

# The Board Talk

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## Southwest Open 2000 -- Totally Awesome!

Story and Photos by George & Donna Wilber

- Record-Breaking Participation and Pot
- Diana Makes History!
- Name Change for National Hall of Fame

Repeaters who have made the Southwest Open a 4th of July tradition for the past nine years, and newcomers who have vowed to make it one of theirs in the future, gathered together at the American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, July 2-8.

We're in the "repeater" category. Our introduction was in 1993 -- the 2nd Annual SW Open/9th Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion (the first "reunion" where somebody else did all the work). We were impressed with what we thought then was a pretty healthy pot, the 10 tournament boards, and the participation: nine in the pro-am team event, 20 in the pro singles, 25 teams in the pro-am draw, nine in the beginners/just pretty good category, 43 in the amateur singles, 14 in the beginners/just pretty good singles, nine in the 4-person team (then billed as "George's fun event", added to the agenda to please him), and 13 in the open doubles. That was a substantial improvement over No. 1 in 1992 with eight boards, 80 players, and, comparatively speaking, a very modest prize money pot.

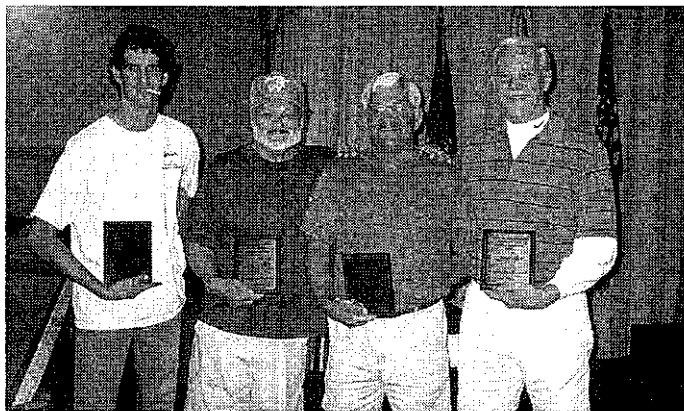
Compare that with the Southwest Open 2000 -- 272 players from 18 states and Canada, competing in 10 events on 31 boards for a share of the big pie!

For the first-timers, rewards in the preliminary round robins had them asking: Would there be money left for the "real" tournament? Yes, indeed! There was even enough to bet on an unscheduled foot race in the Legion parking lot between Rick Gindt of Washington and David Williams Jr. of Texas ("Rick talks, David walks," some unnamed source reported).

### 184 Players in Four-Person Team Events

There were 23 teams in the Div. I four-person team event and 23 in Div. II -- that's 184 players -- a

far cry from the 36 participating in that "fun event" in 1993!



No. 1 in Div. I was the team of (from right) Johnny Wayne Crawford, Rick Niblett, Lenny Dell and Jeff Womble.

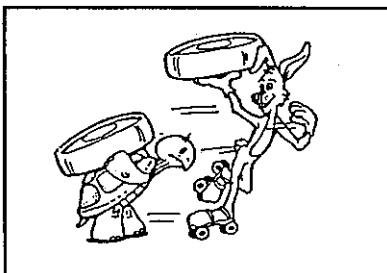
Taking second place honors was Bill Melton's team of Rick Jones, Carlos Guzman and Mike Alvey (no photo available).



Third place finishers (from right) Frank Blade, first-timer Alonzo Cottrell, Fred Washington and Steve Burkett.

Diana Hagen's team of Al Salazar, Brian Walker and Marshall Partlow finished in fourth place.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

## Woodie on Getting People to "Belly Up" to the Table

Two years ago I moved to Columbia, Missouri. The first thing I looked for was a shuffleboard; the second was a house to buy. I found a board at the Elks, the Eagles Lodge, and the V.F.W. The first place I went, they were using floor wax! They said there were only two people who played the game and they planned to take the board out to make room for more seating. The other places were not much better.

At present all three places are using Shuffleboard Federation wax and on July 1, Bobby Voorhis delivered two refinished boards in exchange for two used ones.

At the VFW on Wednesday nights, we hold round robins allowing only 20 players because of time. Most of the time we max out. On Thursday nights we hold round robins at the Eagles with the same rules. At present I'm the only rated player because the Bowers Rating System only allows us to rate up to "5". The players around here are not YET that good. We do only A-Bs and A-B-Cs.

These folks have as much fun as anyone at any level. My point is we must all work toward getting people to belly up to the table. The skills will come. Just make sure the skill level is matched.

Woodie Cockrum, Columbia, Missouri

*What you have accomplished in Columbia, Woodie, illustrates why you were the first inductee into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame!*

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## Bonnie Salutes Kathi Lloyd

I enjoyed the 2nd Annual Bill English Memorial Tournament in June. This event is growing significantly. The Balloon Inn was packed with players and fans. For its growing success, we can readily give credit to Kathi Lloyd. I am greatly impressed with her organizational skills and program development. Participants should appreciate her administrative abilities. She has a real flair for keeping the ball rolling and is a very gifted people-person. In addition, Kathi is becoming one of the best shuffleboard players in Denver! At this point in time, I would say that she is the heartbeat of this sport in this area.

The Board Talk is my main source of information regarding the colorful and fascinating world of shuffleboard. I cherish the friendship of all the shuffleboard people I have had to opportunity to meet and know, and others through correspondence. Much appreciation for all you do.

Bonnie English, Loveland, Colorado

*We're sure Kathi will appreciate your well-deserved words of praise. Few people realize the amount of work it takes to stage a tournament and we wish others would follow your example and take time to say thanks to the directors.*

## El Cid: What About a Tourney in New Jersey?

Never underestimate the effect an article printed in The Board Talk can have. A while ago, I wrote a letter requesting "how to" features. First, your reprint of "Ask the Pros" was exactly the kind of information I hoped to find. Strangely, it's starting to look like that was just the tip of the iceberg. Next, my home phone rings and a person with a very gentlemanly voice inquires about this "renewed interest" in shuffleboard around the Long Beach Island area.

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## Lots of Winners at Blinky's Memorial Week Tournament

By Rick Thomas

Once again, this year's Memorial Week Tournament at Blinky's Sports Cafe, Santa Clara, California, although not as big as the ever-popular Presidents' Day tourney, was quite good, filled with excitement and great shuffleboard. Action started on Sunday, May 21, with the sweetheart doubles.

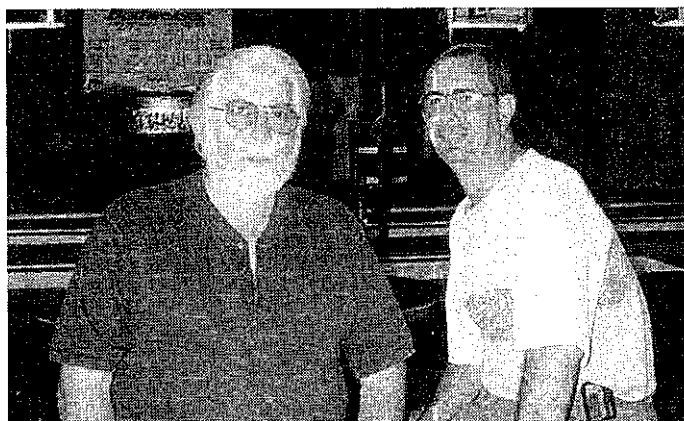


First place winners were Jane and Dan Mourgos (right), with Bev and Nick Chaffin (left) taking second place honors.



California Hall of Famer Donny Cox and wife Donna took third place.

The amateur doubles started on Monday evening and gave the crowd some exciting shuffleboard to watch.



Winners of the amateur doubles were J.R. Danger and Bob Crum from Modesto, California.

Taking second place honors was the team of Chris Wayt and Sandy McQuilan.

Coming in third were Jim Olson and Kathy Thomas. (Jim said they held each other up all night!)



On Tuesday evening, the amateur singles started. This event was literally a shoot-out, extremely competitive and demanding. When all was said and done, coming out on top were:



Chris Wayt took first place, with Jolene Lembke in second. Jim Olson (pictured above) finished third.

The ever-popular ABC event got underway on Wednesday evening and concluded on Thursday. Another shoot-out!



First place in the ABC went to Paul Parks, Lloyd Shasker and Steve Heidenrich.

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## *Upcoming Events Across the Nation*

### Oregon

## **RURAL AMERICA TOURNEY RETURNS, LABOR DAY WEEKEND, 99 TAVERN/WILLEE'S CAFE, WINSTON**

Please note that there are some changes in the format for the "Rural America" tournament, which is returning Aug. 30-Sept. 3, after a seven-year absence. Be sure to replace the flyer that was in last month's issue with the one enclosed. Rural America 2000 will feature events played on six boards in two locations, the 99 Tavern and Willee's Cafe in Winston.

An ABC draw, \$25 per player entry, will start with a 7 p.m. sale on Wednesday, Aug. 30, and continue on Thursday. An open draw doubles, \$25 per player, will be held on Friday, 7 p.m. An open doubles, \$100 per team entry, is on the agenda for Saturday, with sale at noon. The open singles, \$200 entry, will be held on Sunday.

There is free RV parking at both bar locations. There is also the Umpqua Safari RV Park five blocks away (call Ken or Steph at 541-679-6328 or 800-818-8580). Motels include the Safari Inn next door, 541-679-6736, and the Sweet Breeze Inn, three blocks away, 541-679-2420.

For further information, contact director/host Steve Fisher at the 99 Tavern, 541-679-7068, or Willee's, 541-679-9248. Mornings are the best time to reach him.

"We've had tremendous response so far," Steve reports. "It appears as if the return of Rural America could be a dandy. We'll do everything we can to see it runs smoothly."

### Washington

## **6TH OPEN DOUBLES, OLD EDISON INN, SEPT. 16-17**

The Old Edison Inn, Edison, will hold its 6th annual open doubles tourney on Sept. 16-17. Entry is \$50 per team and play will start Saturday immediately following the 11 a.m. sale. Winner's bracket games will be best 2 out of 3 (15-point games), with a single game to 17 in the loser's. This is an Evergreen Shuffleboard Association sanctioned points event.

There will be an A-B draw partner shootout on Friday night, starting at 7 p.m. sharp. This will be

single elimination with a \$20 entry (no sale).

Hosts Mini and Sandy look forward to greeting the players and, yes, Mini will be loading up another batch of his popular cajun-style seafood gumbo on Saturday.

For further information, call tourney director Phil DePree at 360-766-6266 or 766-5301.

### Arizona

## **1st ANNUAL AMATEUR ALL LADIES' TOURNEY, MVP SPORTS BAR, PHOENIX, SEPT. 15-17**

Arizona's 1st Annual Amateur All Ladies' Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 15-17 at the MVP Sports Bar, 6001 N. 43rd Ave. in Phoenix.

Events include Div. I (1.00-2.99) singles, \$30 entry, and Div. II (3.00-5.99) singles, \$20 entry, and an A-B draw, \$30 per player. All are 2 out of 3, double elimination, and a \$10 registration fee will be charged.

On Friday, Sept. 15, sponsor sales for the Div. I and II singles will start at 7 p.m. with play for both divisions immediately following. The finals for the singles will start at 10 a.m. Saturday. The sponsor sale for the A-B draw partner will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday with play immediately following. The finals for the draw partner doubles will start at 10 a.m. Sunday. Format and start times are subject to change depending on turnout.

Suggested lodging is the Comfort Inn, I-17 & Camelback in Phoenix, 602-242-8011. For further information, contact Linda Churchman at 623-412-8006, or E-mail: ljchpx@aol.com

### New York

## **2nd ADRIONDACK OPEN, RIVERSIDE, KEESEVILLE, SEPT. 8-10**

The Riverside Tavern, 31 Ausable, Keeseville, will host a three-event Adirondack Open Sept. 8-10.

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 Adirondacks Region, 30 miles from Lake Placid (Interstate 87 North from Albany to Exit 34. Turn right on 9N - 1/4 mile to South Ausable street, on right).

A chicken barbecue will be served, along with a healthy helping of old-fashioned North Country hospitality. Motels and campsites are located within 1/2 mile: Villa Motel, 518-834-7579; Blue Spruce, 518-834-7155.

For further information, contact Pauline at The Riverside, 518-834-5953, or 518-834-9152.

### Colorado

## **CO.NE.HEAD CLASSIC, BALLOON INN, ARVADA, AUG. 18-20**

The Co.Ne.Head Classic, named for the close relationship developed between players in Colorado and Nebraska, is scheduled for Aug. 18-20 at the Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth Bypass, Arvada.

The Classic will feature an A-B-C blind draw, \$25 per player, with \$5 of each entry going to the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The format will be the best 2 out of 3, with losers one game to 21. The sponsor sale starts at 7 p.m. Friday with play beginning at 8 p.m.

For further information, call Kathi Lloyd at 303-421-9332, or E-mail: KATJOD@earthlink.net

### Michigan

## **THIRD \$\$\$\$ SERIES AT STOBER'S LOUNGE, LANSING, AUG. 13**

The third in the 2000 Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard series will be held at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing on Aug. 13, with an open singles on Saturday, Aug. 12.

Entry fee is \$40 per team and the handicap must total 2 or above per team. The sale will start at 12:30 p.m. with play immediately following. If you did not commit to the complete series to qualify for the playoffs, you may participate as long as you meeting the 2 handicap criteria, and if you don't mind contributing \$5 of your entry fee to the playoff pot. The open singles will start with a noon sale on Saturday, \$20 entry fee.

The playoff is scheduled for the Club Car on Sept. 3, plus an open singles on Monday, Labor Day.

For information, contact tournament director Dennis Bittner at the Club Car, 517-288-9910.

Out of state shufflers are welcome!

### Oklahoma

## **LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT AT BUD'S ACTION LOUNGE, BROKEN ARROW, SEPT. 1-3**

Bud Hillburn (the "Shuffleboard God") will host his 5th Annual Labor Day Tournament at the Action Lounge, Broken Arrow, on Sept. 1-3. Events will include a draw partner on Friday, a bring partner on Saturday, and either a mixed or ladies' event on Sunday.

For further information, contact Bud at 918-258-1773.

## **13TH LABOR DAY TOURNEY, FULL HOUSE, WYNNEWOOD**

The Full House, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr St., Wynnewood, will host its 13th Annual Labor Day Tournament on Aug. 31-Sept. 4. The first event, a sweetheart draw, is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., \$20 per player entry. An open draw, \$30 per player, will start at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. A bring your own partner, \$40 entry, is scheduled for Saturday, 5 p.m., with singles, \$30 entry, on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. If necessary, completion of the singles will be on Monday, Sept. 4. All events are single game, double elimination, with a maximum 4 points negative spot. A one-time \$10 registration fee covers all events. RV parking is available at the nearby city park. Lodging suggestions are the Siesta Villa, 405-665-9915, or Kent's Motel, 405-665-4319.

For further information, call the Full House, 405-665-2715, or tournament director Gerald Wood, 580-759-3293.

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

### Texas

## **TEXAS OPEN AT GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, AUG. 30-SEPT. 4**

This year's Texas Open, scheduled for the Gold Nugget Sports Bar, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, will be co-sponsored by Champion Shuffleboard Ltd. In

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## ***As the Puck Turns***

***By George & Donna Wilber***

As this is written, we are still recovering from the 2,000-mile trip to Del City, Oklahoma and home from the Southwest Open. We've made this annual trip since 1993, but this particular one had some significant happenings for us.

First, we accepted the fact that, at 70 years old, we can't sustain 10 grueling days of non-stop action. And we realized that when we identify Marty Shepard as Mary and neither the typesetter nor the proofreader catches that error, it's time for someone younger, sharper and more vibrant than us to carry on the tradition we started.

Second, we received an offer from Champion Shuffleboard to purchase The Board Talk with Lynda and Tom French of Texas as managing editors. We admit that we had some concerns at first, fearful that the publication might become a promotion piece for a manufacturer rather than the voice of The World of Shuffleboard. Owner Keyle Stites set those concerns aside, convincing us -- and the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board, that his interest lies in preserving the future of the sport, benefitting all those involved -- players and their suppliers. Having established, highly-regarded players like Lynda and Tom at the editors' helm sealed the deal. Our sincerest wish is that you will extend to them the same support you have given us during the past 17 years.

There is no firm timetable for the transition, which will be a "gentle" one. Business will be as usual until we notify you otherwise. Your subscriptions, advertising, tournament promotions and reports, and other contributing articles, should continue to be sent to us until further notice. At that time, we'll introduce you to the new owner and editors.

We came away from the open meeting of the National Hall of Fame in Del City with a firm belief that the future of that entity (now with a new name -- see Page 30) is in very capable hands. The officers and directors were professional as they discussed the future, and there was a "give and take" spirit of cooperation as they exchanged ideas and concerns. A hearty Board Talk salute to them!

It won't be easy for us to give up The Board Talk. We went through the agony of labor pains to give it birth, nursed it through its difficult adolescent years, and guided it through the difficult teens. But we know, like any good "parent," when it's time to let go.

One thing we won't be giving up is the friendship of The World of Shuffleboard. During our "tenure" as editors/publishers of The Board Talk, we have made friends across the U.S.A. and Canada, and those are not part of the "sale." We cherish those friendships and will sustain them. You'll see us at upcoming events. Like Larry Creakbaum commented at the NSHF annual meeting in Del City: "Shuffleboarders don't retire -- we expire." We are planning to retire -- but not expire -- for awhile anyway.

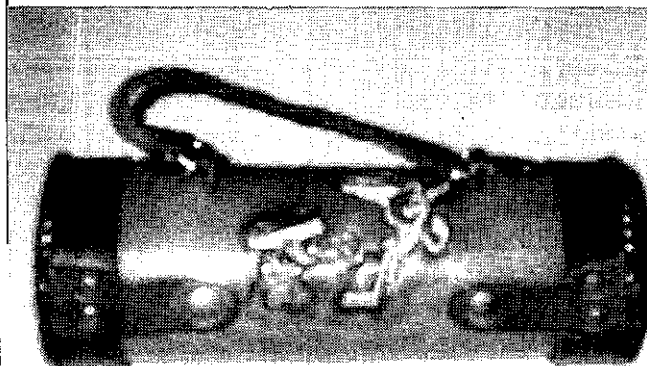
And let us assure you, we wouldn't be leaving you unless we were confident that we're leaving you in good hands.

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**El Sid** (continued from Page 2)

We talk a bit and he agrees to come down and shoot against a couple of our top players.

Well, for six hours, he played game after game. The only break was a 20-minute ride from one establishment's board to another. So it turns out he's a Hall of Fame class player. A couple of games were close but no "w's" for the locals. But what a treat it was. For about the price of a drink a game, we got an education in shuffleboard that was priceless. He talked about shooting skills, practice, strategy and the history of the game. I couldn't name a table in New Jersey, New York or Pennsylvania that he hadn't played on. By now, you're probably wondering why I haven't mentioned his name.

Two reasons: First, I wanted to respect his privacy. He loves to travel to play -- at places and on days of his own choosing. If he were to get bombarded with invitations and requests that he couldn't possibly make, I'm sure it would upset him. He wouldn't want to miss a chance to make a buck .....I mean to make new friends. Second, I wondered if anyone who has been around shuffleboard for a long time could guess who he is. He plays mostly in northern New Jersey these days. In this area, only he and Dennis Leehive are comparable players. Dennis would be familiar to Board Talk readers for his accomplishments in several upstate New York tournaments.

Who was this famous (infamous?) player who came to visit us?

Finally, a strong suggestion on how to improve came from Oklahoma. Sue Lewis (aka X-Virgin) said the best thing New Jersey players could do is come to Oklahoma and watch "real" players shoot. The Board Talk also wholeheartedly endorsed this course of action.

I'd like nothing better than to be part of such a massive event as the Southwest Open. To play with and to watch and meet everyone would be a blast. But it doesn't look like it'll be possible for me in the near future.

How about bringing a major tournament to New Jersey? Amateur drivers can park in Philadelphia and we'll bus them over to the games.

Seriously, though, what steps would we have to take and who would have to be contacted to start working towards a sanctioned New Jersey tournament.

Cid Floriani (aka El Cid), Long Beach Island, New Jersey

*We think we know who your helpful visitor was, Cid, but we'll wait to see if any of our readers come up with a guess. We saw X-Virgin Sue at the Southwest Open and told her to watch for your letter. In regard to the possibility of New Jersey hosting a major tournament, we suggest you contact any or all four of our regular advertisers: Triple Crown, Shuffleboard Federation, Sun-Glo, and Champion. Their full-page ads in each issue list their addresses and phone numbers. That's a place to start. You also have a National Shuffleboard Hall of Famer in your state: Sol Lipkin, whose wisdom and experience is unsurpassed. At 90-plus years of age, he's still on the road a lot promoting shuffleboard, but you could drop him a note at: 899 Dona Rd., Union NJ 07083. In the meantime, some East Coast promoters may read your inquiry and respond to you at: 100 E. 7th St., Beach Haven NJ 08008. Good luck!*

## **Alan's Thoughts on the Rating System....**

This letter is concerning the rating system that we are now using. The players are rated according to their ability and even though it is a very subjective rating system, I feel that the group of those determining this rating do the very best they can and use all the guidelines and information available set out for them, and it is as fair as it can possibly be.

The reason the system was created was to get new players involved and to give the players of lesser developed skills a chance to compete with those who have been able to fine-tune theirs a little more. This seems to me to be a great way to enhance and keep this great competition going and an opportunity for the lesser-skilled players to learn from the more seasoned veteran players. The only problem now is that there has become a maximum number of points to be given and even using a negative spot to lengthen the game which is a definite advantage to the better players. By doing this, the field is not quite as level as it was designed to be.

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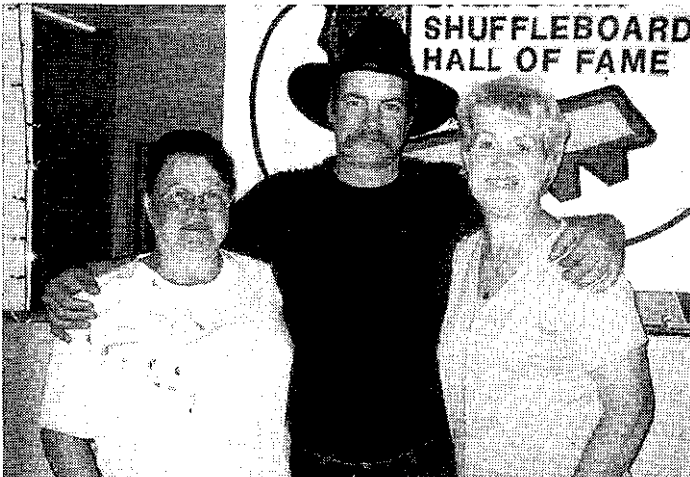
# California Stages First Hall of Fame Tourney

Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill and the Edgewood Bar, both located in Bellflower, hosted the 1st Annual California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Tournament on June 30-July 4.

Thirteen teams participated in the ABC draw, which started at both locations on Friday night and finished early Sunday afternoon at the Edgewood.



Taking top honors was the team of Craig Amundson (right), Sam Blanco (left), and Oskar Urgate, host of Oskar's.



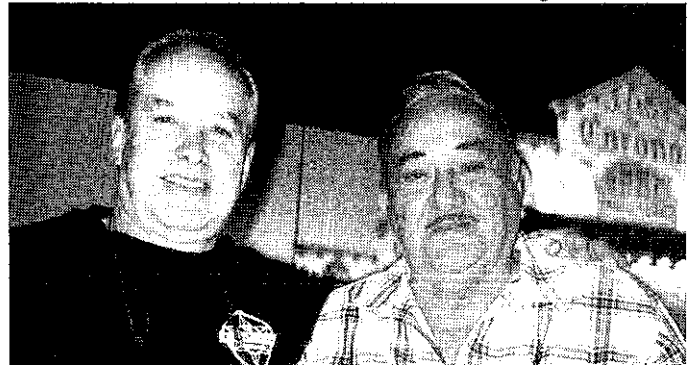
Second place was earned by Anna Brunskill (right), B.B. Boik, host of The Edgewood, and Skip Slaughter.



Third went to the team of John McGinnis (center), Bud Taylor (right) and Allan Healey.



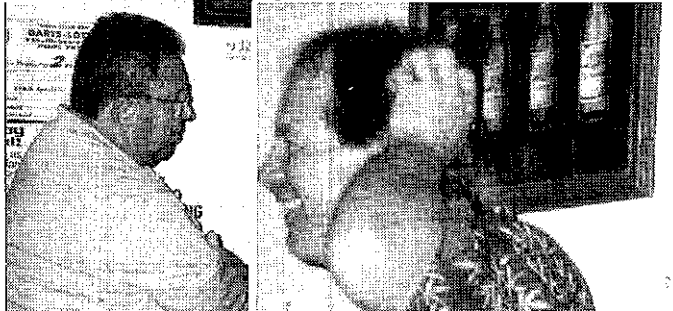
Last, but certainly not least, fourth place went to Paul Weber, Pearl Minard and Gina Galligan.



The doubles, which started Sunday morning, was won by Joe Nino and Bud Brownhill.



"Thumbs Up" say second place finishers Jim Martin (left) and Craig Amundson.



"I think you should draw," said Ernie Alvarez (left). "Gee, I don't know if I can do that," said partner Allan Healey. They finished third in the doubles.



Tournament director Paul Weber extends kudos to many people involved in this first:

"Special thanks to Connie Zavala and Audra Schooley from Nevada; Pete Craven, Chris Wayt and Dale Pirlot from the Santa Clara-San Jose area; and George Lucas, 82-years-young, from Palm Springs, for their attendance at the tournament. Thanks to first-time tournament player, D.J. Jackson, owner of Shorty's Pub, Huntington Beach, our newest shuffleboard bar in southern California. Thanks to hosts B.B. Boik of The Edgewood and Oskar Urgate of Oskar's for their

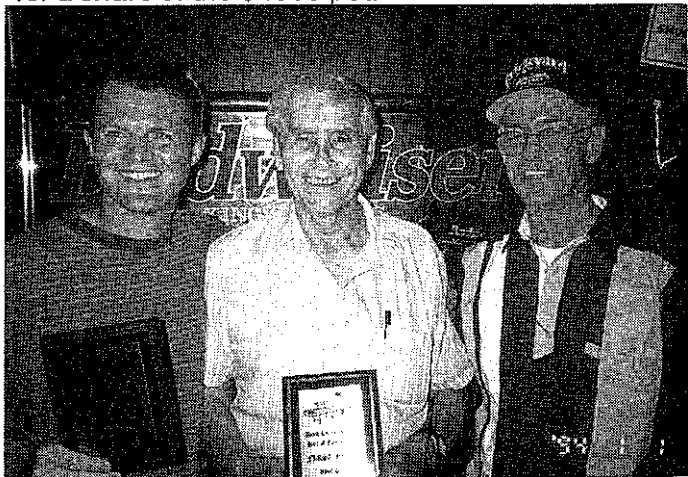
hospitality.

"Special thanks to Bob Brunskill for bracketing, Dave Brenaman for the ABC auction, all the ladies for bringing food that was served daily during the entire tournament, Jan Manes for selling 50/50 raffle tickets, Hope Weber for donating the ring that was raffled off, the proceeds going to Jim Anderson, who has some serious health problems. Jim, being the class act that he is, donated the money (\$431) to the Bellflower Bruce Shuffleboard Hardship Fund. And thanks to Avalon Jewelers, Bellflower, for donating a ladies' Seiko watch for the raffle."

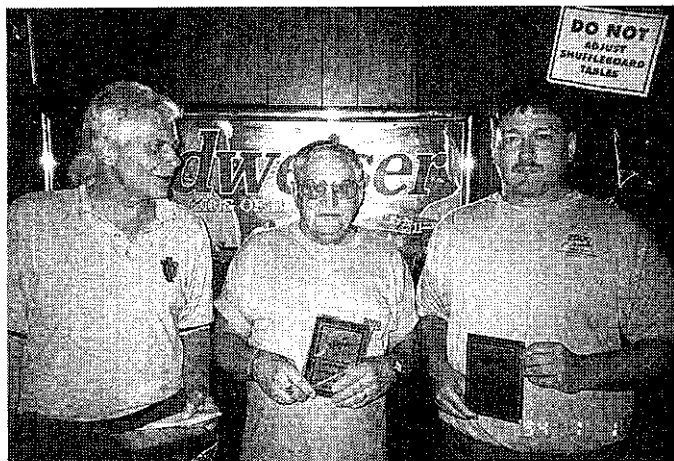
## Indiana's 1st Hall of Fame Classic is Success

David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana, was the site of the 1st Hoosier Hall of Fame Classic on June 23-25. There were three events played on two boards with a total pot of over \$10,000.

The first event was an ABC bring your own team (add to 4) or signed up and directors matched up as close as possible, with 51 players (17 teams) vying for a share of the \$4055 pot.



Winners of the ABC bring team event were (from left) Ricky Royal, Gene McCleod, and Al Ingram.



Second place honors went to (from left): Terry Dowell, Bill Niswonger, and Gary Neff.



Third place was taken by Ken Lewis, Jody Reed and Tonya Modglin.



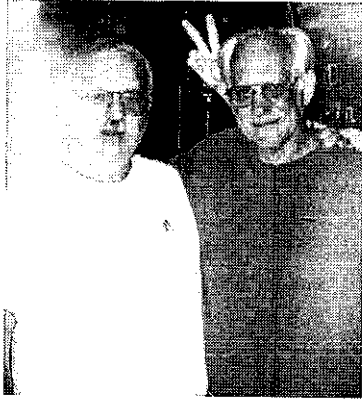
Larry Brown checks the 4th place money to see how much he should share with Deb Voorhis and wife Mary.

There were 19 tough teams battling for \$4130 in Saturday's open doubles.

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## Hoosier Classic *(cont. from Page 9)*



*Glen Ingram and Jim Long were winners of the doubles.*

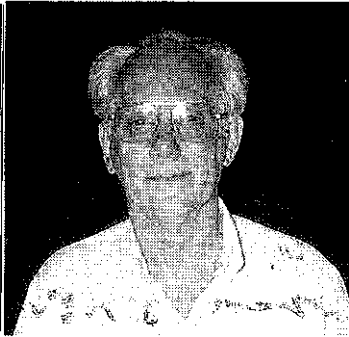
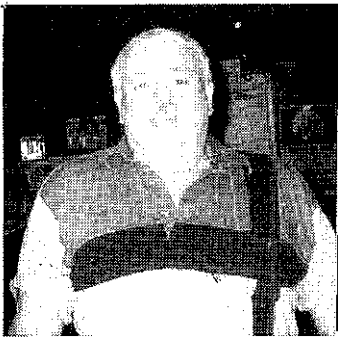


*Tom and Greg Massie (right) took second place honors. Terry Dowell and Larry Brown (not pictured) finished third.*

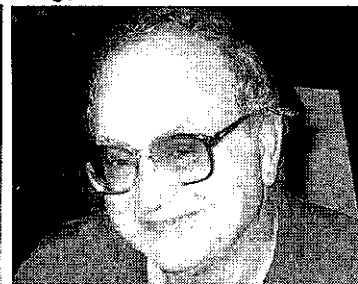
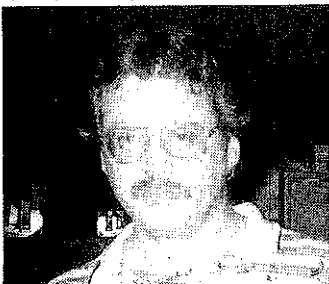


*Mary Brown and Deb Voorhis took fourth place in the doubles.*

There were 17 walkers competing for a share of the \$1960 singles pot.



*Repeating their winning ways were Glen Ingram (left), 1st place, and Jim Long, 2nd.*



*Bobby Voorhis (left) took 3rd, with Dave (Fluffy) Boaz in 4th place.*

### A Message from the Director:

Tournament director Glen Ingram extends this message to all who helped make this first a success: "The old parable and Bible verse -- 'you have not because you have not asked' and 'ask and you shall receive.' Well, thank you, loyal shuffleboard supporters. We asked and you came and gave your money, your time and your support.

"We raised \$1390 (\$290 donated to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame) and I have so many people to thank. Thanks to David Greer for hosting and donating money and his facility and time; to all those who helped in so many ways -- Joyce Brown, Mike Johnson, Bobby V, Terry Dowell, Sheryl Cockerill, Gary Neff, Jim DeWitt, Orris Hughes, and Jeri Ingram for putting up with me and my shuffleboard addiction.

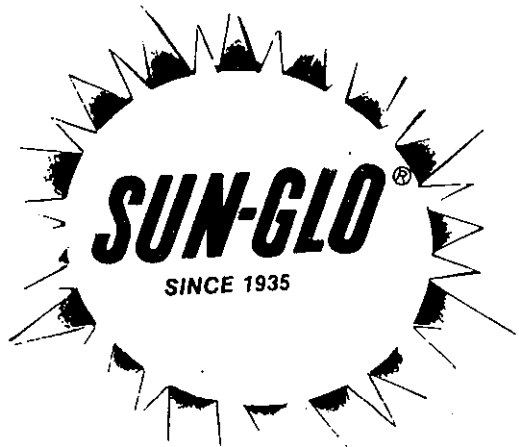
"Thanks to everyone who came to play and everybody who donated to the Hall of Fame. Your name is on a plaque in the Hoosier Hall of Fame at the American Legion in Bourbon. If you wish to donate, your name will be added. Remember, it is the player's Hall of Fame -- no support, no Hall of Fame."

## **Rupe/Hartung Win Bourbon's 1st Annual "Garage Open"**

Gary Anglin from Bourbon, Indiana, hosted the 1st Annual Garage Open on June 3 with 12 teams participating. "We played all day and night, with just the one board in the garage," reports Mary Brown. "We also enjoyed a cook-out with great food." Total money was over \$2,000.



*Winners of the 1st "Garage Open" were: Missy Rupe and Jim Hartung, 1st; Gary Neff and Wally Dann, 2nd; Larry and Mary Brown, 3rd.*



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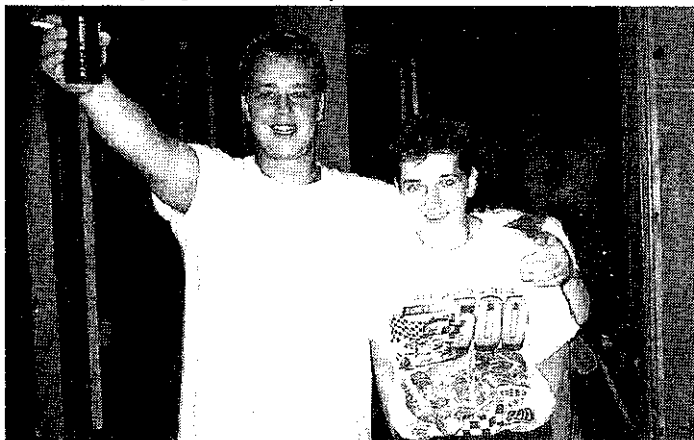
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## ***Auten/Hallgarth/Blade Tops at Rudy's 5th Memorial Tourney***

The 5th Annual Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament was held at Stober's Cocktail Lounge, Lansing, Michigan, on June 23-25. The event, a "celebration of his life," was held in honor of Rudy, Michigan's first inductee into the state Hall of Fame. There were 17 teams in the doubles and 19 in the singles, vying for a total pot of \$4100.



*Steve Auten and Ady Hallgarth took top honors in the doubles event.*



*J.R. Lopez (left) and Ron Palmer took second place.*



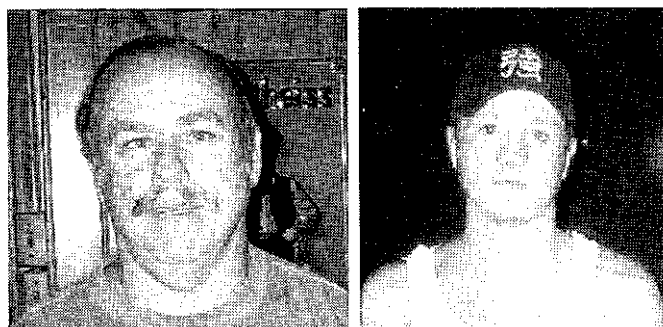
*Steve's "little brother," Scott Auten, and Carrie Cottrell took third place.*



*Tournament director Carrie Clifton and Bob Ray finished fourth in the doubles.*



*Frank Blade (right) took top money in the singles and Steve Auten finished second.*



*Bill Kane (left) took third, with Alonzo Cottrell in fourth place.*

Following this event, two of the participants, Frank Blade and Alonzo Cottrell, travelled to Del City, Oklahoma, for the Southwest Open and took a share of the HUGE pots there. Both finished third in the Div. I four-person team event and Frank finished fourth in the draw partner Div. I, plus any unreported wins in the multiple round robins and unscheduled foot race. The Board Talk editors salute our Michigan representatives for their fine showing (see Page 1 for report).

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## Rudy's Memorial (cont. from Page 12)



Linda Stober, owner and hostess-with-the-mostest of Stober's Lounge, accepted an Award of Excellence from the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame for her promotion/support of the sport. She told participants that her Dad would be proud of this recognition and of the participation in this annual event. "He loved shuffleboard and he loved you," she said.



Frank Parrish, representative of the Michigan Hall of Fame, also presented an award of excellence to tournament director Carrie Clifton, who vows to continue holding Rudy Memorial Tournaments for as long as her health permits. "This is the greatest honor you could have given me," she told the MSHF. "Rudy was a wonderful person and one of the best sponsors and players I have ever known. He had a great love for the game and helped a lot of people learn the game, including myself," she said.

Stober's thanks Bill and Carrie Clifton for all the many door prizes and to everyone who helped feed the hungry shufflers over the weekend: Mark Holland for the food Friday night and Sunday, Ed and Jackie Campos, Liz and Brian Babcock, Steve Whipple, Donna and Mexican John, Mrs. Cooper, Millie Watkins, E.T., Michelle and Ron Bown, Carol and Greg Ravelo, Audrey and Richard Reist, Linda Mac and Douglas, Tee Bug and Doug, and any others we may have missed.

The next tournament at Stober's will be the \$\$\$\$ #3 on Sept. 3-4 and an open doubles (pros can play with pros in this one) and singles on September 29-30, Oct. 1. Mark your calendars now.

## Gindt/Anderson Win at Shamrock's Mixed Doubles

There were 24 teams participating in the mixed doubles at the Shamrock, Longview, Washington, on June 17-18, with a total pot of \$3,888.



First place went to Rick Gindt and Jackie Anderson (left), with second place honors going to Linda Steffensen and Chuck Norris.



Third place went to Tim Nugent and Sharon McDonnell (left) with Cindy Powers and Curt Grothen in fourth.

Tina Olson and Frank Powers tied with Kimberly Olson and Darrol Nelson for fifth and sixth spots.

"Doug and Norma DeBois did a great job of running the tournament, as always," reports Ralph Duarte.



## Alan on Ratings *(cont. from Page 7)*

Nobody wants to penalize the better players at all, but if the ratings are to be used, they should be used in full or thrown out. If throwing them out is the answer, then I think this game will fade into the woodwork as new players will not want to join in and not have a chance to be competitive.

Would anyone else have any thoughts about this subject? Maybe I am missing something.

Alan Cobb, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*We agree with all of your observations, Alan. From our own experience, the Bowers Rating System has been responsible for new players getting involved. One of our local tournaments has tripled in participation because those who formerly sat on the sidelines watching the same old veterans win year after year are now competing because they have a chance. The responsibility for perfecting (in terms of history, it's still relatively new) and using the system lies with the raters and the tournament directors. As raters, we take our responsibilities seriously, objectively for those we know and reaching out for the knowledge of others who can better evaluate those we are unsure of. As directors, we use the Bowers Rating System, as you so aptly put it, "in full." This is an area of controversy and needs input from all members of The World of Shuffleboard. We welcome their "side of the story," and we thank you for introducing it.*

## Butch: "There's a New Tornado in Texas!"

Move over, Tanya Tucker. Ms. Diana Hagen is the new Texas Tornado! She can hit weights and lag and even miss a few weights. She gets the same shake you and I get, but she gets to the winner's table. YOU GO, GIRL!

The Southwest Open is the best tournament in the great U.S.A. Thanks to all the staff who ran a great event, and the bartenders, and Dave Williams Jr. who ran a great race for the money. Thanks to my new-found friends for the autographs and good times.

Most of all, thanks to my sponsors, Action Construction, Eric and Pat Beerbower, and Jeff Parson for making my trip to Del City, Oklahoma, and participation in the Southwest Open possible.

Butch Thomas, Noblesville, Indiana

*Diana will go down in shuffleboard history as a first and we're glad we were there to record it.*

## Thanks from the Camerons

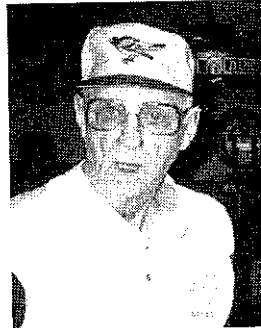
Rod and I would like to thank the staff and all the players at the Southwest Open for making our grandson, Brandon, feel like a part of it. He's already talking about sticking deuces and ratings. It was great!

Tree Cameron, Dayton, Texas

*It's good to see another generation of Camerons carry on the shuffleboard tradition.*

## A Tribute to Pete O'Neill

In memory of a great Florida shuffler,



### Joseph "Pete" O'Neill

who passed away on July 2, 2000. You will be missed greatly, and remembered always, as my special friend, teacher, and partner.

Carol Komarc, Miramar, Florida

*We're sure your sentiments are shared by many in The World of Shuffleboard who knew him.*

## Fond Memories of Joel Rahn

On June 8, 2000, the shuffleboard community in Omaha, Nebraska, mourned the loss of a wonderful man and an awesome shuffleboard player, Joel Rahn, who lost his fight against cancer.

Joel originally played pool, but in 1980 when he started to go into Piccolo's Tavern, he met Tim Piccolo who introduced Joel to the game of shuffleboard and played "just for the fun of it." Joel picked the game up quickly and was soon giving Tim a run for his money (or better yet, running away with his money, along with several other people's). The best thing about losing to Joel was you weren't allowed to buy any of your drinks for the rest of the evening.

Joel played Classic A shuffleboard league for 13-plus years, with the likes of Tim Piccolo, Denny Busch, Chuck Busch, Jeff Gaylord, Bill Bosbird, Darryl Peterson, John Henry, Gwyn Orsi, Marty

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## Blinky's Memorial *(cont. from Page 3)*



*Second in the ABC was the team of Eddie Brayman, Pete Craven and Teresa Manfredi.*



*Coming in third were Chris Wayt, Kathy Thomas and Rich Porter.*

The open/pro doubles began Saturday morning with some top-notch players producing great play that had some spectators speechless.



*Coming out on top was the team of Nick Chaffin and Karl Spickelmier. Nick also won the open/pro singles.*

Taking second place honors were Don Cox and Joe Hudson, with Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Nelson Jennings in third place. This was a super event!

On Sunday morning, May 25, the open/pro singles started and concluded on Monday. This was a real barn-burner! The first place winner was Nick Chaffin, with Darrol Nelson taking second place honors, and local Dan Mourgos in third.

A couple of spectators asked me on Saturday who Nick Chaffin was. I said he was a top-notch pro player from Roseville, California, and suggested they watch him play. They did -- in the finals against one of the best players in the country. Nick was calm, cool and collected, made great shots and really deserved to win this event.

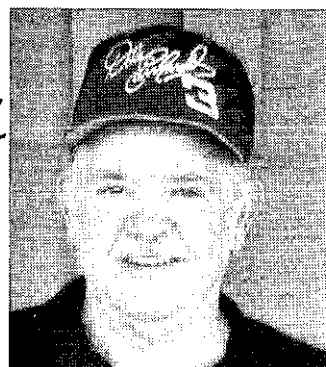
Total prize money for the week was \$17,790.

### Don Cox Inducted into Hall of Fame

The "main event" of this week-long tournament was on Saturday afternoon with the induction of Don Cox into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Many tributes were given by his friends and fans and his plaque was presented by Rick Thomas, vice president of the California SHF.

*Don Cox, thank you for your dedication to this great sport. Your tenacity is well-documented. Your never-give-up attitude is a tribute to many of your wins on the circuit. Thanks, friend, for your help and for being a part of all our lives.*

*"Remember the Phantom!"*



*All of Don's "girls" were on hand for his induction.*

Thanks to the new owners of Blinky's Sports Cafe for the great BBQ dinner they provided after the induction ceremonies. Thanks also to all the local and out-of-town players who continue to support this tournament. Special thanks to Donna Cox for her help all week long. Also thanks to others who helped -- Nick Chaffin, Pete Craven, Nelson Jennings, Dan and Jane Mourgos and all the girls. And thanks to Lorraine Bingham for bringing a computer, making all our lives easier, especially Kathy's.



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**Friday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.: DIV. I AND II DRAW PARTNERS -- Div. I (-1 through 1), \$100 entry; Div. II (2 through 4), \$50 entry. Both single game, double elimination.**

**Saturday, Sept. 2, 2 p.m.: SIX-PERSON DRAFT TEAM EVENT -- EVERY-ONE PLAYS! \$50 per person entry, best of 7, double elimination.**

**Sunday, Sept. 3, 3 p.m.: DIV. I AND II BRING PARTNER -- Div. I (add to 0), \$100 per team; Div. II (add to 5), \$50 per team; both single game, double elimination.**

**Monday, Sept. 4: Finish doubles if necessary. \$20 draws and match play.**

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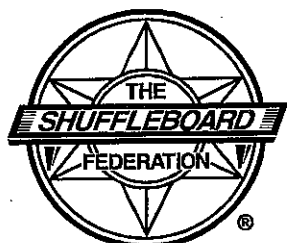
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<b>Pro Division</b>	Rating between -.01 and -1.50	Pro/Am Draft Team Event, Pro Singles, Pro Doubles, Crazy Eights and Deuces Wild®.
<b>Division I</b>	Rating between 0.00 and 1.49	Pro/Am Draft Team Event, Division I Singles, Division I Doubles, Amateur Team Event & Deuces Wild®.
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## EVENT INFORMATION - MORE DETAILS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

Event	Entry Fee	Who Can Play	Starts	Finishes	Limit
Pro/Am Draft Team	\$50.00 per player	Everybody	Sunday, October 29	Monday	192 players
Division I Doubles	\$100.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 31	Tuesday	32 teams
Division II Doubles	\$60.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 31	Tuesday	48 teams
Division III Doubles	\$40.00 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 31	Tuesday	40 teams
Pro Doubles	\$125.00 per player	-1.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 31	Wednesday	32 teams
Division I Singles	\$100.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday	48 players
Division II Singles	\$60.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday	64 players
Division III Singles	\$40.00 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday	64 players
Ladies Singles	\$40.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday	40 players
Crazy Eights	\$50.00 per player	-0.01 to -1.50	Thursday, November 2	Thursday	40 players
Amateur Team Event	\$50.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Thursday, November 2	Saturday/Sunday	32 teams
Pro Singles	\$200.00 or \$300.00	-1.50 to 5.00	Thursday, November 2	Saturday/Sunday	32 players
Legends Draw	\$50.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Saturday, November 4	Sunday	48 players
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**Player Ratings:** The 2000 Bowers Ratings will be used for this tournament. If you do not have a rating and would like to play in the Tournament, please contact us as soon as possible, and no later than August 1. Please note that it is very possible that some events will be full by that date, so it is in your best interest to contact us as soon as possible so that we can establish a rating for you. For a copy of the ratings, please contact The Shuffleboard Federation. If you have access to the Internet, go to [www.jump.net/~ronbowers](http://www.jump.net/~ronbowers) to download a copy.

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**Event Formats:** Pro/Am Draft: best 5 out of 9, double elimination, 12 point games; Division II & III Doubles: single game, double elimination; Pro Doubles: 2 out of 3, double elimination; Division I Doubles: 2 out of 3 winners bracket, one 21 point game in the losers. All amateur Singles: single game, double elimination; Pro Singles: 2 out of 3, double elimination; 6 Amateur Team Event: 5 out of 9, double elimination. Pro Crazy Eights: up and back twice on six boards, top 25% make round 2, up & back twice on 6 boards, top four to final round, up and back on twice on six boards. Amateur Crazy Eights: to be determined; Legends Draw: single game, double elimination, Deuces Wild: 3 out of 5, single elimination.

**Pro/Am Draft Team Event:** This example is based on 144 players, which equals 24 six-person teams. The top twenty four rated players would act as team captains and select their fellow team members through a five round draft. The draft order for the first round shall be determined by blind draw. After that the picking order flip flops each round. In other words, the captain that has the first pick in the first round gets the last pick in the second round. By the same token, the captain that picks last in the first round will pick first in the second round and so on.

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**Bring your own Six Person Amateur Team Event:** Each team must have at least two ladies, but not more than four. Players rated -.01 through -1.50 are not eligible. The 2000 Bowers Ratings will be used, with the exception that anyone who is rated a five must play as a four. When the ratings of the individual players on the team are added, the decimal total must be at least 9.5 and the rounded total must be at least 10. Money will be added to this event as follows: less than 24 teams - none; 24 to 27 teams \$3,000; 28 to 32 teams \$5,000. Fifteen point games will be used for this event.

**Legends Draw Partners:** You must be at least fifty years of age. There is a possible conflict with the amateur team event (players who are on a team that is among the final six or eight teams in the amateur team event may not be eligible). The full entry fee will be refunded if that happens.

**Weights:** Players may use their own weights, which must have red & blue caps. They may be any brand, so long as the plating is intact and in good condition. The total weight is must be not less than 320 grams, nor more than 340 grams. All weights are subject to inspection by the Tournament Director who may, at his discretion, disallow any weights he deems unacceptable. Weights that are excessively scratched or have or plating that is worn through are examples of unacceptable equipment.

**Scheduling/Auction times:** The auction time for the Pro/Am Draft is at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, with play beginning after the auction. All doubles auctions are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, with play beginning after the auction. All amateur singles auctions are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 1, with play beginning after the auction. The auctions for the Amateur Team Event and Pro Singles are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, with play for both of these events beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning. Each event will be played all the way through. Exact times for the individual events will be determined based on the number of players in each event. All players must be present for the auctions for the events they are playing in, failure to do so will result in a \$20.00 fine per infraction.

**Added money breakdown:** The Sands Regency is adding up to \$12,500 to the prize money for the North American Championships. Of that, \$6,000 is guaranteed, and is allocated as follows: pro singles: \$4,000 added (the top five finisher rated 0.00 through -.50 and the top five finishers rated -.51 through -1.50 will receive \$400 each. However, in order to be eligible for the added money in the pro singles, you must participate in the Pro/Am Draft Team Event. There is \$2,400 in the North American Champion contest (\$600 of which is added by The Shuffleboard Federation for Division III). There is also be a \$200 prize for the Amateur Team which wins the contest for the team with the best name.

Additional added money is based on the number of teams in the Amateur Team Event. 24-27 teams equals \$4,000 of additional added money (\$10,000 total), with \$3,000 of it going to the Amateur Team Event and \$1,000 going to DeucesWild®. With 28 Amateur Teams, there will be \$6,500 of additional added money (\$12,500 total), with \$5,000 going to the Amateur Team Event and \$1,500 going to DeucesWild®.

**North American Champion Contest:** Points are awarded to the top 25% of the field in each qualifying event. For example, with sixteen players/teams, the top four finishers would receive bonus points, with sixty-four players/teams, the top sixteen receive bonus points. Each player receives two points for each qualifying event they enter. Bonus points are awarded as follows: 1st: 10 points, 2nd: 9 points, 3rd: 8 points, 4th: 7 points, 5th & 6th: 6 points, 7th & 8th: 5 points, 9th - 12th: 4 points, 13th - 16th: 3 points. One bonus point is given to singles players in the lower end of the ratings for their division (Pros: rating of -.01 to -.50, Division I: rating of 1.00 to 1.49, Division III: rating of 4.00 to 5.00, Ladies Singles: rating of 2.50 to 5.00).

**Cancellation & Refund Policy:** The Registration Fee is non-refundable. If you drop out of an event twenty-four hours or more prior to the event, there will be a cancellation fee of \$25. If you drop out of an event less than twenty-four hours prior to the start of that event, you lose your entire entry fee. Refunds will be issued by check and mailed within thirty days after the conclusion of the tournament.

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**Each player on the team must fill out a registration form. All teams must include at least two ladies, but not more than four.**

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The Bower's, 2000 ratings will be used, with the exception that anyone who is rated a five must play as a four in this event. For a copy of the Bowers Ratings, contact The Shuffleboard Federation or, if you have access to the Internet, go to [www.jump.net/~ronbowers](http://www.jump.net/~ronbowers) to download a copy.



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Tuesday 12/26	1	3pm	Pro/Am Draw (-1's cannot draw together)	-1, 0, 1	\$50
	2	3pm	Amateur Draw	2, 3, 4	\$30
Wednesday 12/27	3	Noon	6 Person Draft Team. 3 of 5 Double Elimination Must play all players by 3 <sup>rd</sup> game. (2 boards)	All	\$50 each
Thursday 12/28	4	Noon	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 3 (1 Pro) 2 of 3 Double Elimination	-1, 0, 1, 2, 3	\$400/Team
	5	Noon	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 10 2 of 3 Double elimination	2, 3, 4, 5 <sup>0</sup>	\$160/Team
Friday 12/29	6	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Add to 0	All	\$300
	7	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Add to 4	1, 2, 3	\$100
	8	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Add to 6	2, 3, 4	\$60
Saturday 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
Sunday 12/31			Completion of Events 9, 10 & 11 if needed		
			New Years Eve Special Event Party with Favors and Hors D'ouvres (9pm)		Open play until 7pm
	12	7pm	Blind Draw - Single Elimination - No auction	-1 0, 1, 2	\$50
	13	7pm	Blind Draw - Single Elimination - No auction	3, 4, 5	\$10

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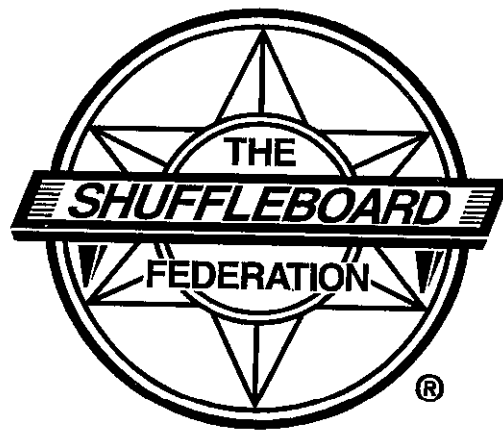
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# ***Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return***

***A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert***

*(Editor's Note: Author Balboa Ron is back and doing much better than he expected after his hip replacement. You may even see him in Reno without his walker and perhaps even without his cane! Ah, the miracle of modern medicine! You can still let him know you wish him well: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123. Now let's join Eddie and Shelli on their Florida honeymoon....)*

Eddie and Shelli quickly changed into their bathing suits and headed down to the beach. It was late afternoon and the area in front of their resort was just about deserted. When they reached the beach, they found the sand to be pure white and very soft. As they got closer to the water, though, the sand hardened. This would explain the beach cars they saw driving along there earlier.

As they were about to enter the water, Eddie said: "You're in for a surprise, honey. The water here is a lot different than the beaches in Northern California. Come on -- let's start running and go straight in."

And that they did. To Shelli's surprise, the water was very warm and very comfortable. There were light waves and the water was crystal clear. She shouted out: "Hey, sweetheart, this is what I've been waiting for all my life!" They laughed and played and swam for a long time. They were feeling the love, joy, serenity and peace they had needed for so long. This fragment in time, and the little spot they occupied on the planet for this flicker in eternity would belong to them -- for always. They were lost in the synergy that lifted them.

In fact, it was now turning dark and they were in for another special surprise. As they looked to the east, the moon was now rising over the crest of the ocean, and it was spectacular because it appeared to be about 10 times its normal size! As they gazed at that moon, they were truly joined as one, and this was their moment...and only theirs.

Everything was so wonderful that they couldn't resist a long embrace. Then Eddie moved around behind her, and before she knew it, he very deftly removed the top of her swim suit! Shelli just giggled at that, and made her own move by swiftly pulling down Eddie's trunks. There was only one more piece of clothing left -- and Shelli whispered, "Take it off, lover."

They proceeded to make some very tender, but then very passionate love in the shoulder-high

water. It went on and on, until they were both completely exhausted. After it was finished, Eddie said: "Now THAT was something different -- and something beautiful, honey!" Shelli responded with: "Yes, it was, darling, it truly was."

They had made plans for the evening so Eddie said: "We better get going, sweetheart, or we'll be late for our dinner." They both turned then to start back. They noticed that there were a lot of lights, and a lot of people out now in front of the resort. Eddie whispered to Shelli: "You better slip me my swim trunks, baby. We wouldn't want to give all those people up there a thrill - Ha!"

Shelli grabbed him by the arm then and said: "Quit your kidding, funny man -- you've got the suits, right?" He replied: "No -- seriously, no I don't." She believed him then and they both started to make a mad scramble around the area in hopes of retrieving them. After a thorough sweep of the area, they came up empty-handed!

They gave up then, and both of them looked at all those people who were moving about -- between them and the resort AND their suite! Eddie turned to Shelli, and with his best imitation of a famous old voice, said: "Well, now look at the fine mess you've gotten us into!"

--TO BE CONTINUED--

## ***Texas Leader of the "Pack" at Southwest Open***

If there had been a prize for attendance at the SW Open, Texas would have gone home with another one! Of the 272 participants from 18 states and Canada, 82 were from Texas. Next came the host state of Oklahoma with 74. Missouri was third with 19, closely followed by Nebraska with 17 and Indiana with 15. Arizona, with 12 participants, came in 6th, with Michigan and Washington tied for 7-8 with 10 each. The remainder were in single digits -- but wait until next year!

### **Points Champions:**

Dan Hitt of Washington was the MVP and -1's point champion. Terry Dowell led the 0's, Carlos Guzman topped the 1's, and there was a 3-way tie for the 2's: Tony Pelton, Mike Keevil and Jeff Womble. In the 3's and 4's, the winner was Lynn Shepard, who beat out his wife!

Congratulations to all!





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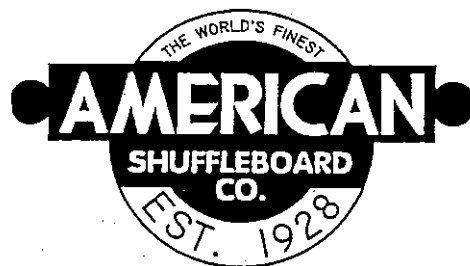
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## Joel Memories *(continued from Page 15)*

Shepard and Randy Nusser, just to name a few. Piccolo's team won this league many times. Tough contenders they were, but always great to play. Joel would be the first one to make fun of himself (we all know the word he would say) to lighten the mood if things became too competitive or things didn't quite go his way.

In 1995, Joel was inducted in the very prestigious Nebraska Hall of Fame, which only those who have contributed to the game, have taught others how to play, and showed the utmost sportsmanship, are given this privilege. Joe Banana's sponsors the Hall of Fame tournament, which has been going on since 1977 (by the way, that is 17 years longer than the National Hall of Fame). Joel and Terry Roberts won the Nebraska Hall of Fame tournament in 1997. Joel played in many tournaments, going out of town to Las Vegas, Reno, and Del City, Oklahoma. One tournament that he remembered the most, and I was told to make note of, was played in Omaha at the My Way Lounge -- the open doubles in 1995 with Denny Busch (who was also inducted in the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1994 and the National Hall of Fame in 1998). Joel and Denny swept through this tournament and took first place.

Joel was a great husband, father, and a good friend. We will miss him dearly. We know that when we join Joel Rahn and Denny Busch in shuffleboard heaven, they will tell us: "The quarters are in and lessons aren't free; since we know the board, we'll spot you three!"

Dawn Simants, Omaha, Nebraska

*We are grateful we had an opportunity to know Joel. It was good to see Char in Del City; she told us, "he would have wanted me to be here."*

## A Kentucky Flash....

It was great to see so many familiar faces at the Southwest Open at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma. We had a great time and appreciate the organizers for holding such a grand tournament. We were even able to coax a few more Kentuckians, Bill Goodlett and Don Hopper, to join the fun at the SW Open. Word has it that at least six more shufflers from Louisville have already submitted their vacation time for next year in order to attend the 4th of July Tradition.

In our travels, we have discussed the idea of a National Shuffleboard Players Association. There has been a lot of positive response. An association,

voted in by fellow shufflers, regionally. This should be a separate entity from the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Sanctioned events, with universal rules, giving all players knowledge of what is expected of them in advance. Also, a given formula for places paid, based on number of players. The concept is to further the growth of the sport, with ideas coming from members and brainstorming on how to encourage new players to the sport.

It would be great to hear any ideas and comments in The Board Talk.

Hope to see everyone in Reno.

Mike and Susie Halstead, Shelbyville, Kentucky

*As always, it was great to see you two and we enjoyed meeting Bill and Don and look forward to getting acquainted with your other fellow shufflers next year at the SW Open.*

*We wish you had been at the open meeting of the NSHF on July 1. You are not the only ones interested in a national association. In fact, there was quite a bit of discussion regarding whether the NSHF should be an "umbrella" for addressing the issues you highlighted. Instead, they opted to pursue their goals as a Hall of Fame entity, now known as the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA). See report in this issue.*

*Because The World of Shuffleboard is expanding so rapidly, many do not know of the time, expense and effort The Shuffleboard Federation put into addressing those issues via a Player Policy Board, made up of representatives from across the nation. In our area, we still use the rules they developed, including the number of places paid. These rules, plus use of the Bowers Rating System, works well for us. It's there in black and white -- no arguments -- and new player participation continues to increase.*

*That's not to say there's not room for perfection and the need for a players' association. However, we encourage all those interested to build on what we already have and not start from "square one."*

*We welcome additional dialogue on this important issue. There are many associations which include a newsletter as part of their membership dues. That would bode well for the new publishers of The Board Talk. At this point in time, we have about 725 subscribers. If deck shuffleboard has a membership of 25,000, shouldn't table shuffleboard have at least that many -- or more?*

*Perhaps we're on the threshold of something new and exciting!*

## Silver Spur Hosts 3rd Annual Billy Chiles Memorial

By Gina Galligan

The Silver Spur in San Bernardino, California, hosted the 3rd Annual Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament on Saturday, June 17. It was a fun-filled event with great food and the usual Silver Spur country western band playing throughout the day and night for the two-steppers, while at the boards the weights were whirling with excitement.



First-place went to Eric Chiles from San Bernardino, son of the legendary Billy Chiles; Connie Zavala from Las Vegas, and John Meunier from San Bernardino. This was Connie's first major tournament win.



Second place went to Rich "Bubba" Warren, Sam Blanco and Gloria Duran, all from Orange County, California.



Third place went to Anna Brunskill, Orange County; Don Pope, host and owner of the Silver Spur; and Jackie Fenimore, one of the Spur's spunky waitresses.

Paul Weber, accompanied by his new bride, Hope, handled the sale. Bob Brunskill handled the draw and bracketing, as well as the tournament board. Ten teams participated in the single game, double elimination event, with players from Las Vegas, Orange County, Los Angeles County, and San Bernardino.

Thanks to Don, Jolene, and all the crew of the Silver Spur for a great time.

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

Please add the following shuffleboard establishments to the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing that was published in the June issue:

**Michigan**-- Stop Spot, 1309 E. 9-Mile, Ferndale; phone 248-548-7771

**Texas** -- Fargo's, 3600 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo; phone 806-372-1320

Stop in and play a game or two, and let them know you appreciate their support of shuffleboard.

## NASC Deadline Coming Soon

The registration deadline for the North American Shuffleboard Championships, scheduled for Reno Oct. 29-Nov. 5, is Sept. 10. Entries postmarked after Sept. 10 are subject to a \$5 penalty for registration and for each event entered. See the flyer enclosed for complete details and send in your registration soon. Questions? Call The Shuffleboard Federation at 800-380-3033 or check the website: [www.nasc2000.com](http://www.nasc2000.com)

**CORRECTION:** In the June issue, we reported that Hoosier Hall of Famer Skip Jackson has played between 700 and 800 games in 39 years. It should have read tournaments rather than games.

## SW Open *(continued from Page 1)*



*If these smiling faces of the Div. II top team are any indication, the name "George's fun event" is still appropriate: Mahlon and Linda Nobles, Ann Walker and Jimmy Fernandez.*



*Taking second place honors were Jack Davis, Gary and Kay Nelson, and Gerald Wood.*



*Third place went to Tony and Joyce Pelton, Jim Olson and Eddie Brayman.*

Fourth place was taken by the team of Brad Lowry, R.U. Underwood, Ruth Atherton and Sherry Fisher. Tied for 5th and 6th were Ray Marshburn, David and Debbie Sexton and Mike Boulanger; Dennis Bird, Linda Ritter, Lenny and Sue Webster.

## **Diana Hagen Makes History!**

Hoosier Butch Thomas calls her the "Texas Tornado." Her Texas friends and fans call her "Queen of the Jungle." By whatever title she is known, Diana Hagen earned her place in history by becoming the first woman to take a singles title in a major tournament. She did so at the SW Open 2000 against a field of 38 of some of the nation's best. Diana had tried to break the mold at last year's North American Championships in Reno and finally settled for third. With an appreciative crowd gathered for the finals at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, Diana prevailed over a determined Dan Hitt of Washington.



*Always a class act, win or lose, Dan Hitt congratulates Diana Hagen on her victory. Dan was also MVP for the tournament as the total points champion.*



*Joel Spielman of Nebraska took third place honors.*



*The great Hall of Famer Bill Melton finished fourth.*

Tied for 5th and 6th were Hoosiers Bobby Voorhis and Terry Dowell.

## **Record 112 Entries in Amateur Singles**

No pros or O's were allowed in this event, so 112 shufflers rated 1, 2, 3 or 4, signed up for a chance at a share of the very sizeable total pot. When the marathon ended, it was a happy and emotional Ray Marshburn from San Antonio who accepted the

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***Congratulations to Our Diana Hagen....***

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## SW Open (continued from Page 22)

first place plaque and the fattest envelope. Being No. 1 in a field of 112 is something to get emotional about!



Carol Guzman (left) took second place honors with Larry Zahm in third.

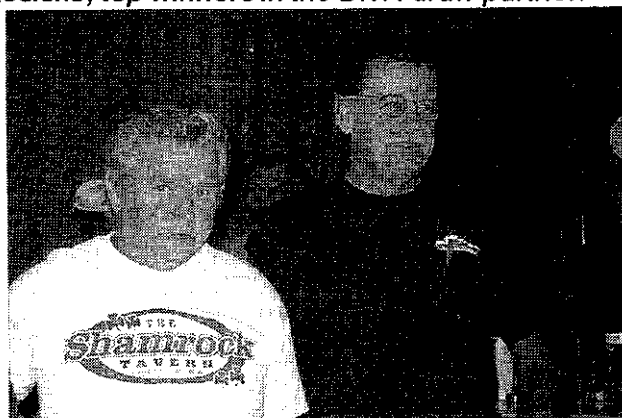
Dave Ramold finished fourth. Others in the winner's circle were: Larry Brown and Lynn Webster, 5-6; Terry Yingst and Gary Nelson, 7-8; Kevin Tally and Ken Storck, 9-10; Tommy McBurnett and Jack Davis, 11-12.

### 170 Players in Draw Partner Events

There were 38 teams in the Div. I draw partner and 47 teams in Div. II.



Sponsor Milford Parker with Dan Hitt and John Kosiske, top winners in the Div. I draw partner.



Don Stallsworth and Karl Spickelmier took second.



A happy pair -- Dennis Bird and Bobby Williams -- finished third.



Marty (not Mary!) Shepard and Frank Blade took fourth place.

Others in the money were Al Pease and Ray Miller, Dale Koteris and Frank Monarrez.

### Quotes from the SW Open:

"I feel like I'm in Heaven! I'm the happiest person in the world! The money was a bonus; winning it was the real thrill. I still don't think I'm as good as they are." -- Diana Hagen, after her Pro Singles win

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"Dan Hitt is a helleva player. I had a commanding lead, then he drew a 1 and went ahead of me." -- Brenda Moore, Texas

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"Only in Oklahoma do you come up to pay for a sale and your leg gets licked under the table." -- Karl Spickelmier, California (Editor's Note: Maggie knows a good leg when she sees it!)

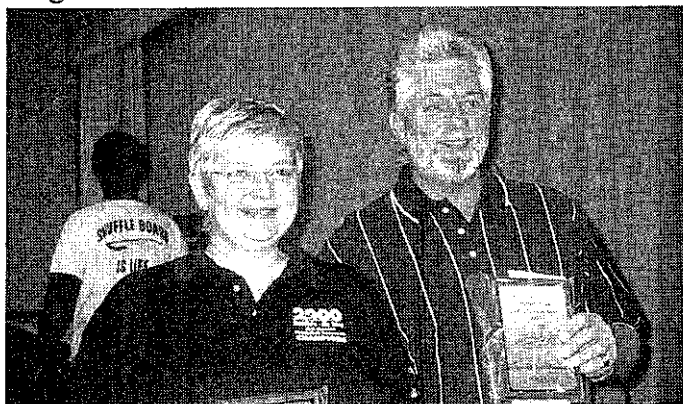
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"Shuffleboard is sure changing. Before I got knocked out, I had to face five sets of women players!" -- An Old-Timer

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"Tell everybody in The World of Shuffleboard that Leonard's 'Dell-ettes' (Alice Patterson, Mary Brown, Judy Edelen, Ruthie Atherton and Olga Vaughn) played great. I was proud of them!" -- Len Dell, Maryland

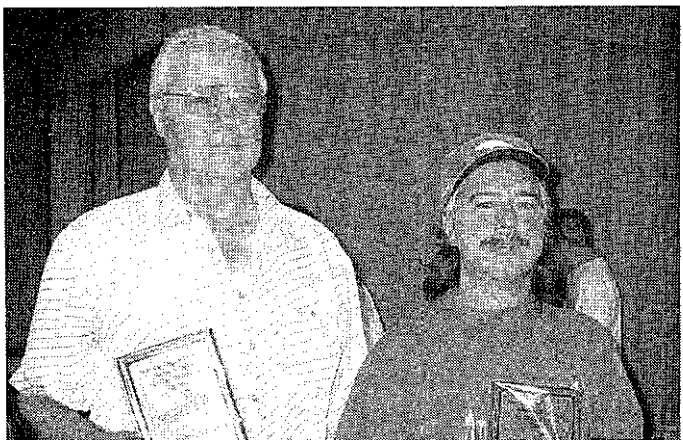




*Sue Webster and Tony Pelton were the big winners in the Div. II draw partner.*



*Taking second place were Stephanie Seligman and Jimmy Britt.*



*Gary Thompson and DeeRay Garcia were third.*



*Sponsor Linda Ritter (center) with 4th place finishers Char Rahn and Susie Halstead.*

Other winners were: Linda Nobles and Linda Churchman, Mike Keevil and Morris Moss, 5th and 6th; Eddie Brayman and Jeanine Carmack, Gary Neff and James Cato, 7th and 8th.

### 174 in Draft Team Event

There were 29 teams in the 6-person draft team event. Ironically, the captains of the top two teams, which ended in a tie, were near the end in the drafting order.



*A flip of the coin gave Rick Niblett's team the 1st place plaques: Lynn Webster, Jeff Womble, Tony and Joyce Pelton, Char Rahn.*



*Sharing top honors was Dan Hitt's team of Gary Neff, Don Hare, Sue Webster, Ron Monville, and Phil Gardner.*



*Bob Shaw's team of Paul Obermiller, Cliff Goff, Sheryl Shaw, Butch Thomas and Tom Clubb took 3rd.*

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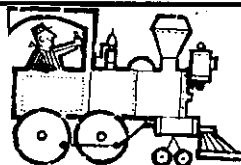
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### **Aug. 1-6**

Grand Masters Plus  
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Quilcene, Washington

### **Aug. 3-6**

Summer National  
Dew Drop Inn  
Waterloo, New York

### **Aug. 12-13**

SSSS#3 and Open Singles  
Stober's Lounge  
Lansing, Michigan

### **Aug. 18-19**

2nd Round Robin Singles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **Aug. 18-20**

2nd Co.Ne.Head Classic  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### **Aug. 19-20**

Crazy Canuck's Tournament  
ANAF #68  
Vancouver, B.C.

### **Aug. 19**

Bring Partner Tournament  
Hog House  
Ingalls, Indiana

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Aug. 30-Sept. 4**

Champion Ltd./Texas Open  
Gold Nugget Sports Bar  
Arlington, Texas

### **Aug. 30-Sept. 3**

Rural America 2000  
99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe  
Winston, Oregon

### **Sept. 1-3**

Labor Day Tournament  
Action Lounge  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

### **Sept. 1-4**

Nebraska Championships  
My Way Lounge/Harold's Bar  
Omaha, Nebraska

### **Sept. 1-5**

Labor Day Tourney  
Full House  
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

### **Sept. 3-4**

SSSS Playoffs and Open  
Singles  
Club Car Lounge  
Durand, Michigan

### **Sept. 8-10**

2nd Adirondack Open  
Riverside Tavern  
Keeseville, New York

### **Sept. 15-17**

All Ladies' Amateur  
Tournament  
MVP Sports Bar  
Phoenix, Arizona

### **Sept. 15-17**

6th Annual Open Doubles  
Old Edison Inn  
Edison, Washington

### **Sept. 16**

Bring Partner Tournament  
Hog House  
Ingalls, Indiana

### **Sept. 16-17**

Open Doubles  
Old Edison Inn  
Edison, Washington

### **Sept. 22-23**

3rd Missouri Hall of Fame  
Tournament  
Eagles Lodge  
Houston, Missouri

### **Sept. 29 - Oct. 1**

Open Doubles and Singles  
Stober's Lounge  
Lansing, Michigan

## **OCTOBER**

### **Oct. 6-8**

Handicapped Tournament  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

### **Oct. 7**

33rd Annual Fall Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **Oct. 7-8**

ABC Draw  
Blue Goose Tavern  
Port Orchard, Washington

### **Oct. 21-22**

Nelson/Buhl Doubles  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

### **Oct. 29-Nov. 5**

11th NASC Tournament  
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino  
Reno, Nevada

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Nov. 11**

Handicap Singles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **Nov. 11-12**

Mixed Doubles  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

### **Nov. 18-19**

55 and Over Tournament  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

### **Nov. 23-25**

9th Thanksgiving Tournament  
Eagles Lodge  
Houston, Missouri

### **Nov. 25-26**

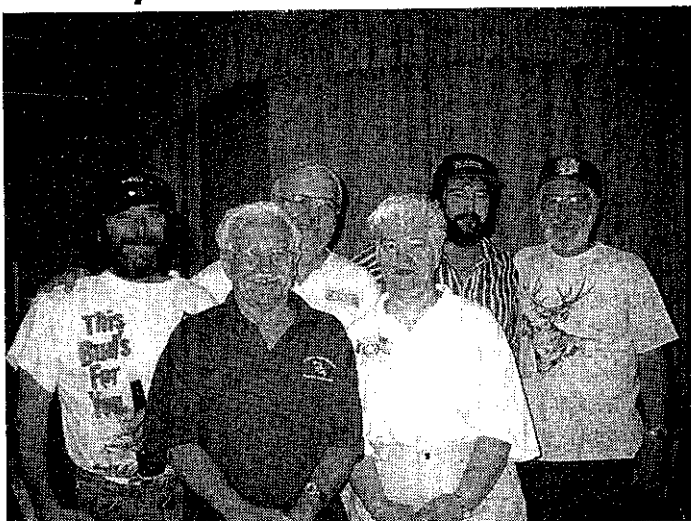
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BZ's  
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## **DECEMBER**

### **Dec. 26-31**

Houston Holiday Open  
Greenspoint Marriott  
Houston, Texas

## SW Open *(continued from Page 25)*



Al Pease's team of Jim (Caveman) Ward, Super Sam Eveland, Glen Ingram, Kathy Keevil, and Russ Miller took fourth place in the draft event.

### 34 Teams in Div. I Bring Partner

The Texas combo of Billy Mays and Jeff Womble came out ahead of 33 other teams in the Div. I bring partner. Bill Melton and Carlos Guzman took second place honors with Frank Blade and Alonzo Cottrell in third. Brenda Moore and Mike Taylor finished fourth. Dan Hitt and Terry Yingst shared 5th and 6th with Canadians Kabel Bimb and Don Heaton.

### 43 Entries in 2-Rated Singles, 52 in 3's & 4's

Saturday was a busy day with the bring partner, 2-rated singles, and 3's and 4's singles all going on at the same time. Ron Monville had hoped to play with pro John McDermott in the bring partner, but when John had to return to Michigan, Ron decided to enter the 2-rated singles.



Good decision, as Ron came out ahead of 42 other entries.

Eddie Brayman took second place, Mike Keevil took third, with Wendall Herbison in fourth place. Other winners were: Paul Obermiller and Jack Davis, tied for 5th and 6th; Jim Kosiske and Marshall Partlow, tied for 7th and 8th.

When the other events had wound down on

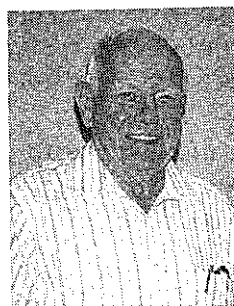
Saturday evening and many shufflers headed for home, the finals of the 3's and 4's singles was still going on.



The weary warriors finally collected their plaques and envelopes: Lynn Webster, 1st; Lorraine Bingham, 2nd; and James Cato, 3rd.

Others in the money were: Dee Downing, 4th; Randy Martin and Jeanine Carmack, 5th and 6th; Mike Halstead and Mike Coon, 7th and 8th.

### A Talented Tournament Team



When SW Open host and director Don Crall (left) learned a day before the tournament that bracketeer Rob Kern could not make the trip from Michigan to Oklahoma, he did not panic. Instead, he called Ron and Sharon Huddleston, who had "retired" after eight years of serving as the key SW Open director and bookkeeper. Ron and Sharon did not turn deaf ears to Don's plight. Instead they (along with Maggie, of course) blended their time-tested talents with those of a seasoned crew they had groomed: Rena and Dave Fleming, Kathy Yingst, Jack Davis, and Johnny Wayne Crawford (plus Jeri Billard as a "sub"). As the classy teachers they are, they pitched in when needed and stepped back when their "students" could handle everything.

Small wonder that Don is proud of this crew who managed to keep events running smoothly on the 31 boards with record participation and monies, and still run round robins! They deserve all the appreciation they received from the "Boss" and the tournament participants.

This team, plus the hospitality of the American Legion Post 73 staff, keeps shufflers coming back year after year to the Southwest Open.



## Hall of Fame Adopts New Name, Accepts Donated Space for Museum

The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (NSHF) met in Del City, Oklahoma, on July 1, starting with an open meeting at 2 p.m. "Thanks to Don Crall and his wonderful American Legion Post 73 staff for providing a great tournament and space for the directors to hold their annual meeting," said NSHF Secretary Lynda French. "Also, many thanks to those in the shuffleboard community who attended and contributed their thoughts and ideas before, during and after the open meeting."

The most significant action was a majority vote to immediately change the name of NSHF to "Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)" This change was made to address a conflict: The "Shuffleboard Hall of Fame" and "Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Museum" is already being used and registered by the deck/floor shuffleboard association/organization which has an international membership of over 25,000 members. New TSA by-laws are being finalized and will be posted on the BOWERS CORNER website for the shuffleboard community to view. The primary function of the TSA remains the same -- identifying and recognizing "Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame" individual inductees.

Another significant change was the decision to rescind the temporary minimum age requirement that inductees must be at least 60 years of age.

In other action, the directors voted to accept the offer of Kelye Stites of Champion Shuffleboard Ltd., Richland Hills, Texas, for space at his facility for a Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Museum. The TSA Board will help set up the museum and all donations and contributions from the shuffleboard community are needed! If you have any historical data to provide, please get in touch with Louise Freer, TSA Historical Committee Chairperson, or Secretary Lynda French. Stites also offered to assist with Hall of Fame induction events, such as the donation of boards to use for potential TSA tournaments.

The directors also met with some "seasoned" players regarding possible induction of those older generation or deceased players and/or promoters. The board thanks Rod Cameron, Glen Davidson, Billy Mays and Bill Melton for their input.

Watch next month's Board Talk for more information. In the meantime, visit the Bowers Corner website or e-mail Secretary Lynda French, [lynda@jump.net](mailto:lynda@jump.net)

*If you have questions regarding nomination procedures, log onto:*

*[http://www.jump.net/~ronbowers/TSA\\_NOMINATION\\_REGS.htm](http://www.jump.net/~ronbowers/TSA_NOMINATION_REGS.htm)*

## Texas Open *(continued from Page 5)*

addition to the four in-house boards, eight new Champion boards will be installed for this event scheduled for Aug. 30-Sept. 4. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for complete information. There is one important change from last month's flyer: the addition of a 2's only singles on Thursday, Aug. 31, \$75 entry fee. Be sure to share the updated flyer with your shuffling friends.

## TWO "BIGGIES" ON DECK...

Now that the Southwest Open is history, look ahead to two favorites -- the North American Shuffleboard Championships in Reno on Oct. 29-Nov. 5, and the Houston Holiday Open on Dec. 26-31. Flyers for both events are enclosed.

For the NASC, there appears to be a lot of interest on the part of bar owners regarding the opportunity to win \$1,000 for sponsoring a 6-person team. To take advantage of this opportunity, entry and registration fees must be postmarked by Aug. 15. Check out the enclosed flyer to make sure you're not left on the sidelines.

The first flyer for the 5th Annual Houston Holiday Open is enclosed. Spread the word and look for updated information in the next Board Talk.

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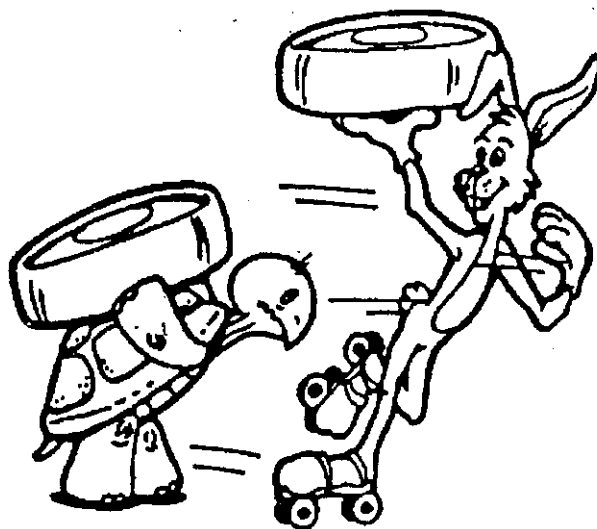
The Nebraska State Championships (Nebraska players only) will be held at My Way Lounge and Harold's Bar in Omaha on Sept. 1-4. There will be five events played on six boards.

On Friday at 6 p.m., there will be a draft team 4-person team event, 2 out of 3, double elimination. On Saturday's schedule, it will be an open doubles starting at 6 p.m., \$60 per team, and a Div. II doubles, \$30 per team. Sunday will feature an open singles, \$40 per team, and a Div. II singles, \$20 per team.

Entry deadline is Aug. 15 and late entries are subject to a \$5 late fee. BIG money will be added to the pot.

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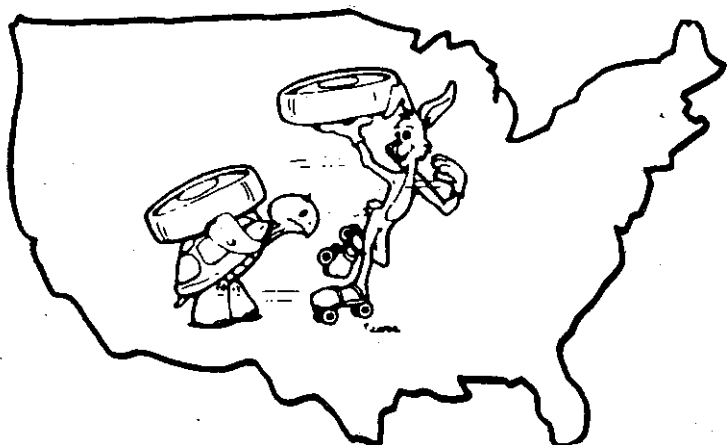
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