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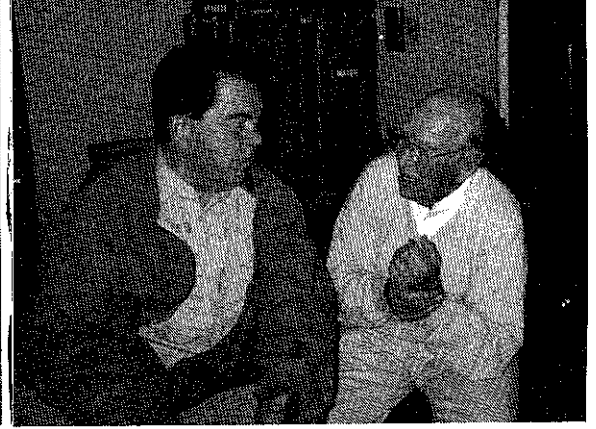
At the '98 North American Championships, Happiness is.....



Getting Married! Between the multitude of events at the NASC, Ann Nuygen and Brian Walker of Texas managed to tie the knot.



Winning! The pride of Washington, Dan Hitt (right) and Mike Thorpe, took 1st and 2nd in the Pro Singles.



Sharing common goals! Add up the years Sol Lipkin of New Jersey and Bob Lewis of Arizona have devoted to the betterment of shuffleboard; the figure will be awesome!

A Record-Setting Tournament Takes Teamwork, Time, Tenacity!

By George & Donna Wilber

Back in November, Balboa Ron's fictional character, Frisco Eddie, stepped into the main shuffleboard room at the Sands Regency in Reno, and admired the assembly of his "workshop." We're glad he got there early enough to see that part of staging a record-setting tournament (289 players and a \$216,000 pot). Far too many non-fictional characters seem to think all the organizers had to do was push a button and those 24 boards just rose out of the floor, all prepared for their play. In addition to the backbreaking work of moving those boards in, setting them up, adjusting and preparing them (then moving them out again when the tournament was over), there were countless hours spent in the negotiations, arrangements and book work in advance; the complicated bracketeering during a grueling week; collecting, counting and dividing the prize money; prepping the boards; making calls and tough decisions; trying to keep everybody happy (an impossible task); smiling when you feel like crying.

We salute the entire NASC crew and the players who took the time to say "thanks" to them for making it a memorable shuffleboard experience.

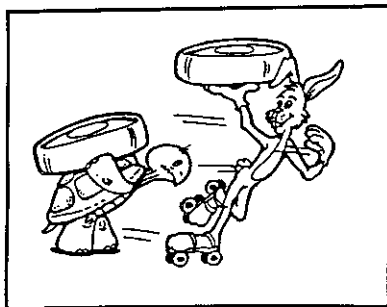
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Just being there! First-time NASC participants Mike and Susie Halstead of Kentucky decide it won't be the last time! Susie played on Larry Brown's second place amateur team.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Larry Salutes Teammates

Although we finished second at the North American Championships in Reno, you people are all champions as far as I'm concerned: Dave Davidson, Bud Osborn, Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula, Susie Halstead and Mary Brown.

Larry Brown, New Haven, Indiana

We're sure your teammates say the same about you, Larry!

Woodie Salutes Bill Jennings

Bill Jennings was inducted into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Eagles Lodge #3911 in Houston, MO. Bill was born in Columbia, Missouri, in 1924. He died in 1991 and his remains are in the family graveyard near the farm in Clark, Missouri.

Like most folks his age, when World War II ended, it left a lot of veterans without work. Bill was one of them. He started his new life in California as an electrician. He and brother Bob opened up a tavern and moved three shuffleboards in and started holding tournaments. It was not long before their tournaments were in the \$20,000 bracket. With figures in that range, the top players found out about it and started coming in from all the surrounding states. I talked to a lot of players who played in those tournaments and they told me Bill Jennings was as good as any player who played in those tournaments.

Bill was more than a pro shuffleboard player. He inspired others to start playing the game. He retired and moved back to his birth place in Columbia, Missouri. There, he started promoting tournaments and working with players who, if they were rated in

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Bowers Rating System, would be 4's. It did not matter to Bill. He would partner up with anyone, just as long as he could get a game going.

Seventy-two non-pro players nominated and got him into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Why don't some of you pros nominate him for the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame where he belongs?

Woodie Cockrum, Columbia, Missouri

Correct us if we're wrong, anyone who knows better, but it is our understanding that once an individual is inducted into a state Hall of Fame, it is that state committee's responsibility to nominate him/her to the National Hall of Fame. With 72 signatures already gathered, it seems that Bill has a very good chance!

Glen Salutes State Inductees, Urges More in '99

We just got back from Houston, Missouri, and the Bill Jennings induction. Bob and Hazel Jennings, his brother and wife, were there to accept his induction plaque. All went well; now I know Bill will rest well.

Bill held the first big tourney in San Jose, California, on July 4, 1971. The Happy Hour was the money spot in California for several years, attracting such players as Bob Miles, Billy Mays, Doug Buhl, "Firehouse Freddie," Glen Young, Bob Perry, Joe Abraham, A.Z. Turnbo, PeeWee Ramos, Hal Perry, Leroy Ledford, "Big Norm" Phillips, Mickey Gomez, Fred Thuman, "Raggedy Don," "Mexican Tommy," Bobby Goldsmith, Porter White, Troy Tolbert, Robbie Goldsmith and Jeannie Mays (two of the best women players at that time), Ron Harrelson, "Big O and Little O" and myself, to name a few in that era. Oh, yes, Portland Eddie also came down from Oregon and Washington to play. Darrol came later. (Just look at these people if you think you have a hard way to go now!)

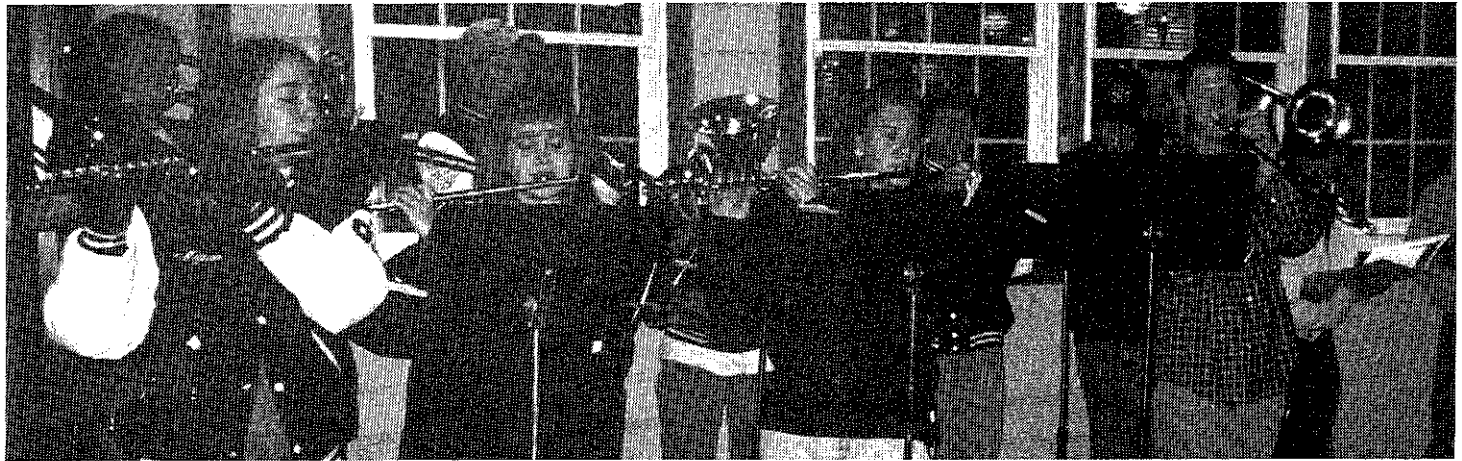
Bill Jennings won the first singles tournament there. A great player and person, I always considered him a friend. He and Hazel looked me up in Tulsa in the mid-'80s and I ran into them again in '87 at the

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Michigan Championships Usher in Holiday Season



For the second consecutive year, Santa Claus and Christmas carolers (along with a talented band) helped Dennis Bittner, host of the Club Car Lounge, welcome shufflers from across Michigan to the friendly Durand community for the 13th Annual Michigan Championships.

Held over the Thanksgiving weekend, this year's championships increased in both participation and total prize monies, with 70 players participating in five events, vying for a share of the \$12,230 total pot.



Coming out ahead of the field of 22 teams in the mixed doubles were John McDermott and Betty Parrish. Host Dennis Bittner presents the first-place plaques to the winners.



Veteran partners Jerry Hershman and Marie Sweeney finished third in the mixed doubles event.



The skills of the husband and wife team of Bonnie and Sonny Morgan awed opponents and spectators as they fought their way to take second-place honors.

Other winners were Trish Tolsdorf and Bjerne Sunde, 4th; Steve Auten and Carrie Cottrell, Rob and Debbie Kern, tied for fifth and sixth.

In the Division II singles, the Auten Brothers found themselves going head to head, with the "older" one coming out ahead, and other shufflers wondering why

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

California

VON STEWART MEMORIAL BENEFIT, DIXIE BELLE, DOWNEY, FEB. 5-6

A benefit tournament in memory of Von Stewart, beloved wife of Al Stewart, long-time owner-operator of A & M Amusement Service before he retired to care for Von during her struggle with cancer, will be held on Feb. 5-6 at The Dixie Belle, 9559 Imperial Hwy. in Downey. It will be an ABC Draw Tournament, \$25 per player entry, with 50 percent of the entry fees and 10 percent of the sponsor sale donated to Von's memorial fund.

The sponsor sale will start on Friday at 7 p.m. with play immediately following. A buffet (\$5 donation) is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, with an in-house raffle at 8 p.m. Prizes will include a TV/VCR and three days and two nights in Vegas. Donations for the raffle and/or the memorial fund are welcome. Please mail to: Von Stewart Memorial Fund, 8030 Stewart & Gray Rd., Box #167, Downey, CA 90241.

Please post the enclosed flyer to spread the word about this worthwhile activity.

If you have questions regarding the tournament, lodging, or donations, call Chris Brown at 562-756-0978, or The Dixie Belle, 562-803-4943. Bill Maxwell and Joe Muniz will serve as tournament directors.

See Page 6 for a tribute to Von.

8TH PRESIDENTS' DAY TOURNEY, BLINKY'S, SANTA CLARA, FEB. 7-15

The 8th Annual Presidents' Day Tournament will be held at Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, starting Sunday, Feb. 7, and wrapping up on Monday, Feb. 15.

Whether you're a pro or an amateur -- or somewhere in between, there are events on the schedule for you. Check the enclosed flyer for complete details and make your reservations (advance reservations are advised).

Questions? Call Blinky's at 408-241-3933 or Rick Thomas at 408-578-0822, or Email: tomkat@internetmci.com

On Saturday, Feb. 13, Hal Perry will be inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

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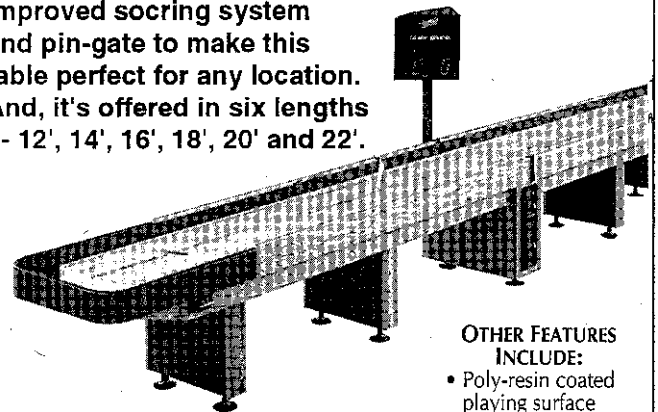
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ABC DRAW, ELK'S CLUB, DOWNEY, JAN. 23

The Elk's Club, 11233 S. Woodruff, Downey, will host an ABC Draw Tournament on Jan. 23. Entry fee is \$25 per person. The sale will start at 10 a.m. with play immediately following. Bring your favorite dish for a potluck buffet.

At this event, **George Lucas will be inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.**

Washington

1ST '99 NORTHWESTERN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, FIR CONE TAVERN, SHELTON, JAN. 23-24

The Fir Cone Tavern, 114 W. Cota, Shelton, will host its first 1999 Amateur Draw on Jan. 23-24. This is the first in a series of three qualification events and one final championship tournament. These tournaments are designed to develop new players. To qualify, you must be rated a 3 or higher by the current Bowers Rating System or a new unrated player. To qualify for the Championship tournament, you must place in the top six in any one of the three primary tournaments.

This year's events will feature Calcutta (sponsor sale) action; however, it is not mandatory to participate. There is a \$20 per person entry for each tournament and all events are draws. \$100 from the entry fees will be held back from each tournament to help offset the cost of the grand prize, which includes: Entry to the Div. III Doubles at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada, air fare, hotel, custom tee shirt, and your name on the Amateur Championship trophy displayed at the Fir Cone Tavern. The idea here is that the winning team play in Reno *as a team*.



The 1998 Fir Cone Tavern team may not have been tops in the nation, but they were certainly the best dressed at this year's NASC in Reno.

Action for the first in this series will start with a Friday night A-B draw, \$20 entry, single elimination. The sale for the amateur draw will start at noon on Saturday with play immediately following. It will be double elimination, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and one 21 point game in the loser's bracket. There will be a feed on Saturday night.

On Sunday, a \$20 amateur singles event will be held, double elimination, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, and one 15 point game in the loser's bracket.

Tournament #2 on the Fir Cone's amateur championships will be held on March 13-14, No. 3 on May 29-30, and the Championships on July 24-25.

The 1998 Northwestern Amateur Champions were Paulette McKinney and Billy Hagmann.

For further information, contact Mel Hohn at 360-426-2221.

18TH ANNUAL MASTERS, FIR CONE TAVERN, SHELTON, FEB. 20-21

The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton will host its 18th Annual Masters Tournament on Feb. 20-21, \$100 per team entry. The event is double elimination, 2 out of 3 15 point games in the winner's bracket, one 21 point game in the loser's bracket. The sale will start at noon on Saturday with play immediately following. \$300 will be added based on 30 teams.

Dan Hitt and Al Pease have won this event the past two years.

Come Friday night at 7 p.m. for a \$20 open draw, single elimination, 15 point games.

The Fir Cone has three great boards, and RV parking is available. Food will be served on Saturday.

For information, call Mel Hohn at 360-426-2221.

Michigan

3RD SAGINAW VALLEY OPEN, McCABE'S, SAGINAW, FEB. 19-21

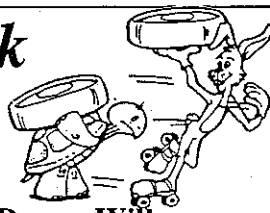
M.J. McCabe's Food & Spirits, 54 E. Morley Drive (M-46), Saginaw, will host its 3rd Annual Saginaw Valley Open on Feb. 19-21.

A handicapped draw partner is scheduled for Friday night, \$25 per player entry, limited to 48 players. -1's, 0's and 1's cannot draw each other. Sale at 7:30 p.m. with play immediately following.

For Saturday's handicap doubles, the combined rating of both players must be at least 1. Entry is \$25 per player, limited to 20 teams. The sale is set for 2 p.m. with play immediately following.

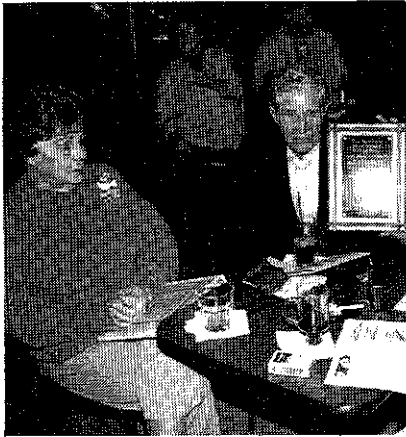
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As The Puck Turns.....



By George & Donna Wilber

After a long and valiant fight with cancer, Von Stewart lost the battle just before Thanksgiving. Von, the beloved "child bride" of Al Stewart, was a cherished friend of ours and many others in The World of Shuffleboard. She will be sorely missed!



For many years, in good times and bad times, Von was at Al's side. One of the recent good times was Al's induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on Valentine's Day.

It's hard to find words of comfort to console those Von left behind. In Donna's Mom's box of "treasures," we found a clipping, yellowed with age, from the Buffalo (South Dakota) Times-Herald. This seems like a good time to share it, not only with Von's family and friends, but all those who have lost a loved one to cancer. It's called....

A Little Boy's Prayer

I saw a little boy riding toward the rock where I was sitting -- he was riding slowly as though he didn't have any particular place to go. When he got to the top of the hill, he stopped. He didn't seem to see me, when he started to speak softly, as if to himself. But this is what I heard him say:

"Please, God, I've never prayed very much, except at the table and at church. Mom said the best way was to come out here where I could talk with you. I came to talk about Sam. They said he has cancer and maybe you are going to take him away from us. Well, I don't know why you want to take him just yet. Mom says maybe you need him up there. I don't know just what you do -- seems like you need so much help. I think we all need him here, too. Why, it just wouldn't be the same here without Sam.

"It seems like I can remember Sam just about always. Me and him have always been friends -- even if he is a lot older, he's just about the best friend I've got. He sure could ride bucking horses. Do you remember the day he rode both Widowmaker and

Tombstone the same afternoon? Some people didn't think he could do it. I knew he wouldn't have any trouble, and when he rode the last one, the people honked their horns and cheered -- and I did, too, 'cause he was riding the best.

"One time he was riding a bronc, I don't remember which one it was 'cause I was pretty little -- but that old bronc was really bucking and came past where I was sitting. When Sam saw me, he said, 'Hi there, Ted, how am I doin?' (and he was spurrin' every jump) and I yelled back, 'Ride him, Sam, ride him!' And he always did.

"He's got three little boys of his own now, and they need him, too, God.

"Well, God, s'pose I'd better let you go now. I hope you'll think it over, what I've said. Guess there will be a lot of others coming to talk to you. Mom says you're the one who has to decide. But, God, just one more thing. If you decide to take him, please don't let him hurt too much."

Today the little boy went back, his face stained with tears.

"God, I came back to thank you. They say he didn't suffer much. We're sure gonna miss him down here, but I guess you must have needed him pretty bad, 'cause today you took away our best."

While Von didn't ride horses on the prairies of South Dakota, she did have some "bucking broncos" in her life that she rode with courage and determination. And God must have needed Von because she was our best!

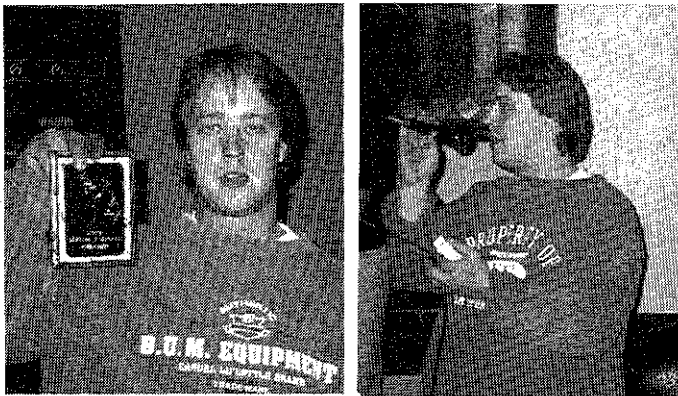
If you'd like to let Al know that you care, write him at: 11415 Cherrylee Drive, El Monte, CA 91732.

We also urge you to support the Von Stewart Memorial Benefit Tournament at the Dixie Belle in Downey, California, on Feb. 5-6 (see ad in this issue). It would be great if you could participate in the tournament itself (we can guarantee you'll have a great time at The Dixie Belle), but if you cannot, your contributions will be very much appreciated. Send them to: Von Stewart Memorial Fund, 8030 Stewart & Gray Rd., Box 167, Downey, CA 90241. The Stewarts have had an incredible amount of medical expenses during the past several years. *Please help.*

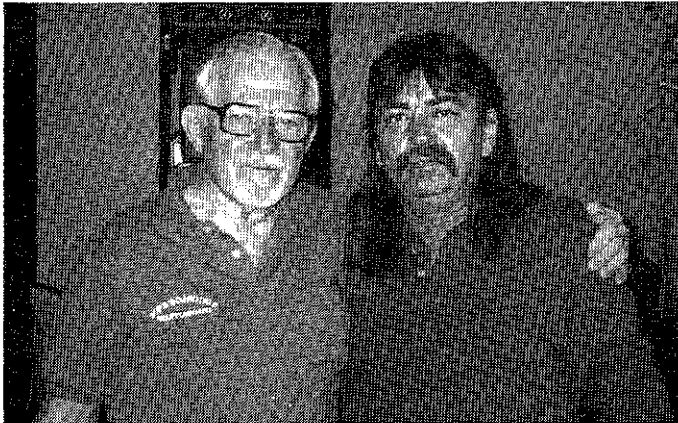
In this issue is the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments which are Board Talk subscribers. Since this is now an annual feature, be sure to save it and put it in your glove compartment to use when you're travelling. Note that on the back page is space where you can add new establishments that have become a part of the national network throughout the year. Each month, we will publish the names and addresses of locations you should add to your listing. If your favorite shuffleboard is not on the list, sign them up!

Michigan Champs (cont. from Page 3)

these two talented young players were still rated as 2's.



Steve Auten shows off his first-place plaque and then shows off his talent during a Karaoke session.

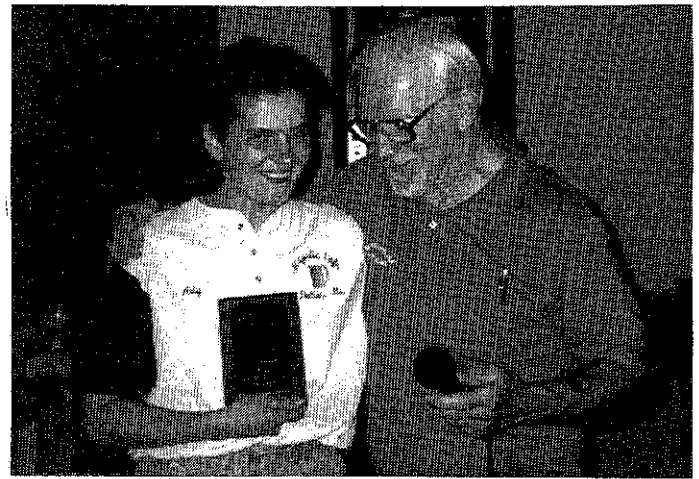


Co-sponsor Board Talk George congratulates Chris LeMieux (formerly "Canadian Chris") for taking second place in the Div. II singles.

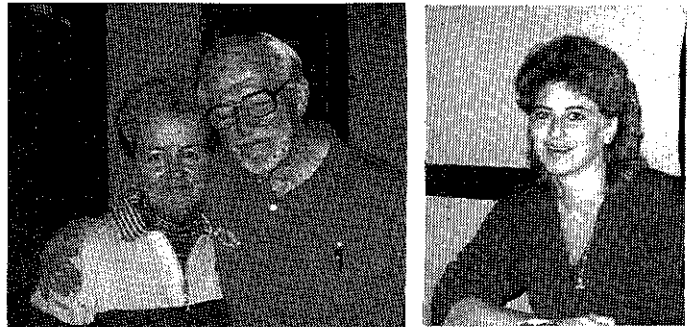


And tournament director Rob Kern assures third-place finisher Scott Auten that someday he will beat his big brother.

Rounding out the winner's circle in the Div. II singles were: Eugene Wendling, 4th; Roland Harkless and Ron Bown, tied for 5th and 6th. There were 23 entries in this event. The Div. II, open and ladies' singles were played simultaneously.

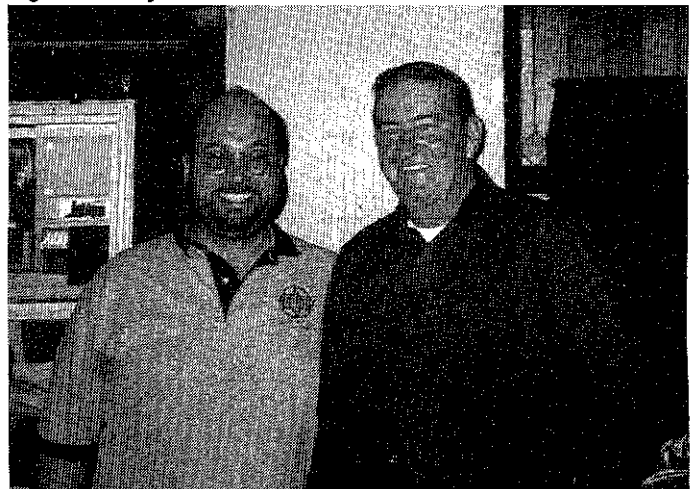


Ady Hallgarth is the 1998 Michigan ladies' singles champion. A former Hoosier, she already held the crown for the ladies' singles in Indiana.



Trish Tolsdorf took second-place honors (is George praying or taking a nap?), with Kim Parrish (right) in third place.

Others finishing in the money were Deb Kern, 4th; Betty Parrish and Betty Kuebler, tied for 5th and 6th. There were 18 entries in the ladies' singles, three more than last year. With the kind of stiff competition displayed in this event, chances are it will increase again next year.



John McDermott, in his second victory of the weekend, took the title of 1998 open singles champion. He was challenged by Bjerne Sunde (right), who settled for second after a fierce battle in the finals.

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Michigan Champs (cont. from Page 7)

In a surprise "finish" before the finals match, McDermott and Sunde shared equal honors by becoming the first players to be inducted into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (see accompanying story).

Finishing third in the open singles was the always tough Chris Passariello with Doug Fridley Jr. in fourth place.

The final event of the weekend was the open doubles with 19 teams participating.



Making it a "triple hit" in the 1998 championships, John McDermott and his partner, Mike Chamarro, took top honors.



Doug Fridley Jr. (left) and Chris Passariello took second in the open doubles.



Bob Bolt and Steve Auten finished in third place.

Other finishers were Bjerne Sunde and O.B. Brim, 4th; Scott Auten and Dave Kittles, Kathy Gianokos and Ady Hallgarth, tied for 5th and 6th.

Door prizes, drawn throughout the weekend, were donated by The Board Talk, the Club Car Lounge and its beer distributors. The Club Car, the Sunset Motel of Durand, and The Board Talk also contributed a set of shuffleboard weights to the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame for their fund-raising efforts. Winner of the weights was Kathy Gianakos.

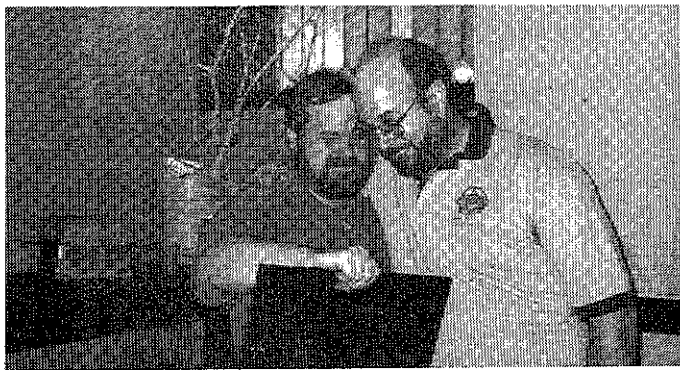
Sunde and McDermott Inducted into Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

There was a break in the action on Saturday afternoon, not only for the free feed, courtesy of The Club Car, but for the induction of two worthy individuals into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The inductions of Bjerne Sunde and John McDermott were announced via a video salute to each, followed by the presentation of plaques to the inductees. During the video salute, host Dennis Bittner sang "Memories" as the background music for Bjerne, and "I Did It My Way" for John. Family members of both inductees were present for the induction ceremonies.

This was the third and fourth inductions by the Michigan Hall of Fame Committee, but the first for their skills as players. Rudy Stober of Stober's Lounge, the first, and George and Donna Wilber of The Board Talk, the second inductees, were honored for their promotional efforts of the sport.



Michigan Hall of Fame Committee member Frank Parrish emotionally presented his mentor and role model, Bjerne Sunde, with his induction plaque. It read: "Congratulations to Bjerne Sunde for your many years of commitment to shuffleboard and the many achievements you have recorded in our sport's history. Your integrity, your skills as a player, and your good sportsmanship have made you an outstanding ambassador for shuffleboard in your home state and across the nation. We are proud you have become known as Michigan's 'gentle giant' with a heart as big as your hands."



It was an emotional moment for both the recipient John McDermott and the presenter Rob Kern during the Michigan Hall of Fame ceremonies. John's plaque read: "We salute you for your years of hard work and determination to become Michigan's top player and to earn recognition and respect as one of the nation's best. We especially appreciate your successful efforts to raise our sport's professionalism through rules of play and conduct, and providing opportunities for beginning shufflers to play and win. We honor you as a professional player, teacher and promoter."

Thanks From George & Donna....

This was our first attempt at producing a video salute and we gave new meaning to the word: amateur! However, it was a "Labor of Love" and we thank the family members who so-discretely supplied us with photos of the inductees and much gratitude to Dennis Bittner for providing the musical background.

Special thanks to those who granted us video testimonials: Woodie Cockrum, Missouri; Harvey Walden, Tennessee; Johnny Wayne Crawford, Texas; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; Baiboa Ron Schweikert, Nevada; Dick Gorman, Delaware; Jim Martin and Paul Weber, California; Phil Skover, Linda Stober Humbert, Jerry Siebert, John Addington, Bob Ray, Dick Reist and Ron Palmer, all of Michigan. We're sure the few moments you gave us will provide a lifetime of pleasure for the inductees and their families.

Thanks from Betty Kuebler

There was a big void at this year's Michigan Championships. Last year's Div. II singles champ, Bill Kuebler, passed away on June 16 at the age of 72. Nobody missed him more than his wife Betty, who was an active participant and spectator at the 1998 Championships. She expressed her appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy and support from the shuffleboard community during her time of loss, and the warm welcome she received in Durand. "I treasure my old friends and the new ones I made this year," she said. "They are all special people."

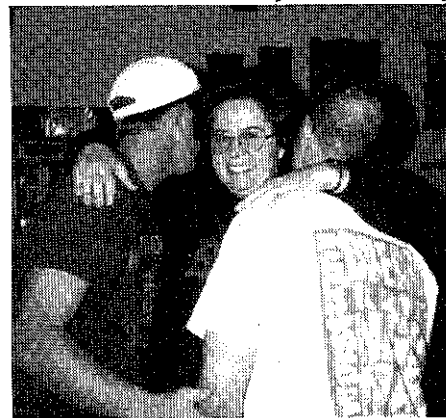
The Club Car Lounge is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

Expectant Fathers are Winners in Indiana

The first tournament at the American Legion Post 330, New Haven, Indiana, was a huge success, according to manager Larry Brown. The open doubles was held on Oct. 24 and attracted 16 teams.



The young, but extremely tough, team of Rick Royal and Mark McCleod are congratulated by their wives, Deana and Shannon, for taking first place honors. The ladies were winners, too, as a baby shower was held for them during this event. (Since then, Shannon and Mark are the proud parents of 9 lb. 5 oz. Alexis, born on Nov. 30. No word yet on the Royal arrival.



Deb Voorhis accepts congrats for taking second place with husband Bobby.

Third place went to Mary Brown and Mikel Johnson.



Rounding out the money places were Beef Camp and Mark's Dad, Eugene McLeod of Missouri.

The American Legion Post 330 is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

(Editor's Note: Gene McLeod stopped in Durand on his way to Indiana for the birth of his grandchild. We couldn't let him play, but he got to see his good friend, Bjerne Sunde, inducted into the Hall of Fame.)

Tommy Workman, "Godfather of Shuffleboard," Inducted at Dixie Belle's Thanksgiving Tourney

By Chris Brown

On Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Dixie Belle's annual Thanksgiving Tournament in Downey, we were honored to induct Tommy Workman as our fifth California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame member.

The audience watching was almost as impressive as the great gentleman himself. As one speaker asked the crowd: "To how many of you has Tommy taught shuffleboard?" -- 20 to 30 people stood up. It appeared that the entire PM Tavern had emptied out and driven to Downey to watch their friend and teacher being honored. As one voice in the crowd said: "It's like he's the Godfather of Shuffleboard."

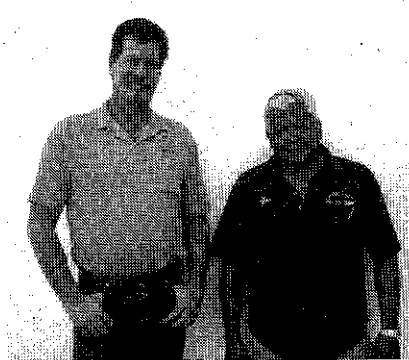
As speakers such as Joe Muniz, Troy Tolbert, Frank Zavales (speaking for Balboa Ron who couldn't attend due to illness), Fred Thuman, and others spoke of Tommy, the words repeated most often were "greatest" and "gentleman." When Tommy gave his acceptance speech, the reason for those words were evident.

After the ceremony was concluded, it was picture-taking time. Everyone wanted a picture taken with Tommy. A classical moment came when all of Tommy's oldest friends present, as well as all of his friends from the PM Tavern, climbed onto the Dixie Belle stage for a group picture. They all managed to fit onto the stage, but there weren't inches to spare. As more and more people headed for the stage, the photographer kept moving further and further back.

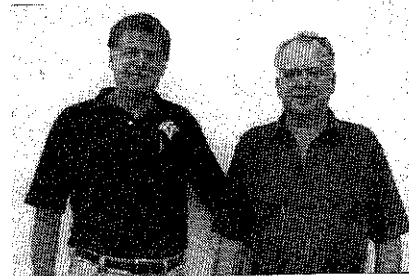
An overheard comment summed up the entire day: "Any man who has made this many friends deserves to be in the Hall of Fame."

Three States Represented at Thanksgiving Event

The Thanksgiving Tournament was a great success with players from California, Arizona and Nevada participating. Our thanks go out to Jim Anderson and Cadillac Joe Yeno for their care of the boards; to Doug Pancerev for bracketing; to Eileen Eades for coordinating the potluck buffet; and to all the players who came and shared the holiday with us.



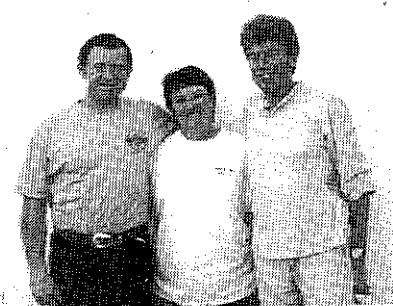
In the open doubles, first place went to Billy Maxwell and Joe Muniz.



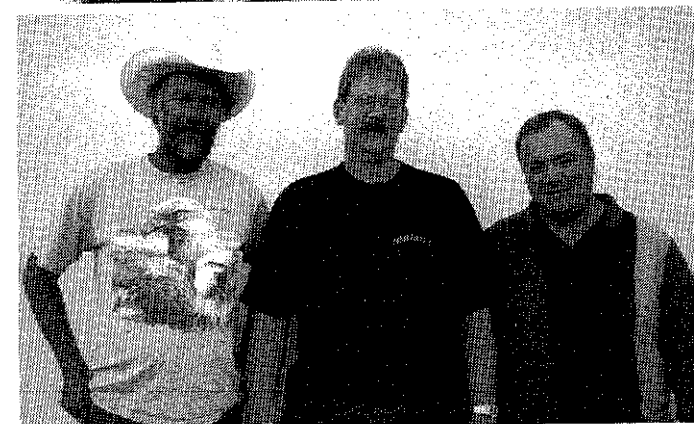
Second place honors were taken by Karl Spickelmier and Ted Z.



Third place went to Phil Gardner of Phoenix and Chris Brown.



In the ABC Draw Event, first place went to Steve Floyd of Visalia, Chris Brown, and Iggy Smith (one of the Coulter Clan).



Second place went to Dave Brennan, Robert Wade of Nevada and Steve Budrys.



Third went to Mickey Lewis of Phoenix, Jolene Lembke and Jan Manes.

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Mixed Doubles -- No Dipping at Fir Cone Tavern

By Mel Hohn

Beyond Reno, there is a light from a town in the Northwest that hardly ever sleeps, especially when shuffleboard is in town. This town is Shelton, Washington -- the biggest little shuffleboard town in America. When you talk shuffleboard in Shelton, you talk about the Fir Cone Tavern, a tradition started by retired owner Buddy Smith, and continued by present owner Jeanette Hohn.

Anyone for mixed doubles? After the kids are put to bed, that is.

The 1998 shuffleboard year at the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton ended with a mixed doubles tournament on Nov. 14. This was a great year in which some new tournaments were added that boosted the number of local players. Mistakes were made, but if you're not making mistakes, you're not trying and learning from. We have been trying to get it right now for three years. The way we figure it, another 30 years and we'll have it. In any event, we are looking forward to a positive 1999 and some great shuffleboard.

Action started on Friday night with an A-B draw. There was excitement in the air as players like Loren Lampley, Mike Thorpe, and Al Pease signed up for the draw. As the peas were drawn and the boards waxed, the players from each group held their breath in anticipation as they waited to see who their partner would be. The single elimination event ended with local legend Dick Doak and Dean Johnson winning it all.

The main event started at noon on Saturday. Teams signed up with the hope that they would be the one team remaining after the smoke had cleared. There wasn't a weak team in this event, which created some great battles. We had the pleasure of watching some exciting matches until the five point end which determined the title.



Once the smoke had cleared, it was Linda Steffensen and Carl Roush who were left standing all alone in the winner's circle.



Tina Olson and Rick Gindt failed in their double dip attempt and had to settle for second.



Judy George and Bill Shanahan finished a strong third.

Mike and Hazel Thorpe took fourth place.

Jeanette Hohn, owner of the Fir Cone, thanks all the players who participated in all the tournaments throughout the year which made 1998 a successful year. I think I speak for all the players when I say that we thank Jeanette for the wonderful feeds and the terrific support she has displayed. Her husband takes this opportunity to let Jeanette know how much he appreciates her hard work and understanding, not to mention the fact that she is turning into one hell of a shuffleboard player.

(Lucky Mel!)

See the Calendar and Upcoming Events for more action at the Fir Cone during 1999.

The Fir Cone Tavern is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

The 1999 "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A" is in this issue.

If your favorite shuffleboard location is not included, sign them up now. Travelling shufflers use this listing!

Bowers Rating System Improves Quality of Events at Harvey's

By Dick Gorman

The word is getting out that Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, has changed its tournament formats. It is true we have lost some of the old familiar faces and winners, but it is equally true we are happier with the results. First, the attitude is changing and host Harvey Comer says: "so far I like it."

The second tournament was held Nov. 20-21 using the handicap system and two-day format, but the big surprise was the 50 percent increase in the number of participants. That says something must be right and the atmosphere is much friendlier.

Friday night was the handicapped draw partner, not an A-B event. It was different but challenging. After giving and taking points in each match, the eventual finalists in the money payoffs were Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pennsylvania, and Dick Smedberg, Long Island, New York, in first place. Taking second place were Faye Todd, Newark, Delaware, and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Maryland. Final money spot third place went to George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md., and Don Perry, Courtland, N.Y. One winner from Delaware, two from Maryland, two from New York, and one from Pennsylvania -- no favorite state here.

Saturday's bring partner (Bowers handicapped) event brought some real surprises and probably some changes in ratings next year. Shooting extremely well were first-time big tournament winners Faye Todd (about five years of dedicated practice did that) and Keith Leonard, Charlestown, Md. (that practice and play at the North American Championships in Reno must have paid off). Second place went to Friday night's winners, Butch Kelly and Dick Smedberg. The big surprise was the first time in our memory third place win by a mother-daughter team of Mom Bobbie Breneman and daughter Debbie Queensberry, both from Wilmington, Del. Talk about being excited! It was the first time for either to be in the money.

If that wasn't enough, 18 people stayed over for a Saturday night regular draw partner which was enjoyed by all except the writer who went to bed and failed to get the winners' names.

As usual, hostess Darlene Belcher showed her stuff in playing as well as in the kitchen with her cooking, and everyone was happy and full after the hot meal buffet provided. Harvey was happy with the event and particularly pleased with the result of the Bowers Handicap System. He thinks Ron and Debbie Bowers are doing a great job and congratulates and thanks them.

The next scheduled tournament is on Jan. 15-16, Friday night and Saturday. Makes it easier to get home on Sunday after a long weekend. Call Harvey at 410-836-8881 if you would like to come. We will enjoy having you!

A-B Draw Partner at Harvey's Place

On Saturday, Dec. 6, 16 adventurous people showed up for a handicapped A-B draw event, the first ever, and they wanted to see how it worked. Most seemed very pleased by the end of the day. The field was a little short for a first-time event, but two places were paid to two happy teams -- just in time for Christmas spending.

The first-place team was Arnold Ledford, Street, Md., and Faye Todd, Newark, Del. (The handicap system does change things.) Second place went to Jim Dennis, Perryville, Md., first time participant at Harvey's Place, and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md.

Most of the players stayed for the regular Saturday night draw partner event which provided a new group of money winners. First place went to Lindsay Hall, Baltimore, Md., and Gene Long, Lancaster, Pa., Second place went to Herb Forster, Philadelphia, and his partner, Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Md.

Future tournaments at Harvey's Place will include a Friday night handicapped draw partner event on Jan. 15, followed by a handicapped bring partner on Jan. 16. On Feb. 6, there will be an open singles event and a singles for "B" players rated 2 or more. The next A-B draw partner handicapped event will be on March 14. The regular Mason-Dixon Classic will be in February, followed by the Open Maryland State Championships in April.

Harvey's Place offers a variety of events which are proving popular among the participants. Call Harvey at 410-836-8881 for more information.

Harvey's Place is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

Darrol Qualifies (and wins) Shamrock's 55 & Over Event

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, held its annual 55 & Over Tournament on Nov. 14-15. This was the first year that Darrol Nelson was old enough to play in this event and with his partner, Jim Reed, took first place. Frank Mako and Bud Tresler were second, with Tom Henry and Sparky in third place. There were 16 teams with over \$2,000 in the pot.

"The turnout was not as good as it has been in the past, but the weather wasn't very good to us, plus it was shortly after the Reno tournament," reports Ralph Duarte. "Once again, Bernice had a nice feed for all who were there."

The next tournament at the Shamrock will be a draw partner event on May 8-9.

The Shamrock is a member of The Board Talk's national network.

Baldwinsville Moose Lodge #644 Takes Mixed Title

By John Arndt

While most upstate New Yorkers were spending an exceptionally warm Autumn weekend raking leaves, the Baldwinsville (B'ville) Moose Lodge #644 was playing host to 20 teams of skilled players in their 43rd Annual New York State Moose Assn. Mixed Shuffleboard Tournament on Oct. 23-25.

Moose members from B'Ville, Chenango, Cortland, Ilion, Johnstown, Johnson City, Oneida, Sidney and Rome all participated in the single elimination tournament with several lodges sponsoring two and three teams.

Although there was plenty of great food, beverages, and music supplied by a DJ, the focus was certainly on the five waxed and ready tables in the banquet room. While spectators and supporters cheered and encouraged the players, team members waiting to play studied their potential opponents, the performance of the boards, and the movement of the weights. Boards were fast. Boards were sluggish. Weights floated, whizzed, or dragged as players worked to get a sense of the harmony and balance of weight to board.

One by one teams packed it in, packed it up and vowed to return next year. By Sunday, Team 3 from Chenango, Team 2 from Johnstown, Teams 2 and 6 from B'Ville had moved into the finals. The excitement mounted.

Johnstown 2 took fourth, B'Ville 2 took third. B'Ville 6 and Chenango 3 prepared to go weight to weight for the first place trophy as well as bragging rights for the year. Some boards moved along quickly and within no time, flags began to appear -- blue, red, red, blue. Suddenly, the tournament had reached the ultimate situation, tied up with one table left.

Table #5 had Linda Meyer of Liverpool and John Arndt of Waterloo, a recent transfer into Lodge #644, shooting for B'Ville against Chris Klugh and Chris (Twerp) Cornish, shooting for Chenango. B'Ville had taken the first game, Chenango came from behind to take the second. As the third and final game began, it was a toss-up as to what was higher, the excitement or the tension. Spectators and teammates cheered on their favorite team and when compelled, offered advice (although they did try to do it quietly and positively).

B'Ville took an early lead and seemed to be holding it, but Chenango kept edging closer and closer. B'Ville had the game on the board; their shots were good and were sticking, BUT...Chenango had the hammer! There it was. Chenango released the last shot....the weight floated straight down the left side, looking good....No! Right off the end of the board!

B'Ville takes the trophy! And what a prize it was --

for the first time in 43 years of hosting, the host lodge wins! Can it get any better than that?

Chenango's finest were Chris Klugh, Chris Cornish, Shelly Klugh, Wendy Parker, Pat Bennett, Alice Church, Ki Prosser, Ralf Barker, Dick Jeffrey, and Bob White.

The B'Ville winning team included John Arndt, Sharon and John Canino, Linda and Rick Meyer, Roy Scrieber, Barb Urganski, Jane Johnson, Al Smith, Jack Wheeler, Char Butera, and Donna Butera.

Oh, and in case you were concerned, the players involved in the tournament were given two more balmy weekends to get those leaves raked!

Pinkston/Miller Tops at Chances R Fall Tourney

Chances R at Lake of the Ozarks, Laurie, Missouri, recently hosted its 2nd Annual Fall Tournament. Winners were Dean Pinkston and Moe Miller, with Rick Pittman and John Stenger taking second place honors. Pat Gaaney and Jerry Sabourin finished third, and Dan Kelly and Steve Kane were fourth.

"We would like to thank all the players who participated and hope to see all of them back at our 2nd Annual Spring Tournament, on May 14-16," said hosts Jake Riley and Karen Brittain.

Chances R is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

Missouri Hall of Fame Elects '99 Officers

Woodie Cockrum called a meeting in early 1998 and organized the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame with volunteers. One of the rules was the elected officers would hold office for one year, with new elections once a year on Thanksgiving weekend. Anyone could run for re-election or any other office. The results of the recent election were: 1998 President Woodie Cockrum turned the gavel over to Rick Pittman for 1999; 1998 Vice President Charlie Riley moved to treasurer for 1999; 1998 Treasurer Chuck Muehlhauser moved to vice president for 1999; 1998 Secretary Carolyn Johnston stepped down and Roxanna Naylor was elected for 1999.

Trustees for 1999 are: Frank Adelen and Jim Dunn of St. Louis, Connie McCall and Rodger Ellison of Springfield; John Stinger and Dean Pinkston of Houston; Woodie Cockrum, Columbia; Jim Stanley, Cuba; Larry Cothran, Steelville; and Francis Waters, Salem.

Trustees are important. It is up to them to find and
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Long Beach Lil lured Eddie to her room in Reno on the pretext of "talking things over." Her change from travel clothes to a string bikini set the stage for seduction. In the meantime, Shelli is headed for Lil's room...)

Eddie had taken a half of step forward in Lil's direction, and said: "Oh, Lil; I need you so badly..." The completion of his sentence was: "...I need you so badly -- to understand something that you don't know about my situation." He explained: "Shelli and I are going to get married right here in Reno as soon as the tournament is over. I've made a total commitment to her; I love her, and this time I'm going to be faithful to her."

Lil was shamed and humiliated, when she heard those words. She stood there with everything she had to offer out in the open. She had a tearful look of mixed anger, disappointment and sorrow -- but she didn't respond. Eddie read all that in her eyes, and said: "I tried several times to explain this to you downstairs -- but you wouldn't let me finish. I'm sorry, Lil -- I really am." With that, he walked to the door. He turned when he reached it, to look into her now tearful eyes, and said: "I am sorry. I only try to remember the good things we had going for us when we were together...I hope we can still be friends." Lil still didn't respond. He slowly shut the door on his way out.

Meanwhile, after several stops, Shelli's elevator had finally reached the 10th floor. It seemed like all the people in there were getting off at that stop. She made a bee-line down the hallway to find room 1007, but she had run the wrong way. Eddie didn't see her among all the other guests as he left Lil's room. He heard the bell for the elevator though, so he ran the short distance, rounded the corner, and actually caught the same elevator that Shelli had been on...just as the door was starting to close!

Shelli had frantically passed several rooms before she realized that the numbers were getting larger, instead of smaller. She quickly did a 180-degree turn, and raced past the elevator stations (just as Eddie's was starting to move) and found room 1007 a couple of doors down!

She was panting slightly now and her heart was racing. She decided to settle down for a moment or two before knocking on the door. Many compromising and disheartening images were flashing through her mind then, in anticipation of what she might discover inside that room. After gaining her composure somewhat, she knocked on the door.

After a short hesitation, she heard Lil's voice calling out: "Just a minute, I'll be right there." In slightly over a minute, the door opened and the two

women were looking at each other...face-to-face! Before Shelli could blurt out: "Is Eddie in there?", Lil (who was fully clothed now, and in a rather surprised voice) said: "Come on in, Shelli" and moved to the side to let her pass. The unexpected invitation backed Shelli up for a second, but then she quickly entered, and started canvassing the room -- expecting to find Eddie.

She turned to face Lil again, and only then noticed that her eyes were red, as though she had been crying. She inquired: "I heard that Eddie was probably up here with you in this room; am I correct in that?" Lil looked at her with understanding and said: "Yes, Shelli -- yes, he was here for a few minutes." Shelli's face was reddening as she replied: "Well, that's pretty damn rosy now, isn't it?"

Lil looked her intently in the eyes then and stated: "Now, before you say anything more, I want you to understand something. You don't have to worry about Eddie -- or me, for that matter. Your man is totally in love with you...and further, he's more faithful to you than most any woman could expect." She took her temperature then with a commanding look and continued: "We're all going to be here for the next week, and what I just told you is the truth. So, as far as I'm concerned, this is a done deal for me...and if you have any sense, it will be for you, too."

The looks they were exchanging then revealed that indeed, they had reached an understanding. No response was required from Shelli at that point -- and she didn't offer one. Lil said: "I'd rather not try to socialize right now, Shelli, so I'll lead you to the door if you don't mind." As she was exiting the door, Lil remarked: "Hey, I'll see you on the tables -- right?" Shelli had a hint of a grin on her face as she turned toward her and said: "Yes, you will, Lil....yes, you sure will."

Shelli had regained her composure on the ride down to the tournament room. She felt as though she had won this round, and decided to be cool, realizing that when she found Eddie, he wouldn't have the vaguest notion about all that had been revealed to her. When she got off the elevator, she walked into the main room -- and there he stood. He was just glancing around, looking as though nothing had happened, and he was merely waiting for her to show up!

It was Shelli now who walked up softly behind Eddie and in a low voice said: "Hi, Lover, what ya' been up to?" Eddie quickened when he heard her voice. He turned to face her then. He was speechless for several moments as he looking into her beautiful (but inquiring) eyes. Ironically, Shelli used the same

phrase that Lil had spoken to Eddie several minutes before: "Hey -- does the cat got your tongue?"

Eddie tried to muster a "husky" smile then -- and gave his reply: "Well, hi, Sweetheart! (his voice was a little high-pitched and louder than he had intended.) I've just been waiting down here for you....just waiting is all."

Eddie was provided a distinct "moment of clarity" as he saw his mirrored image in those big, shiny eyes of Shelli's. With an inquisitive smile, she said: "Oh, Eddie, Eddie -- why is it that when I look into your eyes right now, I see that same look that we've seen in the eyes of that man on television...almost every day now for months?"

Eddie was beginning to see through her devilishness now and thought he'd take the upper hand and just come clean with the whole thing. He said: "Honey, I have something serious to tell you...and it's about Lil and me." Before he could get started, Shelli broke in and said: "Darling, you don't have to tell me anything. Whatever this thing is, I don't want to hear about it -- because I trust you completely.O.K.?"

That just blew Eddie away! (He gave a sigh of relief. For a fleeting second there, he envisioned her knowing something, but that was silly...how could she?!) With a bit of amazement, he said: "What a lady I have. Shelli, you really are a 'full woman' and I love you!" While he was saying that, Shelli was cracking up inside -- because she had won the second round, too.

Now, she knew that the whole thing would come out eventually, but for just this one moment in time -- SHE truly was "The Champ!"

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**Balboa Ron wishes readers
a HAPPY NEW YEAR and
THANKS for your continued interest
in Frisco Eddie!**

Missouri HOF (continued from Page 15)

screen players who may be eligible for induction to the Missouri Hall of Fame. If you know of someone you feel is qualified to be in the Hall of Fame, contact your local trustee.

(Editor's Note: Thank you, Jean Cockrum, for this report. Annual elections are a great idea; it certainly broadens the base of involvement. We strongly encourage other state Halls of Fame to share your experiences and activities with our readers. That information can be valuable to states that are struggling to get underway and provide ideas to others already established.)

Lots of Winners at Williams Brothers' Thanksgiving Classic!

There was a good turnout and great competition at the Williams Brothers' Thanksgiving Classic, held this year at the Elks Lodge #1984 in Garland, Texas.

In the pro singles, Bob Shaw went undefeated to take first place honors. Johnny Ballard was in second place, followed by Bill Melton in third and Ken Strong in fourth place.

In Division II, first place went to Jeff Womble and second to Don Roper.

Tuesday's handicapped open draw was won by Eddie Guy and Dave Ramold, with second place going to Bill Melton and Lilly Kidd. Jay Mehall and Mike Renick finished third.

Friday's draw was won by Bill Melton and Jeri Billard with Harvey Kidd and Diana Hagen taking second place. Finishing third were Fred Boyd and Lilly Kidd.

Saturday's draft team event created the most spirited competition. When the dust settled, the winners were Bobby Williams' team of Flynt Preston, Mike Renick, Tommy McBurnett, Jack Davis and Mick Riell. Second place honors were captured by Bill Melton's team of Jeri Billard, Tammy Denson, Lee Duncan, Jeff Womble and Judy Jarnigan.

"I would like to thank several people who made this tournament possible," said Bobby Williams. "Jeri Billard and Pam Lee for the huge amount of work they did with the registration, entries and sales; C.W., Wooley, Moss and Johnny Wayne with the board transfer, set-up and adjustments. Thanks also to Wooley's Shuffleboard for the donation of the dust. Thanks to Gay Kennedy and Evelyn Harris who provided cajun fried turkey and dressing; and to Jack Davis and Eddie Guy for holding the sales.

"Once again, we proved that shufflers have big hearts as we collected more than \$100 to donate to the Elk's Christmas Fund.

"We thank everyone for attending. We were especially glad to see Alan Primrose who set up so many great tournaments in Wynnewood, Mike Melton and Betty Brantley who have not been able to get out much, and naturally Bill Melton and Diana Hagen -- without those two, a tournament is not considered a success!" Bobby concluded.

The Elks Lodge #1984 is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network, and also a part of our Shuffleboard Directory.

**May your 1999 be filled with wins
-- on and off the boards!**

George & Donna

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Denver tournament. They had moved back to Columbia, their home place. Bill was one of the pioneers of shuffleboard who helped California push forward with the game. There's a tournament there now that you could say is an extension of back then.

Thank you, Bill Jennings, for the great shuffleboard memories and for being one of us. I'm just sorry you can't be with us; we all know your spirit will be.

I would also like to congratulate Woodie Cockrum on his induction -- another pioneer from the past still helping to keep the game going. Because of his efforts, Missouri shuffleboard is alive and well.

Congratulations also to my buddy and friend, Balboa Ron, the Frisco Eddie series author, a great player and another pioneer, although he's not as old as some. He was in the L.A. area when Bob Miles, Mexican Tom, Billy Mays, "Bankroll Bill," Porter White, K.C. Kid, Troy Tolbert, Al Stewart, Raggedy Dan and others were around. Some of his real life experiences are intertwined with the series. He was at one time the guy that all the big-time players took a shot at -- a top player all the way, writer, promoter, supporter, a one of a lifetime. The game would not be the same without him. Thanks to the Nevada Hall of Fame, to Connie and Frank and all the rest of your committee and to Rick for always being there. A great choice for your first induction and a hard act to follow.

Mexican Tommy Workman is now in the California Hall of Fame. I met Tommy in Oakland, California in 1963 at a bar close to the railroad tracks. He was playing a guy there who was The Man on that board. Tom beat up on him and then I tried him two games. I thought I had him the second game. I had a 3 covered good; I thought he shaved my 2 and stuck the 3. He was the first player I had seen who had an awesome Jersey delivery. He was the best player in California, bar none, at that time. Very deserving, Tommy.

I have heard that Michigan inducted Bjerne Sunde and John McDermott into their Hall of Fame and Pennsylvania inducted Jim Yank Sr. -- all very deserving individuals. Congratulations to them!

It's that time of year when we all should be thankful for each other and for the growth of our game. The State Halls of Fame are slowly coming into focus. We now have Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, California, Pennsylvania and the Pacific Northwest area. The National Hall of Fame will stage its first induction ceremony in Canada at the AN & AF in Vancouver the first weekend in June 1999. Gordy Smith says there will be eight boards and the events will be an ABC Draw on Wednesday, a draft team event on Thursday, singles on Friday and doubles on Saturday, Joannie Millar will be the first inductee of Canada into the NSHF. A well-deserving lady and she sings, too!

I know there are a lot of people in other states who need to be inducted. If any of you are interested in forming a state Hall of Fame or have someone you think deserves to be in the National, write to me or a director from your area. Set a goal for 1999 to form a committee.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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We encourage the support of all of our readers for the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame with your input, ideas, nominations, financial contributions, and, most important, the formation of state committees. Remember, it wasn't all that long ago when a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was just a dream. Now, it has become a reality and we salute the efforts of the national board and all those who serve on state committees.

An Unforgettable Experience for Bjerne....

What a special, unforgettable night -- being inducted into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The video, the testimonials, the plaque -- still can't believe it!

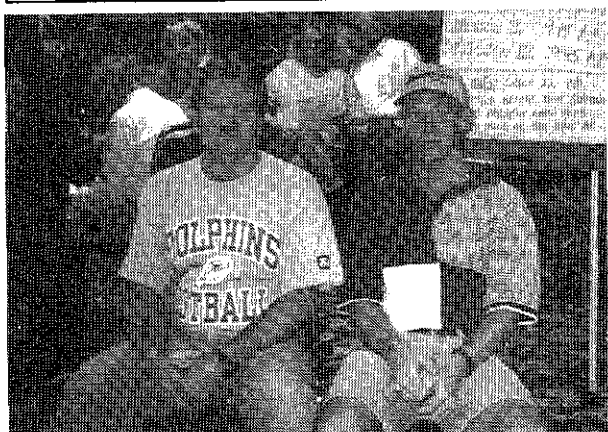
I'd like to thank everyone who made this possible. I'm very honored to have been selected.

I've met many friends during my years playing shuffleboard and hope to make many more in the years to come.

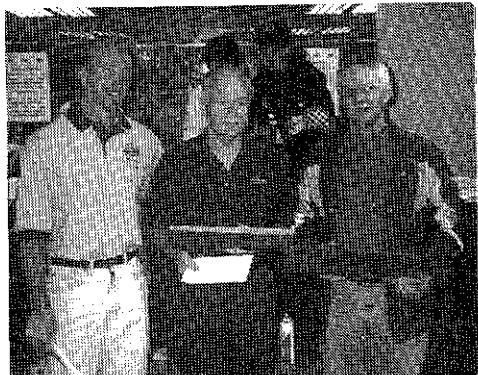
Bjerne Sunde, Madison Heights, Michigan

You are well-deserving of this honor, Bjerne, and we can guarantee -- you will make many more friends. If it were not for shuffleboard, we wouldn't be blessed to have you as a friend!

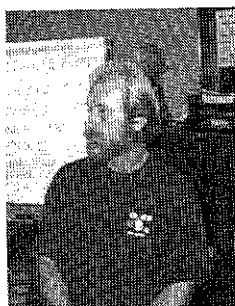
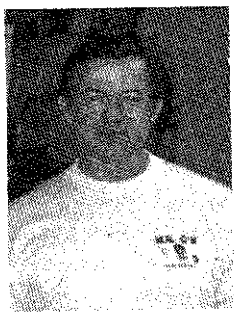
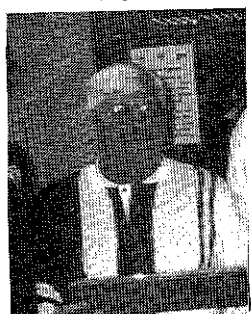
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Div. III Doubles Winners: (left) Dave Fleming and Dave Ramold, 1st Place; (center) Mary Lou Deering and Teresa Manfredi (and mascot), 2nd Place; Doug Pancerev and Connie Zavala (right), 3rd Place.



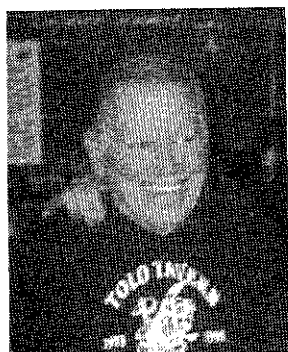
Pro Doubles Winners: (left) Bob Hunt and David Williams, 1st Place; (center) Loren Lampley and Dan Hitt, 2nd Place; (right) Fred Thuman and Joe Hudson, 3rd Place.



Div. I Singles Winners: (left) Rick Niblett, 1st Place; (right) Steve Floyd, 2nd Place.

Div. II Singles Winners: (left) Larry Newell, 1st Place; (right) Marty Shepard, 2nd Place.

Ladies' Singles: (left) Char Waugaman, 1st Place; (right) Wendy Davis, 2nd Place.



Div. III Singles Winner: Art Elliff.



Amateur Team Winners: Harvey Kidd, Mary Koteras, Lilly Kidd, Ann Aguyen, Dave Ramold, Marshall Partlow, 1st Place.



Larry Brown, James Kumpula, Mary Brown, Bud Osborne, Dave Davidson, Susie Halstead, 2nd Place. (Cont. on Page 30)

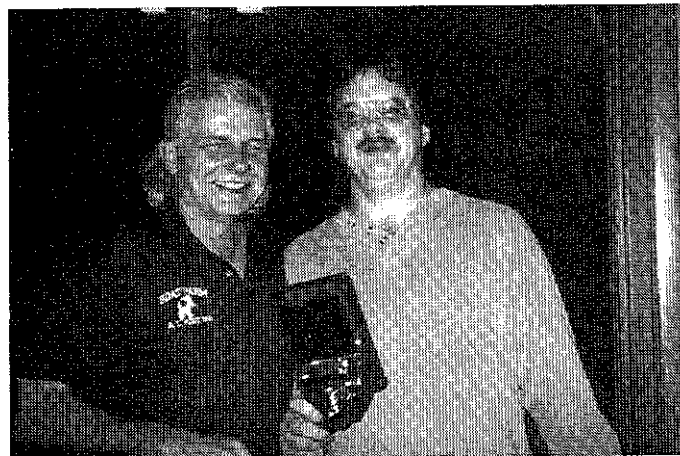
Indiana Holds State Championships

The Indiana State Championships were hosted by Chances R in Muncie over the Thanksgiving weekend. There were 27 teams in the open doubles, 28 players in the open singles, 13 teams in the mixed doubles, and 10 players in the women's singles. The total pot for the weekend was over \$13,000.



Tom and Greg Massie are the 1998 Doubles Champs.

John Humes and Bob Summers took second place honors, with Bobby Voorhis and Jeff McFadden in third, and Steve Hart and Dave Boaz finishing fourth.



Bobby Voorhis is the 1998 Singles Champ. Terry Dowell (left) took second place.

Other winners in the singles were: Tom Nolder, 3rd; Ricky Royal, 4th; Dave Vorndran and Jim DeWitt, 5th and 6th.



The Mixed Doubles Champs are Debbie and Bobby Voorhis.

Second place honors in the Mixed Doubles went to Bob and Marcia Brown, with Terry Dowell and Pam Worsham in third place.



Tournament Director Steve Hart extends congratulations to the 1998 Ladies' Singles Champ, Deb Voorhis.

And second-place winner Jerri Ingram.



Pam Worsham took third place in the Ladies' Singles and also third in the Mixed Doubles with Terry Dowell.

Chances R is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

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Hobo's Pour House Hosts Florida State Tourney

By Marty Allen

Tournament Notes: I always jot down a few observations and sometimes I even remember what they were about.

The first is **"Tough Lags."** I say amen to that. Defense and "take the one" was the strategy to use on the two in-house boards at Hobo's Pour House, host for our Florida Championships.

"Clean Sweep." This is a term borrowed from the FBI and CIA, but in Florida shuffleboard, in this instance, it means Colletta Stanley won all events in which she participated -- again! (Colletta also had a "clean sweep" in 1996.)

League Play. This year the Titusville/Mims shuffleboard area has eight shuffleboard establishments with 12 teams signed on for their traveling league play. What is truly amazing is this has been continuous league play since 1968. That's 30 years. Holy Toledo! Sounds like a pretty nice shuffleboard retirement area to me.

Thank you to Alvis Ramey and all of my secretive Florida shuffleboard friends for presenting me with a beautiful plaque. Personally, I think it was a little premature, but it's mine now and I'm going to keep it. I tried to say "thank you," but all that would come out was "urk, urk."

(Editor's Note: You're too modest, Marty! Will someone please tell us what his plaque was for?)

Our Hosts: Mary and "Hobo" Batchelor are gracious hosts, shuffleboard committed. This is their first venture into tournament play and I think they held up pretty well, considering the long hours. Hobo's Pour House will host the Florida Open, March 26-28. They are located at 4795 St. Rt. 46, Mims, Florida (I-95 exit 81, west 1/2 mile on the left; phone 407-269-6227).



Winners of the Open Doubles were (from left): Marty Allen and Colletta Stanley, 1st; Dave Macko and Cass Grubbs, 2nd; Jerry Grey and J.T. Swindle, 3rd. Finishing 4th were Charlie Potter and Mickey VanEtten.



Winners of the Women's Singles were (from left): Colletta Stanley, 1st; Brenda Ramey, 2nd; Sharon Krause, 3rd. Carol Komarc took 4th place.



The Men's Singles winners were (from left): Alvis Ramey, 1st; Marty Allen, 2nd; Dennis Wilson, 3rd. Cass Grubbs finished in 4th place.



The Mixed Couples event was won by Colletta Stanley and Marty Allen (left). Brenda and Alvis Ramey (center) took second, with Carol Mickelson and Jerry Grey in third place.



Mary and "Hobo" will also host the Florida Open on March 26-28. Hobo's is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

1999 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JANUARY 1999

Jan. 16

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

Jan. 15-16

East Coast Winter Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Jan. 15-17

Oklahoma State Championships
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

Jan. 23

A-B-C Draw and George Lucas
Induction
Elk's Club
Downey, California

Jan. 23-24

NW Amateur Championships 1
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, California

FEBRUARY 1999

Feb. 5-6

Von Stewart Memorial Benefit
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Feb. 6

Rated/Open Singles
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Feb. 7-15

8th President's Day Tournament
and Hal Perry Induction
Blinky's Sports Cafe
Santa Clara, California

Feb. 12-14

Sweetheart Tournament
The Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

Feb. 12-14

Sweetheart Tournament
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Feb. 19-21

3rd Annual Saginaw Valley Open
McCabe's
Saginaw, Michigan

Feb. 20-21

18th Annual Masters
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

Feb. 26-27

Mason Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

MARCH 1999

March 13-14

NW Amateur Championship #2
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

March 14

A-B Draw
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

March 27

1st Annual Bobby Schounce
Memorial Tournament
Chances "R"
Muncie, Indiana

March 26-28

Florida Open
Hobo's Pour House
Mims, Florida

APRIL 1999

April 9-10

Maryland State Championships
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 9-11

Toledo Open
Avon's Local 14
Toledo, Ohio

April 9-11

3-Event Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

April 10

Arnold Cross Memorial Doubles
Mississinewa Tavern
Eaton, Indiana

April 16-18

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

April 17

Open Doubles
American Legion Post 330
New Haven, Indiana

April 24

Rated/Open Singles
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

MAY 1999

May 27-31

Memorial Weekend Tournament
Honky Tonk
Sherburne, New York

May 29-30

NW Amateur Championship #3
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

JUNE 1999

June 2-6

Hall of Fame Tournament
AN & AF Club #68
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

JULY 1999

July 4-10

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 24-25

NW Amateur Championships
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

AUGUST 1999

Aug. 20-22

3-Event Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

OCTOBER 1999

Oct. 8-10

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

Oct. 29-31

Halloween Tournament
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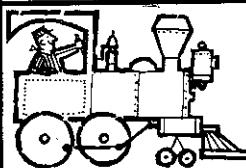
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Upcoming Events *(cont. from Page 5)*

There will be a progressive entry singles on Sunday: \$100 for -1's, \$80 for 0's, \$60 for 1's, \$40 for 2's, and \$20 for 3's, 4's and 5's. The sale is at 11 a.m., with play immediately following.

Recommended lodging is the Knights Inn (517-754-9200) and there are several other motels near McCabe's.

For further information, contact Dave at McCabe's, 517i-754-3621, or John at The Shuffleboard Federation, 248-380-9300.

Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, AMERICAN LEGION, DEL CITY, JAN. 15-17

This year's Oklahoma State Championships, held at American Legion Post 73 in Del City on Jan. 15-17, will kick off with a handicap draw partner on Friday at 7 p.m. The championship will start on Saturday at 2 p.m. with a Division I (Pros, 0's and 1's) and Division II (2's, 3's and 4's) singles.

For information, call Ron Huddleston, 405-843-1615.

Other upcoming events at the American Legion 73 include the Heartland Handicap on April 16-18, the Southwest Open on July 4-10, and a second Heartland Handicap on Oct. 8-10.

More Notebook

Al Urges Support for City of Hope in Memory of Von

It saddens me greatly to inform our friends and family in the shuffleboard community that my wife, Von, passed away on Nov. 22. She had been in the hospital for two weeks prior to passing. In the end, there was no suffering. When I saw her last, she looked like an angel who was in the most beautiful, peaceful sleep imaginable.

During the last week of Von's life, she was taking radiation treatments at the City of Hope. In the past, many of Von's friends had treatment there -- her pastor's wife, the church piano player, one of her dearest friends for over 45 years, and of course our youngest daughter. We truly believe in the City of Hope and everything they are doing to rid our society of this dreaded thing called CANCER. Therefore, for anyone who has that impulse to send flowers, we are

asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to this fine institution: The City of Hope, Central Processing, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010, in memory of Arlene Stewart.

My wife was a tough young lady and she gave that cancer a true fight. My family and I have to specially thank George and Donna for their cards, phone calls and overwhelming support during Von's illness. We would also like to thank the shuffleboard community in general for their prayers and support.

Al Stewart, El Monte, California

Readers: See "As the Puck Turns" on Page 6 and the enclosed Von Stewart Memorial Benefit flyer.

More NASC Winners *(continued from Page 24)*



Pro Singles Winners: Dan Hitt (right), 1st Place; Mike Thorpe, 2nd Place.



Legends Draw Winners: Jake Jacob and Mike Roach, 1st Place.

(Editor's Note: No photos available for Deuces Wild winners: Diana Hagen, Jim Ward, Neil Garvin and Rob Kern. Much as we would have liked to use all the overwhelming stack of photos taken by Ralph Duarte, space prohibited us from doing so.)

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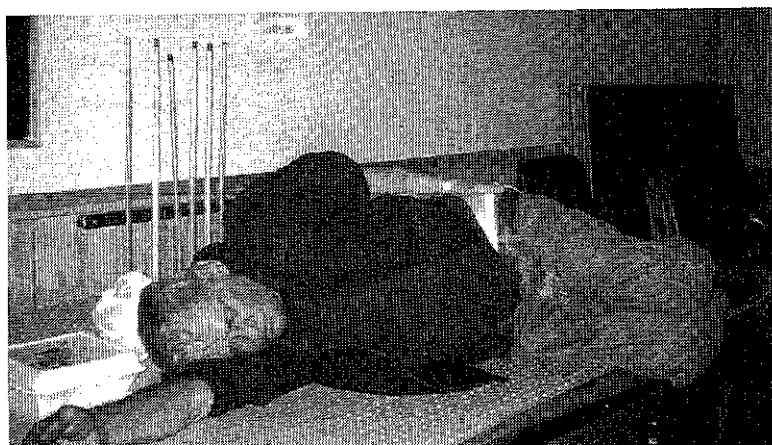
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