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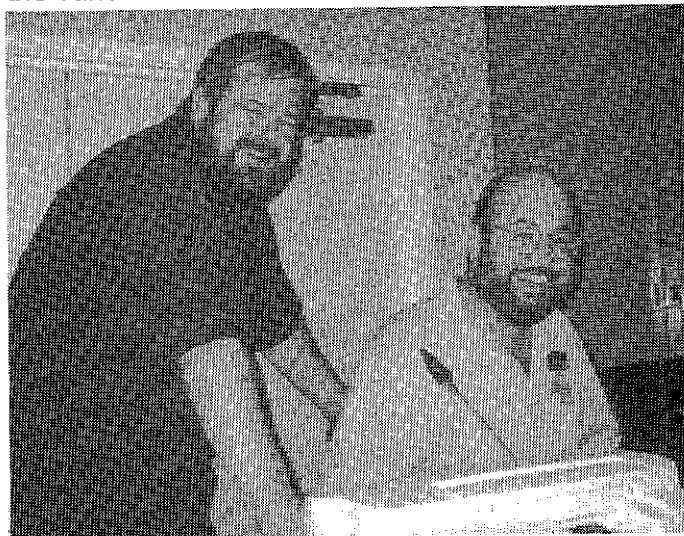
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Shuffleboard "Family" Reunites in Reno

Young and old, pros and amateurs, first-timers and repeaters, members of the shuffleboard family gathered together at the Sands Regency in Reno, Nevada, for The Shuffleboard Federation's 10th North American Championships, Oct. 17-24. With 14 events on the schedule to offer opportunities for shufflers of all skill levels to participate -- and win -- there were many familiar and brand-new faces in the various winners' circles.

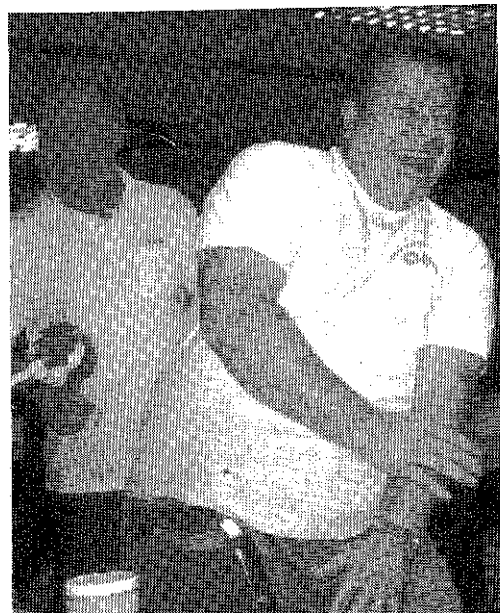


The two "Main Men" who kept things moving during the challenging, action-packed eight-day event were bracketeer Rob Kern and director-sponsor John McDermott.

David Williams Team No. 1 in Pro-Am Draft

There were 26 teams in the first event, the Pro-Am Draft (26 times 6 people per team equals 156 players). Coming out on top was the team led by David Williams, recent Texas Hall of Fame inductee. Members of his team were: Bill Meyer, Kenneth Heflin, Jack Davis, Rudy Wedgeworth, and Peter Cummings.

Taking second place honors was Diana Hagen's team of Mike Kinney, Ron Sosovec, Melody Marine, Jim Payne and Jim Kosiske.

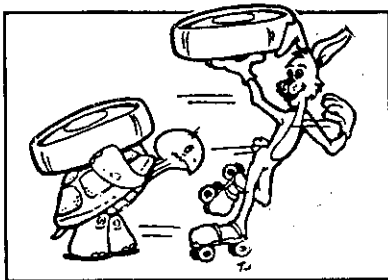


Fun plus competition equals a good event! Somebody in the "family" tried to put a hex on John Martin of Washington. It didn't work, but it sure did tickle! (NASC report continued on Page 7)

NSHF Board Expands to 12

The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors held its annual meeting during the North American Championships in Reno. Action was taken to expand the board to 12, with the seven current directors remaining on the board. The current directors are: Glen Davidson, Oklahoma; Hal Perry and Bob Hunt, California; Louise Freer, Pennsylvania; Larry Creakbaum, Indiana; Dave Arndt and Frank Mako, Washington (*Editor's Note: Our apologies to Frank for leaving him off the list in last month's report.*)

The five new members are: Don Valk, Lynda French and Harvey Kidd, Texas; Al Salazar, Arizona; and Ray Boyett, Florida. New officers were also nominated for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, as current officers' terms have expired. Elections by written, mailed ballots to directors will be completed by February 1, 2000. (*More details in "As the Puck Turns" and "Shufflers' Notebook."*)



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Butch Says: "That's Why...."

The shuffleboard players here in Noblesville say: "Man, why would you drive 1,754 miles to play some board?" My answers: (1) for the love of the game, (2) because I had never been to Michigan before, and (3) my girl, Connie Odum, wanted to start playing.

So, off we went to the SSSSS (Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard) series and had a real good time. Not in the money but parties with new-found friends.

Thank you, Stober's Lounge, Lansing; Majestic Cafe, Pontiac; and Club Car Lounge, Durand.

Butch Thomas, Noblesville, Indiana

Participants in the SSSSS series and hosts Linda Stober, Charlee Magoo and Dennis Bittner say thanks to you and Connie for your miles of travel to participate in all four events. Your new-found friendships will last longer than any money you might have won. Hope to see you again next year!

Leon Suggests a New Category to Rating System

What do the Bowers, raters and players think about adding another column called "Lifetime Achievement" to the rating system? The reason is: as a player needs to be rated at a lesser level through aging, medical conditions, an accident or other issues, the reduction may not happen to save the player embarrassment. This isn't a change to the rating system, but a method to capture the

history of a player's highest achievements while keeping the current Bowers Rating System functional for tournament and league play. I believe some players quit shuffleboard prematurely because they can't support their rating with diminished skills.

Leon Black, Lansing, Michigan

We believe Ron and Debbie will take your idea into consideration, Leon. They'll need the help of raters to institute this new column if it's accepted and it may not happen overnight. This may a good response to some of the concerns that have been expressed in this column.

On the Road with Glen...

I am now in Reno, Nevada, at the site of The Shuffleboard Federation tournament. It was a great pleasure for me to play with Fred Johns on his comeback trail after 10-15 years absence from the game. I think you will hear more about Fred in the near future. It was also a pleasure to see and visit with Gary Thompson and Travis Anderson.

The NSHF meeting was held in Reno. Present were myself, Hal Perry, Bob Hunt, Larry Creakbaum, and Frank Mako (with proxy for Dave Arndt). Also attending were Al Salazar (now a new member of the board) and George and Donna Wilber of The Board Talk. We will soon be voting in the "new guard," so to speak.

In my first tournament to play with Jim Long, we almost made it at the Bourbon Fall Tournament, but the duo of Jim and Glen hit us with 4's and 3's as well as both of us missing weights. They are truly the winners! Congratulations, Jim and Glen. We will get you next time!

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

First, thank you, Glen, for inviting us to the NSHF
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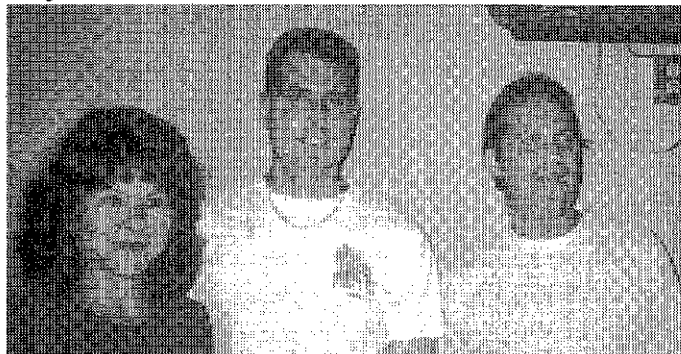
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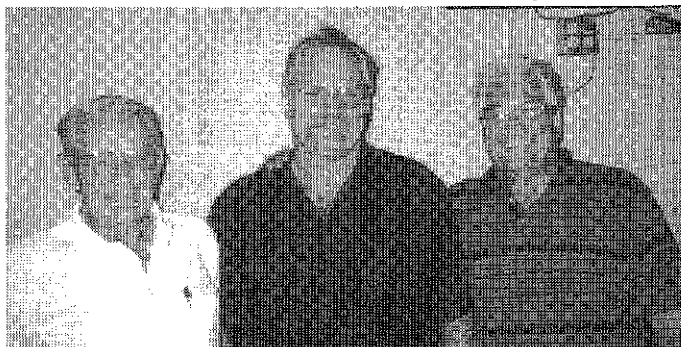
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Family Billiards Hosts Three-Event Labor Day Tourney

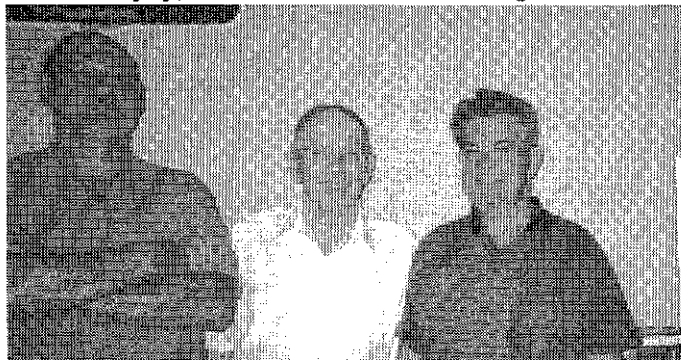
Family Billiards (The Bar) in Glendale, Arizona, hosted a three-event tournament over the Labor Day weekend.



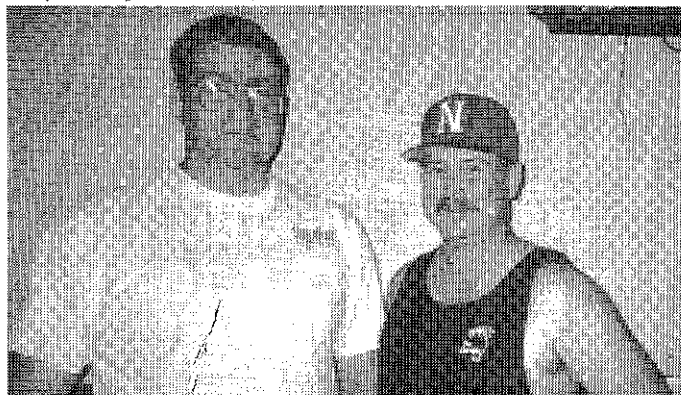
Winners of the ABC tournament were (from left): Manny Canada, Robert Price and Mickey Lewis.



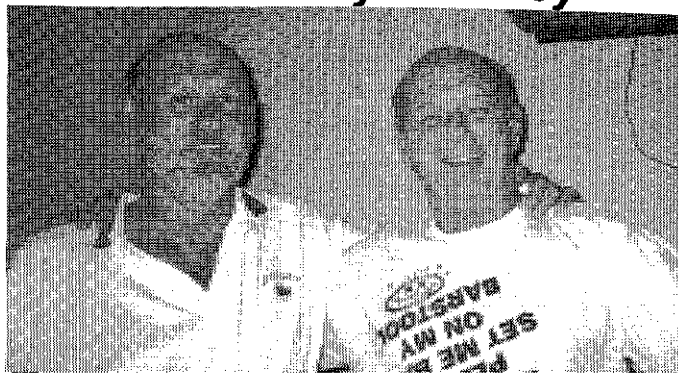
Taking second place honors were (from left): Richard Lysy, Ted Canada and Bill Aragon.



Finishing third in the ABC team event were (from left): Larry Canada, Gene Clark and Bob Lewis.



In the A-Doubles, Wendell Herbison (left) and Tim Schwenck were the winners.



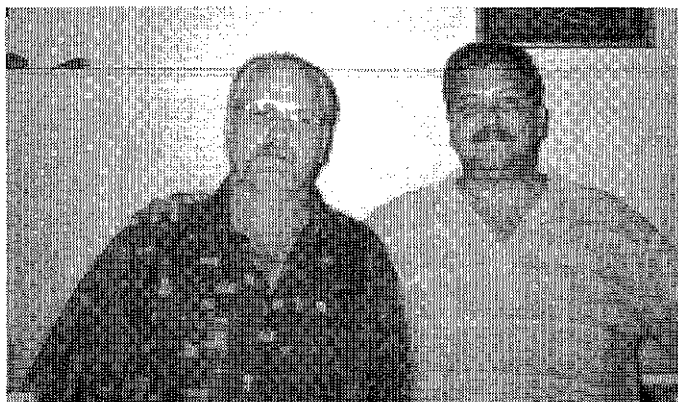
Larry Canada and Bob Van Alstyne celebrate their second place finish.



Finishing third were Paul Obermiller (left) and Gil Aragon.



Linda Churchman and Terry Leahy took top honors in the B-Doubles.



Ted Canada (left) and Paul Messina took second place.

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Indiana

LOTS OF ACTION IN HOOSIER STATE....

The Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie has two bring partner, double elimination events on tap: **Dec. 11, 1999, and Feb. 26, 2000.** Two boards, \$100 added, sponsor sales at 11 a.m. For information, call the Sportsman's at 765-289-0701.

The Red Dog Saloon in Muncie will host a **New Year's Eve \$10 draw partner tournament** starting at 4 p.m. The event will feature steak and lobster and party favors. For information, call 765-286-0255.

The Locker Bar in Marion will host doubles tournaments on **Jan. 19 and April 29.** For information, call Bobby V at 317-948-9102.

The Palace Bar in Fairmount will hold a doubles and singles on **March 11-12.** Watch for further details in upcoming issues.

The American Legion 424 in Bourbon has a number of events on tap. The first is a mixed doubles on **Dec. 18.** If you have a combined rating of 3 or less, the entry is \$40; if your combined rating is 4 or more, the entry is \$20. On **Jan. 8,** there will be an open doubles, \$40 per team entry. A true round robin doubles is on the agenda for **March 3-4** -- with a 20 team maximum. Entry fee is \$300 per team with a \$15 registration fee (\$100 refund to those teams which finish the tournament) for 2 or less combined rating; \$200 per team plus \$15 registration for teams with a combined rating of 3 or more. **Jan. 1** is the first day that entries will be accepted. Send to the American Legion, c/o Terry Dowell, 202 S. Main, Bourbon, IN 46504. For information on any of these events, contact Terry at 219-353-1070.

Texas

LAST CALL FOR 4TH HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN, DEC. 26-31

If you haven't made your reservations yet for the 4th Annual Houston Holiday Open, do so now! There are 14 events on the schedule for players of all skill levels (check the enclosed schedule flyer). It will be held at the Greenspoint Marriott this year which is close to the Bush International Airport. Call 1-800-228-9290 for reservations. Only \$49.95

per room with two beds for up to four people -- plus free transportation from the airport.

In addition to all the scheduled events, join your shuffling friends at a special 2000 Millennium party at 1 p.m. on Jan. 1. A \$20 draw (-1 and 0 cannot partner) and free pizza and lots of fun!

In addition to supplying the wax, The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. is donating a set of its classy weights for a raffle. The proceeds will be divided between the National and Texas Shuffleboard Halls of Fame and the Bowers Rating System.

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

(Editor's Note: Everyone knows that Texas is the No. 1 Board Talk subscriber state in the nation. But did you know that Houston is the largest subscriber city in the nation? These great folks who make up the Houston Shuffleboard Community are looking forward to hosting you. They'll make you glad you came! And, while you're there, tell them you appreciate their advertising and subscription support of The Board Talk. If we were Santa Claus, we would fill all their stockings with good wishes they deserve and lots of wins they'll have to earn on their own -- and history says they will!)

4TH MOTHER'S SPRING FLING, CORPUS CHRISTI, MARCH 10-12

Mothers Pizza and Por Boys, 12135 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, will host their 4th annual "Spring Fling" on March 10-12. Action will start at 8 p.m. Friday with an A-B handicapped draw, followed on Saturday at 1 p.m. with a free barbeque and handicapped 4-person team event with \$200 added prize money. The weekend will be capped off with a handicapped singles event at noon on Sunday, March 12.

For further information, contact Neil Garvin at 361-854-3632, or E-mail: judygarvin@prodigy.net

California

INAUGURAL AMATEUR LADIES ONLY, OLD TOWN SALOON, JAN. 14-16

The Old Town Saloon in Livermore, California, will host a Ladies' Only Shuffleboard Tournament

on Friday, Jan. 14, through Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000.

There will be three events. On Friday, the singles will get underway with two divisions: Div. I (\$30 entry) for players rated 1.50 - 2.99, and Div. II (\$20 entry) for players ranked 3.00 and higher. The most recent Bower's ratings will be used. Sponsor sales will begin at 7 p.m. with play immediately following.

An A-B draw doubles event will start on Saturday (\$30 per player), sponsor sale beginning at 7 p.m.

All events will be 2 out of 3, double elimination. The format may change depending on turnout. Four boards are being provided by A.Z. Turnbo. There will be food served, door prizes, and raffles.

For more information, contact Ray and Sandy at the Old Town Saloon, 925-447-0901, or Jane Mourgos, 650-593-0544.

Washington

MIXED DOUBLES AT TIM'S TIMBER TAVERN, KELSO, JAN. 1-2, 2000

Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso, will host a mixed doubles on Jan. 1-2, 2000. The entry fee is \$40 per team with play beginning after the noon sale on Saturday. As usual, there will be a \$10 draw on Friday night.

There will be a tournament buffet on Saturday afternoon.

For further information, call tournament director Maude Thomas or sponsor/owner Tim Bonner, 360-636-2627.

SWEETHEART TOURNEY AT BLUE GOOSE, PORT ORCHARD, FEB. 11-13

The Blue Goose in Port Orchard will once again host their popular Sweetheart tournament on Feb. 11-13. This is a Pacific Northwest favorite fun weekend, but it's open to all travelling shufflers. Watch upcoming issues for further information. In the meantime, mark it on your calendar. *(Editor's Note: If it's half as good in February as it is in July, we guarantee it's worth the trip! What better place to be snow or ice-bound!)*

ESA TOURNEY, FRANKIES', OLYMPIA, JAN. 15-16

The Evergreen Shuffleboard Association's annual tournament and meeting will be held at

Frankies' in Olympia on Jan. 15-16. Action will start on Friday night with an A-B draw, \$20 per player entry. The annual meeting, which will include elections and by-laws, will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The A-B-C tournament will start at the conclusion of the annual meeting. Entry fee is \$25 per person and is open only to paid ESA members for 2000.

A hefty \$1,000 will be added to the tournament, thanks to the generosity of Frank and Cheri Schnarrs, owners of Frankie's.

During the annual meeting, announcement of the 1999 season points champion will be made and prize monies awarded.

For information regarding the tournament and annual meeting, contact ESA President Jim Manders, 360-582-9711 or e-mail: jmanders@olympus.net

DeWitt/Ingram Win Bourbon Fall Doubles

The annual Fall Doubles was held at the American Legion 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on Oct. 18. In a preliminary round robin on Friday night, 18 teams vied for a share of the \$2200 pot. The winners were Jim DeWitt and Shannon McLeod.

In the main event on Saturday, 19 teams competed for a share of the \$3500 pot. Taking first place honors were Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt, with Oklahoma's Glen Davidson and Jim Long in second. Bobby Voorhis and Terry Dowell finished fourth. *(Editor's Note: As we go to press, third place winners were unknown, and will be reported in the next issue.)*

Bobby V Tops in Bourbon Singles

Twenty-three tough shufflers tried for a piece of the \$3600 pie at a singles tournament at American Legion 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, in early November. Bobby Voorhis was the top winner, with Jim Long taking second place. Glen Ingram finished third with Terry Dowell in fourth place.

**Was your partner/opponent a
Board Talk subscriber?
Tell them to join the national
shuffleboard network
and be in the know!**

As the Puck Turns

By George & Donna Wilber

Once again, the North American Championships was a great experience for us. It seemed like we met more new people this year than ever before and now, we have faces and personalities attached to names on our mailing list. A highlight for George was getting to play on Darrol Nelson's Pro-Am draft team. It's always an honor to play with Darrol (better with than against!) and it gave us an opportunity to get to know Tina Olson and Paulette McKinney, two talented and determined women with personality-plus, and Steve Kalamarksi (whose name we have spelled incorrectly on his Board Talk mailing label for a decade or more), all from Washington, and spend some time with our Kentucky friend, Mike Halstead. It was fun to watch the coach-student interaction between Steve and Mike. The team didn't reach the first-place goal they all strived for, but they had a great time attaining fourth-place honors.

Speaking of coaches, it's always a pleasure to see Lyndon (Coach) Baize, one of the hard-working members of John McDermott's NASC team. George tried in vain to find out Lyndon's real name, but Lyndon had some words of wisdom for him (knowing George had recently turned 70): Casey Stengel, despite managing the Yankees to 10 pennants and seven World Series championships in 12 seasons, is fired and says, "I'll never make the mistake of being 70 years old again."

Lilly Kidd, knowing we'd been married for 50 years, brought us a special story. Sorry we can't share it with you in this "family" publication, but we've had a great time sharing it with our family and friends. Thanks, Lilly!

We had a good visit with our dear friend Al Stewart, who is still a little lost after the death of his "child bride" Von, and retirement from his A & M Amusement Service. Al was the first California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame inductee. We hope he decides to use some of that free time he's uncomfortable with, writing his memoirs. He has many, many shuffleboard stories of days gone by that would make a valuable contribution to the National Hall of Fame. Al brought along a copy of RePlay magazine that had a special feature and cover photo of 100 year-old Faith Guthrie, owner and founder of G & G Amusement Co. who has spent 46 years in the coin machine business. She

still drives herself to work every day in her Lincoln town car. Several years ago, Al remembers, Faith advised him that he should "slow down" at his age!

Ask your local bar owner or coin machine vendor if he/she has a copy of the August 1999 issue of RePlay. It's a great story!

As she did for the Southwest Open, Lorraine Bingham-Olson provided laminated name badges for participants in the NASC. So attractive and professional-looking and with a plastic tie to attach to weight cases. Thanks, Lorraine!



Thanks, also, Lorraine, for the snapshot of this unique NASC guest fetching The Board Talk for his master.

There were a couple of real "shockers" at this year's NASC. One was NSHF Treasurer Bob Hunt's report that during the two-year period of Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, 1999, there have only been eight contributions. That's terrible! At that rate, it's unlikely there will ever be a "real" Hall of Fame. We are enthused about the expansion of the NSHF board and about the quality of the new members. We are also optimistic that by broadening this leadership base, the board will be able to inspire states to develop fund-raising efforts and encourage individual contributions.

We didn't learn about the other "shocker" until after we returned home -- the theft of John McDermott's computer with all the tournament data! We can only imagine the work involved in reconstructing that information. Shame, shame, shame on the thief (we pray it wasn't a shuffler) and sincere hopes that he/she will be caught and punished to the full extent of the law! We always thought it was awful when personal or house weights were stolen, but this is downright outrageous!

Lots of Winners at NASC No. 10

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The No. 3 team in the Pro-Am Draft Team Event was led by Bob Hunt and consisted of David Keithahn, Jane Mourgos, Don Heflin, Tank Mankinen and Beverly Chaffin.

In fourth place was Darrol Nelson's team of Steve Kalamarski, Tina Olson, Paulette McKinney, George Wilber and Mike Halstead.

Finishing fifth and sixth were the teams of Johnny Ballard with Phil Gardner, Dave Ramold, Frank Zavala, Gwen Vogt and Connie Zavala; and Pat Bayliss with Dino Mako, Frank Mako, Lorraine Bingham, Bill Kane and Debbie Spier.

Tied for 7th and 8th were Mike Thorpe's team of Gary George, Rick Shaw, Dan Holland, Jeanette Henry and John Mortensen; and Rick Niblett's team of Lonzo Knight, Mary Brown, John Canino, Dan Miner and Richard Meyer.

Roach/Loos Tops in Div. I Doubles

The Nebraska team of Mike Roach and Bill Loos came out ahead of a field of 21 teams in the Div. I Doubles. Taking second place honors were Dan Miner and Sam Jones, with Speedy Gonzales and Jake Jacob in third. Carl Roush and Steve Kalamarski finished fourth. Tied for 5th and 6th were Cyndi Busch and Tom Galvin, Rick Thomas and Billy Powell.

Clark/Herbison Win Div. II Doubles

There were 31 teams in the Div. II Doubles and coming out on top was the Arizona team of Cindy Clark and Wendell Herbison. Taking second place honors were Richard Meyer and Sharon Canino from the East Coast. Jack Davis and Jerry Widdoes took third, with Tank Mankinen and Boyd Davis in fourth place. Tied for 5th and 6th were Ron Sosovec and Char Waugaman, Peter Cummings and Pat Brennan, also from the East Coast. Tied for 7th and 8th were Mary Brown and Jeff Womble (the long and the short of it), Lisa Freeman and Gwen Vogt.

Newbanks/Payne Take Div. III Doubles

Edging out 21 other teams in the Div. III Doubles were Harold Newbanks and Jim Payne. Judy George and Mike Keevil took second place honors. Danny Green and Gary Thompson finished third with Paul Obermiller and Scott Vaughn in fourth place. Tied for 5th and 6th were Lorraine Bingham and James Olson, Leon Black and David Veazey.

Hitt/Fisher Win Pro Doubles Title

There were some mighty warriors in the Pro Doubles event with any of the 20 teams well-worth -
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This group of veterans, ranging in age from 70 to 93, made some plans to meet again at the 11th NASC and enter the amateur team event under the name of "The Young and The Restless." After they win, they'll take their Viagra and head for the Pussy Cat Theatre. From left: George Wilber of The Board Talk, Don Crall of American Legion 73 in Del City, Oklahoma; Sol Lipkin of American Shuffleboard, Bus Voorhis of the Voorhis Dynasty in Indiana; Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Michigan and Florida; and Al Stewart, former A & M Amusement Service owner in California. Wilber, Lipkin and Stewart are Shuffleboard Hall of Famers.

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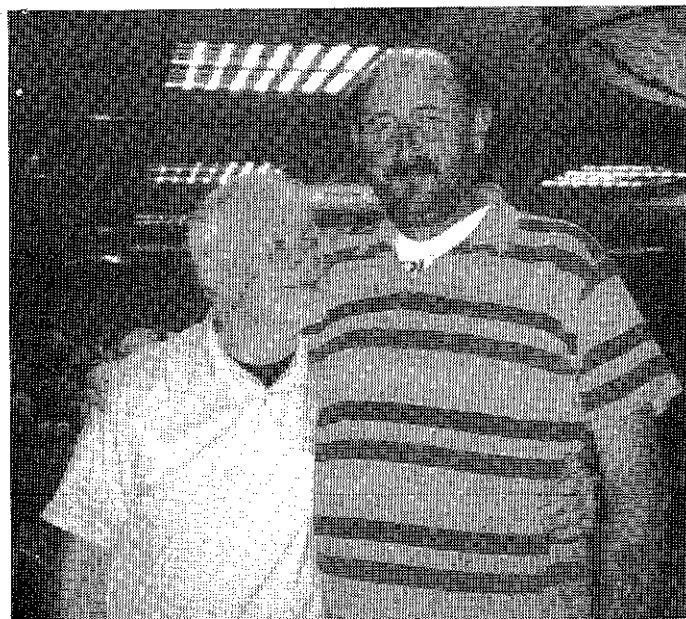
bidding on. In the end, it was the Washington team of Dan Hitt and John Fisher who took the biggest share of the pot. Taking second place honors were Fred Johns of Washington and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma, with those "Texas Terrors," Brenda Moore and Diana Hagen in third.

Spielman Tops in Div. I Singles

Nebraskans snagged the top three spots in the Div. I Singles with Joe Spielman No. 1, Mike Roach No. 2 and Tom Campbell No. 3. Fred Johns of Washington, back after an extended hiatus from shuffleboard, broke the chain by taking the No. 4 spot. Tied for 5th and 6th were Tom Galvin and Steve Kalamarski, with Joe Nino and Gary George tied for 7th and 8th. Finishing 9th through 12th were: Ray Marshburn, Don Valk, Carl Roush, and Mike Kinney. There were 50 entries in this division.

Canadian Kabal First in Div. II Singles

It took a Canadian, Kabal Bimb, to beat out the other 50 contenders in the Div. II Singles. Nebraska claimed two of the next top spots with John Henry in second, and Larry Zahm in fourth. Texan Dave Ramold took third place honors.



"Why did you do that to me, you big bully?" says George Wilber to Frank Mako of Washington, who tied for 5th and 6th with Richard Meyer of the East Coast.

Tied for 7th and 8th were Rick Shaw and Jimmy Kumpula. Finishing 9-12 were: Art Elliff, Dick Gorman, David Sexton and Mike Rooney (another one of those Nebraskans).

Keevil Wins Div. III Singles

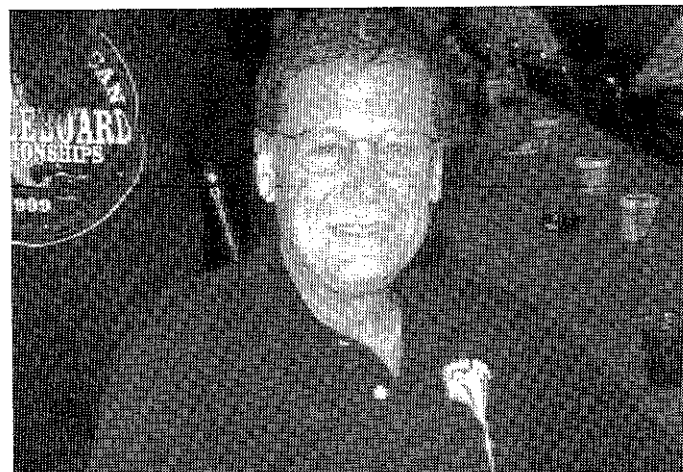
Mike Keevil, a young up-and-coming player from Washington, took top honors in the Div. III Singles (the way he's been winning, he likely won't qualify for Div. III next year!). Nebraskans Jim Kosiske and Barb Zahm finished second and third, with Jeff Kersting of Washington in fourth place. Brenda Kane of Michigan and Gary Thompson of Washington tied for 5th and 6th, and Leon Black of Michigan and Billy Hagman of Washington tied for 7th and 8th. Finishing 9-12 in the 44 player field of contenders were: Debbie Spier of Michigan to tie Washington in the winners' circle, David Veasey of Texas, James Olson of California, and Tim Schwenck of Arizona.

Wendy Davis Tops Ladies' Competition

There were 24 entries in the Ladies' Singles with Wendy Davis of Delaware (a member of an impressive East Coast delegation) taking the top spot. Jane Mourgos of California took second place honors, with Char Waugaman of Colorado in third. Josephine (Jo) Cook, a 3.50-rated player, took out some "biggies" to claim fourth place. Beverly Chaffin of California and Linda Ritter, yet another Nebraskan in the winners' circle, tied for 5th and 6th.

Nelson Crowned Pro Singles Champ

In a hotly-contested crowd-pleaser, it was Darrol Nelson of Oregon who prevailed over the field of 29 of the top players in the nation in the Pro Singles. After a tough battle, Bobby Voorhis of Indiana settled for second. Giving all those "macho men" a run for their money and claiming third place was Diana Hagen of Texas, the lone woman in this event.



During a break in the Pro Singles, contender Karl Spickelmier shared his thoughts about the honor of being inducted into the California Hall of Fame at the Thanksgiving Tournament at the Dixie Belle.

Nelson Winner of Crazy Eights

Oregon's Darrol Nelson continued his winning ways by taking first in the Crazy Eights competition. Rick Boyer, a highly-valued member of The Federation's NASC crew, finished second. Dan Hitt of Washington took third place, with Hal Perry of California in the fourth and final money spot. There were 21 entries in this event.

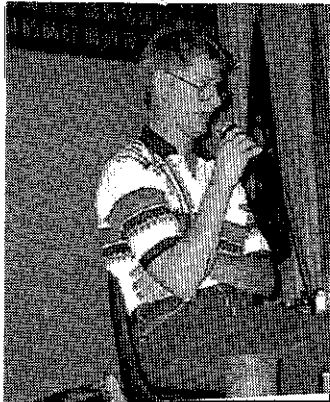
Lyndon (Coach) Baize was on the job prepping boards around the clock with "Coach Jr." Kory Hungerford.



Once again, Harvey Walden hauled the boards from Del City, Oklahoma, to Reno, and returned them to the American Legion 73 following the tournament.

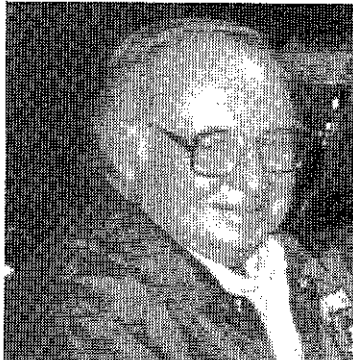


Seasoned shuffleboard bookkeepers Sharon Huddleston and Kathy Yingst once again kept the money straight -- an awesome job!



Jack Davis, a familiar figure at the Southwest Open, loaned his talents as auctioneer to this year's NASC and lost his voice doing so!

Director John McDermott thanks all of his great support staff.



Ray and Carole Boyett (above) and Marty Allen of the Florida Table Shuffleboard Association spent long hours at the NASC promoting The Board Talk and selling new and renewed subscriptions.

Important Notice to Readers and NASC Participants:

Due to the theft of the computer that contained all NASC tournament information and the time required to reconstruct that information, the results of the Amateur Team Event, Legends and Deuces Wild, photos of winners, and observations from NASC Director John McDermott, will appear in the January 2000 issue. Our apologies for this unavoidable delay.

If you have any information that will lead to the apprehension of the thief, please call The Shuffleboard Federation, 1-800-380-3033

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meeting. All of you current directors are to be commended for your years of work to establish the NSHF and get the "toddler" moving. We also commend you for your excellent choices for new members to expand your board to 12 members.

Indiana Shuffleboard Sites Will Sponsor Next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."

Mary and Larry Brown of Indiana, as long as we have known them, have been key supporters and promoters of shuffleboard and The Board Talk. They were very disappointed when we announced that the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard locations which are subscribers would be published annually instead of quarterly. However, they understood that the publishers could not afford the \$200 cost of printing it each quarter.

So, "little" Mary got on her hot wheels and contacted the shuffleboard locations in Indiana and signed 10 of them up for \$20 each to sponsor a listing. Consequently, the January 2000 4-page listing, which shufflers use in their travels, will be courtesy of those 10 Indiana locations. The cover page will be devoted to them and what they have to offer to shufflers from the U.S.A. and Canada. We encourage you to thank them for "putting their money where their mouths are."

The Board Talk will still publish one listing at our cost, which means we'll have at least two this year. In the meantime, if we get more "sponsors," we may go to quarterly or more! That's an exciting prospect! If you're interested in being a listing sponsor, let us know.

A Board Talk salute to "little" Mary and "big" Larry for their efforts.

A word of reassurance: To those locations that were listed in last month's issue as being eliminated or "due now" for the next listing, don't panic if you sent in your subscriptions between the time the November issue was delivered and when you

renewed. The "lag" time between publication and delivery is longer than we wish and we may well have received your renewal in the meantime.

If your favorite shuffleboard site is not on the "Play Your Way" list, assure the owner that the subscription price will be returned many times over with just one visit from travelling shufflers.

Remember, too, that between published listings, we promote new subscriber locations in each issue and there is space on the back of the "Play Your Way" list to include the names, addresses and phone numbers of these additions.

The deadline for the listing sponsored by the Indiana locations is Dec. 15, 1999.

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Ralph Asks for Help on Shamrock Stats

I need some help! I thought this year's doubles at the Shamrock was the 11th win for Doug Buhl and Darrol Nelson (I know it was the 11th year for the tournament). Now, I've been told that the very first tournament was won by Jim Allis and Joe Lavin. Can you help me on this? If that's so, I want to apologize to Jim and Joe and to everyone else. I'm getting to the point where my memory is not too good, if you know what I mean.

Ralph Duarte, Reporter/Photographer, Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington

We've done some research of past Board Talks, Ralph, and sorry to say: we can't help. The first report of the Shamrock's annual doubles appeared in the January 1993 issue (the tourney took place on Nov. 7-8, 1992). It was called the 2nd Annual Doubles and it was won by Doug and Darrol. In 1995, it was reported that they won for the fifth year in a row; in 1996 six in a row; in 1997, seven in a row; then in 1998, the headline read: "Nelson/Buhl Score #9 at Shamrock." So, there are some discrepancies. Some of the confusion might have been caused by the change in name of the event. First, it was Annual Doubles, then PCSA Doubles (because the winners were awarded entries in the PCSA tournament in Las Vegas), and then to the Buhl/Nelson Doubles (because of their consistent wins). Hopefully, some of your locals and/or former participants/winners can set the record straight.

And yes! We do know what you mean about memories not being as sharp as they once were!

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Nelson and Buhl Win Again at Shamrock Tavern Doubles

The annual Nelson/Buhl Doubles were held at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, on Oct. 9-10. It was the ?? consecutive win (see Ralph's letter on Page 10) for Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl of Oregon. Second place honors went to Mike Thorpe and Gary George, with Jim Allis and Loren Lampley in third. Rick ("want some of this?") Gindt and Joe ("come from behind") Lavin finished fourth.

The Shamrock hosted its annual "55 & Over" Tournament on Nov. 20-21. Results will be reported in the next issue.

Photos of Previously-Reported Tournaments

(Editor's Note: These are photos of tournaments that were reported in the November issue, received after we had gone to press.)

Heartland Handicap

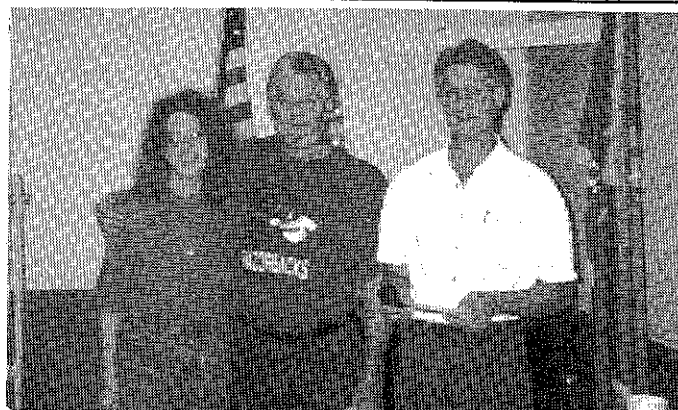
The Heartland Handicap tournament was held at the American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, on Oct. 8-9. There were 56 entries in the draw partner and 24 teams in the bring partner.



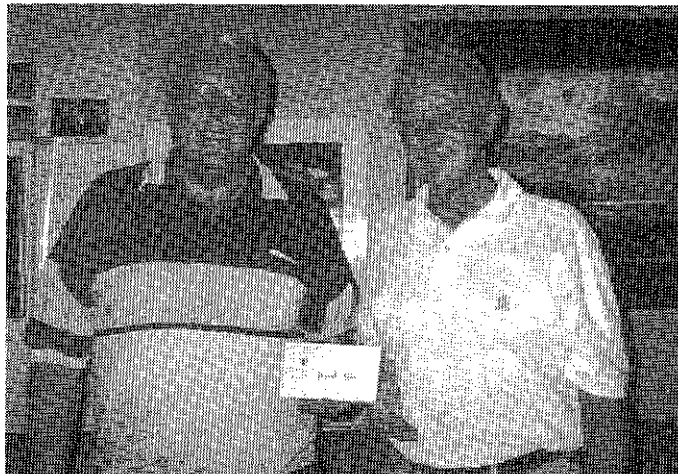
Ex-Virgin Sue Lewis and Rick Jones (left) were winners of the draw partner event. Lynn Tice and Johnny Ballard (right) took second place.



Dino Fleming and Carol Ussery finished third.



Tournament director Jack Davis presents fourth place winnings to Karla Hollowell and Tony Pelton.



First place winners in the bring partner event were Bill Melton and David Williams, both Hall of Famers. Rick Jones and Dino Fleming took second, Ron Huddleston and Cliff Goff third, Dave Fleming and E.T. Jensen, fourth.

Triple Win for G.H. Richardson

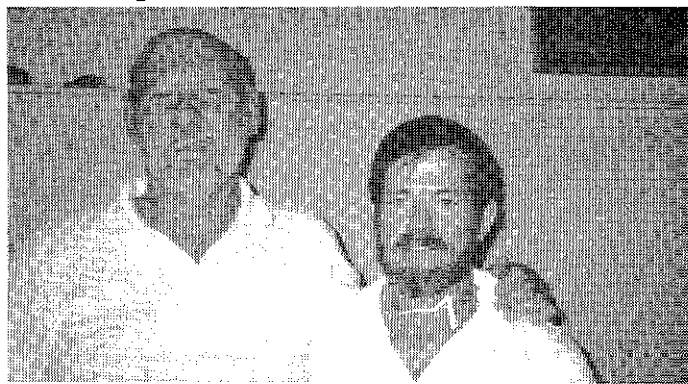
Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, opened their 1999-2000 shuffleboard season with a 3-event tournament on Oct. 8-9. It was a triple-crown event for G.H. Richardson.



The first win for G.H. Richardson was Friday night's draw partner with Wendy Davis.

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Family Billiards *(cont. from Page 3)*



Larry Canada (his third finish in as many events) and Dennis Bredvick took third in the B-Doubles.

"Special thanks to members of the Hall of Fame Committee who helped out with the tournament," said director Wendell Herbison.

Two players, Robert Price and Tim Schwenck, received Board Talk subscriptions based on their finishes.

Mako Brothers Tops at Fir Cone's Div. II Doubles

By Dwayne Dibley

On Sept. 11-12, the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington, hosted its second Division II tournament. The first was a draw, but this event was a bring your own partner.

Action started off, as always, with a Friday night draw, single elimination.



Winners were Tim Nugent and Sheltonite Russell Savage.

Saturday's action featured a sponsor sale which added \$650 to the pot. All the teams entered were tough which made for some very competitive matches. Everything went according to plan...except we still can't figure out what Bill Walker and Sam were doing in the women's bathroom!

Twelve hours of intense play brought us to the finals which pitted the team of the brothers Mako, Frank and Dino, against the capable team of Paulette McKinney and Alvin Orcutt. Frank and Dino won the winner's bracket and settled in for a long wait while the loser's bracket battled it out until Paulette and Alvin advanced to the finals.



A tough finals match ended with Frank and Dino Mako claiming the first-place purse.



Paulette McKinney and Alvin Orcutt settled for second place honors.

Third place went to Billy Hagmann and Don Stallworth, with Nancy Johanson and Chuck Anthony finishing fourth.

Jeanette Hohn, owner of the Fir Cone, provided an excellent feed for all the players and spectators. She thanks the Shelton shuffleboard community for all their help in putting on another great tournament.

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Monday 12/27	3	Noon	A/B/C (Pro/Am) Draw	All	\$40
Tuesday 12/28	4	Noon	4 Person Bring Team – Min. Points 4 (only 1 Pro) 2 of 3 Double Elimination	All	\$400/Team
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	10	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	1, 2, 3	\$120/80/40
	11	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	3, 4, 5	\$30/20/10
Friday 12/31			Completion of Singles, Events 9, 10, 11 if needed		
			New Year's Eve Special Event Party with Favors and Hors D'ouvres (9pm)		Open play until 7pm
	12	7pm	Blind Draw – Single Elimination - No Auction	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$50
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(Editor's Note: In last month's episode, Frisco Eddie and Long Beach Lil were about to meet each other in the finals of the Pro Singles in Reno.)

The time had now arrived for the play-off between the two hottest players in the Pro Singles event -- Long Beach Lil and Frisco Eddie. The tournament rooms were alive with conversations about the outcome of these games (and the side bets were very lively, too!). This was it -- the Game of the Decade!

Both players (possibly in an effort to appear "cool") didn't show up until very shortly before the action would begin. Their greetings were cordial, and everything very business-like while the officials set everything up for the play to begin.

Now the major pressure was on Eddie, as he had come from the loser's bracket, and as such, he would have to win both best 2 out of 3 series or he would be eliminated automatically! All Lil needed to do was to win the first series -- and she would be this year's champion!

Strangely enough, just before the announcement was made to begin shooting, Eddie's supposedly secret bride-to-be in two days, Shelli, came over to Lil and gave her a hug, along with wishes for good luck! The recent events, especially concerning the close calls with Dollar Dan, had actually brought them a little closer together (that is, as far as Shelli was concerned). She had confided some things with Lil....some of which had been probably better left unsaid.

The small room had now filled up and the first series was underway. Eddie knew that if he got by this first round of play, his odds would be greatly improved for his winning the whole event. The first game was close -- very close, but Eddie took it 15 to 13. The second game was kind of a blow-out. Eddie won it 15 to 10, which meant he had gotten by the first best out of three play-off games. Things were evened up by now, as they were both coming from the loser's bracket. Whoever won the next best out of three series would be the champion!

The first game of the next round found Lil picking up a little. The game was very close. Lil's lag was really getting hot. She ended up winning 15 to 12. If Lil won the next game, it would be over! Fortunately, Eddie got his second wind and came back to take the second game. The final game was now underway....

This one was close. The shooting on both their parts was excellent. The crowd was on its feet for this one. The game progressed until the score was 14 to 12 in Lil's favor, with Eddie's hammer left to be shot. What happened next could have a strong bearing on the outcome of the championship.

Just as Lil was moving away from the table, and Eddie was approaching for his hammer shot, Lil very quietly, and with a sneaky grin on her face, made a comment to him: "Congrats on your upcoming wedding, Champ; and oh, by the way -- do you have any names picked out for the baby that Shelli has on the way....?"

--TO BE CONTINUED--

(Remember, folks, Shelli has not yet told Eddie about her pregnancy. How will this news impact Eddie and his hammer shot? Tune in next month.)

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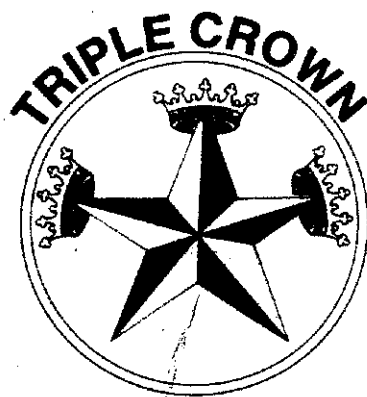
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Dec. 11

Doubles
Sportsmans Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Dec. 18

Mixed Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Dec. 26-31

Houston Holiday Open
Houston Marriott North
Houston, Texas

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Draw Partner
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

JANUARY 2000

Jan. 1-2

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Jan. 8

Open Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Jan. 14-16

Amateur Ladies Only
Old Town Saloon
Livermore, California

Jan. 15-16

ESA A-B-C Tournament
Frankies'
Olympia, Washington

Jan. 15-16

East Coast Winter Tourney
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Jan. 29

Open Doubles
Locker Bar
Marion, Indiana

FEBRUARY 2000

Feb. 11-13

Sweetheart Tournament
The Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

Feb. 18-19

Mason-Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Feb. 26

Doubles
Sportsmans Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

MARCH 2000

March 3-4

True Round Robin Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

March 10-12

4th Mother's Spring Fling
Mothers Pizza & Por Boys
Corpus Christi, Texas

March 11-12

Doubles & Singles
Palace Bar
Fairmount, Indiana

March 24-25

Spring Warm-Up
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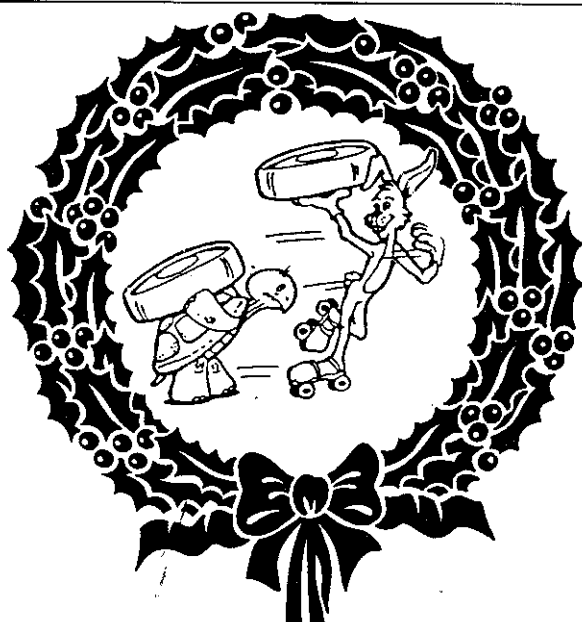
APRIL 2000

April 29

Open Doubles
Locker Bar
Marian, Indiana

April 29-30

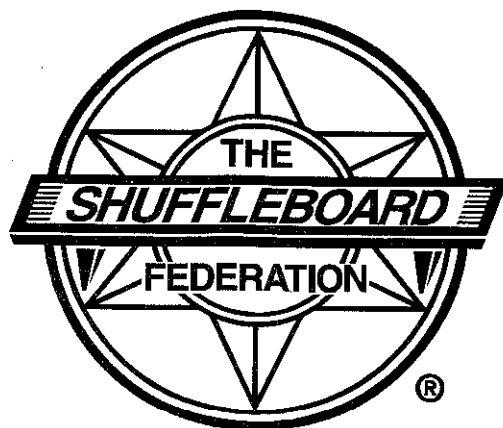
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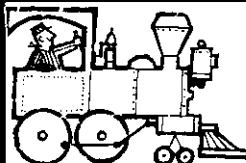
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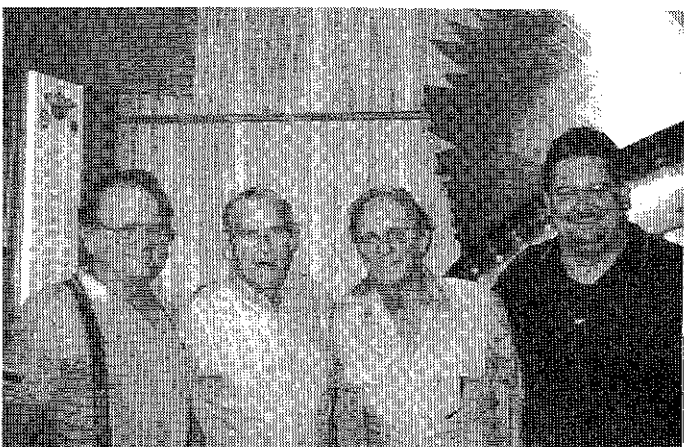
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Harvey's (continued from Page 11)



Richardson's second win was the singles event. He is shown with second place finisher Jim McDaniels.



No. 3 was the bring partner event, won with partner Steve "Ski" Lacinski (right). Host Harvey Comer (left) and Lindsay Hall took second place honors. Third place finishers were photographer Brenda Wallace and Jim McDaniels.

Swindle/Ramey Winners of A-B Draw at "B" House

The "B" House in Titusville, Florida, was buzzing again on Oct. 30 for its 5th annual A-B draw, with 18 teams entered.

Sue Swindle and Alvis Ramey were the winners!



Earl Harrington and Ken Cooper took second place honors, with Ursula Badouin and Jim Ditwyler in third place.

"We had great food for two days, fun and a lot of shuffling," reports Charley Thompson. "Thanks to Ursula, Rusty, J.T. and Sue."

The "B" House would like to thank all the shufflers from out of state who stopped by during the Florida Open last year and look forward to seeing you all again.

More Notebook

Jimmy Says: "Come on Down South for the Florida Open"

I'm heading south to Florida and sure appreciate my Board Talks sent down there for the winter months. I'll be back in Detroit around May for the summer.

In the meantime, It sure would be nice to see you and other Michigan shufflers down here for the Florida Open in March at the Snuggery in Palm Beach Gardens.

Back here in Michigan, the Lakeside Lounge (Union Lake) still goes strong each Tuesday and Thursday and starts at 6 p.m. -- \$5 draws and after a couple warm-ups, the action increases to \$10 draws. They get a good, steady group there. The Majestic Bar in Pontiac has been going strong since the second board was put in. There is always a game there; if you're looking for action, you can find it there.

Jim ("the cop") Kumpula, Michigan/Florida

We hope we can attend the Florida Open this year, Jimmy, and are sure other Michigan shufflers will, too. We look forward to receiving details. We encourage travelling shufflers to check out the Shuffleboard Directory ad for the Majestic. Try it -- you'll like it!

Oregon's Bob Myers Passes

Bob passed away June 3rd after several months of failing health, never knowing what was wrong. He started hurting last year during the tournament in Reno. An autopsy revealed an asbestos-caused tumor behind his right lung (mesothelioma), the most painful type for which narcotics are totally ineffective.

Anyway, he's in that Shuffleboard Heaven in the sky, free of pain at last. He was one week short of his 71st birthday and we'd had 50-plus years together, so what more can you ask?

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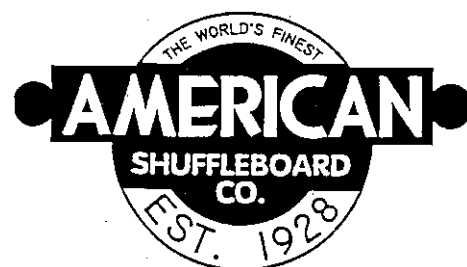
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Bob had played shuffleboard since 1948 and participated in many tournaments in the Pacific Northwest, the PCSA tournaments in Las Vegas, The Federation tournaments in Reno, and the Southwest Open in Del City, Oklahoma.

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Mrs. Bob Myers (Pat), 4005 SE Henderson,
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Thanks from Paul Casula

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association for inducting me into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I'd been practicing a speech for three weeks, but was so overcome with emotion at the time of my induction, I could only say Thank You.

I would like to thank all of my friends in shuffleboard. Each one means as much to me as the other. I really appreciated all the testimonials in the book given to me. I will continue to play to live up to the honor I've been given.

This is the greatest honor I have ever been given.

Paul Casula, Inductee, Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

We know exactly how you feel, Paul. It is an emotional experience to be honored by your peers. Anyone who can go through induction without getting choked up has got to be a lot tougher than we are!

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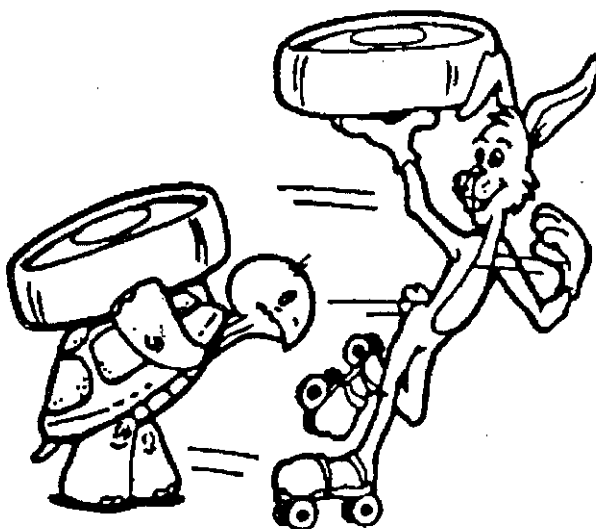
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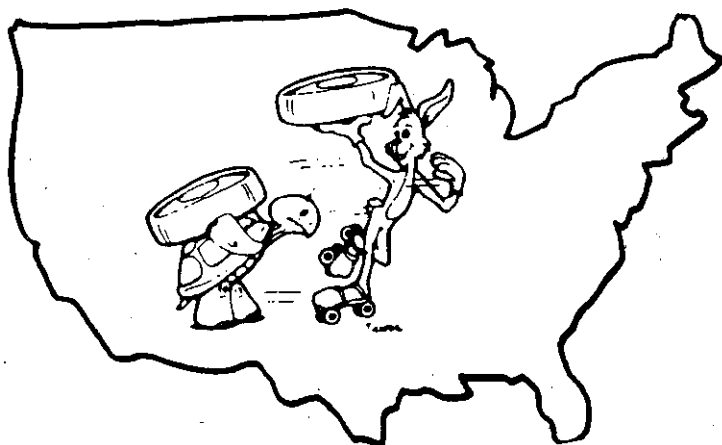
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