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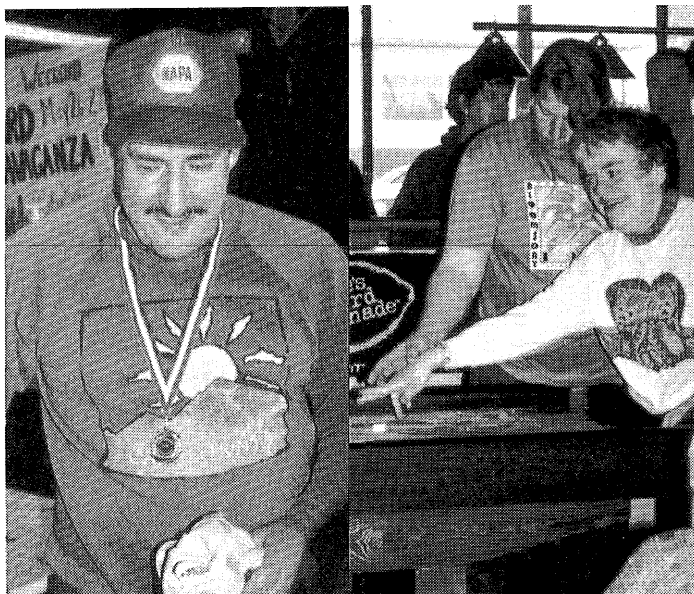
Spokane's Memorial Day Extravaganza Lives Up to Its Name!

Story and Photos by Mike & Susie Halstead

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

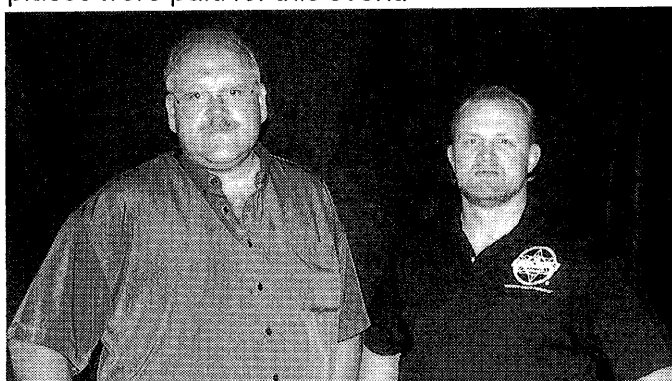
The 19th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza took place at the Season Ticket in Spokane, Washington, from May 25 through May 29. Players hailed from California, Idaho, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington, as well as British Columbia, Canada. In addition to four main events, they were able to get in 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.



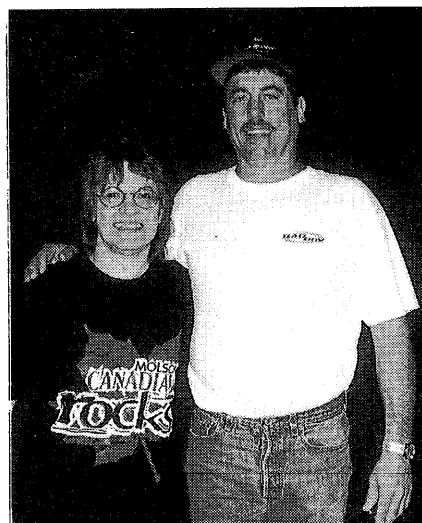
The "developmentally disabled adult" tournament was fun for players and spectators alike.

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.

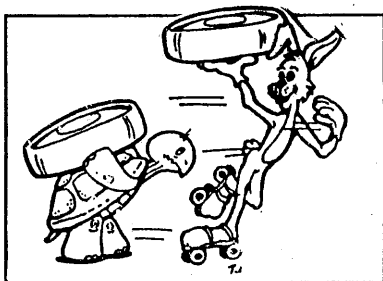
Patti Preymak of British Columbia and Tim Nugent of Washington took second place.



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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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Another Glen "On the Road"

During the month of March, Jim Long, Vicki Morgan and I hit the road and stopped at the Pillars in Guilford, New York, and played a three-event tournament. The Pillars is one of the most historic places I have ever played at. It was built in 1805 as a stagecoach stop. The fine lady, Kris, who owns it is trying to restore it to its original beauty. This lady knows how to host a tournament and make you feel welcome.

All the places I have played in New York -- the Pillars, the Honkey Tonk, and Dew Drop Inn -- have fed the players every day and each event. I personally want to thank the owners, directors and players for being great players, great hosts, and above all, shuffleboard people who love the game and good competition.

From there we went to Florida and the Snuggery Bar at Palm Beach Gardens. It was a great place to play and we made some new friends and met some old friends. My old buddie, Jim DeWitt from Muncie (Indiana) who now winters in Florida, came over and played the doubles with me. I think it was a great tournament and thanks to Marty Allen, Chuck Dewees, Colletta Stanley, Ray Boyett and the owner Greg Kirchner (but please, Greg, get some Bud Light for the fat boy from Indiana).

We still weren't done. I called my wife and told her we were going to the Fill-N-Station at Mims, Florida, and she said: "You said you were coming home after Palm Gardens," and I said: "Honey, I am headed north on my way home. This is just a little delay," and she said: "As long as you are headed home, O.K."

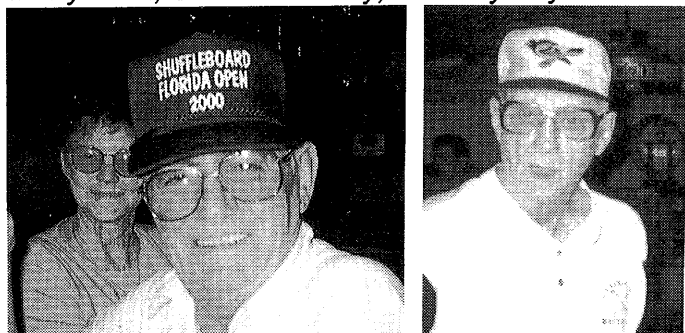
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I am glad I stopped. I met some more great people such as Lefty O'Neal whom I became very fond of as a gentleman, player and human being. Best left-hand I have ever seen! Also J.T. Swindler, Paul Mako, Cass Grubbs, Jimmy Kumpula, Bill and Brenda Kane and my New York friends, Rick and Linda Meyer, and so many more. Thanks again to Alvis Ramey and Doug Fridley Sr. for a great tournament and great food. Yes, we were fed again at both Florida tournaments.



Glen thanks the directors of the Florida Open in Palm Beach Gardens: (from left) Chuck Dewees, Marty Allen, Colletta Stanley, and Ray Boyett.



Some of Glen's new friends, J.T. Swindler and wife, (left) and Lefty O'Neal (70 and still playing strong) at the Fill-N-Station, Mims.

After 4500 miles and three weeks on the road, home again!

Now, I would like to comment a little about what I have observed in my travels....

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Exeter's Eagle Lodge Memorial Tourney -- a "Family Affair"

By Charlene Goldsmith

The Eagles Lodge in Exeter, California (near Visalia), had an ABC draw and an A-B draw tournament on the Memorial weekend.

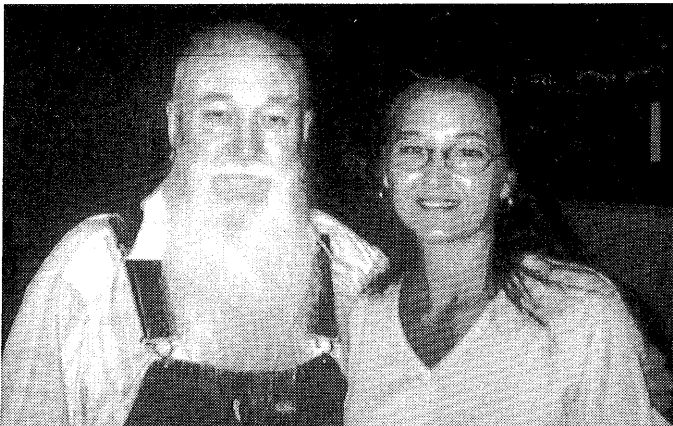


First place in the ABC draw went to Bruce Kyle (left), Anna and Bob Brunskill.

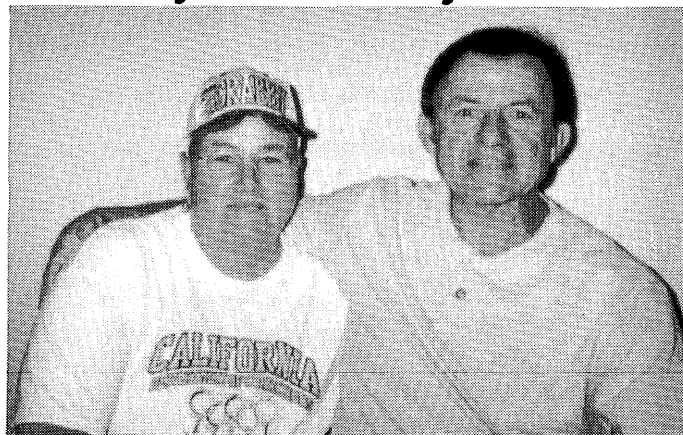
Second place honors went to the team of Jackie Bailey, Steve Floyd and Jim McDonald. Placing third were Marion Bailey, Steve O'Neil and Nick Midland.



Wally Ewins (left) and Marion Bailey congratulate each other for finishing first in the A-B draw.



California Hall of Famer Bobby Goldsmith and Leslie Lankton took second in the A-B draw.



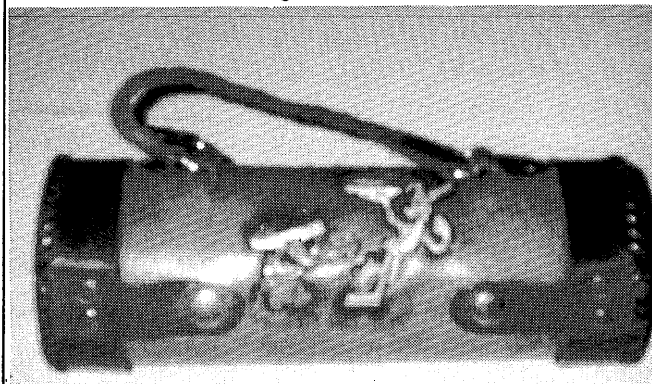
Judy Morphis and Steve Floyd finished third.

Thanks to Marion Bailey for setting up two extra boards, Paul Weber, the director, and Bob Brunskill for doing the brackets. Also thanks to everyone at the Eagles Lodge for the food and the friendship.

It was especially fun for the Bobby Goldsmith Family because they had seven members of their family in the tournament!

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By Fritz



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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Washington

GRAND MASTERS PLUS, WHISTLING OYSTER, QUILCENE, AUG. 1-6

The Whistling Oyster, 294903 Hwy. 101, Quilcene, will host its 11th Annual Grand Masters Plus on Aug. 1-6. There are seven events on this year's schedule with the addition of a Div. II singles and doubles. As always, the Whistling Oyster's famous seafood buffet will be served free to all participants on Saturday and Sunday -- well worth the trip whether you win or lose on the boards!

Action starts on Tuesday, Aug. 1, with an A-B bring partner (any person rated 1 is an "A" player), \$50 per team entry, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, 21 point in the loser's bracket, spot 4. The sale starts at noon.

On Wednesday, there will be an A-B-C draw, \$25 per player, no sale, single game, double elimination, 15 point games.

The open singles, \$100 entry, and the Div. II singles (players rated 2 and above), \$50 entry, are on the agenda for Thursday with sales for both starting at noon. Both are 2 out of 3 winners, 21 point, spot 4 in the losers.

On Friday after the completion of the singles events, will be a mixed doubles, \$50 per team, single game, double elimination, 15 point games.

The Grand Masters open doubles, \$150 per team, and the Div. II doubles (players rated 2 and above), \$100 per team, will start with sales at noon, and continue Sunday. Both are 2 out of 3 winners, 21 pt. losers spot 4.

Free RV parking (water only) is available, but you must be there early. For motel reservations, call Cal at the Maple Grove, 360-765-3410, or George and Reta, Quilcene Hotel, 360-765-3868. Limited rooms so reserve early.

Review the enclosed flyer carefully before you use the form on the back to pre-register (a MUST). Note that a one-time \$10 registration fee will be charged and that house weights will not be furnished, so bring your own. Entries are limited to the first 32 paid.

For further information, contact Bill Bailey at 360-765-3436 (home), 360-765-3411 (office), or 360-765-9508 (bar).

The 1999 Grand Masters were Darrol Nelson and Loren Lampley.

Oregon

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

The popular "Rural America" tournament is returning Aug. 31-Sept. 3, after a seven-year absence. Rural America 2000 will feature events played on six boards in two locations, the 99 Tavern and Willee's Cafe in Winston. Action for the ESA-sanctioned tournament will start on Thursday, Aug. 31, with round robins.

An ABC draw, \$25 per player entry, will start with a 7 p.m. sale on Friday, Sept. 1. 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. All events are 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, one 15 point game in the "B" bracket.

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.

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

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

Please share the enclosed flyer with women shufflers in your area and encourage their participation.

Michigan

SECOND \$\$\$\$ SERIES AT CLUB CAR LOUNGE, DURAND, JULY 16

The second in the 2000 Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard series will be held at the Club Car Lounge, 111 N. Saginaw, Durand, on July 16.

Entry fee is \$40 per team and the handicap must total 2 or above per team (example: -1 must play with a 3 or more, 0 with a 2, 1 with a 1, etc.) The sponsor 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 -- if you meet the 2 handicap criteria, and if you don't mind contributing \$5 of your entry fee to the playoff pot.

Ten teams (playoff qualifiers) are already signed up so that leaves eight open spots.

Come early! An open singles, \$20 entry, will be held on Saturday, July 15, with sale at noon and play immediately following. The regular Saturday night band will start at 9 p.m., so every effort will be made to have the tournament over with by that time so shufflers don't have to compete with dancers. That means starting the sale at noon sharp! (You're welcome to stay and dance or just sit and listen if you're too tired to boogie!)

The third in the SSSSS series will be held at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing on Aug. 13, with an open singles on Saturday, Aug. 12. 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!

New York

SUMMER NATIONALS, DEW DROP INN, WATERLOO, AUG. 3-6

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, will host its Summer National Tournament on Aug. 3-6.

Events include \$5 and \$10 round robins on Thursday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.; and a mixed doubles, \$25 per team, on Friday, 6 p.m. There are two events on Saturday: a singles, \$25 entry, starting at 9 a.m., and a draw partner, \$15 per person, starting at 4 p.m. The bring partner will start at noon on Sunday, \$25 per team.

For further information, contact Tracie Fridley, 315-539-5729.

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.

The 4 P's and Mike and Judy are looking forward to hosting a fun weekend of shuffleboard.

"Owner Pauline is an avid shuffler and a caring host who puts on the best feedbag for a weekend tournament that I've ever been lucky enough to attend," said East Coast shuffler Pete Cummings.

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

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As the Puck Turns

By George & Donna Wilber

It's no secret that after nearly 17 years, these two "old" people are close to the burn-out stage and are looking for others to take over where we left off. We have some outstanding candidates and encourage you to give them the same support you have given us. At this time, The Board Talk is the only national publication devoted exclusively to the sport of table shuffleboard and we believe it is important that it remain so. Anything less will dilute our cooperative efforts to make it a strong, viable sport that will not "die" like it did in the '50s. If you agree with our commitment, do everything you can to encourage expansion of subscriptions and advertising, no matter who the new publishers may be.

Before we relinquish this editorial platform, there is something we want to discuss with you....

If you watch the ESPN channels, you must be as amazed as we are at the number of sports that are covered. Anything that has *wheels*, i.e., autos, motorcycles, bicycles, rollerblades, tractors, etc. Anything that involves *balls*, i.e., football, basketball, soccer, golf, tennis, pool, bowling, etc. What about *pucks*? Well, of course, there is hockey. But what about shuffleboard? Many who love the game, and believe it's the most exciting sport of all, wonder about that. WHY NOT SHUFFLEBOARD?

Let's take a look at why.... Which of the above sports is largely held in a tavern setting? Which of the above sports would you find the players drinking spirits and smoking (and sometimes during) between plays? Which of the above sports "sells" its participants on an auction block?

Let's face it, folks -- NONE!

Just imagine the "fun" ESPN's Sports Reporters would have with our largely illegal auctions. Just imagine ESPN's "Outside the Lines" investigating a final match for a title when they uncover the fact that one contender was "bought" by his/her opponent. And just imagine the "fun" the IRS would have tracking down those unreported winnings.

Instead of whining because shuffleboard is not on ESPN, maybe we should be thankful that it's not! Shuffleboard has come a long way from its image of a bar sport dominated by hustlers. We know that there is no sport where its participants care more, or respond to, the needs of their fellow players, than shuffleboard. However, that's not news for ESPN; that's only news in The Board Talk.

What's the answer? We wish we could leave our "post" with one, but we can't. We challenge The World of Shuffleboard to come up with a constructive solution.

A Board Talk salute to the state Shuffleboard Halls of Fame that have recently inducted worthy individuals: Jolene Lembke in California (we had to change their Shuffleboard Directory ad from "A few good men" to a "few good shufflers" to accommodate that latest induction); Al Salazar in Arizona; Marie Sweeney in Michigan; George Ostrom in Colorado; the Gilmans in the Northwest.

We liked what Jolene Lembke said at the recent induction of Don Cox into the California Hall of Fame (postponed when he had his heart problems) and believe it is well worth sharing with others...

"The ultimate success of the National Hall of Fame depends upon its grassroots network. Not everyone inducted at the state level may fit the criteria for national induction, yet they are the ones who 'make it happen' at the local level and that's where the vitally important foundation is built. Those people deserve the recognition the state Halls of Fame provide. Without that, the NSHF would be so exclusive that its foundation would crumble! They may be people who have never won a major tournament or been in the 'top 20,' yet they serve without recognition as promoters, directors, behind-the-scenes workers, those who do all the menial chores pros don't want to be bothered with -- key people who keep the game going and growing at 'home.' The idea that only those who qualify for national induction should be recognized at the local level needs to be squelched -- now!" she said.

It was totally awesome for us to be inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and for that, we will always be grateful, but the induction into our state Hall of Fame meant just as much. Don't sit on the sidelines and wonder why "so and so" hasn't been inducted. Get off your duffs and get the process underway.

Sincere thanks to eight of our subscribers who answered our plea for copies of the January 2000 issue of The Board Talk. Because of their caring response, each will have their subscriptions extended two months. Now, if we could just find the list of those who didn't receive that issue.... Give us a call, drop us a note or e-mail us, if you were one of those.

G & D

Glen on the Road *(cont. from Page 2)*

It seems like New York and Florida players play with tournament quality weights and rely wholly on their skills as players and ladies and gentlemen who love the game.

I still disagree about sharing your weights, but I have discovered in my travels that all players are not real sporting and some who lack the skill to be good players or drawers use loaded or inferior weights to gain an unfair advantage over their friends and competitors. Shame! Shame!

My suggestion to thwart this folly is to have all weights inspected by the director when entry or calcutta is paid.

Glen Ingram, Muncie, Indiana

We're certain your New York and Florida friends will appreciate your kind words. Your wife also earns a big salute for being so understanding! We highlighted the Pillars in a feature a couple years ago, with a photo of the historic site. Since then, we have lost them as subscribers. Hope they'll decide to join the national network again.

Tribute to Ceylon Davis

The city of Lansing and the tri-state area (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio) lost a pioneer shuffleboard player, tournament director, and league officer on June 5, 2000, with the death of Ceylon Davis.

Ceylon held multiple offices in the Lansing Shuffleboard League in the late '60s and early '70s. His organizational skills kept the league going and kept shuffleboard alive for both experienced and new players. He was a good player and won the city singles and doubles championships many times.

During this time, Ceylon arranged and ran the only shuffleboard tournament in Michigan. The multiple team tournaments included teams from Lansing, Pontiac, Detroit, and Indiana and Ohio. These tournaments were held at the Lansing Eagles, Brothers, and the Trestle. At Ceylon's tournaments, the Lansing players -- Ed Estep, Jerry Siebert, Lee McDonald, and J.R. Lopez -- met Jim Long, Larry Creakbaum, Bill and Jerry Knox from Indiana, and the Broka Brothers and Phil McGrew from Ohio. The rivalries and friendships started at these tournaments established the shuffleboard bond in the tri-state area.

It was Ceylon who inspired me to begin running tournaments. As Ceylon moved away from shuffleboard activities, I was able to fill the void and keep tournament shuffleboard going in Lansing by

running tournaments at Stobers.

Ceylon's name will not be recognized by the new players of the game. His shuffleboard legacy will remain as tournaments in the tri-state area continue. Ceylon Davis is a good candidate for the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Jerry Siebert, Holt, Michigan

Your tribute to Ceylon brought back some great memories of our introduction to shuffleboard. We always had the highest regard for Ceylon as a player and as a person, and agree that he should be in the Michigan Hall of Fame. The MSHF Committee is looking for volunteers (as far as we know, there is no one from Lansing currently serving) and nominations. Because of your knowledge of Michigan's shuffleboard history, your services would be helpful and appreciated -- so why not volunteer? As soon as we retire from The Board Talk, we plan to do so. Since the MSHF was formed, the workload has fallen on the shoulders of a small group of people. Even if you're not available to serve on the committee, you should get Ceylon's nomination underway -- as well as Ed Estep, another worthy candidate. We would certainly give you two of the required signatures.

1st Houston Memorial Open -- "A Ditty from the City"

Billy bet the farm, that he was gonna do 'um harm.
Get'n 1st place in singles to that he's no stranger.
We know play'n agin him is like flirt'n with danger.

But hey, peek over your shoulder, you Pro's and Bro's,
Better be ready to rumble cause he's a come'n Jeff Womble.

His delivery's like a bullet and right on the mark,
so his get'n 1st twern't no shock or a lark.

Now, here comes Shaw snatch'n another 1st in H-Town,
Prov'n he and Nebraska Jim left them all with their pants down.

And hey! Who's this filly Bob brought named Cheryl,
Who placed in an event reeking havoc and peril?

You also got "Harvey and the Kidd" Mikey Taylor,
Taken 1st prov'n they's the admirals and we's just the sailors.

And this time we got a peek at Diana's new beau,
When we saw Jimmy and Del "Win, Place, and Show."

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2000 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JULY

June 30-July 4

1st California Hall of Fame
Tournament
Oskar's/Edgewood
Bellflower, California

July 2-8

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 15-16

SSSS#2 and Open Singles
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

July 15

Bring Partner Tournament
Hog House
Ingalls, Indiana

AUGUST

Aug. 1-6

Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster
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. 31-Sept. 3

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

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

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

A-B Bring Partner
BZ's
Burien, Washington

DECEMBER

Dec. 26-31

Houston Holiday Open
Greenspoint Marriott
Houston, Texas



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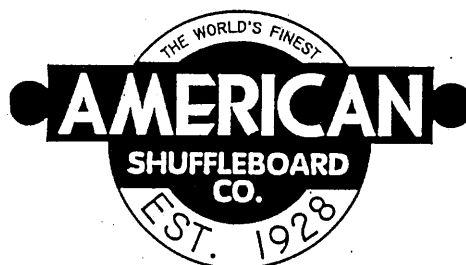
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Houston "Ditty" (cont. from Page 7)

With great side games from Williams to Mouton, the list of festivities goes on forever.

It's know a smashing time at Danny's is always our endeavor.

Now you know I can't close without bring'n to mention, unless I wanna get ready to see my own lynch'n.

I mean the toil and tasks by Bill Rice with the brackets, mak'n this an event you'll want to come back at.

And as usual the volunteers gave us another "grand-slammer." So see ya next year -- bring bucks, pucks and pajammers!

Thanks to: Sylvia, Denise, David, and Johnny B (registration); Tom, Don and Stan (boards); Andre, renowned chef (food); Harvey Kidd (best I ever saw auctioneer); "Happy Jack" Scott and Johnny B (tournament directors).

Nancy Rice, Houston, Texas

Nancy, you're quite a poet, and all Texans know it! See report on Page 16.

The "Originals" Come to Play!

Man, 40 years is a long time to play! (June issue Page 1 report on Bourbon Doubles) Same board at the same place! My first year was in '95 when that team, the Meltons of Oklahoma, won all the money. There were 64 teams! And in '96, the Meltons back to back win at the Hall of Fame Tournament -- 71 teams!

From that point on, it went down. May Day 2000, 25 teams. Thank you to the men who helped start this tournament: THE Larry Creakbaum, Dennis Perry, Steve Slough, Doc Slabaugh, Skip Jackson, THE Jim Long, Jerry Knox, and the Great One, Emmett Wilcox, when total money was \$200 or more for the tournament on one board.

Bourbon's big tournament may be down, but the "originals" will be there to play!

Butch Thomas, Noblesville, Indiana

P.S.: Del City, Oklahoma -- Here I come!

We're sure the "originals" will appreciate your

tribute, Butch. We, along with you, hope that this special event will again attract the number of teams it once did. Perhaps if some motels would sprout up on the outskirts of Bourbon, it would help. Let's face it, shufflers are getting spoiled. Many don't want to travel 15 miles for a nap between matches. Bourbon is a charming little town with many big, beautiful homes that would make wonderful bed-and-breakfast locations. Something to think about... We look forward to seeing you in Del City.

Joel Rahn's Passing a Loss for World of Shuffleboard

Joel Rahn lost his valiant battle with cancer in June. His death is a loss not only to his family and many friends in Nebraska, but the entire World of Shuffleboard. Please let Char know that you're thinking of her: Char Rahn, 5429 S. 102 St., Omaha NE 68127.

George & Donna, The Board Talk

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

The following shuffleboard establishments have joined our national network since the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing was published in last month's issue. Please add them to your list and stop in and welcome them to our World of Shuffleboard:

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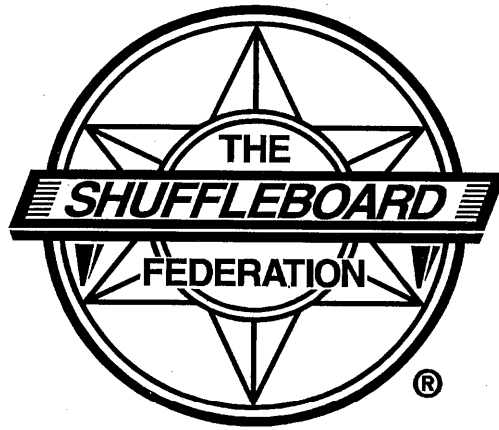
Our Apologies...

Our sincere apologies to those reporters who did not meet the 15th of the month deadline. Usually, we will give a day or two "grace" period, but due to our plans to cover the Southwest Open, it was imperative that we get the copy to the printer on the deadline so we could get it published and mailed before we left for Oklahoma.

Those reports received after we had gone to press will appear in the August issue.

As always, we urge you to submit your reports/tournament promotions just as soon as possible. If you don't, tournament winners will be disappointed, and potential participants may not receive the news of your upcoming events until it is too late.

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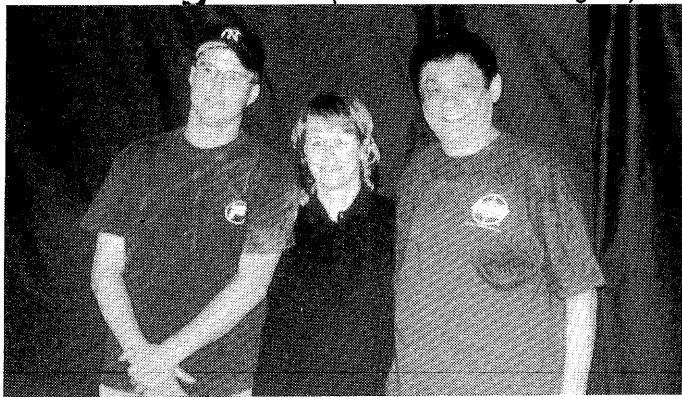
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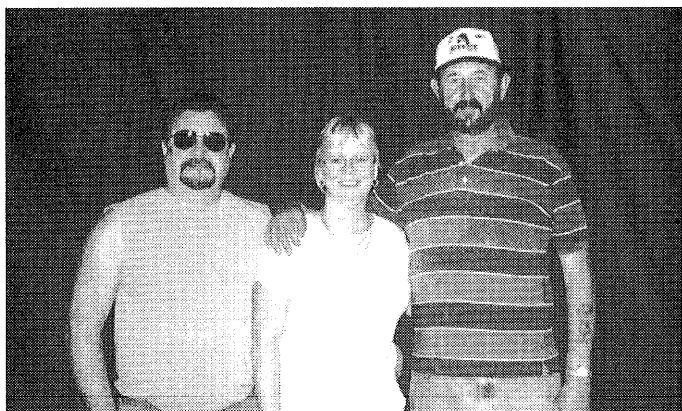
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Extravaganza (continued from Page 1)



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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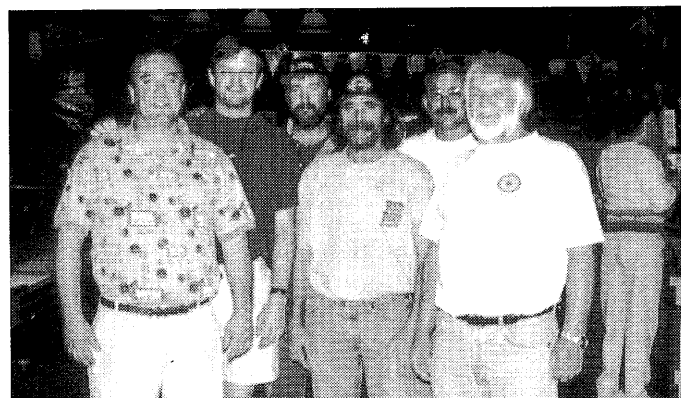


Bea Gilman accepts her plaque from Master of Ceremonies Steve Kalamarski and Hall of Fame representative Frank Mako.



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.

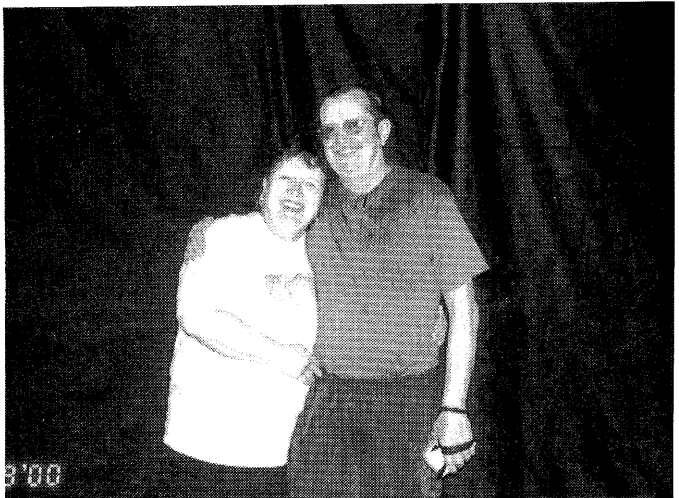
In Div. II, there were 11 teams vying for \$2550 in sponsor sales and added dollars.



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*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
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Gilmans Inducted into Northwest Hall of Fame

Bea Gilman and her late husband, Bob, who passed away in 1988, were inducted into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame at the Spokane Extravaganza on May 27.



The couple were honored for their years of effort to keep the shuffleboard league in Spokane going and growing, and later working behind the scenes at Memorial Day tournaments. At the age of 74, Bea is still playing and, according to her partners and opponents, playing very well. Among their many tributes were these.....

"I've learned a lot from my mom and dad, Bea and Bob Gilman, over the years as I watched their love of the game of shuffleboard take root and grow. From Bob Gilman, I learned how important it is to be responsible and dedicated to something you love if you want that something to last. From Bea Gilman, I learned how good sportsmanship can only increase the joy of competition...."

--Daughter Deni

"Bob Gilman had a special ability. He had a handicap (lost the fingers and most of the thumb of his right hand in the Korean War) and the only handicap was if you thought he had a handicap because Bob didn't look at it as a handicap. He loved to play and teach, and did both well. Bea has been a friend for 20 years and even though she has beaten me 492 times and counting, she still bakes me gingerbread cupcakes and cream puffs."

--Earl Cole

"Bobby was my idol when it came to living, loving, and shuffleboard. He was, and still is, an inspiration in my life...Bea is now my inspiration."

--Ed Bucknell

"We have some great shooters in Spokane -- past and present -- but in my personal opinion, shuffleboard would not be what it is today if not for the tireless efforts of these two comrades of the game."

--Marv White

Magoo/Bolt Win 1st \$\$\$\$\$

Charlee Magoo and Bob Bolt, both of Pontiac, won the first in the series of Super \$lammin' \$ummer \$unday \$huffleboard tournaments. Charlee, who is owner/host of the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, and her partner Bob Bolt came out on top of a field of 14 teams at the Majestic on June 4. They are one of 10 teams which qualified for the play-off.

Taking second place honors were Bill Kane and Vic Matteson, both of Pontiac. Spoiling the clean sweep for Pontiac was the team of Greg Revello and Carlos Capte, representing Stober's Lounge in Lansing, who took third place.

In an open singles held on June 3, there were 14 contenders with Scott Auten of Pontiac taking top honors. Leon Black of Lansing took second, with Steve Auten of Pontiac in third.

The second in the \$\$\$\$\$ series is scheduled for July 16 at the Club Car Lounge (see Upcoming Events). You do not have to be a play-off qualifier to participate, but \$5 of your entry fee will be set aside for the winners of the play-off.

Norris/Thompson Tops at Shamrock's Draw Partner

The Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, hosted a draw partner tournament on May 20-21. There were 12 teams competing for a pot of \$1600. Winners were Chuck Norris (glad to report he's back in action) of Oregon and Gary Thompson. Frank Powers and Mike Olson took second, with Dick Hanley (boy wonder) and John Hight in third. The Mako Brothers -- Frank and Dino -- took fourth.

"Thanks to the new owner, Steve Jones. I think he's going to be good," reports Ralph Duarte. "The food was as great as it has been in the past and the tournament was well-run, thanks to director Laura Smith."

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Houston Memorial Open Revs Up in Texas

By Don Meehan

Shuffleboard's version of the "Indy 500" made its debut in Houston this May 26-29 at Danny's Sports Bar. Nearly 100 contestants registered for the three-day affair and competition was fierce. The only things missing were the roaring engines and the gasoline fumes! The tracks were slick (eight of them to be precise) and each player tried his/her best to stay out of the pits. Of course, when not battling on the boards, everyone had a chance to watch the real "Indy" on one of Danny's myriad TV screens or order some delicious food from Chef Andre's kitchen.

Friday night featured pro and amateur events. The pro players were able to pick partners from the pool of talent available. Players not picked comprised contestants in the amateur draw.



Winners were local Tom Milan (left) and Jeff Womble (right) of Dallas. A pleased sponsor, Mike Taylor (center), shares their honors.



Pro Bob Shaw (left) of Dallas and Jim Kosiske of Nebraska took second place honors. The "muggers" in the background are their sponsors, Leon Black of Michigan and Harvey Walden of Tennessee.



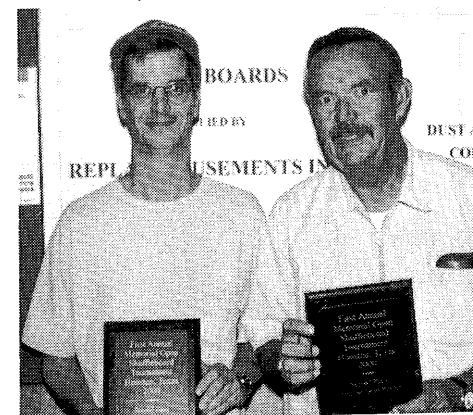
Local Danny Green (left) and Billy Melton, now of Houston, claimed third place.



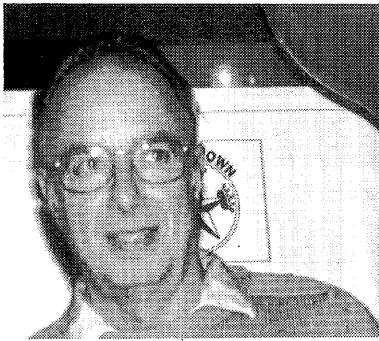
Host Danny Norris (left) and Mike Taylor of Austin took fourth place.



On the amateur side, John Sellers of San Antonio and Edy Schwertner of Corpus Christi teamed to take first place.

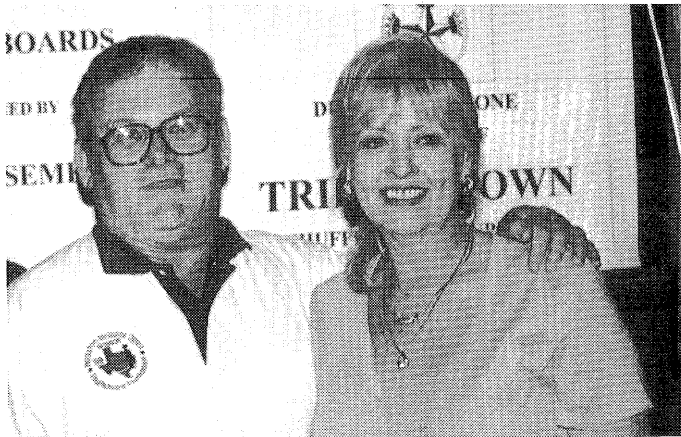


Al Kennedy (right) of Corpus (Edy's beau) carried local Bob (the professor) Lee to second place.



Neil Garvin, Corpus Christi, led local Gary Fomby (not pictured) to third place.

Johnny Wayne Crawford (the Great One) teamed with Dale Koteris (not shown) of Houston to take third place.

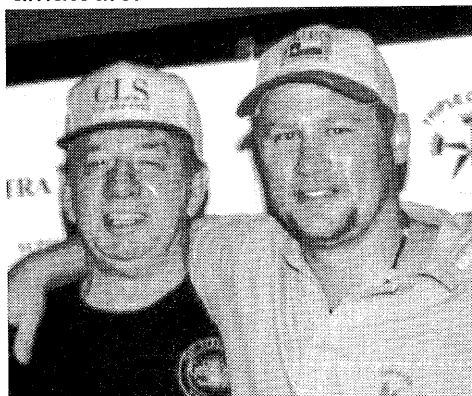


Local Pete Worsnop, co-owner of Danny's Sports Bar and one of the Memorial Open staff, and Beverly McGinty of Clear Lake came in fourth.

Day 2 featured bring partner events for pros and amateurs.



On the amateur side, local players Del Ammermann and Jimmy Fernandez took first place.



First place honors in the pro division went to Mike Taylor and local Harvey (the auctioneer) Harvey Kidd.



Del and Jimmy held off a fierce challenge from Danny Norris and Denice Klein, who settled for 2nd.



Billy Mays (the Legend) led Jeff Womble to second place.



Mahlon Nobles of Dallas and local Sammy Stringer took third place.

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(Editor's Note: Author Balboa Ron is on the disabled list while he recovers from his hip replacement. His prognosis is better than reported in last month's issue. Because of a new procedure, after his 3-hour surgery, he will be in the hospital from three to five days, then spend six weeks in recovery and rehab. He will be back!)

His many fans can speed his recovery by sending him their best wishes:

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Linda Nobles and Danny Green claimed fourth. Fifth and sixth place were shared by locals Kathy Orlando with Jimmy Britt, and Dallasites Cheryl Shaw with Carol Audet.

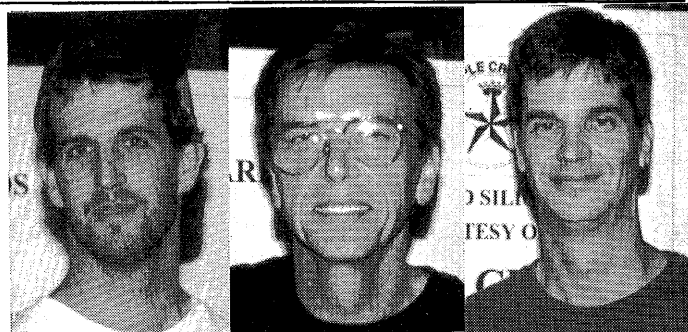
Sunday, Day, 3, was singles day.



Billy Melton came from the loser's bracket to beat Bob Shaw in the 2 out of 3 format and claim pro division honors.



Dave Williams (right) of Dallas had a marathon contest with Harvey Kidd to place third and fourth respectively. He receives congratulations from tournament co-director Jack Scott.



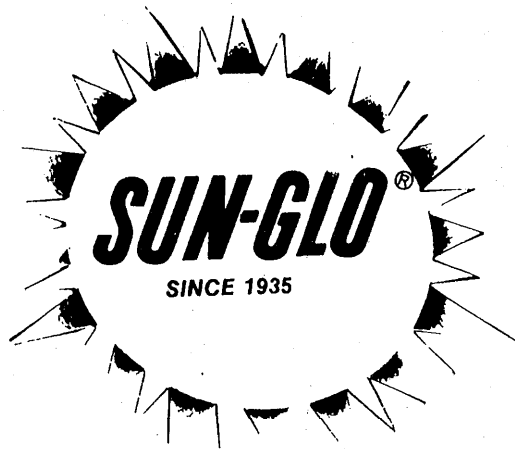
Jeff Womble (left) completed the course undefeated to take 1st place in the amateur division (are those raters watching?). Del Ammermann (center) came in second, while Bob Lee (right) claimed third.

Rene Roberts of Clear Lake came in fourth. Fifth and sixth place honors were shared by locals Gilbert Baird and Sammy Stringer. Seventh and eighth place were shared by Mike McGinty of Clear Lake and Jim Kosiske.

While this was the first Memorial Open, organizers Jack Scott and Johnny Ballard were able to make it a smooth start by using the same crew that staffs the Houston Holiday Open, which has been a rousing success for four years. With plenty of cooperation from owners Danny Norris, Reuben Manchaca, Pete Worsnop and all the friendly folks at Danny's, things indeed went smoothly. Replay Amusements of Houston provided the four extra boards and Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies donated dust and silicone. Perla Scott, through her employer, Allison Cummins, Inc., allowed us the use of a currency counting machine.

To all those who worked and to all those who played, as well as all those who worked AND played, we thank you and hope to see you after Christmas at the Houston Holiday Open!

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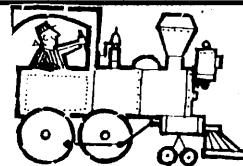
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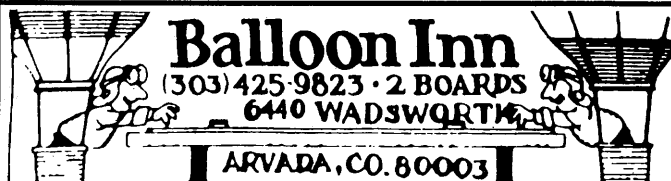
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Shuffleboard Keeps Going and Growing in Colorado!

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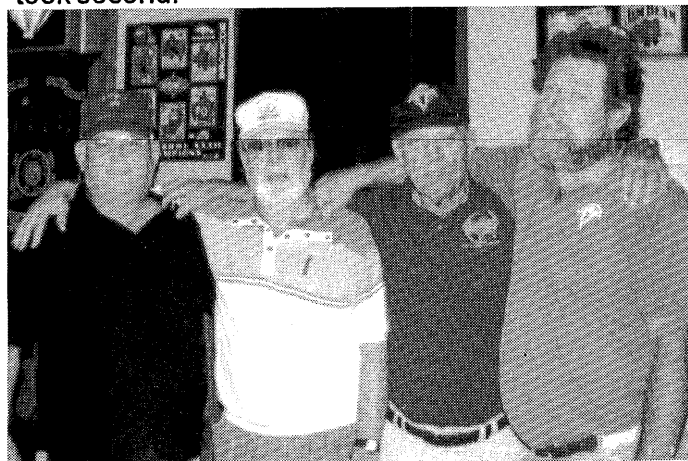
In May nine players from Colorado ventured into the Cornhusker zone for the Denny Busch Memorial Tournament. As always we were treated to the great warmth and hospitality of the Nebraska players, Harold's Bar and My Way Lounge. We can't thank them enough for the great time and memories we have from our visit. We hope to return the kindness when they come out for the CO.NE.Head Classic in August.

On a more serious note, we are all terribly sad at the passing of one of the nicest people in the game, Joel Rahn. I know that Char and all of his friends in Nebraska will surely miss him. You are in the thoughts and hearts of the Colorado players who were lucky enough to have known Joel.

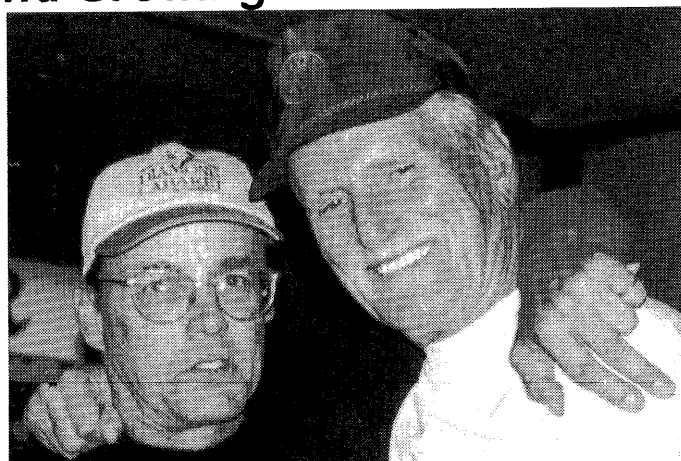
Davidson/Hersom Big Winners at Bill English Memorial Open

For an 11th year, the Balloon Inn in Arvada, Colorado, hosted an open doubles event in June, which is now known as the Bill English Memorial Open. The tournament drew players from Washington, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona. With 15 teams and \$7,200 at stake, the competition was stiff, the boards were busy and the fun never stopped.

It was only fitting that the players finishing in the money were Glen Davidson (who came to help induct George Ostrom into our Hall of Fame) of Oklahoma and Danny Hersom from Texas taking first place. Travis Anderson, making a comeback after major surgery, and his partner, Dave Cowan, took second.



Winners (from left) Danny Hersom and Glen Davidson, 1st; Travis Anderson and Dave Cowan, 2nd.



George Ostrom (right), our Hall of Fame inductee, and Rick Boyer came in third.

We also had a visit from a very special person. Dick Voss, his wife Charlene and daughter came up from Colorado Springs to watch the tournament play on Saturday. Some of you may remember Dick from when he played in California many years ago.

Glenn and Cee Cee Chavez, owners of the Balloon Inn, Jody and I thank all of the players who participated. A special thanks to Al Pease, Gary Thompson, Kelly Cameron, Tom and Jeanette Henry, Gwyn Orsi, Leon Black, Marty Shepard, Mike Roach, and the "Caveman" for making this a special weekend. We hope that all our visitors from out of town enjoyed their stay, had fun playing and will return again next year to participate in this great event.

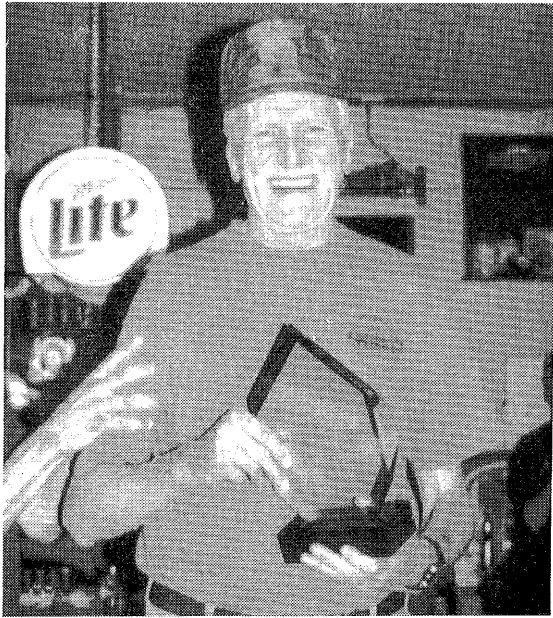
"Gentleman George" Ostrom Inducted into Colorado Hall of Fame

During the Bill English Memorial Open, the Colorado players and many out-of-state visitors took time out on Saturday evening to induct one of the most loved and best players of the game. If you don't know George Ostrom and have never been "osterized" in a good, old-fashioned butt-kicking during a game with him, you simply haven't lived.

Glen Davidson was kind enough to make the trip up to Denver to be our master of ceremonies for the induction. We truly appreciate all of the kind words and comments about both George and the game of shuffleboard that he shared with us.

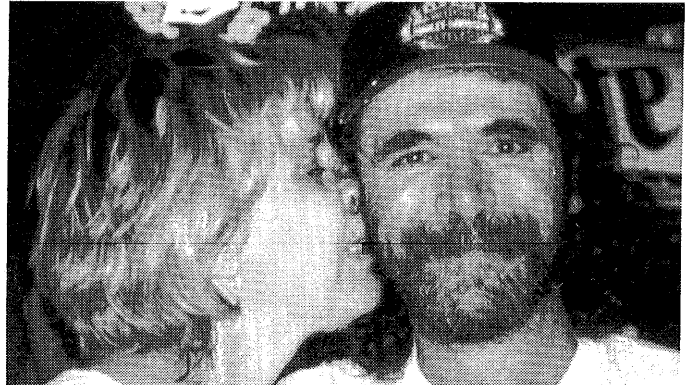
Bonnie English, a director of the Colorado Hall of Fame and widow of Bill English, was on hand to share in the festivities and present George with his induction trophy. Many friends and players from all over the country were in attendance to honor George for his past achievements and the continuing impact he has on the growth of the game

through his patient guidance of new players. George has long been known for his exemplary good sportsmanship and demeanor during tournaments, thus the nickname "Gentleman George." We are proud and honored to have him as a member of our Colorado family of shuffleboard players.

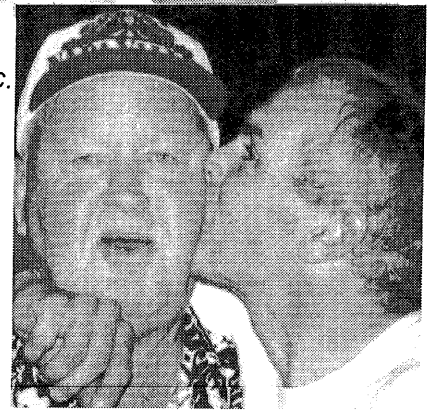


"Gentleman George" Ostrom
Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductee

Thanks to those players who traveled to Colorado to honor George; it meant a lot to all of us!
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Martin/Widows, Hillburn/Washington Tops at Bud's "Warm Up"

By Sherry Fisher

Once again, Bud Hillburn, the magnificent, the marvelous, the Shuffleboard God of Broken Arrow/Tulsa (he's paying me to say these things) outdid himself again. The ever-so-studly Mr. Hillburn brought in a third board and hosted this Memorial Day Tournament (S.W. Open "Warm-Up") and did a marvelous job. Before we let you know who took what and how they got there, we shuffleboard players wish to thank Bud for his hard work, good food and hospitality (he didn't pay me to say this, but brownie points count!)



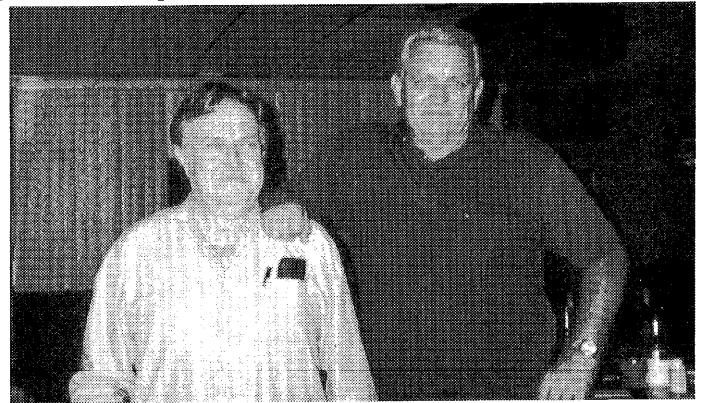
Taking first place in the handicap draw partners were Randy Martin (this guy's got a deadly free hand!) and Jerry Widows. Their sponsor was Carolyn Jones.



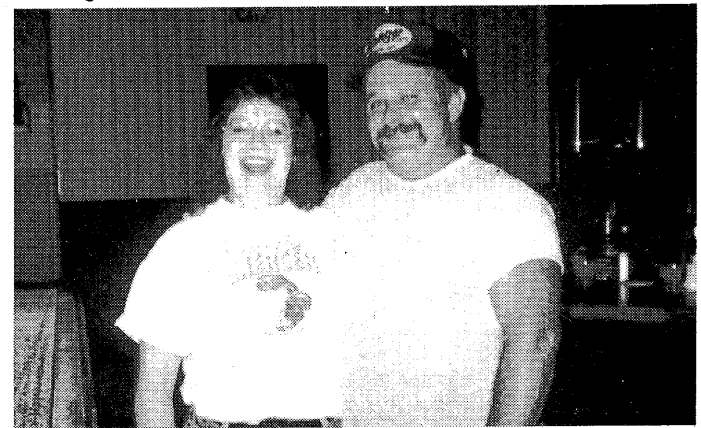
Second place went to R.U. Underwood and Brad Lowrey, shown with sponsor Ruthie Atherton.

These guys put up a great battle and the game was exciting to watch. (Yeah, right...we all love watching other folks play for the money.)

Moving on to the bring partner event, is it any surprise to see Bud Hillburn and Fred Washington team up and take first place? HOW RUDE! Grabbing second place were Carolyn Jones (boy, is she playing great shuffleboard) and Kevin Talley (he always plays great).



First place finishers Fred Washington and Action Lounge host Bud Hillburn.



Taking second place honors: Carolyn Jones and Kevin Talley.

The only complaint I heard mumbled came from Ruthie Atherton and Keith Oyler. They seem to think third place stinks. They came close, but left the house with one of Jerry Widow's sweet-smelling cigars.

Bud would like to extend a very special thanks to Mike Pernice for all of his help and assistance in running the S.W. Open Warm Up Tournament. And, from all of the participants in this tournament, we wish to thank Bud Hillburn for teaching us valuable lessons we can take with us to Del City, Oklahoma, in July: Third place stinks...third place stinks....third place stinks! Thanks from all of us, Bud and Mike, for a great tournament and great company.

***Another Salute to Bud --
the "Hamburger Man"
without whom one-half of
The Board Talk's editorial staff
would starve to death!***

D.W.

Ladies of Missouri Strut Their Stuff!

By Terrie Boothe

The 6th Annual Ladies' Tournament was again another fun-filled event for the women from St. Louis and those visiting from Houston, Missouri, who came to join us for this tournament. The event was held at Ulena's Bar this year.

First place honors went to our blond Dixie chicks, Carolyn Johnston and Carol Jean Pittman. Carolyn and Carol are from Houston and it was worth the trip for them. Second place honors went to Donna Dunn and Julie Hartman. Donna is from St. Louis and Julie also made the trip from Houston. The competition between these two teams was very good. Carolyn and Carol Jean sent Donna and Julie to the loser's bracket, but it wasn't long before they met up again in the finals. Donna and Julie won the first game of the finals, forcing a second game. Carolyn and Carol Jean came out on top though and were thrilled with their victory.

Third place went to a local St. Louis team, Cheryl Doyon and Jill Hajek. Cheryl and Jill also played very well, losing only to the two teams that placed first and second.

I would like to say a special thank you to Greta Hensick and Chuck Muehlhauser for organizing the tournament. Chuck did a great job getting the plaques and roses that were all very beautiful. First and second place winners received plaques and all three places received roses. Greta again made her famous chicken and dumplings, where were the yummiest of yummy. Thanks to both for their hard work. Thanks also to CocaCola for providing us all with some nice attendance prizes. And thanks to Don Kleinhans, owner of Ulena's, for allowing us to hold the tournament and for the great spread of food he provided us.

Lastly, thank you to all the ladies who played in the tournament, especially our friends from Houston who made the trip. Julie, Carol Jean, Carolyn, Mary Beth and Mike Moore, we were so glad to see you and have you join us for a wonderful day.

(Editor's Note: Hey, ladies -- check out the enclosed flyer for the Ladies' Amateur Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona, and consider forming a Missouri delegation to participate. You'd be very competitive and have a guaranteed good time! We know you'd be welcome and maybe next year, they would come to yours. Something to think about...)



Participants in this year's ladies' tournament were: (from left, back row) Kristi Moran, Donna Dunn, Julie Hartman, Terrie Boothe, Cheryl Doyon, Shirley Hoelscher, Carolyn Johnston, (front row from left) Mary Gates, Greta Hensick, Jill Hajek, Julie Polson, Carol Jean Pittman.

Even those players (like myself) who didn't fare well in the tournament still managed to have a good day. Although the tournament started off quiet with only the ladies and a handful of men to watch, the day brought more and more spectators and supporters into Ulena's. It really is one of the more fun tournaments around and I think everyone enjoyed it.

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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

See the ad on Page 23 and plan to participate in this fun 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 addition to the four in-house boards, eight new Champion boards will be installed for this event.

Action will start with a 4-person team event on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. Div. I (add to 1) is \$200 entry, and Div. II (add to 10) is \$100 entry. Both events are 2 out of 3, double elimination.

Division I and II singles events are on the agenda for Thursday. For Div. I (-1, 0 and 1), the entry fee is \$200, 2 of 3 double elimination. For Div. II, entry is \$75 for 2's, \$50 for 3's and \$25 for 4's, single game, double elimination. On Friday, there are draw partner events for Div. I, \$100 entry, and II, \$50 entry, both single game, double elimination.

Everyone plays in Saturday's six-person draft team event, \$50 per person entry, best of 7, double elimination. Sunday's schedule includes Div. I (add to 0) and II (add to 5) bring partner events, \$100 and \$50 per team respectively. Both are single game, double elimination.

For information, contact Bobby Williams, 817-265-7045 or 817-496-8972; David Williams, 817-451-9583, or Jeri Billard, 817-536-5952.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED AT 11TH ANNUAL NASC, OCT. 29-NOV. 5, RENO

Plans for the 2000 North American Shuffleboard Championships are well underway. Because of your input, several changes -- some major and some minor -- are being made to improve the tournament. The biggest single change is the purchase of 24 brand-new boards for the tournament.

As far as the events go, there are two changes. The format for the Division I Doubles will switch from single game, double elimination, to 2 out of 3 in the winners bracket and one 21 point game in the losers bracket. After the tournament, we will calculate how much additional time is needed for that format and gradually make the same change in the other amateur singles and doubles events.

The other big news is the addition of a Crazy Eights event for the amateurs. Because of the tremendous number of players who expressed a desire to play in this event, the format is still being worked out.

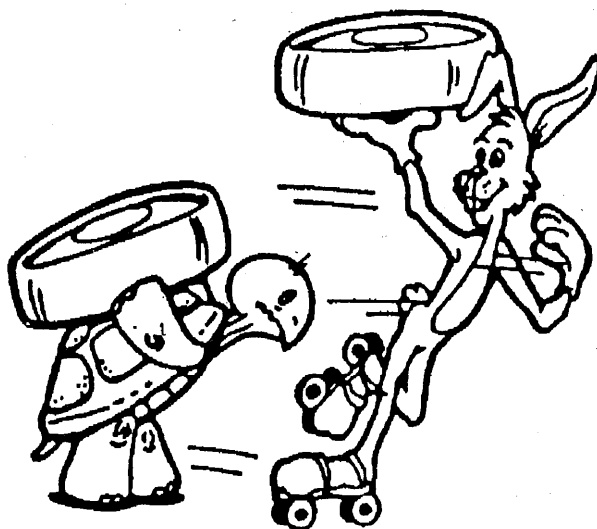
One of the tournament's main highlights, the 6-person Amateur Team Event, will get a little more interesting this year. Bar owners (or anyone sponsoring a team) can win \$1,000 if their team wins. In order to qualify, the team roster, entry fee and registration fee for all players must be postmarked by Sept. 1, 2000. The bonus is based on at least 28 teams in the event. If there are less than 28 teams, the sponsor bonus will be \$500.

Just a reminder: all players must be registered guests of the Sands Regency Hotel Casino, and there is a maximum of two players per room. Both players must be registered at the front desk. No registrations will be accepted from people who do not have a confirmed reservation at the Sands, either through a block of rooms, or a room and airfare package.

As usual, most of the events are expected to sell out well before the tournament. If you are planning to attend the 11th Annual NASC, don't procrastinate. Use the enclosed registration form to secure your spot now.

For all of the most up-to-date news and information about the 2000 NASC, go to the official tournament website: www.nasc2000.com and click on the tournament logo, or call The Shuffleboard Federation toll-free at 800-380-3033.

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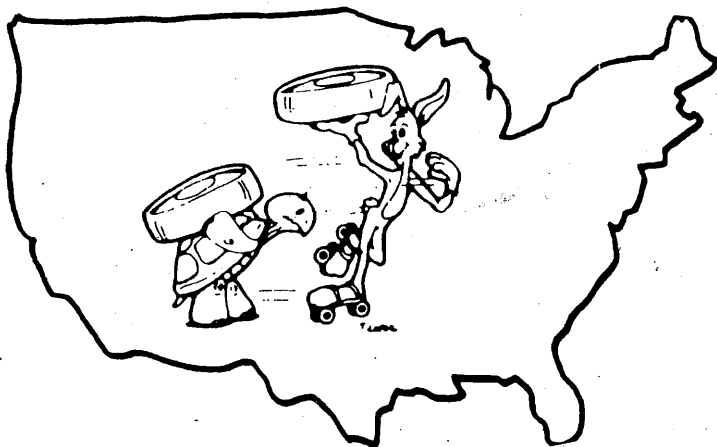
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