

The Board Talk

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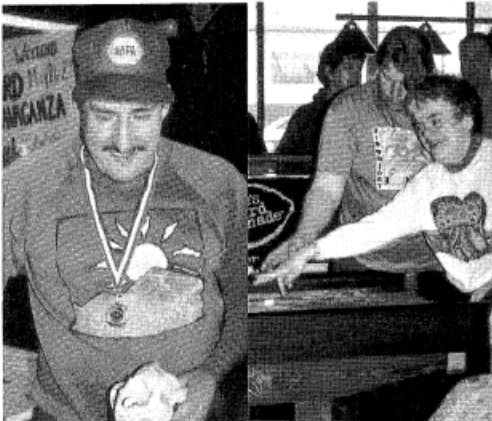
Spokane's Memorial Day Extravaganza Lives Up to Its Name!

Story and Photos by Mike & Susie Halstead

- Special Event for Special People
- \$12,960 Paid in Four Events
- Gilmans Inducted into Hall of Fame

The 19th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza took place at the Season Ticket in Spokane, Washington, from May 25 through May 29. Players hailed from California, Idaho, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington, as well as British Columbia, Canada. In addition to four main events, they were able to get in lots of "pea rounds," thanks to eight boards and a well-organized staff. There was \$1000 added to the pot and the fun escalated when a vintage car was given away on Sunday.

A unique event started out the competition on May 25 when a "developmentally disabled adult" tournament took place. Tournament hosts added bumpers to the gutters and players would throw all eight weights in a round trying to score the most points. It was a rewarding event for participants and spectators, and players were awarded medals and t-shirts for their efforts.



The "developmentally disabled adult" tournament was fun for players and spectators alike.

The extravaganza continued Friday night with an A-B draw. Thirty-nine teams showed up and four places were paid for this event.



Larry Pearson (left) and Mike Keevil, both of Washington, were winners of the A-B draw.

Patti Preymak of British Columbia and Tim Nugent of Washington took second place.



Others in the money were Mike Rapp and Curtis Treadwell, 3rd; Marv Wilbur and Jennifer King, 4th, all from Washington.

Sunday began the ABC draw with 25 three-person teams participating for a total pot of \$3900. This event had negative spot handicap, with 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, 21 point losers. Competition was intense and the state of Washington swept all four paying places. The winners were Rick Gindt, Terry Woodard and Kathy Keevil.

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The team of (from left) Curtis Treadwell, Paulette McKinney and Marv Wilbur took second place honors in the A-B-C draw.



Taking third were (from left) Gary George, Judy George, and Frank Mako.



Fourth place went to the team of (from left) Ed Bucknell, Junelle Schrum and Freddie Johns.

Also occurring on Saturday was the induction of Bea and Bob Gilman into the Pacific Northwest Hall of Fame. This was a festive event with deep fried turkeys and a potluck dinner overseen by Melody Marine, with many other people contributing to the vast variety of delicious food. Other festivities included a birthday wish for Carol Keevil, Mike's Mom.

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Bea Gilman accepts her plaque from Master of Ceremonies Steve Kalamarski and Hall of Fame representative Frank Mako.



Mike Keevil helps his Mom, Carol, celebrate her birthday.

Play continued with Sunday's bring partner events, divisions 1 and 2. A total of 18 teams in Div. 1 challenged for the pot of \$5300 with six places sharing.



Tops in Div. 1 were (from right): Steve Kalamarski and Vern Gonzales, 1st; Caveman Ward and Al Pease, 2nd; Rick Shaw and John Rostollan, 3rd.

Rick Gindt and Tim Nugent finished fourth, with Gary Thompson and Chuck Norris, Earl Cole and Ed Bucknell tied for 5th and 6th.

In Div. II, there were 11 teams vying for \$2550 in sponsor sales and added dollars.



Lisa Langston and Curtis Treadwell came back to double-dip Mike and Kathy Keevil in very close matches.



Mike and Kathy Keevil settled for second.



Linda and Bill Walker finished third.

All placing teams in both divisions consisted of those strong Washingtonian shooters.

We all waited anxiously for the drawing for a 1970 VW Classic "Bug" -- very generous along with the \$1000 added money for tournament play!



It was "written in the pucks" that this would be a weekend Bea Gilman would not forget. After the honor of the Hall of Fame induction, she was the lucky winner of the classic car!

This five-day event was a very well-run tournament. The eight boards, along with good bracketeering, made for swift play and lots of extra pea rounds. We would like to thank the following for the great effort:

Bangham, Lagg & Wynn, the event organizers, run by John Rostollan, Eric Hansen, Dan Hitt and John Fisher, who brought six great boards and a world of organization to the extravaganza. These folks also went out of their way to accommodate many out-of-towners and made all of us feel very welcome.

Also, special thanks to Gordie Smith of Eagle Electronics who brought down two beautiful boards from British Columbia; our hosts at the Season Ticket, Chuck and Tony, along with their efficient staff; and Walsh and Associates, who helped organize the "developmentally disabled" event.

It was a long way from home (Kentucky), but an event we will now add to our list of "must attend" every year!

--Mike and Susie Halstead
Reporting for The Board Talk

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