

# *The Board Talk*

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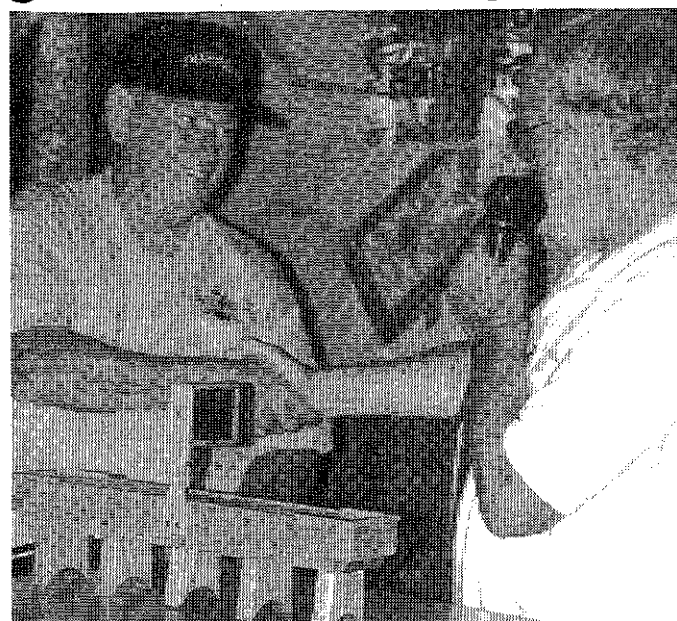
## *State & National Shuffleboard Halls of Fame Keep Going and Growing*

With the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame nearing completion of its fifth year, the process of evaluation continues -- what has worked, what has not, what can make it more effective, and will the dream of having an actual "Hall" to preserve the history of shuffleboard become a reality. The six volunteers who have served on the NSHF Board of Directors since its formation on Feb. 4, 1995, at the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association tournament in Las Vegas, have "nursed" the youngster through some challenging times. With proximity (from California to Pennsylvania and points in between) always a stumbling block, the board members will be looking at ways to improve communications and unanimity.

The one key component for success that has surfaced during the nearly five years is the role of state Halls of Fame Committees. In that regard, California leads the way.....

### ***Porter White Inducted into California and National SHF***

During the 4th of July Tournament at the Dixie Belle in Downey, California, shuffleboard pioneer Porter White became that state's eighth inductee (check the Shuffleboard Directory for the complete list, paid for by a unanimous supporter). During the impressive ceremonies that the CSHF conducted, MC'd by Paul Weber, Porter was also inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Present for his honor were many of the "old-timers" who had watched Porter's shuffleboard career that started in 1948 at the age of 15 and continued for the next 40 years. Many of these old-timers, along with some not-so-old-timers, shared their memories of Porter in a special printed program designed by the talented Marilyn McCracken.

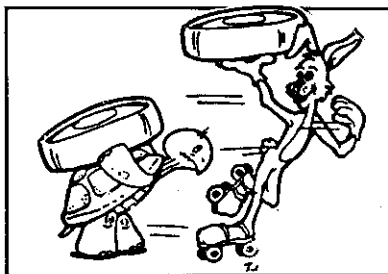


*After the presentation of the California induction plaque from CSHF President Jolene Lembke, Porter accepts the mini-shuffleboard national award from NSHF President Glen Davidson.*

The tribute that seemed to encompass the sentiments of all the others came from Balboa Ron Schweikert.....

*"Porter White! That name to me means Shuffleboard. I don't mean GOOD shuffleboard -- I mean Top of the Line shuffleboard! I can recall (some 40 years ago) watching Porter shoot at the Balboa Club in El Monte, California. He was playing with and against shooters the likes of Bob Miles, Texas Billy Mays, Granvil Humphreys, Al Stewart, Floyd Birch, and Freddy the Dane, just to name a few. I was mostly on the sidelines then, especially when the BIG money games were played.....For a*

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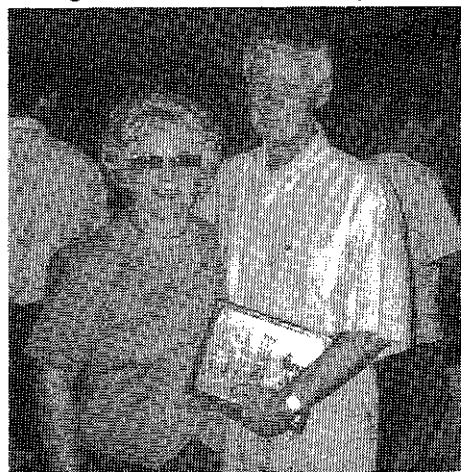
# Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

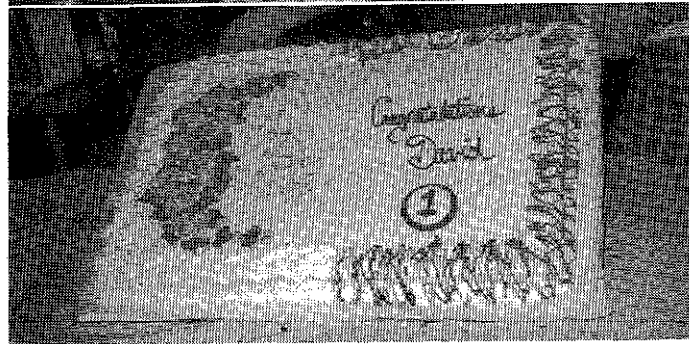
## Madge Proud to Share Billing with Hall of Famer David....

I was so honored to be on the same "bill" as David Williams at the Texas Open. Roseanne Melton brought a beautiful cake for David's induction and my 74th birthday. Glen got two bottles of bubbly stuff and a real nice fellow brought two batches of flowers. Everything was so nice. Wonder what they will do for my 75th next year....

Madge Goff, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



*Madge, on her 74th birthday, and David Williams on his memorable induction night, share a moment of glory and cake together.*



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## The Battle of Personal Weights Continues....

In your August issue, you asked for comments on the common courtesy of letting your opponent use your weights, so here are mine....

I don't think in small "in-house" tournaments for small amounts of money or even \$5 an end games, anyone probably cares. It's the bigger tournaments that involve hundreds or possibly thousands of dollars that I want to comment on.

In these larger tournaments, should those players with weights (possibly 80%?) be forced to provide weights for those players who don't choose to make an investment in their game? Would these players who borrow weights be willing to pay for a top if one broke while they were using it?

When playing in other money games, do you ask to use your opponent's golf clubs, their pool cue, or their darts? What makes shuffleboard different from other money contests?

In my case, I have a set of eight slow weights and I bought a set of old, faster American weights. I salvaged four matched weights and eight tops out of this set. These four weights I play with about 90% of the time. I can only offer my opponent my slow weights. I don't have four weights of the others to offer.

If I were playing in a tournament where the director said that you had to offer your weights to your opponent, would I be forced to use house weights or my slow weights that I don't want to use, all because my opponent doesn't have weights?

I bought my weights because I didn't feel comfortable asking other players to use their weights. Shouldn't everyone feel this way?

Art Elliff, Rogue River, Oregon

*Seldom, if ever, have we opened a topic that has received such feedback. We know there is more to come. At this point in time, Frank Bentley and Board Talk George are in the minority. More later!*

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## Halls of Fame *(continued from Page 1)*

*time, only one man could really beat him -- and that man was Bob Miles. I learned much of what I know about shuffleboard from this 'player-among-players,' although the lessons were sometimes a little expensive!"*

It costs money for inductions and the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Committee has been successful in its fund-raising efforts and has even contributed "seed" funds to other states with lesser resources to start their halls. Its success can be attributed to dedicated and hard-working volunteers.



*In a ceremony at Oskar's over the Labor Day weekend, California SHF President Jolene Lembke was surprised when she was presented with a flag for the organization, designed and made by local player Pearl Minard. From left: CSHF Secretary Chris Brown, Jolene, Pearl, and CSHF Treasurer Joanie Swenson.*

## David Williams Inducted in Texas Hall of Fame

During the Texas Open at the Gold Nugget, Arlington, over the Labor Day weekend, David Williams was inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



*Congratulating his big brother and role model David Williams on his induction was Bobby Williams, who is following in his footsteps as a shuffleboard player and promoter.*

David's induction ceremony included letters from his friends and admirers across the nation, a list of his many tournament victories (compiled by Linda Williams), speeches by Bill Melton, Brian Walker and Glen Davidson, and a video of David giving a very emotional tribute at Bill Melton's induction in Del City, Oklahoma. A cake provided by Roseanne Melton was also shared by David and "birthday girl" Madge Goff (see Notebook). David was credited with bringing tournament shuffleboard to Texas when he was owner of the Corporate Image in Fort Worth. Freddie Thuman of California said these tournaments led to competition and friendships that lasted for over 15 years.

NSHF President Glen Davidson also presented a lifetime achievement award to Bill Wooldridge.

With California and Texas, the top shuffleboard states in the nation, and several other state and regional SHF committees providing the necessary power to fuel a National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, the New Millennium offers new opportunities. Since the "birth" of the NSHF, The Board Talk has supported its goals and objectives and its publishers hope that all shufflers will take advantage of these opportunities as outlined by Secretary Louise Freer.....

## The New Millennium: Where Do We Go From Here? *By Louise Freer*

Since the end of the 20th Century is but a few short months away, the upcoming millennium is getting a lot of attention these days. What changes will the New Millennium bring? Maybe not the sweeping changes one might think, but certainly there exists many exciting possibilities.

One of those possibilities for change exists within the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. According to the by-laws, the offices of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary can serve for a maximum of five years. Since the Year 2000 marks the start of the sixth year for the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, these offices must open for election. Changes will certainly come about and new leadership will emerge. (Current office holders may remain on the board in another capacity.)

I would like to thank the World of Shuffleboard for the honor of serving as NSHF Secretary for the past five years. It is with sincere gratefulness to recognize that my reward has been to see the NSHF working toward what I feel is its greatest purpose: to bring recognition to those people who have brought "excellence" to the game. It is with humbleness that I say it is my fervent hope to

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## Upcoming Events Across the Nation

### Washington

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

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

There will be a tournament buffet on Saturday afternoon.

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

#### **11TH NELSON/BUHL DOUBLES, SHAMROCK, LONGVIEW, OCT. 9-10**

The 11th Annual Nelson/Buhl Doubles Tournament will be held at the Shamrock Tavern, 1131 15th, Longview, on Oct. 9-10. Entry fee is \$50 per team with money added. Play will begin following the sale at noon on Oct. 9. Come early for the \$10 round robin on Friday night.

As usual, food by Bernice will be served Saturday and Sunday.

For further information, call 360-577-7444.

### New York

#### **FOUR EVENT TOURNEY AT HONKY TONK, SHERBURNE, NOV. 4-7**

The Honky Tonk, 20 Classic St., Sherburne, will host a four-event tournament on Nov. 4-7. Action will start with round robins on Thursday night.

The draw partner, \$40 per team, will start at 6 p.m. sharp on Friday night, followed by the singles on Saturday, 9 a.m., \$20 entry. On Saturday afternoon, 3 p.m., there will be a mixed doubles, \$40 per team entry. The grand finale will be a bring partner, \$40 per team, starting at 11 a.m. on

Sunday. For information, contact Billy Jones, 607-674-5178; Dick Losee, 315-691-2708; or Brenda at the Honky Tonk, 607-674-2708.

### 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) with 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.

### 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.

The Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie has two 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.

*4th Annual Houston Holiday Open  
Dec. 26-31, 1999 -- See enclosed flyer*

Missouri**BRING PARTNER, OCT. 29-30, BARBARA'S BEER GARDEN, SPRINGFIELD**

Barbara's Beer Garden & Lounge, 2109 N. Glenstone, Springfield, will host a bring your partner tournament on Oct. 29-30, \$40 per team entry, action starting at 7 p.m. on Friday. For information, call Roger Ellison at 417-833-9272 or Terry Gregory at 417-833-4544.

*We look forward to seeing you at the North American Championships, Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nevada, Oct. 17-24*

*George & Donna*

***1999-2000 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS*****OCTOBER 1999****Oct. 1-3**

4-Event Tournament  
The Pillars  
Guilford, New York

**Oct. 8-10**

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

**Oct. 8-9**

Memorial Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Oct. 9-10**

11th Nelson/Buhl Doubles  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

**Oct. 9-10**

Draw Partner Amateur  
Tim's Timber Tavern  
Kelso, Washington

**Oct. 17-24**

North American Championship  
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino  
Reno, Nevada

**Oct. 23-25**

Open Doubles  
J & C's Tavern  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Oct. 29-30**

Bring Partner Doubles  
Barbara's Beer Garden  
Springfield, Missouri

**NOVEMBER 1999****Nov. 4-7**

4-Event Tournament  
Honky Tonk  
Sherburne, New York

**Nov. 12-13**

Thanksgiving Shootout  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Nov. 25-28**

Thanksgiving Tournament  
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**

Rated 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

**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

## *As the Puck Turns*

By George & Donna Wilber

First, our apologies for the late delivery of the September issue. We met our deadline, but the printer had some problems which delayed mailing for an additional week. We sincerely hope that won't happen again. There are some problems which are simply beyond our control.

Second, we're pleased to announce that we've finally caught up with many of you in terms of technology. At long last, we have e-mail: DGWILBER@prodigy.net

We're still learning, so be patient. If you send us a message and we don't respond, it isn't because we haven't tried; it's probably because we're doing it wrong!

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We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the NASC in Reno. As he did at the Southwest Open in Del City, Ray Boyett and members of the Florida Table Shuffleboard Association will have a table promoting Board Talk subscriptions. Ray signed up 30 subscribers in Oklahoma and hopes to surpass that achievement in Reno. This is strictly a volunteer effort on the part of the FTSA and they turned down our offer of a modest compensation for their time. These are great people with a worthy mission and we encourage you to stop by their table, talk with them, thank them for their efforts -- and steer your non-subscriber friends in their direction!

You will also enjoy talking to Ray about a very impressive document he has compiled and edited called "Who's Who in Shuffleboard." In Del City, his hefty booklet (136 pages) highlighted winners of tournaments in 1997-1999. Encouraged by some shuffleboard "giants," he and his committee have been working tirelessly to make it a 10-year review. He'll never recoup the cost of the hours spent on gathering the data, but he can be compensated for the cost of printing. Talk to him about cost and availability.

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So many of our subscribers tell us: "We read The Board Talk from cover to cover." We hope they mean EVERY page, including the advertising because it is the revenue from those ads that keeps The Board Talk coming to you every month. The ads may not be as interesting to read as tournament reports, but they are vitally important to

The World of Shuffleboard. And, just because they look the same month after month doesn't mean they are. For example, last month Sun-Glo added an E-mail and website information. This month, in the Shuffleboard Directory, Triple Crown Sports Bar announces an every third Saturday \$10 A-B draw with \$500 added to the pot, plus more changes. So, be sure to actually read The Board Talk "from cover to cover."

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We'll open the New Millennium by publishing the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of subscriber shuffleboard sites in the January 2000 issue. Many of the sites that were on the January 1999 listing have not responded well to our red-check method of indicating they were up for renewal (perhaps the new publishers will have the resources to send out renewal notices). In the November issue, we will print a list of those locations which have dropped from the network during the past year. That will give patrons who want their favorite shuffleboard site on the map to sign them up again (deadline: Dec. 15). It really does pay to be on that listing. Travelling shufflers use it! One visit from a travelling shuffler will pay for the cost of a subscription.

Charlee Magoo, owner of the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, Michigan, a member of our national shuffleboard network and a Shuffleboard Directory advertiser, has a great idea. Disappointed when she missed some visiting California shufflers, she purchased a "guest book" so travellers can be recorded.

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### *If You Think You Can....*

*If you think you are beaten, you are.*

*If you think you dare not, you don't.*

*If you like to win, but you think you can't,*

*It is almost certain you won't.*

*If you think you'll lose, you're lost,*

*For out in the world we find*

*Success begins with a person's will --*

*It's all in the State of Mind.*

*If you think you are outclassed, you are.*

*You've got to think high to rise.*

*You've got to be sure of yourself before*

*You can ever win a prize.*

*Life's battles don't always go*

*To the stronger or faster woman or man,*

*But sooner or later the one who wins*

*Is the one who thinks he/she can!*

Keep on winning because you think you can!

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## Halls of Fame *(continued from Page 3)*

remain on the board of directors in some capacity to continue working toward that goal.

It is, however (to coin a phrase of a well-known television chef), time to "kick it up a notch." With the upcoming elections, the four key positions (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary) are going to be vacated and open to individuals in the World of Shuffleboard who can bring fresh, new leadership to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. ***Any individual who would like to participate in leading the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame into the next millennium (or knows of someone capable of the task) should contact the secretary or a member of the Board of Directors as soon as possible.***

At the next NSHF board meeting, open nominations for the four positions by members of the board will be followed by elections to fill these open positions. Since this meeting will have a tremendous impact on the future of the NSHF, I feel that it is very important for it to be open to the public in some way, either to all interested individuals, or reported upon by The Board Talk.

Again, thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve the shuffleboard community. I'm looking forward to the continued growth of "excellence" in the sport of shuffleboard, and look toward the 21st Century with its exciting possibilities and opportunities.

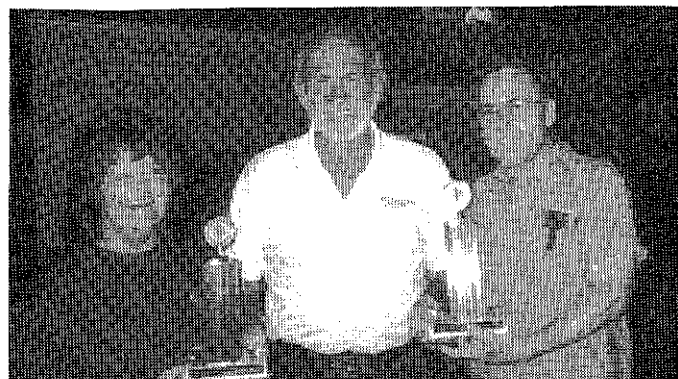
*(Editor's Note: We know there are many qualified individuals out there in The World of Shuffleboard who could -- and should -- fill those positions. An excellent resource "pool" are those now serving on state and/or regional committees. We urge all of you readers to contact Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446; President Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg St., Oklahoma City, OK 73150; Vice President Hal Perry, 942 Dondra Way, Sacramento, CA 95838; Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer Bob Hunt, 1400 S. Street #201, Sacramento, CA 95814; Director Larry Creakbaum, 244 Spring Court, Indianapolis, IN 46214; or Director Dave Arndt, 6038 S. Bell St., Tacoma, WA 98408. Share with them your suggestions about qualified persons to serve on the board. Time is short -- DO IT NOW!*

Back in February of 1999, The Board Talk made a number of editorial suggestions to the NSHF. They included expanding the board to 12 members with broader geographical representation, annual meetings open for "public comment" and participation, reports from the NSHF on any official actions, and the appointment of an historian to

collect information and memorabilia to place in a National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. We encourage the board to take these suggestions into consideration at their next meeting. We also urge the board to alert the World of Shuffleboard regarding the time and location of their next meeting.)

## Tyson/Veazey are Champions at Rendezvous Club

The Rendezvous Club, 2111 Texoma Parkway, Sherman, Texas, held its Tournament of Champions for all the weekly winners on June 28.



Rendezvous owner A.J. Burgers (center) presents first place trophies to Elaine Tyson and David Veasey.



Second place honors went to favorites Randy Rowland and Charlie Hutcherson.

## Badouin/Gray Win at A-B Draw at "B" House

Ursula Badouin (A) and Pat Gray (B) were buzzing at the "B" House, Titusville, Florida, in the 4th Annual A-B Draw Tournament. They lost the first game and then went undefeated for the championship.

***Is YOUR partner/opponent a Board Talk subscriber? Ask!***

## **Baldwinsville Moose Sizzler a Fun Time for Participants**

The Labor Day Shuffleboard Sizzler, held Sept. 3-5 at the Baldwinsville Moose Lodge, Baldwinsville, New York, was enjoyed by all participants. On Friday evening, 19 shufflers entered the singles. After a lot of games and a lot of hours, the final match was completed on Saturday with Ken Van Ziles taking first place, Sharon Canino second, Dan Miner third, and Rick Meyer fourth.

The mixed event began at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and after all games were played, John and Sharon Canino took first place. Rick Meyer and Jane Johnson took second place honors, with Linda Meyer and John Arndt finishing in third.

The draw partner event began Saturday afternoon and continued into the evening. The winning team consisted of Dick Losee and Ryan Fuller, with John Arndt and Ken Van Ziles coming in second, and Ken Doran and Brian Lounsbury in third.

Sunday's bring partner had some stiff competition for all players. After all action was completed, Dick Losee and Russ Reynolds took first place, Sharon and John Canino took second, and GH (Arizona) and Don Perry finished in third.

Tournament officials thank Pug, Charlie O. and Roy for completely taking care of all the kitchen services, and Linda and Rick Meyer and John Canino for running the tournament and keeping all events running smoothly. Plans are to have this event annually around this same time of the year and to have each upcoming tournament more successful and more fun.

## **TAZ Country Hosts Handicapped Tournament**

Many players, including seven -1's and several 0's, gathered for TAZ Country's (Austin, Texas) Handicapped Tourney held on Aug. 6-8. Forty-four players participated in the \$30 blind draw on Friday night. Early into the morning, Ron Bowers and Randy Rogers of Austin split with Bill Melton of Oklahoma and Jeri Billard of Fort Worth. Doug Paben and David Porterfield of Austin received third place honors.

On Saturday afternoon, there were 19 teams in the bring partner add to 1 double elimination event. In first place was Bobby Williams of Fort Worth and Kim Andrews of Austin. Harvey Kidd and Ken "Doc" Strong of Houston took second place, with

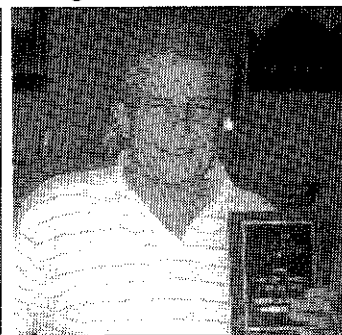
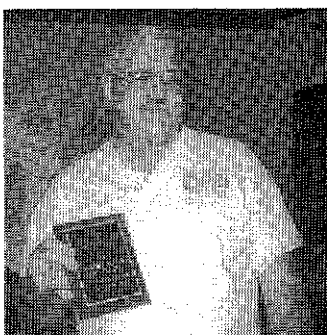
hometown boys Tom French and Tony Fiumara in third.

Handicapped singles ended this weekend of shuffleboard with 10 players participating. David Williams of Fort Worth took home first place, with Bill Melton in second.

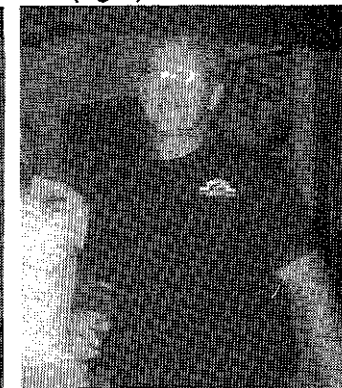
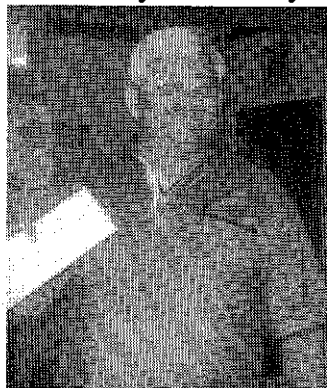
"Thanks to everyone for making this such a successful tournament," said Kim Andrews. "We hope to see you at the next one."

## **Glen Ingram Tops Field of 20 at Bourbon's Round Robin**

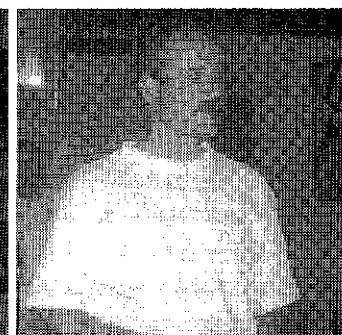
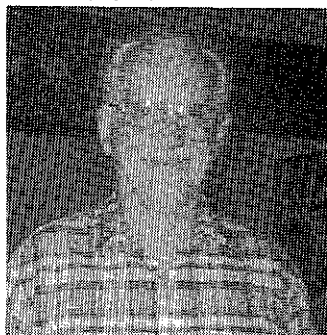
Twenty serious shufflers plunked down a \$200 entry fee plus \$15 registration fee to participate in the true round robin singles at the American Legion 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on Aug. 20-21.



No. 1 was Glen Ingram (left) of Indiana, who only had four losses out of 19 games. He was closely followed by No. 2 Terry Dowell (right) of Indiana.



No. 3 was Rick Niblett (left) of Maryland, with Ray Miller (right) of Indiana in the No. 4 spot.



Jim Long (left) of Indiana and Chuck Muehlhauser of Missouri took fifth and sixth spots.

# "Thanks for the Memories...."



**Spanning the Generations....**

To all the participants of the 10th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash, we say thanks for your fellowship, your good sportsmanship, and competitive spirits. We look forward to seeing you next year.

And thanks to George and Donna Wilber who started it all 10 years ago."

Skip & Carole Sliwa  
Skip's Lounge



**Spanning the Ocean...**



Ted Johnson, a force to be reckoned with in Michigan during the '50s through '70s, came out of "retirement" to meet up-and-coming dynamo Alonzo Cottrell.



Why would you leave Hawaii for Michigan? According to Ouy Durfee, first-time tournament player, Michigan doesn't sacrifice virgins and they play shuffleboard!

**Good Fellowship.....**

**And Good Fun.....**



Every year at Skip's, Board Talk George and Cass Grubbs renew their long-term friendship.

When she wasn't selling 50/50 tickets for the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Theresa Stevens was rockin'!

When you don't shuffle, you boogie, decide Bob Ray and Rose Zissler.

## SKIP'S LOUNGE

8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan

Phone: 517-422-5631

"In the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland"

--Best Hamburgs in Northern Michigan!--

# 10th Annual Skip's/ Board Talk Fall Bash Another Smash Hit!

**By George & Donna Wilber**

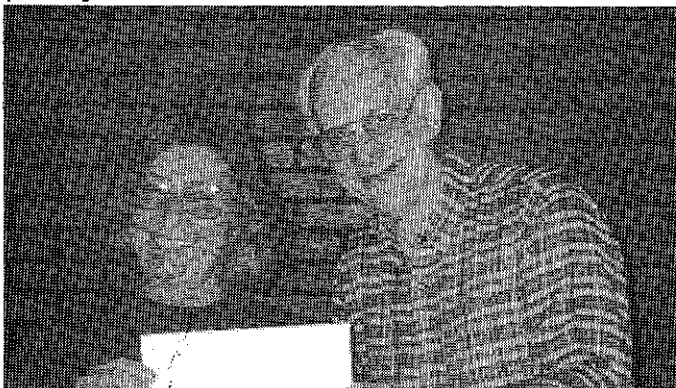
The pair of lonely, lovely legs under Board No. 3 at Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan, should be a clue that this is one fun place to be! The crowd of shufflers from throughout Michigan, plus Indiana and Missouri, that filled Skip's wall to wall for the 10th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash on Sept. 10-12 agreed and the place rocked with fun-filled competition throughout the weekend. Near-record participation (with many first-time tournament participants) in the three events, healthy pots, and intense competition marked No. 10 in a series that started back in 1990.

## Kane/Huffer Win Draw Partner

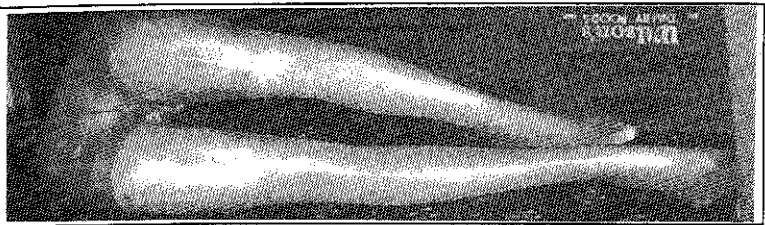
On Friday, 44 players signed up for the draw partner event, each eager for a share of the \$3285 total pot.



After a long, grueling battle, the team of Brenda Kane of Pontiac, Michigan, and Larry Huffer of Indiana, collected their fat envelope and their first-place jackets.



Giving them a run for the money were Judy Edelen of Missouri and Jim Long of Indiana.



The "dark horse" team of John Cowan, Indiana, and Bob Scott, Michigan, took third place.



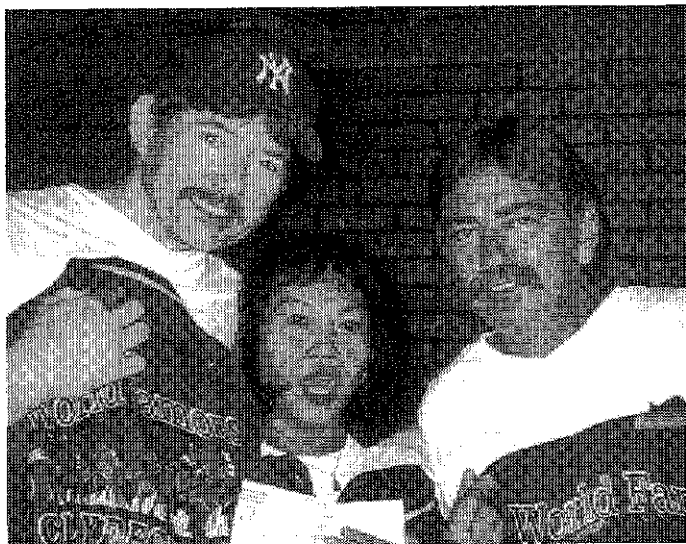
Also low on the totem pole in sponsor sales, Sarah Palmer of Saginaw and Paul Turner of Pontiac took the fourth and final money spot. In his first tournament, Paul did very well for himself, sponsoring the first and second place finishers.



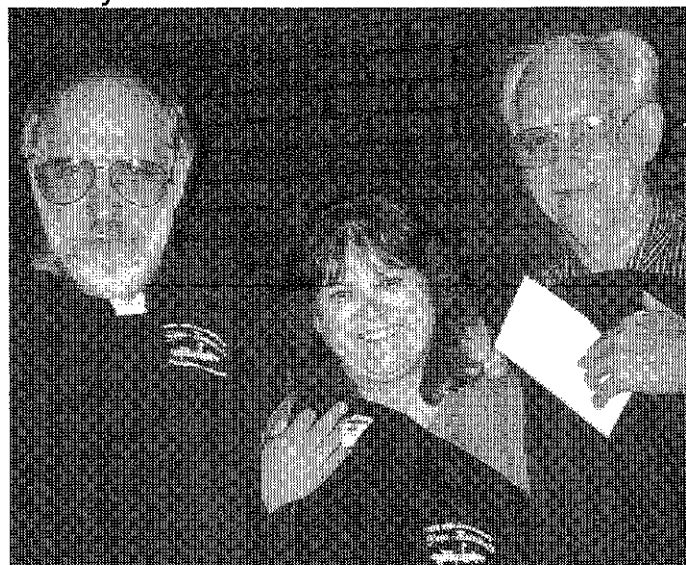
Pat Kuhn of Indiana did an outstanding job of filling in for bracketeer Rob Kern on Friday. A bit short in stature, Pat had to stretch to track the 22 teams.

### **Spier/Durfee/LeMieux Tops in A-B-C**

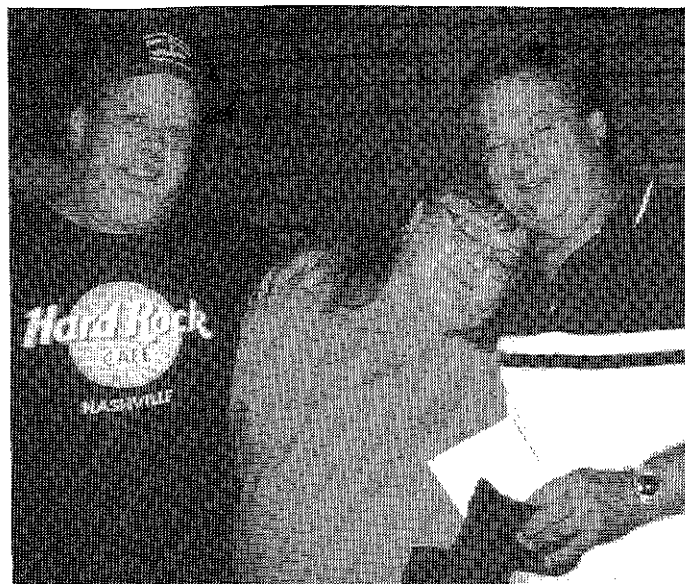
They just kept coming and coming, veterans, regulars and first-timers, to sign up for the A-B-C draw tournament -- 72 shufflers in all! As usual, there were not enough A's to captain 24 teams, so some B's had to be temporarily "upgraded." There was little grumbling over this necessity and all captains served with honor. In addition to the first-timers, there were a number of players who were unfamiliar with the A-B-C format. However, if the noise level was an indicator, everyone had a great time!



Claiming their World Famous Clydesdale jackets and the biggest share of the total \$5410 pot were captain Bud Spier of Houghton Lake, Ouy Durfee of Southfield, and Chris LeMieux of Birmingham. It was an exciting moment for first-timer Ouy, formerly of Hawaii.



The No. 2 team was captained by Hoosier Jim Long and included Leon Black of Lansing and Lisa Hedding, Royal Oak. Skip provided 10th anniversary t-shirts for second place and caps for third.



Reggie Surfus (right) of Houghton Lake congratulates his team of Mike Kenney, Royal Oak, and Rose Sizzler, Saginaw, for finishing third.



The Houghton Lake tournament has become a tradition for Bjerne Sunde (right) of Madison Heights. He led his team of Scott Auten and Mary Williams of Pontiac to fourth place.

Finishing fifth and sixth were: Captain John Myles, Livonia; John Addington and Dick Reist, Lansing -- Captain Bill Kane and Carolyn Perry of Pontiac and Gary Peruzzi, Royal Oak.

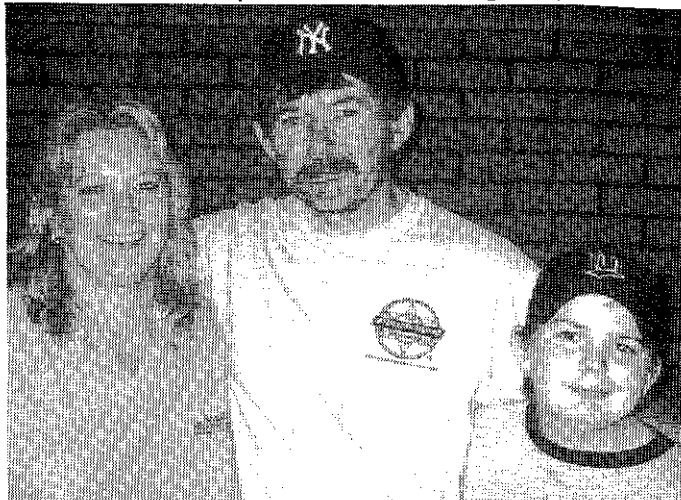
### **Bud Spier Captures Singles Crown**

By the time Skip's opened at noon on Sunday, it appeared that few players had the energy and/or money left to play in the open singles, with only eight paid sign-ups recorded. Slowly, entries trickled in and by sale time, 24 hearty souls had committed themselves to try for a share of the \$2610 total pot.

There was discussion of trying a graduated entry or handicap format next year to attract more entries.

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## Fall Bash (continued from Page 11)



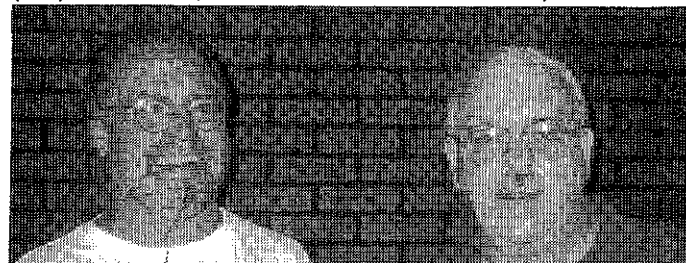
Bud Spier poses with his No. 1 fans, wife Debbie and son Reggie, and his second Famous Clydesdale jacket of the weekend. Rumor has it he did pretty well in the round robins as well.



Collecting his third second-place honors in as many events was Jim Long, lovingly known as The Silver Fox. The Fall Bash is always enhanced with the presence of Jim and sidekick Vicki.



Two tough contenders from Pontiac: Alonzo Cottrell (left) took third, with Scott Auten in fourth place.



Dave Willett, Saginaw, and Glen Ingram, Indiana, don't look too unhappy with 5th and 6th places.

## Thanks from The Board Talk

Board Talk George pays tribute to Charlee Magoo, owner of Majestic Cafe, Pontiac, Michigan, by wearing her special hat.  
(Donna says: it looks better on Charlee!)



Board Talk publishers George and Donna Wilber thank Skip and Carole for making this 10th Anniversary a special event, especially the fine food spread on Saturday and the great service and hospitality of your staff throughout the weekend. Thanks, also, to our volunteer help Judy Edelen, Debbie Kern, Pat Kuhn and Alonzo Cottrell; and our talented director Rob Kern. A special salute to the Pontiac crew from the Majestic and Broken Arrow which once again led in participation.

Last, but not least, thanks to all Fall Bash participants -- long-time supporters, repeaters and first-timers. You were a noisy, competitive, fun-loving crowd, but you always conducted yourselves with enough restraint that it didn't attract the attention of the State Police Post across the street! For that, Skip and Carole, George and Donna are grateful.

We also appreciate your willingness to prep the boards for the next team and for calling weights on occasion, and your acceptance of captain's responsibilities in the ABC Draw (you may not know it now, but it could be your influence and guidance that leads a newcomer to become an active participant in The World of Shuffleboard).

P.S.: Thanks, also, to Glen Ingram for the healthy and heated debate on the use of personal weights. And thanks to Ray Miller and Sonny Morgan for use of their Bowers Rating Books. We never go anywhere without our copy, but this time, it got left in our "Series of Three" notebook at home. This summer has been our busiest ever in the 16 years we have been in business, and we appreciate the patience and understanding of The World of Shuffleboard.

P.P.S.: Check the order form in this issue for Board Talk t-shirts.



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# Can a Conehead Really Lag a Four?

By Kathi Lloyd

When we were at the Southwest Open in Del City, Oklahoma, talk got started between the Nebraska and Colorado players about the Nebraska players paying us a visit at the Balloon Inn since so many of our players had gone to Nebraska for the Denny Busch Memorial Tournament. Well, one thing led to another and before I knew it, I was organizing the first Co (Colorado) Ne (Nebraska) Head Classic. The 1st Conehead Classic was held on Friday, Aug. 20 (Dennis Bird's birthday party within a party!) and Saturday, Aug. 21. I figured we'd better have Sunday to recover and get the Nebraska players back home safely for work on Monday.

We had 27 players from both states for the \$25 A-B-C blind draw team event and a whole lot of partying. There was nearly \$2,000 up for grabs and the competition was fierce.



First place went to (from left) Dave Cowan, Kathi Lloyd and Mike Hedges.



Second place winners were (from left) Tighe Levan, Mike Richardson and Kevin Kelly.



Sue Webster, Rick Boyer, and Linda Ritter took third place.

It was great to have Linda Ritter, Char and Joel Rahn, and Len and Sue Webster out for a visit. We were sorry that Kevin Higby, Amy Everhart and Marty Shepard had to cancel at the last minute since we had so much fun with them the last time they were here.

We had such a great time that we are going to do it again next summer! If you get the itch to have lots of fun playing in a competitive but lighthearted tournament, come on out and join us next year!

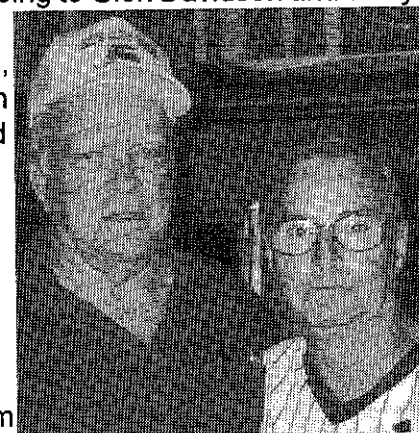
## "Arkie Dog Daze" a Success!

The first annual "Arkie Dog Daze" tournament was held Aug. 6-8 at the VFW Post #9095 in Little Rock, Arkansas. There was a great local turnout as well as some out-of-town players. Special thanks to Glen Davidson and Madge Goff of Oklahoma, Gene McLeod of Missouri, and Harvey Walden of Tennessee for coming and supporting the tournament and helping iron out the wrinkles.

The draw partner event was held on Friday, with first place honors going to Glen Davidson and Barry Hollowell. They

were a strong team, but had some tough competition. A good fight was given by Tony Pelton and Joyce Woodard, who took second.

Third went to Ronnie Curtis and Bill Laneer (right), another strong team



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## More Notebook

### **Indiana Loses "Hawkeye"**

One of my best friends, shuffleboard partner and teacher, died of cancer on Sept. 4. His name was Larry D. Weeks, but everyone knew him as "Hawkeye." He was a strong left-handed shooter. I can remember many nights staying open until 3 a.m. just so he and Larry Huffer could play for money. He'll be greatly missed.

Carol Westerman, Lucky's, North Webster, Indiana

*Shufflers who participated in the tournament at Houghton Lake shared your sentiments, Carol. We understand he played league and tournament shuffleboard for over 30 years.*

### **Thanks to The Federation and Others from Char Rahn**

My sincere apologies to John McDermott and The Shuffleboard Federation for failing to list their donations in my reports of the 1st and 2nd Denny Busch Memorial Tournaments held in Omaha in 1998 and 1999. After it was brought to my attention, I checked about these omissions in The Board Talk articles -- and it did happen. For the first tournament, John and The Federation donated two sets of weights which were auctioned off and the money was included in the cash donated to the Busch family in 1998. For the second memorial, John and The Federation donated two buckets of powder for the tournament.

John, please accept the apology from the Omaha shuffleboard players and myself for the omission that occurred and please believe me when we say we greatly appreciate all you and The Federation do to promote shuffleboard.

Joel and I thoroughly enjoy reading The Board Talk each month. As soon as I receive it in the mail, I read it from cover to cover. Over the years, it has really helped me to put names and faces together when I see the players at the Southwest Open and in Reno. You do a great job reporting on all the tournaments, opinions, and everything to do with shuffleboard. I think it would be nice if you printed the price of a Board Talk shirt every once in awhile. You'd probably sell a few.

I would like to thank Ron and Sharon Huddleston and their staff for a great Southwest Open again. They all do a fantastic job and I know it is a HUGE undertaking. They keep everything running smoothly

and everybody has a good time. I have really enjoyed the last two years because I have gotten a third and a second in the Div. II draw partner. Thanks to Billy Poole and Rick Pittman for being my partners in the draw and holding me in the game.

I've heard rumors that Ron and Sharon want someone else to take over the Southwest Open. I hope that's not true because they do such a great job. I know it is a lot of work because I've only done one big tournament and I didn't even know what I was doing. I have to have a great staff to help, and I did, and I know you have a great group of people helping you. So, hope you keep running the best tournament in the country.

Finally, I would like to thank the Balloon Inn and Colorado shuffleboard players for a great time on Aug. 20-21. Sue and Len Webster, Linda Ritter, and Joel and I went to Colorado for Dennis Bird's birthday. Hence, the 1st Conehead Classic Tournament. (*Editor's Note: see report in this issue.*) We all hope to make it an annual event. It was an ABC draw, the first time we Nebraska people played in one and we really enjoyed it.

League and tournaments will be starting soon here in Nebraska and we're all looking forward to another exciting year.

Char Rahn, Omaha, Nebraska

*We're sure John and The Federation will accept your apology, Char. There are few tournament directors who haven't lived through the agony of leaving someone off the thank-you list (been there, done that).*

*Thanks for your kind words about The Board Talk. There's no way we could do it without good reporters like you. Please note that there is an order blank in this issue for Board Talk t-shirts.*

*We share your opinion of Ron and Sharon; however, we understand all too well their desire to turn over the reins to someone else. If they do, we're sure they'll select someone who will follow in their footsteps with competence.*

### **Jim McDaniel Honored**

On March 21, a surprise party was held at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, to honor Jim McDaniel for his 50 years as an outstanding shuffleboard player and teacher. Hosted by myself and Jimmy Wallace, this special event was attended by 125 guests from four states -- family and friends in and out of The World of Shuffleboard. A large cake, all kinds of foods and drinks were served. We also presented Jim with a lovely plaque,

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Monday 12/27	3	Noon	A/B/C (Pro/Am) Draw	All	\$40
Tuesday 12/28	4	Noon	4 Person Bring Team – Min. Points 4 (only 1 Pro) 2 of 3 Double Elimination	All	\$400/Team
	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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many nice gifts and a money tree hung with \$800. Jim cried and said he never dreamed so very many people cared about him.



*Jim McDaniel and his wife Grace.*

The party was a very special day for a very special man who has really given of himself to the Wonderful World of Shuffleboard.

Thanks to all our great fellow shufflers who took their time and Sunday off to attend this event, particularly those who came a distance: Al DiBella, Louise Freer, Judy Gartland, Rita Yank, Butch Kelly, Herb and Cindy Forester, Dick Gorman and Wendy Davis. A big thank you to Wayne and Faye Todd who pitched in with extra time and help. Thanks also to the many locals who brought food, to Jimmy Dennis for supplying a huge roast beef, Darylene and Harvey for supplying their room and food, and each Cecil-Hartford League member who attended. Thanks, everyone.

To anyone out there in The Wonderful World of Shuffleboard who would like to congratulate Jim and wish him well, his address is: Jim McDaniel, 1715 Poole Rd., Darlington, MD 21034.

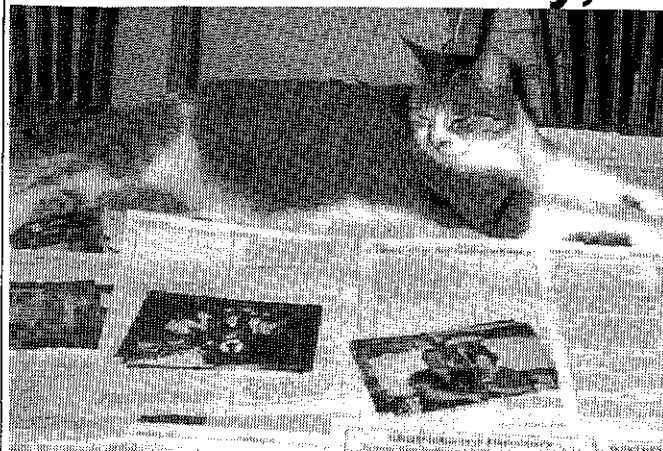
Another person who needs remembering is Nelson Renzo, owner of the Lafayette Inn, site of many tournaments in the past. He has been battling throat cancer and has had several surgeries. His family is running the bar and restaurant very well.

I encourage all those who know Nelson to send him a note of encouragement: Nelson Renzo, Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911.

Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Maryland

*Our congratulations to Jim for this well-deserved honor (sounds like a good Hall of Fame candidate). We thank you, Brenda, for sharing your news and encourage readers to drop a note to Jim and to Nelson.*

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



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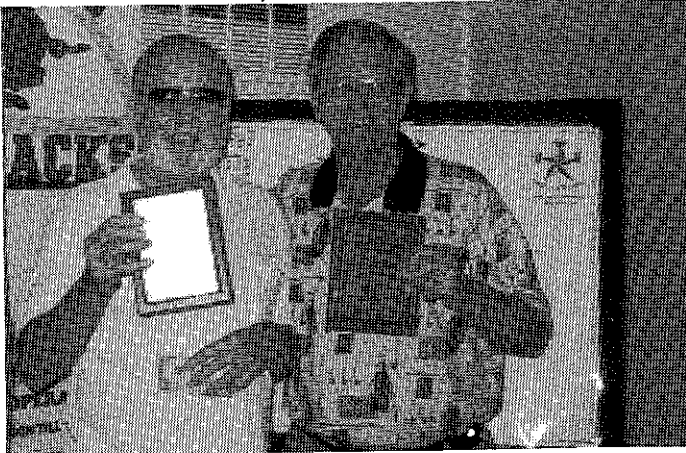
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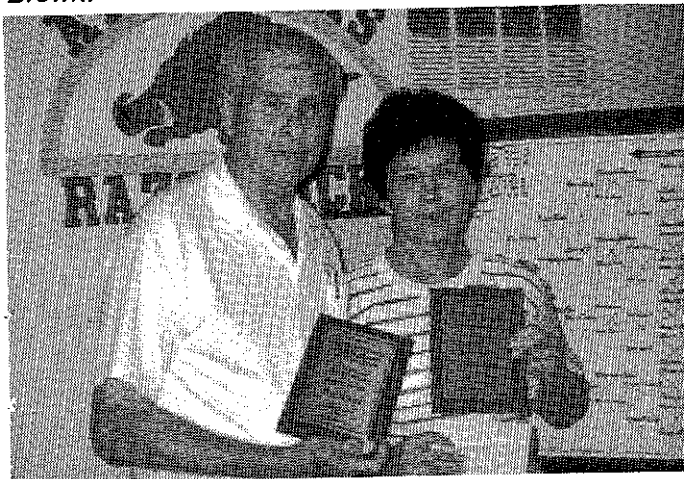
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## "Dog Daze" (continued from Page 14)

Saturday was the day for the bring your partner event. There were quite a few strong teams.



The top winners were Glen Davidson and Everett Brown.



Gene McLeod and Charlotte Curtis gave them a run for their money and took home second.

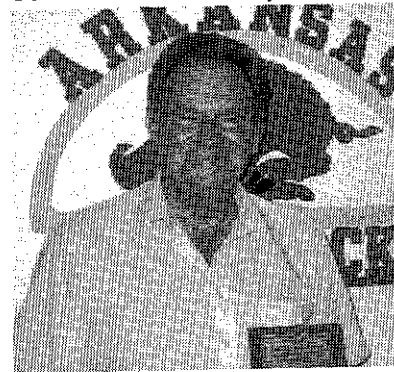


Third place honors went to the husband and wife team of Russell and Kay Cannerday.

The singles event was held on Sunday. This was the first singles event for this location so it was a little intimidating for some.



After some great playing, first place went to Tony Pelton (left). A good fight by Gene McLeod (right) earned him second place.



Third place went to Dan Ussery, who put forth a great effort.

These events are still new to this area. With future events already planned, hopefully they will continue to grow. Special recognition goes to Tony and Joyce Pelton; without them, none of this would be happening. Thanks also to Ron Helton for his support and to Rachel McKinney for keeping the kitchen open and the snacks out. Organizers are already looking forward to the next tournament. Details coming soon.

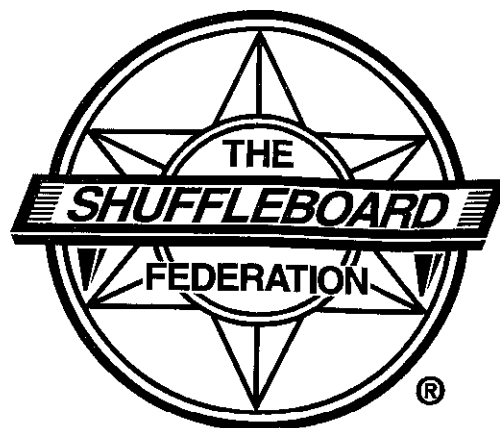
## Additions to "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."

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Next month we will publish a list of the shuffleboard locations that will NOT be on the 2000 list if they do not renew. To be on the new listing, which travelers use faithfully for places to stop and play, locations must be signed up by Dec. 15, 1999.

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# Texas Open Draws Players from Nine States

*By Bobby Williams*

From Wednesday through Monday (Sept. 1-6), the 1999 Texas Open was the best tournament ever as far as spirit and excellence in competition, but tempered with friendship, camaraderie and sportsmanship. I can't recall how many times Rick Niblett and I battled tooth and nail on the boards and as soon as a game was over, we were kidding each other about a less than perfect lag or a botched shot.

Perhaps the good sportsmanship displayed was due in part to the induction of David Williams into the Texas Hall of Fame (see reports on Pages 2-3). There is no one in our sport who is better known for honor and sportsmanship than David.

The tournament had players from nine states with almost \$90,000 in payouts.

In Wednesday's Div. I bring team, the winners were David Williams' team of Mike Taylor, Steve Walker and Randy Rogers. Taking second was Rick Niblett's team of Johnny Wayne Crawford, Dale Koteras and Whiz.



*Second place finishers in the 4-person team event: Rick Niblett, Johnny Wayne Crawford, Dale Koteras, looking for Whiz.*

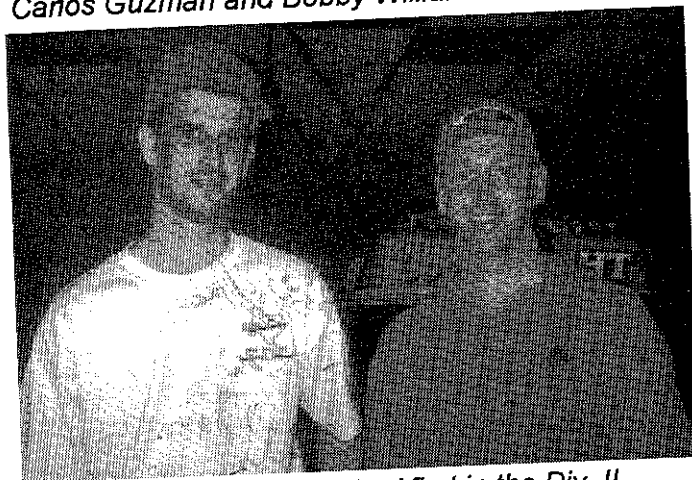
In Div. II bring team, Kim Andrews' team of Jeff Womble, Gilbert Baird and Bob Phister finished first. Second place went to Gary and Kay Nelson, Tom Clubb and Don Nieves.

In Thursday's Div. I singles, winners were: Bill Melton, 1st; Bobby Williams, 2nd; Carlos Guzman, 3rd; and Billy Melton, 4th.

In Div. II singles, Dave Ramold finished first, with Jeff Womble taking second place honors. Mark Steelman took third place.



*Top winners in Div. I singles (from left): Bill Melton, Carlos Guzman and Bobby Williams.*



*Dave Ramold (right) finished first in the Div. II singles, with Jeff Womble taking second place.*



*Glen Davidson and Harvey Walden took top honors in the Div. I draw partner.*

Diana Hagen and Mike Taylor took second place, with Billy Melton and Carlos Guzman in third place.

**A Board Talk Salute to David Williams, Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductee! -- George & Donna**



*Winners of the Div. II Draw were: Don Roper and Kay Nelson, 1st; Gary Nelson and Walt Smith, 2nd; Linda Nobles and Jeff Nodlin, 3rd.*

In Saturday's draft team event, Harvey Kidd's team of Mike Taylor, Pat Gainey, Linda French, Linda Nobles and Leon Black took top honors. Finishing second was the team of Brian Walker: Janet Wiedner, Marshall Partlow, Tom French, Bob Phister, and Carol Audett. Third place went to Bobby Williams' team of Mike Renick, Whiz, Chris Smith, J.D. Sweet and Tim Rial.

Sunday's Div. I bring partner event was won by Tommy McBurnett and Billy Mays, with Bobby Williams and C.W. Walker in second place. Rick Niblett and Jeri Billard finished third.

In Div. II, top winners were Dave Ramold and Joe Parish, 1st; Lilly Kidd and Leon Black, 2nd; Jeff Womble and Kim Andrews, 3rd.

Monday's open singles for 1's and above was won by Phil Gardner. Mike Taylor took second place honors, with Eddie Wood in third place.

Special thanks go to C.W. Walker, Bill Wooldridge and Morris Moss for the boards, Bill Melton for the dust and scoreboards, Johnny Wayne for countless hours and tasks, Jeri Billard and Pam Lee who made the tournament a success. Thanks also to John McDermott who donated a set of Federation weights and Triple Crown for a set of weights, and George Lee for donating a very nice weight case. Also a big thank you to Jack Davis and Harvey Kidd who handled the sales and to Rob Kern, the very best bracket man and organizer in the world!

We collected a one-time board fee and had all the boards with a reset button which eliminated the need for quarters. This allows free practice and match games. Ron Huddleston stated that the Southwest Open would likely go with this format next year.

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## Dixie Belle/Oskar's Host Labor Day Tournament

By Chris Brown

"Another holiday weekend, another tournament." I overheard this bored remark on Friday evening and had to grin at the response it drew. "Yeah. Aren't we lucky to have a place so close to play at?" I guess shuffleboard is like any other sport or hobby; sometimes it can get old.

We tried to shake up that feeling this Labor Day weekend at the Dixie Belle tournament. The first event, an ABC draw, was played at the Dixie Belle on Friday evening and Saturday. Although there were only eight teams participating, the field was wide open and the play was unusually tough.



Vern Booth, Michele Lamo and Fred Flynt took first place.



Vern's team managed that by first knocking the second place team of Bob Brunskill, Ernie Alvarez and Ben Larsen into the loser's bracket, and then defeating them in one match at the finals.



Chris Brown, Bob Davidson and Jolene Lembke took third place.

A potluck buffet was served Saturday afternoon.

The amateur doubles (ratings 2-5) was a whole new story. For the first three rounds of the double elimination bracket, the top half of the bracket was played at the Dixie Belle and the bottom half of the bracket was played at Oskar's Lounge. No one could say they were bored during this event, as players as well as spectators were driving back and forth to play or watch. The question was no longer "Which board do I play next?" but "Which bar do I play next?" With Chris Brown and Doug Pancerev doing the bracketing at the Dixie Belle, and Paul Weber and Joanie Swenson handling the bracket board at Oskar's end, the duplicate brackets were kept updated by telephone. After the third round, all the games were played at Oskar's.

Eleven teams were in at the start and by the close of play Sunday, we were down to the last three teams. Monday morning play started at 10:00, and in a close three-game match (15-13, 8-15, 15-14), Jolene Lembke and Ernie Alvarez tried to get the best of Joanie Swenson and Allan Healy, but had to settle for third place. Joanie did a great job of pulling the third game out when she split a shallow two for four points to win the match.

In the final playoffs, "Long Beach Lloyd" (*Editor's Note: father or brother of Long Beach Lil?*)

Schasker and Ian Jessiman lost the first game to Joanie and Allan, but came back determined and won the next two games to take first place.

In a short ceremony during a break in the play, California State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame President Jolene Lembke was surprised when she was presented with a flag for the organization (see photo on Page 3). I'm sure all of the California players will want to join me in saying thanks to Pearl Minard, who designed and made the flag.



*Lloyd Schasker and Ian Jessiman, winners of the amateur doubles.*



*Allan Healy and Joanie Swenson took second place honors. This pair of shufflers were married on Sept. 19. We wish them the very best!*



*Jolene Lembke and Ernie Alvarez finished third.*

Chris Brown, Dixie Debbie and all the local players extend their hopes that we'll be seeing you all in November during the Thanksgiving Tournament, Nov. 25-28. We'll be having three events: ABC draw, amateur draw doubles for ratings 2 through 5, and open doubles, played at the Dixie Belle and Oskar's Lounge.

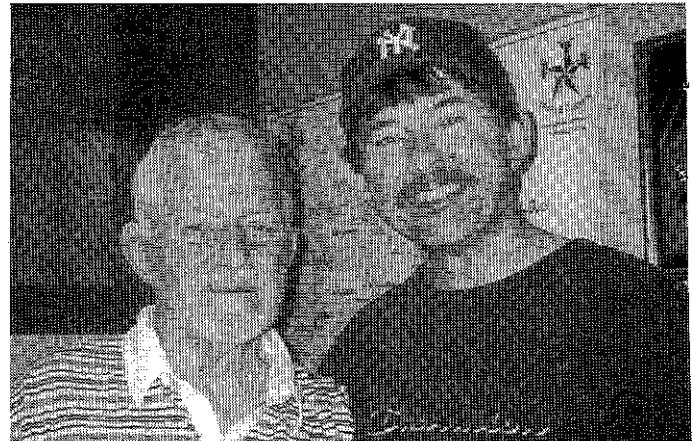
*(Editors' Note: Publishers George and Donna Wilber add their sincere best wishes to newlyweds Joanie Swenson and Allan Healy.)*

## **Jimmy & Jerry Tops in SSSSS #3 Doubles**

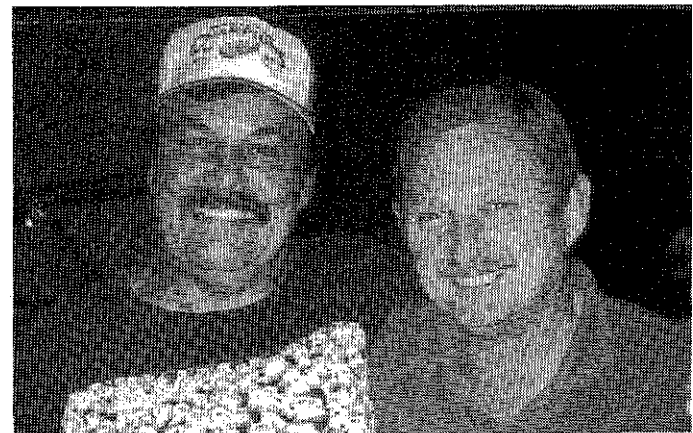
The third in the Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard series, a cooperative effort between three Michigan shuffleboard sites, was held at the Club Car Lounge in Durand on Sept. 5. Six non-qualifying teams joined the eight qualifiers, adding their \$5 per person setaside for the pot that will be distributed at the playoffs on Sept. 26.



*Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Detroit and Jerry Siebert of Holt took top honors and the biggest share of the entry and sale pots.*



*George Wilber of Lansing and Bud Spier of Houghton Lake took second place.*



*The two Rons -- Bown and Palmer -- finished third.*

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**SSSSS #3** (continued from Page 23)

In a related singles held on Labor Day, 16 players gave their best to take a share of the pot. A good share of an enthusiastic gallery stayed through the finals to watch a fiercely-fought battle.



*The Top Three -- (from left) Vic Matteson of Pontiac, 3rd; Frank Blade, St. Clair, 2nd; and Steve Auten, Pontiac, 1st.*

Pro Frank Blade, who has been in semi-retirement, did not intimidate the fearless Steve Auten, and the two provided some awesome playing for an appreciative audience. It was good to have Frank back on the active list again.

At the playoffs on Sept. 26, three of the qualifying eight teams will share in the entry and sale pots, plus the \$400 setaside. During that event, the three sponsors, Linda Stober of Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Charlee Magoo of the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, and Dennis Bittner of Club Car Lounge in Durand, will decide whether to continue the series next year and whether changes need to be made in the format. Watch for results in the next issue.

## **1st Adirondack Open a Success!** *By Pete Cummings*

The Riverside in Keeseville, New York, hosted its first-ever regional tournament on Sept. 10-12 and, by most accounts, it was a huge success. The numbers weren't immense, but the hospitality, the food and the over \$1,000 purse should help spread the word around. Certainly, no one went hungry; Pauline and Judy saw to that. The chicken barbeque, blooming onions, salads, soups, and chili made it seem like Sunday cookin' all weekend long.

Speaking of eating -- Mike Howerton ate up the competition all weekend. Voted the tournament MVP, he finished with a first and two seconds. How's that for consistency in a three-event tournament?

Thursday night's round robins were won by host Pauline Rock with a variety of partners. The only

thing hotter was the seafood gumbo. Friday night, Mike Howerton started cooking with a first in the draw partner.

*MVP Mike Howerton with all his hardware.*



Mike's partner in the draw was "Nasty" Ed Galke, who repeatedly showed us all how he earned his nickname. As a group, we all promise to vote for Ed should he ever be nominated for the "Hall of Shame."

Finishing second was Pat Brennan of Burlington, Vermont, and Kenny Van Zile. Taking third and really meeting every good team along the way were Penny Everest and Betty Rambach.

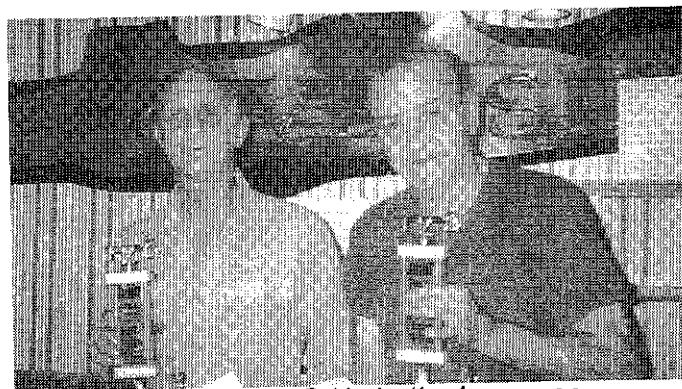
Saturday was bring on the bloomin' onions and chicken barbeque. The mixed doubles had a great women's field and the level of play was remarkable.



*Cindy Miner and Kenny VanZile (left) finished strong against Mike Howerton and Cheryl Alwell.*

Pauline Rock and Pete Cummings finished third.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny and the play of bring partner sparkled as well.



*Don Perry (right) and G.H., better known as Arizona, won the bring partner, coming from the loser's bracket to cool off the team of Howerton (who is that masked man?) and Rock.*



*Tournament sponsor Pauline Rock and MVP Mike Howerton took second in the bring partner.*

Long-time shuffleboard stalwarts Carl Cacy and Ronny Bell finished third.

*Cindy Miner and Ronny Bell were winners of the "limited calcutta" draw partner.*



We hope more people will note this tournament and come up to this piece of "God's Country" in Keeseville, New York, next year.

## Amateur Qualifier at Fir Cone

*By Dwayne Dibley*

The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington, hosted a series of amateur tournaments designed to crown a Pacific Northwest Amateur Champion for 1999. To qualify, a player must have been rated a 2.5 or higher by the Bower's Rating System. The amateur doubles is a draw with the top six teams advancing to the final tournament on Aug. 21. In this year's qualification events, a sponsor sale was included. Therefore, the top six finishers not only earned a shot at the Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship, but also took home some cash. The final qualifying event for 1999 was held on July 9.



*Mike Kevill and Jeff Kresting were the winners.*



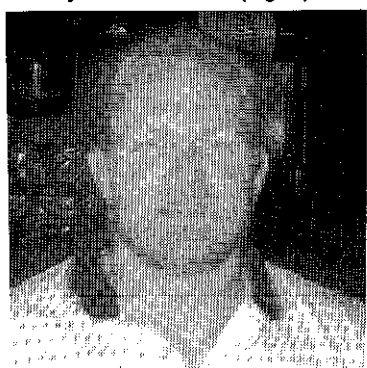
*Jeanette Hohn and Norm Hohn put up a good fight, but had to settle for second.*

Third place went to Billy Hagmann and Buck Sylvan.

The singles event was held on Sunday.



*Jeff Kersting (left) repeated his Saturday performance by also taking first in the singles. Terry Woodward (right) finished a strong second.*



*Mike Keevil (left) was third and Frank Givens (right) finished fourth.*

*Jeanette Hohn and Steve Stewart (right) tied for fifth place.*



See results of the championships in the next issue.

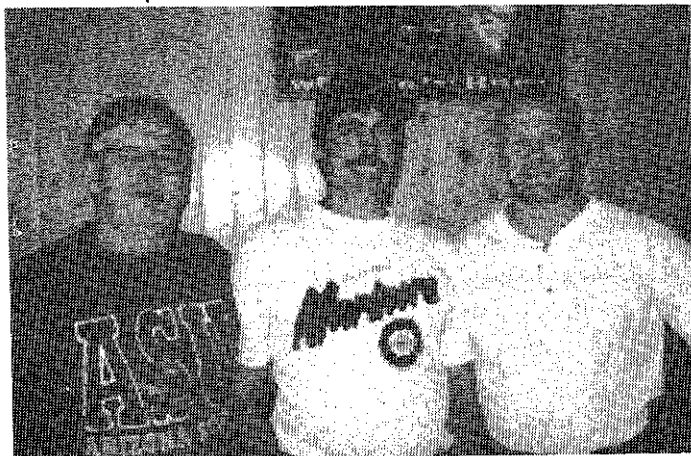
# Late Fireworks at The Blue Goose

*By Bill Walker*

It didn't quite match the annual 4th of July display over the bay in Port Orchard, Washington, of two weeks earlier, but there were plenty of fireworks just the same when the Blue Goose Tavern rolled out its 3rd Annual ABC Draw tournament on July 16-18.

The festivities started out Friday evening with a single elimination open draw partner event. First place went to a pair of well-known Northwest tournament regulars, Don Stallsworth of Rogue River, Oregon, and Mike Waters of Tahuya, Washington. They held off the challenge of the upset-minded team of Frank Mako of Chehalis and candidate for rookie-of-the-year, Billy Ellis of Shelton. Third place went to locals Jim Rollman and Gary Orcutt, both of Bremerton.

The main event began immediately following the 11 a.m. sponsor sale Saturday morning with a total of 13 teams. When the smoke, dust and shuffleboard wax had settled Sunday evening, the new champions had been crowned.



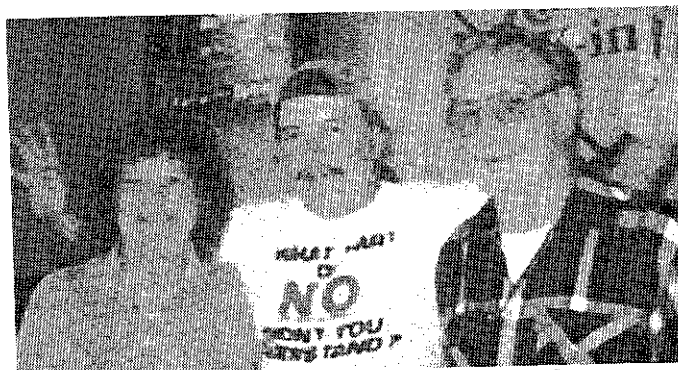
ABC Champs Jim Watson, Tim Nugent and Mike Keevil.



Fighting a gallant battle but settling for second was the team of Jim "Caveman" Ward, Jeanette Hohn and Jeff Kersting.



Third place was captured by locals Lynne Rollman (member of last year's winning team), Larry Hudson, and Mike Waters.



Finishing fourth was another local group: Dee (Mother Goose) Hudson, Gary Orcutt, and 70-year-young Bob Armstrong, who placed in his first NW major tournament.

As usual, the lady geese, who are too numerous to call out by name, did a superb job of feeding entrants and observers both days with a smorgasbord of finger foods available at all times, as well as picnic meals of hamburgers, hog dogs, beans, chips, etc. available whenever wanted.

This event is growing each year and provides a good chance for newcomers to shuffleboard to team up with tournament-wise veterans of the sport, where they can pick up some of the tricks of the trade by careful observation and listening to tips given by their partners, and filing them away for future use. This can only enhance the sport of shuffleboard and help it grow. We hope to see more tournaments of this type in the future.

*(Editor's Note: We've said it before and we'll say it again -- if shufflers are making a list of places they want to visit, we recommend Port Orchard and The Blue Goose. We had a wonderful time there when we visited prior to our Shufflers' Reunion at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene several years ago. When we retire, we'll be back!)*



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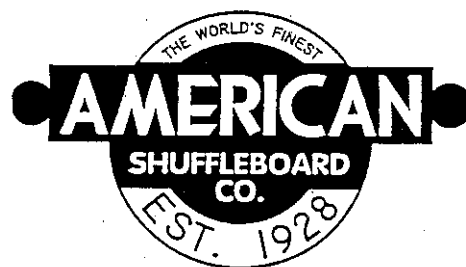
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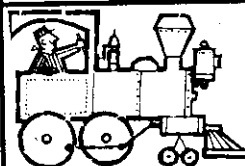
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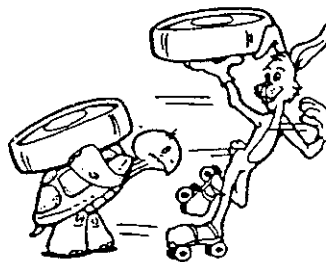
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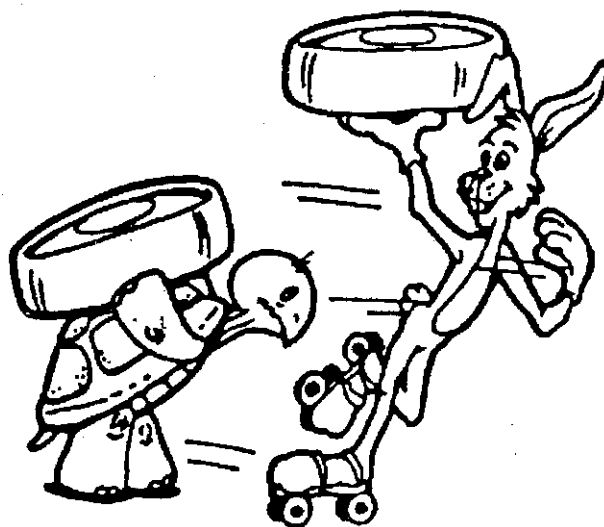
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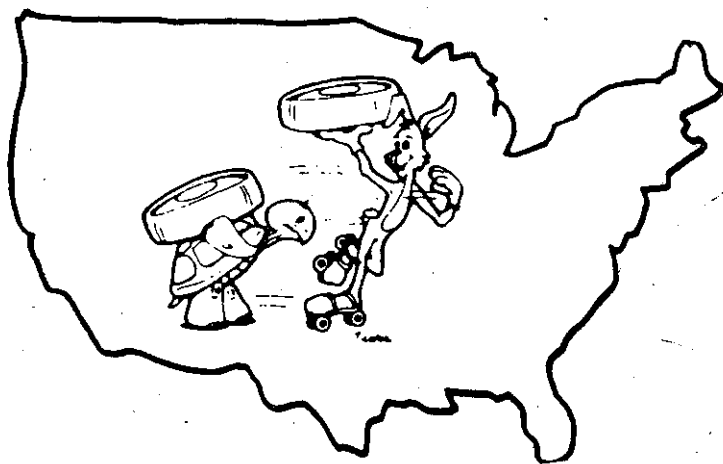
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