

# The Board Talk

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## Shuffleboard Activity Strong from Coast to Coast *Nugent/Thorpe Best the Rest at Old Edison Inn*

By Phil Depree

Eighteen teams contested in the 5th annual open doubles tourney at the Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, on Sept. 18-19. With an ample array of some of the Northwest's best players out in full force, Tim Nugent of Seattle and Mike Thorpe of Kent, Washington, had the "right stuff," outlasting Oregon's Darrol Nelson and his partner, Mike Keevil of Tacoma.

After Nelson and Keevil came out of the loser's bracket -- sent there in the "hot seat" round by Tim and Mike -- to win a 2-0 set on Board 1, Thorpe and Nugent took their measure in three games on Board 2 (known as Edison's "Equalizer"). It was a memorable tournament for at least two of the top four finishers.



(left to right) Darrol Nelson and Mike Keevil congratulate Tim Nugent and Mike Thorpe. The ESA-sanctioned event was Tim's first-ever open doubles victory. Mike Keevil, a relative newcomer with some recent amateur event success in the region, stepped up when Darrol's scheduled partner didn't show, and scored a big finish in his young tournament career.

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## *G.H. Richardson Takes Triple Crown at Harvey's Place*

By Dick Gorman

October 8 and 9 started the '99-2000 season at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. If this was an indication of the season to come, it will be a great one! Everyone attending said they had a great time and want more of the same. The Bowers Rating System has kicked in and it is really leveling out the playing field. Everybody who plays thinks it's great and they have a chance to win. Where else can you go and play on four in-house boards (no back-to-back games on the same board), play in three separate events in a 24-hour period and only have \$37.50 invested in entry fees -- and get a free, hot meal to boot? Wow!

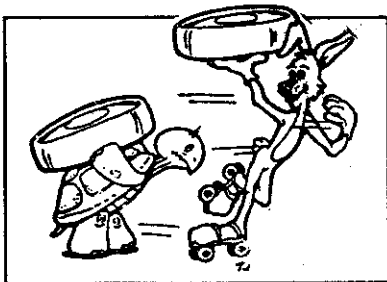
Host Harvey Comer said he thought we could create a friendly and competitive atmosphere here using the Bowers System and it is working. He didn't know we were going to be invaded by a player from Phoenix, Arizona; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and New Milford, Pennsylvania -- all the same person, G.H. Richardson, who pulled the hat-trick at 2.19 Bowers Rating. How is that for draw, (continued on Page 19)

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# Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

## **Cherished Words of Thanks From Dick Gorman...**

Let me try to express my sincere gratitude to both of you for your years of dedication. I truly believe that you two are the sole two people who have led the renaissance of shuffleboard. I know you had some supporters, but they were led (or dragged) by both of you. You two alone got it started and kept it moving back to a national basis and we love it. You two withstood a lot of back-biting, criticism and competition. You did it! There are only two words in the dictionary that I know of that mean what I want to say. They are overused, but these are in big capitals from my heart: THANK YOU!

While the thanks yous are being said -- thanks for all of the Board Talks. I appreciate every one of them -- and I still have every one -- I save them. Someday when George and Donna aren't mailing from Lansing, I'll sit in my rocking chair (I have three; I am getting ready) and look at them again, along with the pictures that I have of both of you (some with me in them).

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

*While you're sitting in your rocker reading old Board Talks, we'll be sitting in ours re-reading your beautiful letter. And while thank yous are being passed out, we thank you, Dick, for your years of support and encouragement (we never had to "drag" you!). It's going to be hard to let go after 16 years but, frankly, we're getting tired and feel we're*

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ready for retirement. Both of us started working when we were still kids and have worked ever since -- that's about 120 years total, so we're due! It will be nice to be able to attend some tournaments that we've been unable to attend in the past because of Board Talk deadlines. Besides all this -- shuffleboard has come of age and needs new blood and fresh ideas. While we appreciate the loyalty we've earned from subscribers and advertisers over these past 16 years, we beg The World of Shuffleboard to extend the same loyalty and support to whomever the new publishers may be.

## **Accolades for Riverside...**

A note of thanks to the "P's" at the Riverside Tavern, Keeseville, New York. We all had a great time at your Sept. 10-12 tournament with three events on two boards. Everything ran unbelievably smooth for your first tournament. The hospitality shown by players and spectators alike would be hard to match anywhere.

My only regret is for all the shufflers who said they wanted to come but couldn't make it. You missed a great weekend of shuffleboard. But, with a little luck, these folks will put on another one in the future. So, keep your eyes on The Board Talk and try to make the next one.

Dan Miner, S. Newberlin, New York

*We were pleased to see some new names and faces in the report published in the October issue. There's no more effective "advertising" than an endorsement like yours, Dan, so we look for more successful action at the Riverside in the future.*

## **Thanks from a Canuck Friend**

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and condolences sent to me and my sisters in the passing away of our mother on Aug. 9, 1999. She was an avid board player and played with us in the  
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### **Publication Content Information**

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## George/Hagmann, Kersting Pacific Northwest Amateur Champs

By Dwayne Dibley

The 1999 Pacific Northwest Amateur Championships were held at the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington, on Aug. 21-22. This was a strange year, at least as far as the amateur schedule was concerned. Eight people who had never thrown a weight became amateur players and eight amateurs moved up to Div. II. This is what it is all about. There is excitement in the air in Shelton about the future of shuffleboard!

It was a long, hard battle all the way from the first qualification tournament to the finals of the championships.



Judy George and Billy Hagmann came from the loser's bracket to win the championship.



Jeanette Hohn, owner of the Fir Cone, and Dave Curtis won the winner's bracket, but had to settle for second. Jeanette also took second in the singles.

Cheri Schrum and Frank Givens fought all the way to third place after losing their first match.

The singles championship was held on Sunday. Jeff ("Two Ton") Kersting came out on top of a tough field of players to prove that he is not only the best amateur, but ready to move up. Jeanette Hohn won the winner's bracket, but couldn't hold off the determined "Two Ton" and had to settle for second.

Mike Keevil finished a strong third. Are these three of the best amateurs in the world? You probably won't see them in the amateur events next year....or will you?

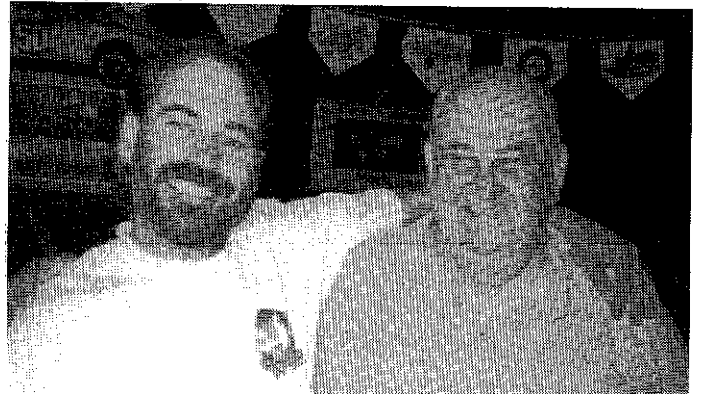


The 1999 amateur singles champion Jeff Kersting.

An A-B draw was held on Friday night prior to the championships.



Winners were Jim ("007") Thorton and Mike Keevil, who went on to take third in the singles championship.



Rick Gindt and Jerry Gibson took second.

The 2000 Pacific Northwest Amateur Championships will see some changes. Next year it will be bring your own team event with each team equaling 4 points (no decimals) by the Bowers Rating System. Of course, the trip to Reno Grand Prize will have to change. Perhaps the winners will appear on the cover of The Board Talk.

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## *Upcoming Events Across the Nation*

### Indiana

### **INDIANA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MORE**

The 11th Annual Indiana State Championships will be held Nov. 26-28 at Chances R, Muncie. An open singles is on Friday, open doubles on Saturday, women's singles and mixed doubles on Sunday. Your hostess is Karen Schounce, directors are Steve Hart and Bob Brown. For information, call 765-683-1031 or 765-284-0855. A highlight of this event will be the induction of Steve Hart into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

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

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

### **OTHER STATE TOURNAMENTS ON TAP....**

Washington, Nov. 6-7, Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton

Florida, Nov. 26-28, Snuggery Bar & Grill, Palm Beach Gardens

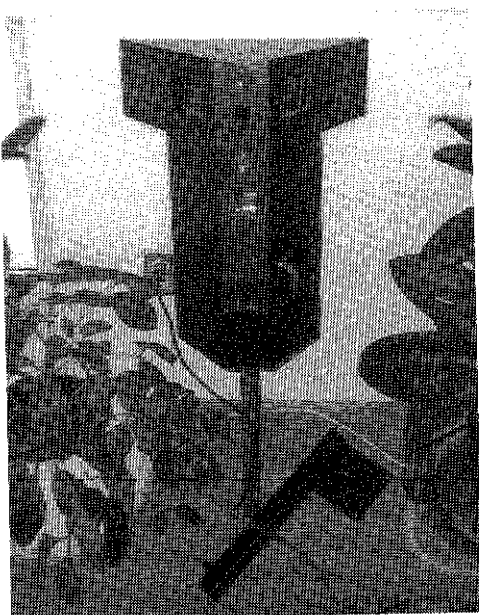
Michigan, Nov. 26-28, Club Car Lounge, Durand

Shufflers from these states should look for information from their local directors.

### Washington

### **THANKSGIVING A-B BRING PARTNER, BZ'S, BURIEN, NOV. 26-28**

BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Burien, will host their 6th Annual Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 26-28. It will be an A-B bring partner event. Players rated one or above must play with a player rated above one (players rated above one may partner if they wish).



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ESA ratings will apply; if not rated by ESA, the Bowers Rating System will be used. Entry fee is \$50 per team, with \$20 per team added by BZ's. Sponsor sale will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27. Come early for the \$20 A-B draw on Friday night, single elimination, 7 p.m.

For further information, call Craig at 206-243-6018. Also check the flyer that was in the October issue.

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

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

There will be a tournament buffet on Saturday afternoon.

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

### Texas

## WILLIAMS' THANKSGIVING CLASSIC, GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, NOV. 24-28

Back by popular demand is the Williams' Brothers Annual Thanksgiving Classic, scheduled for Nov. 24-28 at the Gold Nugget, 2602 W. Division, Arlington. Action will start with a draw partner on Wednesday, 7 p.m. for Div. I (-1, 0 and 1, \$50 entry; no pros may draw) and Div. II (2, 3 and 4, \$25 entry), single game, double elimination.

A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., the singles will start. Entry fees are \$100 for -1's, \$75 for 0's, and \$50 for 1's, two of three, double elimination; in Div. II, entry fees are \$50 for 2's, \$25 for 3's and 4's, single game, double elimination.

Bring partner events are on the agenda for Friday, 7 p.m. Div. I (add to 0), \$200 per team; Div. II (add to 5), \$100 per team, single game, double elimination.

Everyone will play in Saturday's draft 6-person team event, limited to the first 60 entries, \$50 entry,

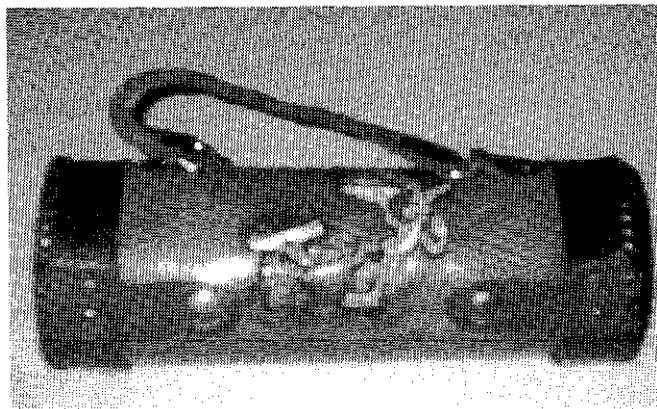
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## *As the Puck Turns*

By George & Donna Wilber

By the time you receive this issue, we will have been to the BIG tournament at Reno. The results will be in the December issue, which we'll jump into as soon as we get back home again -- after we stuff, staple, label and haul the November issue to the Post Office.

We thank all the reporters who made it easier for us to leave Lansing, Michigan, on Oct. 16 by getting us information by the 15th so we could leave the finished pages with our printer. While we're having fun in Reno, our printer will be laboring with what we left him. We know it's hard to understand the time lag between our 15th of the month deadline until you finally receive it whenever your mail carrier decides to deliver it. Until someone comes up with a better idea, thanks for your patience.

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We're continuing to try to make our procedures easier for whoever becomes your new publishers. Check the mailing label on this issue. It now includes your subscription expiration date. So, in addition to the red check on Page 2, you have that label to alert you that it's now time to renew. Less than 1% of our subscribers pay before they get red-checked; about 75% respond to their first red check, 20% to the second red check, and the rest will wait until they don't get a Board Talk (and their neighbors do) and then call or write asking for their "missing" issues. Please be aware that the new publishers may not be as tolerant as we are. Remember, being tolerant doesn't pay the bills!

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Some of the funniest lines in shuffleboard happen before, during and after an event. A classic was a comment by Bud Spier on the way to the playoffs of the "Series of Three" in Michigan. The subject was sports and George shared that he had played basketball, baseball and football in high school. Bud, learning that George had recently celebrated his 70th birthday, innocently asked: "Did they have leather helmets back when you played football?"

Sometimes we don't realize we're playing with a bunch of "kids" until someone reminds us they haven't lived as long as we've been married! Thankfully, there's very little age discrimination in shuffleboard.

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## **Hillary, The Board Talk's "First Lady,"**



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## ***Time to Join (or rejoin) the National Shuffleboard Network***

In the January 2000 issue of The Board Talk, we will be publishing the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard locations which are Board Talk subscribers. As promised in the October issue, we are printing a list of those locations which were on the 1999 listing, but will NOT be on the 2000 list unless they renew by Dec. 15, 1999.

### **California**

#### **Expired:**

Mr. G's, Visalia  
Fox's Den, San Jose  
Mary Lou's Tavaem, Mission Hills  
Old Town Saloon, Livermore  
The Huddle, San Jose

#### **Due Now:**

Amato's, Huntington Beach  
Star Lounge, Santa Clara

### **Colorado**

#### **Due Now:**

The Balloon Inn, Arvada

### **Florida**

#### **Expired:**

Jack's & Gloria's Pub, Titusville  
Fill-N-Station, Mims  
Rickey's Lounge, Pembroke Pines

### **Indiana**

#### **Expired:**

Kimmell Inn, Kimmell  
Warsaw Eagles 1339, Warsaw  
Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie  
Sundown Saloon, Bourbon  
American Legion 355, Indianapolis  
American Legion 330, New Haven  
American Legion 223, Syracuse

#### **Due Now:**

American Legion 424, Bourbon

### **Maryland**

#### **Expired:**

Harvey's Place, Street  
Cronter's Market, Port Deposit

### **Michigan**

#### **Expired:**

Hot Spot Sports Bar, Detroit

### **Missouri**

#### **Expired:**

That Other Place, St. Louis  
C & R Package, Houston  
Chances R, Lowry

### **Nebraska**

#### **Expired:**

Hart's Tavern, Omaha

#### **Due Now:**

Sam Piccolo's, Omaha

### **Nevada**

#### **Expired:**

Gabby's Saloon, Las Vegas  
Sports Page Pub, Las Vegas

### **New York**

#### **Due Now:**

Riverside Tavern, Keeseville  
American Legion 876, Sherburne  
The Pillars, Guilford

### **Oklahoma**

#### **Expired:**

Chuck Wagon, Davis  
Sipango, Oklahoma City

#### **Due Now:**

Full House, Wynnewood  
Our Gang's Pub, Tulsa

### **Pennsylvania**

#### **Expired:**

J & C Tavern, Philadelphia  
Callahan's Tavern, Upper Darby  
McFadden's Tavern, Upper Darby  
Gambol's Cafe, Drexel Hill

*Note: Wipes Pennsylvania off the map.*

### **Texas**

#### **Expired:**

Mothers Pizza & Por Boys, Corpus Christi  
Two Seas Bar & Grill, Corpus Christi  
Fargo's, Amarillo  
Elk's Lodge 1984, Garland

#### **Due Now:**

Danny's Sports Bar, Houston  
Jean's Club, Melissa  
West Avenue Ice, San Antonio  
Rockport Gulf Resort, Rockport  
Triple Crown Sports Bar, Houston  
Sportsman's Ice House, San Antonio

### **Washington**

#### **Expired:**

Shamrock, Tacoma

#### **Due Now:**

Shamrock Tavern, Longview  
BZ's Sports Bar, Seattle  
Frankie's Sports Pub, Olympia

### **Canada**

#### **Expired:**

AN & AF Club 68, Vancouver, B.C.

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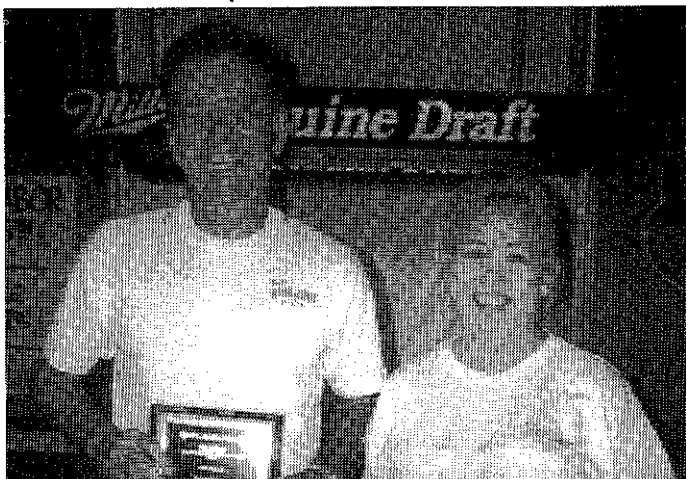
## Bud's 4th Annual Labor Day Tourney Another Fun Event

Bud Hillburn's 4th Annual Labor Day Tournament at the Action Lounge in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was once again a huge success. All participants and spectators commented to "The Action Lounge Reporter" about how much fun the event was for everyone. Kenny Hawkes was heard saying: "This is fun, but I wish I could win a game." Zane Porter was heard saying: "This is fun until they shoot against me." Keith Oyler was heard saying: "All I can do is come in third." Several players, including U.J. West, stated: "We won that game, but...."

The draw was single game, double elimination. The bring partner and the sweetheart draw were best 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and one loss in the loser's bracket. All events were handicapped based on the Bowers Rating System.

Bud had delicious food on hand -- brisket with all the trimmings on Saturday and hot dogs on Sunday, with plenty for everyone.

Brad Lowry and Meryle Vermillion won first place in the draw partner event. Brad and Meryle double-dipped JFK and Squeaky, but had a rough time doing it. Jim Kennedy (JFK) and Squeaky had to settle for second place.



*R.U. Underwood and Ruthie Atherton won the bring your own partner event.*



*Second place honors went to JFK (that name again) and Shirla Porter.*

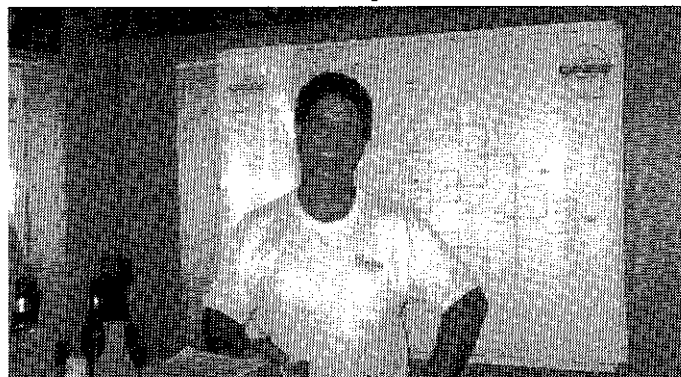


*Carolyn Jones and Kevin Talley took top honors in the sweetheart draw.*



*R. U. Underwood (that name again) and Wanda West took second place. This was a hard-fought game all the way and went down to the wire!*

Bud gives a big thank you to all the players and attendees for making this tournament a big success. Bud also gives special thanks to tournament director Keith Oyler.



*Tournament Director Keith Oyler.*

Bud made a comment to the Action Lounge Reporter that he is aware of the other Labor Day tournaments, but he feels he should have a tournament for his patrons who cannot or will not travel to other locations.

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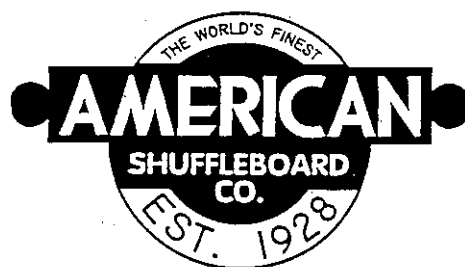
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travelling league for years, retiring six years ago to move to Vancouver Island in the town of Comox.

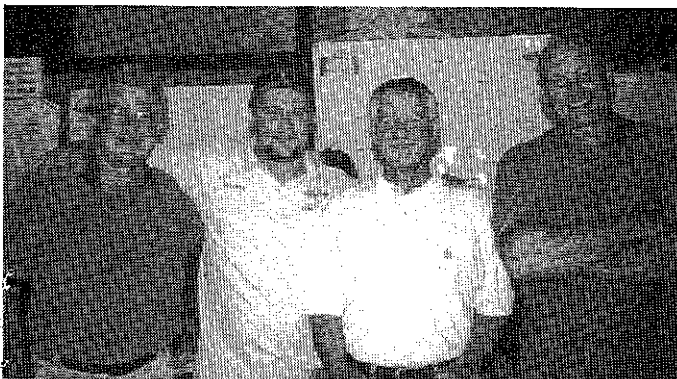
I'm sorry I missed the Crazy Canuck tournament, but will see everyone next year.

My thanks to everyone.

Marg Okum, 395 East 14th Ave., Apt. 1, Vancouver, BC, Canada VST2M9

*We're glad that, once again, the shuffleboard network helped ease the pain of a fellow shuffler's loss. If you did not know about the passing of Marg's mother, it's not too late to let her know you're thinking of her.*

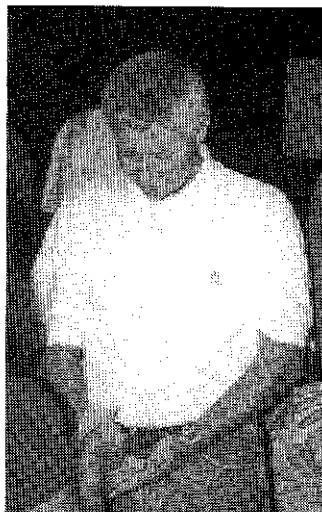
## Filling the Texas Open Photo Void....



*Taking top honors in the 4-person bring team event at the Texas Open over Labor Day were (from left): Randy Rogers, Mike Taylor, captain David Williams, and Steve Walker. (Report in the October issue.)*

*Hall of Famer David Williams doing what he likes best -- counting money!*

*Thanks to Steve Walker for sending these photos.*



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## Thanks from David....

Just a brief note to thank the committee of the Texas Hall of Fame for the honor they bestowed upon me at the Texas Open Tournament.

Thanks also to my family and friends who attended my induction ceremony.

Also thanks to the people for the phone calls and letters from across the country to congratulate me, especially three moving letters from the Wilbers, Al Stewart and Freddie Thuman.

It's always a great honor to be recognized by your peers.

David Williams, Fort Worth, Texas

*A very well-deserved honor for a great player and individual and a treasured friend.*

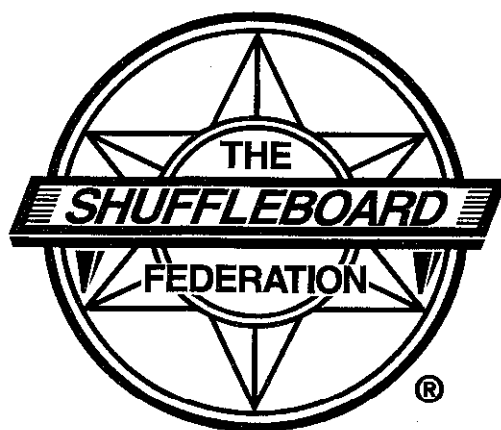
## Ron and Sharon Announce Retirement

Sharon and I have retired as tournament directors of the Southwest Open and other local tournaments. It has been a lot of fun, but also very time-consuming. When we first got involved, I was 45 years old and am now 55 (can't mention Sharon's age), and it is time to work in some other things at vacation time, in addition to tournament shuffleboard. We still love the game and enjoy all the friendships it has helped us make. Thank you for all your support and sportsmanship over the years.

There are too many people to list, but for those of you who were there for the first few years, a special thank you for helping us through the rough edges as we watched and learned from every tournament we attended. Don Crall, along with Jack Davis, Dave and Rena Fleming, Kathy Yingst, and Rob Kern will continue to host this fine tournament and -- WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

Ron and Sharon Huddleston, Oklahoma City, OK

*We well understand your desire (and need) to retire. After 16 years, we feel the same! There are going to be those who say: "Nobody can do it as well as you." That's gratifying to hear, but how do we know? Perhaps someone CAN and will do it better. Shuffleboard needs a constant flow of new blood and folks like you and us have an obligation to step aside when we feel the time is right -- and believe we've paid our "dues" in full. And, won't it be fun to go to a tournament and not have to WORK? Yes!*



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## Brown/Dowell, Hart Tops at Pendleton AMVETS Fall Tourney

The 4th Annual Fall Tournament was held at the AMVETS #26 in Pendleton, Indiana, on Sept. 18-19.

Sixteen teams were on hand Saturday to play in the doubles event, with \$3300 at stake.



*Happiness is....  
taking first place in  
the doubles, say  
Larry Brown and  
Terry Dowell.*



*Larry Creakbaum and Jim Long took second place. They are shown with their sponsor Doug Hobbs (center). Jim also took third in the singles.*

Tom and Greg Massie finished third, with Joe Hopkins and Dave (The Big Bobowski) Boaz in fourth place.

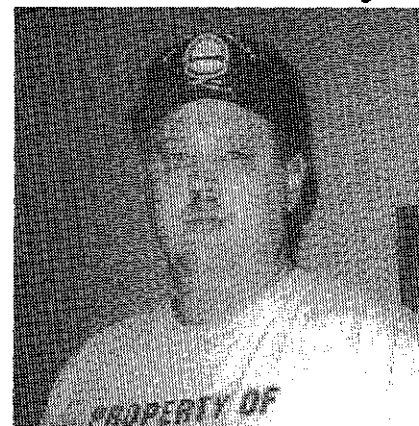
Seventeen players competed for a share of the \$2010 pot in Sunday's singles.

*Steve Hart (in the background) took first place, with Bill Rudy (foreground) in second place.*



Jim Long and Joe Hopkins came in third and fourth respectively.

*Taking fourth in the singles was Joe Hopkins.*



"We had a great tournament this year," said hosts Sonny and Char Harris. "Thanks to all who participated and we're looking forward to seeing you in the spring."

## Crazy Canucks Results

*From Shuffleboard Northwest*

The Crazy Canucks tournament was held in Vancouver, B.C. on Aug. 12-14.

In the ABC draw event, first place went to the team of Bud Spier, Brian Burchynsky and Lorraine Burchynsky. Second went to Mike Kinney, Gordie Ritchie and Gordie Smith. Third went to Joannie Millar, Theresa Cartwright and Bill Weir. Fourth place went to Loren Lampley, Joe Burry and Lil DeJonghe.

In the singles event, Kabal Bimb took first place. Second place went to Loren Lampley. Third was Theresa Cartwright and fourth was Larry Pearson. Don Stallsworth and Joe Burry tied for fifth.

The Canadiens continued their winning ways in the doubles event with Joannie Millar and Don Heaton beating Larry Pearson and Gary Thompson in the finals. Third place went to Russ Miller and Gordie Smith and fourth went to Kabal Bimb and Brian Burchynsky. Loren Lampley and Les Burt tied for fifth place with Mike Kinney and Butch Davis.

## Personals

**NOTICE:** Michigan shuffler Chris Passariello has moved to Las Vegas. Friends may reach him at: 4445 Boulder Hwy. #7056, Las Vegas, NV 89121; phone 702-458-7275, Ext. 7056.

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## Casula and Riley Inducted in Missouri Hall of Fame

During the 2nd Annual Missouri Hall of Fame Tournament, held at Eagles Lodge 3911 in Houston, on Sept. 24-25, two long-time shuffleboard stalwarts were inducted: Paul Casula and Charlie Riley.



Missouri Hall of Famer #1 Woodie Cockrum (center) welcomes #3 inductee Paul Casula (right) and #4 inductee Charlie Riley (left). No. 2 was the late great Bill Jennings.

Casula and Riley were cited for their contributions to shuffleboard as "great players, promoters, directors, and ambassadors to the game."

Paul has been playing shuffleboard for 52 years, starting in Delaware and Maryland after his discharge from the Air Force in 1947. In 1980, he took fourth in the East Coast Championships and traveled from New York to California earning his reputation as a force to be reckoned with. In 1985, he and Woodie Cockrum participated in the Board Talk's first annual tournament where they took third place. During the '80s, he organized leagues in Florissant, Missouri, and ran a league of over 22 teams.

Some comments from his peers: "Paul was one of the best shooters out of St. Louis his first 50 years of shooting. I'm proud to say that I have carried him the last five years." -- Super Sam Eveland. "Paul and shuffleboard -- both mean the same to me. I love playing shuffleboard and for over 40 years have been watching Paul play with nothing but good sportsmanship, quality playing and love of the game. This is one man I liked having as a partner or an opponent." -- Will Capehart. "I'm glad you've been around to promote shuffleboard for people like myself." -- Terrie Boothe.

Rick Pittman, president of the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, summed it up with: "I don't know what we would do without people like you. Pioneers of our sport, like you, have opened up this game to national recognition... Thank you for keeping shuffleboard going into the New Millennium."

Compared to Paul Casula, Charlie Riley could be described as "a new kid on the block." He didn't start playing until 1985, but since then, he has made his mark as a player and as a director/promoter. He made some dramatic changes as director of the 1st Annual Thanksgiving Tournament at Eagles Lodge 3911 in Houston in 1994, in terms of upgrading competition into the 20th Century. "At that time, we played the long foul line at the Eagles Lodge, keep hammer and, if you said one word to your partner, you got your tongue cut out," Charlie recalls. "I announced to our local players that this tournament would be played using the short foul line, switch hammer and you could communicate with your partner during the game; you could even go to the other end of the board and look at the weights. Needless to say, these changes were not received with open arms, but everyone began practicing with these rules and have never reverted back to the old ones."

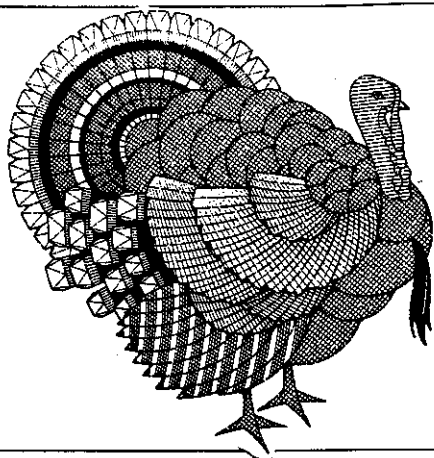
According to his peers: "I thank Charlie for the concern and help he gives to the players who need to learn the game. He always has the time to teach you and give you pointers on the game." -- Pearl Preheim. "You've been a great honor to the club and to the game of shuffleboard. It's been a great honor being a friend of yours in the shuffleboard community we live in." -- Ray Johnston. "If I show up at a tournament and find out Charlie won't be there, it's not going to be as much fun as it would be if he were." -- Mick Moran.

And again, Rick Pittman summed it up: "Congratulations on winning the Super Bowl, the World Series, and the Lord Stanley Cup, as least as far as shuffleboard goes.... To stand beside the likes of Woodie, Bill and Paul -- quite an honor!"

### Miller/Pinkston Take Top Honors

Thirty-one teams from Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and Tennessee vied for a share of the \$5800 pot at the Hall of Fame Tournament.

After the smoke cleared, the local team of Moe Miller and Dean Pinkston came out on top. After being placed in the loser's bracket by the strong



# **15th Annual Williams Brothers Thanksgiving Shuffleboard Classic**

## **NOV. 24-28**

**Wednesday: Nov. 24, 7 p.m.: DIV. I AND II DRAW PARTNER -- Div. I (-1's, 0's, 1's), \$50 entry, no two pros may draw; single game, double elimination. Div. II (2's, 3's, 4's), \$25 entry, single game, double elimination.**

**Thursday, Nov. 25, 5 p.m.: DIV. I AND II SINGLES -- Div. I (-1's, 0's, 1's), \$100 entry for -1, \$75 for 0, \$50 for 1, 2 of 3 double elimination. Div. II (2's, 3's, 4's), \$50 entry for 2's, \$25 for 3's and 4's, single game, double elimination.**

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Sunday 12/26	1	3pm	A/B (Pro/Am) Draw	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$50
	2	3pm	A/B (Amateur) Draw	3, 4, 5	\$20
Monday 12/27	3	Noon	A/B/C (Pro/Am) Draw	All	\$40
Tuesday 12/28	4	Noon	4 Person Bring Team – Min. Points 4 (only 1 Pro) 2 of 3 Double Elimination	All	\$400/Team
	5	Noon	4 Person Bring Team – Min. Points 10 2 of 3 Double Elimination	2, 3, 4, 5	\$160/Team
Wednesday 12/29	6	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Minimum Points 0	All	\$300
	7	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner – Min. Points 4	1, 2, 3	\$100
	8	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner – Min. Points 6	2, 3, 4, 5	\$60
Thursday 12/30	9	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees 2 of 3 Double Elimination	-1, 0, 1	\$300/200/100
	10	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	1, 2, 3	\$120/80/40
	11	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	3, 4, 5	\$30/20/10
Friday 12/31			Completion of Singles, Events 9, 10, 11 if needed		
			New Year's Eve Special Event Party with Favors and Hors D'ouvres (9pm)		Open play until 7pm
	12	7pm	Blind Draw – Single Elimination - No Auction	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$50
	13	7pm	Blind Draw – Single Elimination – No Auction	3, 4, 5	\$10

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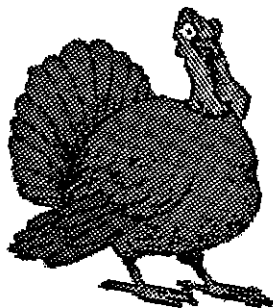
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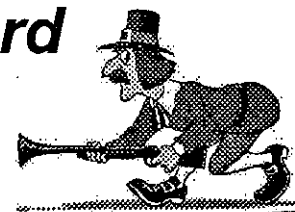
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**Thursday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 28**

**Dixie Belle: Open Doubles, \$50 per person  
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**Oskar's: Amateur Draw Doubles, \$25 per person  
Ratings 1.51 - 5.0; 2 out of 3, double elimination**

**Dixie Belle and Oskar's Concurrently:  
ABC Draw, \$25 per person  
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### **Sponsor Sales at the Dixie Belle:**

**Thursday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. - Amateur Draw Doubles**

***Play starts Friday at 10 a.m.***

**Thursday, Nov. 25, 9 p.m. - Open Doubles**

***Play starts Friday at 10 a.m.***

**Friday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. - ABC Draw**

***Play starts Saturday at noon***

***--All times subject to change--***



**For more information or register for play, contact: Oskar, 562-925-4915; Debbie, 562-803-4943  
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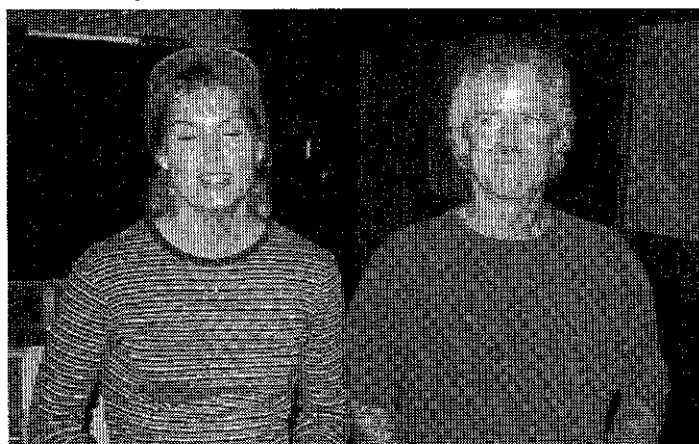
St. Louis team of Mike Simpson and Dan Kelley, they came back to double-dip them in the finals.



Tournament director Rick Pittman (center) congratulates winners Dean Pinkston and Moe Miller.



Dan Kelly and Mike Simpson settled for second.



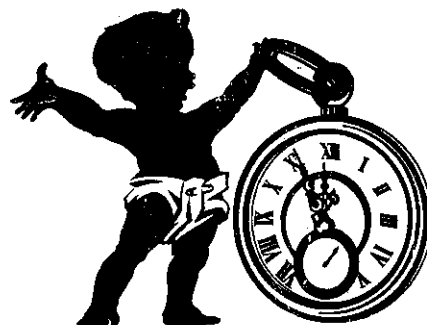
Sally and Cliff Goff of Tulsa, Oklahoma, took third place.



Locals John Stenger and Steve Lindsey finished in fourth place.

"Tournament director Rick Pittman did his usual excellent job running the tournament and would like to thank all those who helped, whether it be with the food or preparing the boards," said Charlie Riley. "For those of you who have never set up and run a tournament, it is a tough job. Then add two Hall of Fame inductions and it's got to be double-tough."

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## 4TH HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN, DEC. 26-31, GREENSPPOINT MARRIOTT

If you haven't made your reservations yet for the 4th Annual Houston Holiday Open, do so now! There are 14 events on the schedule for players of all skill levels. It will be held at the Greenspoint Marriott this year which is close to the Bush International Airport. Co-director Jack Scott alerts shufflers that the same speed Shuffleboard Federation wax used at the Southwest Open and the North American Championships in Reno will be used, courtesy of The Federation.

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### California

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

The Old Town Saloon in Livermore, California, will host a Ladies' Only Shuffleboard Tournament on Friday, Jan. 14, through Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000.

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

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

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

be food served, door prizes, and raffles.

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

## THANKSGIVING TOURNEY, DIXIE BELLE/ OSKAR'S, NOV. 25-28

The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, and Oskar's, 13418 Woodruff Ave., Bellflower, will host a Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 25-28.

Events include an open doubles, \$50 per person, 2 out of 3 double elimination, held at the Dixie Belle, and an amateur draw doubles (ratings 1.51 - 5.0), \$25 per person, 2 out of 3 double elimination, held at Oskar's. An A-B-C draw, \$25 per person, 2 out of 3 double elimination, will be held concurrently at Dixie Belle and Oskar's.

All sponsor sales will be held at the Dixie Belle: Thursday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., for the amateur draw doubles with play starting at 10 a.m. Friday; open doubles, Thursday, Nov. 25, 9 p.m. with play starting at 10 a.m. Friday; and for the ABC draw, Friday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m., with play starting at noon on Saturday.

For further information and/or to register to play, contact: Oskar, 562-925-4915; Debbie, 562-803-4943 (Dixiedebbi@AOL.com Tournament); or director Chris Brown (Shufflegal@AOL.com).

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# Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

*A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert*

*(Editor's Note: If you've missed Balboa Ron's series the last couple months, please let him know: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89123. He is still recovering from serious hip surgery, but was able to continue the adventures of Eddie and Lil at the big tournament in Reno. We're glad to have him back and wish him the very best!)*

The tournament went smoothly after Dollar Dan and his Ape Man had been escorted out of the state of Nevada by plane. Lil's ex, Tony (the "Fixer") had seen to that.

The pro singles event was now underway. Both Lil and Eddie were still in the winner's bracket. They hadn't been matched against each other as yet, but if things kept going as they had been so far, the possibility of a playoff between them was highly probable.

With the side distractions now out of the way, a deep aura of serious shuffleboard had swept through the rooms. There were some really great overall games in progress, as well as some fantastic single effort shots. The intensity was firmly in place!

Lil remained in the winner's bracket, but Eddie had run into a rather unusual problem. He was playing against one of the best singles players around, who was called the "Oklahoma Kid." The game should have been won by Eddie. He had the Kid 14 to 11. Then, with Eddie's winning point on the board, the Kid lagged a 4! Eddie was still in the action, but there would be no room for any errors now, as one more loss would eliminate him from the running.

At one point, Lil walked over to Eddie and remarked: "You better not lose, Champ. I want to play you and I want your best game, too, so we can finally settle this thing once and for all!" Eddie looked her in the eye then and made a comment of his own: "I will be in the final match, sweet pea. You just better watch your own back; you've got Nelson Dareman coming up next!"

That little conversation seemed to instill new life into both Lil and Eddie. They shot perfect shuffleboard from there on out. As a result, they did indeed find themselves facing off in the pro singles title match!

A silent, and most serious, crowd had now formed as the match was about to begin. No one

wanted to miss this final playoff series. This would be THE game.....the game of the decade!

—TO BE CONTINUED—

*(Don't miss the next exciting episode to see who will prevail -- Lil or Eddie!)*

## Heartland Handicap Draws Great Participation

The annual Heartland Handicap tournament, held at the American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, on Oct. 8-10 attracted shufflers from several states. There were 56 entries in the draw partner event and 24 teams in the bring partner.

Ex-Virgin Sue Lewis drew Rick Jones to take top honors in the draw partner (it will take a long time to wipe that smile off her face). Johnny Ballard of Texas and Lynn Tice from Oklahoma took second place, with Dino Fleming and Carol Ussery in third spot. Karla Hollowell and Tony Pelton travelled from Arkansas to draw each other and finish fourth.

That dynamic duo, Bill Melton of Oklahoma and Dave Williams of Texas, were winners of the bring partner. Rick Jones and Dino Fleming settled for second, with "retired" long-time tournament director Ron Huddleston and Cliff Goff in third. Dave Fleming and E.T. Jenson took the final money spot.

This was host Don Crall's "virgin voyage" without Ron Huddleston at the helm and he extends appreciation to him for being there to help. Don also thanks all participants for making this Heartland Handicap another success.

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## Harvey's *(continued from Page 1)*

singles and bring partner? Hats off (all three) to a competitor and a real nice guy. Come on back, G.H. There are those who say it will change next time!

Friday night was the regular draw partner event. Taking first place was Wendy Davis of Wilmington, Delaware, and the now-famous G.H. Richardson, New Milford, Pennsylvania. Second place was taken, after a real battle in the final two games, by Bill Cook, Northeast, Md., and his always tough partner, Jim McDaniels, Darlington, Md. Third place went to Cliff Embert, Sudlersville, Md. (good to see Cliff back after about a five-year absence) and his partner, Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md.

Saturday morning (and into mid-afternoon) began the singles event. There he was again, G. H. Richardson (this time we will say Phoenix, Arizona) taking first place, beating out the same man from Friday night, Jim McDaniels, who took second. Also having a great weekend of shooting was Lindsay Hall, Baltimore, Md., taking third place.

The line-up for the bring partner event on Saturday afternoon (delayed by two hours because of the competition of the singles) looked promising and interesting, but Steve "Ski" Lacinski, Philadelphia, teamed up with G.H. Richardson (this time from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina) and they walked right to the payoff table for first place money again. Taking second place was host Harvey Comer and his partner Lindsay Hall. Third went to Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Md. and "here I am again" Jim McDaniels.

Usually there is a draw partner event (no sale) on Saturday night. This night it started to get late because of bring partner late start and most folks were just played out. We did have challenge boards, but most were pretty sleepy.

The next tournament is scheduled for Nov. 12-13: draw partner at 6:30 Friday evening and bring partner on Saturday at 1 p.m. Everyone has a chance because of the use of the Bowers point system, said hosts Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer. Hope you will come see and join us. We would like to have you. Call 410-836-8881 to save your spot.

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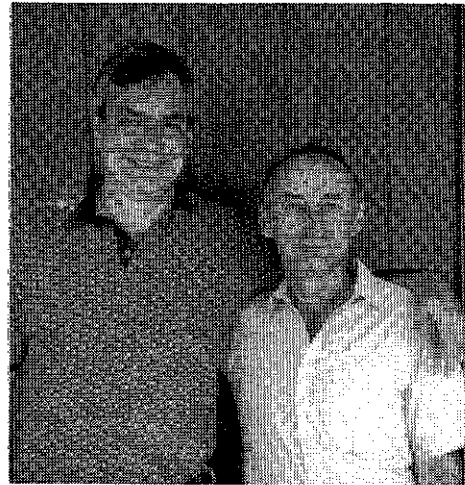
## Back by Popular Demand: Blinky's Labor Day Tourney

*By Rick Thomas*

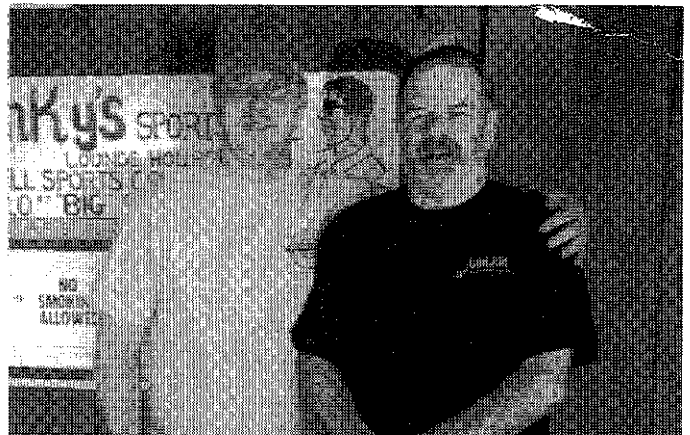
By popular demand, a last-minute Labor Day tournament was organized and held Sept. 2-6.

On Thursday and Friday, an A-B draw was held which produced some exciting play. The first place team was Don Cox and Jim Olson. Dale Pirlot and Shari Hudson took second place, and Nick Chaffin and Jay Leonard finished third.

The open pro doubles started on Saturday, Sept. 4, and concluded with the following results:



*Dan Mourgos  
(left) and Nick  
Chaffin took first  
place.*



*Hal Perry (right) and Dave Keithahan were second.*



*Paul Elliott (left) and Karl Spickelmier took third.*

*(continued on Page 26)*

# Spier/Wilber Win \$uper \$ummer \$unday Play-Off

**By Donna Wilber**

Dennis Bittner, owner of the Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan, is not only a congenial host who caters to shufflers — he's also a good businessman. Summer Sundays at his place were kind of slow, and he thought probably at a couple other shuffleboard locations in Michigan, business was about the same. So why not join together in a cooperative effort to address that problem and, at the same time, offer shufflers a unique opportunity?

He came up with the idea for a Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard, a series of three doubles tournaments held at three locations: Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, and the Club Car Lounge in Durand — with a playoff at the end of the series. Only those teams that committed themselves to participate in the series of three would be eligible for the playoffs, with \$5 of each player's entry in each tournament set aside to add to the playoff pot. Others could participate (and add their \$5 to the pot), but if they hadn't paid their entries for the first three, they didn't "qualify" for the playoffs. In addition to the doubles, all three locations added a singles to the agenda. The doubles was a handicap format with each team having to total 2 or above, and would have a limit of 18 first-paid teams.

A good idea, but 18 teams did not line up to pay their \$120 for the series of three. Instead, only eight teams qualified for the playoff, held at the Club Car on Sept. 26. However, totals for the three events indicated it was, indeed, a good idea. At Stober's, there were 12 doubles teams and 17 singles; at Majestic, there were 14 doubles teams and 22 singles; and at Club Car, there were 14 doubles teams and 16 singles, for a total pot of \$8,355. At the play-offs, the eight teams vied for a share of the \$1500 pot, including the \$400 setaside from the previous three events. That translates to almost \$10,000 for players and better-than-usual summer weekend business for the three locations.

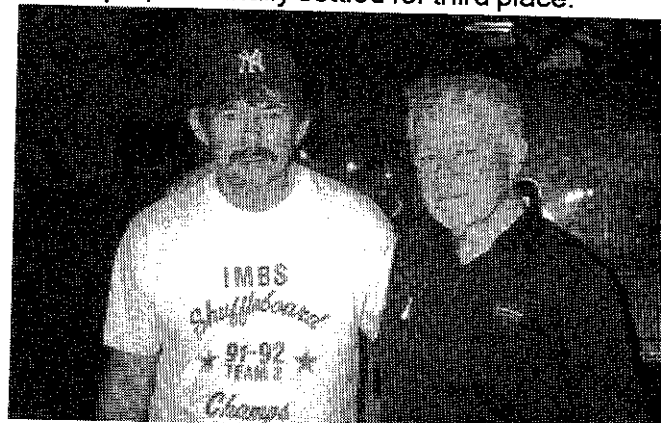
With a disappointing eight instead of 18, would Dennis try it again?

"I'd sure like to do it again and I hope Linda (Stober's) and Charlee (Majestic) agree, and maybe we can get McCabe's in Saginaw involved and make it a Series of Four," he said. "We probably should start earlier, maybe in June, and promote it well in advance. I think more shufflers will look at it as a good deal. Just think how sweet the setaside pot would have been if we'd had 18 teams."

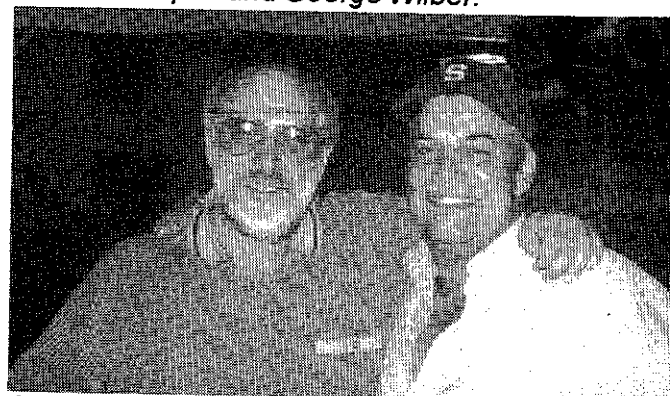
Dennis extends thanks to the eight teams that participated in the full "tour": the Pontiac teams of Bob Bolt and Steve Auten, Charlee Magoo and Rudy Amador, Bill Kane and Vic Mattson, Cassie and Jeff Schubert; Ron Bown and Ron Palmer of Lansing; George Wilber of Lansing and Bud Spier of Houghton Lake; Dennis Bittner and John Addington of Durand; and especially Butch Thomas and Connie Odum who made the trip from Noblesville, Indiana, to Michigan four times. (Subs were used occasionally but had to be the same or above the rating of the regular.)

"I also think it was a good example to other states to cooperate with each other instead of competing against each other's events. That makes us all winners," Dennis concluded.

According to the sponsor sale, the powerful Pontiac teams of Bob Bolt and Steve Auten, Bill Kane and Vic Matteson were the favorites. However, in two surprising upsets, Bob and Steve got knocked out while Bill and Vic battled for a share of the pot, and finally settled for third place.



*Going undefeated to take top honors in the playoff were Bud Spier and George Wilber.*



*The runners-up, Ron Bown (right) and sub Leon Black, were determined to force the finals into another game, leading Spier and Wilber 14 to 13 — with the hammer! But the shuffleboard gods were smiling down on Bud and George.*





Charlee Magoo, owner of the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, was proud that one of her four teams in the playoff finished in the money, shown here with third place winners Bill Kane (left) and Vic Matteson.

To show his appreciation for the participation of the eight teams, Dennis and his wife, Sue, invited them to their lovely home on a private lake for a pre-playoff cook-out. There, the shufflers and their spouses and/or Significant Others enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, etc. before they headed back to the Club Car.



Just a small portion of the crowd at the Bittners enjoy the sunshine and scenery, while others cook the hamburgers and hotdogs, a few check the fishing possibilities on the dock, and some watch the football game inside.

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## Edison Inn *(continued from Page 1)*

While local shooters did not exactly abound in the weekend event (7 out of the 36 players were from local Skagit County), they did quite well in most of the remaining four money positions.



*Bow-Edison's Richard Larson (left) and Mike Waters from Hood Canal were in good spirits after earning a hard-fought 3rd place finish.*



*Locals Steven Blau and Jerry (UpRiver) LeDent congratulate themselves on a weekend of solid shooting. It was Steven's first tourney in several years and the pair finished a very respectable 4th place.*

Local veterans Larry Sawyer (Anacortes) and Marvin Wilbur (La Conner) tied for 5th and 6th places, along with Al Pease and Dave Arndt of Tacoma. Hall of Famer Joannie Millar (British Columbia) and John Martin (Everett), and Tommy Campbell (Seattle) and Mike Pond (Spokane) rounded out the top eight.

An A/B draw event was held Friday night and was won by Al Pease and Spokane's Melody Marine (no photo available). Mike Waters had success with the locals, taking second with Edison's own Mike Conn. Third and 4th place money was split between the teams of Larry Sawyer and Dan Archer (Edison)

and Marvin Wilbur and Eric Uhron (Shelton).



*Mike Waters and Mike Conn (right) took second.*

A total of just under \$3000 was divided among the top finishers in the two events. The weather was Washington-perfect, and the gumbo was nearly as hot as the shooting. Hosts Mini and Sandy thank everyone for the good turnout and invite everyone back for the Edison's 15th Annual Mixed Doubles March 2000.

*(Photos by Ed Stauffer)*

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

The following establishments have recently joined our national shuffleboard network. Please add them to your "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing that appeared in the Jan. 1999 issue.

**Indiana:** Reddog Saloon, 1600 W. 23rd, Muncie; phone 765-286-0255

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We encourage you to stop in and welcome them to the network and play a game or two.

Remember that the next complete listing will be published in the January 2000 issue. Check to see if your favorite shuffleboard site is a subscriber. If not, sign them up by Dec. 15 to be included on the list. Shufflers faithfully use this listing as they travel. Just one stop by a shuffler will likely pay for the \$20 subscription fee (\$25 after Jan. 1).

In this issue is a list of shuffleboard locations which were on the 1999 list but did not respond to their red checks and will not be on the upcoming listing unless they re-subscribe. Also listed are those whose subscriptions are due NOW.

# ***1999-2000 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS***

## **NOVEMBER 1999**

**Nov. 4-7**

4-Event Tournament  
Honky Tonk  
Sherburne, New York

**Nov. 6-7**

Washington State  
Championships  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

**Nov. 12-13**

Thanksgiving Shootout  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Nov. 23-28**

Thanksgiving Tournament  
Gold Nugget  
Arlington, Texas

**Nov. 25-28**

Thanksgiving Tournament  
& Induction of Karl Spickelmier  
Dixie Belle, Oskar's  
Downey/Bellflower, California

**Nov. 25-27**

5th Thanksgiving Tournament  
Eagles Lodge 3911  
Houston, Missouri

**Nov. 26-28**

Indiana State Championships  
Chances R  
Muncie, Indiana

**Nov. 26-28**

Florida State Championships  
Snuggery Bar & Grill  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

**Nov. 26-28**

Michigan State Championships  
Club Car Lounge  
Durand, Michigan

**Nov. 27-28**

Thanksgiving A-B Doubles  
BZ's Sports Bar  
Seattle, Washington

## **DECEMBER 1999**

**Dec. 10-11**

Holiday Classic  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Dec. 11**

Doubles  
Sportsmans Lounge  
Muncie, Indiana

**Dec. 26-31**

Houston Holiday Open  
Houston Marriott North  
Houston, Texas

**Dec. 31**

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

## **JANUARY 2000**

**Jan. 1-2**

Mixed Doubles  
Tim's Timber Tavern  
Kelso, Washington

**Jan. 14-16**

Amateur Ladies Only  
Old Town Saloon  
Livermore, California

**Jan. 15-16**

East Coast Winter Tourney  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

## **FEBRUARY 2000**

**Feb. 18-19**

Mason-Dixon Classic  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Feb. 26**

Doubles  
Sportsmans Lounge  
Muncie, Indiana

## **MARCH 2000**

**March 24-25**

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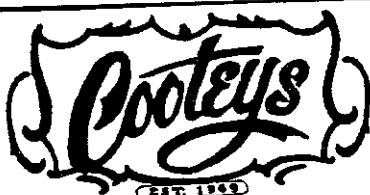
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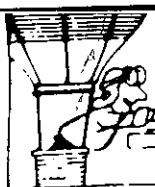
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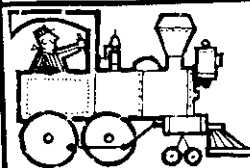
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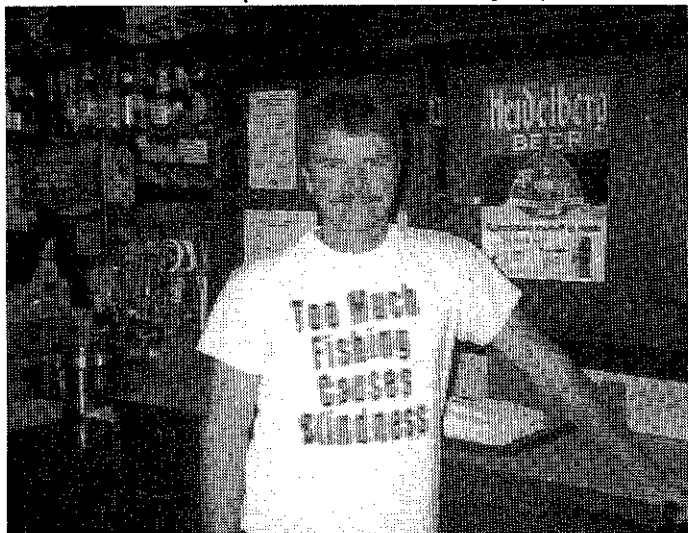
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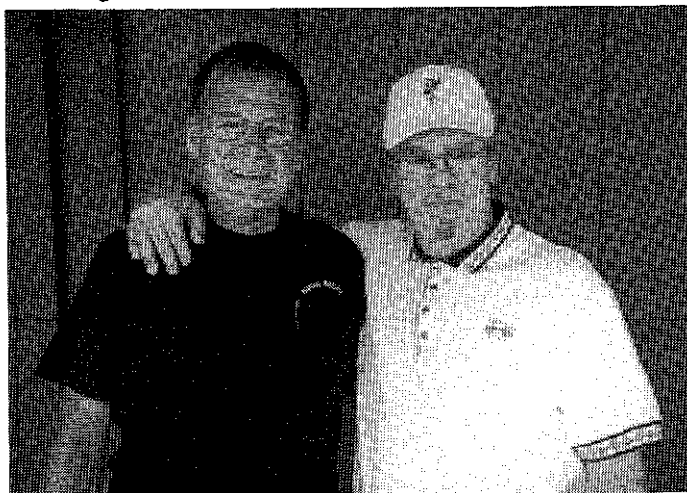


*In keeping with the total amateur experience, the Fir Cone gets experienced shuffleboard players to become amateur bartenders during these events. Bob Hurst did an excellent job and could have a future as a bartender, if things don't work out with his current employer.*

The next tournament at the Fir Cone will be the Washington State Championships on Nov. 5-7. The Fir Cone will have five boards for this event. For more information, contact Mel Hohn at 360-426-2221.

## Blinky's (continued from Page 19)

The open pro singles got underway on Sunday morning and concluded on Monday.



*First place went to Joe Hudson (right), Sacramento; Karl Spickelmier, Downey, finished second.*

Rick Thomas, San Jose, was third; and Bobby Hunt, Sacramento, 4th.

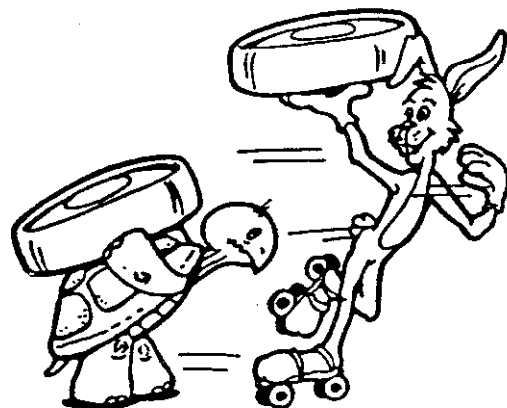
Once again, we would like to thank all of the players who supported and have supported the tournaments here at Blinky's. We appreciate the participation of out-of-towners Bubba Warren, Karl

Spickelmier, Paul Elliott, Joe and Shari Hudson, Hal Perry, Bobby and Vicki Hunt, Nick and Bev Chaffin, Steve Perry, and George Camara, as well as the local players.

More thanks to Don Melampy and his son Jay who once again did an excellent job on the Saturday afternoon barbecue. I also thank Kathy Thomas, Stevie Parks and Shari Hudson for handling the entry fees, sponsor sales and payouts. Thanks also to Bubba, Eddie, Don Cox, Karl, Dan and Jane, Nick and Dave for helping out during the tournament.

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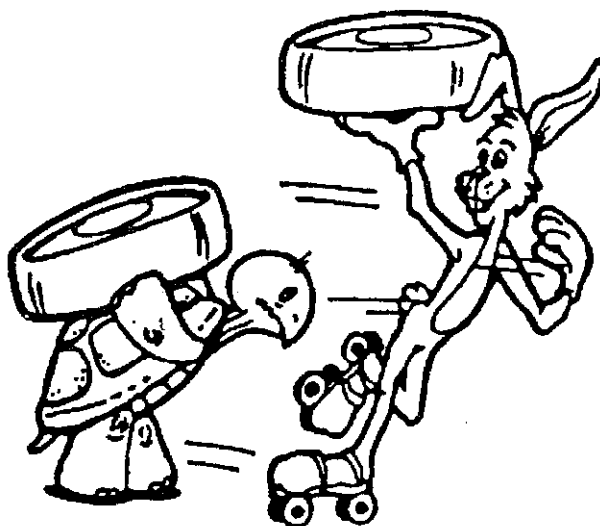
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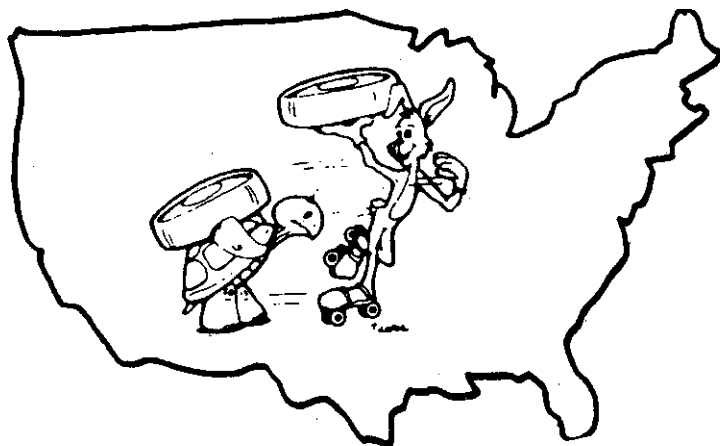
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