

The Board Talk

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Deep in the Heart of Texas: Where Shuffleboard, Hearts and Pockets are BIG!

●150 players from 10 States at Texas Open/Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion ●\$65,000 Pot

By George & Donna Wilber

Up until September 2, 1998, we thought Dallas was the headquarters for the Ewing Family's oil empire and their posh South Fork ranch was the place to party down. Pure fiction, we found out during our first visit there! Actually, it's shuffleboard -- not oil -- that reigns supreme in Dallas, Texas, and the Harbor Point Sports Bar -- not South Fork -- is the place to party down.

Located in the suburb of Richardson, the Harbor Point, with host Greg Hixon and directors Bobby and David Williams, had 12 boards ready to welcome shufflers from 10 states to the 1998 Texas Open/14th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament. A total of 150 players participated in 10 events, vying for a share of the healthy \$65,000 pot.

84 Players in 4-Person Team Event

In the opening events, there were eight teams in the Div. I 4-Person Team Event and 13 in Div. II.



Winners of the Division I 4-Person Team Event were (from right) Bobby Voorhis (captain) and Terry Dowell of Indiana, Texas Hall of Famer Rod Cameron, and Gary Moore of Oklahoma.

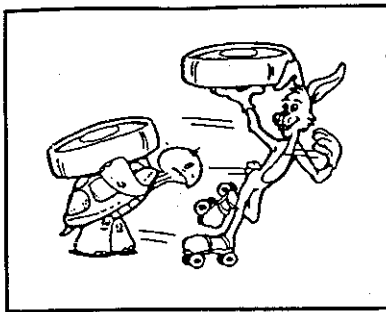


Taking second place honors in Div. I were (from left): David Williams, captain, Texas; Sally Goff, Oklahoma; Harvey Kidd, Texas; and Steve Walker, Oklahoma.



Showing off their first-place plaques for Div. II 4-Person Team Event are (from right): Bob and Cindy Houchin, Kay and Gary Nelson, all from Texas. The Houchins are hosts at the Gold Nugget in Arlington.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

An "Old-Timer" Salutes Growth of Shuffleboard

It's very encouraging to see the growth of shuffleboard and thank you for the support through The Board Talk. I played from 1961 until 1973 out of San Jose, California. In fact, Glen Davidson was my first partner in the early '60s. I was pleased to see Bobby Goldsmith has been honored for his great work in the promotion of this great game. I was able to play in Mr. Goldsmith's biggest tournament (California State Championships) in the late '60s and fortunate enough to win the singles, doubles and team events for San Jose.

The late Bill Jennings was my partner in the doubles held at the Veterans' Memorial Hall in Visalia, California. The late PeeWee Ramos was my partner in the team event. The loss of PeeWee was a great loss to our game.

I'm hoping to get up to Medford, Oregon, and/or perhaps the Reno tournament to visit with some old friends.

Keep up the good work with your newsletter.

Ron Graham, Santa Rosa, California

You are fortunate, Ron, to have played with many of our shuffleboard greats. Glen and PeeWee are inductees in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Bobby Goldsmith is in the California Hall of Fame, and Bill Jennings will be inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Eagles Lodge #3911 in Houston, MO. It would be great if you could be there for that event. (For information, call Charlie Riley, 417-967-4394.)

We were in Texas during the Oregon tournament, but hope to meet you in Reno.

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Denny's Dad Says Thanks

Thank you for your donation to the Denny Busch Memorial. Denny was happy to get people to buy The Board Talk.

We have heard from so many people with cards, cards with many names, and I would like to thank them all.

Arthur Busch, father of Dennis, Omaha, Nebraska

Denny was one of our greatest promoters and a dear friend as well and we miss him very much. We were pleased that he was inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, a well-deserved honor. We hope he's "up there" challenging the likes of Earl Kelly, Scratch Todd, Mickey Mickens, Rudy Stober, and all the other shuffleboard greats we've lost in recent years. What a tournament that would be!

What About Those "Kiddie" Boards?

Until 1995, I did not realize, understand, or care -- why there were different size shuffleboard tables. All I knew was I put my money in and we played. Eventually, I came to be a little bit more knowledgeable about the game of shuffleboard and playing on a 22' regulation table and have promoted them exclusively since 1995.

Unfortunately, St. Louis, Missouri, still has some people who promote playing and having tournaments on 18' shuffleboard tables even though there are several places that have fairly nice regulation boards. These people use the excuse that it is a tradition to play and promote tournaments on the "kiddie" boards. I disagree!

I may be wrong for not supporting the 18' kiddie boards. If I am, please tell me. I welcome the opinion from other shuffleboard players throughout the country, especially the pros.

Jerry Sabourin, Hillsboro, Missouri

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Dixie Bellers Celebrate Labor Day Minus a Kitchen

By Chris Brown

August was a quiet month around the Dixie Belle, Downey, California, especially at the end of the month when Debbie closed it as she remodeled the kitchen. The Belle was reopened briefly over the Labor Day weekend for our annual tournament, minus the kitchen. However, Debbie had that covered as Wes and Eileen Eades brought in their motor home, and the ladies proceeded to have the traditional Labor Day barbecue out back, using the motor home as their kitchen. Munchies, snacks, and sustaining food magically appeared all weekend long, as the ladies of the Dixie Belle took care of the shuffleboard players.

Now that the kitchen is reopened, Wes and Eileen are taking off on a long vacation, driving across country (a "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." guide with them, of course.)

The Labor Day ABC tournament was a smaller one, but fiercely fought. Most of the matches went the full three games, and no one was about to concede a game until the last point was rung up. When it was all over, the winning teams were:



First place: Jolene Lembke, "Young Bob" Davidson, and Chris Brown.



Second place: Ben Larsen, Jan Manes, and Tony Bastanchury.



Third place: Marie Coulter, Dave Brennan and Mary Lou Deering.

Next up on the agenda for the Dixie Belle is the 3rd Annual Birthday Bash Sweetheart Doubles on Oct. 2-4, which Debbie and I sponsor to celebrate our birthdays by giving something back to the wonderful friends we've made through shuffleboard.

In the near future is the Reno tournament, which should see a whole crowd of people from the Dixie Belle, Oskar's, and the Edgewood travelling north.

And, of course, the Thanksgiving Tournament at the Dixie Belle, featuring an ABC event and open doubles. The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame will be inducting Tommy Workman at this event.

(Editor's Note: We hope Wes and Eileen have Michigan on their travel itinerary. We're delighted with the news that Tommy Workman will be inducted into your Hall of Fame. He has been a long-time supporter of The Board Talk and is one of our favorite people.)

A Salute to Bud Hillburn from Board Talk Donna



*Without your hamburgers,
I would starve to death!*

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Nevada

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SANDS REGENCY, RENO, NOV. 1-8

The BIG tournament that shufflers everywhere are looking forward to is "on deck." **Sept. 30** was the deadline for entries; those postmarked after that date are subject to a \$5 penalty for registration and for each event entered.

There are 13 events on the action-packed agenda at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino in Reno, events designed for players of all skill levels from pros through 5's. Remember that all participants must be registered guests of the Sands Regency. To make your room reservations, call the Sands at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code number is SHU1030. Some of you have already made your room/airfare package arrangements and that's O.K. as long as you stay at the Sands.

Check the flyer that was included in the past several issues over carefully and if you have any questions, call The Shuffleboard Federation:

800-380-3033, or @www.shuffleboard federation.com for information via e-mail. Then send the completed entry/registration form, along with the fees, to: The Shuffleboard Federation, 41761 Onaway Drive, Northville, MI 48167-2411.

Missouri

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

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

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

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

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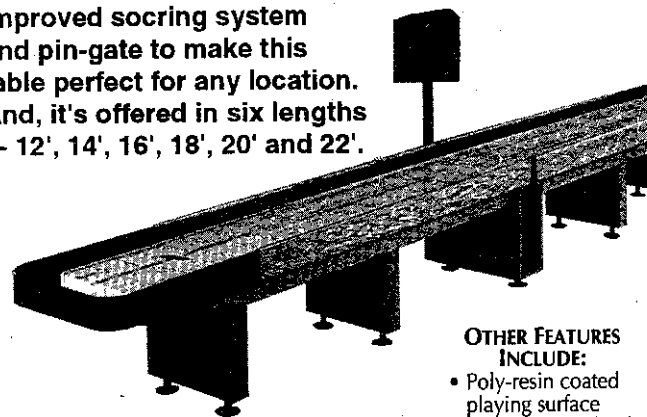
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--Bob Shaw, Fort Worth, Texas

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HALLOWEEN PARTY AND DRAW DOUBLES TOURNEY AT SHOOTER'S, OCT. 31

Do a little "trick or treating" yourself this Halloween at Shooter's, 1233 Tinhouse Road in Hillsboro, Missouri. The draw doubles tournament, \$20 per player entry, double elimination, will start at 3 p.m., played on three regulation boards. If there are 10 teams or more, \$100 will be added to the sale purse, and if there are 16 or more, \$200 will be added.

A \$5 registration/board fee will be charged. You can BYO or buy beer for \$1 a can and 50-cents for soda while quantities last. Boards will be available on Friday at 1 p.m. for practice and games, so make it a fun Halloween weekend. In addition to shuffleboard, there's also barbecue pits, a fishing pond, a hot tub, a shooting range, trampoline and more.

Pre-registration is required. Send to: Jerry Sabourin, 1233 Tinhouse Rd., Hillsboro, MO 63050. For information, call Jerry at 314-797-3577.

Suggested lodging includes the Jefferson Square Lodge in Desota, 314-586-8700; Twin City Motel in Festus, 314-937-7691 or Budgetel Inn, Festus, 314-937-2888.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this great Halloween get-a-way!

Indiana

ACTION GALORE IN HOOSIER STATE IN COMING MONTHS

Indiana tournament organizers/sponsors have gotten together to develop a calendar of events for several months in advance.

The first upcoming tournament is an open doubles at the **American Legion 330 in New Haven** on Oct. 24. Entry fee is \$30 per team, sale at 11:30 with play immediately following. For information, call Larry Brown, Manager, 219-749-1188 or 219-637-1406. Open doubles at this location will also be held on Dec. 19 and April 17, 1999.

On Oct. 31-Nov. 1, the annual Shufflefest will be held at **Chances "R" in Muncie** and will include a doubles and singles. For information, call Karen at 765-284-0855. Other events at this location will be the Indiana State Championships (open to Indiana players only) on Nov. 27-29 (see Thanksgiving Events); the 4th Annual Open Doubles is scheduled for Jan. 16; and the 1st Annual Bobby Schounce Memorial Tournament is on March 27.

At the **Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie**, open doubles tournaments have been scheduled for Nov. 3, Feb. 13, and March 13. For information, call Sportsman's, 765-289-0701.

Use the Calendar of Events as reminders of events in the Hoosier State.

By the time you receive this issue, the Big Fall Doubles at the American Legion in Bourbon will already have been held. Watch the next issue for results.

Texas

3-EVENT TOURNEY AT TAZ COUNTRY, NOV. 13-15

Taz Country, 1406 FM 1825, Austin, will host a 3-event tournament on Nov. 13-15. Action will start with a single elimination A-B draw on Friday, 8 p.m., \$30 entry. A bring partner event (total of at least 2 points) is on the agenda for Friday at 8 p.m., \$50 entry, double elimination. A second A-B draw, \$50 entry, will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, also double elimination.

For information, call Ron or Debbie Bowers, 512-835-7256 or 459-1264. Recommended lodging is the Rodeway Inn, Round Rock, 512-246-0005.

HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN, HILTON SOUTHWEST, DEC. 26-31

Wondering what to get your spouse or Significant Other for Christmas this year? You just couldn't go wrong -- for yourself and your gift receiver -- than six days of shuffleboard fun with friends across the U.S.A. at the Houston Holiday Open, Hilton Southwest, Dec. 26-31. This tournament, too, has events for all skill levels, pros through 5's. Check the enclosed flyer and decide which events are for you. Note, too, that there will be a special New Year's Eve party!

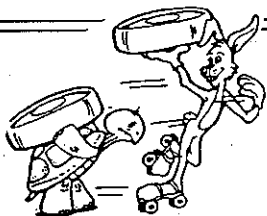
The Hilton Southwest is a beautiful facility and there will be free transportation to the Galleria shopping center for all those after-Christmas sales. The room charges for two beds (up to four people) is \$49.95 and includes two breakfast buffets.

For further information, contact Johnny Ballard at 281-759-3706, or Jack Scott, 281-558-0237.

In addition to the enclosed flyer, please note that the Houston Shuffleboard Community has also purchased a place in our Shuffleboard Directory as a reminder of this upcoming event.

**MORE UPCOMING EVENTS
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As The Puck Turns.....



By George & Donna Wilber

We thought, after nearly 15 years in this business, that we had experienced all the pinnacles. Certainly, being inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was an honor we never expected. To illustrate how unprepared we were for this one, George was back at our motel room for a quick nap, and Donna was taking photos of the other two inductions. It was an awesome experience and we are honored to be in such distinguished company as Rod Cameron and the late Earl Kelly. Thanks to all you big-hearted Texans who played a role in this. The plaque you presented to us is proudly displayed in our home-office.

Communication has been vital to the growth of our sport -- and that communication is growing, too, and going high-tech! You no longer have to wait for the "Pony Express" to deliver your Board Talk to get information about shuffleboard. The Bowers are on the internet and now joined by Eugene Peach (see Shuffleboard Directory for both) and The Shuffleboard Federation (see center-spread ad). We do not view this as *competition*, but rather *enhancement* of shuffleboard's communication system and urge you to use it.

If you're a bit tardy, as we have been, in joining the more advanced communicators, you might want to consider a method that Dan Kelly has set up for the St. Louis, Missouri, area. For a set-up charge of \$25 and \$5 a month, he has a St. Louis Shuffleboard Hotline (prices may vary according to area, he advises). To get information on action in that area, you can call: 314-963-5224.

We call your attention to Page 20 and request your input on the issue of whether a team should have to forfeit when members of that team fail to show up for the next scheduled match, or whether the captain should be allowed to replace the missing players with those of the same or lower ratings (by lower, we mean a 4 for a 3). This is not to say that the "vote" will prevail nationwide, but it will provide guidance to tournament directors in the future.

We heard some grumblings at the Texas Open/Board Talk Reunion from those who "didn't know" the tournament might extend into Labor Day, even though the last event started on Sunday. The registration flyer clearly stated: Sept. 2-7. Tournament directors go to a lot of expense for advertising. READ THEM!

WHOOOPS! We can blame it on Ginkgo, which failed to keep us mentally alert; or those pesky computer gremlins that come out at night and enter/erase/change our input; or on our own stooped shoulders and failing memories. We're afraid it's the latter! We apologize to Phil Skover of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., for not listing him as one of the MAJOR contributors to the Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament (his weight cases were a popular prize), and to Jerry Sabourin for the bold print error in the dates of his Halloween Party/Open Doubles. Of course, everybody knows that Halloween isn't on March 31, but just in case, a corrected flyer is enclosed. Please spread the word....

What a tremendous positive illustration of the health of shuffleboard today: there were seven events in various parts of the country over the Labor Day weekend. From the reports we've received, all were very successful. To think we used to worry when there were two tournaments on the same weekend. We've come a long, long way!

D & G

"Kiddie" Boards (cont. from Page 2)

Our advice to you, Jerry, is not to waste time and energy worrying about those 18' board tournament promoters. There may be two reasons why they have opted not to catch up with Shuffleboard Today: (1) they can't afford to upgrade to the regulation boards, or (2) they have decided to stick with "tradition," according to their local players. Either way, they are going to lose out when it comes to becoming nationally-recognized as a tournament site and/or their players will have problems adjusting to regulation boards when they venture out into the "big time" tournaments. In the end, it's their decision and they'll have to live with it. If they're happy with that decision, who are we to judge?

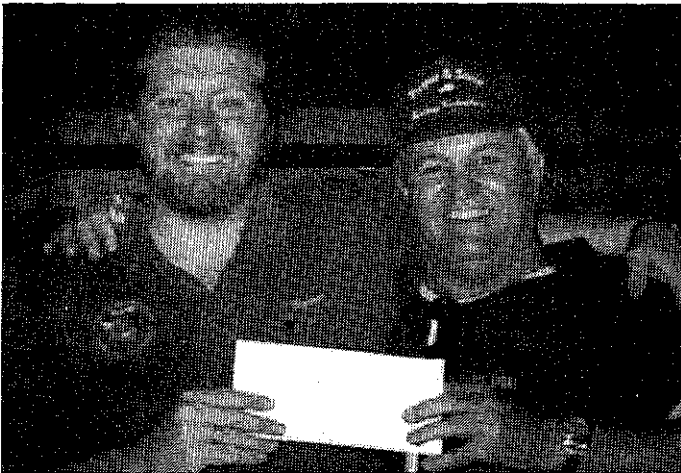
If there are pros and others who would like to respond to Jerry personally rather than through the pages of The Board Talk, his address is: 1233 Tinhouse Rd., Hillsboro, MO 63050.

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Lost: 2 Sets of Weights at Taz Country; Found: 2 Sets of Weights in Dumpster

By Debbie Bowers

Taz Country in Pflugerville, Texas, held a three-event tournament over the Aug. 7-9 weekend. Action started with Friday night's handicap draw with 44 players.



First place went to Ronnie McMann (right) of Cannon Lake and Eugene Peach of Houston.



Second place in the handicap draw was taken by Brenda Moore of San Antonio and new local player, Dale Reeves of Austin.



Randy Rogers (left) of Austin and Al Kennedy of Corpus Christi took third place.



The search for the missing weights ends in success.

Saturday morning started out not so great for Ken (Doc) Strong. He had left two sets of weights in the club Friday night and they were missing Saturday morning. One of our players, Carol Peach of Houston, suggested they go out to the dumpster and check since she had heard a loud crash by the trash can on Friday night. Well, I guess shuffleboard players do go to all extremes to find a good game, even if it means going through a dumpster to get there. The picture tells it all. With help from Coach, Rost and Rene, he recovered all of his weights. The weight case had opened up and they were scattered all through the dumpster, but they were all found, along with other missing items (the pills used to draw up the players).



Saturday's bring your own partner (must add up to 2 points) event's first place went to Brenda Moore and Jeri Billard (you go, girls!).



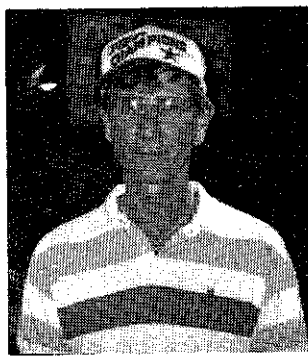
Harvey and Lilly Kidd of Houston took second place honors.

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Third place in the bring partner event went to Tom and Lynda French of Austin.



First place in Sunday's handicap singles event went to Johnny Ballard (left) of Houston. Eddie Woods (right) finished second, with Neil Garvin of Corpus Christi in third place.

Ron and I thank all participants for coming and hope they enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Gene and Sarah, owners of Taz Country, for providing the food.

Once again, we thank Tom and Lynda French for all their help in setting up the ratings on the web. Anyone interested can find the ratings on www.jump.net/~ronbowers.

(Note: Taz Country is a member of our national shuffleboard network and an advertiser in the Shuffleboard Directory.)

Devonshire Inn Hosts Tourney in St. Louis

By Jack Murphy

Friends, fans and players turned out in force for the 1st Annual Devonshire Inn Pre-League Tournament on Aug. 28-29 in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a tough and competitive field of local players preparing for the upcoming fall shuffleboard league. Almost every match ended with close scores in these intense and challenging games.

First place honors went to Chuck Muehlhauser and Will Capehart, who sailed through the winner's

bracket undefeated. Frank Edlen and Sammy "Soup" Eveland took second place honors. They came back through the loser's bracket following their second round loss to the eventual third place finishers, Ken Marshall and Jerry Sabourin.

Many thanks to the tournament organizers, Pat Marshall and Robert Kasza. Special thanks to Sofija Pekic, owner of Devonshire Inn, for providing a great place to have a tournament and for all of the food (especially that pasta dish!). I'm looking forward to playing in this tournament again next year.

Hensick/Pekic Win Ladies' Tournament in St. Louis

By Terrie Boothe

It all came down to a few final shots to make this the most interesting tournament yet for a group of players recently in St. Louis. A group of wonderful players gathered together on a Saturday afternoon to spend their day competing in the 4th Annual Ladies' Tournament at Ulena's Bar in St. Louis, Missouri. As the competition became fiercer with each passing game, the bar began to fill with fans and supporters. All those who came to play or watch were rewarded with Greta Hensick's renowned chicken and dumplings, part of this annual event.

In this double elimination event, Greta Hensick and Sofija Pekic dominated this event, along with Carol Marshall and Peggy Magee. When these four ladies met in the finals, it was excellent competition to watch. Carol and Peggy came from the loser's bracket and beat Greta and Sofija 15-4. Since this was double elimination and this was Greta and Sofija's first loss, a second game was played. By this time the bar was packed and everyone watched in fascination as this became a battle of four women shooting their best ever. In the end, the last game was won 15-13 with Greta and Sofija taking first place. Carol and Peggy placed second, with third going to Kristi Moran and Melanie Shipp. Prize money, along with roses and plaques, were awarded to the top three teams. Everyone competing was also given a prize donated by Coca Cola. Special thanks to Chuck Muehlhauser and Greta Hensick for doing such a fine job in organizing the tournament.

(Ulena's Bar is a member of our national shuffleboard network.)

DEADLINE REMINDER
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Another Fun-Filled Crazy Canucks Tournament

By Sandi Greenfield for Marg Okum

We have rounded up our 8th Annual Crazy Canucks Tournament here in Vancouver, British Columbia, held at the A.N. & A.F. on Aug. 13-16.

Our American contingency started to arrive as early as Tuesday, Aug. 11, with "Winston" Jim Cockrell (Winston, Oregon) being the traditional first to roll in the front door of the A.N. & A.F. Unit 68, followed shortly behind by Rick Gindt and Loren Lampley. You guys will remember next year to invite Marg along with you on your pub prowling, now won't you? Socializing by means of tailgate and motor homes carried on in the parking lot under the club after the club closed as usual. Marg has a \$60 cleaning bill to collect from a mess left in a motor home. You know who you are!!!

Larry Pearson of Seattle, Washington, brought along his extra-special guest to cheer him on to victory. Not only was it "Mom" Pearson's first visit to Canada, she was also celebrating her 80th birthday with her No. 1 son. Rumor has it that she could be found close to the keno and pull tab machines between Larry's games.

Lampley/Millar Win Draw

Thursday night's traditional "Winston Jim Fun Draw Doubles" with 18 teams was the usual icebreaker for newcomers and renewing old acquaintances. Everyone had a great time. First place spot was won by Loren Lampley of Shelton, Washington, and our own Joannie Millar, Richmond, B.C. Second place went to Mike Kinney, Eagle Point, Oregon, and Mike "the Squid" Obacz, Vancouver, B.C. Third and fourth place was shared by the teams of "Georgie" Georganna Brand, Road River, Oregon, and Brian Burchynsky, North Vancouver, B.C., and Kabel Bimb, Victoria, B.C., and Darrol Nelson, Springfield, Oregon.

Welcome back to all our regular participants. It was wonderful to see the return of Russ "Colonel" Miller, Mt. Vernon, Washington, who seemed to be missing in action for a few years. It was also great to see a few newcomers to the Crazy Canucks. A warm welcome to John Hyatt, Kelso, Washington, and Gwynette Orsi, Omaha, Nebraska. We hope you enjoyed our Crazy Canuck hospitality (could it be our beer?). Thanks to Gwynette and Sandi Greenfield (Vancouver, B.C.), Winston Jim and a few others went home with lighter pockets after playing against them on the challenge board in the lounge. Thanks for the tips, Gwyn. We know that our third newcomer, Mark Fulton of Eagle Point, Oregon, will never forget his initiation to his first Canadian Shuffleboard Tournament. Only Joannie Millar knows how to

welcome the young men. Joannie, I don't think Mark wanted you to stop singing and he wasn't about to get up out of his chair too fast when you were finished!

Nelson First in Singles

Our singles event started on Friday night with 18 entries and we can only hope that next year will show much stronger support on the side of Canadian participants if we want the Canucks' stop on the Evergreen Tour to continue. First prize was received by Darrol Nelson, second by Larry Pearson, third by Mike Thorpe (Spokane, Washington), fourth by Nick Billings (Vancouver, B.C.). Fifth and sixth places went to Gwynette Orsi and Don "Mitch" Mitchell, Kelso, Washington. As usual, Mitch was a great auctioneer.

The main doubles event was off to a late start Saturday due to the long struggle for first place in the singles. Lucky, too, for Rick "the Gorilla" Gindt, Tacoma, Washington, as he probably had too many of those Banana Gorillas on Friday night. Thanks to Rick and his long distance calls for the recipe, we now have another special drink posted in the lounge bar. We call it "Rick's Gorilla" and the "Modified Gorilla" for the Canadian faint-of-heart. Not to worry, Rick. Your name plaque will be displayed on our "Wall of Shame," as you call it. Speaking of Gorillas and the Jungle: "Caveman" Jim Ward (Tacoma), where were you in the standings? Is that what cave men do? "Leave your rocks on the table!" Not to worry, though; the Colonel has taken them home for you. Mike Kinney, you can see Don Stallsworth for your mug.

Thorpe/Pearson Win Doubles

The doubles event could have been called an endurance event as it did not decide the winners until 10:30 Sunday night, probably the latest conclusion of the tournament yet. Many participants decided to stay the night and party on before the long drive home. Larry Pearson's rendition of "Taking Care of Business" on the bar microphone at the end of the tournament was very appropriate for Mike Thorpe and Larry Pearson's first place win. Larry, you made your Mom very proud! Second place was awarded to Darrol Nelson and "Gorilla" Gindt. We are proud to say one of Canadian teams of Nick Billings, Vancouver, and Joe "Tazmanian Devil" Barry, Langley, B.C., made it in the money taking third place. They were followed by Loren Lampley and Mitch Mitchell in fourth place; Mike Kinney, Eagle Point, Oregon, and Mark Fulton in fifth (Way to go, Mark, for your first time in Canada!). Sixth place was taken by John Hyatt and Frank Mako, Castle Rock Washington.

Congratulations to all our winners.

Joannie Millar, Richmond, B.C., and Kabel Bimb, Victoria, two of our top Canadian Shortboard players, were introducing Canadian Shortboard to two of our American guests when they got beat 15-6 by Mike Kenney and Mark Fulton.

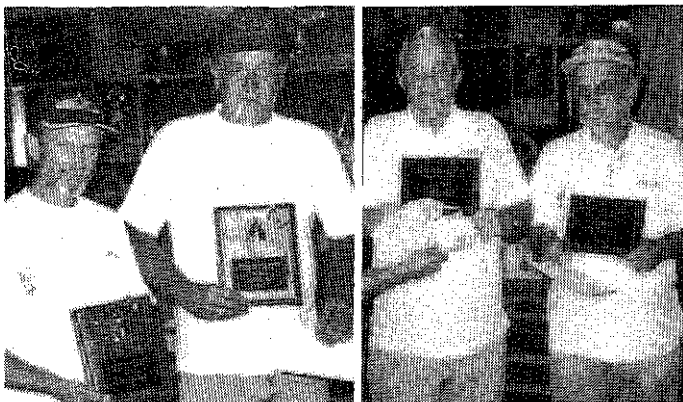
Special thanks to the A.N. & A.F. Unit 68's Ladies' Auxiliary for their help with the added prize money and to Marg Okum for her tireless efforts on all the fund-raisers and barbecues. Gordie Smith and Bill Weir, our steak cooks, do an excellent job slaving

over those hot coals. If you guys don't cook steaks, many will refuse to buy them! Of course, we can't forget to say thanks to Winston Jim for his raffle ticket sales and modeling of the Indy jackets the day of the draw. To all who participated in our barbecues, raffles and draws, without everyone's help, this would not be the success it has been over the year, gearing up for our annual event. Thank you!

(The AN & AF Unit 68 is a member of our shuffleboard network.)

Lots of Action at Action Lounge Over Labor Day Weekend

Bud Hillburn's Annual Action Lounge Labor Day Tournament in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, continues to be a huge success. As usual, the talent was awesome! The draw and print partner events were single game, double elimination, and the sweetheart draw was best two out of three in the winner's bracket and single game in the loser's bracket, double elimination. All events were handicapped, based on the Bowers Rating System. Bud, as usual, had delicious food on hand with plenty for everyone. Bud points out that some of the best players in the country reside in the Tulsa area and he was honored to have some of these players at his tournament.



Randy Martin and Squeaky Saliers (left) wiped out all the traditional players in the draw event. Everyone watched these free-handers at work and found it hard to believe. Jim Kennedy (JFK) and Mike Pernice (right) fought their way through some awful tough players to capture second place honors.

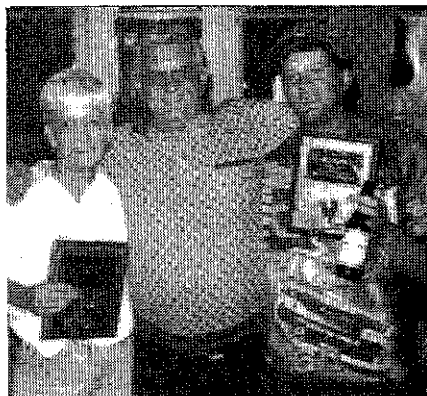
Here comes that name again -- Jim Kennedy. Jim and Charlie Byrom decided at the last minute to team up and other players wished they had not done so.



Action Lounge host Bud Hillburn (left) presents first place trophies to Jim Kennedy and Charlie Byrom.

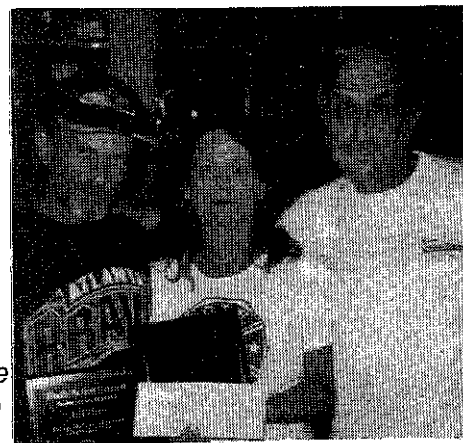
Second place honors went to Keith Oyler and Donnie Wilkerson, fighting all the way.

The third event was the Sweetheart Draw.



Host Bud Hillburn (center) congratulates Sweetheart Draw first place finishers Shirla Porter and Terry Yingst.

Second place honors went to Sandy Scott and Randy Martin, congratulated by bracketeer Mike Pernice. Sandy is making a hell of a comeback, said Bud. This hard-fought game went down to the wire.



Zane Porter gave up on trying to compete with Bud Hillburn as auctioneer and assumed the job of "Official Action Lounge Photographer." Bud, on occasion, had to "encourage" Zane to do his job, but Zane came through.

Bud runs his tournament in a very professional manner. He not only had a photographer, he also had an "Official Action Lounge Reporter." U.J. West had this honor.

Bud gives a big thank you to all the players and attendees for making this tournament a big success. He also gives special thanks to Mike Pernice and Shirla Porter for their time and patience in running the brackets.

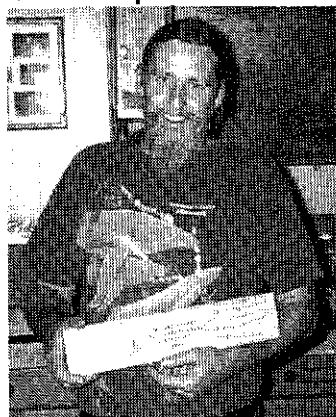
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Lampley/James Earn Singles Crowns at Fir Cone Tavern

By Mel Hohn

The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington, hosted its first Division I and Division II singles tournament on Aug. 22-23. The result was a huge success. Division I qualifications were -1 through 1, based on the Bowers' Rating System. Division II qualifications were 2 or higher. The Bowers' Rating System has gone a long way towards equalizing shuffleboard matches. This, in turn, has increased the number of players.

Div. I play started on Saturday at noon. A large following of Div. II players showed up to cheer on their favorite players. Dennis MacPherson sat in the box seats to cheer his favorite, Rick Gindt (those two have a strange way of showing support for each other). Seventeen hours later, the streets of Shelton were deserted and the only sound that could be heard was the rattle of weights going down the board in search of a champion.



Loren Lampley (left) claimed his spot in history by beating Al Pease to become the first Fir Cone Tavern Division I singles champion. Al Pease (right) always ends up in the finals and this time settled for second.

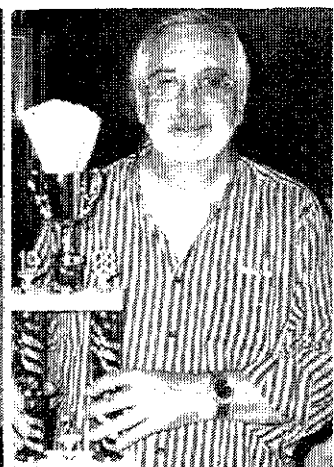
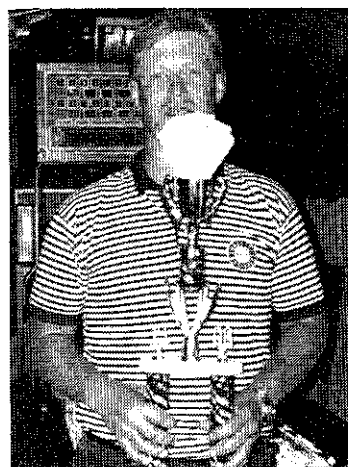


Nels Anderson (left), a local player, took third and Mike Thorpe (right) finished fourth.

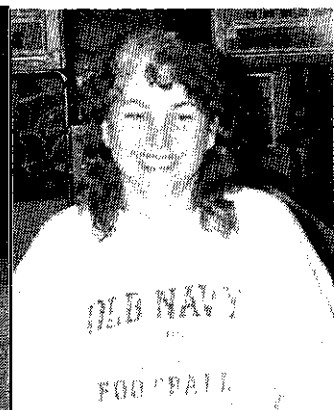


This finish should come as no surprise to anyone as Loren Lampley and Nels Anderson are the reigning Washington State Open Doubles Champions.

Div. II play started Sunday at noon (more of the Dennis MacPherson-Rick Gindt mutual support club). In keeping with the Div. I players, 17 hours later, Dennis James was holding the cup with all the money while looking for a bed to rest his weary head.



Dennis James (left) never lost a match on his way to becoming the Fir Cone Tavern Div. II Singles Champion. Jim "007" Thorton (right) finished a strong second.



Dennis MacPherson took third place, and Hazle Thorpe finished fourth.

Div. II ended up with the top three players all planning to play Div. I next year (help us out, Ron!).

This tournament was a success because of the people behind the scenes who do all the hard work. We thank Ron and Debbie Bowers for developing the Bowers' Rating System; Jeanette Hohn, owner of the Fir Cone Tavern, Vickie Gonzales and Billy Hagmen for the excellent food on both days; and last, but not least, thanks to Melinda Hohn for all her clerical support.

The Fir Cone Tavern's Amateur Championship was held on Sept. 26-27. Watch next month's Board Talk for results.

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Texas Open Has the 5 Big C's for a Successful Tournament

COMPANIONSHIP.....



How many people can sit on Billy Melton's lap. Well, at least three -- Sally Goff, Dale Koteras and Diana Hagen.



Whether you're from Nebraska, Texas, or Oklahoma, you have one common bond -- shuffleboard! So saith Chris Smith, Merilou Roberts, Eddie Guy and John Cason.

COMMUNICATION.....



The Melton's laps are pretty comfortable, and Board Talk George tells Bill: "I finally beat you at something; I got inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame!"

COMPETITION.....



Tournament official Brenda Moore uses her eagle eye to call a close one.

COMPATABILITY.....



"Shall we let David take over and just goof off?" tournament director Bobby Williams asks assistant Jeri Billard.

Texas Open/Board Talk Reunion

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Taking second place honors in the Div. II 4-Person Team Event were: Mahlon and Linda Nobles, Carol Audett and Dave Ewing, all from Texas.

Finishing third in the money were: Lilly Kidd, Dave Ramold and David Mayo of Texas, and Pam Worsham of Indiana.

68 in Three Singles Events

There were 24 players in the pro singles, 16 in the 2's only singles, and 28 in the 3's and above singles.



Winners of the Pro Division Singles were David Williams (left), 1st; and Den Dell of Maryland, 2nd.



Terry Dowell of Indiana took third place.



Harvey Walden of Tennessee took first place honors in the 2's Only Singles. Jeri Billard (left) finished second, with Lilly Kidd in third place.



Danny Norris (right) was winner of the 3's and above singles. Danny is owner of Danny's Sports Bar in Houston, Texas (see the Shuffleboard Directory). Del Ammerman finished third.

Jeff Womble of Dallas took second place honors in the 3's and Above Singles. Jeff says he's only been playing for about six months and this was his first major tournament. Likely, it won't be his last.



78 Players in Two Draws

There were 21 teams in the Div. I Draw and 18 in Div. II.



Mary Koterak and Johnny Ballard drew each other and collected the first-place plaques for Div. I.



Greg Brown (left) and Bill Melton took second place.

Eugene Peach and Billy Mays finished third.



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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Shelli and Eddie had arrived at Sparky's Sports Pub in Santa Clara for Shelli's debut in a big tournament. At the same time, Long Beach Lil headed toward that destination.....)

After the "hoopla" that followed Eddie and Shelli's arrival at Sparky's Sports Pub had died down, the action started to formulate. The tournament was well-planned and organized for the weekend long event. There would be an open draw on Friday, a bring-your-partner event on Saturday, and the singles event (handicapped) would finish the tournament on Sunday.

Eddie would not be eligible for the open draw, which would be starting in a few minutes, because of his -1 rating. Shelli was eligible for any of the events because she hadn't even been rated yet! As a result, she was going to compete in ALL of the events.

In the meantime, the car which had departed Long Beach that same morning made a stop at Downey, California. Indeed, it was Long Beach Lil, and she stopped off at a major shuffleboard place called The Southern Belle Lounge. She had arranged to stop off there to pick up a partner, whose name was "Mexican Joe Gomez." While there, she decided to make a call to Santa Clara -- specifically to find out if Eddie (and Shelli) would be playing there that weekend.

She got in touch with Sparky, the owner, and he told her that Eddie and Shelli were entered and would be playing in the tournament. She had a big decision to make now. Did she want to take the long drive up state and confront Eddie and Shelli, or stay where she was and compete in the weekend tournament that would be starting soon at the Southern Belle. If she decided to go, she didn't have to be there until the next day, Saturday, for the bring your partner, and the singles event on Sunday. She sat down with her partner, Joe, and ordered a couple of drinks....and started thinking.

Meanwhile, up north, Shelli was really getting excited as the drawing began for the open draw event. Based on some very "general" information, they gave her a "3" rating. Eddie stayed out of it. This was his day to just "kick back" and leisurely take in all the action (along with a few drinks, of course).

There was no calcutta for this event and Shelli drew a partner whose nickname was "Laggin' Lee" Gaggner. Eddie told her that she was lucky to have gotten him in the draw, because he was a pretty fair player, and they would have a good chance to win. Shelli was relieved to hear that, as she was really getting nervous now.

There were over 40 teams (with a \$50 entry fee) and it would be single elimination, so they could get it

finished before the next day's event. This meant that there was over \$4,000 in prize money, plus Sparky added \$300 due to the large turnout.

There wasn't much time for conversation with "Laggin' Lee" as the play was starting, and they were up in the first round. They won their first three games handily and had a chance to talk strategy before they were up again. A sense of synergism began to develop between the two of them. Eddie just kind of stayed out of things and offered a comment only when he was asked. He was staying into the Wild Turkey bourbon he was downing, though.

They stayed in the winner's bracket throughout the whole event and were now facing the final round. There was a little whispering and side-talk starting up over how well Shelli was shooting. It was obvious that she should have been rated higher than a "3." However, nobody spoke openly about it, in deference to Eddie.

In the final round, they were matched up against two real good shooters. The one was named "Two Hanger Tommie," and the other's handle was "Quickshot Malone." The games were extremely close and it finally got down to the final frame. The score was 14 to 13 in favor of Quickshot's team. Shelli had the hammer for the final shot. She had missed a weight, so she had a short "1" in the center, and a very deep "1" on the right rail, which was touching the two line, to shoot against.

Her choices were to either go for the lag, or stick the front weight and hope for the best. She sized things up very closely, sprinkled some wax on the left rail, and released a left-cross shot. The room was deadly silent, and all eyes were on Shelli's weight as it sailed down the board. There was electricity in that room!

The weight looked good going down, and she had played the drift well. Everyone's heart started to sink, though, when they saw Shelli's weight connect with the deep "1" because her weight caromed off to the left after it made contact! It looked like a sure "hit-and-go." Ironically, the weight settled just before going down -- with one side hanging into the four zone, and the other over the right rail. "Laggin' Lee" excitedly shouted out: "SAFE!", but it stayed in place....and the game was over!

Shelli started screaming then and began hugging and kissing both Eddie and Lee at the same time. She had done it! She won her first big tournament and a whole bunch of money to boot! She was totally ecstatic!

Eddie's mind was starting to click now, too. This changed things a little, and he also knew he had to

start to sober up for tomorrow. He also had a sense that something else was up. He didn't know what -- but there was something there.....

About the same time, a car pulled out of the parking lot of the Southern Belle Lounge in Downey...and Long Beach Lil was at the wheel!

--TO BE CONTINUED--

Don't miss the next episode to see if Lil will go to Santa Clara and confront Eddie and Shelli!

Koontz/Johnson Win 1st VFW Tournament in Indiana

The VFW in Syracuse, Indiana, recently held its first shuffleboard tournament with casino action, and it proved to be a huge success. There were 32 players (16 teams) with a large sale and many close games.

In the end, it was a newly-formed team of Mike Koontz from Bourbon, Indiana, and Mikel Johnson, Warsaw, Indiana, who came through the loser's bracket to take first place. Bobby and Debbie Voorhis of Fairmount took second place honors with Larry and Mary Brown of Fort Wayne in third. Bourbon's spring doubles champs, Jerry Knox and Ray Miller, finished just out of the money spots.

"This was a great turnout," said Fig of the VFW. "Thanks to Larry Summy, Terry Dowell, the Ohio teams, Mike Johnson for taking care of the board, and for the great job he does on the sale, the best I've seen. He gets the crowd into it and sales are great when he takes over. We hope to see everyone back and hope to see more new faces."

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Texas Open *(continued from Page 17)*



Bill "Wooley" Wooldridge and Diana Hagen finished fourth in the Div. I Draw.

Ann Nyugen and David Veasey, both from Texas, took second place honors in the Div. II Draw.



Others in the winner's circle for the Div. II Draw were Rob Houchin and Penny Meharg, 3rd; Pete Peterson and Carol Audett, 4th.



Moss ("Willy Nelson") and Vikki Hennings, both of Texas, were tops in the Div. II Draw.

78 Shufflers in Draft Team Event

With 13 teams of six players, the competition in the Draft Team Event was intense, with play extending into Labor Day morning. When two members of Bobby Voorhis' team failed to show up for their match, they had to forfeit. The top three teams voted to return Bobby's team their entry fees out of their winnings. You are requested to "vote" on this type of situation.

FORFEIT OR REPLACE?

QUESTION: If players on a team fail to show up for their scheduled match, should the team have to forfeit? Or should the captain be allowed to replace those missing players with available players with the same or lower (i.e., a 4 for a 3) ratings?

Add your thoughts on why you "voted" the way you did.

Send your "ballots" to The Board Talk, 503 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906, and we'll publish the results in an upcoming issue. This is not a common occurrence, but your input would be valued by tournament directors who may face this situation in the future.



Winners of the Draft Team Event were (from left): Harvey Kidd, Ann Nuygen, Rost Kaune, Brian Walker (captain), Doug Roller and Connie McCormack.



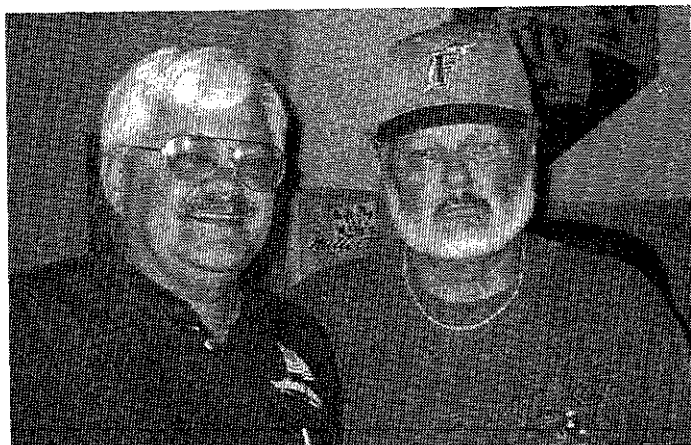
Taking second place honors in the Draft Team Event were (front row): Lynn Bishop, Billy Mays (captain), Pam Lee (back row) Eddie Woods, Mahlon Noh and Tre Cameron.



Third and final money spot went to : Jack Snell, Bill Melton (captain), Joyce Holmes, Judy Jarnigan, and Lee Duncanson. In the background: auctioneer-comedian Eddie Guy.

68 Players in Bring Partner Events

There were 12 Bring Partner teams in Div. I and 22 teams in Div. II.



Rick Niblett and Len Dell of Maryland came to show the Southwest World of Shuffleboard that the East Coast was a threat to be reckoned with, and made a big dent in their travelling expenses by taking first in the Div. I Bring Partner.

Filling out the winner's circle for Div. I were Brenda Moore and Johnny Ballard, 2nd place; and Brian Walker and Dale Koterak, 3rd.

(Editor's Note: Our plane left early Labor Day morning, so we were unable to get photos of the winners of this last event. We shot Rick and Len earlier because Len complained that his "Dad" never

got any recognition in The Board Talk.)



Pat Gainey (left) and Jack Snell (sitting on Bill Melton's lap) teamed up to take top honors in the Div. II Bring Partner event.

Other winners were: Craig White and Mike Taylor, 2nd; Chris Smith and Don Roper, 3rd; Carol and Eugene Peach, 4th.

Shufflers Show They Are Special

• Evelyn Harris collected \$355 from participants for the Bill Moore Memorial Fund.

• Terry Dowell of Indiana returned the set of weights he won as a door prize for a drawing to benefit George and Donna Wilber with \$250 toward their travel expenses.

• The top three teams in the Draft Team Event returned, from their winnings, the entry fees for Bob Voorhis' team, which had to forfeit.

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Texas Open *(continued from Page 21)*

First Inductions for Texas Hall of Fame

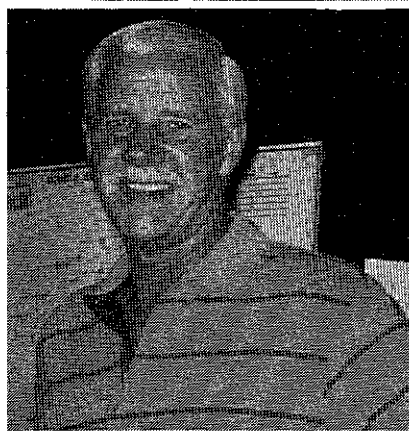
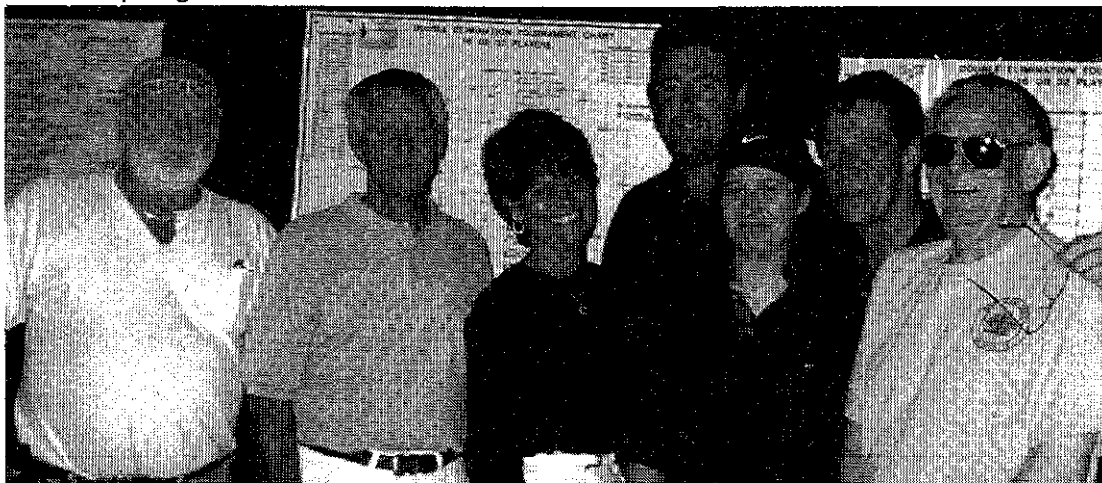
Texas kicked off their Shuffleboard Hall of Fame during the tournament with three inductions.



The first went to the legendary Earl Kelly, who has already been inducted into the National Hall of Fame. Committee member Brian Walker presents a plaque to Evelyn Harris, who accepted for Earl's family.

Harbor Point Rates "A" for Hospitality

The food and drinks at Harbor Point are very good and the service is excellent. We salute Greg Hixson and his crew: Penny, Tracy I, Tracy II, Pat, Denise, Allison, Cheryl, Sherri, Ricky, Eric, Auggie, and Brandy (Yukon Jack). If we missed someone, our sincere apologies.



Well-deserving of the recognition by his peers for a lifetime of participation in, and promotion of, the sport of shuffleboard, was Rod Cameron.

Totally unprepared for the unexpected honor of being inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame was photographer-reporter Donna Wilber, half of The Board Talk.



A Hard-working Tournament Crew

It takes a tremendous amount of hours and hard work to make a tournament a success, particularly when you have an overflow crowd. Hats off to tournament directors Bobby and David Williams, and all of their indispensable support staff.

Those who helped make it happen included: (from left) Moss, David Williams, Penny Mehar, host Greg Hixson, computer whiz Jeri Billard, Bobby Williams, and Wooley, who supplied most of the boards and furnished the wax.

Not shown: CW Walker, last month's "cover boy," also on hand to help.

A vital part of the tournament team was Tina Wade, who was taking a needed break when the group photo was taken. George wanted to adopt her, but hesitated when he found that Tina's 16-year-old son would be part of the deal.

And, as always, Johnny Wayne Crawford was on hand to lend his expertise whenever and wherever needed.

More Upcoming Events

LOTS OF THANKSGIVING EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR

Indiana State Championships: Nov. 27-28, at Chances "R" in Muncie. An open doubles is scheduled for Friday, \$50 per team; an open singles on Saturday, \$30 per player; a mixed doubles, \$20 per team, and a women's singles, \$15 entry, on Sunday. Call 765-284-0855.

Florida State Championships: Nov. 26-29, at the Fill-N-Station, Mims. Round robins on Thursday along with a free Thanksgiving dinner. The tourney will kick off on the 27th at 7 p.m. with a bring partner. Saturday, the 28th, will be ladies' singles at 11 a.m. and men's singles at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, will be a mixed doubles, 11 a.m. Plenty of parking for RVs. For information, call Larry Cooper, 407-383-0053, or Alvis Ramey, 407-269-4121.

Michigan State Championships: Nov. 26-29, Club Car Lounge, Durand. Open to Michigan residents only. Boards available Thanksgiving afternoon; mixed doubles on Friday, \$15 per player; three events on Saturday: open singles, \$40 entry; ladies' singles, \$15 entry; Div. II singles, \$20 entry -- all played simultaneously; open doubles, \$20 per player, on Sunday. One-time \$5 registration fee. For information, call John McDermott at The Shuffleboard Federation, 800-380-3033, or George Wilber at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538 or 484-4976.

3-Event Tourney and Hall of Fame Induction: Eagles Lodge #3911, Houston, Missouri. For information, call Charlie Riley, 417-967-4394 or 967-4394.

Williams Brothers Annual Texas Thanksgiving Classic: Nov. 25-29. Watch next month's issue for events and location.

A-B Draw: Nov. 28-29 at BZ's Bar & Grill in Seatac, Washington. For information, call BZ's, 206-243-6018.

Thanksgiving Tournament and Hall of Fame Induction: Nov. 26-29, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California. ABC event and open doubles. Induction of Tommy Workman into the California Hall of Fame.

Thanksgiving Shootout: Nov. 20-21, Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. Draw partner on Friday, 6:30 p.m., \$10 entry; bring partner on Saturday, 1 p.m., \$25 per team entry. Follow-up A-B draw partner on Saturday, Dec. 5, \$10 entry. For information, call Harvey at 410-836-8881.

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More Notebook

Jack Tyler Honored with Induction to Hall of Fame

On Sept. 5, I was inducted into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in Medford, Oregon. I want to thank my sponsor, Ralph Duarte, a long-time friend. I was amazed at the number of people who came up to me and said they had played in the Northwest Regional Shuffleboard Tournament in Longview, Washington.

It was a great pleasure to see so many of my old-timer friends, notably Glen Davidson, Jim Foran, Doug Buhl, Jim Allis, the Mako Brothers, and Jerry Berquist and Winston Jim, also inductees, and Galen Gaunce, who was inducted into the National Hall of Fame. There were many more, too numerous to mention.

It was a very moving ceremony and I want to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in my nomination -- and I saw some great shuffleboard being played!

Jack Tyler, Desert Hot Springs, California

Congratulations on this great honor, Jack! We hope someone got photos of the event. At deadline time, we are still awaiting the report from Medford. If it doesn't arrive on time, it will be in the November issue.

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

The following establishments have joined or rejoined our national shuffleboard network since the last "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." was published in June. Please add them to your list:

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1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

OCTOBER 1998

Oct. 2

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

Oct. 2-4

4-Event Tournament
The Pillars
Guilford, New York

Oct. 3

Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 3-4

ABC Draw
Corner Tavern
Bow, Washington

Oct. 9-10

Memorial Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Oct. 9-11

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

Oct. 9-11

Bring Partner Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 17-18

Nelson/Buhl Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 23-25

2nd Annual Fall Bring Partner
Chances "R"
Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Oct. 24

Open Doubles
American Legion Post 330
New Haven, Indiana

Oct. 31

Halloween Party & Draw
Doubles
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Annual Shufflefest
Chances "R"
Muncie, Indiana

NOVEMBER 1998

Nov. 1-8

North American Championships
Sands Regency Casino/Hotel
Reno, Nevada

Nov. 5-8

4-Event Tournament
Honky Tonk
Sherburne, New York

Nov. 6

A-B Draw
J & C Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nov. 7

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 14-15

Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

Nov. 21-22 (date change)

5th 55 & Over Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Nov. 26-29

Michigan State Championships
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

Nov. 26-29

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

Nov. 26-29

Florida State Championships
Fill-N-Station
Mims, Florida

Nov. 20-21

Thanksgiving Shootout
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Nov. 25-29

Williams Brothers Texas
Thanksgiving Classic
Location to be announced

Nov. 27-28

Indiana State Championships
Chances "R"
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 26-29

Thanksgiving Tournament and
Hall of Fame Induction
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Nov. 28-29

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

DECEMBER 1998

Dec. 4

A-B Draw
J & C Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dec. 5

A-B Draw
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Dec. 11-13

9th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 12-13

ABC Draw
Frankie's Sports Pub
Olympia, Washington

Dec. 19

Open Doubles
American Legion Post 330
New Haven, Indiana

Dec. 26-27

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Dec. 26-31

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

1998-99 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JANUARY 1999

Jan. 16

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

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National Hall of Fame Report

By Glen Davidson

I just returned from the West Coast Hall of Fame Tournament in Medford, Oregon. We inducted Galen Gaunce into the National Hall of Fame and he was awarded the "Shufflers Elite Award" and four were inducted into the Northwest Hall of Fame: "Winston Jim" Cockrell (Oregon), Jack Tyler (California), Jerry Berquist (Washington) and Joannie Millar (Canada). Joannie received the Lifetime Achievement Award as well as her induction. She sang "Moments to Remember" after the ceremonies were over.

Galen was the 13th to be inducted into the NSHF. Who said "13" is unlucky? Jim Foran did a great job as M.C. Frank Mako has joined us as a representative in the state of Washington. He says he will start now raising funds and getting people into the Hall of Fame.

In last month's Board Talk, George and Donna talked about a tape that Bill Moore (the Blues Doctor) had made that paid tribute to a number of shuffleboard people. I

have that tape and if any of his friends would like it, I'll duplicate it and send it to you for \$20 to cover charges and give the rest to the Hall of Fame. I'm sure Bill would agree and we can put down in the annals of the Hall of Fame his name and what he contributed to the game. I will be working to get a Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill as a promoter and ambassador of our sport. If anyone has photos or other memorabilia of any kind on Bill, please send them to the National Hall of Fame, c/o Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg St., Oklahoma City, OK 73150. I need these to preserve his memory. I'm looking forward to having all the people from the past who contributed in some way to the game to be in our Hall of Fame Building. I remind everyone that we're still looking for a place to put all our artifacts in, like a 60' by 60' building that will last forever.

I say farewell to my old friend, Bill Moore. We had some good times together. I'll always remember your smile and good nature. The laugh you had -- I would put you up against all of them for a good old-fashioned laugh! You told me some good stories and I enjoyed them. When we first met at Waterhole #1 in Big Springs, Texas, I got to calling you Tom Moore because that was the whiskey you were drinking. I called you Tom for a couple of years, then I finally remembered your name and said: "How ya doing, Bill?" and you said, "My name's Tom." I'll always remember you and your pony tail. I will miss you, Mo. We'll all be heading your way someday, but I say not now, Lord, I have some more things I gotta do. God Bless, Bill. "Birds flock together, but the Eagle flies alone."

Glen, please notice Jack Tyler's reaction to his induction on Page 23. The Medford folks were unable to get their report and photos to us by deadline time, so it will be covered in the November issue. In the meantime, we appreciate your report of the inductions. Please notice also that Evelyn Harris took up a collection at the Texas Open/Board Talk Reunion for Bill's wife, Cindy, to help cover expenses.

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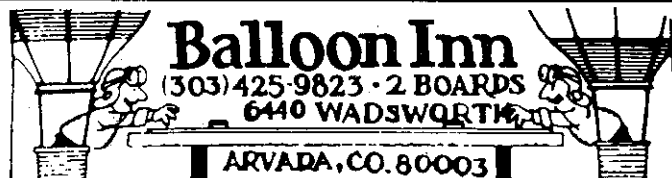
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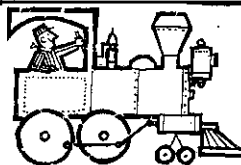
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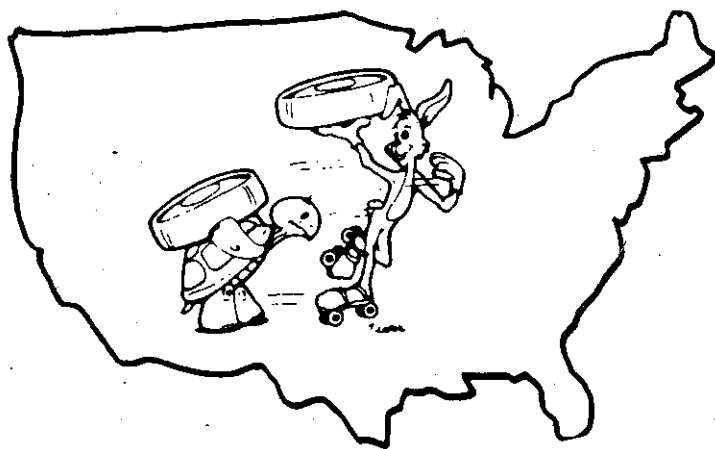
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