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Hot Summer Action on Michigan Boards Hoosiers Sweep First Super Slammin' Summer Tourney

The first in a series of three Michigan Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard tournaments was held at Stober's Lounge in Lansing on July 24-25. A first-time cooperative effort between three locations -- Stober's, Majestic Cafe in Pontiac and Club Car Lounge in Durand -- features a doubles (handicap must total 2 or more) on Sunday and an open singles. Only those teams that signed up and paid for the series of three are eligible for a play-off on Sept. 26 at the Club Car.

There were 12 teams in the doubles and 17 players in the singles for the first in the series and it was Mike Koontz and Dennis Kinsey of Bourbon, Indiana, who shared top honors in both events.



Linda Stober congratulates Mike Koontz and Dennis Kinsey for their first-place win in the doubles. Because they bought each other in the singles sale, they split first and second places. The two Hoosiers gained a lot of friends during their visit to Lansing.

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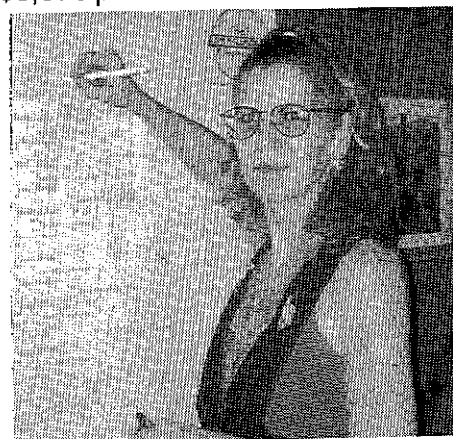
Shufflers Honor Memory of Rudy Stober

For the fourth consecutive year, shufflers gathered on Aug. 6-8 at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, to pay tribute to the memory of Rudy Stober by participating in the game he loved and supported. Rudy was the first inductee into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and, once again, a contribution from 50-50 sales proceeds will be made to that organization in honor of him.

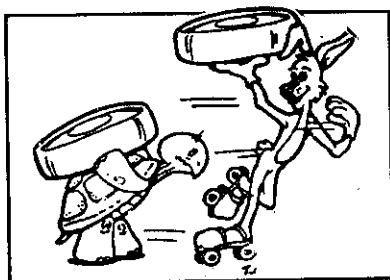
This annual event is a voluntary effort involving many people and ask any of them why they invest their time, money and talents -- whether it's Mark Holland who pays for the Friday night food spread, Carrie and Bill Clifton who pay for the many door prizes out of their own pockets and handle the 50-50 ticket sales, Linda MacLuckie who lends her creative skills to package the prizes and her culinary abilities to the food preparation and serving, or the many customers who donate delectable dishes -- and they all say: "We do it for Rudy; he was so good to all of us and this is our way of thanking him for all the great memories."

This year's event attracted 21 teams in the doubles and 22 entries in the singles, vying for a share of the total \$5,570 pot.

Carrie Clifton, with a little help from husband Bill, Board Talk George and the Stober regulars, recovered from a recent hospital stay in time to direct the 4th Annual Rudy Stober Memorial.



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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Mike Shares Good News, Bad News

The good news: Christine and I are thrilled to announce that we're proud parents of a bouncing baby boy! Daniel James Tobin was born July 14, 1999, weight 8 pounds, 6 ounces, 21 inches long.

The bad news: I haven't played a serious game of shuffleboard in two years.

Keep up the good work!

Pittsburg Michael Tobin

Congratulations Mike and Christine on the birth of your son. He'll help fill that void caused by not being able to find shuffleboard action in the Pittsburgh area. We miss you in Michigan!

Dick Finds Pleasant Surprises in Russia

Recently returned from a 3-week visit to Russia. What an experience -- a lot to see and a whole lot to learn. The people are beautiful and friendly and warm -- not like we have been led to believe. Their government and leaders and world positions don't represent what I saw and heard from the people. They are beat after hundreds of years and they follow (they better). They are controlled but they love and stand by their country.

Shuffleboard is growing on the East Coast, with a lot more small local tournaments than the old days. Some choose to keep them local, worried about dominants coming in. Unfortunately, here as other places, there are the hustlers. But, anyway,

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play is increasing as evidenced by our sales. Nothing but growth and more work. It is a rare day when we don't have a shipment out. Installing an average of a board a week, many in private homes. Have to go to North Carolina next week to see some customers and grandchildren.

Dick Gorman, 138 Glenoak Rd., Wilmington, Delaware; phone 302-994-0004

Your trip to Russia sounds fascinating and we're glad you had a break from your busy schedule. If any of your North Carolina customers are shuffleboard bars/clubs, be sure to tell them about our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." We don't have any subscribers in that state.

Gordie: "If you can't play with amateurs, don't enter!"

I thought the Southwest Open in Oklahoma was great and run smoothly. Everybody worked real hard for us and I would like to thank all the people involved for a super trip.

My only complaint is with one of the players. I have never played under the conditions as we had to play the draft team. I didn't appreciate being yelled at from two tables away and Mike and Frank in the middle. I know this didn't help Darrol or Ken either. This totally upset the team, plus the stomping around the end of the board, banging walls, cursing at us, then walking out before the game was over. If you can't play with amateurs, don't enter!

I just had to say something for our team. I have been "smoking" since that match and thought I would let you know. Thanks to the rest of the team; I enjoyed playing with you.

Gordie Smith, Coquitlam, B.C., Canada

We didn't see this shameful display of poor sportsmanship. Thankfully, it's not the "norm."

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Walden/Muehlhauser Are 7th Texas County Champs

By Rick Pittman

The 7th Annual Texas County Shuffleboard Championship, one of Missouri's most popular events, again drew players from all over Missouri and surrounding states. Seventeen teams registered for the tournament, making a real nice purse for the winning teams.

The competition level of the tournament was all it was cracked up to be, with some of the favorites falling into the losers bracket early. When the smoke cleared, it was Harvey Walden and Chuch Muehlhauser surviving a hard-fought final game and avoiding the "double dip" from Jim and Donna Dunn.



Chuck Muehlhauser (left) and Harvey Walden receive congratulations on their first-place finish from sponsor Connie McCall and tournament director Rick Pittman (right).



Jim and Donna Dunn (left) finished a close second. Dean Pinkston and Carolyn Johnston (right) took third place honors.

We are sad to report that a couple of the former winners of this event were unable to play this year: Dale Gettys (1992), cancer surgery, and Moe Miller (1993-94), heart

surgery. We wish you both a speedy recovery and we'll see you in the next tournament.

Special thanks to: Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, Great Lakes Distributing Company, and the Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association for helping make this event possible.

And a very special thanks to George and Donna. Without "The Board Talk," no one would know about the people or places that shuffleboard is played.

The next big event at Eagles Lodge in Houston is the 2nd Annual Missouri Hall of Fame Tournament on Sept. 24-25 (see Upcoming Events for details).

Norris/Sparkman Tops at Tim's Timber Tavern

Chuck Norris and Dennis (Sparky) Sparkman were winners of the July doubles at Tim's Timber Tavern in Kelso, Washington. Jimmy Allis and Nelson Jennings took second place honors, with John Hyatt and Frank Powers in third place. Tim Bonner and Tina Olson finished fourth. There were 12 teams with some new beginners participating.

Upcoming events at Tim's Timber Tavern include an open doubles on Sept. 11-12, a draw partners amateur event on Oct. 9-10, and a mixed doubles on Jan. 1-2, 2000. See Upcoming Events for details.

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Oregon

SOUTHERN OREGON OPEN, MEDFORD, SEPT. 2-6

(Editor's Note: Our apologies to the organizers of the 1999 Southern Oregon Open. We did not receive the notice until after we had gone to press with the August issue, so there is a chance that readers will not get this news in time for the event.)

The 1999 Southern Oregon Open will be held at the Shenandoah Inn, 4635 Crater Lake Hwy., Medford, on Sept. 2-6. There will be \$2,000 added to the prize fund and events will be played on eight A.Z. boards. A one-time \$20 registration fee will be charged.

Action will start on Thursday, Sept. 2, with an open draw partners, \$20 per person entry. An open doubles, \$150 per team, best 2 out of 3, is on the schedule for Friday, followed by a Div. II doubles on Friday, also 2 out of 3, \$100 per team entry. On Saturday, there will be an open singles, \$100 entry, and a Div. II singles, \$50 entry, both 2 out of 3.

If you receive this in time and want further information, call: Mike Kinney, 541-826-7793; John King, 541-734-7254; or Frank Mako, 360-274-4875.

Washington

LOTS OF ACTION AT TIM'S TIMBER TAVERN, KELSO

Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso, will host a number of events during the next few months.

The first will be an open doubles on Sept. 11-12, with a \$10 open draw on Friday night, and the doubles on Saturday, \$40 per team, play beginning immediately after the sale at noon.

On Oct. 9-10, there will be a draw partner amateur event, \$40 per team entry, sale at noon on Saturday. Come Friday night for the \$10 open draw.

A mixed doubles is on Tim's agenda, set for 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.

At each of these events, 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.

OPEN DOUBLES AT OLD EDISON INN, SEPT. 18-19

The Old Edison Inn, 58 Cain's Ct., Edison, in rural northwestern Washington, will host its 5th Annual Open Doubles on Sept. 18-19. There will be an A-B draw Friday night, \$20 entry, single game, single elimination. The bring partner event, \$50 per team, 2 out of 3, will follow the 11 a.m. sponsor sale on Saturday.

Cajun-style seafood gumbo will be served to shufflers and their guests on Saturday night. This is an Evergreen Shuffleboard Association points tournament. Some RV parking is available (electrical hook-ups only).

For further information, call 360-766-6266.

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.

Missouri

MISSOURI HALL OF FAME TOURNEY, EAGLES LODGE, HOUSTON, SEPT. 24-25

The Eagles Lodge 3911, So. Hwy. 63, Houston, will host the 2nd Annual Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Tournament on Sept. 24-25. A highlight of the event will be the induction of Charlie Riley and Paul Casula. The tournament will be a doubles; pros and O's must partner with a rated 3 or higher and 1's must team with a rated 2 or higher. The lodge has two boards and hopes to have a third by tournament time. There are two good motels near the club.

For further information, contact tournament director Rick Pittman, 417-967-2226.

New York**ADIRONDACK OPEN,
RIVERSIDE TAVERN,
KEESEVILLE, SEPT. 10-12**

The Riverside Tavern, 31 S. Sable, Keeseville, will host a three-event Adirondack Open on Sept. 10-12. On Friday following the 6:30 sale, the draw partner event will be held. A mixed doubles is on the schedule for Saturday with a noon sale. On Sunday, there will be a bring partner, starting with an 11 a.m. sale. All events are single game, double elimination, with a \$15 per person entry. Come early for round robins on Thursday.

The Riverside is located in the Adirondack Region, 30 miles from Lake Placid (Interstate 87 north from Albany to Exit 34, turn right on 9N, 1/4 mile to South Sable Road, on right). A chicken barbeque will be served, along with a healthy helping of old-fashioned North Country hospitality.

For information on the tournament, motels and campsites, call Pauline, 518-834-5953.

**FOUR-EVENT TOURNEY AT
PILLARS, GUILFORD,
OCT. 1-3**

The Pillars, corner of County Rt. 35 and 36, Guilford, will host a four-event tournament on Oct. 1-3. Action will start with an open singles on Friday, 6:30 p.m., \$20 entry. There are two events on Saturday, a mixed doubles, \$30 per team, at 9:30 a.m., and a draw partner, \$20 per person, at 2 p.m. On Sunday at 11:30 a.m., there will be a bring partner event, \$40 per team. There will be sponsor sales for all events and all will be 15 points, double elimination, played on three boards.

There is some camper space and also limited rooms available at Pillars, or there are three nearby motels: Super 8, 607-563-8880; Algonkin, 607-976-5911; Country Motel, 607-563-1053.

For further information, contact: Dan Miner, 607-764-7862, or Chris Klugh, 607-895-6416.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this fun-filled weekend.

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Maryland**HARVEY'S PLACE, STREET,
ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE**

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, has announced its 1999-2000 schedule of shuffleboard events. It includes the Memorial Tournament on Oct. 8-9, the Thanksgiving Shootout on Nov. 12-13, Holiday Classic on Dec. 10-11, the East Coast Winter Tournament Championship on Jan. 15-16, the Mason-Dixon Classic on Feb. 18-19, the Spring Warmup on March 24-25, and the Maryland State Championship on April 29-30.

A flyer detailing events and entry fees is enclosed in this issue. Post it on your bulletin board or refrigerator as a reminder of upcoming events.

For further information, contact Harvey at 410-836-8881.

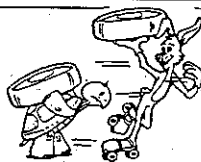
Michigan**10TH SKIP'S/BOARD TALK
FALL BASH, HOUGHTON
LAKE, SEPT. 10-12**

This is last call for the 10th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash scheduled for Sept. 10-12 at Skip's Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake. There are three events on the schedule: a draw partner on Friday at 1 p.m. (no pros or 0's may draw each other), \$20 entry; an A-B-C draw (sign-up deadline 10 a.m. Saturday), \$20 per person; and an open singles on Sunday, \$40 entry. All events are single game, double elimination and each will have a sponsor sale. A one-time \$5 registration fee will go to director/bracketeer Rob Kem.

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

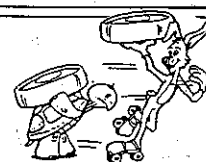
Indiana**INDIANA CHAMPIONSHIPS,
CHANCES R, MUNCIE**

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.



As the Puck Turns

By George & Donna Wilber



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR ADVERTISERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

We have been receiving many expressions of concerns regarding our desire to retire as publishers of The Board Talk. First, let us assure you that we are very serious in our quest to find a replacement that shares our commitment and dedication to the sport of shuffleboard. They will have the same philosophy of service to our advertisers and subscribers that has marked our efforts throughout the past 15-plus years.

However, we will also strive to be fair to the incoming publishers by making this publication a healthy one which will not have to be subsidized. That simply is not good business practice and we have not done very well in that area. In preparation for a transfer of ownership, we've been taking a good, hard look at income and expenses and the bottom line put up a red flag of warning. For example, when our printer broke out the various expenses at our request, we found that we have been paying **substantially** more for a 11 X 17 flyer than we were charging for it!

The first thing a new publisher would have to do is increase prices and cut costs -- the only way possible to continue bringing you news and views and advertising messages each month. That would likely result in a loss of good will toward the new owners and that's simply not fair. Therefore, we will do it ourselves:

(1) **Effectively immediately**, only those photos which are sharp and clear will be accepted. Last month, we had so many poor-quality photos that our printer technicians spent 11 hours overtime working to make them reproduce in acceptable form (very costly!).

(2) **Effectively immediately**, if you missed an issue because you failed to let us know of your change of address (form on back page of every issue), or if you failed to respond to your red checks and you have been discontinued, you will need to send \$1.50 each for any missed issues you want sent.

(3) **Effectively immediately**, if you are on our comp list for past contributions to the current publishers, you will receive a red check and will be expected to become a paid subscriber.

(4) **Effective Jan. 1, 2000**, subscription fees will be increased to \$25 a year (\$30 for Canadian). One-year subscription renewals will be accepted at the current price until Dec. 20, 1999, whether your subscription has expired or not.

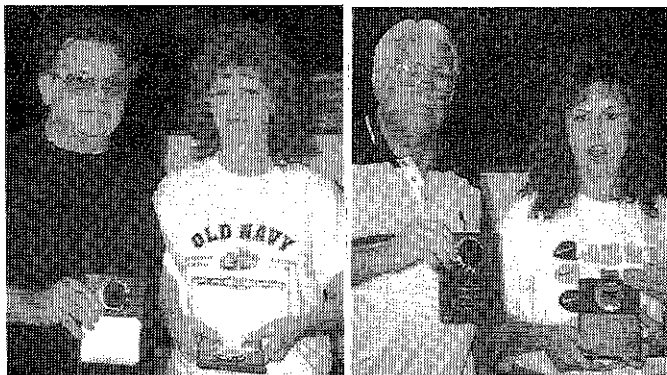
(5) **Effective Jan. 1, 2000**, advertising rates will be as follows: 8-1/2 X 11 single flyers, \$100 (same as current); 11 X 17 double flyers, \$250; full-page ads, \$145 (10% frequency discounts to monthly advertisers); half-page ads, \$85; quarter-page ads, \$50; Shuffleboard Directory, \$100 per year for single space, \$150 for double space (same as current); classified ads, \$7 for 25 words or less per month.

(6) **"Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."** -- Last year, we reduced the publishing of the *quarterly* listing of the locations which are Board Talk subscribers to an *annual* listing because of the cost, which we were absorbing, and because so many locations were not responding to their red checks. Since then, we have had many requests to return to the quarterly publication of the list which travelling shufflers use on a regular basis. We will return to the quarterly publication if we can find sponsors for the list: \$200 (cost of printing only -- not insertion or postage charges) will give you the cover advertising space.

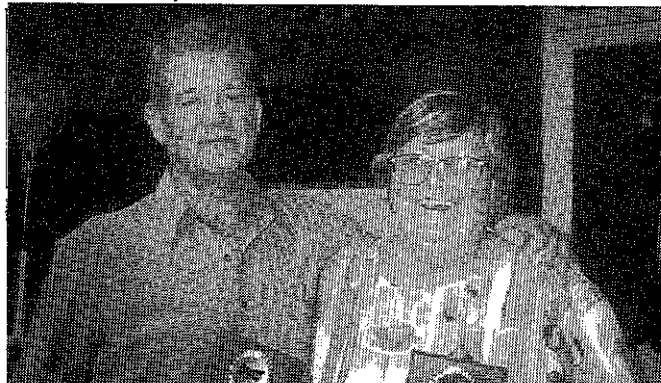
We hope these changes will not be too painful when you consider the alternative -- no publication at all. And we hope you will extend the same friendship and loyalty to the new publishers as you have to us. We are NOT exiting the scene immediately -- only when we find the "right" replacements.

Full House of Winners at Memorial Day Washita Handicap

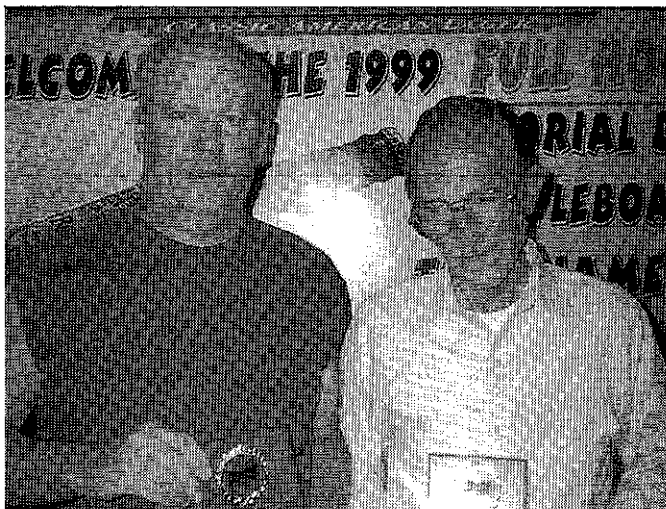
The Washita Handicap Tournament was held at the Full House in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, over the Memorial Day weekend. Action started on Thursday night with a sweetheart draw.



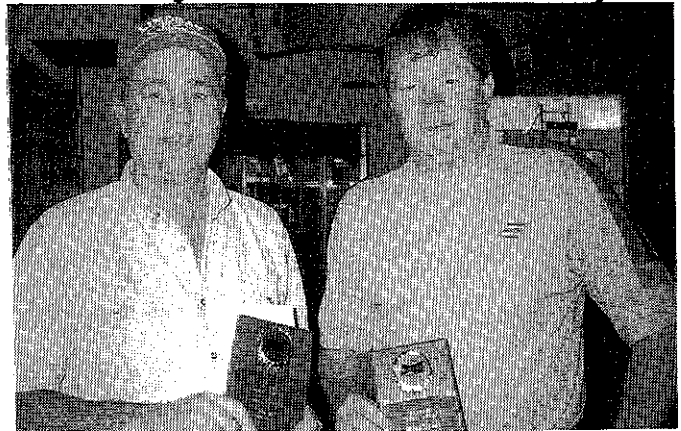
Winners were (left) Ken Storck of Oklahoma City and Nancy Tice of Pauls Valley. Bill Melton of Davis and Brenda Watts (right) of Wynnewood took second place honors.



U.J. West of Broken Arrow and Evelyn (Mays) Harris of Dallas took third place in the sweetheart draw.

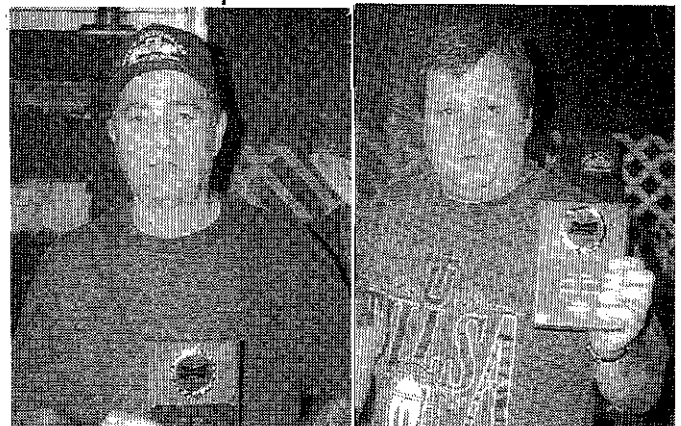


Winners of Friday night's open draw were Tom Hendricks (left) of Moore, Ok. and Dino Fleming of Oklahoma City.

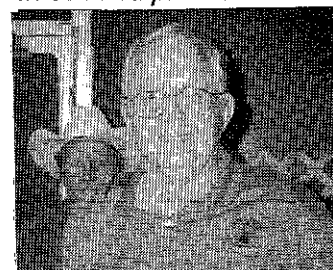


Taking second place honors were Lynn Tice of Pauls Valley and Tommy McBurnett of Fort Worth, Texas.

Stevie Burkett and Leonard Quaid took third, with Tony Pelton of Arkansas and Brenda Watts in fourth place.



In the open singles, Lynn Tice (left) of Pauls Valley took first place, with Stevie Burkett of Tulsa in second place.



The famous J.F.K. took third place honors in the open singles.



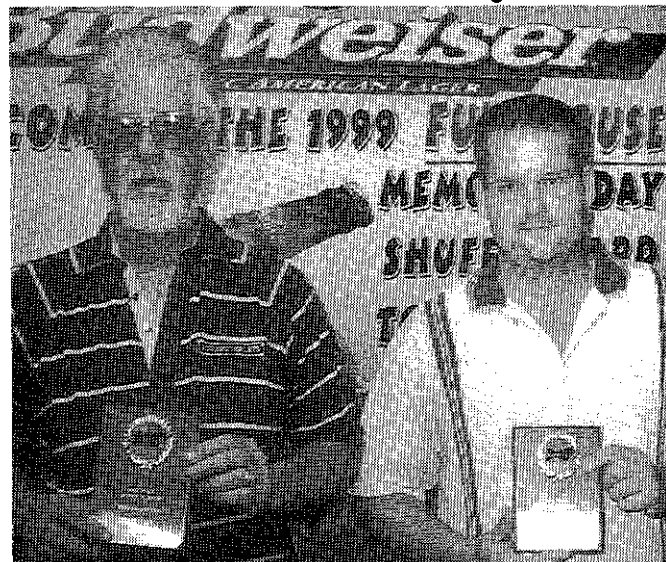
Bill Melton tells Johnny Ballard how to win at Wynnewood.

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Full House (continued from Page 7)



In the final event, a bring your partner, the winners were Brenda Watts and Rena Fleming.



Rick Jones and Pete Sampres took second place honors.

Third place went to Bill Melton and Dino Fleming.

Tournament director Gerald Wood stated that he hoped to make this an annual event and was very happy with the participation he received. He feels the event will be bigger and better next year. Gerald would like to thank everyone who helped him promote this tournament, and as always, the Full House staff and volunteers did a great job.

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Sheridan/Nowack Win Tournament of Champions

By Dan Kelly

The Tournament of Champions was started about 10 years ago here in St. Louis, Missouri, by Dave Giesler, then owner of Giesler's Pub. Joe Parisi bought the bar from Dave and changed its name to "That Other Place" Saloon, affectionately known to locals as T.O.P.S. Joe is a wonderful and likeable guy and has been a consistent friend to and supporter of the shuffleboard community.

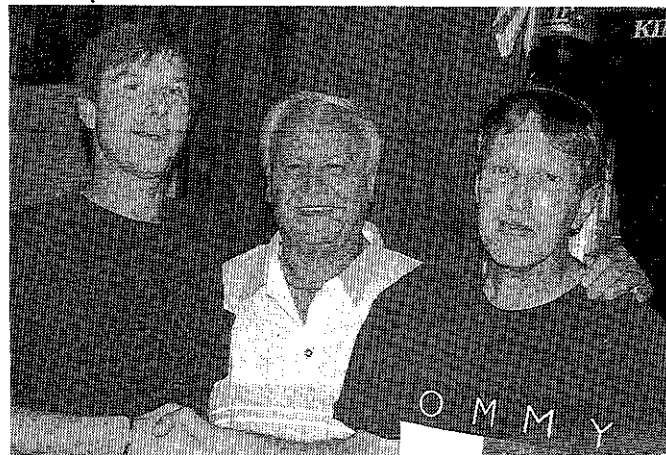
The Tournament of Champions is not a "big" tournament by today's standards, but it is significant for several reasons. First, the payout... Now, don't laugh, but it's true that prior to this tournament, you could play all night Friday and half of Saturday and if you won first, you got maybe a \$70 payout. After you split with your partner and deduct "expenses," you lost money! Well, this tournament changed all that. The money was bigger and it was winner-take-all.

Second, participation was limited to eight teams, double elimination, so we could usually finish up in an evening.

Third, and probably most important, the winners get their names and the date permanently etched into the big plaques on the wall for all to see.

Also, this tournament has a distinctively local flavor (who's going to go out of their way for a one-board tournament anyway nowadays?). So, we don't advertise these tournaments, but they are significant to the local community.

Saturday, July 24, T.O.P.S. was the setting for tournament No. 20 in this ongoing Tournament of Champions series.



And the winners were Steve Sheridan (left) and Steve Nowack (right), congratulated by T.O.P.S. owner Joe Parisi.

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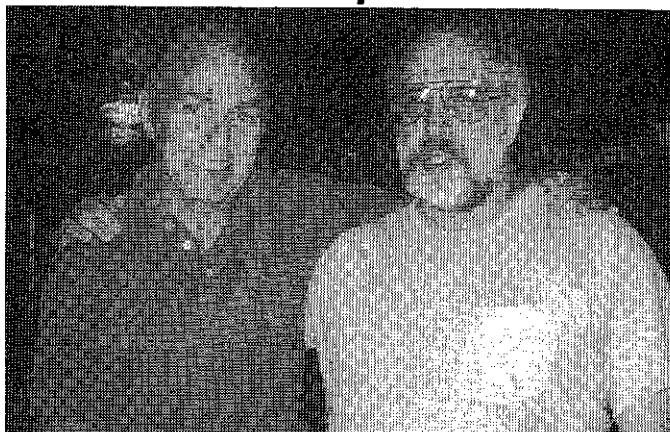
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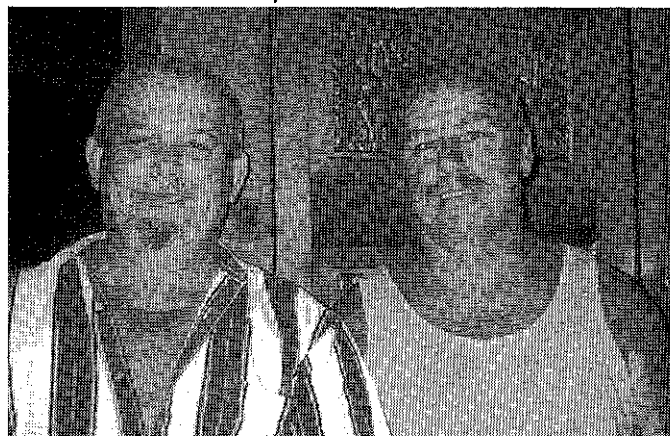
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Hoosiers Sweep *(cont. from Page 1)*



Leon Black (right) of Lansing finished third in the open singles with Roland Harkless of W. Bloomfield in fourth place



Vic Mattson (left) and Bill Kane of Pontiac took second place honors in the doubles.



Dennis Bittner (center), director and originator of the Super Slammin' Summer series idea, congratulates third place doubles finishers Leon Black (left) and Mark Holland, both of Lansing.

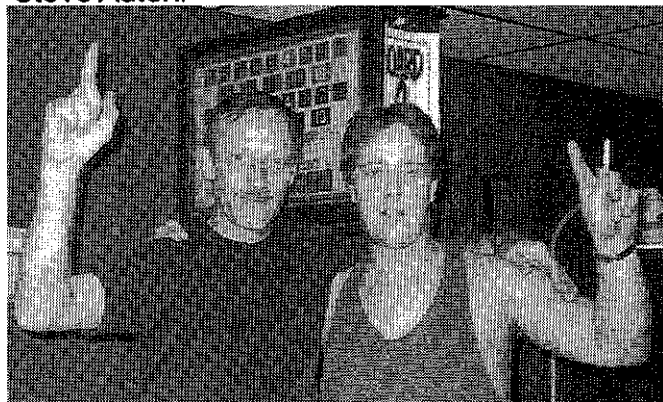
The total pot for this first in the series was \$1595 with \$5 of each player's entry fee in the doubles set aside for the play-off pot. As usual at Michigan events, Charlee Magoo & Company from the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac topped the list of participants.

Majestic Cafe Hosts 2nd of Summer Series

Charlee Magoo, the hostess with the mostest, welcomed shufflers to the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, for the second in the Super Slammin' Summer series on Aug. 14-15. There were 22 entries in Saturday's open singles and 14 teams in the SSSS #2 doubles, vying for a total pot of very close to \$3,000.

In the open singles, it was Bill Kane of Pontiac (see photo at left) who took the biggest share of the pot. He beat out the tough pro Frank Blade, who had to settle for second place honors. Steve Auten (he'll be back!) took third place, with O.B. Brimm in fourth.

In the Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Doubles, top honors went to a team which qualifies for the SSSS play-off -- Bob Bolt and Steve Auten.



Bob Bolt and Steve Auten celebrate their first-place finish in the doubles.



A couple of confident veterans, Jerry Hershman and O.B. Brimm, both of Pontiac, had to settle for second.

Charlee Magoo had a "gut feeling" about her bracketeer, Rob Kern, and his lady Debbie, so she plunked down her \$50 for the sponsor sale to buy the pair. Her hunch paid off....

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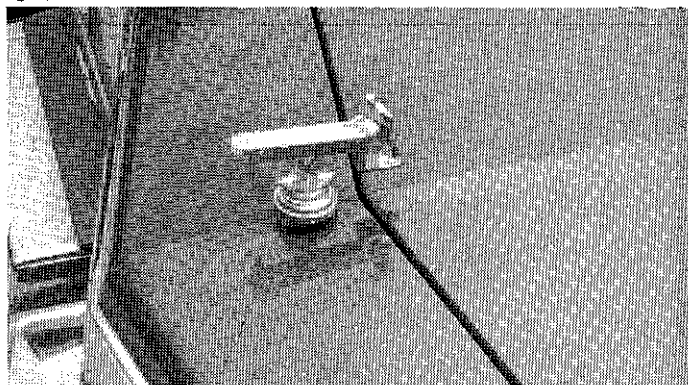
WHAT IF....



YOU GET KNOCKED INTO THE PARTY BRACKET? You have a bubble-gum contest, of course. Mary Brown, Deb Voorhis, Pam Worsham and Sheryl Cockerill try for the award at the Amvets in Pendleton, Indiana.



YOU HAVE TO CLEAN CHICKEN WHEN YOU'RE WEARING YOUR BEST DRESS? Well, of course, you don a stylish garbage bag, according to Bennie Frensley, a key figure in the Southwest Open at American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma.



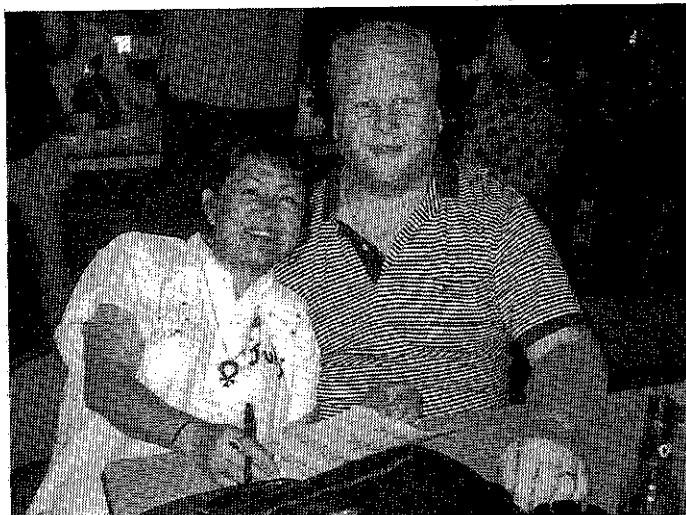
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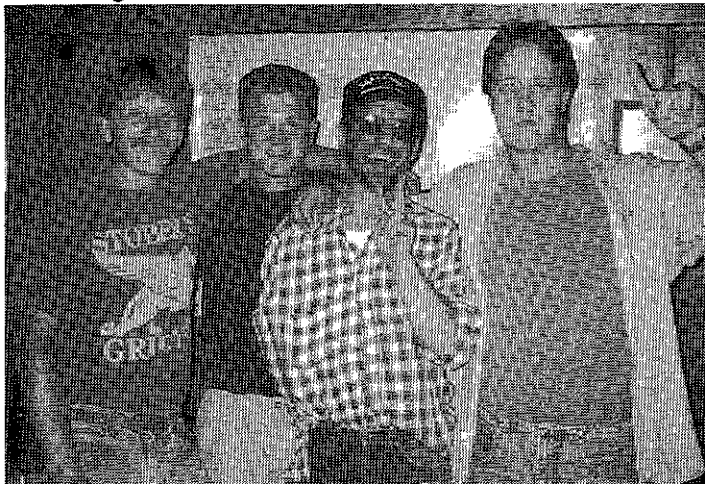


AND, NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL -- you stretch to get the kinks out before a game. So saith Leon Black of Lansing, Michigan, who decided to "get serious" after his retirement from a "paying" job.

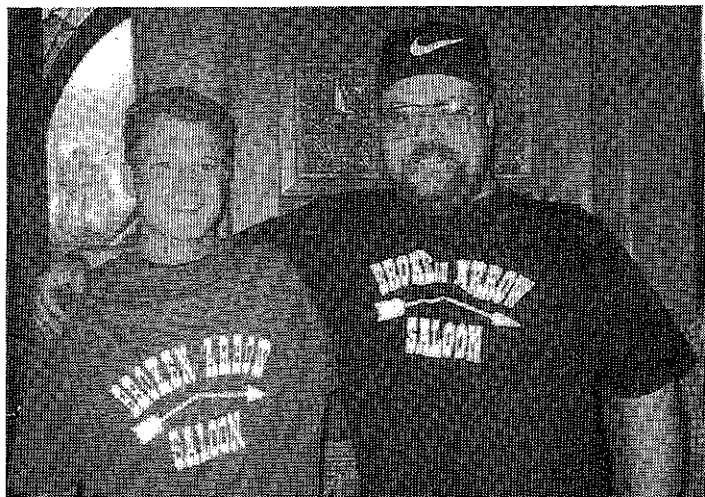


AND WHAT IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH YOUR MATE AFTER NEARLY A YEAR? Keep her and share words of wisdom with other shufflers: "Remember: The worst day on the shuffleboard table is always better than your best day at work!" So saith Brian Walker, wed to lovely wife Ann at last year's North American Championships in Reno.

Rudy Memorial *(continued from Page 1)*



In the open singles, it was (from right): Steve Auten, Pontiac, 1st; John Myles, Livonia, 2nd; Alonzo Cottrell, Pontiac, 3rd; and Tony Jackson, Lansing, 4th.



Alonzo Cottrell carries on the Cottrell Shuffleboard Family tradition by taking first in the doubles, this time with future father-in-law Steven (CoCo) Brown.



Mark Holland and Rich Lilly, both from Stober's Lounge, agree that second place is not all bad!

Finishing third was the team of Jerry Siebert of Lansing and O. B. Brimm of Pontiac.

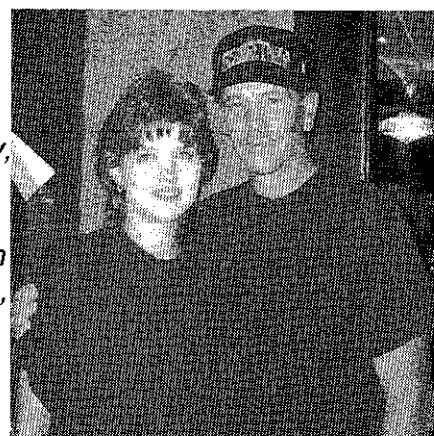


John Myles uses his cane to get the attention of his doubles partner, Scott Auten. The colorful pair finished fourth.



Once again, top participation came from the Majestic Cafe, led by the beautiful, fun-loving Charlee Magoo.

JUST MARRIED!
Where do you spend your honeymoon? Why, at a shuffleboard tournament at Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, of course, decide Kelly Gerald and Dan Genez of Pontiac. As a



wedding gift, Charlee Magoo bought the newlyweds a subscription to *The Board Talk*. They spent the following weekend, not in the Bahamas, but at the Majestic Cafe for the SSSSS #2.



SPECIAL GUESTS at the Rudy Memorial Tournament were C.W. Walker and wife Sammy of Texas. Directors are looking forward to a return by C.W. to review his ideas for the bracket board.



Why do we do it? Because of Rudy and all he did for us, says Mark Holland, who furnishes the Friday evening food spread at each Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament. Others agree....



Salt and Pepper? Two of the people Director Carrie Clifton thanks for the success of the Rudy Stober Memorial are E.T. (Elnora Terry) and Bill Clifton.

Others Carrie thanks include: Linda MacLuckie and Douglas, Little Annie, Mexican John and Donna, John Neal, Eddie and Jackie Compos, Liz and Brian, Bob Ray, Ron and Michelle Bown, Jimmy Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reist, Linda Stober and Greg Humbert, Heidi Stober, with special thanks to "Saint" Dan, Tee and Doug, Linda and Doug.

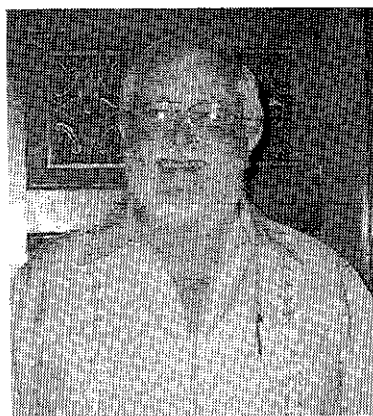
ON THE SIDELINES....



Kathy G. makes another bid...is that \$10 or \$1000?



Ron Palmer and John Myles decide to dance.



Dick Reist becomes the first paid in full participant in all events at the upcoming Skip's/ Board Talk Fall Bash.

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Pillars' 4th of July Tournament was a "Sizzler"

By Dan Miner

Sizzler it was with near 100 degree temperatures all weekend! The shooters from the South had to come to Pillars in Guilford, New York, just to cool off. But temperature wasn't the only thing hot; so was the food put out all day, every day, by our host Chris Klugh. Thanks from all us players, Chris. I would also like to thank all the shufflers for the good sportsmanship they showed, the great games they played and, most of all, the support they give to make these tournaments a success. If not for you players, tournaments like this just wouldn't be possible.

Friday night started off the weekend with 21 shooters signed up for the singles, leading to a long night of shuffleboard that left us finishing up the next morning.



Lonzo Knight took first place in the singles, with Sharon Canino taking second place honors (better watch out, guys, this gal is definitely here to win).

John Canino took third place with Louise Freer in fourth and up-and-coming Lou Cousia in 5th place.

With our Friday night singles running over into Saturday morning, what was supposed to be our Saturday morning mixed doubles was actually our Saturday afternoon mixed.



John and Sharon Canino took top honors.



The always-tough team of Louise Freer and Bob White took second in the mixed doubles.

We went right from the mixed to the draw partners with 14 teams that were all getting pretty tired. Tired or not, they all shot great!



Arlo Johnson and Bob White (center) fought their way to a first place finish in the draw. John Canino (left) and Pete Cummings (right) took second.

Third and final money went to the team of Louise Freer and Dan Miner.

Sunday, a little more rested up but just as hot, the bring partner only produced 11 teams with the 4th of July holiday and most people doing family things. But even with 11 teams, we had some super shufflin'!



Sam Jones and Lonzo Knight (right) came through the loser's bracket to double-dip Pete Cummings and Pat Brennan (left) for first place.

Taking third place was Dan Miner and Cris Cornish.

For any of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Pete, Pat, Penny and Pauline, all from the Plattsburg, New York, area, I hope you get to meet them soon. They're great people and great shufflers. The four of them travelled to our tournament and supported us, so in the future, keep your eyes open in The Board Talk, because these folks are going to put something together up in their neck of the woods. With their commitment to shuffleboard, we know it's going to be good, so don't miss it.

(Editor's Note: Check Upcoming Events for their notice of the Adirondack Open on Sept. 10-12 at the Riverside Tavern in Keeseville.)

Last, but not least, a little note from Pillar's owner, Chris Klugh, to all you shufflers. We're going to add a fourth board and try to make things even better and just a little quicker. Thanks for coming, everyone!

The next event at Pillars is a 4-event tournament on Oct. 1-3. See the enclosed flyer for details.

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PERSONALS

To D.P.F.: I am so sorry. Please forgive me. I do love you and miss you. If given the chance, I'd do things right. Marry me! Love, B.M.S.

NOTICES

One of Michigan's top women shufflers, Trish Tolsdorf, recently lost her husband Aaron to a heart attack. Please remember her with your messages: 382 Clayburn, Waterford, MI 48327. George & Donna Wilber.

LOST

Several shuffleboard locations who did not respond to their red checks and will not be on the next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." unless they renew. Send to: The Board Talk, 503 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906

More Notebook

Dick Responds to Frank on Use of Other's Weights

This is in response to the August 1999 letter from Frank Bentley of California regarding common courtesy and rules in present day shuffleboard competitions.

I am all for courtesy, but sometimes it is only in the eye of the beholder. I don't know how much Frank has traveled around playing this game, but those who have will tell you the rules vary greatly around the country and from bar to bar. Here on Long Island, there is not a single place where you would be allowed to place any wax, at all, on the board after the game has started. You also would not be allowed to walk down to check out the position of your weight, nor could your partner advise you of this or even tell you what shot he might think you should take. These would be considered serious offenses here and yet in most of the country exposed to Federation rules and tournaments, these are common courtesies, by way of rules, and taken for granted.

I was recently upstate New York to a tournament where, during the round robin warm-up matches, I asked to use the weights of my local opponent. I was denied the use of his weights. I have seen this rule both ways, so I checked with the officials and was told this was their rule. I should have gone and gotten my old set of SunGlos out of my car as board conditions were lightning fast. I didn't and lost 15 to 1. Later I had the reverse request from another local opponent and I invoked their rule and won 15 to 1. I played by the rules and the weights made a big difference in both games.

Today's tournaments are no longer just friendly games for a beer, ten dollars, or a trophy. They are for thousands of dollars to the potential winner and their sponsor sale backers. The top players come with many sets of weights and they mix and match their sets to board conditions. They might choose two fast and two slow weights from different manufacturers to play with. They switch tops in seconds so there is no guarantee of borrowing a "similar" four weights anyway.

Do tournament golfers have to let their opponents use their clubs or tournament bowlers their various balls to adapt to lane conditions? Of course not! The same should be the rule at shuffleboard tournaments.

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Dick Responds....(*cont. from Page 15*)

The only way you could avoid this would be to force all players to use the house-provided weights. We all know house weights are not always up to par, as well as many players prefer a particular brand of weight. You might use this for the 3's and up who generally don't own their own set of weights.

Finally, I believe players should adapt to the rules of the house. People then voice their opinions and, as a result, the rules will change from place to place and from time to time. As Bobby Dylan once crooned: "The times they are a-changing."

Dick Smedberg, Long Island, New York

Thank you for the excellent response, Dick. We wish we'd get more letters like yours to keep a healthy dialogue going. Not only did you address the issue Frank raised, but opened up some other topics as well. A quick poll taken at recent tournaments indicates most agree with you. We're confident we'll get more letters. It was interesting to learn about the antiquated rules in Long Island.

Travelling Glen Reporting...

We left Oklahoma City on Thursday and journeyed to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the tournament at the VFW Post 9095. Tony and Joyce Pelton did a great job as directors and bracketing. Thanks goes to the Commander and Don for helping to make it happen and to all the staff at the VFW. There were 14 teams in the draw and 15 in the bring partner. They all have a great time at the tournaments. The next one will be the second weekend of December, \$25 per team for the bring and draw as well as the singles, with \$500 added by Post 9095. There will be three boards. Check The Board Talk for further information. They're going to make it work, so join in the fun and help all the players at Little Rock, Arkansas, get it going. Hall of Famer C.B. Falkner was there from start to finish as well as several other oldtimers. This is a great location and one of the best action towns of yesteryear. I'm sure Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Missouri, Fort Worth and Houston players will support this one and more to come. We all know that they are part of the shuffleboard family, so.....**SUPPORT them!**

From Arkansas, we went to Tennessee to visit with Madge's sister on the Kentucky-Tennessee lake. It's always relaxing to be there. I slept for two days after arriving on Monday.

The next induction will be David Williams into the Texas Hall of Fame at the Gold Nugget over Labor Day. After that, we will journey on to Bourbon, Indiana, for the Fall Classic.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We hope the crew at Little Rock will use the pages of The Board Talk to promote their tournaments and report the results.

More Upcoming Events

LAST CALL FOR RENO!

The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., has been placing flyers for the 1999 North American Shuffleboard Championships in The Board Talk since June. If you've been procrastinating, better take a look at page 1 of the enclosed flyer: "Entries postmarked after September 15 are subject to a \$5.00 penalty for registration, and for each event entered." If you haven't sent in your registration yet, better do so NOW! And remember that you must be a registered guest at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino to participate, so get that detail handled now: 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code number is SHU1015.

Representatives from all parts of The World of Shuffleboard will be in Reno, Nevada, on Oct. 17-24. Don't get left out of this shuffleboard experience. Sign up today! Questions? Call John at 800-380-3033.

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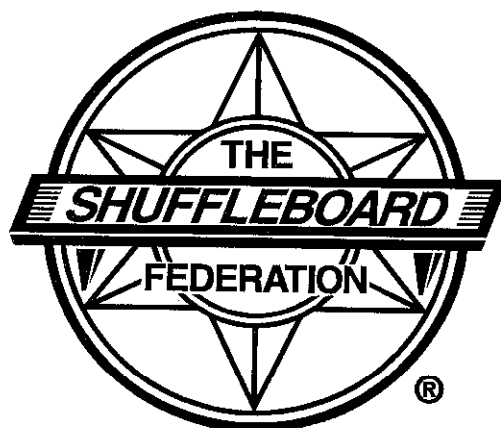
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SEPTEMBER 1999

Sept. 1-6

Labor Day Texas Open and
Induction of David Williams
The Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Sept. 2-5

Labor Day Tournament
Baldwinsville Moose Lodge
Baldwinsville, New York

Sept. 3-5

Labor Day Tournament
Action Lounge
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Sept. 2-6

Labor Day Tournament
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 2-6

Potter's Wheel Charity A-B-C
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Sept. 2-6

Southern Oregon Open
Shenandoah Inn
Medford, Oregon

Sept. 5

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

Sept. 10-12

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

Sept. 10-12

Adirondack Open
Riverside Tavern
Keeseville, New York

Sept. 11-12

Open Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Sept. 24-25

2nd Annual Missouri Hall of
Fame Tournament, Induction
of Charlie Riley & Paul Casula
Eagles Lodge 3911
Houston, Missouri

Sept. 26

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

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

NOVEMBER 1999

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. 26-31

Houston Holiday Open
Houston Marriott North
Houston, Texas

JANUARY 2000

Jan. 1-2

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Jan. 15-16

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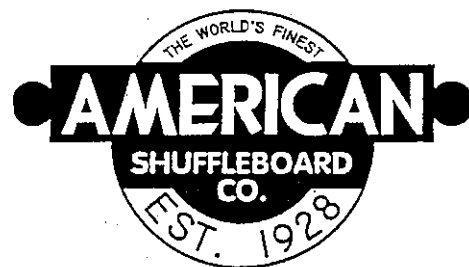
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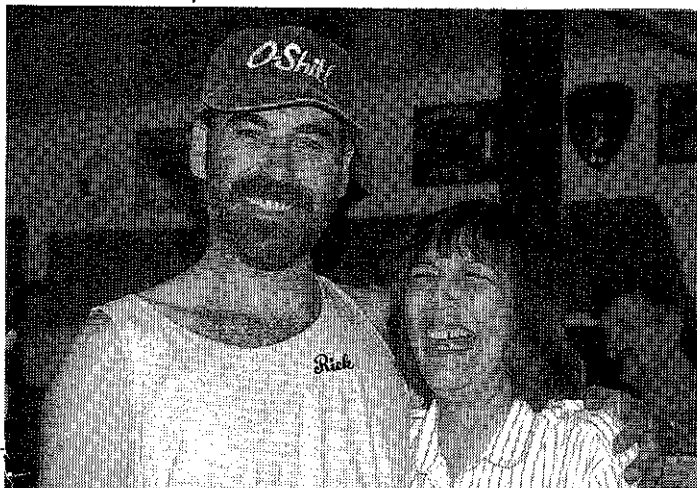
Whistling Oyster Celebrates 10th Annual Grand Masters Plus

By Bill Bailey

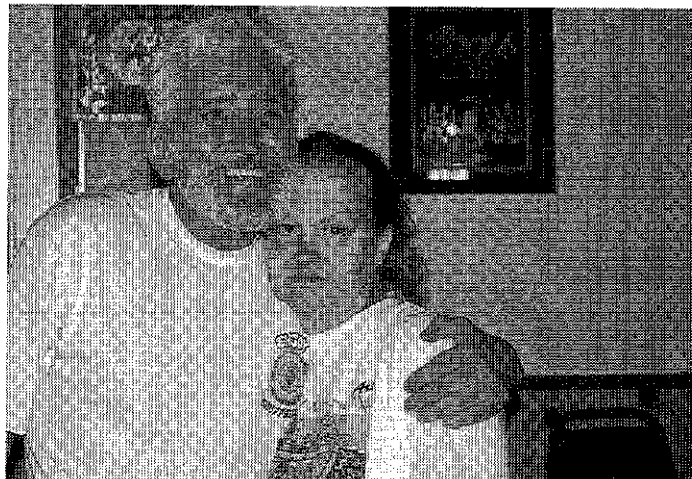
Good turnout (90+ players), decent money (\$19,000 cash and prizes), great food, cooperating weather, six shuffleboards, teamwork, '50s Rock & Roll band...What else can I say? Just equals another successful Grand Masters Plus at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington.

As usual, the serious players started showing up a week early trying to dial in the boards. By July 24, the "jungle" was just about full of motorhomes, trailers, tents, etc.

Plenty of exciting play prior to Tuesday's first event of mixed doubles. Fourteen teams were in the hunt for \$2300 to be divided between the last four teams in competition.



First place went to the powerful team of Rick Gindt and Tina Olson, both from Washington.



Russ and Sue Miller of Washington took second place honors.

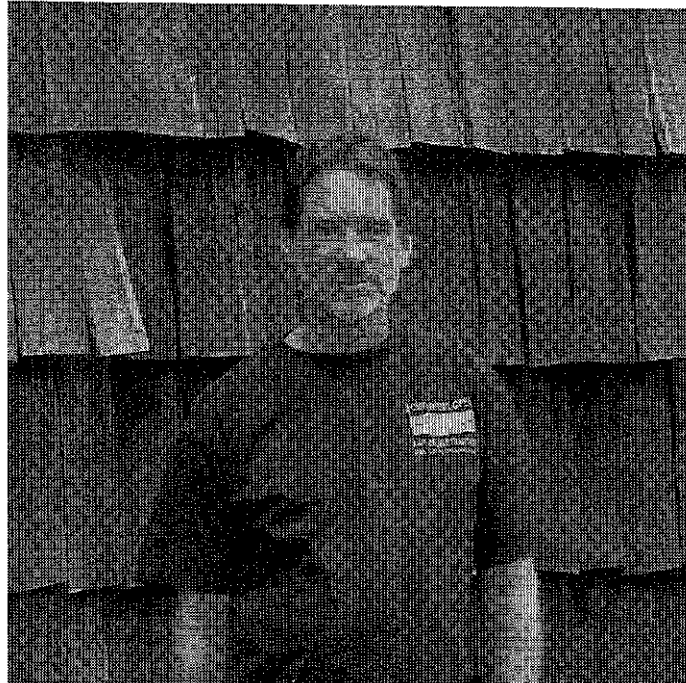
Third place went to Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Linda Steffenson of Tacoma. Fourth place was awarded to Dan Hitt and Melody Marine of Spokane.

I want to give special thanks to Norm McVeigh for bringing his '50s band Tuesday night to do some great rock and roll tunes. It was very much enjoyed

by everyone present!

Next morning, we got off to a fairly early start in the A-B-C draw, which attracted 51 talented players. The field was varied with playing experience ranging from 6 months to 30+ years. First place went to the team of Doug Buhl, Alvin Orcutt and Bill Ellis. Second went to Dan Hitt, Don Stallworth and Mike Keevil. Third went to Desi Guches, Jim Thornton and LuAnn Barrett. Fourth place finishers were Mike Thorpe, John Rostollan and Bill Walker. A good time was had by all.

Thursday afternoon we were ready to start the almighty singles competition. Is there any doubt in anybody's mind in The World of Shuffleboard who is the best player anywhere? Surely not mine! Darrol Nelson! Out of 24 entries (small this year), Darrol emerged victorious, never to leave the winners bracket.



1999 singles champ Darrol Nelson. That's 5 out of 7 times!

Following in second place was Dan Hitt, with third going to John Fisher (you are so good!) and fourth was Doug Buhl. This event went super smoothly this year with most matches going the full three games.

Friday night as usual, I was still taking entries ("please put me in") 'til 8 p.m. Finally I had to stop it and get the draw going. Believe it or not, it was over by 1 a.m. (one game, you're out!). Coming out of a field of 25 teams was Rick Gindt and Steve Kalamarski in first, with Nels Anderson and John Martin in second. Gary George and Marv Wilbur were third, with Billy Powell and Georganna Brand

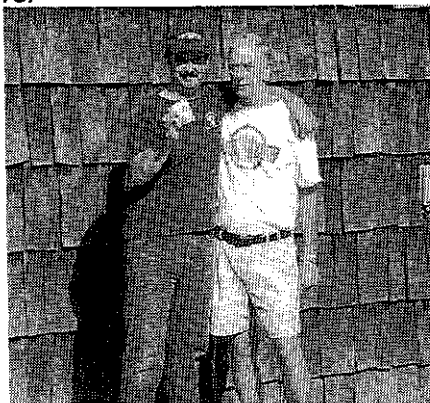
in fourth place. In the 10 years we have been having this tournament, this event is one of the most popular of all.

Finally the open doubles. Again for this prestigious event, the field was small. But to say the least, 21 teams of heavy hitters went to battle. As in the singles, most matches went the full three games. And, at the end....guess who?



The 1999 Grand Masters (from left): Loren Lampley and Darrol Nelson (nice lagging, guys), with Dick Heflin and Chuck Norris, both from Oregon, taking second place honors.

John Fisher and Bob Shirley (right) took third place.



Rounding out the winners circle were Jim Allis and Nelson Jennings.

As I have said in the past, this isn't as easy as a lot of people think. There is a ton of work to do to get ready. And, as always, don't say anything 'til you've walked a mile in our shoes. There are so many people, paid staff, volunteers, etc. — you know who you are! Without mentioning a whole lot of people's names: THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Sandee and I would like to say a special thank you to the Wilbur Family and friends for the great job on the salmon barbecue. Hope everybody had a great time and hope to see you all again next year.

P.S.: I'm sure it was just an accident or a mere oversight, but would the person or persons please return the four blue pre-93 American weights from Board #4 that were taken (accidentally, of course!). No questions asked!

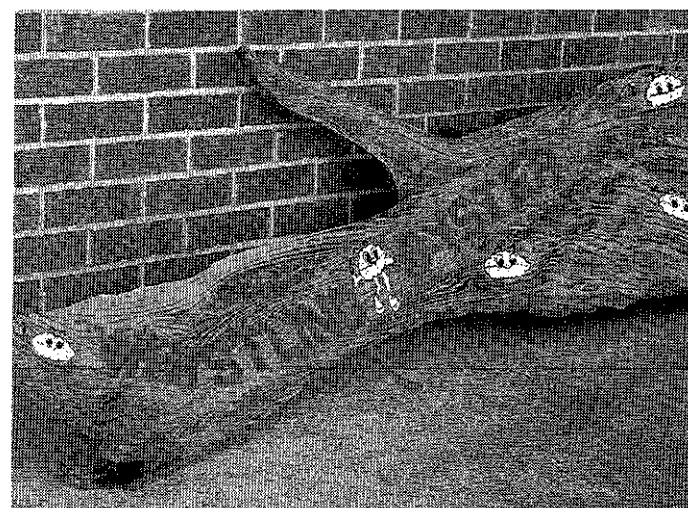
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Paul Major and Bill Bailey checking the bracket board.



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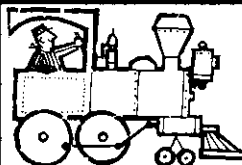
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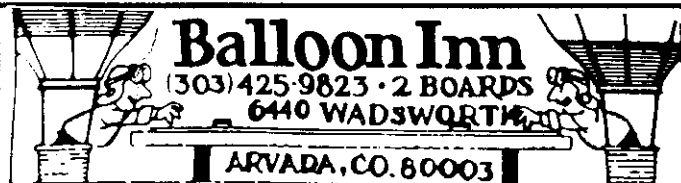
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Champions *(continued from Page 8)*

Theirs will be the next names carved into the wall at T.O.P.S., a first for both players. And they deserve it, too, because they had to fight their way out of a tough field in the losers bracket with enough gumption left to double-dip Dan Kelly and Robert Kasza.



Robert Kasza (left) and Dan Kelly (right) are congratulated by host Joe for taking second place honors after a thrilling final match.

Playing very well and coming in third was St. Louis' favorite son -- Super Sam and his excellent partner (first time in the money) Mike Polson. Hot on their heels was the fourth place team of Mark Polson (Mike's brother) and Melanie Shipp.



Representing 4th place Melanie Shipp and 3rd place Mike Polson (no photos available of Super Sam and Mark Polson).

This report would not be complete without some very special thank yous: to Joe Parisi, our host; to Robert Kasza, tournament director; to Victoria Kasza (Robert's lovely wife) for the delicious cabbage rolls she made for us all to enjoy; and to Bill Hill -- thanks for the chicken wings, Bill. That was very thoughtful of you!

Silver Spur Hosts 3rd Annual Billy Chiles Memorial

By Robert Davidson

The Silver Spur in San Bernardino, California, hosted the 3rd Annual Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament on Saturday, June 12. Silver Spur owner Don Pope agreed to tournament organizer Jolene Lembke's request to take his spurs off for the day. He did, and graciously played host for an afternoon and evening filled with live country and western music, dancing, an open barbecue buffet, cold drinks and a competitive tournament line-up. It turned out to be the likeable bar owner's day as his team finished in first place in the ABC draw. The annual event recognizes National and California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame inductee Billy Chiles and is held annually at the Silver Spur.

Bob Brunskill, as usual, handled the draw and the bracketing as well as the tournament board. He usually handles these duties in Southern California and is well-respected by area players. The Silver Spur's two boards favored the locals early in tournament play, but the visitors began closing the gap as the day grew longer. Play began at 1 p.m. as Triple Crown, Federation, American and house weights flew on the Silver Spur's boards. The results led to a very even and well-played tournament.



When the wax finally settled late that evening, the team of Vern Booth (right), Don Pope and Gina Galligan were the winners as they battled through a field of 15 teams.

It was Gina's first major tournament win. Both Gina and Vern Booth are from Orange County and Pope from San Bernardino.

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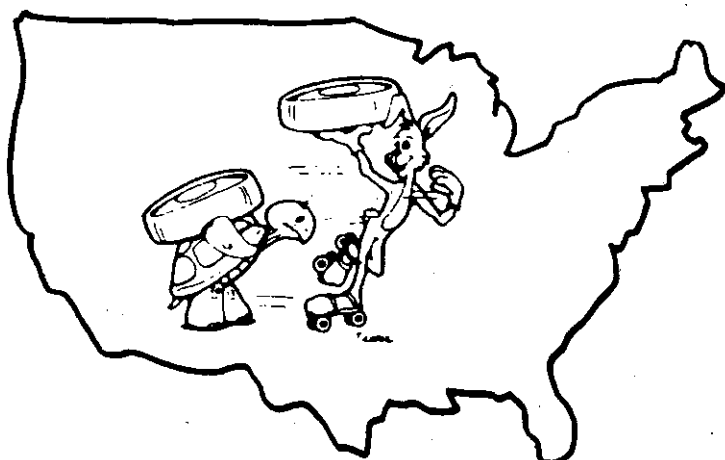
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