary Brown for the photos, bracket director Terry Dowell, bracket helpers Larry Brown, Larry Creakbaum, Mary Brown, Brian Collins and Dale Hatfield. Thanks to Buss and Bobby Voorhis for the shuffleboard table and to my right-arm hostess Brenda Owens.

Without these sponsors and helpers, and you the players, this event could not have been such a huge success.

Next year, this tournament will only grow. So please keep a look-out for this event next year.

Thanks and congratulations to all the winners!

— Mikel Johnson

Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Eddie's patient sweetheart, Shelli, had picked him up from the airport after his long road trip with Long Beach Lil and they had stopped at the Blue Moon.....)

Eddie really wanted to take Shelli to the apartment so they could start to pick up where they had left off before he went on the road trip with Lil. To his bewilderment, Shelli suddenly made a request before they left. She asked him to put two quarters in the shuffleboard...."for her." All he wanted to do right then was to take her (and her voluptuous body) right on out of the Blue Moon! He really didn't feel like wasting valuable time trying to teach her how to play shuffleboard -- if that was her little plan.

She looked at him with that little smile then, and he weakened and put in the quarters. He said: "Well, what happens now, cup-cake?" Shelli produced a coin of her own then and told him to call it, then flipped it in the air. Eddie didn't make a call. He started laughing and said: "You don't have to do that, honey. The least I can do is give you the hammer!" She gave him a serious look then and said: "I'm gonna flip one more time -- and you better make a call, hot-shot." He was still laughing as he called "heads." It came up tails. Shelli had a twinkle in her eye as she said: "I believe that makes it my hammer, lover man -- take your best shot!"

Eddie figured he would take it easy on her and make it close, so she'd be in an even better mood when they got to the apartment. Images of their lovemaking were burning in his mind as he casually shot a free-hand. It was a deep one and in the center of the board. To Eddie's surprise, Shelli made a perfect right-hand "Jersey" release -- and stuck his weight head-on! He commented: "Hey, that looked pretty good, love. How'd you pick that up?" She replied: "I've got a few secrets. And during the time that you were gone, I'm sure you do too, my man."

After that last comment, he figured he'd give her a little test to find out just how real this all was. He shot another freehand, which caught the drift and ended up a deep three, and covered real good by her back weight. He gave her a smile as she picked up her weight and sized things up. Without much hesitation, she set up a left-hand thumb release. She caught the drift perfectly and stuck Eddie's front weight! He commented: "O.K., Lucky," as he made his own left hand thumb shot. He underestimated the drift and his weight caught her back weight -- and both weights careened right off the board!

It was Shelli who was smiling now as she put a perfect cover on her three. Eddie was feeling a little frustration now, and he decided to just clear her off

the board with a combo shot. He fired at the back weight but, to his surprise, he caught it off-center and both of them went sailing into the gutter! Shelli had her hammer shot left now, with a three on the board. As she released her right-hand cross lag, she whispered to Eddie: "Read 'em and weep, sweetheart." The right-cross from that end of the table drifted way in toward the center and, as a result, her lag nudged the three she had up very gently -- into a four!

Eddie was really flabbergasted now. Seven points in the first frame! He loudly said: "Man, how lucky can you get?" Shelli replied: "There was luck there, honey, but I can tell you that I was trying for that shot." Shelli's newly-developed skills continued to amaze Eddie as the game progressed, and she actually ended up winning the thing, 15 to 12! The crowd that had been following the game let out a big cheer for Shelli. Eddie REALLY wanted to get out of the place now, so they quickly said their goodbyes and made it out the door.

On the drive to the apartment, Shelli explained the phenomenon. It turned out that while Eddie was on the road all that time, Shelli had been tutored by Eddie's young replacement bartender and shuffleboard protege, Jack. He taught her all he knew (mostly what he had learned from Eddie) and they had played partners together. She had practiced and practiced until she and Jack could take anyone in the city -- except Eddie, of course.

Shelli went on to explain that she had initially wanted to do it solely for Eddie -- to help draw them closer together; but as her skills improved, she got attached to the game for herself as well! She was driving, and Eddie leaned over and gave her a big kiss, then another, and his hands started to roam as well, until Shelli made him stop because the car was going out of control!

When they got to the apartment, they left everything in the car and almost ran up the stairs. There were few words spoken then, except for "How I missed you's and how I need you's" as they undressed one another. The time was special then -- better than ever before, it seemed. Their lovemaking crossed all thresholds; and finally, after they both laid there totally exhausted, Eddie gently whispered two things into Shelli's ear: "Darling, I think we both know that our love will last for always now, so I want to ask this question. I know I'm ready -- would you be willing to be.....?"

-- CONTINUED NEXT MONTH --

This was Episode No. 50! Write: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

In Memory of Shufflers Past

If you would like to pay tribute to the memory of a shuffler in your area who has passed on, this space is available to you at \$5 for each space. Send to: The Board Talk, 503 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. We suggest you match that \$5 with a donation to your state or national Hall of Fame



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YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

More Upcoming Events

(EVERETT INVITATIONAL continued from Page 10) following. Recommended lodging is the Motel 6, just two blocks from Shotze's; phone 425-347-2060.

For further information, contact tournament director John Martin at 425-513-1053, or 1-800-821-8234.

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

Pennsylvania

PHILLY OPEN, J & C'S TAVERN, JUNE 12-14

J & C's Tavern, 6601 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, and the Orfanelli Family will host the 1998 Philly Open, directed by Jim and Rita Yank and their staff, on June 12-14. All shufflers are invited to participate.

Friday's event will be an open singles, \$25 entry, starting at 7 p.m. On Saturday at 2 p.m., there will be a bring partner event, \$30 per team entry. An A-B draw will be the Sunday "getaway offering" for \$20 per team, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All events will be 15 point games, double elimination, played on J & C's three boards. Sponsor sales will begin promptly at each event's announced start time. The A-B draw sponsor sale will be limited (\$100 maximum, \$10 increments).

The Orfanelli's will provide a limited buffet on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and a variety of Italian entrees may be purchased from their menu. Economical lodging is within minutes at Summit Motor Inn, 351 Township Kine Road (Rt. 1), Upper Darby, PA.; phone 610-449-6000.

Pre-registration is recommended. Additional information may be obtained by calling Jim or Rita Yank at 215-879-0840, or Jim Wolf, 610-583-0841.

New York

MEMORIAL TOURNEY AT HONKY TONK, SHERBURNE, MAY 21-25

The Honky Tonk Saloon in Sherburne will host a Memorial Weekend Tournament with four events, plus round robins on Thursday night. Mixed doubles, \$40 entry, on Friday, 7 p.m., limited to the first 30 paid teams. Draw partner, \$20 entry, on Saturday, 3 p.m., limited to first 60 paid entries. Open doubles, \$40 entry fee, on Sunday, 11 a.m., limited to first 30 paid teams. Open singles, \$20 entry, on Monday, 9 a.m.

For further information, call Dale Law, 607-674-6580; Dick Losee, 315-691-2708; or Brenda Prosser, 607-674-4810.

4-EVENT TOURNEY AT DEW DROP INN, WATERLOO, JULY 31-AUG. 2

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia Street, will host a 4 event tournament on July 31-Aug. 2. Action will start with a mixed doubles on Friday at 6 p.m. On Saturday there will be an open singles at 9 a.m. and a draw partner at 4 p.m. A bring partner event will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

You're advised to sign up early as some events will be limited. Come early for the weekly round robins on Thursday night. For further information, contact John or Tracie at the Dew Drop, 315-539-5729. Watch for flyer in next month's issue.

Canada

1ST CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, QUALITY INN, WINNIPEG, JULY 2-5

The 1st Annual Canadian Shuffleboard Championships, presented by the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress, will be held on July 2-5. Location for this first will be the Winnipeg Quality Inn 635 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Events start on Thursday, July 2, 6 p.m. with a "Meet and Greet" fun evening, \$10 per player entry, with partners drawn at random. On Friday will be the men's singles, \$100 entry; and ladies' singles, \$50 entry. The men's doubles, \$100 per player, and ladies' doubles, \$50 per player, are scheduled for Saturday. The final event, on Sunday, July 5, will be a mixed doubles, \$50 per player entry. All events will be limited, so be sure to get your reservations in early.

The format for each event will be A-B. If you lose in A, you drop to B, 2 out of 3 games in the A, 1 game only in B. B plays A winner. B winner must defeat A winner twice without losing once to claim the championship.

The Winnipeg Quality Inn is offering a special tournament rate for June 30-July 5: \$55 (Canadian funds) for single/double or \$65 for triple/quad, per night, plus taxes. You must book before May 30 and tell them you're with the shuffleboard tournament. Call 204-453-8247 or FAX, 204-287-2365.

For other information, call Donald Heaton, 204-793-2977; Steve Williams, 204-771-7893; or Harold Schmidt, 204-791-1111, or FAX to Raye Gerardy, 204-957-7704.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this first. You do not need to be a "Crazy Canuck" to participate, but you must abide by Canadian Congress rules.

Looking Ahead....

West Coast Hall of Fame Tournament, Medford Eagles Lodge 2093, Medford, Oregon, Sept. 3-7:

Check the enclosed flyer that gives details about this big event and use the registration form to save your spot. **Note that you save \$15 by registering by Aug. 1.** You'll find that the "Home of the Huggy Bear" is a fun place to be in a beautiful part of the country. You won't be disappointed if you plan your vacation around this tournament. These friendly folks hosted the 1st Southern Oregon Doubles last August and participants from four states gave them high marks. We don't know yet who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday afternoon of this tournament, but we'll keep you posted as we learn details.

Note that the World-Famous Bracketeer, Rob Kern, will be on hand to keep things running smoothly.

Correction

Anyone interested in receiving the Bowers Rating on the web can find them at

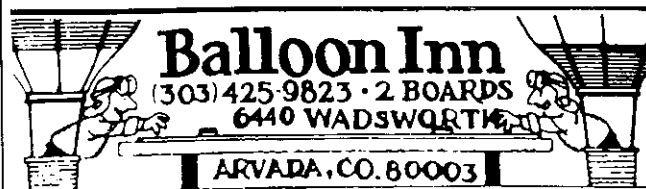
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WELCOME to the new owners of THE BALLOON INN



New owners of The Balloon Inn (from left):
Harry and Diana Stone, Barbara (daughter of
Harry) and Glenn Chavez.

**Come meet them at the 9th Annual
Balloon Open Doubles
June 12-14**



MORE NOTEBOOK

It Just Doesn't Make Any Sense to Buck Heads!

For a state that has approximately 35 to 40 tournaments every shuffleboard season, we seem to have hit a streak of three weeks without nary a one! But, of course, you just know what happens next -- three tournaments on the same Saturday! That doesn't make any sense to me why these bar owners don't get together and re-schedule their tournaments accordingly.

I've heard in the past some of these people saying: "Why should we re-schedule? We were in The Board Talk first." Well, I'll tell you one good reason why they should.....

On Thursday, March 19, I got a call from Bobby V wanting to know if my wife and I were up to playing a couple of round robins in Bourbon on Saturday, March 21. We said yes and after we made a few calls and Bobby made a few calls, when Saturday afternoon arrived, there were 24 players ready to get in the \$10 per player event. Now, I've played in a lot of tournaments that refuse to re-schedule because they "were in first," and guess what? They ended up with seven or eight teams total. If, in two days, a couple of guys making a couple of phone calls, can do it, there is no reason the bars can't.

To get to the important stuff....On the first draw partner event, Bobby V and the shooter in the family (Deb) beat out Terry Wolfrum and me in the first of two round robins to be held that afternoon. Things seemed to get a little better, I think, in the second session. Terry (from Ohio, I should add) and I had the good fortune to draw each other again, except through good luck or good shooting, we ended up taking the first place honors against Bobby V and Dale Gushman -- also from Ohio.

So, come on you bar owners, don't buck heads with each other if there is an open date close to the one you wanted in the first place. Find another one and let the players know. The shuffleboard grapevine is rapid-fire and it does work. You'll only be helping your own cause by bending *just a little bit*.

Larry Brown, Huntertown, Indiana

Excellent advice, Larry! Cooperation between bar owners is vital to the health of shuffleboard in any state. Indiana would do well to follow the example of other states in their efforts to avoid scheduling conflicting tournaments. We used to call when we spotted a conflict on the calendar, but nobody seemed concerned, so we discontinued that practice.

1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

MAY 1998

May 2-3

8th Annual Draw Partner
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

May 2

37th Annual Spring Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

May 7-10

Lone Star Classic
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

May 9-10

Open Doubles
Frankie's Sports Pub
Olympia, Washington

May 16-25

Texas Grand Slam
VFW Post 5076
Garland, Texas

May 17-25

Memorial Week Tournament
Blinky's
Santa Clara, California

May 21-25

Arbuckle Open
Prim's Wagon Wheel
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 23-24

Open Doubles
Rod's Drive In Tavern
Spokane, Washington

May 22-25

Memorial Weekend Tournament
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

May 22-25

Memorial Weekend Tournament
Honky Tonk
Sherburne, New York

May 22-25

2nd Memorial Tournament
Induction of Bobby Goldsmith
Mr. G's Bar & Cardroom
Visalia, California

May 30-31

10th Forest Festival Tournament
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

JUNE 1998

June 5

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

June 6-7

A/B Draw Partners
Shotze's Rack-N-Roll
Everett, Washington

June 12-14

9th Annual Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

June 12-14

Philly Open
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 13

Billy Chiles Memorial ABC Draw
Silver Spur
San Bernardino, California

June 20-21

Mixed Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

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 18-19

Open Doubles
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

July 25-26

Amateur Draw Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

July 28-Aug. 2

Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

July 31-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.

1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1998

Sept. 2-6

Texas Open and 14th Annual
Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Sept. 3-7

West Coast Hall of Fame
Tournament
Medford Eagles
Medford, Oregon

Sept. 5-7

ABC Tournament
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Sept. 19-20

Open Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 26-27

Amateur Draw Championships
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

OCTOBER 1998

Oct. 3

Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 3-4

ABC Draw
Corner Tavern
Bow, Washington

Oct. 9-11

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

Oct. 9-11

Bring Partner Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 17-18

Nelson/Buhl Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

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. 27-31

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

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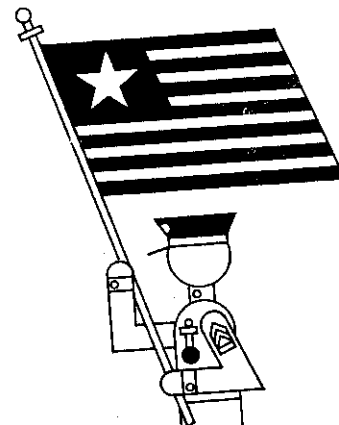
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A Message from Your Editors

Shufflers have a broad choice of events from which to choose over the Memorial Holiday: Texas, two in California, Washington, Oregon, New York, Oklahoma -- and perhaps some we don't know about.

Whatever your choice, we wish you good luck and good fellowship. Please drive carefully and arrive home safely.

George & Donna, Publishers
THE BOARD TALK



Mike and Hazel Repeat at Edison Mixed Doubles

Mike and Hazel Thorpe of Kent, Washington, became the first repeat winners in several years at the Old Edison Inn's 13th Annual Mixed Doubles, held March 6-8 in Edison, Washington.



Mike and Hazel went undefeated in matches, outlasting a tough field of 13 teams to claim the title again, as well as the distinction of being the only married couple to win this event -- ever!



Sharon McDonnell and Tim Nugent (both of the greater Seattle area) came in second after a tough-fought finale with Hazel and Mike.

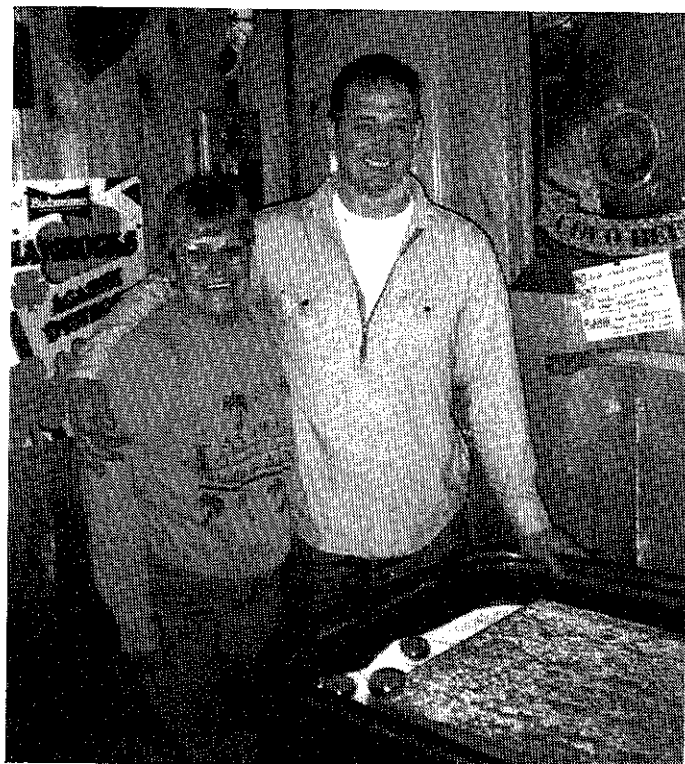
Mike and Tina Olson, a great Mom-Son team from the Kelso-Longview area of Washington, landed in third with a solid effort. Tina is a former co-winner of this event and seems to have a knack for finishing in the money.



Fourth place went to local shooters Richard Larson and Dee Hicinbothom.



Tying for 5th and 6th places, and just out of the pay brackets, were the teams of Jackie Anderson (Shelton) and Mike Waters (Tahuya), and tournament rookie Cecilia (Cecil) Callaway and Phil Depree, both from Edison.



Dee Hicinbothom had a pretty good weekend, as she and home-boy Jim ("I'm not an A") Kyle won the Friday night A/B draw when "Killer" Kyle lagged a 4 (shown in photo) with the hammer to win a 15-10 toughie over Larry Pearson and Dennis Smith. "Despite his protests, Jim was ranked an A for this one -- and proved why," said tournament director Phil DePree.

"Edison owners Mini and Sandy say thanks once again to all the players and guests for a weekend full of fun," said Phil. "As usual, Mini put on a big pot of stew to feed the shooters and gallery, and Sandy and her bar staff provided the friendly service so appreciated throughout the long tourney weekend.

"Thanks to the regular cast of assistants for bailing me out when I needed a break or was doing something else: Sherm, the Colonel, Jim Kyle, Cave, and others too numerous to list. Special thanks to Larry Pearson, editor of the excellent *Shuffleboard Northwest* and secretary for the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association, for sharing his photos," Phil said.

The next ESA event at "The Big E" will be the annual "Summer's End Open Doubles" on Sept. 18-20. See the next Board Talk for more details.

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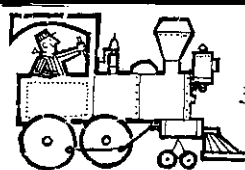
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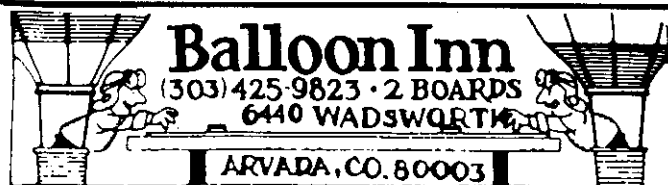
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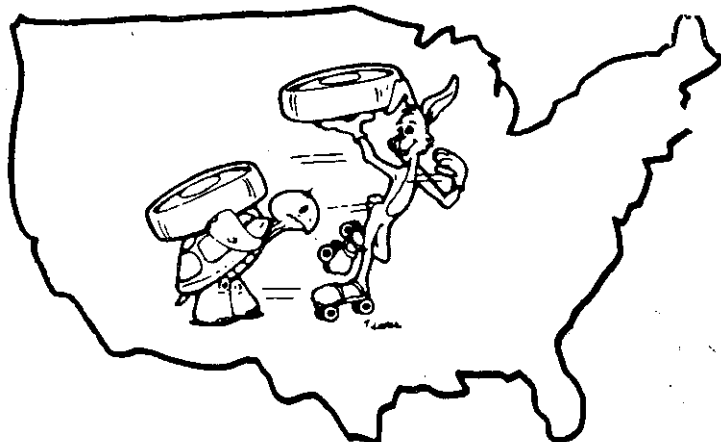
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