

# The Board Talk

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## ***Caring Shufflers Respond to Von Stewart Memorial Tournament at Dixie Belle***

In February of 1998, in a moving ceremony at The Dixie Belle, Downey, California, Al Stewart became the first inductee into that state's Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. In February of 1999, that same location was the site of the Von Stewart Memorial Benefit. Von had been there to see her husband inducted, but finally lost her long and valiant battle against cancer in November. Everyone in The World of Shuffleboard who knew the devoted couple mourned the great loss and, once again, opened their hearts and pockets to honor Von's memory at the benefit tournament.

Chris Brown, key organizer and financial director for the event, shares her thoughts about the outpouring of caring from the shuffleboard community:

"Four and a half years ago when I first started playing shuffleboard, I was told that the players were 'good' people. I'd been a bowler my whole life and had always found it to be a friendly, competitive sport. I didn't realize that in taking on a new sport, I was actually taking on a new family, too! I am still amazed at the amount of kindness and sharing that pours forth from these good people when a person is in need.

"For a month before the tournament, players at Oskar's Lounge and the Dixie Belle held 50-50 draws and sold raffle tickets. The California Hall of Fame did the same at the George Lucas induction (story inside). By the day of the actual tournament, I was already proud of the shuffleboard community and throughout the tournament, I was overwhelmed! People just kept buying tickets as we did another, then another, 50-50 draw. My fingers were so tired from tearing apart tickets that I actually had trouble letting go of my weights! And still the players gave. I am proud to be

one of these good and generous people. Von and Al's daughters were there throughout the tournament, and Tina was gracious in thanking everyone involved. When Al Stewart got up to say thank you, everyone's eyes got moist.

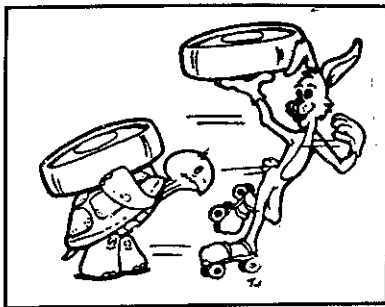
"I thank everyone for their support, and for the generous donations from The Shuffleboard Federation, the California and Nevada Halls of Fame, Ron Blalock, the Coulter Clan, Evie Werner, Paul Weber, and many others too numerous to mention," Chris said.



Winners of the ABC Draw were Bill Maxwell (the tall guy), Mary Lou Deering, and Bob Davidson. In addition to the 50-50 draws and raffles, 50% of the entry fees and 10% of the sponsor sales went to the memorial fund.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

## **"Wooley" Says Thanks!**

Thanks to all my friends who stuck by me and helped me in so many ways the past two years when I had two neck by-passes and a bout with prostate cancer, which I beat. I came out of retirement and made a successful business in the Shuffleboard World I love.

At the age of 69, I get up every morning and know I am going to have a nice day!

Special thanks to the Lord and David and Bobby Williams, Lyle Meharg, Johnny Wayne (The Great One), Mike Rial, Ken Manical and John McDermott for helping me start my business.

Bill (Wooley) Wooldridge, Arlington, Texas

*Your comeback at the age of 69 is an inspiration to all of us in that category! We're sure your friends appreciate your thanks and won't mind taking second billing to the Lord. Readers, please note that Wooley is part of our Shuffleboard Directory.*

## **Bobby Commends the Nelsons for League Work**

I would like to commend Gary and Kay Nelson for taking our Mid-Cities Shuffleboard League, which was in chaos, and turning it into a thriving, well-run entity. They organized, planned and created schedules. They put out a newsletter complete with pictures, news and league standings. This league is nearly 20 years old and I have seldom seen it run more smoothly or players having more fun and competing more enthusiastically. They have players like David Williams and Bob Shaw playing and offering tips and advice to novice players.

## **--ATTENTION--**

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

Hats off to Gary and Kay (they, along with David Williams and Eddie Wood, won the bring team at the Houston Holiday Open). It is fine folks like these who make our sport the great game it is today!

Bobby Williams, Fort Worth, Texas

*We join you in your salute to the Nelsons, Bobby. If every league in the U.S.A. had leadership like that, our sport would be assured of a bright future. Without that kind of leadership, leagues struggle and sometimes die, and that's a shame because they are the "backbone" of shuffleboard. And -- every league needs the likes of David and Bob to nurture and encourage beginning players. Too many experienced players are simply satisfied with walking off with the top league trophies each year. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."*

## **Alan is "Addled" About 2 Out of 3 Events....**

Can you tell me what is "right"? A tournament is being played and the event is singles, double elimination, two out of three games in the winner's bracket, and single games in the loser's bracket. Obviously, at least three games or more will be played by each participant. After everyone has been eliminated except the winner of the winner's bracket and the winner of the loser's bracket, they now have to play each other.

To determine the winner of the tournament, the winner of the winner's bracket has to beat the winner of the loser's bracket once, or the winner of the loser's bracket has to beat the winner of the winner's bracket twice. If the winner of the winner's bracket wins the first game, is it over? Or, does the fact that the winner of the winner's bracket is still in the best two out of three situation carry over to the winner of the loser's bracket, allowing the winner of the loser's bracket back into the best two out of three situation as well, so that they get a chance to beat the winner of the winner's bracket two out of three twice?

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# Rick Jones Claims Oklahoma State Crown

By Ron Huddleston



*Rick Jones is the new Oklahoma State Champion and deserving of the win. He has placed 2nd and 3rd in previous championships, but this is the one he will remember.*

*Bill Melton placed second after winning it the last two years, with John Cason placing third.*

*The Oklahoma State Championships were held on Jan. 15-17 at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City.*

I didn't come close, so I get to report who did! In the Division II Championship, we allowed two Arkansas players in the tournament, since they, as yet, have no organized tournament play there. I made the comment at the start of play that the reason we let them in was that we didn't think they could beat our players anyway. Well....one of them did!



Arkansas's Gene (Snuffy) Smith (right) took the Div. II crown, but not before Dave Fleming (center) and E.T. Jensen (left) gave a good effort to make my statement hold true by taking second and third respectively.

The warm-up draw partner of 24 teams on Friday night was won by Weldon Lambert and Dave Fleming. Second place finishers were Stevie Burkett and Charlie Sawyer. John Breathwit and Bill Melton took third, with Dino Fleming and Pat Kinnard in fourth place.

The next event at American Legion 73 is the Heartland Handicap on April 16-18, followed by the BIG Southwest Open on July 4-10. For information, call Ron Huddleston at 405-843-1615 or e-mail [huddlestons@dvni.com](mailto:huddlestons@dvni.com).

*The American Legion 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.*

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

The following shuffleboard establishments have joined our national network this past month. Please add them to the back page of the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." flyer that was in the January issue. **If you are a new subscriber and did not receive the 1999 "Play Your Way" listing, write or call us and we'll send you a copy: The Board Talk, 503 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906; phone 517-371-2538 or 517-484-4976.**

**Texas:** J. Edgars Sports Grill, 12797 Westheimer, Houston

Fannin Ice House, 4812 Fannin, Houston; phone 800-945-6140 or 713-529-0007 (day) or 713-526-4068 (night)

One Nostalgia Place, 6521 Abrams, Dallas; phone 214-348-8407

Please also make this correction for **Washington:** The Whistling Oyster, 294903 Hwy. 101, Quilcene; phone 360-765-9503. Address change for **Indiana:** American Legion 355, 4300 A S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

**Is YOUR favorite shuffleboard site listed on the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."?**

**If not, why not?**

**All it takes is a \$20 subscription.**

**Travelling shufflers use this annual listing and one visit from them will more than pay for that investment!**

**Use the order form in this issue to sign up YOUR favorite shuffleboard location.**

## Upcoming Events Across the Nation

### Indiana

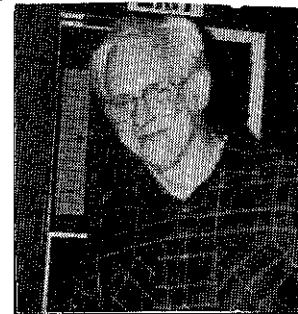
### 39TH BOURBON SPRING DOUBLES, MAY 1, AMERICAN LEGION #424

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, will host its 39th Annual Spring Doubles on May 1. This long-standing event, which attracts shufflers from across the U.S.A. to this small Indiana community, will have something special this year -- the induction of Larry Creakbaum and Jim Long into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The induction ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 30, just prior to the sale for the open doubles.

Entry fee for the single game, double elimination open doubles is \$40 per team and will be limited to the first 64 PAID entries. Make your checks payable to American Legion and mail to: American Legion Post 424, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504, Att.: Bill Niswonger or Terry Dowell.

The American Legion boasts five in-house boards and will again feature its famous barbecue, a favorite with past participants. Check the enclosed flyer for

lodging information. Questions? Call Terry Dowell at 219-353-1070, or Bill Niswonger at 219-342-8100.



This well-known duo, the "Silver Fox" (right) and the "Red Baron" (left) will be inducted into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on April 30 at 7 p.m.

If you'd like to provide a written "testimony" about these two gentlemen, send it to Bill or Terry at the American Legion address.

Spread the word....This will be a BIG one!

If you receive this newsletter in a timely fashion, remember that you have an opportunity for a "warm-up" at the American Legion -- a true round robin doubles, \$150 per team, on March 5-6. Action starts at 6 p.m. on Friday night. Entries limited to the first 20 teams paid. A \$10 registration fee will be charged.

### CHAMPION SHUFFLEBOARD FEATURES....

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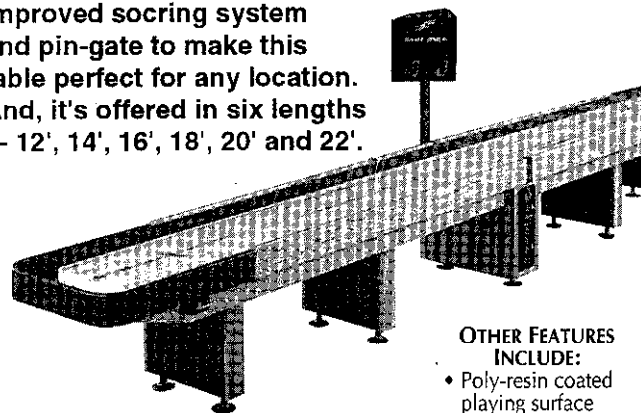
All boards are now available with 4-3-2-1 scoring. Old playfields can be refinished to accommodate this new score system.

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--Bob Shaw, Fort Worth, Texas

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## **ARNOLD CROSS MEMORIAL DOUBLES, MISSISSINEWA, EATON, APRIL 3**

The Mississinewa Tavern, 125 W. Harris in Eaton will host the annual Arnold Cross Memorial Doubles Tournament on April 3. Entry is \$30 per team, double elimination, limited to the first 24 teams entered.

The sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. with play immediately following. Payoff is 60-30-10.

For information, call the Mississinewa Tavern, 765-396-9371.

### Arizona

## **4TH BILL GIBBS MEMORIAL TOURNEY, FAMILY (THE BAR) BILLIARDS, GLENDALE, APRIL 23-25**

The 4th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament, held to honor the memory of the popular shuffler who passed away on July 26, 1995, will take place on April 23-25 at Family Billiards (The Bar), 5814 W.

Camelback in Glendale. Events include a handicap draw, \$10 per person, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday; an ABC Draw, \$30 per team, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday; and an open doubles, \$50 per person at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The finals for the ABC Draw and the open doubles will start at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

For lodging recommendations and tournament information, contact Bob Lewis, 602-242-6782; Al Salazar, 602-583-7035; Alice Arredondo, 602-849-1845; or Family Billiards, 602-939-4000.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this event.

### Florida

## **6TH ANNUAL FLORIDA OPEN, HOBO'S POUR HOUSE, MIMS, MARCH 26-28**

Hobo's Pour House, 4795 Hwy. 46, Mims, will host the 6th Annual Florida Open on March 26-28. This promises to be another great event and shufflers from across the U.S. and Canada are invited to participate. Action will begin upon your arrival on three in-house boards. Tournament competition begins on Friday at 6 p.m. with a \$25 per person draw partner event. An open bring partner doubles is on the agenda for Saturday at 11 a.m., \$100 per team entry. Sunday's grand finale will feature an open singles, \$50 entry, beginning at 11 a.m. Tournament officials will be

announced and will include out-of-state players.

Suggested lodging are Day's Inn, Titusville (Hwy. 50 & 95), 800-685-3810, or Travel Lodge (Exit 80), 800-267-3297. "Hobo's" is code for special rates.

For further information and/or to sign up as a sponsor, call Hobo or Mary at 407-269-6227, or Marty Allen at 561-309-9158.

### Texas

## **MOTHER'S 3RD SPRING FLING, CORPUS CHRISTI, APRIL 9-11**

The 3rd Annual Spring Fling Tournament at Mother's Pizza, 12135 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, Texas, is scheduled for April 9-11 (DATE CHANGE).

Events include an A/B handicap draw partner on Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., \$20 per player, single elimination. Saturday at 1 p.m. will be a 4-person draft team, handicapped event, \$25 per player. Team selection will begin at 11:30 a.m., sale at noon, free buffet at 12:30. Sunday at 1 p.m. will be the handicapped singles event, double elimination, with sale at 12:30 p.m. A registration fee of \$5 will be charged for the weekend.

For further information, contact Mother's Pizza, 512-241-8500, or Neil Garvin, 512-854-3732.

Mother's is a B.Y.O.B. establishment.

### Missouri

## **SHOOTER'S SPRING SHOOT-OUT, HILLSBORO, APRIL 9-11**

Shooter's, 1233 Tin House, Hillsboro, will sponsor a Spring Shoot-Out on April 9-11. Action will start with a handicap draw partner on Friday at 8 p.m., \$20 per player entry. At noon on Saturday, the handicap bring partner event will start, \$40 per team entry. The handicap singles will start on Saturday at 8 p.m., \$20 entry. A one-time \$10 registration fee will be charged.

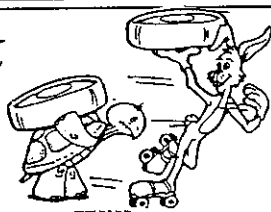
All events are 15 points, single game, double elimination, played on three boards, with sponsor sales prior to each event. The Bowers Rating System will be used for all events.

Pre-registration is required and will be limited to 24 teams. Call Jerry Sabourin, 314-797-3577; Frank Edelen, 314-644-5373; Dan Kelly, 314-647-1544; or Robert Kaza, 314-351-1358. Lodging information is included on the enclosed flyer.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about some "good ole Missouri hospitality."

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## As The Puck Turns.....



By George & Donna Wilber

The organizers of the Houston Holiday Open fulfilled their priority of staging yet another successful tournament, so successful, in fact, that they were at capacity. They had a secondary goal and that was to overcome the top subscriber state lead that California has held for many, many years. AND -- THEY DID THAT, TOO! California and Texas have been No. 1 and 2 respectively for a long time (see back panel) and the Houston Holiday Open crew was determined that, this year, they would be No. 1. That determination not only gave them the lead, but by a comfortable margin.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the members of that crew. We know that the pressures of sponsoring a big tournament leaves little time for promoting The Board Talk (been there, done that) and we admire their tenacity. We hope the new Texas subscribers will be glad they helped their state become No. 1.

It hasn't been just the Houston Holiday Open crew who have been promoting The Board Talk in Texas. We've been getting some action from the subscription form put on the web by Eugene Peach and Ron and Debbie Bowers. We thank them for sharing the "good word" and hope you Texans will thank them for making your state No. 1!

The main reason California stayed in the No. 1 spot for so many years is that subscribers there are so faithful. Once they subscribe, they don't want to miss a single issue, so they respond to their first red check. We're talking about individual shufflers; the shuffleboard establishments are not as committed, and that's one reason why Texas zoomed ahead in the standings.

Michigan retains a comfortable third, with Washington in fourth, and Indiana and Oklahoma tied for fifth and sixth. Missouri is working to gain a spot in the Top Six, but they've got a way to go.

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We're asked occasionally if we still offer free gift subscriptions for tournaments listed on our Calendar of Events. While we don't promote that offer any more, we are more than happy to fill requests. The reason why we don't promote that offer is that a very small percentage of the "winners" renew after their free year's subscription has expired. They either think it's not worth the \$20 renewal or they simply don't

care. We'll continue to fill requests for free gift subscriptions, but we do ask that they be awarded to those who at least have the potential of becoming renewals.

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Please note that we have a change in The Shuffleboard Directory. Elk's Lodge #1984 has been changed to One Nostalgia Place, 6521 Abrams, Dallas, Texas. And please welcome a new Directory advertiser: Cootey's Tavern & Kitchen, San Antonio, Texas. The Lone Star State just keeps going and growing! Bless them all!

As always, we urge you to support our advertisers. Without them, we wouldn't be able to publish this newsletter every month. Join us in a salute to The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., Sun-Glo Corporation, Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, and Champion Shuffleboard, Ltd., for their month-after-month, year-after-year advertising support, as well as all of our Shuffleboard Directory listings.

While your subscription support is vital, it is these advertisers who pay for our printing bill! Don't just turn the page when you come to their ads. Review them and see just what you can do to support those who support your communications vehicle.

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We received a welcome call from Al Stewart, former owner of A & M Amusement Service in El Monte, California. He was awestruck by the response to The Dixie Belle's Von Stewart Memorial Benefit and thanks all who played a part in that effort.

He also told us that he and his son Carl of Oregon, who also lost his wife to cancer, are making plans to take a motor trip across the U.S.A. sometime this summer. If they happen to stop your way, be sure to welcome them with open arms and hearts. We certainly are looking forward to a visit with them.

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While taking a break from getting this issue to press, we watched a TV show on the history of underwear (we lead an exciting life!). An interesting fact we learned was that the Victoria's Secret catalog is so popular in some households that two of the publications are requested at the same address so occupants don't fight over it. Said D to G: "Wonder if people fight over The Board Talk." Said G to D: "Let's find out. Offer a second copy to the same address at half-price." Great idea! Just don't all move in together!

As we go to press with this issue, we are just 10 days away from our 50th Wedding Anniversary (if all goes well, we'll make it!). The last 15 years and 3 months of that 50 years have been enhanced with our combined efforts to serve you. The relationships we have built with you are interwoven into the fabric that makes up our lives together. Thank you for your friendships!

**Upcoming Events** (cont. from Page 5)**New York****SPRING TOURNEY AT DEW DROP INN, WATERLOO, APRIL 22-25**

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, will host its Spring 1999 National Tournament on April 22 through April 25.

Action will start on Thursday night, April 22, with the weekly round robins at 7 p.m. On Friday at 6 p.m. will be the mixed doubles. Saturday morning at 9 a.m. is the open singles tournament. On the agenda for Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. is the open draw partners event. The grand finale will be the open doubles tournament on Sunday, starting at noon.

All events are single game, double elimination, with a sale before each event. For further information and/or to save your spot, contact Tracie Fridley at 315-539-5729, or write to Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, NY 13165.

These events have sold out in past tournaments, so please call ahead! Players from seven different states participate in this major event. The Dew Drop Inn has four in-house boards.

**MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENT AT HONKY TONK, SHERBURNE, MAY 27--30**

The Honky Tonk, 20 Classic Street in Sherburne, New York, will host its annual Memorial weekend tournament on May 27-30. Four events will be played on five boards.

Action will start on Thursday, May 27, 6 p.m. with round robins. On Friday, May 28, will be the draw partner event starting at 6 p.m. On Saturday, May 29, the mixed doubles will start at 8 a.m., with the open singles following. The bring partner tournament will start at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 30.

For lodging and/or tournament information, contact: Bill Jones, 607-674-5178 or 607-674-4810; Dick Losee, 315-691-2708, or Brenda at the Honky Tonk, 607-674-9717.

**No tournament too BIG or too small to be listed on the Calendar of Events or promoted in the Upcoming Events columns -- BUT we appreciate your ads!**

**Washington****DRAW PARTNER AT SHAMROCK TAVERN, LONGVIEW, MAY 1-2**

The 8th Annual Draw Partner Tournament will be held at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview on May 1-2. Entry fee is \$20 per player, with \$10 per player added. Round robins start at 7:30 Friday night. Food by Bernice featured on Saturday and Sunday.

For further information, call 360-577-7444.

The next tournament at the Shamrock will be a mixed doubles on June 19-20. More details later.

**Spring 1999 National Tournament APRIL 22-25**

- **Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.:**  
Round Robins
- **Friday, April 23, 6 p.m.:**  
Mixed Doubles
- **Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m.:**  
Open Singles
- **Saturday, April 24, 4 p.m.:**  
Draw Partners
- **Sunday, April 25, 12 Noon:**  
Open Doubles

***All events single game, double elimination, with sale before each event. Four boards!***

**For Information: Call Tracie Fridley at 315-539-5729; send entries to:**

**DEW DROP INN**

**37 Virginia Street  
Waterloo, New York 13165  
Phone: 315-539-5729**



# Frankie's Pub Hosts ESA Annual, ABC Draw

**By Cheri Schnarrs**

Frankie's Sports Pub in Olympia, Washington, hosted an ABC Draw tournament and the annual meeting of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association on Jan. 9-10. The ABC Draw attracted 17 teams, an excellent turnout.



*The first place team was Larry Pearson (right), Sharon McDonnell and Bill Walker.*

This team was great from the start. Larry and Bill, I am sure, have their hats off to Sharon, who opened one of the matches with a 10-point end!



*Second place went to the "want some of this" team of Rick Gindt (left), Norm McVeigh and Larry Hudson. Great shooting, guys!*



*Third place (second time in a row) went to Jim Foran and his "girls," Cheri Schnarrs and Judy George.*



*In fourth place were Carl Roush, Michelle Foran and Georganna Brand. Way to hang in there!*

Other highlights of the tournament: Our friend, Darrol Nelson, aka Evil Knivel, played the tournament with one hand. Al DiBella joined us from Philadelphia. Sharon's 10-point end -- one 4 just hanging there, two 1's in the back and lags another four!

In the election of the ESA officers, Jim Manders is the president, vice president Mike Waters, secretary Georganna Brand, and treasurer Cheri Schnarrs.

Thanks to everyone who played, or just came to watch. I hope a good time was had by all.

*Frankie's Sports Pub is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.*

## Honky Tonk Hosts November Tourney

The Honky Tonk in Sherburne, New York, hosted a 4-event tournament over the Nov. 6-8 weekend. In the mixed doubles, the winners were Dick Losee and Pat Chase. Taking second place honors were John Arndt and Linda Meyer. Kenny VanZile and Helen Fuller finished third, with Bob and Ellie Brooks in fourth place.

In the singles, Bobby White was the top finisher, with Chuckie King in second place. Rounding out the winner's circle was Rob Hummer in third.

Russ Reynolds and Dick Losee were winners of the bring partner event, followed by Rob Hummer and John Arndt. Dale Law and Chuckie King finished third, with Dave Trid and Kenny VanZile Jr. in fourth place.

The final event was a draw partner with Danny Miner and Dick Losee finishing first. Sharon Canino and Fred Traux took second place honors. Dennis Brown and Jeff Davis were third and Milt Benedict and Dave Patrid were fourth.

*The Honky Tonk is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.*



## Johnson/Walker Winners of Fir Cone's "Road to Reno" No. 1

*By Dwayne Dibley*

The Northwest is looking for the 1999 Amateur Shuffleboard Champions. Qualified individuals will compete for this title at the Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington on July 24-25. The new champions will represent the Northwest in the Div. III doubles at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada.

Action at the "Road to Reno" No. 1 on Jan. 23-24 started on Friday night with an A-B draw. We are always impressed with the number of "A" players who show up to support these amateur events. I hope these players understand the impact this support has on the game. Tournament director Mel Hohn said: "Without continued support from the top players, all the amateur events would suffer. Thanks to the tremendous support of the top players, this is the best amateur event in the world." Of course, Mel could be a little biased.

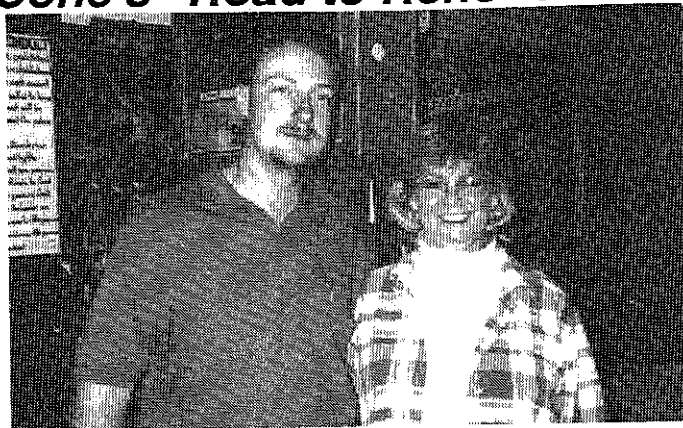


Winners of Friday night's A/B draw were (left) Mel Hohn and Chuck Anthony, with Mike Waters and Jeff Kersting (right) in second. Al Pease and Judy George finished third.



Winners of the first 1999 Amateur Championship Qualifier were Bill Walker and Bill Walker.

Five other teams qualified for the July 24-25 finals by placing in the top six.



Second place honors went to Judy George and Randy Ausbun.



Leroy Austin and Jeanette Hohn, owner of the Fir Cone, finished third.



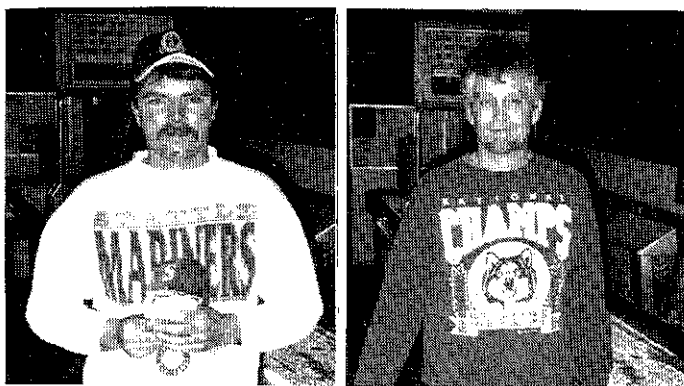
In fourth place was the team of Terry Woodward and Jeff Kersting.

Bob Hurst and Dave Ausbun tied for fifth with Mike Keevil and Wanda Huffman.

Seeing that the Fir Cone has three boards, this event was finished in one day. Therefore, an amateur singles was held on Sunday.

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## **Fir Cone** (continued from Page 10)



*Bob Hurst (left) fought his way through the winner's bracket to win the first amateur singles. Taking second was Dean Johnson.*



*Bill Walker (left) finished third with Terry Woodward in fourth place.*

Fifth ended in a tie between Mike Keevil and Jeanette Hohn.

The singles event ran a lot smoother and was more popular than expected. Therefore, the Fir Cone will be including a Northwest Amateur Singles along with the doubles with the same qualifications and the same prize.

The Fir Cone would like to send a special thank you to Vern Gonzales, amateur bartender. Vern makes more money in tips than any bartender in the Fir Cone's history. Of course, Vern has the "hooch baby" and doesn't mind flaunting it. Once again, Jeanette provided an excellent feast which probably brings in as many players as the stiff competition at the Fir Cone.

The Northwest Amateur Championship #2 is scheduled for March 13-14, with #3 on May 29-30.

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

**Spread the Good Word  
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THE BOARD TALK**

## **Old Man Winter Challenges Harvey's East Coast Winter Tournament** *By Dick Gorman*

January 15-16 was set for East Coast Winter Tournament on the four in-house boards at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland. Little did we realize that the great weatherman would intervene. The day started out overcast, but about 5:30, the phone calls started coming -- bad roads in New York and Pennsylvania. Then came the local calls from Maryland. About what would normally be about 10 to 15 minutes away turned into a half-hour. The weather man usually blesses us here on the western shore of Maryland, but this was paybacks. We delayed the start and a few more made it; many didn't.

Thanks to the new use and popularity of the Bowers Rating System, we still had 13 teams go into action for the Friday night draw. Taking first place were Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pennsylvania, and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Maryland. Second place went to Wayne Todd, Newark, Delaware, and Jim Wallace from nearby Port Deposit, Maryland. Third went to host Harvey Comer and Lindsay Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Saturday's event was also dampened by the weather -- still icy roads, but some persevered anyway. Taking first place were Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., and Dick Smedberg, Long Island, N.Y. (both of them also beating the weather and road conditions). Second place went to Dave Shewbridge and Herb Forester, Ridley Park, Pa., with third place going to Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman, both from Wilmington, Del. It was a limited, but fun, tournament.

Consult your flyer in the September 1998 Board Talk for events scheduled in March and April, or call Harvey at 410-836-8881.

## **Len Dell Wins Harvey's Singles**

Feb. 6 marked the return of singles events at Harvey's Place after a long absence. At Harvey's, host Harvey Comer listens to the players' requests. A compromise was reached using the Bowers Rating System. Due to popular request, an unannounced draw partner event was held on Friday night with strong support. It was won by Len Dell, Baltimore, Maryland, and Jim McDaniels from nearby Darlington. Second place money went to Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pa., and host Harvey Comer, who also acted as tournament director.

The singles started at 11 a.m. Saturday for the 2's and above. After a lot of walking and a few tired feet,  
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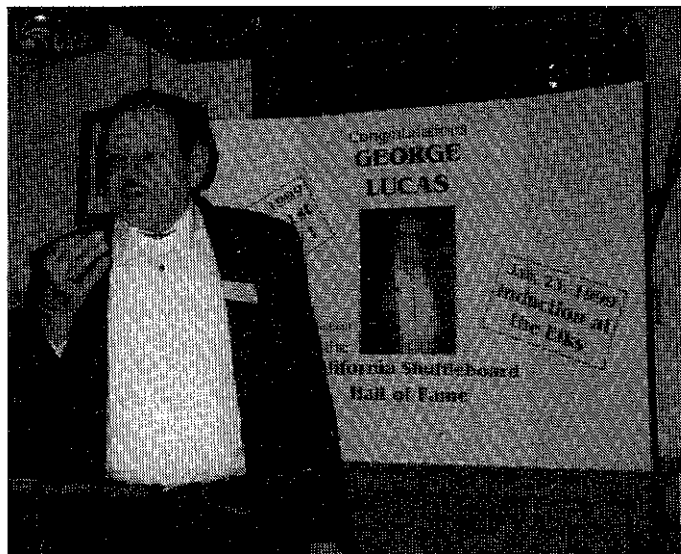
# California Hall of Fame Inducts George Lucas

*By Chris Brown*

The Elks Lodge in Downey hosted an ABC Draw Tournament and the induction of George Lucas into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on Jan. 23. The Elks had never held a tournament before, but wanted to honor one of their own.

Joan Swenson and Paul Weber were the tournament directors and the Elks went out of their way to make the players and supporters feel welcome. Everyone had a great time, and the Elks invited the shuffleboard players to come back and hold a tournament any time.

Wes Eades told of how shuffleboard got started at The Dixie Belle, with George Lucas putting in the first board. Then, Tim O'Brien got the crowd going, talking about George: "From the way he dresses to the way he shoots, the man has style." Linda Wright was the final speaker, telling of a long ago rainy day at the Littlest Warehouse in Temecula. After George was presented with his plaque by California Hall of Fame President Jolene Lembke, he spoke of the importance of bringing new players into the sport, and that it was obligatory for the older players to work with and teach beginning players.



*George Lucas graciously accepts his induction into the California Hall of Fame and shares his thoughts about the importance of nurturing young players.*



*Mary Lou Deering, Joan Swenson and Les Burdette were winners of the ABC Draw.*

I regret that I left early to stand in for Joan (running the meat shoot at Oskar's) and didn't hear who won second and third places.

The season for local players to hit the roads again is on us, some of whom are headed up for Blinky's for the President's Day Tournament as I write this.

*(Editor's Note: We received a call from Hal Perry as we were setting this copy and he described his induction into the California Hall of Fame as one of the highlights of his life. Watch next month for coverage of this event.)* At the end of this month, we'll all be heading out to San Bernardino for the Silver Spur's Mixed Doubles Sweethearts Tournament. The Edgewood will be having their annual St. Patrick's Day tournament; then, in April, we'll be off to Phoenix, Arizona, for their annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament and their first Hall of Fame induction *(Check enclosed flyer)*. All of us at the Belle are looking forward to seeing our old (and new) friends again!

The Dixie Belle's 7th Annual 4th of July Tournament has been expanded this year to six events on nine boards in three locations, all within a half-mile of each other. Porter White will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during this event. Check the enclosed preview flyer and watch for more details next month.

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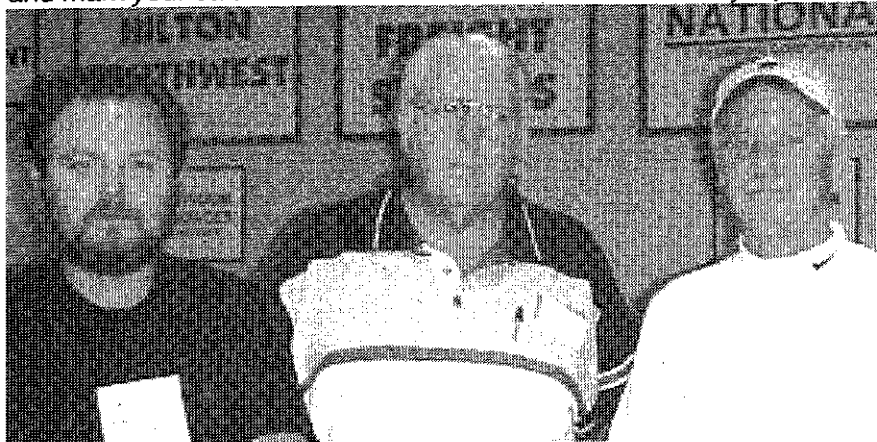
**Watch future issues of  
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# A Photo Review of the Houston Holiday Open

Photos by Eugene Peach

(Editor's Note: In last month's issue, there was a full report of the Houston Holiday Open, held at the Hilton Southwest between Christmas and New Year's 1998. These are the photos of the top two finishers in each of the 10 events. See the Calendar of Events page for a message from tournament directors Jack Scott and Johnny Ballard and mark your calendars now for the 1999 Houston Holiday Open, scheduled for the Houston Marriott North.)



Winners of the **Pro-Am** event were Lee Duncan (left) and David Williams (right). Their sponsor was Bill Melton (center).



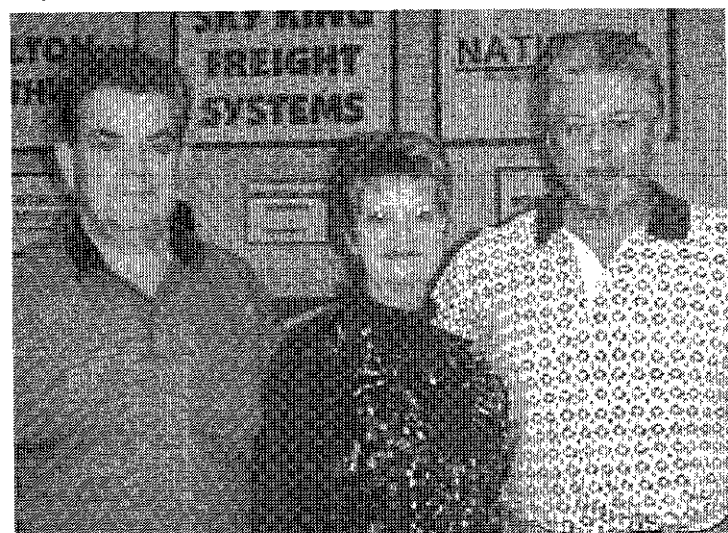
Bobby Williams (left) and Mahlon Nobles finished second.



In the **Amateur Division**, Pete Worsnop (left) and Dave Ramold (right) took top honors. Their sponsor was Jimmy Britt (center).



Jeff Womble (left) and John Little took second place.



Three states were represented in the winner's circle of the **ABC Draw**: Bob Lewis (left) of Arizona, Perla Scott of Texas, and Tony Pelton of Arkansas.



Taking second place honors were Johnny Ballard (left), Terry Roberts of Nebraska (center) and Morris Moss.



In the **4-Person Bring Team Pro Div.**, (from left) Gary and Kay Nelson, David Williams and Eddie Woods finished first.



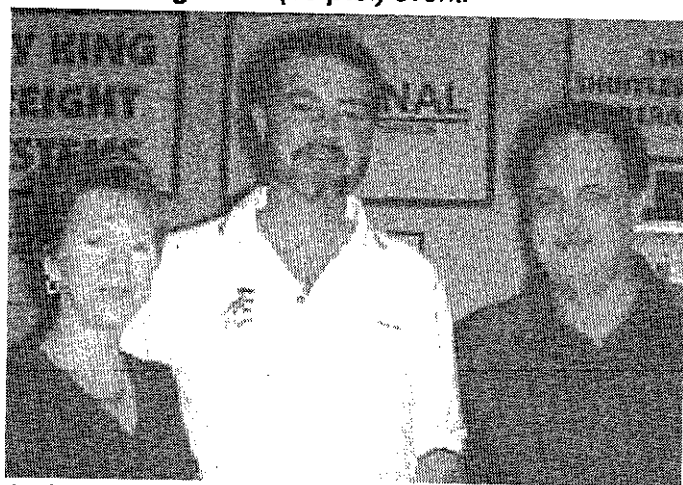
Taking second place honors (from left) were: Johnny Ballard, Diana Hagen, Kim Andrews, and Tom Milan.



The team of (from left) Dave Ramold, Ann Walker, Silvia Martinez and Danny Norris took first place in the **4-Person Bring Team (10 pts.)** event.



Second place went to: (from left) Terry Roberts, Frank Mako (Washington), Clay Moore and Morris Moss.



In the **Pro Bring Partner**, it was Diana Hagen and Flynt Preston in first place. Marshall Partlow (right) was their sponsor.



Johnny Ballard and Bob Lewis teamed up to take second on the Pro Bring Partner event.

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### Editor's Note

If you are a new subscriber and did not receive the February issue that contained the report of the Houston Holiday Open, please call The Board Talk, 517-484-4976 or 517-371-2538 and we will send you a copy.



# Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

*(In last month's episode, Eddie and Shelli decided to do a bit of gambling before the Pro-Am sale started. At a blackjack table at the Silver Legacy, Eddie had four 18 count pat hands against a 6 showing. He surprised the dealer and the crowd that had gathered to watch by asking for a hit on his last 18.)*

Everyone was rather puzzled and amazed when Eddie announced: "Hold it -- I want a card...hit the eighteen." The dealer remarked: "You sure?" He said: "Yup, I'm sure alright." She peeled the next card off the top of the deck, then took a look at it for herself first. She was shaking her head, and had an unbelieving smile on her face as she laid the card down next to Eddie's last hand. It was a three!

There were some "ooh's" and "aah's" from the onlookers when they saw Eddie's "pat" 21-hand. Shelli released her grip on his leg then and with a "Whew!" put her arm around his shoulder and gave him a hug. The dealer reached down with her free hand then, picked up her 6 up-card and flipped over her hole card. It was a Queen!

Everyone was focused on the dealer's "make-or-break" card now. She hesitated for a moment, then dealt the card, gently laying it next to her six and queen. A cheer went up when she said: "The dealer shows 17 -- pays 18 and above." It was an ace! Eddie had a smile of both relief and joy on his face, but Shelli jumped out of her seat and hollered: "Four Thousand Dollars! That was a \$4,000 hand, Eddie!" as she gave him a big hug and a kiss.

After he got paid, he pushed forward his green chips in exchange for \$100 blacks. He "toked" (or tipped) the dealer one black chip and two left-over green chips as Shelli was hurriedly stashing all their black ones in her purse and pockets. The dealer gave him a big smile and said: "Thank you, sir!" Eddie replied: "It's been a pleasure." He looked over to the pretty Oriental lady on the other side of the table and said: "Good luck, O.K.?" She gave him a knowing smile and a little wink as she replied: "You too, Eddie."

Shelli had her arm around him as they left the table and made their way toward the cashier's cage. She said: "O.K. now Champ, I'm in the dark. Would you please give me the benefit of explaining exactly what happened back there?" Eddie replied: "It's a little involved. Can we discuss it later on?" She stopped them then and said: "Hey, I want to know. Can't you just give me the short version now?" Eddie smiled and said: "O.K., honey, but let's cash in first, then we can take a table at that lounge over there and talk." They had started with \$1,000. The cashier checked the chips very carefully, then counted out four stacks, each of ten \$100 bills and an additional \$300. They

were ahead \$3,300, not counting the \$150 Eddie had toked the dealer!

After putting the money up, they found a good table at the elegant little lounge they had spotted. After ordering drinks, Eddie began to explain some of the more intricate details about how the game of blackjack is played: "Now, you remember, honey, that I told you before we started that I would just kind of 'play around' until I thought the time was right to lay down the big bet. When I put the \$500 up, I thought it was that time. I have to add that I definitely hadn't counted on the pair of 8's showing up, especially FOUR of them! But you see, you don't count the eights because they're neutral cards and aren't factored in, so I had no clue.

"The deck was pretty 'rich' -- meaning there were a lot of aces and 10-count cards left to be dealt. Also, the deck was over halfway dealt out and I knew we wouldn't see another hand out of that shuffle. Now, there's no way we have the time for me to explain the whole 'counting' system to you, so I'll just hit the highlights. The 5's were all out but one. Now that's probably the most important card to keep track of. You know, she would have made a 21 with her 16 had she drawn a five. Anyway, the 'flavor' of the deck started to change when I made my first 18 hand." The drinks had arrived now and after taking a sip, Shelli inquired: "How's that, Eddie?"

He took a long draw on his, then explained: "Well, we have to assume the dealer has a 10-count card in the hole. Then the Oriental lady gave me the courtesy of making sure I saw her two 10's. But the count really changed when I drew the two kings, and definitely the last 10, to make up my four 18-count hands! In simple language, I was convinced that the next card out would be a low one. I was willing to take a chance and even 'sell-out' on my last 18 (if it were to turn out that way), take a 'quid pro quo' on my last two hands and still come out \$1,000 ahead on my first two 18-hands. The only two cards that could break me (if the dealer drew one) were a 3 or a 4, and as 'poor' as the deck had now become, I calculated it was time for one of them to show up."

He concluded with: "I'm not going any further for now, sweetheart, except to say I took a big gamble and it paid off. If she would have drawn that 3 (or a 4), she would have sat with 19 or 20, and 'busted-out' every one of my hands. There was a whole lot more going on with the decision I made, lover. Needless to say, we got lucky, honey -- real lucky!"

In addition to the obvious good fortune the extra money brought, it also provided them with more flexibility as far as the calcuttas were concerned, and



any "side action" they might get involved in during the tournament. They had budgeted a certain amount for the trip (and their honeymoon) and Eddie's good luck would make things that much nicer all the way around.

A cab was waiting for them and on the ride back to the Sands, Eddie said: "We're going to do just one more bit of casino gambling before the tournament is over, honey." Shelli responded: "Hey, aren't you going to quit winners at the blackjack?" He replied: "Sure, I am -- but there's a man I know that will be shooting some craps one night during the tournament and he really knows what he's doing with the dice. We're going to get in on some of the action when it goes down, 'Shelli Belly.'"

The flag went up when she heard that and she responded: "Hey, what's with the 'Shelli Belly' remark?" Eddie jokingly replied: "Don't get offended, now. It's just that it seems like you've put on a pound or two...mainly around your 'girth.' Ha! I know I've gained some, too. Maybe we should both cut down on the sweets or something, like all the cookies and milk and the ice cream before we go to bed!"

They were pulling into the entrance of the Sands now and Shelli lowered her head slightly and said: "It's not the sweets, Eddie. No, not for me anyway." He was getting excited and wanted to get out of the cab and get upstairs at that point -- so Shelli's last statement went right over his head. She didn't pursue the subject any further, as he helped her out of the back seat. She wanted to -- but she wasn't ready yet.

They made it just in time for the calcutta for the Pro-Am event. Ironically, Shelli was selected for Eddie's team and, further, was rated as third best player. They were auctioned off first and drew a really high price, mainly because of Eddie's notoriety. He left Shelli then with some players that they knew, so he could take care of business. After he collected all the team money, he went forward to the front tables to meet the guy who had bought them and turn in the team's share. He didn't know this man, but he introduced himself as Angelo. They only had time to exchange a few words, and he seemed friendly enough. When Eddie casually inquired, he said he was from Texas.

As he watched the guy walk off, he heard a soft voice from next to him say: "Keep an eye on where your man is going, Eddie. I'm sure you'll be surprised." It was Lil's voice, and she was standing very close to him now. He followed her lead, and watched as the man turned right at the bar, and then went all the way to the far corner.

Indeed, he got his surprise. The Angelo fellow joined two other men. These were men that both Eddie and Lil knew. The one was huge, and looked almost like an ape. The other one was sharply dressed, had a big cigar in his mouth, and was

wearing some very expensive men's jewelry. His real name was Daniel Goldman -- but he was better known as.... "Dollar Dan -- the Money Man!"

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*Oh! Oh! Remember Dollar Dan -- the Money Man -- and his confrontation with Eddie and Lil in Texas? Surely, he will not forget the \$10,000 they won from him and perhaps he's back on the scene for his revenge..... And -- is Shelli's weight gain actually the result of too many cookies? Don't miss the next exciting episode. If you're enjoying Balboa Ron's series and like to tell him so, please write him at: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123. Your feedback is the only "salary" he receives for his monthly contributions.*

## Missouri Tourney Photos

*Photos for the Eagles Lodge 3911, Houston, Missouri, over the Thanksgiving weekend arrived after the report was published in the February issue.*



*Glen Davidson and Madge Goff (front and center) were winners of the bring partner event. Pat Gainey and Chuck Muehlhauser (left) took second, with Steve Kane and Mike Sampson (right) in third.*



*In the A-B Draw, Carolyn Johnston and Dean Pinkston (right) were the winners. John Stenger and Gary Sowell (center) took second, with Mick Moran and Lois Waters (left) in third.*

## Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

Are you totally confused? I am!!

Alan Cobb, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*Well, we didn't think we were confused until we received your inquiry! We assumed that when the winner of the winner's bracket wins the first game, it's over. Of course, neither of us has much experience being in the winner's bracket in a 2 out of 3 situation, so we haven't paid that much attention. Our thought is that the rules may vary according to the tournament directors. PLEASE, let's have some feedback from them on Alan's inquiry!*

## Rene Loses Grandmother

Rene Robert's paternal grandmother, Laverne Roberts, passed away on Jan. 29 after a battle with cancer. Cards and letters may be sent to Rene's family: Jerry, Margaret, Jean and Rene Roberts, 9245 South Vignes Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817. The last few weeks of her grandmother's illness have been really tough for Rene.

Rene is relatively new to the world of shuffleboard. She is a popular player here in Houston and because of her enthusiasm for the game has made many friends throughout the country. Although not shuffleboard players, Rene's family has fully supported her interest in the game and would welcome hearing from her many friends.

Ken Strong, Houston, Texas

*We had the pleasure of getting to know Rene at the Texas Open last year and were impressed with her as a person and as a player. We hope many readers will take a moment to drop her and her family a note or card. Those who have experienced the response of the shuffleboard family know that it does help ease the pain.*

## From Travelling Glen....

We were in Little Rock, Arkansas, for a few days in January. The VFW on Gamble Road now has two boards and they are planning a tourney real soon. Tony and Joyce Pelton are two of the players who are pushing for a state and/or national tournament. A sweetheart draw is in the making now. We stayed a few days with them in Benton, Arkansas, and believe me, Tony is really hooked and Joyce is learning fast.

I say thanks to all the VFW members for their hospitality and good food. It was good to see C.B. Faulkner. He has been sick and had a lung operation, but is up and around and beating people again. C.B. was the person to play when you went to Little Rock in

the '60s and '70s. Bill Lonier was another one and he's still around and playing good. Gene (Snuffy) is another one from yester year who went to Oklahoma and beat them all in the Div. II event. So everyone is about ready to get back on the shuffleboard map and invites you down for some action.

Thank you for your input on the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (February issue). We have been trying to get other people in as directors for two years or more. I have asked people from Indiana, Michigan, Texas, Oregon, Washington, California, and Arizona, but they just don't seem interested. We'll keep you posted about our next meeting.

Danny Hersom underwent a triple by-pass recently. I'm sure he and Becky could use anything you can afford to send. Danny has supported this game as long as I have known him. Anytime a collection plate was passed for anyone, Danny was the first to donate. Now is the time to give to him. We will get a tourney here in Houston and raise some funds for them and I'm sure Ron Huddleston will get something going in Oklahoma City, and others in Tulsa, Amarillo and Denver. Send your cards/donations/messages to Danny Hersom, 7219 Moser Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110.

I was sorry to hear about Bill English and was real happy that the gang up there got him into the Hall of Fame. Bill was a long-time supporter and player of the game. Congratulations to Hal Perry on his induction into the California Hall of Fame and to that committee for their push to get all deserving people into their Hall.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## Upcoming Events

**On the horizon: Southwest Open, American Legion 73, Del City, Oklahoma, July 4-7** -- "It's almost shuffleboard vacation time again. We don't know if it will get any bigger or better, but we do know you will get to play a lot of shuffleboard during the week. Ten events and round robins on 24 boards will take care of that. Look for flyer in the April issue." -- Ron and Sharon Huddleston, 1-800-583-3866.

**Dixie Belle 4th of July Tourney, Downey, California: June 30-July 5** -- This annual event will be expanded to six events on nine boards in three different locations (all within a half-mile of each other). See the preview flyer in this issue and watch for details in the April issue. Call the Dixie Belle, 562-803-4943.

**15th Annual Board Talk Shufflers Reunion: July 27-Aug. 1** -- Will be held at Avon's Local 14 in Toledo, Ohio. The nation's top bracketeer, Rob Kern, will be the tournament director. Watch the next several issues for details and reservation forms.

## **Harvey's Place** *(continued from Page 12)*

Dick Gorman walked to the payoff table for first place money. Second place went to host Harvey Comer, with Wendy Davis of Wilmington in third.

The second singles event was open to any and all shooters. Players with ratings of 2 or more were allowed to enter at half-price. The event was finally won by Len Dell, with Jim Wallace in second and Louise Freer in third place.

On Saturday night (some people never quit), most players stayed for the normal draw. It was won by Lindsay Hall and Harvey Comer, with second going to Dewey Shortridge and Bob Overbay, both of Darlington.

As usual, hostess Darlyne Belcher and host Harvey Comer provided a couple days of good hospitality, fun and an excellent buffet of ham, potatoes, green beans, rolls, etc. (worth the price of the entry fee). Look forward to many more events using the Bowers Rating System -- it is here to stay, say Harvey and Darlyne.

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

## **Brown/Johnson Win Mixed Doubles at Bourbon**

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, recently hosted a mixed doubles tournament with a large turnout and sponsor sale. In the end, it was a last-minute put-together team that took top honors.



*Mary Brown and Mikel Johnson went all the way without a loss to take first place.*

Second place went to Joyce Roberts and Gary Neff, third to Terry Dowell and Pam Worsham, and fourth to Bobby and Debbie Voorhis.

"Thanks to auctioneer Mikel Johnson, Terry Dowell and Pam Worsham for making this tournament run

smoothly," said host Bill Niswonger.

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## **Massie Brothers Tops at Locker Bar Doubles**

The doubles tournament held at the Locker Bar in Marion, Indiana, on Jan. 30 attracted a small field of 11 teams, but the pot was a healthy \$2200.

Coming through the losers' bracket to double-dip the legendary team of Larry Creakbaum and Jim Long was the young, but fire-hardened Massie Brothers, Greg and Tom. Taking the last money spot were Buddy Broka and Mikel Johnson.

"Many thanks to Mikel Johnson for auctioneering and Creaky for his bracket board job," said host Bobby Voorhis. "Of course, we can't forget the superlative job of our bartenders -- Ginger, Sissy, Christy, and Barb, and our head cashier, Deb Voorhis."

*The Locker Bar is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.*

## **Broka/Johnson Take Lucky's Doubles Title**

Lucky's, located in North Webster, Indiana, held a doubles event on Jan. 23 with a packed house, a new board, plenty of Carol's finger-licking good food, the best hostess this side of the Mason Dixon line, and the top auctioneer around. With that scenario, players and spectators settled in for a fun-filled action event that lasted most of the day and night and into the wee hours of Sunday morning.



*Topping the tough field, after losing their first game, was the team of Buddy Broka and Mikel Johnson.*

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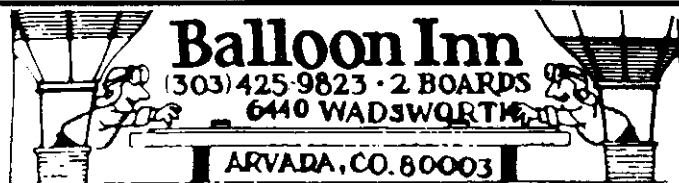
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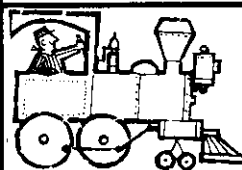
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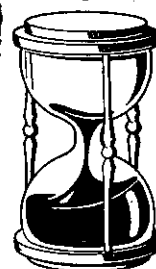
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# ***1999 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS***

## **MARCH 1999**

### **March 5-6**

True Round Robin Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **March 6-7**

14th Annual Mixed Doubles  
Old Edison Inn  
Edison, Washington

### **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 3**

Arnold Cross Memorial Doubles  
Mississinewa Tavern  
Eaton, Indiana

### **April 9-10**

Maryland State Championships  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **April 9-11**

3rd Annual Spring Fling  
Mother's Pizza  
Corpus Christi, Texas

### **April 9-11**

Toledo Open  
Avon's Local 14  
Toledo, Ohio

### **April 9-11**

Spring Shoot-Out  
Shooter's  
Hillsboro, Missouri

### **April 16-18**

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

### **April 17**

Open Doubles  
American Legion Post 330  
New Haven, Indiana

### **April 22-25**

Spring '99 National Tournament  
Dew Drop Inn  
Waterloo, New York

### **April 23-25**

4th Bill Gibbs Memorial Tourney  
Family Billiards (The Bar)  
Glendale, Arizona

### **April 24**

Rated/Open Singles  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

## **MAY 1999**

### **May 1**

Annual Spring Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **May 1-2**

Draw Partner Tournament  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

### **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

### **June 19-20**

Mixed Doubles Tournament  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

## **JULY 1999**

### **June 30-July 5**

7th July 4th Tournament  
Dixie Belle, Downey, California  
Oskar's Lounge, Bellflower, Cal.  
Edgewood, Bellflower, Cal.

### **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 27-Aug. 1**

Grand Masters Plus  
The Whistling Oyster  
Quilcene, Washington

### **July 27-Aug. 1**

15th Annual Board Talk  
Shufflers' Reunion Tournament  
Avon's Local 14  
Toledo, Ohio

## **AUGUST 1999**

### **Aug. 12-15**

Crazy Canucks Annual Tourney  
AN & AF  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

### **Aug. 20-22**

3-Event Tournament  
Shooter's  
Hillsboro, Missouri

## **OCTOBER 1999**

### **Oct. 8-10**

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma



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## Oct. 17-24

North American Championships  
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino  
Reno, Nevada

## Oct. 29-31

Halloween Tournament  
Shooter's  
Hillsboro, Missouri

## DECEMBER 1999

### Dec. 26-31

Houston Holiday Open  
Houston Marriott North  
Houston, Texas

## Thanks from the Houston Holiday Open

First, we want to thank the 146 registered players who helped make the Houston Holiday Open a great event. Our goal for the Houston Holiday Open is to have a comfortable tournament and a tournament which allows all levels of players to play each day with a competitive chance to win. We want to thank our volunteers and sponsors; without them, there would be no tournament.

The Hilton Southwest has plans for the millennium, therefore, the fourth annual Houston Holiday Open will be held at the Houston Marriott North. The ballroom at the Marriott is 30% larger than the Hilton, with room for more boards and seating. The Marriott has more amenities and offers free transportation to the Greens Point Mall. The Marriott is one block east of I-45 North and provides free shuttles to Bush Intercontinental Airport.

From experience and comments from players, we will change some of the events. We think these changes will make for a better tournament.

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*From: Johnny Ballard & Jack Scott, Houston, Texas*

**Lucky's** (continued from Page 21)

Second-place honors went to Mary and Larry Brown. Larry is manager of American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, Indiana, which will host an open doubles on April 17.



Pam Worsham teamed up with Bill Niswonger, host of the American Legion 424 in Bourbon, to take third place.

Fourth place went to Larry Summy and Beef Camp, owner of Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana.

"Thanks to hostess Carol Westerman, Larry Brown for taking care of the board, and Mikel Johnson for doing the auction," said host Tom Bickle.

*Lucky's is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.*

## **Collins/Ladd Winners at Warsaw Eagles**

The Warsaw Eagles 1339 in Warsaw, Indiana, hosted a doubles tournament on Feb. 6, attracting 15 teams vying for a share of the \$2,000 pot.

Taking first place was the team of Brian Collins and Phil Ladd with Bobby Voorhis and Terry Dowell in second. Mike Koontz and Dennis Kinsey finished third.

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**Von Memorial** (continued from Page 1)

Jolene Lembke (left), Allan Healy and Joan Swenson took second place honors.



Third place went to Chris Brown (left), Joe Muniz, and Mary Burdette.

This was Joe's first participation in an ABC draw -- but not his last, according to Chris. "He enjoyed it so much that he says he will definitely be playing this format again," she said.

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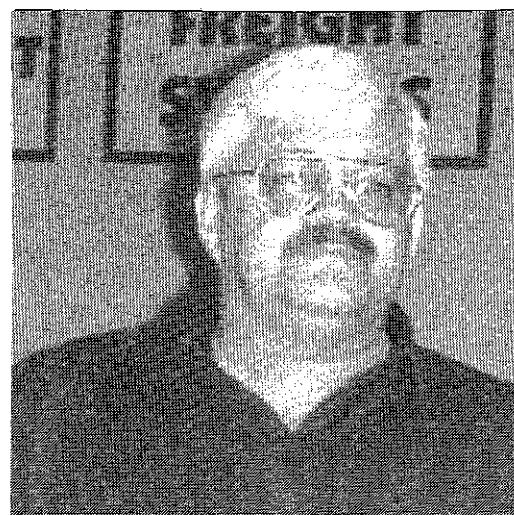
## Houston Holiday (cont. from Page 17)



Ann Walker and Dave Ramold were winners of the **Bring Partner (5 pts)** event.



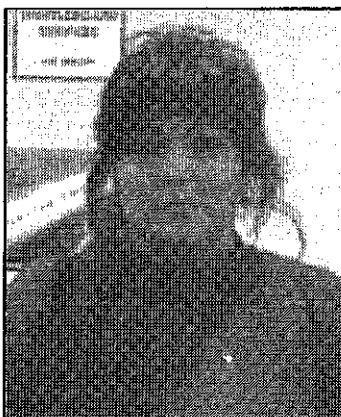
Tom Milan (left) and Doug Paben took second place.



Rick Niblett of Maryland took top honors in the **Pro Singles**.



Glen Davidson took second in the **Pro Singles**.



In the **2's Only Singles**, Silvia Martinez took first.



Eddie Guy took second place honors.



There were 40 entries in the **3-4-5 singles** and Jeff Womble (left) took first, with Bob Lee (right) in second.



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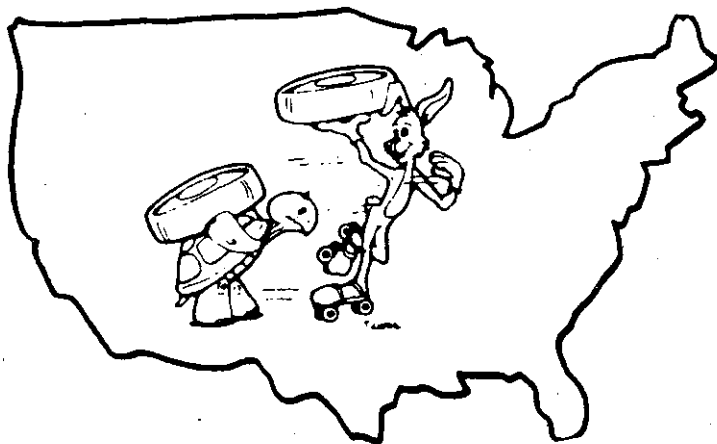
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