

The Board Talk

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Shuffleboard Communications Go Hi-Tech

By George & Donna Wilber

- Texas Couples Provide Vital Information
- Internet Helps Sport Grow
- 6500 "Visits" to Website in Six Months

We've come a long way since messages were sent via smoke signals! Telegraph, printed materials delivered by Pony Express and then the U.S. Postal Service, telephone, radio, TV -- each new method was heralded as the "ultimate" in communications. Then, along came the Computer Age and the Internet with a wealth of information at your fingertips with just the stroke of a few keys and a point of your "mouse" in the proper direction. This latest information delivery system is used not just by corporate executives in plush offices, but kids in classrooms, homemakers in their kitchens -- and in rapidly increasing numbers, shufflers across the U.S.A.

The name Bowers in The World of Shuffleboard has meant "that nice couple from Austin, Texas, who (with the help of their raters) compile and distribute the Bowers Rating System." Those ratings are now used by a majority of tournament directors from the East Coast to the West Coast and points in between in efforts to level the playing field and encourage expanded participation by beginning and lesser-skilled players. Several years ago, The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. developed a handicap system and player ratings for its National Amateur Shuffleboard Leagues. They turned their list of 700 rated players over to Ron and Debbie Bowers and have since provided them with both financial and organizational support. The 1999 Bowers Ratings has 2,154 players listed.

More Than Ratings....

If you want to know how you are rated, log onto the internet: www.jump.net/~ronbowers. If you're not among the 2,154 rated players, ask who your area rater is, contact him/her and let them know you want to be on the next listing.

Thanks to Lynda French (respectfully and lovingly called "Webmaster" by Ron and Debbie) and husband

Tom (who has lost his wife to the internet), also of Austin, Texas, there is more information available on the shuffleboard web site than just the ratings.

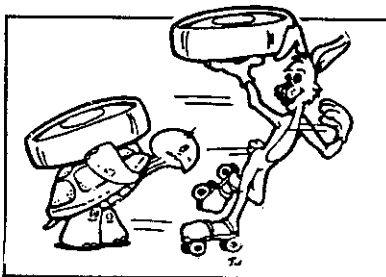


SERVING THE WORLD OF SHUFFLEBOARD (from left) Ron and Debbie Bowers, Webmaster Lynda and Tom French.

Thanks to Lynda's talents, when you log on to www.jump.net/~ronbowers, you have access to the following information:

- The 1999 ratings. (Lynda is now in the process of adding photos to each name.)
- A list of current raters. (Lynda is also adding their photos as she receives them.)
- An e-mail directory so that every player with internet access can communicate with no long distance charges. (**Please send your e-mail address to ronbowers@jump.net.**)
- Notices of upcoming tournaments and results of previous tournaments. (**Tournament directors may send their information to www.jump.net/~ronbowers and it will be posted on the net with no charge.**)
- State and national Halls of Fame recipients and Sol Lipkin Award recipients.
- Shuffleboard rules furnished by The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

More From Travellin' Glen...

C. B. Faulkner is now in the Arkansas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I wrote about him before. He was responsible for the shuffleboard activities in Little Rock for 30-plus years, a very deserving player of our game. Congratulations to you, C.B. Hope you have many more rewarding years to enjoy the game.

The folks at the V.F.W. Post and the players did a great job of getting the job done for the first tourney in Little Rock history. Thanks especially to Tony and Joyce Pelton for their work in directing and running the overall tournament. The way it looks, there will be more to come.

We stopped at Kelso and Longview (Washington) and played at Chinese Village. D.K., Nelson Jennings, Jim Allis, Gwyn Orsi, Darrol (my partner). The action lasted two days and everyone came close to even. We started at Tim's Timber Tavern and progressed to Chinese Village. It was good to see Nelson and Susan again. They moved here from San Jose two or three years ago. From the way they talked, they will be here forever.

As this is written, I'm at Frank Mako's home in Chehalis, Washington. I flew out this time. Madge didn't want to make the trip; she headed for New Orleans. Frank is going to take me steelhead fishing in the next couple of days. He came down to Kelso to pick me up, so I'll enjoy it here in this part of the world for a few more days. Then on up to Jim Forans and Dave Arndts in Tacoma.

By the time all of you read this, I hope Joanie Millar will be in the National Hall of Fame, a deserving lady who sings, dances, and performs gracefully on the boards. Darrol Nelson picks me up at the airport. He's heading for Blinky's for the Memorial weekend tournament. We will probably go down to Tolo Tavern

at Central Point, Oregon. Mike Kinney is talking about a tournament at Medford over Labor Day at the Shanondoah Club. Watch The Board Talk for further information.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Glen's travelling diary arrived after we had gone to press with the June issue, so by this time, he's probably been to Canada and places in between. We congratulate the folks in Arkansas for staging their first tournament and forming a Hall of Fame.

From Pennsylvania: Old News is Good News!

The 2nd Annual Pennsylvania State Championships were held Thanksgiving weekend and I apologize to all of the participants for being so remiss in reporting the results. While there is no valid excuse for my lateness, in this case, old news is good news!

As with the 1st Annual Pennsylvania State Championships, it was the hope of the tournament committee that shufflers from all corners and areas of the state would join in the fun and competition. And, although the number of committee members was unexpectedly reduced, even more hard work and dedicated effort was put forth for this year's event. Unfortunately, the results were less satisfactory, so it's back to the drawing board. We shuffleboard players are used to hard work and adversity! Overall, the work was worth it and the event had many memorable moments.

Back to the real purpose of this article: to salute the players and sponsors who participated. The first scheduled event was the open singles. It started on Friday evening and after a long, tough night due to the stiff competition, it spilled over into the next day. Finishing first was Jim Wolf of Darby (his first singles win), with second going to the always tough Al DiBella of Pennsylvania. Jim Yank Sr. won third place.

The open doubles contest was slightly delayed for
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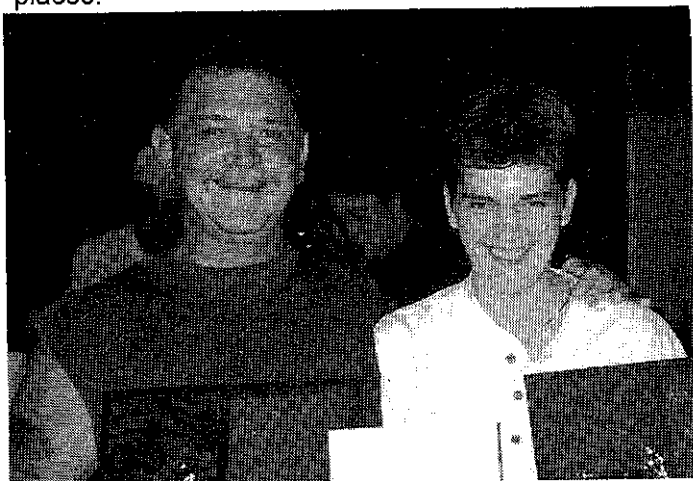
Majestic Cafe's First Tourney is Big Success!

By Charlee Magoo

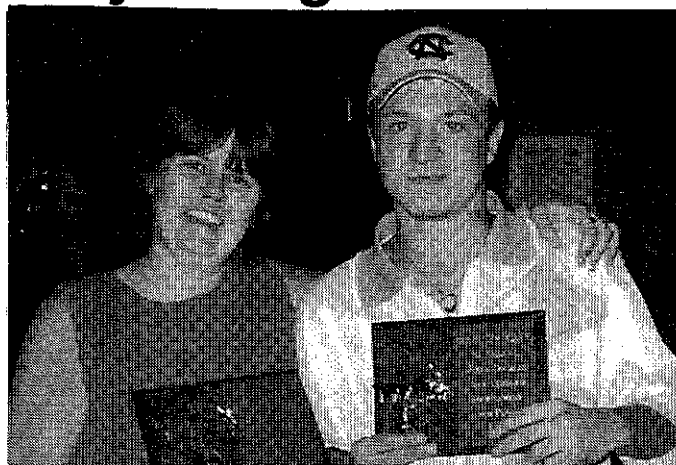
We finally got our feet wet (*Editor's Note: That's a pun, readers. When Charlee participated in last year's Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament in Lansing, she got more than her feet wet during a flash flood.*) here at the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, Michigan, with our first annual tournament. It turned out to be a great day on May 22 when 22 teams signed up for the mixed doubles. The sponsor sale ran smoothly for our first try with the pot ending up at \$1770 (not bad for our first).

We were very surprised that we had some out-of-town people since we didn't advertise the event. Carrie Clifton and Bobby Ray came in from Lansing, and Dennis and Sue Bittner (owners of the Club Car Lounge, site of the Michigan Championships), Jack Wilson and Barb Adams came from Durand.

The whole day ran so smoothly, it's scary. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The games were 15 points, double elimination, and paying four places.



Capturing first-place honors was the team of Jeff Cottrell and Ady Hallgarth (current Michigan women's singles champ). The Majestic recently installed its second board.



The mother-and-son team of Alonzo and Penny Cottrell took third place. It was a good day for the Cottrell Family!



Bruce Stodgill and Donna Daichendt finished fourth.

Knights in Shining Armour

Special thanks to Pepper (Patrick Glynn) and Ron Kage for taking care of the brackets and the sponsor sale. Without their help, I don't know what I would have done!

From me and co-host Don Bostwick, thanks to everyone who came to our first tournament. You made our day!

Coming Soon

We are looking at holding a women's tournament in the near future, as well as an open doubles. I will be looking at the calendar to make sure we don't compete with another tournament in the area.

(*Editor's Note: Charlee Magoo is renowned for supporting other Michigan tournaments with a large contingency of players from the Majestic. We urge state shooters to return the favor! Note the enclosed flyer and the article on Page 5 regarding Michigan's Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard series of doubles at three locations. The Majestic will be hosting No. 2 on August 15, plus an open singles on Saturday, Aug. 14.*)



Second place honors went to the shy, reserved Steve Auten and his partner, Carrie Cottrell.

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Washington

10TH GRAND MASTERS PLUS, WHISTLING OYSTER, QUILCENE, JULY 27-AUG. 1

The 10th Anniversary of the Grand Masters Plus will be held at the Whistling Oyster Cocktail Lounge, Hwy. 101 in Quilcene on July 27-August 1.

There are five events on the schedule with \$4,000 added money (based on number of teams entered). Action will start with a mixed doubles on Tuesday, \$50 entry. On Wednesday, there will be an A-B-C draw, \$25 per player entry. The open singles, \$100 entry, will be held on Thursday. An open draw, \$25 per player, is on the agenda for Friday. The BIG Grand Masters, \$150 per team entry, is set for Saturday and Sunday.

As usual (and well worth the trip) will be the Whistling Oyster's famous seafood buffet on Saturday and Sunday.

A complete agenda, along with lodging information and an entry form, was in last month's Board Talk. If you haven't made your reservations, do it NOW to save your spot. If you have questions, call Bill Bailey at 360-765-9508 or 360-765-3436.

Indiana

TRUE ROUND ROBIN AT BOURBON AMERICAN LEGION, AUG. 20-21

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon will host a true round robin singles on Aug. 20-21. The sale is scheduled for noon on Friday with play immediately following. Entry fee is \$200 per player, plus a \$15 registration fee. The event will be limited to the first 20 PAID entries. **Entries will be accepted by mail only with check or money order made payable to the American Legion (none accepted before July 1).** Send to American Legion Post 424, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504, Att.: Bill Niswonger or Terry Dowell.

For information, call Terry at 219-353-1070, or Bill at 219-342-8100.

**IT PAYS TO PROMOTE YOUR
EVENTS THROUGH THE PAGES
OF THE BOARD TALK!**

New York

SUMMER NATIONALS, DEW DROP INN, WATERLOO, AUG. 5-8

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, will host their Summer Nationals on Aug. 5-8.

Action will start on Thursday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. with \$5 and \$10 round robins. The mixed doubles, \$30 per team entry, is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 6, drawing and bidding at 6 p.m. with play immediately following. An open singles, \$25 entry, is on the agenda for Saturday, 9 a.m., with the draw partners, \$15 per person entry at 4 p.m. The final event is a bring partner, starting at noon on Sunday, Aug. 8. Entry is \$30 per team.

All events are single game, double elimination. Advance registration is advised and must be accompanied by entry fees. Use the enclosed flyer to save your spot.

As usual, Elsie Fridley's famous buffet will be a highlight of the event.

Questions? Call Tracie Fridley at 315-539-5729.

LABOR DAY "SIZZLER" AT BALDWINVILLE MOOSE, SEPT. 2-5

The Baldwinsville Moose Lodge will again host a Labor Day shuffleboard tournament Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 2-5, at the lodge in Baldwinsville. Play will begin on four boards on Thursday night with round robins starting at 6:30. On Friday evening, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m., the open singles will be held with a \$20 entry fee. Saturday, the mixed doubles will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a \$40 per team entry. Saturday afternoon, the draw partner event will begin at 2 p.m. with a \$40 per team entry. Sunday, the bring partner will begin at 11 a.m., with a \$40 per team entry. The drawing and sponsor sale will start at the listed times for the beginning of each event and you must be present at the posted time to enter each event. Events will be single game, double elimination, 15 points (straight) played on four boards.

Lodging is available at many surrounding motels, but since it is State Fair Week in Syracuse, New York, reservations need to be made early.

For information, contact John Canino at 315-695-7025, or Rick Meyer at 315-451-5435. "This will be a fun time and we hope to see a lot of shufflers," they said.

Michigan**RUDY STOBER MEMORIAL,
AUG. 6-8, STOBER'S
LOUNGE, LANSING**

The 4th Annual Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament will be held on Aug. 6-8 at Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan, Lansing. The event is held in honor of the memory of Rudy Stober, the first inductee into Michigan's Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Action will start on Friday, Aug. 6, with round robins. The bring partner doubles (team handicap must add to 2 or more; i.e. -1 with a 3, 0 with a 2, 1 with 1), \$40 per team entry, will start with the sponsor sale at noon on Saturday, Aug. 7, with play immediately following, single game, double elimination.

The grand finale will be an open singles on Sunday, Aug. 8, \$20 entry. Sale and play begins at 1 p.m., single game, double elimination.

There will be drawings, 50-50 sales with half going to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in Rudy's honor, and a free feed on Saturday.

For further information, call tournament director Carrie Clifton, 517-482-1190.

teams will be eligible for the play-off (ties also eligible). There will be a \$40 per team entry fee for the play-off. That entry, plus a sponsor sale, and the \$5 set-aside from the previous three tournaments should make a good-sized pot.

The first in the series will be held on July 25 at Stober's Cocktail Lounge (two boards), 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing; the second on August 15 at Majestic Cafe (two boards), 156 Oakland Ave., Pontiac; the third on Sept. 5 at Club Car Lounge (three boards), 111 N. Saginaw, Durand. The play-off will be staged at the Club Car on Sept. 26. All events will start with a 12:30 p.m. sharp sale and play immediately following.



Linda Stober and Greg Humbert (left), hosts of Stober's Cocktail Lounge; Charlee Magoo, host of Majestic Cafe, with tournament helper Ron Kage.

**\$UPER \$LAMMIN' \$UMMER
\$UNDAY \$HUFFLEBOARD**

Dennis Bittner of the Club Car Lounge in Durand, Linda Stober of Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing, and Charlee Magoo of Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, are undertaking a cooperative shuffleboard effort this summer. The Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard, an idea formulated by Dennis, will consist of a series of three Sunday bring your partner handicap doubles at each of the three locations, with a play-off of the top 10 teams as a grand finale.

Entry fee for the single game, double elimination events is \$40 per team (\$5 of each player's entry for each of the three tournaments will be set aside for the play-off). Each team's handicap must total 2 or above (i.e.: -1 must play with a 3 or more, 0 with a 2, 1 with a 1, etc.), and you must keep the same team to qualify for the play-off (you may use subs if they are of equal or more rating). The 1999 Bowers Rating will be used. A committee has been assigned to determine ratings of those not listed.

Each tournament is limited to the first 18 teams signed up and paid. To save your spot, send \$120 for the first three events to tournament director Dennis Bittner, Club Car Lounge, 111 N. Saginaw St., Durand, MI 48429. (No partial payments!)

Points will be accumulated throughout the series of three (18 for first, 17 for second, etc.) and the top 10



Dennis and Sue Bittner, hosts of the Club Car Lounge. Dennis will serve as tournament director for the series.

In addition to the Super Sunday doubles events, **each location will also hold a \$20 open singles:** Stober's on Saturday, July 24, Majestic on Saturday, Aug. 14, and Club Car on Labor Day, Sept. 6. There may also be a singles at the Club Car played on the third board on Sept. 26 for those not participating in the play-off.

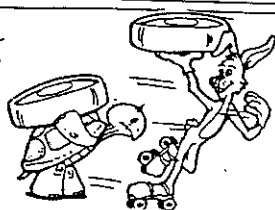
Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site (out of state shufflers are welcome) and get your entries in NOW to be among the first 18 teams. Remember -- that's the limit!

Questions? Call Dennis at 517-288-9910.

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As The Puck Turns.....

By George & Donna Wilber



This is one of those months when we'd like to be in more than one place at the same time. Certainly, we'd like to be at the Dixie Belle to see Porter White inducted on the 4th of July. While his long list of achievements happened before we came on the scene, he will always keep the title of The Board Talk's No. 1 subscriber. For economic (Oklahoma is a bit closer to home than California) and traditional reasons, we'll be at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City. We're grateful that two big tournaments held over the same time period can be so successful year after year. That speaks well for the growth of our sport.

We extend our best wishes to all our great shuffling friends at the Dixie Belle, Oskar's and the Edgewood. While we can't be there in person, we'll certainly be there in spirit. We're confident that with the great reporters and photographers you have in your area, the report of the Dixie Belle's 7th Annual 4th of July Tournament in the August issue will be better even than if we were on the scene!

To those long-time friends (and subscribers we've yet to get to know) we'll see at the Southwest Open, do us a couple favors: (1) stop and say hello (unless George is in mid-stroke in one of the events he's entered) and visit for awhile; and (2) stop by The Board Talk promotion table, sponsored by the Florida Table Shuffleboard Association. If you're already a subscriber, let them know you appreciate their efforts to keep shuffleboard's communication vehicle healthy. And, please, encourage your non-subscriber friends and foes to listen to the sales pitch of Ray Boyett and

company. It is overwhelming to us that they are willing to spend their time and creativity to promote The Board Talk (they plan a repeat at the North American Championships in Reno). This is a voluntary effort on their part and it would sure help make it worthwhile if YOU would let them know you appreciate their project. They'll have a limited crew there, so if you by any chance have some free time, why not volunteer to take their place for a short period while they get a drink or something to eat?

Join us in a hearty salute to the Florida Table Shuffleboard Association.

If you sent in a report about a recent tournament and it isn't in this issue, it's because we didn't receive it by June 15. In order to get The Board Talk written, typeset, printed and mailed before we left for the Southwest Open, we had to stand firm on our 15th of the month deadline. Your report will be in the August issue.

Believe it or not -- there is life beyond shuffleboard, and we know that many of our subscribers are involved in making their communities better places to live and supporting their close-to-the-heart charities. One of those is long-time subscriber Bev Lukens of California. Her daughter Michelle was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer three years ago and was given 6 months to a year to live. Today she is alive and well and walking for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, along with Bev and husband Bob. The "walk" took place on June 25-26 so we know you can't be with them. You can, however, send a donation, made payable to ACS/Relay for Life, to Bev Lukens, P.O. Box 1524, Cypress, CA 90630. If you can't send a donation, or would rather contribute to your local Cancer Society, she'd still like to hear from you. There are few of us who have not been touched, either personally or by someone in our family or circle of friends, with this dreaded disease. We can win the battle -- with your help!

Q.: What's better than lagging a "4" to win the game?

A.: Friends!

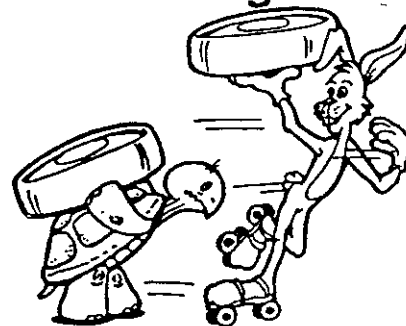
Special thanks to special friends:

Mike & Hazel Thorpe

Ron & Linda Blalock

Bud Hillburn

Ray Boyett & Company



George & Donna

Communications *(cont. from Page 1)*

--A "Chat Room" where tournament and league players, beginners and want-to-be players can ask questions and share information.

--Shuffleboard products information. All products are welcome at no charge.

--"Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." places to play with the help of The Board Talk.

--A history of shuffleboard.

--Free classified ads for products, advice, services, wanted, for sale, etc.

--A monthly "Shuffler Spotlight" (*Please send in your suggested player*).

--Links to other shuffleboard sites.

--And, last but not least, a subscription form to The Board Talk.

"In the last six months, we have had more than 6,500 visitors on our site, and the visits are growing faster everyday," said Ron Bowers. "We receive an enormous amount of e-mail with questions on everything you can possibly imagine concerning shuffleboard and the ratings.

"Debbie and I realize this is a great aid to the future popularity and betterment for the Shuffleboard World. I think you can all see how much time and effort Lynda spends on our shuffleboard website," he said. "If you have an opportunity, give Lynda and Tom a big Thank You!" (*And, while you're at it, give Ron and Debbie a big thank you as well! Both couples are likely to be at the Southwest Open.*)

Communications Key to Strong Network

There are few in The World of Shuffleboard who wouldn't agree that communications has played a key role in the comeback and expansion of our sport. Not only has it increased shuffleboard activity, it has also provided a network of caring and sharing that has made the shuffleboard community a "family," a growing family. The more communications and the more opportunities for dialogue -- the stronger the network will be!

We salute the Bowers and the Frenches and encourage our readers to use this new communications avenue: www.jump.net/~ronbowers -- even though you can't take it to the bathroom with you like you do The Board Talk (so we've heard).

(*Editor's Note: Eugene Peach of Houston, Texas, also provides shuffleboard information at www.shuffleboard.net -- see our Shuffleboard Directory. There may be others that we don't know about; let us know. We can testify that these new communications techniques work. Both our subscriptions and advertising have increased since their introduction, especially from the great state of Texas!*)

PERSONALS

To respond to an ad, send to The Board Talk, 503 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906, along with the ad number (we will forward to the person placing the ad). To place an ad, send \$5 to The Board Talk along with your message. To protect your privacy, your name and address will not be printed.

AD #1: THE BOWERS DON'T KNOW

EVERYTHING! See how you rate with me!

Lonely male shuffler looking to meet lonely female shuffler. Prefer 25-45 age bracket, but flexible if you're rated 0 or 1.

AD #2: YOU CAN HIT THE WEIGHTS BUT

can you make a hit with me? Looking for player like Long Beach Lil to play our way across the U.S.A. Must be willing to pay all expenses.

Valk/Rogers Top Taz Country "Saturday Crunch"

The "Saturday Crunch" Tournament was held at Taz Country, Austin, Texas, on May 22. Participating were the top 18 players out of a 12-week period. Each Saturday, players who entered received 1 point for showing up, 2 points for winning second place, and 3 points for first place. At the end of the 12 weeks, the top 16 (18 this time because of a tie), play in an open draw tournament. Taz Country adds \$50 each week for a total of \$650.



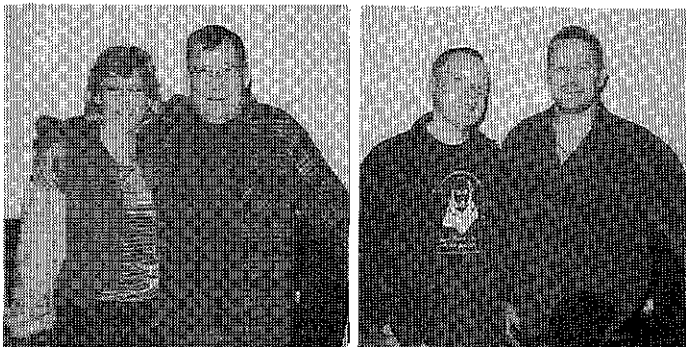
Winners of the "Saturday Crunch" were Randy Rogers and Don Valk (right), with Tom French and Ronnie McMahan (front and center) taking second place honors. Tony Howard and Lyndon (Coach) Baize (left) finished in third place.

The next big event at Taz Country is a Handicap Tournament on August 6-8. See the enclosed flyer for details and plan to participate.

Frankie's Sports Pub Hosts "Rookie" Tournaments

By Cheri Schnarrs

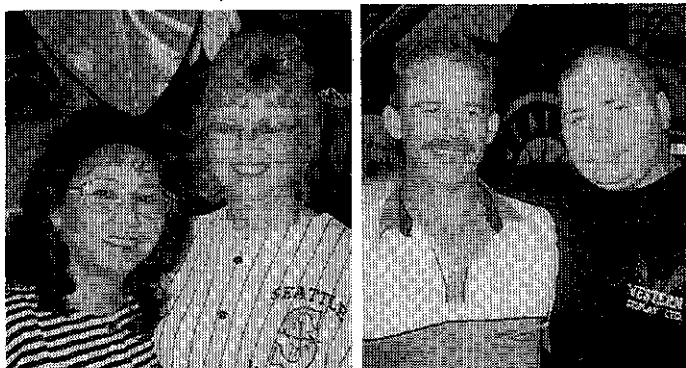
Frankie's Sports Pub in Olympia, Washington, has been holding a series of Rookie Tournaments. The turnout has been rather low; I guess the name "rookie" has some people bothered. Did you know that Ken Griffey Jr., Mark McGwire, Michael Jordan, Darrol Nelson, Dave Arndt and Jim Foran were all rookies at one time?!!



Our first tournament winners were Judy George and Ken Swenson (left), with Eric Uhron and Mike Keevil in second place.



The second tournament was won by Paulette McKinney and Cheri Scharrs with Bill Walker and Bob Inman in second place.



The third tournament winners were Judy George and Jeanette Hohn, with Bob Inman and Justin Louderback in second place.

Our next tournament was scheduled for June 12. Watch the next issue for results.

Remember, lots of greats started as rookies! Play with your heart and your head and never give up.

Hartman/Dunn Tops at Ladies' Tourney in St. Louis

By Charles Muehlhauser

Devonshire Inn, St. Louis, hosted the 5th Annual Ladies' Tournament, which drew competition from around Missouri.



(From left) Last year's defending champion Greta Hensick presents the money envelope to Julie Hartman and Donna Dunn, who went undefeated to take first place honors.



(From left) Pat Minks and Lynne Cobb took second, with Carol Pittman and Julie Simpher in third place.

The play among all the ladies was terrific while the men watched and supported from the sidelines.

Greta Hensick brought her famous chicken and dumplings, which is also an annual event. A photographer from the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* was at the tournament and Greta and her partner, Sofia Pekic, who were defending champions, got lucky enough to have their photo put on the front page in one of the sections of the paper.

A big thanks to Coca-Cola for their generous prize donations and to all the people who brought food and helped to make this the biggest tournament yet. Roses and plaques were given to the top three teams.

Congratulations to all the ladies who made this such a great tournament.

McCall/Simpson Win Ozark Spring Tournament

By Terrie Boothe & Jack Murphy

Missouri was well-represented at the 2nd Annual Spring Ozark Shuffleboard Tournament at Chances 'R' in Laurie, Missouri, on April 30-May 1. Players came from Springfield, St. Louis, Houston and Columbia to join with the local competitors in a two-day event hosted by Chances 'R' owner Karen Brittain and manager Jake Riley.

The tournament was enhanced by the addition of a second board provided by Jerry Sabourin of Hillsboro, Missouri. Thanks, Jerry! And thanks to those unsung heroes who toiled and sweated to help transport and install the board.

The team of Mike Simpson of St. Louis and Connie McCall of Springfield went undefeated through the winner's bracket until their match-up with Woodie Cockrum and Dean Pinkston. Woodie, our first inductee into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and Dean (future hall of famer?) sent the champs scrambling to their planning camps after a handy victory in the semi-final game. Not to be outdone, Mike and Connie showed their true colors and perseverance by coming back victorious in the final game.



Congratulations to Mike Simpson and Connie McCall in the first pairing of this I-44 long-distance duo.

Congratulations also to second place winners, Woodie and Dean (I-63 duo) for their fine showing and steady play.

Third place went to Terrie Boothe and Roxanna Naylor, who deem themselves "a pair of St. Louis City Rats." They did their hometown proud and kept their cool through some tough, well-played games. Fourth place winners were Chuck Meuhlhauser and Steve Sheridan.



The "also-rans" (from left): Chuck Meuhlhauser and Steve Sheridan, 4th place; Dean Pinkston (not shown is partner Woodie Cockrum -- sorry but the film from previous shots were accidentally exposed), 2nd place; Terrie Boothe and Raxanna Naylor, 3rd place.



Another activity that drew some attention that weekend -- the Kentucky Derby -- was also enjoyed with a little side track betting. Can anybody spell Charismatic?

For those who missed out on a memorable weekend, think about joining us next year. Chances 'R' is nestled in the foothills of the Ozarks. Many of us enjoyed not only a fun weekend of shuffleboard competition, but also the beautiful surroundings of the Lake of the Ozarks. Come once, chances are you'll be back!

(Editor's Note: Remind Karen and Jake to put their dates for the 3rd Spring Ozark Tournament on the Calendar of Events. It sounds like a place our travelling shufflers would like to visit. In other Missouri action, please note that Jerry Sabourin's next tournament has been changed from Aug. 20-22 to Aug. 13-15.)

Support your state and national shuffleboard halls of fame!

Romays Win 2nd Annual St. Louis Shuffleboard Shootout

By Jerry Sabourin

Shuffleboard came back to Ulena's Bar, 5412 Ulena St., St. Louis, Missouri, with a big bang after a couple of years absence. Since putting in a second board, there has been action there nightly, even if the action consists of sitting around and listening to the scoreboard talk back to you.

The 2nd Annual St. Louis Shuffleboard Shootout on May 22 saw the Romay brothers, Jerry and Larry, come out of the loser's bracket to double dip the second place husband and wife team of Jim and Donna Dunn. It seems the Duns are finishing in the money all the time as of late!



Since their win, Jerry and Larry Romay are called the Kardiak Kids or maybe it's Kartoon Kids. This dark horse team was a \$50 sponsor sale buy for some lucky cuss!



Jim and Donna Dunn took second place honors in the St. Louis Shootout.

Third place went to the steady team of Steve Kane and Dan Kelly (who always seems to be knocking on the money door). Rounding out the final money spot was the team of Robert Kaza and Doug Zurmuehelen. It's good to see Doug "Z" back in action again after a couple of years absence from the game.

The night ended with a \$20 open draw with sale, something new for this area, but very successful. The final outcome saw Gene McLeod of Licking and Steve Kane of St. Louis come out on top with a first place

finish. Second place went to the team of Charlie Riley of Houston and Jim Dunn of St. Louis (there's that name again in the money). Third place finish went to the team of Mike Johnson, our Indiana auctioneer, and Dan Kelly of St. Louis.

It was a clean sweep by the St. Louis area shooters in the first event, but the second event saw some out-state and out-of-state shooters place. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported this annual event. Special thanks to Glen Ingram of Indiana for all his board help. Looking forward to seeing a much larger local crowd next year.

Gold Nugget Qualifier Nets Entries for Southwest Open

The Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas, hosted a Southwest Open Qualifier on June 10-13. Players from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, played for entries into the July 4-10 Southwest Open in Del City, Oklahoma, plus some pretty good cash.

In Friday night's draw partner, in Div. I, Bill and Mitch Melton teamed up to win first place. Tammy Denson and Bobby Williams came in second. In Div. II, Tom Johnson (Gold Nugget owner) and Ray Nelson won top dollars. Betty Baumgardner and Jeff Nodlin took second place.

In Saturday's Div. I singles, Johnny Wayne Crawford took top honors with Bill Melton, 2nd, and David Williams, 3rd. In the Div. II singles, auctioneer Jack Davis was first with Mahlon Nobles in second.

In the open handicap, Gerald Wood and Jerri Billard won first place, with Bobby and David Williams in second. Nancy Tice and Randy Rogers were third. In Sunday's Div. II bring partner, Mike Rich and Rob Houchin took first place, with Mahlon Nobles and Kim Andrews in second, and Don and Jean Rober in third place. In Div. I, Bill Melton and Carlos Guysman finished first, with Bobby Williams and Jerri Billard in second. David Williams and Mitch Melton finished third.

Watch for these winners at the Southwest Open. They will be a threat to be reckoned with!

The next big event at the Gold Nugget will be the Labor Day Texas Open (see enclosed flyer).

Addendum to Bourbon....

We have received information on two more Bourbon Spring Tournament winners to add to our list published in last month's issue: 1977 -- Ted Johnson and Manny Lane (Michigan; Manny is now in Arkansas); 1978 -- Cass Grubbs and Doug Stewart (Michigan; Cass is now in Florida). Any more?



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A \$10,000 Shootout at Honky Tonk Memorial!

By Bill Jones

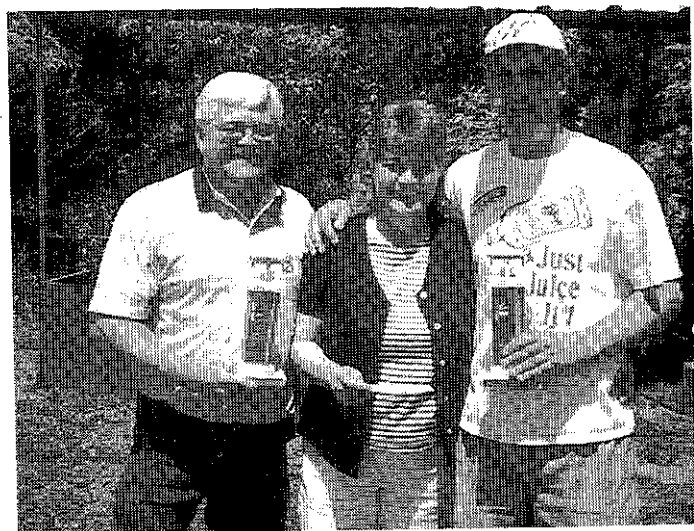
The Memorial weekend tournament at the Honky Tonk in Sherburne, New York, got off to a fast start on May 27. With 20 people signed up, the Michigan connection of Leon Black and Bud Spier took top honors over Bill Chase and Dick Smedberg.



Pst! Leon! Was this before or after you and Bud won?

Friday morning brought more round robin action with some real heated games. Al DiBella and John Arndt finally came through to beat Dick Smedberg and Chuck King.

Now, to the real action.... Friday night's draw partner, which drew 46 shooters, had some very interesting match-ups, with five boards going at all times.



Honky Tonk owner Brenda Prosser presents first-place trophies and money to draw partner winners Rick Niblett of Salisbury, Maryland, and local Bob White. They took top honors over Dick Losee, Earlville, New York, and Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pa.

With Rick and Bob sitting and waiting, they finally had to come back Saturday morning to finish up. Since this was the rubber match, it all came down to one shot. Bob White stepped up and drew a big three to end it.



Louise Freer and Dick Losee accept second-place honors.



Finishing third was Rob Hummer of Waterloo, N.Y., and newcomer to the tournament scene, Pat Brennen (left) of Burlington, Vermont. (Editor's Note: George and Pat teamed up for a Bourbon doubles a few years ago and while they didn't place, we enjoyed getting to know Pat.)

~ Before I forget, Pat, Pete Cummings, Pauline Rock and Penny -- thanks for coming down and hope to see you all soon. (If you are ever in the north country of New York, stop and say hello to them at Riverside Tavern, Keeseville, phone 518-834-5953.)

Fourth place went to Chuck King of Greenwood, Delaware, and Sam Jones of Boonesboro, Maryland. Fifth place went to Dick Smedberg, Long Island, N.Y., and Rita Truax, Sherburne.

With the Saturday morning mixed doubles start-up already three hours behind, we began the sale with the finals of the draw still going on. Fourteen teams were ready and eager to get going, so we pressed on with no break in between events.

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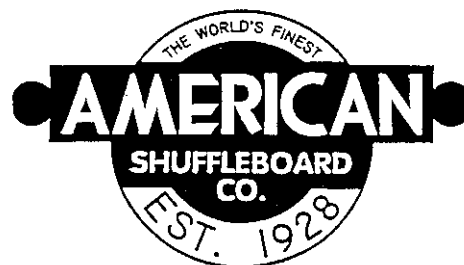
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Honky Tonk *(continued from Page 12)*

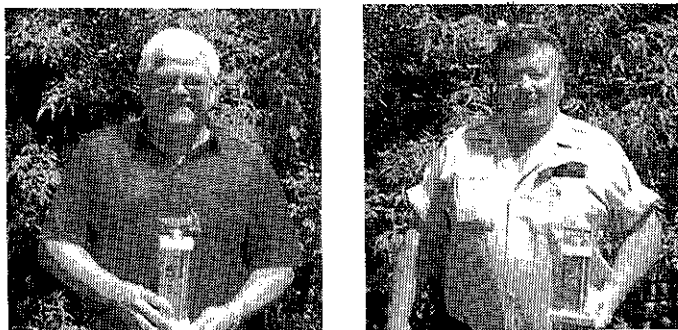


Emerging through the winner's bracket without a loss, Pat Chase of Sherburne and Rick Niblett (left) took top honors in the mixed doubles (Rick thanks Dave Shewbridge for having to work so he was able to shoot with Pat.) Second place went to Sammi Fridley of Waterloo and Chuck King (right).



Third place went to visitors from Ohio, Lynn and Deb Nearing.

We finally got to the Saturday singles event. Still way behind time, we had 26 shooters again waiting to get going. With some great shooters, this event went well into the morning hours, only to have to come back Sunday morning to finish up.



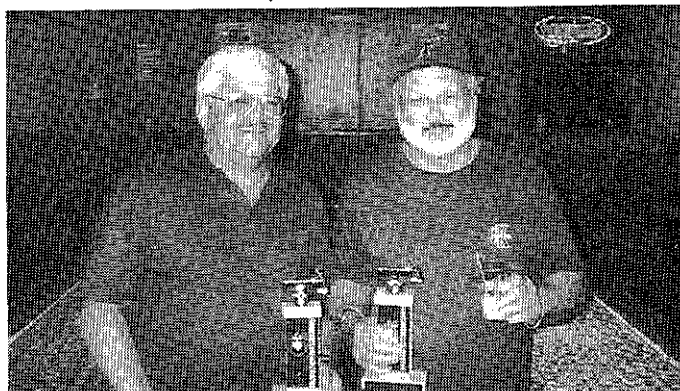
Rick Niblett was victorious, making it his third first-place win of the weekend. Lonzo Knight (right) of Sharpsburg, Maryland, took second place honors.

Others in the money were: Louise Freer, 3rd; Lenny Dell of Baltimore, 4th; Bob White, 5th; and Bud Spier of Michigan, 6th.

Now, finally we get to the Sunday bring partners, a little late, but what a way to end a great tournament. The only thing left to see was if Mr. Niblett could make it four for four. Not to be this time, Rick....



With some of the finest shooting I have seen in a long time, Lonzo Knight and Sammy Jones went undefeated to take top honors.



Rick Niblett and Lenny Dell took second place.



Dick Losee and Russ Reynolds finished third, with the always-steady team of John and Sharon Canino in fourth place.

Thanks to a lot of people who worked hard to make this the biggest tournament in the whole East Coast. First to Brenda for having everyone; Mark Tucker for doing a great job cleaning and bartending; Wendy Mowery, the main bartender with her pretty smile; B.J. Jones for keeping the coolers full, our great cook, Pam; all the shooters and workers. Keep your eye on The Board Talk for our fall event.

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Michigan (continued)

10TH SKIP'S/BOARD TALK FALL BASH, HOUGHTON LAKE, SEPT. 10-12

Here's the news you've been waiting for! There will be a No. 10 Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash at Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, in the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland. The dates for this year's Bash will be Sept. 10-12; come early and stay late because this great area has many fun-in-the-sun opportunities for the whole family.

Included on the action-packed agenda will be a draw partner (no pros or 0's may draw each other), \$20 per person entry, on Friday, Sept. 10, sale at 1 p.m. with play immediately following. On Saturday, Sept. 11, will be the popular A-B-C draw, \$20 per player entry. **For this event, you must be signed up and paid by 10 a.m.** Each team will have an A, B, and C player with A's serving as captain. (A committee is assigned to determine ratings of players not listed in the 1999 Bowers Rating System.) It's a great opportunity for the less experienced players to learn from their talented and knowledgeable "teachers." The sale is scheduled for 11 a.m., with play immediately following. An open singles will be held on Sunday, \$40 entry, with the sale at noon and play immediately following. All events are single game, double elimination.

A one-time \$5 registration fee will go to director/bracketeer Rob Kern.

For tournament information and/or to save your spot, call Board Talk George at 517-371-2538, and for lodging recommendations, call Skip, 517-422-5631.

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

Texas

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, TAZ COUNTRY, AUSTIN, AUG. 6-8

Taz Country, at Three Points Shopping Center in Austin (1406 F.M. 1825, Pflugerville), will host a handicap tournament on August 6-8.

Action will start with a handicapped open draw on Friday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m., \$30 entry fee, single elimination. On Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m., there will be a handicapped bring partner (team minimum total 1 point/4 point maximum spot), \$50 entry fee, double elimination. A handicap singles, \$50 entry, double

elimination, will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday. There will be sales for the Saturday and Sunday events, and food will be served on Saturday. Special drink prices during the tournament.

For further information, contact Ron or Debbie Bowers at home, 512-835-7256, or at their office, 512-459-1264.

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LABOR DAY TEXAS OPEN, GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, SEPT. 1-6

The Gold Nugget, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, will be the site of this year's Labor Day Texas Open on Sept. 1-6. This big event has several attractions: new air-conditioning and smoke eaters, the boards will have no pingates and all practice and match games are free, several sets of weights will be raffled off, a show featuring trick shots by a trained bear, free food on Saturday, and brackets by the best-in-the-nation Rob Kern. If all that isn't enough, the great **David Williams will be inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame!**

A "warm-up" event on Wednesday will kick off the six days of action. It will be a 4-person team event, 2 out of 3, double elimination, with sale starting at 7 p.m. sharp. Entry fee for Div. I (add to 1) is \$50 per person and \$25 per person for Div. II (add to 10). Last year's Div. I winners were Bobby Voorhis, Terry Dowell, Rod Cameron and Gary Moore; in Div. II, it was Bob and Cindy Houchin, Kay and Gary Nelson.

On Thursday the singles events will start at 5 p.m. For Div. I (2 out of 3, double elimination), entries will be \$200 for -1's, \$150 for 0's, \$100 for 1's and \$50 for 2's. The reigning champ in this event is David Williams. For Div. II (single game, double elimination), entries will be \$100 for 2's, \$50 for 3's, and \$25 for 4's. Harvey Walden was tops in last year's 2's only and Danny Norris was winner of the 3's and above.

On Friday the draw partner events will start with a 7p.m. sale. Entry for Div. I (-1's, 0's, 1's and 2's) is \$50, and for Div. II (2's, 3's, 4's and 5's) is \$25. No pros or 0's may draw in Div. I and no 2's may draw in Div. II. Both events are single game, double elimination. Mary Koteras and Johnny Ballard were first-place finishers in Div. I last year and Moss and Vikki Hennings won the Div. II.

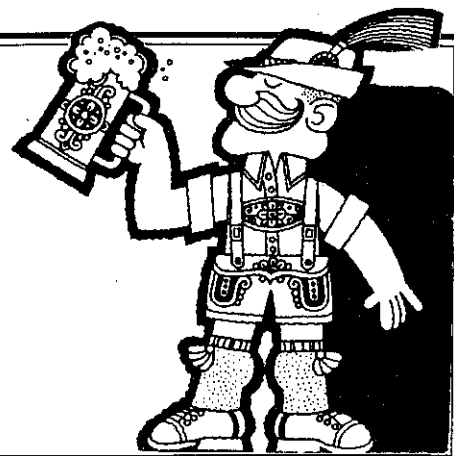
The popular 6-person draft event is scheduled for Saturday with pros and 0's serving as captains (noon deadline for sign-up). \$50 per person entry, best 5 of 9. Depending on entries, this event may be mark 4 if necessary. Last year's winners were: Brian Walker,

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 -- BRING PARTNER

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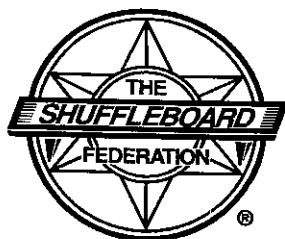
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Event	Entry Fee	Who Can Play	Starts	Finishes	Limit
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Division III Doubles	\$30.00 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 19	Tuesday	40 teams
Pro Doubles	\$100.00 per player	-1.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 19	Wednesday	32 teams
Division I Singles	\$75.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 20	Thursday	48 players
Division II Singles	\$50.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 20	Thursday	64 players
Division III Singles	\$30.00 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 20	Thursday	64 players
Ladies Singles	\$30.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 20	Thursday	40 players
Crazy Eights	\$50.00 per player	-0.01 to -1.50	Thursday, October 21	Thursday	40 players
Amateur Team Event	\$50.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Thursday, October 21	Saturday/Sunday	32 teams
Pro Singles	\$200.00 or \$300.00	-1.50 to 5.00	Thursday, October 21	Saturday/Sunday	32 players
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Draw Partner (Div. II)	Sept. 3	(\$25 per player)	\$ _____
6-person draft team	Sept. 4	(\$50 per player)	\$ _____
Doubles (Div. I)	Sept. 5	(\$100 per player)	\$ _____
Doubles (Div. II)	Sept. 5	(\$40 per player)	\$ _____
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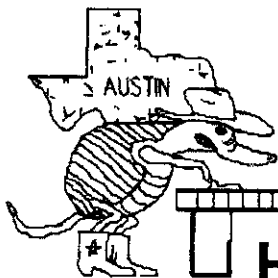
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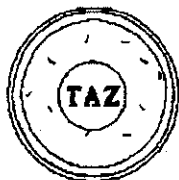
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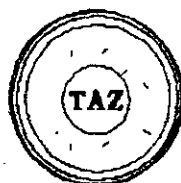
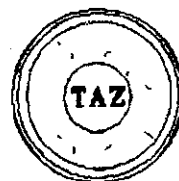
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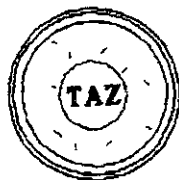
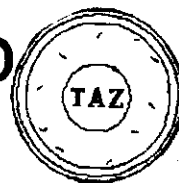
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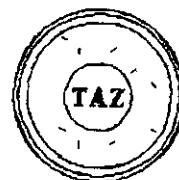
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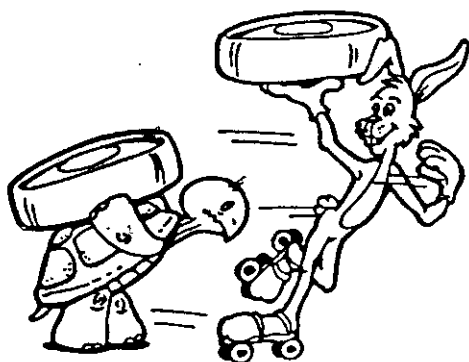
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- **September 5....Club Car Lounge, 111 N. Saginaw St., Durand** *(plus open singles on Labor Day, Sept. 6, \$20 entry, sale at noon with play immediately following -- no limit)*
- **September 26....PLAY-OFF FOR SUPER SLAMMIN' SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS, Club Car Lounge, Durand, \$40 per team entry, sale at 12:30 p.m. with play immediately following. Pot at stake will include entries, sponsor sale, and \$5 set-aside from previous three tournaments. (May be open singles on third board for those not involved in the play-off. \$20 entry with sale.)**
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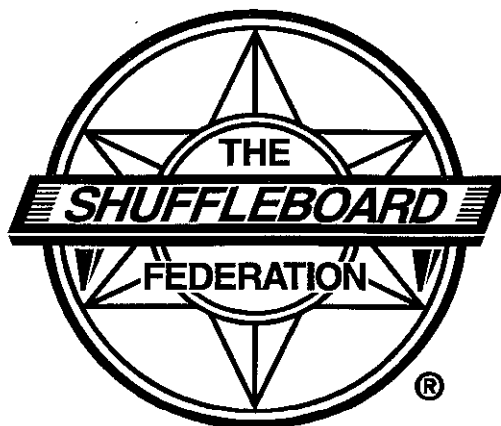
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In the last episode, Lil's and Eddie's teams were in the final game of the Pro-Am event in Reno. The score was 12-13 in Lil and her partner's favor. Lil was shooting the final weight and it looked like the 2 she needed to win. One of the very interested spectators was Dollar Dan -- the Money Man, who had earlier sent a warning to Eddie.)

Just an instant after someone had hollered out, "She made it...she lagged a deuce" on Lil's lag, it suddenly slowed very slightly, and her hammer made contact with the left side of Eddie's weight, which was positioned in the 2-zone, but barely touching the 1-line, and about 6 to 8 inches off the left rail. As a result, the two weights split, leaving both of them in the 2-zone -- and so evenly matched that no one could visibly tell exactly which weight was in front! Lil's weight was also partially hanging off the left side of the board.

The call went out for an official after it became obvious that it was too close to determine who was ahead any other way. The crowd was busy speculating now as to who was closest to the end of the board. Dollar Dan -- the Money Man -- was starting to form a look of concern on his face when he saw the lie on the board. Lil looked over at him and they made eye contact. It was now Lil's turn to get a little gleam of satisfaction in her eyes as she watched Dan and his "Ape Man" start to sweat a little when the official (along with Max Dermmot, the tournament director) entered the scene to make the official call on these two weights.

The official took extreme care with his T-square as he made the measurement. There was a hush now while they all awaited his call. Finally, he shook his head, looked at Max Dermmot, then at the crowd, and announced: "These weights are even. I call it a tie. There will be no score for this frame -- and the hammer will be switched. Play will resume on this end of the table."

After hearing that, Eddie had a big smile on his face, and Lil had a hint of one on her face, too. The opposite was occurring on the other end. Dollar Dan, the Money Man, was audibly complaining about the call. He was hollering out: "The blue (Eddie's weight) is ahead; the game is over!" He continued with his antics until Max Dermmot came over to him and the Ape Man, and simply told him to "shut up!"

Things happened pretty quickly then. First, the Money Man responded with "Up yours, Director Man." Upon hearing that comment, Max laid his glasses on the table and replied: "Dan Goldman (he knew his real name) -- you and your Ape are out of here...Now!" Then, just about the time the Ape Man started to

make a move toward Max, a strange thing happened. The same scar-faced man (who worked for Lil's ex, Tony and who had almost blown Lil and Eddie's friend, Tim, away in Seattle) appeared right behind Dollar Dan. He softly whispered something into Dan's ear. He had two other men with him, and then almost like magic, the whole thing was over! Dollar Dan and his Ape Man allowed themselves to be quietly escorted out of the tournament room.

No one (except Lil and Eddie) understood what was going on, but when Max saw that all was clear, he picked up his glasses and announced: "The official has made his ruling. Let the play resume!" Lil, Shelli and Eddie looked at each other then with twinkles in their eyes. The good thing was that the physical threat had been removed, which was a relief to all of them; but almost as good was the fact that the ultimate fate of the game was probably taken out of Lil and Eddie's hands! The weights were now under the control of the two "3" rated players and Eddie's partner had the hammer due to the switch.

The play got underway rather quickly now that the excitement settled down. It was obvious that the less-experienced players were very nervous, and understandably so. They knew they had been close to a potentially dangerous situation, plus the outcome of the whole event was on their shoulders. They actually played pretty good, though, in spite of things. The frame went weight for weight. Eddie's partner hit-and-went on this third weight, which left the board open.

Lil couldn't restrain herself from hollering out to her partner at this point: "Try for a short deuce, or a deep one in the center, but don't go too deep so he can stick it. O.K.?" Her partner had a look of confusion on her face as she let her weight go. The weight ended up being a deep one, with the forward edge touching the 2-line and about 3 inches off the left side of the board. Lil hollered out once again: "That's fine, dear, this guy will never lag the deuce!"

Now it was time for Eddie and his partner to figure out their strategy. They met at the center of the board, which was the proper place for their discussion. Eddie again looked him in the eyes and asked: "How do you feel, Champ?" The reply was: "Really shaky. I'm nervous as hell!" Eddie solaced him by saying: "This isn't really too critical, you know. Almost anything you do will be O.K. as long as you don't boost her into a two or something. You do whatever you want to do. The only thing I'd suggest you be careful of, is making contact with her weight up there. O.K.?" He patted him on the shoulder then and said: "You're going to do alright, partner. Just try to relax and you'll do fine."

The shooter was really sweating now as he prepared to make his release. He shot almost all right-handed, so he decided to go down the right rail and try for a deuce or a three in the center of the board. It was a very jerky release, and he instantly knew he had gone too far to the left. In fact, his weight had actually become a right-cross. He yelled out: "Oh, no -- don't do that!"

His weight proceeded, though, and did indeed connect with the other weight. He not only hit the other weight, he boosted it.....

--CONTINUED NEXT MONTH--

Don't miss the next exciting episode to see how this event ends. And remember, Shelli and Eddie and Lil still have some adventures ahead in Reno.

Teacher/Promoter Yank Inducted in Pennsylvania Hall of Fame

By Louise Freer

In ceremonies conducted at J & C's Tavern in Philadelphia, friends, admirers, and family gathered to pay tribute to the first inductee to the Pennsylvania Shuffleboard Hall of Fame: Jim Yank Sr. Not only was Jim the first inductee, he was also the first inductee in what some might say to be the most important category -- that of teacher/promoter. He's been a well-known mainstay in the Philadelphia shuffleboard scene for many, many years. Quite a number of people gave testimony to Yank's accomplishments as a player as well as a person, and most were his students at one point, proving that this honor was indeed well-deserved. This is his story....

Learning the game of shuffleboard did not come easy for Yank. He started throwing weights in 1969 in various southwest Philadelphia taverns and clubs. Jules, now better known as Yank, learned the game by trial and error for the next eight years. In 1977 he joined the Southwest Shuffleboard League as a player for the Barrel Inn. There he continued to take his lumps and learn valuable lessons from the area's best shooters.

In 1981, Yank started spending time at J & C's Tavern and began a new way of playing the game. This new method was a teaching format that advocated equal opportunity for all players, both male and female (he became an avid supporter of women shuffleboard players way back in 1977). Yank believed that players should share their knowledge and experience, and that all players deserved respect. These concepts have not been evident in all the years he had been playing -- and probably had not been long before his time. So Yank spent most of his time working with players, showing them the basics, teaching strategy, and advocating respect for all players. It was a playing and teaching method that was not especially well-received by the older, better established players who felt Yank was taking away their "easy money."

Within a short time, the program had established itself as a winning formula. His ideas were promoted nationally with the article "Give the Novice a Break" published in *The Board Talk*. Again, his ideas were met with quite a bit of suspicion, but also a lot of praise. Under Jim's tutelage, the program really took off in the next 15 years.



A proud Yank Family: Jean, inductee Jim Sr., Rita and Jim Yank Jr.

Several dozen people taught under the original system continued to perpetuate Yank's format by teaching the game to hundreds of novice players. It continued to prove to be a winning formula as evidenced by the players taught and the championships won (30 or more league championships and 15 All Star victories in eight different leagues). Jim started promoting and attending tournaments as early as 1985, and got players from the Philadelphia and Delaware County leagues to re-enter the tournament scene, and his format proved to be successful on a regional and national basis as well. Yank has also set up and maintained the boards for every national tournament on the East Coast in the late '80s and early '90s.

To this day, Yank continues his mission, answering any and all questions asked of him, and goes out of his way to teach the basics of the game to anyone interested in learning and/or getting better at shuffleboard. He has been consultant to presidents from five different leagues and is known as "the goodwill ambassador of the East." He believes in the premise that the game comes first, leagues and tournaments are second, your team is third, and yourself and ego are last. Yank's only reward for his efforts is when he sees other players that have been taught the game teach someone else who wants to learn. Most days, this is what you will find Yank doing: teaching a new generation about shuffleboard.

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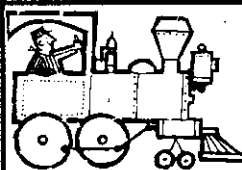
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a very special event. Friends, family, well-wishers, and fellow shuffleboard players gathered en masse to pay tribute to Jim Yank Sr. of Philadelphia with his induction into the Pennsylvania State Hall of Fame (see story on Page 19). Yank's induction as Teacher/Promoter is the first induction of any kind into the PSHF and is well-deserved, too. Many people gave testimonials that supported this very special shuffleboard player, and well they should: Yank taught most, either directly or indirectly.

After this touching ceremony, the open doubles got underway. At the end of it all, Al DiBella and Louise Freer took first place (a repeat from last year), with second place awarded to the very tough team of Jim Yank Sr. and Pete Burba, also of Philadelphia.

The tournament committee (Al DiBella, Jim and Rita Yank, and myself, with help from Steve "Ski") would like to extend a very big "thank you" to our sponsors, who provided the money to cover plaques and promotion expenses, including a very nice commemorative program. Any money left over after expenses is earmarked to be split evenly between the PSHF and the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Special Thanks are in order to The Board Talk, The Shuffleboard Federation, Jack McGarvey Roofing, Lazos Pest Control, Gambol's Cafe, and J & C's as returning sponsors. The Board Talk contributed their always-generous advertising support, subscriptions, and free Board Talks. The Shuffleboard Federation contributed a brand new set of the famous "titanium" weights to be raffled off, which helped immensely in meeting the tournament expenses. These two shuffleboard mainstays prove time and again that they are willing to do whatever it takes to bring the World of Shuffleboard into the next millennium. J & C's Tavern, the host establishment, contributed prize money to the winners of the events. There were many other sponsors as well and, if you contact one of the committee members, they would be glad to pass along a commemorative program.

Same time, next year? The spirit is willing and, even though the bodies were fewer this year, we are determined to make the Pennsylvania State Championships a well-attended, greatly anticipated, long-standing tradition. Wish us luck!

Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

We are delighted to share the story of Jim Yank with our readers, Louise. He stands as a shining example of what all of us should strive to be. And, please, do not get discouraged about your state championships. It took Michigan 13 years to attract 70 participants. Once the honor of being a state champ becomes a coveted achievement, shufflers will respond!

Florida Open Organizers Repond to Critics

"Southern" and "Hospitality" are words that belong together. Any time a visitor to the South experiences other than friendship and hospitality, the host has broken a tradition and should be embarrassed. The Florida Table Shuffleboard Association (FTSA) is embarrassed. I and other members of the FTSA apologize.

Since we agree that our guests were not given the food, beverage prices, and friendliness by the establishment, we have little rebuttal to some of our New York friends' letters. However, our personal contacts with those players attending the tournament from Maryland, Michigan, and New York had only good things to say about the tournament and the way it was conducted. Their complaints were directed at the "host establishment" and believe us when we say we will correct the situation.

The Florida Open Tournament does not have a home. Acquiring an establishment with the facilities to hold our tournament has always been one of our problems. The establishment we selected had committed to coffee and pastries for our players and their guests each morning, with a full meal on Saturday. We had also been given the assurance that drink prices would be \$2.00 for beer and \$1.00 for cokes with standard prices for sandwiches. In exchange, the monies derived from the sales and sponsor fees would be income to the "host establishment."

The FTSA was surprised and embarrassed when the host establishment did not honor its agreement.

Two points of clarification. The 12 sponsors identified at the tournament were not donors of \$75 each. They were recognized as sponsors for their contribution of services and/or donations. I was identified as a sponsor for the work I did in resurfacing one of the boards. The motel, which gave a discount to our out-of-town guests, was also identified as a sponsor. The monies from this went to the host establishment, not the FTSA.

On the subject of food and parking campers. The entry fee into our tournament does not include any registration fee or deductions from the prize funds for the expense of the tournament. We rely on the generosity of the host establishment for free food and space for campers (if there is space available). We recognize that most tournaments provide one or more of these attractions. Players should not look upon these as something they are due, but rather should extend their appreciation to the host for their gift. Every attempt will be made to provide these services next year at the Florida Open.

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1999 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JULY 1999

June 30-July 5

7th July 4th Tournament
and Porter White Induction
Dixie Belle, Downey, California
Oskar's Lounge, Bellflower, Cal.
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July 2

AB Draw
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 2-4

4-Event Tournament
The Pillars
Guilford, New York

July 4-5

Open Doubles
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

July 4-10

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 18-19

ABC Draw
Blue Goose
Port Orchard, Washington

July 24-25

NW Amateur Championships
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

July 25

No. 1 Super Slammin' Summer
Sunday Doubles
Stober's Cocktail Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

July 27-Aug. 1

10th Grand Masters Plus
The Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

AUGUST 1999

Aug. 5-8

National Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Aug. 6

AB Draw
J & C's Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Aug. 6-8

4th Rudy Stober Memorial
Stober's Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

Aug. 6-8

Handicap Tournament
Taz Country
Austin, Texas

Aug. 12-15

Crazy Canucks Annual Tourney
Joanie Millar Induction
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Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Aug. 13-15 (Date Change)

3-Event Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

Aug. 15

No. 2 Super Slammin' Summer
Sunday Doubles
Majestic Cafe
Pontiac, Michigan

Aug. 20-22

True Round Robin Singles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

SEPTEMBER 1999

Sept. 1-6

Labor Day Texas Open
The Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Sept. 2-5

Labor Day Tournament
Baldwinsville Moose Lodge
Baldwinsville, New York

Sept. 2-6

Labor Day Tournament
Action Lounge
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Sept. 2-6

Labor Day Tournament
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 5

No. 3 Super Slammin' Summer
Sunday Doubles
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

Sept. 10-12

10th Annual Skip's/Board Talk
Fall Bash
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 26

Super Slammin' Summer
Sunday Doubles Play-Off
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

OCTOBER 1999

Oct. 8-10

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

Oct. 17-24

North American Championships
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

Oct. 29-31

Halloween Tournament
Shooter's
Hillsboro, Missouri

NOVEMBER 1999

Nov. 27-28

Rated Doubles Tournament
BZ's Sports Bar
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DECEMBER 1999

Dec. 26-31

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Notebook *(continued from Page 22)*

It is the desire of the FTSA to host an event each year at a time when it is cold in the rest of the nation and South Florida has its sun, tropical breezes, and beautiful beaches. We do not wish to lose one friend and player we have had as a guest.

Hopefully, we have learned from our bad decision. It is our pledge to seek an establishment which wants our tournament and will extend the warm welcome the FTSA expects each of you to receive.

Ray Boyett, Florida Table Shuffleboard Association

We believe you will be pleasantly surprised by the turnout at your next Florida Open. Most travelling shufflers are mature enough to realize that any "discomfort" they might experience is due to the host establishment and not the event organizers. We are confident that you will find a host establishment that meets your high standards and encourage all Florida Board Talk subscribers to help you in your search. As tournament organizers ourselves, we can attest that the host establishment can "make or break" an event and thankfully, most of them fit in the "make" category. You should realize that most of the complainers haven't been in your shoes and so you have to measure the criticism accordingly. We have talked to

some of the Michigan shufflers who participated and they'll be back. And, this unsolicited advice: don't be shy about charging a registration fee to offset your expenses. More and more tournaments are doing it and few participants have complained. They know that they -- the players -- not the host establishment or the tournament organizers -- are the beneficiaries.

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

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On Monday, Labor Day, there will be an open singles for 1's and above, \$50 entry, entry deadline at noon, single game, double elimination.

A one-time \$20 registration fee covers all events.

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Nevada

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The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., reports that the first wave of entries are in for the 1999 North American Championships, scheduled for the Sands Regency Hotel Casino in Reno, Oct. 17-24. See the enclosed updated flyer for details and use the reservation form to save your spot. Please note that you must be a registered guest at the Sands in order to participate. For reservations, call the Sands, 800-648-3553 and tell them your group number is SHU1015.

Please note also that The Federation has a new address: 21476 Lujon Court, Northville, MI 48167.

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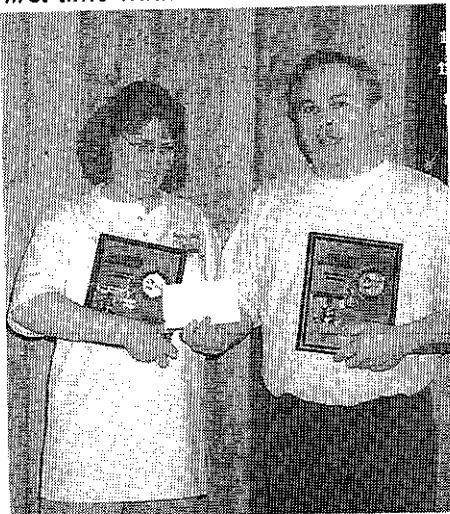
By Char Rahn

A total of 70 players took part in the 2nd Annual Denny Busch Memorial Tournament, hosted by My Way Lounge in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 21-23. Art Busch (Denny's Dad) and Kevin Higbee, owner of My Way, donated money for both tournaments, for a total payout of \$6295 including the sales.

Friday night started out with an A-B draw with 32 teams. Our friends from the Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, showed up and several first-time tournament players, and even new players who just started playing the last couple of months, were entered.



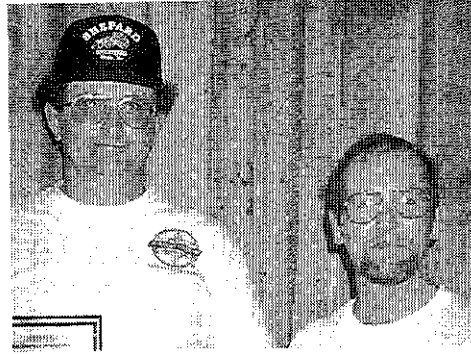
First place went to veteran player Ron Campbell and first-time winner Sue Webster.



Joe Speilman and Shelly Hagen took second place honors.

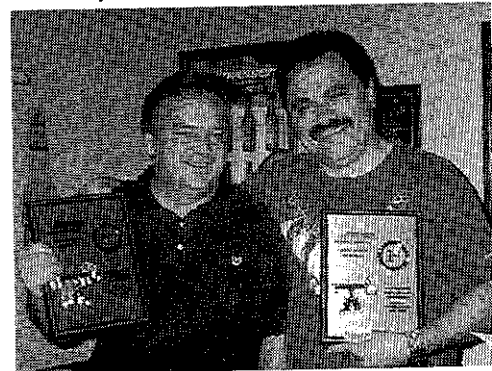
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always have a bed in Omaha!

*Marty Sheppard
 and Len
 Webster
 finished third.*

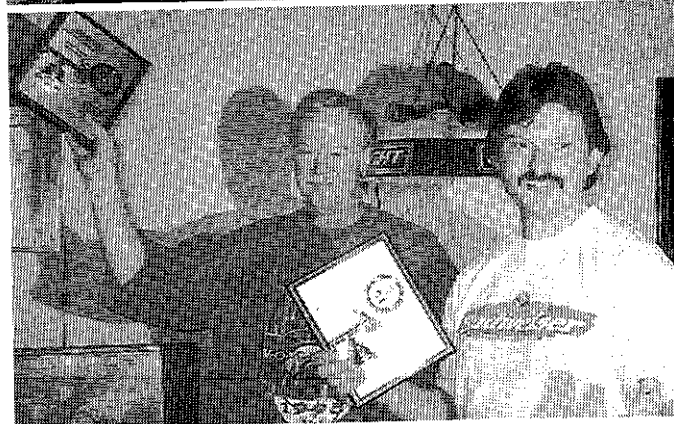


Others finishing in the money were: Cyndi Busch and Chad Gann (new player), 4th; Rick Boyer and Jim Kosiske, Linda Ritter and Scott Lewis, 5th and 6th.

After a spirited sponsor sale, in which Jay Watson, the auctioneer (with help from Don Zahm) lost his voice, the open doubles started about 9:30 Saturday night. Play was long and hard until the early hours of Monday morning.



Coming out on top, a late entry from Lincoln, Nebraska, Phil Sutco and Bo Bordeaux.



Wayne Smith and Billy Simants took second place.

Rounding out the next four money spots: Ron Campbell and Bill Loos, 3rd; Chuck Busch and Jay Watson, 4th; Cyndi Busch and Tom Galvin, father and son Jim and John Kosiske, 5th and 6th.

Thanks to Kevin Higbee, owner of My Way, for a great tournament. Everyone had a great time and Kevin is a gracious host. Thanks also to Harold Newbanks Jr. of Harold's Bar for allowing us to shoot games on his board as our third board. Thanks to all the cooks who did such a great job on the burgers and everybody who brought side dishes to go along with

all the good food Kevin provided. Love your brownies, Dru!

Thanks to Don Zahm for running a great tournament. You were everywhere and kept everything running smoothly. Thanks also to Bill and Dru Frederick, Chuck and Cyndi Busch, Larry and Barb Zahm for all the help you gave. And thanks to Joel Rahn for helping me with the money. Thanks to all the bartenders for doing a great job and keeping up with all the shufflers. We kept you busy!

Thanks to Triple Crown, Tuesday Open Classic and River City Leagues for donating Triple Crown

weights that were raffled off. Thanks to Fritz Broka for donating a lovely leather weight case and for all the great raffle items from shufflers and friends: shirts, hats, sweatshirts, booze, gift certificates and several other items. We raised \$700 that will be donated to Hillside Little League in memory of Denny. Several of us will present the donation and a plaque together at the All Star Game in the near future.

The 3rd Annual Denny Busch Memorial Tournament will be held at the Ko-Zee Lounge in 2000, hosted by Bill and Dru Frederick. Hope to see you all then!

Bill English "Students" Win His First Memorial at Balloon Inn

By Kathi Lloyd

As most of you are aware, the 10th Annual June Tournament held at the Balloon Inn took on a new identity this year. After the passing of Bill English last year, the players and owners of the Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, thought it would be fitting to rename the event after the man who was such a great mentor to so many Colorado players.

Bonnie English, wife of our first inductee into the Colorado Hall of Fame, who serves as a member of the CSHF Board of Directors, was on hand not only to root the players on, but also provided tournament t-shirts for the players to show her appreciation of their remembrance of her late husband. Bonnie had extra shirts made so they could be sold during the tournament to raise money for the Hall of Fame. What a wonderful example she sets for us all in her continuing support of the game.

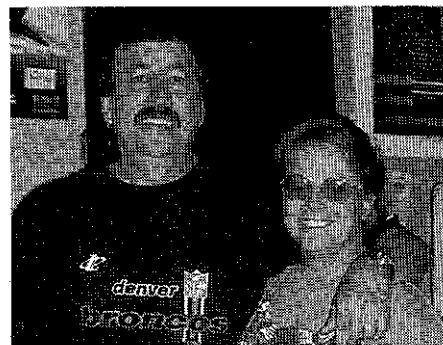


It was only appropriate that the first place winners in this June 12-13 tournament were Morey Balins and Jody Slack. Bill English was a great influence on the shaping of their game when they were just learning how to play, as well as being a close friend to them both for many years. Morey and Jody are shown enjoying a victory cigar.

MAY MAYHEM AT BALLOON INN: Two amateur tournaments were held at the Balloon Inn in May as a warm-up for those Div. II players who were planning to play in the Bill English Open or just wanted to



Kenny Hawkes, another player Bill influenced, celebrates his second place finish with partner Marty Shepard of Omaha.



Gail Cowan and Ron Sosovec took third place honors.

The total purse for the tournament was over \$3,000.

Many thanks to Amy Everhart and Kevin Higbee from the My Way Lounge in Omaha, Nebraska, for coming out to play. We hope they enjoyed their visit with us as much as we enjoyed meeting them. It was also great to have Frank and Cindy Powers of Washington in town for this event. Marty Shepard is getting to be such a regular at our events that we've decided to adopt him. The reciprocal support between the players of Nebraska and Colorado is what makes these tournaments exciting and enjoyable. They are a great way to make new friends in the game!

compete with players in their own division. Winners of the doubles were Bob Wright and Kathi Lloyd, 1st, Bill Foster and Harland Martel, 2nd. Winners of the singles were Doug Rordal, 1st; Kevin Kelly, 2nd.

Blinky's Records Another Memorial Tournament Success

By Rick Thomas

Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California, held its 9th Annual Memorial Week Tournament on May 23-31.

The Champagne and Roses draw got started on Sunday and the ladies did it again. This spirited event lasted all day and into the evening.



Winners of the Champagne & Roses event were Jane Mourgos and Vicki Hunt, with Lorraine Bingham and Shari Hudson taking second place.

Tami Tuttle and Betty Hudson finished third. My hats off to the ladies!



Monday's amateur doubles was won by Dale Pirlot and Stevie Parks (left) with Lorraine Bingham and Pete Craven taking second place honors.

Third place went to the team of Bob Crum and Manny.

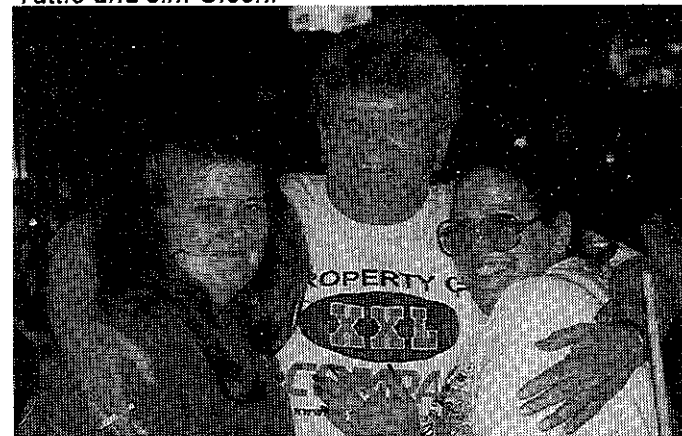
On Tuesday night, the amateur singles began a barnburner. In the finals and coming out on top was Don Davidson with second place going to Dale Pirlot. In third place was newcomer J.R. Noel from Modesto.

On Wednesday evening, the ever-popular ABC event got underway and concluded on Thursday night.

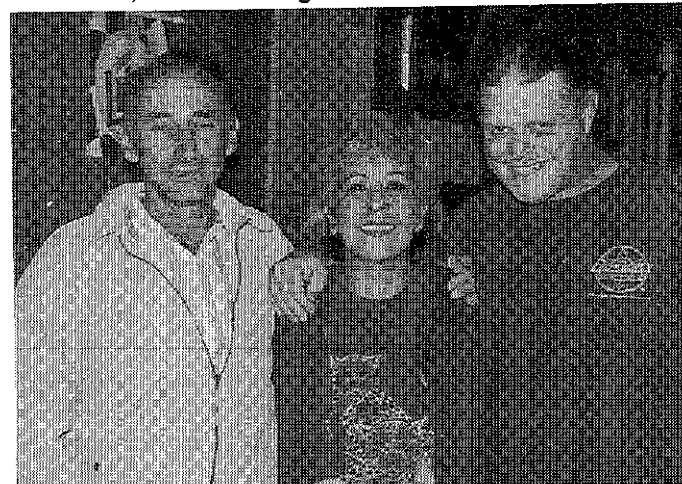
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Winners of the ABC event were: Pat Bayless, Tami Tuttle and Jim Olson.



Taking second place honors were Happy Hunk Don Davidson, Lorraine Bingham and Teresa Manfredi.



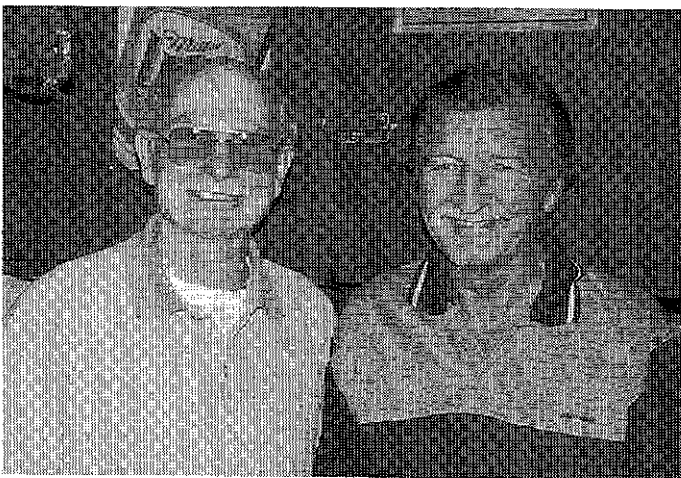
Finishing third in the ABC were Nick Chaffin, Vicki Hunt and Steve Heidenrich.

After a brief respite and match play on Friday, the Pro/Open doubles sponsor sale was held on Friday night and match play began on Saturday morning. After a break late Saturday afternoon, a great tri-tip dinner, hosted by Dick (Blinky) and prepared by Don Melampy and crew, and the singles sponsor sale,

play resumed. The doubles event concluded late Saturday evening.



Loren Maxhim (left) and Karl Spickelmier took top honors in the Pro/Open Doubles.



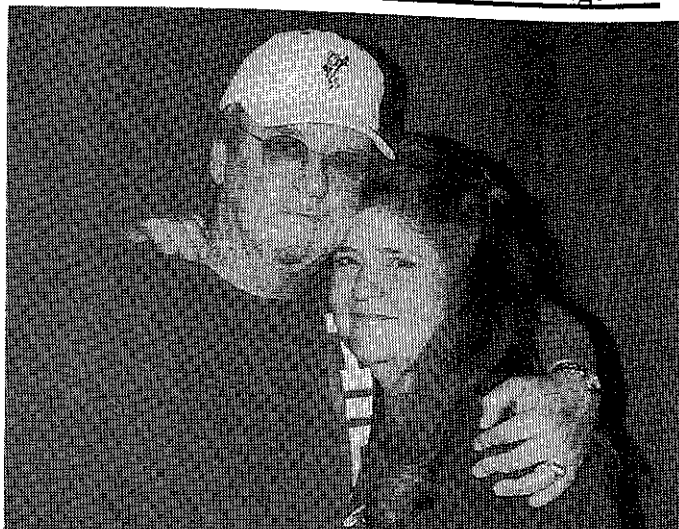
Pat Bayless (left) and Paul Parks took second place.



Don Cox (left) and Joe Hudson finished third.

On Sunday morning, the pro/open singles began and concluded early Monday afternoon -- a very intense final and hard fought into the second 2 of 3.

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Sponsor Lorraine Bingham gives a big hug to first-place singles winner Joe Hudson.



Second place finisher Larry Newell shares his winnings with sponsor Dave Keithahan.

Third place in the pro/open singles went to Paul Parks.

The total prize fund for the week was \$14,580.

Thanks to all the local players for their continued support and thanks to Blinky and crew for their continued support of shuffleboard.

Thanks to all the out-of-town players for their support, namely Bob and Vicki Hunt (Sacramento), Nick and Bev Chaffin (Roseville), Joe and Shari Hudson (Sacramento), Don and Donna Cox from Southern California, Karl Spickelmier (don't think he has ever missed one), Rich (Bubba) Warren, Larry Newell and from Northern California, Loren Maxhim.

Thanks also to out-of-town amateurs: Bob and Barbara Crum and J.R. Noel from Modesto, Sandy McQuillan, Ray Comer, Don Dorato and Rich Porter, all from Livermore; and thanks to all the local amateurs for their support.

Thanks to Bubba Warren, Nick Chaffin, Karl Spickelmier, Eddie Brayman, Pat Bayless and Pete Craven for all your help during the tournament. Thanks to Kathy Thomas for her continued efforts handling all the prize monies, etc. Thanks Stevie and Jane. Thanks to all and have a great summer!

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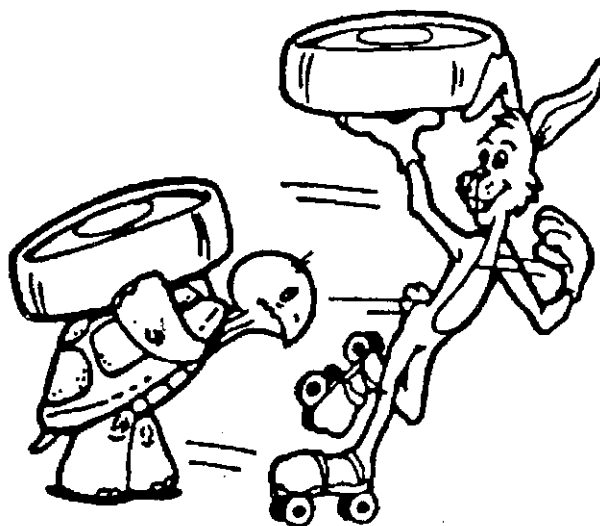
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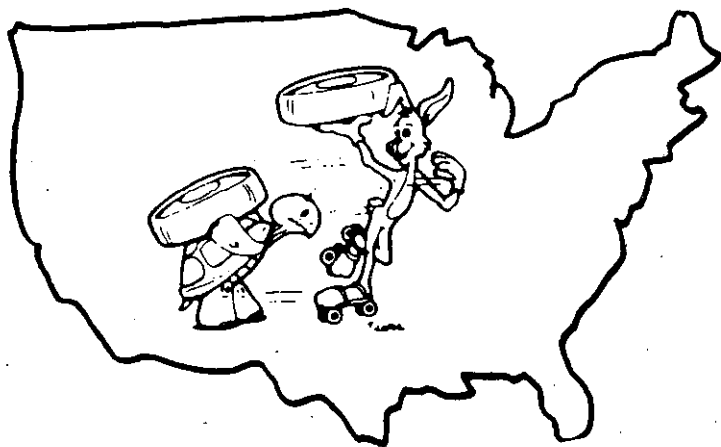
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