

The Board Talk

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Whistling Oyster Scores Another Winner with Grand Masters Plus No. 9

●Buhl/Thorpe New "Grand Masters" ●Lampley New Singles Champ ●"Elvis" Entertains

By Bill Bailey

Players started arriving at the Whistling Oyster, Quilcene, Washington, on Saturday, July 25, and by the 28th, we had about 70% of our players for most events.

Due to the small turnout in the women's singles, we changed the format to a mixed doubles draw. By 1 p.m. we had 20 players trying for a piece of the \$1,000 offered for the first three teams. Most all the teams were pretty fairly matched up. The team that went from start to finish without a loss to take first place was C.W. Walker, all the way from Dallas, Texas, and his partner, Georgianna Brand from Rouge River, Oregon. Second place finishers were Russ Miller and Paulette McKinney, both from Washington. Third place went to Frank Mako, Washington, and Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska. This event went smoothly and will be on next year's schedule.



C.W. Walker from Texas and Georgianna Brand from Oregon were winners of the mixed draw.

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Rudy Stober Memorial Tourney Benefits Michigan Hall of Fame

Auten/Cottrell, Fridley Top Winners

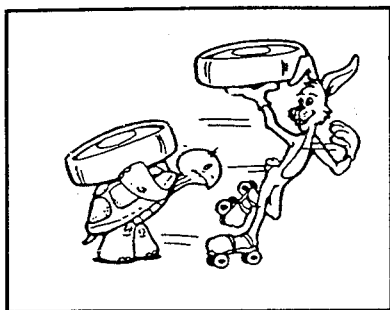
The 3rd Annual Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament, held Aug. 7-9 at Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, was the most successful so far, with 22 teams in the doubles and 27 players in the singles, and a total pot of over \$5,000.

Beneficiaries of the week-end event were the participants who had a great time remembering their friend Rudy, the first inductee into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and the MSHF, which added \$310 to its coffers through the sale of 50-50 tickets (thanks to the efforts of tournament director Carrie Clifton and husband Bill), a special raffle, and a generous contribution from Stober's Lounge. That special raffle was for a caricature of Rudy by his talented son-in-law, Greg Humbert.

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The happy winner was Josie Bordayo, long-time friend and employee of the Stober family, shown here with artist Greg and Stober's owner, Linda Stober Humbert.



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Ex-Virgin Sue Welcomes New "Virgin Suzie"

The Southwest Open at the American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, was a smashing success. Ron and Sharon Huddleston and their helpers made everything as smooth as they could. It is the best tournament I've ever experienced; the integrity of this tournament is over the top.

Then, there was our host -- generous, handsome, elder sex symbol, Don Crall. You know something that big can't satisfy everyone. There are some folks who are never satisfied, so we will just overlook them -- O.K.?

Also, with everyone helping me keep an eye on John Cason, he didn't get a chance to disappear into the smoke. I knew where he was at all times.

I got to see a lot of people that I had met before and it was great to see them again. I did get to know a lot of new folks, too -- like the little new "Virgin Suzie" and her hubby from Kentucky (can Kentucky have virgins?). They are so nice and said that they had to drive quite a long way to play back home.

There were huge robins (I split one of those) being played, and just great matches going on in the club. If you want to learn something about shuffleboard, go and watch some of those matches. Wow! They were so good. I came in tied for 7th in the singles. I just ran out of gas! All in all, it was a fun time.

I guess I'll go down to Texas for Labor Day, so watch out, Harbor Point -- here I come!! I know I'll enjoy myself because it's written on the bathroom wall that I like to have a good time!

See you soon!

Sue Lewis (Former Virgin), Midwest City, Oklahoma

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If you have a red check below, it means your subscription has expired. Use the form inside to renew NOW so you won't miss next month's issue!

It was a pleasure to visit with you in Del City, Sue, and we look forward to seeing you in Texas. We're sure Don will blush just a little to read your description of him! And, we agree, John Cason is going to have trouble disappearing into the smoke from now on! Any player who finished second to the great Darrol Nelson will be very visible.

Good-Bye to Denny....

A few months ago, Nebraska lost a very good friend. Most of you knew him; some of you didn't. For those of you who didn't know him, let me introduce you to Denny Busch.

Denny was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Nov. 26, 1957. He then moved to Omaha with his family, Mom and Dad (Lil and Art), sister Vickie and brother Chuck, when he was seven. And then Denny became very active in sports, especially baseball.

After graduation in 1976, Denny joined the Navy and travelled the world. After his honorable discharge in 1980, Denny returned home and entered the wonderful World of Shuffleboard. In everything Denny did, he was very competitive and hated to lose. Denny was always a gentleman when he lost, which didn't happen very often. This is shown by his many accomplishments in his life. He had so many first and second place finishes in shuffleboard (approximately 30), there are just too many to name. One of his greatest accomplishments was when he was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1994. Denny also won the King of the Hill Tournament in Denver for three straight years. He was also Nebraska's only "pro." He was inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1998. (See report on Page 16.)

As you can see, Denny had many accomplishments and I've only mentioned a few. But there was another side of Denny.

Denny was the most caring, big-hearted person I ever met in my life. I don't think I ever saw him mad. Not only would he help people with their game, he was always there when you needed him for whatever reason. Family and friends were very important to Denny.

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Old Town Saloon Hosts First Tournament

Shuffleboard started at the Old Town Saloon in Livermore, California, a year and a half ago. Since then, owners Ray and Sandy have met some great players and decided to host their first tournament on July 24-26. Events included a Women's Only Singles on Friday, an Open Draw Doubles on Saturday, and an A-B-C on Sunday.



Winners of the women's singles were Beverly Chaffin (left), 1st place, and Sandy McQuillan, 2nd place.

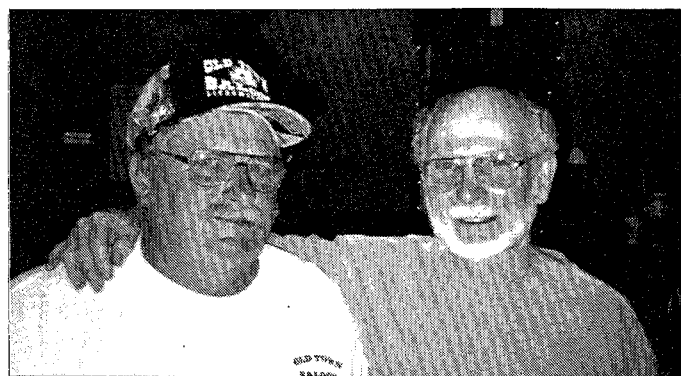


Nick Chaffin (right) and Ted Fowler took first place in the open draw doubles.



A.Z. Turnbo (left) and Rich Porter took second place honors. Hosts Ray and Sandy thank A.Z. for furnishing the third board for this first.

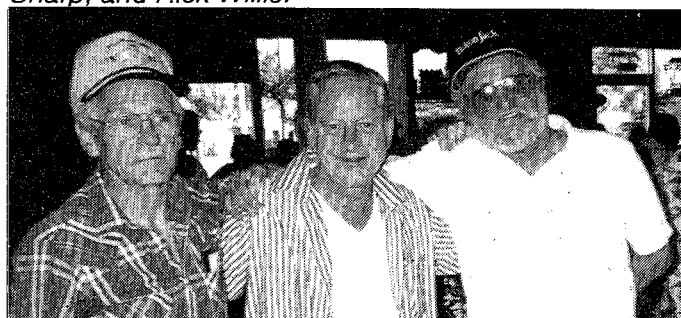
(Editor's Note: Old Town Saloon is a member of our national shuffleboard network. They're located at 2562 Old First St., Livermore; phone: 510-447-0901.)



David Carter (left) and Pat Bayless finished third.



A-B-C winners were (from left) Nick Chaffin, Frank Sharp, and Rick Willis.



Taking second place honors were (from left) Harry Taylor, Dale Pirlot, and Don Dorato.



Third place in the A-B-C event were (from left) A.Z. Turnbo, Jim Olson, and Yvonne Merrigan.

A great Tri-tip barbecue wrapped up the weekend. Hosts Ray and Sandy thank Bobby Dailey for all his help and computer equipment, and all the players and sponsors. "Hope to see you next year," they said.

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Indiana

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

The first shuffleboard tournament in Indianapolis in 30 years will be held at the American Legion Post 355, 4555 S. Meridian St., on Sept. 26-27.

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

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

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

Questions? Call Glen Ingram, 317-786-8908; Steve Hart, 765-683-1031; or the American Legion, 317-784-0841.

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

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

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

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

DOUBLES AT AMERICAN LEGION 330, NEW HAVEN, OCT. 24

Indiana has a new tournament site: the American

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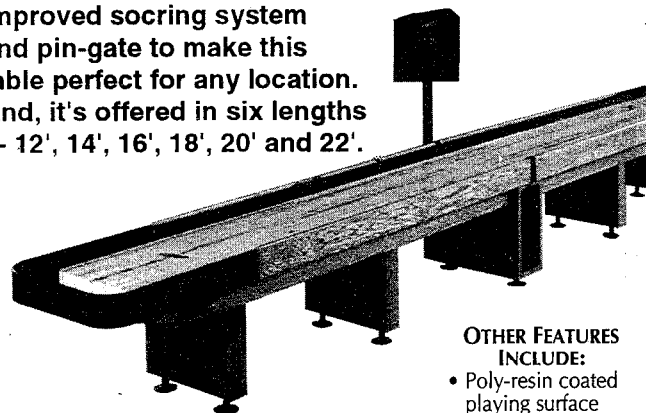
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Legion Post 330, 330 Entrance Drive, New Haven. Larry Brown, former host of the Deer Park Tavern in Fort Wayne, is now manager of this facility. An open doubles, \$30 per team entry, will be held on Oct. 24 in one of the Legion's beautiful banquet rooms, played on two boards. The Legion will open at 8:30 a.m., the sale is at 11:30, with play immediately following.

For further information, call Larry at 219-749-1188 or 219-637-1406.

Open doubles tournaments at this site, a new member of our national network, include one on Dec. 19 and another on April 17, 1999.

Missouri

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!

Michigan

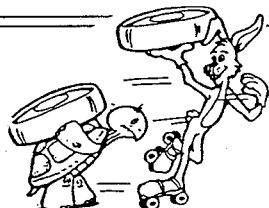
8TH SKIP'S/BOARD TALK FALL BASH, SKIP'S LOUNGE, HOUGHTON LAKE, SEPT. 18-20

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

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

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As The Puck Turns.....



By George & Donna Wilber

Due to a printer error, a limited number of copies of the August issue were collated incorrectly. The center-page spread should be The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. ad. If you received one of those "goofed up" copies, **please let us know and we'll replace it.** Call us collect at 517-371-2538 or 517-484-4976. This will also help us determine how widespread the error was. Our apologies to our readers who received the incorrect copy (we know some of you save all issues and we want them to be right) and particularly to The Shuffleboard Federation.

Please note that we have another addition to the second page of our Shuffleboard Directory. It's the Bowers Rating System now used by most tournament directors. Having those ratings is a real time-saver and eliminates much of the hassle involved in rated events. There will always be a few who give you grief over their ratings, but once they know those ratings have been determined by their peers -- not by some unknown Shuffleboard Guro -- they usually accept it. If you're on the internet, you can just call it up. The listing will be in every upcoming Shuffleboard Directory, so you'll never have to scrounge through your back issues to find the Bowers again.

Ever wonder how and why the Bowers Rating System got started? We think it's a story that will be of interest to all readers, so we're working to schedule an interview with Ron and Debbie. Watch for the results of that interview in a future issue.

There's nothing we'd rather do than bring you just good news every month, but such is not always the case. It seems like much too often we have to let you know that we've lost yet another soul from The World of Shuffleboard. This month is no exception as we join the families of Pat Stewart and Bill Moore in mourning their passing (see Notebook). Also, we learned that Marg Okum (one of our "Crazy Canuck" friends) recently lost her brother in a hit and run accident. Please remember her as well: Marg Okum, 4103 Welwyn St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada U5N3Z1.

Having been on the receiving end, we can tell you that your cards, calls, prayers and thoughts do help. They really do! Please respond to those who need to know that the shuffleboard network cares!

G & D

National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

By Glen Davidson

Madge and I attended the Denny Busch Memorial Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska. Denny's Dad, Art Busch, and Joel Rahn finished second in the bring partner event. For a guy who's over 70, Art put on an exhibition for all of us. He lagged fours and threes most of the time when he needed it, along with combos and slides. Now we know where Denny got his talent. (See report on Page 14)

Denny was inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on Friday, July 24, 1998. We had three speakers for Denny, telling of his accomplishments and friendships during his brief stay with us in The World of Shuffleboard. All members of the NSHF Board of Directors voted him in, so there are exceptions to the rule of 60 years old and above. At 40, Denny accomplished more than a lot of people ever do. He was a pro all the way and did, indeed, give something back to the game.

I'm looking forward to the Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Medford, Oregon, over the Labor Day weekend. Mike Kinney, one of the directors at Medford, came to the Southwest Open where he finished third with Darrol Nelson in the doubles. This will be the second Hall of Fame induction in the Pacific Northwest.

To date, California has three inductees in the NSHF (PeeWee Ramos, Bob Miles, Billy Chiles); Texas one (Earl Kelly); Oklahoma two (Bill Melton, Glen Davidson); New Jersey two (Mickey Mickens, Sol Lipkin); Michigan two (George and Donna Wilber), Nebraska one (Denny Busch); Pacific Northwest one (Jim Foran); Illinois one (Joe Abraham, who has been voted in by the board, but whose induction will be held in September). We pledged to get five each year, so we are not far behind schedule. Remember, these are NSHF inductees only; there are several others who have been inducted into their respective state halls.

Make it your goal in your area to get someone inducted NOW. All the folks who stand by and watch it happen better get aboard. We're rollin'!

**Support your state and
national Shuffleboard
Halls of Fame....
Get involved -- Make it
happen!**

Rudy Memorial *(continued from Page 1)*

Because of the turnout, it was mark 4, play to 15, for both events; the competition was fierce and the cheering sections gave enthusiastic support to their favorites, particularly the Majestic Lounge of Pontiac, represented by 18 players.

To help level the playing field, the format for the doubles was no pros, 0's or 1's teaming up. Two-and-a-half of the top teams were from Majestic.



"We're No. 1," says Steve Auten as he hugs partner Jeff Cottrell for taking first in the doubles. Both represented the Majestic in Pontiac.



Steve's "little" brother, Scott, took second place honors with partner Bob Bolt. Again, both from Majestic.

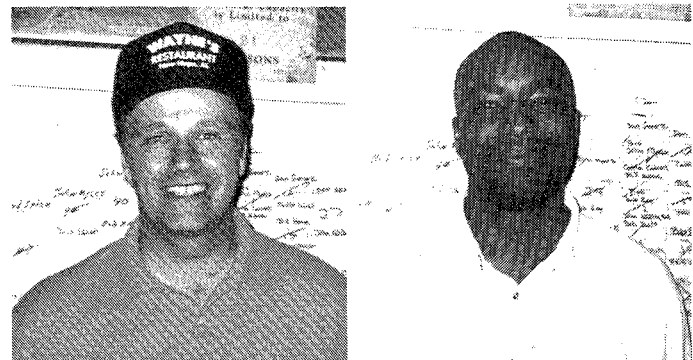


Penny Cottrell (Majestic) and Jerry Siebert (Stober's) teamed up to take third place.



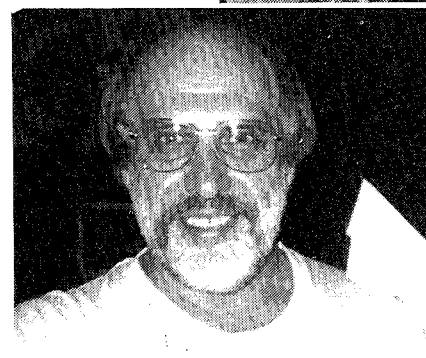
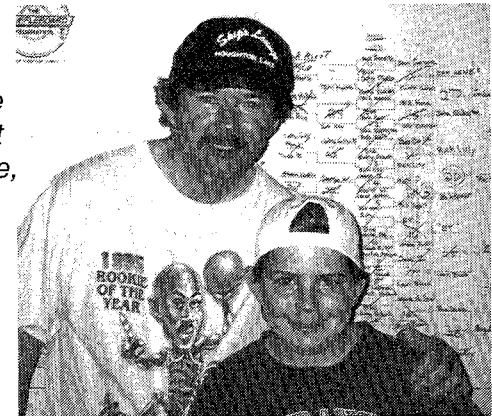
Wayne McGuire and J.R. Lopez, both of Stober's, took fourth place.

Of the 27 contenders in the open singles, it was Doug Fridley Jr., formerly of the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, and later from Florida, and now from Houghton Lake, Michigan, who came out on top.



Doug (left) came out of the loser's bracket to double-dip the unbeaten Rich Lilly (Stober's), who gives a victory grin for second place honors.

Bud Spier of Houghton Lake had his biggest fan, son Reggie, there to cheer him on to third place.



Leon Black of Lansing had to beat some "biggies" on his way to take fourth place.

Other winners were: Elenora Terry (E.T.) and John Addington, 5th and 6th. Finishing just out of the money were Ron Bown and Dave Zalewski.

(Editor's Note: For only the second time in our 15-year history, we had a winner who did not buy themselves in the sponsor sale.)

Tournament Director Carrie Clifton thanks all the people who contributed to the raffles and the great feed served on Saturday afternoon: Linda Stober, Greg Humbert, Linda MacLuckie, Erma Cooper, Elenora Terry, Mexican John, Tee Weist and Doug,

Heidi Stober, Wayne McQuire, Jackie Campos, Bob Ray, J.J. Austin, Mark Holland, Carrie and Bill Clifton, George and Donna Wilber, The Board Talk, and Dan Henry Distributing (Miller) of Lansing.

Interim director George Wilber thanks Reggie Spier, Rich Lilly and Bill Clifton for assistance in drawings and bracketing, and Jerry Siebert for relieving him during the sponsor sales.

Stober's is a member of our national shuffleboard network, located at 812 E. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan; phone 517-487-4464.



The big delegation from the Majestic Bar & Cafe in Pontiac, Michigan, pose with owner Charlee Magoo (center with the "We Play Shuffleboard" sign). Charlee and Don Bostwick are expanding their facility and will soon have two boards. Majestic, located at 156 Oakland, Pontiac, phone: 248-335-2581, is a member of our shuffleboard network.

Blue Goose Hosts 4th of July A-B-C Tournament

The Blue Goose in Port Orchard, Washington, hosted its 2nd Annual 4th of July A-B-C Draw with eight teams of three vying for a share of the prize monies.

First place was taken by the team of Dennis MacPherson, Lynn Romand and Bill Walker. The team of Jim Foran, Jett Henry and Terry Woodward took second place honors. Finishing third were Jim Manders, Larry Hudson and Billy Hagmann.

"Linda Walker was our chief cook and out-did herself this year," reports Vera Brown. "Rex from Kaymen Auto added a nice \$200 to the winners. Everyone had fun and got full!"

The next big event at the Blue Goose is the Sweetheart Tournament on Feb. 12-14.

The Blue Goose is a member of our national shuffleboard network. The address is 1931 Bay St., Port Orchard, Washington; phone: 360-876-9880.

Wooten/Modglin Win at Sportsman's Lounge

Ted Wooten and John Modglin, both of Muncie, were winners of an open doubles held at the Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana, on July 11. Taking second place honors were Jerry Knox of Mishawaka and Ray Miller of Shipshewana (winners of the Bourbon Spring Doubles). Mike Johnson of Warsaw and Larry Brown of Fort Wayne finished third.

Sportsman's Lounge, 1806 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana, phone 765-289-0701, is a member of our national shuffleboard network.

REMINDER!

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More Upcoming Events

(Skip's/Board Talk continued from Page 5)

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

Washington

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN DOUBLES, TIM'S TIMBER TAVERN, KELSO, SEPT. 12-13

Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso, will host an open doubles on Sept. 12-13. Entry fee is \$50 per team, sale at noon on Saturday, with play immediately following. Payout will be 55-30-10-5. Money will be added according to participation. Food will be served on Saturday.

Come early and participate in the \$10 draw on Friday night. Players must be signed up and paid by 6:30 p.m. with play beginning at 7 p.m.

For further information, call Tim Bonner or Maradee (Maude) Thomas at 360-636-2627.

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THE BOARD TALK

Nevada

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

The BIG tournament that shufflers everywhere are looking forward to is "on deck." Nov. 1-8 may seem like a long way off, but note by the enclosed flyer that **Sept. 30** is 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 enclosed flyer over carefully and if you have any questions, call The Shuffleboard Federation: 800-380-3033, or @www.shuffleboardfederation.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.

Texas

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.

Lots of Winners at Grand Masters Plus *(continued from Page 1)*



A happy Russ Miller and Paulette McKinney from Washington collect their second place winnings for the mixed doubles draw at Whistling Oyster.

Wednesday afternoon we started the A/B/C draw with 60 eager players all trying to win the top percentage of the \$2,000 prize money.



In the end, undefeated for first place, were Darrol Nelson of Oregon, Grant Manning and Jack Steffenson, Washington.

Taking second place were John Fisher, John Rostollan and Jackie Anderson, all of Washington. Third place went to Russ Miller and Billy Hagmon, Washington, and Don Stallworth from Oregon. Finishing fourth were Dan Hitt, Washington, Ken Wochnick and Mike Redinger, Oregon.

Thursday morning we got the singles going with 23 of the top players, mostly from Washington, all trying to get a cut of \$6,100 in prize money. Most all of the games went three out of three in the winner's bracket, with few exceptions. By Friday afternoon, we had a new singles champ.... Loren Lampley from Shelton, Washington, beat Larry Pearson from Seattle for first place. Loren has been a runner-up a couple of times, but this time was different. Congrats, Loren, from everybody. Third place went to Doug Buhl of Oregon, fourth to Darrol Nelson, also of Oregon. Fifth and sixth places went to Lyle Larson from Idaho and Mike Thorpe of Washington.



New singles champ is Loren Lampley (right), with Larry Pearson taking second place honors.

On Friday night, as usual we maxed out with 64 players in the open draw. This is always a very popular event, as you never know who you will draw, and it's single elimination. By midnight we were dividing up the \$2,000 in entry fees and added money. First place went to Dave Arndt of Washington and Kenny Wochnick of Oregon. Second place went to Bob Shirley and Gary George, both of Washington. D.K. and Fritz, both of Washington, took third, with Rick Gindt and John Luhtala, both of Washington, in fourth place. Fifth through eighth were: Carl Rousch and Bill Shanahan, Washington; Steve Kalamarski and Vern Gonzales, Washington; Marv Wilbur and Tom Campbell, Washington; Mitch of Oregon and Mike Rapp, Washington.

On to Saturday and Sunday -- the Grand Masters -- with 44 shooters going for \$7500! Most games, as in the singles, went three out of three in the winner's bracket. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings was just the thing to keep everybody on track. By 4 p.m., our buffet was getting close to being served. As usual, the Wilbur Brothers showed up with fresh Sockeye salmon to be barbecued down at the pit. Outstanding fish as always, Claude! Hats off to you.

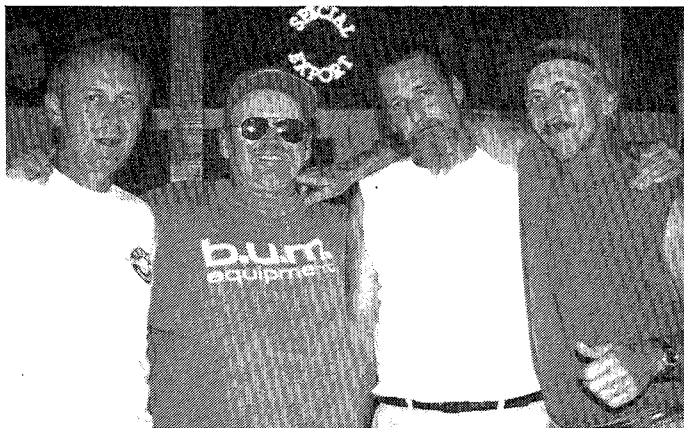
At about 9 p.m. Saturday night, we had a special visit from Elvis and some of his band. This guy does a great tribute to Elvis.



Host Bill Bailey congratulates "Elvis" for the entertainment on Saturday night.

Most everybody I had a chance to visit with Saturday night thought it was a great added attraction. If I offended anyone by doing this, I apologize. On with the Grand Masters....

By 3 p.m. Sunday, we were down to the four money spots. Again, we have new doubles champs....



The 1998 "Grand Masters" are Doug Buhl (left) of Oregon and Mike Thorpe (right) of Washington. Runners-up were Loren Lampley and Mike Pond (center), both of Washington.

Finishing third were last year's winners, Dan Hitt and Al Pease of Washington. Frank Mako of Washington and Lyle Larson of Idaho placed fourth.

We were down a little bit in player participation this year but, all in all, the spirit and dedication by all these players is to be totally commended. I hope those who couldn't make it this year can try and make it next year. You are always welcome. I would like to thank the out-of-state players who came: C.W. Walker and Gisela from Texas, Cindy Clark from Arizona, Gwyn Orsi and Kevin Larkin from Nebraska, Lyle Larson and Mike Rapp from Idaho, and all the other great people from Oregon and Washington. Hope to see you next year.

Once again, I would like to thank my partner Sandee for all the hard work that she does behind the scenes; all the people who helped out in the sales and bracketeering; all the bartenders for giving 110% -- Shirley, Moses, Karen, Tammie, Jeannie, Zibby; and helpers Kevin, Wolf and Lloyd. I know I won't remember everybody's name, so if you don't see it, I know and you know that without you, this tournament would not be the success that it is.

Plan Ahead!
Next year will be the
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Lyle Larson (right) came from Idaho to take fourth in the Grand Masters with Frank Mako.



Gwyn Orsi and Kevin Larkin came from Nebraska to entice buyers in the doubles sale.



Cindy Clark came from Arizona and visited with Doug Buhl and Jim Foran.

And Mitch came from Oregon to have a good time and to have his photo in The Board Talk....

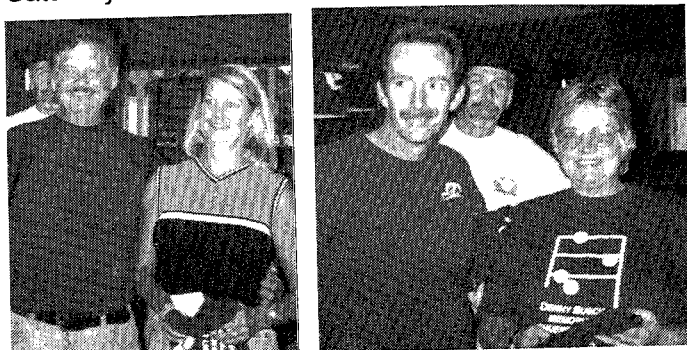


Denny Busch Inducted at 1st Memorial Tourney

By Annie Sloger

The 1st Annual Denny Busch Memorial Tournament was held on July 24-26 at Piccolo's Bar and Joe's Duck Inn, Omaha, Nebraska. Sixty-six players from throughout the state plus four from Oklahoma (Ron and Sharon Huddleston, Glen Davidson and Madge Goff) made this event very successful. The four-board tourney was made up of two different tournaments.

First, the A/B draw started on Friday night. With 25 teams making up this tourney, it finally finished Saturday afternoon.



First place went to Jr. Butler and Barb Zahm (left). Second was Kevin Larkin and Sue Webster (right).

Third place went to Julie Gann and Terry Roberts. Other winners were Steve Wilson and Eric Hunter, 4th; Scott (Dog) Steinmeyer and John Kosiske, Ron Campbell and Art Busch, 5th and 6th.

On Saturday afternoon, the bring partner finally started. Joe Speilman and Jr. Butler won the winner's bracket and had to play Denny's Dad, Art, and Joel Rahn in the finals. It came down to a nail-biter with Art and Joel winning the first game. But Joe and Jr. fought back and finished with a win. Third place went to Kevin Larkin and John Kosiske.



Bring partner winners Jr. Butler and Joe Speilman (front), runners-up Joel Rahn (left) and Art Busch (right), John Kosiske and Kevin Larkin (center), third.

Fourth place went to Terry Roberts and Steve Hanson. Finishing 5th and 6th were Gwyn Orsi and Linda Ritter, Harold Eubanks Jr. and Rich Klanderud. Medals were given to the top three places, with t-shirts given to all.

With each tournament costing \$40 to enter, all

money was returned to players. Total sales for the bring partner was over \$5,000. Thanks to the players who donated their winnings to Denny's Dad.

Congratulations to all the players and to Scotty Dog for winning the \$1,000 raffle. Close to \$4,000 was collected between the auction and the raffle sales. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes, there are just too many to name. Special thanks to the Southwest Open for donating \$1,000 and Rick Boyer and the Balloon Inn for their donation of \$300. All the proceeds were given to Denny's Dad, Art, to help pay for personal family expenses.

There were so many bar owners and businesses that donated things, I would need a whole page to list all of them -- so a big thanks goes to all of you.

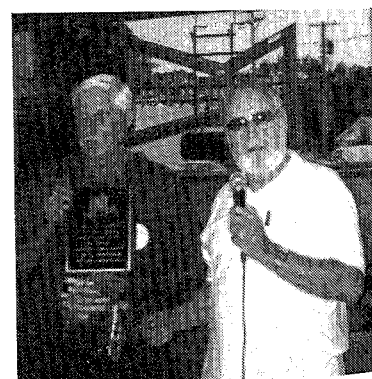
Special thanks to Char and Joel Rahn, Cynde Busch, Jay Watson, Don Zahm, Dru and Bill Frederick for organizing and basically trying to keep everything running smoothly.



Some of the key figures in the Denny Busch Memorial Tournament: Cynde Busch, Joel Rahn, Art Busch, Char Rahn and Jay Watson.

A special video of Denny's life was shown during the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction. Glen Davidson also had a tape of one of Denny's greatest games. Unfortunately, however, he lost to Billy Melton. It was a great presentation.

NSHF President Glen Davidson presented the Hall of Fame plaque to Denny's Dad during the induction ceremonies.



Overall, the 1st Annual Denny Busch Memorial Tournament was a great success. Thanks to everyone for whatever you did.

(Editor's Note: Also see Glen's report on Page 6 and Annie's tribute to Denny on Page 2)

Road to Reno III

By Mel Hohn

As shuffleboard promoters, we are at the beginning of our window of opportunity for acquiring and keeping new players. Darts, only two years ago, was the latest craze sweeping the country. However, electronic dart board companies are going out of business due to the declining number of players. Likewise, pool has been suffering a similar fate in many taverns. But, on the other hand, have you noticed the increase of shuffleboards? The reason for this is an increase in the number of new players. This is so widespread that even The Shuffleboard Federation has added a Division III to the North American Championships in Reno.

A window of opportunity will only stay open for so long. Therefore, everyone involved in this great sport needs to promote the game and encourage new players.

Seeing new players at the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington, is nothing new. The problem is that these new players develop so quickly that it is hard to keep the Friday night A-B draws going. New players show up, learn the basics, then simply place in three tournaments in one month. What a simple game.

The Fir Cone sponsors a series of amateur events aimed at developing new players. These tournaments are held at three-month intervals with the top six teams from each tournament qualifying for the Amateur Championship on Sept. 26-27. The winning team will

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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:

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Shelli had convinced Eddie that she was ready to meet the competition in a BIG tournament and they headed for Santa Clara....)

Eddie and Shelli had just departed San Francisco and were on their way to Santa Clara for Shelli's debut as a tournament player. The weather was beautiful as they made their way southeast on the freeway. Eddie had taught her well, and she was really into the basic strategy of the game now. The only thing Eddie was concerned about a little was her eagerness, and her desire to move a little too quickly against the good competition they would be facing.

They arrived in Santa Clara around one in the afternoon. They had made reservations at a place nearby where they would be playing, which was Sparky's Sports Pub. They had grabbed a bite to eat before getting to the motel, so after they freshened up a little, they left for the bar.

Shelli was really getting excited as they drove up in front of the place. She was "rarin'" to go! Eddie had to remind her to act kind of casual when they entered, to afford him a chance to size the place up a little before they started their action.

Upon entering, they found a rather large room. The straight bar was located on the wall to their left. There were several tables extending from the bar, and then four good-looking shuffleboard tables lined up. There was also a stage located at the far right side. It was a very well-kept looking place, and was already filled with a crowd of patrons and players. Eddie's notion of being "casual" was almost immediately squelched. A whole gang of players came up to offer greetings to Eddie. Obviously, he wouldn't be a stranger to almost anyone after his showing in Reno! When asked, Eddie introduced Shelli as his fiancée, but made no reference to her shuffleboard abilities.

There was a lot of "hoopla" and reminiscing about Eddie's second place finish in the Pro Singles at Reno. There were also some inquiries about: "Where's your partner, Long Beach Lil?" and "How come Lil's not with you?" etc. Eddie replied very discretely (for both Shelli AND Lil's sake) that the partnership had broken up and they wouldn't be playing together any more. It was a pretty tense few moments. Shelli was watching his eyes and carefully measuring each word he said.

While all this was going on, there was something else also underway in the southern part of the state. Similarly, very early that same morning, a car had departed to head in the direction of Santa Clara. The car's destination was also to a shuffleboard tournament in the North. The driver of the car happened to be the top-rated woman player in the

world, and the car had departed from.....Long Beach, California.

--TO BE CONTINUED--

Oh, oh! Will Shelli and Long Beach Lil lock horns over Eddie -- or possibly on the boards? Shelli is "cool" now, but will she be able to keep her composure when she meets the woman who stole her lover, at least for a little while? And how will Eddie react? Don't miss the next exciting episode! PLEASE, if you're enjoying Balboa Ron's series, let him know: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

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You never knew what Denny was up to because of that special grin he had -- a grin I will never forget.

Denny was a special friend to many people and will be greatly missed. There's a phrase in the song, "The Dance," by Garth Brooks:

"Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd of had to miss the dance."

The loss of Denny Busch has caused many people a lot of pain, but I don't think anyone would have missed a dance with him.

We miss you and love you. Goodbye, Denny.

Annie Sloger, Omaha, Nebraska

Thank you for the beautiful tribute, Annie. We're among those who are glad we didn't miss a "dance" with Denny.

Stewarts Lose a Loved One

We are saddened to inform you that our daughter-in-law, Pat Stewart, passed away of cancer on July 15. While most of you had never met Pat, many of you remember her husband, my son Carl. Carl was at the Vegas tournaments all nine years. He never played, but he was there for every game, cheering and analyzing, and he was a great help tearing down at the end of every tournament.

We could not contact individually each person who had gotten to know Carl during the nine years in Vegas, so here is his address for those who wish to send their condolences: Carl Stewart, 2208 N. 9, Springfield, OR 97477.

Al Stewart, El Monte, California

We remember Carl from the Vegas tournaments with great fondness (he reminded us of his Dad) and our hearts go out to him and to you. It seems the Stewart Family has had more than their share of challenges; it's good that you have the faith that sustains you. Readers: please remember Carl in his time of loss.

Special Thanks from the Newcomers on the Board!

Susie and I would like to thank all the wonderful people we met at the Southwest Open in Del City, Oklahoma. Everyone was so helpful, and we really appreciated making all the new friends.

Ron and Sharon Huddleston made us feel right at home. The Washington crew helped us understand technique and strategy (we came with very little of both). Special thanks to Melody, Dan and Carl, who explained the Jersey Stance to us.

It was our honor to watch the best in the world. We all know who they are, so we won't list them for fear of missing some.

A hearty congratulations to Terry Dowell for winning the Div. II singles. He, Pam Worsham, Mary and Larry Brown, were the first shufflers we met at an event in Pendleton, Indiana. They were quite helpful and gracious -- great representatives for a great sport!

There are too many people to name who were just fabulous, so thank you all for taking the time to talk and help the newcomers on the board.

Special thanks to Lou Decker of Decker Shuffleboard in Toledo, Ohio, for selling us a beautiful old all-wood American table, and to John McDermott who led us to Lou and brought to our attention the fact that The Board Talk even existed. Without him, we would have never found all these wonderful people. Thanks to Ray Boyett who sent us a fantastic article on our sport which was most enlightening. Above all, thanks to Donna and George for all the time and energy they invest to keep this far-flung shuffling family informed. They go above and beyond the call of duty and are two of the nicest people Susie and I have had the privilege to meet.

Look forward to seeing you all in Reno.

Mike and Susie Halstead, The Kentuckians

Thank you, Mike and Susie, for "cementing" what we already knew -- that the shuffleboard family is made up of people who care and share. You made a lot of friends in Del City and they'll be glad to see you again in Reno. We can guarantee you one thing we've learned over the years: win or lose on the boards, once you make a friend in The World of Shuffleboard you have a friend forever! They'll cheer when you win, cheer you up when you lose -- not just in the game of shuffleboard, but in the game of Life!

This may come as a surprise to you, Mike, but the ex-virgin Sue has already named Susie as the "new virgin" (see Page 2 of Notebook). Once Susie wins a major, she'll lose that title. It won't be long, Susie!

Bill Moore's Passing a Big Loss for Shuffleboard World

I have just returned from the funeral of my dear friend (and I'm sure a friend of the entire shuffleboard community), Bill Moore. I knew Bill for almost 20 years. He was a loyal and devoted shuffleboard person -- not so much as a player, but an ambassador and promoter of our game. I met him in 1980 at Big Springs, Texas, running a small tournament at the Water Hole. As the tourney progressed, I talked to B

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1998 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1998

Sept. 2-6

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

Sept. 3-7

West Coast Hall of Fame
Tournament
Medford Eagles
Medford, Oregon

Sept. 3-6

10th Annual Labor Day Tourney
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 4

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

Sept. 4-6

September Shootout
Moose Lodge #644
Baldwinsville, New York

Sept. 5-7

ABC Tournament
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Sept. 5-7

Labor Day Tournament
Action Lounge
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Sept. 12-13

Open Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Sept. 18-20

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

Sept. 19

Hall of Fame Tournament
Eagles Lodge 3911
Houston, Missouri

Sept. 19-20

Open Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 19-20

3rd Annual Fall Open
AMVETS Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

Sept. 24-26

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

Sept. 26-27

Amateur Draw Championships
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

Sept. 26-27

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

OCTOBER 1998

Oct. 2

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

Oct. 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. 9-11

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 Double
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

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. 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

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1998-99 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

Nov. 26-29

Michigan State Championships
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

Nov. 26-29

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

Nov. 25-29

Thanksgiving Classic
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Nov. 28-29

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

DECEMBER 1998

Dec. 4

A-B Draw
J & C Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dec. 11-13

9th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 12-13

ABC Draw
Frankie's Sports Pub
Olympia, Washington

Dec. 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

FEBRUARY 1999

Feb. 12-14

Sweetheart Tournament
The Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

APRIL 1999

April 17

Open Doubles
American Legion Post 330
New Haven, Indiana

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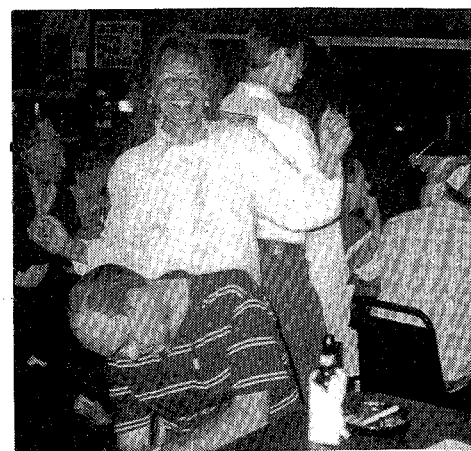
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(Bo) off and on. As we all know around tournaments, it's hard to really sit and chat unless you're in the loser's bracket. But eventually I got to know and love Bo as a giving person who helped a lot of players who were coming up and some who were already there. He helped Billy Mays promote and run the first-ever tournament in Las Vegas. Everyone remembers that guy who was smiling and talking to everyone. He made t-shirts for The Shuffleboard Federation's first Michigan Open with the players names on them. I still have that shirt and will forever. At that same event, Bill was awarded a plaque for his outstanding contributions to shuffleboard.

I plan to write a proper "send-off" to Bill in the next issue (something to tell old Earl Kelly about when he meets him at the Pearly Gates) so would appreciate his friends sending me photos and stories.

For many years, Bill supported our game -- I mean, REALLY supported it -- and The World of Shuffleboard will miss him.

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

We are grateful that we were there when Bill received his well-deserved honor from The Shuffleboard Federation and we, too, still have our shirts that he presented to us (even though we've outgrown them in the past 11 years). We had a nice visit with him then and were impressed by the beautiful scrapbook he and Cindy brought along containing all the previous Board Talks with the turtle and hare logo on the front. Bill also wrote a column for us for awhile called "Pro Player Profile," in which he told readers about the top players. In recent years, he became known as the "Blues Doctor." Back in the spring of 1997, he sent us a recording of one of his blues shows, this one dedicated to shuffleboard players. Interspersed with great blues music, he sent personal messages to many people in The World of Shuffleboard, past and present.

If you would like to let Bill's wife, Cindy, know that you're thinking of her in this time of grief, send to: Cindy Moore, H.C. 63, Box 5520, Hodgen, OK 74939.

We encourage his many friends to respond to Glen's request for photos and stories about Bill, so we can share them.

**Got something you want to share
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Sheridan Road, Lansing, MI 48906**

The Adventures of Charlee Magoo in Lansing, Michigan

It started out on Friday, Aug. 7. The Magoo and Crew from the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, Michigan, started strolling in around 2 p.m. for the Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament at Stober's Lounge in Lansing. To the amazement of the locals, more and more of our players kept showing up. There were a couple of round robins that evening. One of our players, Bill Kane, won the first one and his wife, Brenda, came in first in the second one. It was looking good for the Majestic players for the week-end. After the round robins, we headed to our motel of choice (besides, it was closing time).

The next morning, Saturday, Aug. 8, about a dozen of us met at a restaurant for breakfast before we headed for the bar. Once we got there, the fun began. George and Donna Wilber, Bill and Carrie Clifton, Linda Stober and everyone (sorry I can't remember all the names) were so nice. They put out a wonderful array of food. If a person didn't get their fill, it was their own fault because there was plenty there!

Every time I turned around, I saw another face from the Majestic. We really made a showing; at least they knew we were there! In the doubles that day, we had 18 teams out of 22 that were from Majestic. Needless to say, it was a sweep! Our players took first and second and then we partied 'til closing.

Sunday, Aug. 9 -- how can I put this? Boo on Sundays or call it the Lansing Revenge! Shirley and I were running a little late so we didn't leave the motel the same time everyone else did. We were maybe a half-hour behind them. We no sooner pulled out onto Pennsylvania Avenue, when it started pouring. Not knowing Lansing too well, I just kept going. What a mistake! We got caught in a flood. The water was a little high, but then it just kept getting higher and higher. All of a sudden, it's coming in the doors of the van. We hurried and got out before it got too high and couldn't get out. When I stepped out, I was in waist-high water. By the time I got to high ground, I turned around to see the head lights of my "new" van go under water.

A police officer was there and he let us sit in his car until a tow truck came. After a few minutes, we looked down on the floor and there's a puddle of water running off our clothes. We advised him not to stop in a hurry or his feet would be wet! The tow truck finally showed up and pulled my van out. I opened the door and water gushed out.

Needless to say, everything I had with me was wet, including my weights. The officer was nice enough to give us a ride to Stober's. Now, if you wanted to see a couple of wet puppies, you should

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Daniels/Hutcherson Champs at Rendezvous Club

The Rendezvous Club in Sherman, Texas, hosted a Tournament of Champions for all weekly winners on July 7.



First-place winners were Mary Ann Daniels and Charles Hutcherson.

Taking second-place trophies were Shirley Hopson and David Veazey.



Owners Shirl and A.J. Burgers added money to the pot, plus supplied plenty of good food for participants.

(Editor's Note: The Rendezvous Club is a member of our national shuffleboard network. It is located at 2111 Texoma Parkway, Sherman, Texas; phone: 903-892-3678.)

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

The following shuffleboard establishments have joined our national network this past month. Please add them to your listing published in June:

California -- Star Lounge, 2531 Newhall St., Santa Clara; phone 408-244-0293

Indiana -- American Legion 330, 330 Entrance Drive, New Haven; phone 219-749-1188

New York -- The Pillars, Co. Rt. 36, Guilford; phone 607-895-6416

Oklahoma -- Enterprise Lounge, Stigler; phone 918-799-5194

Texas -- Rockport Gulf Resort, 5451 Hwy. 35 No.; phone 512-729-1334

Texas -- Triple Crown Sports Bar, 16330 Westheimer, Houston; phone 281-870-9610

We encourage readers to stop in and say welcome to these new members of our network and thank them for supporting your favorite sport.

More Notebook

Thanks from The Pillars

On behalf of The Pillars and myself, I would like to say thanks to Dick Gorman for the write-up he did for all of us at The Pillars which was printed in your June 1998 issue. I would also like to thank all of the shuffleboard players who participated in our tournament and helped make it a success.


I would like to let all of those players and any others who may be interested that we will be running another tournament on Oct. 2-4. An open draw doubles will start at 7 p.m. on Oct. 2, an open singles at 9:30 on Oct. 3, a bring partner at 2 p.m. on Oct. 3, and a mixed doubles at 11 a.m. on Oct. 4. For more information, call Kris Klue at 607-895-6416, or Dan Miner at 607-764-8762.

Kris Klue, The Pillars, County Rt. 36, Guilford, N.Y.

Dick Gorman is one of our most talented reporters and we're glad he focused on one of the East Coast shuffleboard establishments. We'd like to tell readers about other locations. In fact, we once offered to make it a regular feature, but didn't get any feedback. It's a great opportunity to tell readers why they should stop at YOUR place. P.S.: Your dates are on the calendar.

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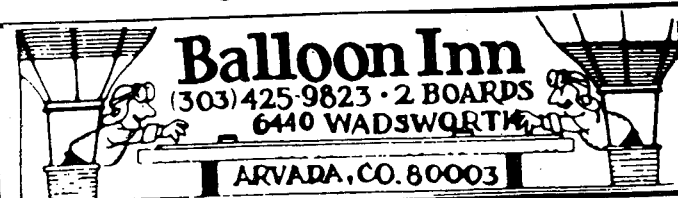
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have been there. Once we finally made it to Stober's, I thought, what the heck! I came here to play and here I am -- wet clothes and all! Also, it wasn't a good day for Majestic (I'm blaming the celebrating from the night before). Not one of us could hit the side of a barn that day.

Before the day was out, we had a car and dry clothes brought to us. A great friend, Vic Matteson, brought Shirley's car and dry clothes. My partner, Don Bostwick, was such a sweetie. He sent me a pair of shorts, a pair of jeans, two tops -- and no underwear! I guess he figured I already lost my butt in Lansing, so I didn't need any.

And that day, George Wilber put a new handle to my name -- Charlee "I swam to get here" Magoo.

Charlee Magoo, Majestic Lounge, Pontiac, Michigan

Readers: see a photo of Magoo and Crew on Page 9. We salute them for making the tournament a success!

Road to Reno III *(cont. from Page 17)*

be sponsored to the North American Championship Division II doubles in Reno, Nevada.

The final 1998 qualifying event for the Amateur Championship was held on July 25 with seven new players qualifying for the championship draw.



The team of Jeanette Hohn and Billy Hagman won the event in a blaze of glory.



Dee Star and Jerry Gibson put up a good fight, but had to settle for second.



Third place went to Paulette McKinna and Bill "Buck" Sullivan.

Terry Woodward and John Mortensen took fourth place. There was a tie for fifth place between the team of Babe Hawk and Leroy Austin and the team of Jeff Kersting and Frank Givens.

The following is a list of players qualified for the Amateur Championship: Bob Hurst, Jerry Gibson, Cheri Schnarrs, Bob Inman, Jeanette Hohn, Jim Watson, Flint Pattison, Frank Schnarrs, Vickie Gonzales, Tammy Neese, Judy George, Leroy Austin, Dean Johnson, Billy Hagman, Francisco Ahumada, Frank Givens, Bill Sullivan, Marty Simmons, Bruce Givens, Dee Star, Paulette McKinna, Terry Woodward, Jeff Kersting, John Mortensen, and Babe Hawk.

If you are on this list and cannot play, please contact the Fir Cone Tavern at 360-426-2221.

We are currently working on the 1999 Amateur schedule and qualification requirements. Some changes will be made, we hope for the better.

It took a lot of support from a lot of people to make this past year a success. We would like to thank all the players at all levels, the Everygreen Shuffleboard Association, *The Board Talk*, *Shuffleboard Northwest*, and The Shuffleboard Federation for supporting these events in their own way.

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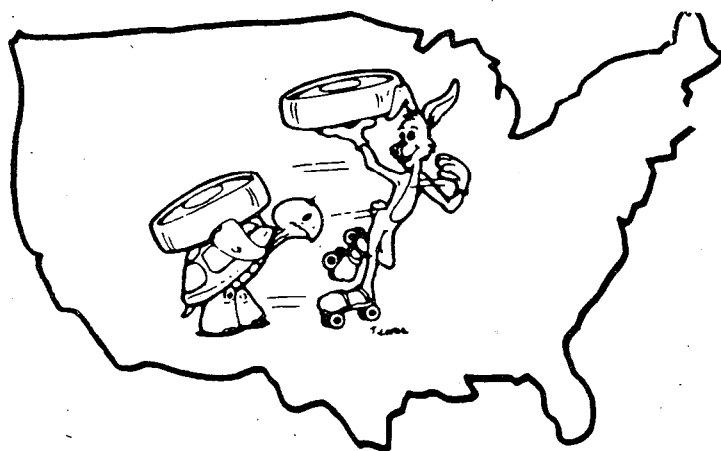
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