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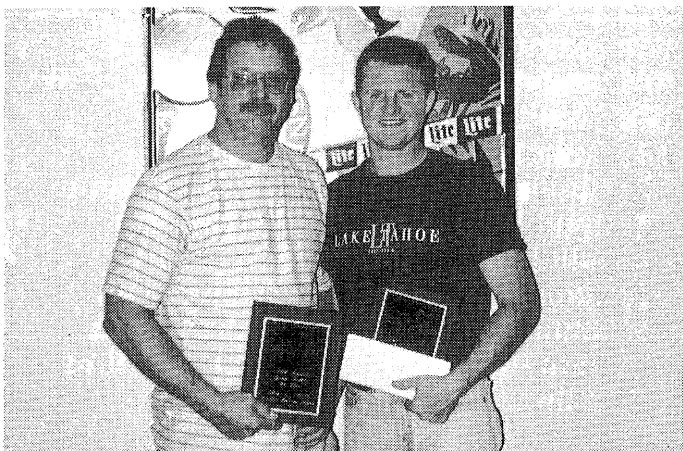
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An Indiana Tradition Continues: 40 Years and Counting!

Story and Photos by Mike & Susie Halstead

- Hoosiers Voorhis/Royal are Champs
- \$11,700 Paid in Two Events
- Slabaugh/Jackson Inducted into Hall of Fame

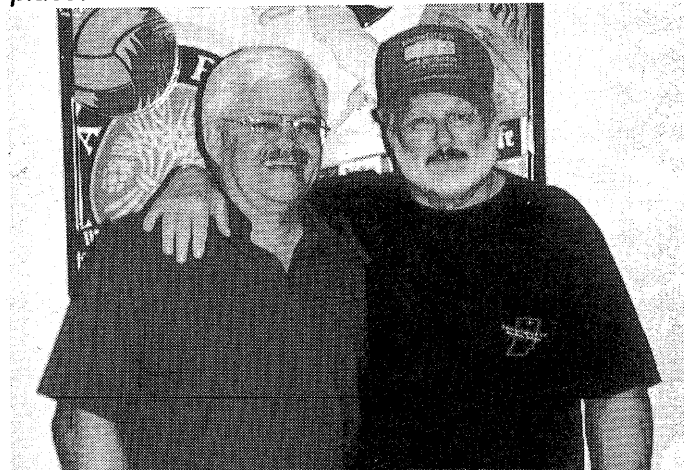
The 40th Annual Spring Doubles was held at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on May 6. Twenty-five teams representing seven states -- Tennessee, New York, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky -- participated in this year's Indiana tradition. The weather cooperated -- warm and sunny -- and when shufflers arrived at the Post on Saturday morning, the traditional chicken barbecue was already being prepared by the numerous volunteers.



Bobby Voorhis (left) and Rick Royal kept the Spring Doubles 2000 crowns at home as they came from the loser's bracket to double-dip their New York visitors and take first place honors.



Rob Hummer (left) and John Arndt travelled all the way from Waterloo, New York, to capture second place.



Another East Coast duo -- Rick Niblett (left) and Lenny Dell of Maryland -- finished third.

Fourth and final money spot went to the Indiana team of Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt.

The total pot for the doubles was \$9350.

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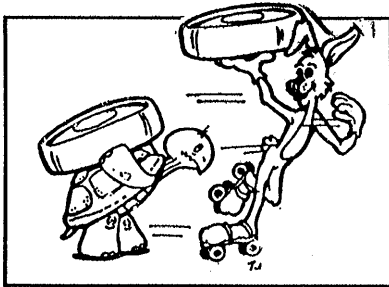
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Dowell/Boaz Win Draw Partner

On Friday, May 5, shufflers vied for a share of a \$2350 pot in a draw partner event.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

From Oklahoma to New Jersey: X-Virgin Sue Responds to El Sid

(Editor's Note: See El Sid's letter in the April Notebook.)

I've never been to New Jersey, but I hope someday to make the trip. I've heard that the people up there are just great!

Now, El (I'll call you "El" for short), I don't know a lot of the do's in shuffleboard. I've been playing for about seven years now and I do know a lot of the don'ts. So, I'm going to give you all up there in Yankee Land the benefit of my experience. So, here we go....

El, don't ever play heads up with Bill Melton, Darrol Nelson, Sam Summers, Glen Davidson, Diana Hagen, Bobby Williams, Rena Fleming, Rick Jones, John (the Shadow) Cason and so many more who you would love as a partner, but not as an opponent.

Oh, yes! Don't go down to South Texas on a back country road to Marfa's Sports Bar and play her hairlip black dog (I've done that!). If you do go play hairlip, don't say I didn't tell you not to, and that is my best advice. There are a lot more don'ts that I could give you, but I'm tired and I think I'll go take a nap.

P.S.: Please come and play with us at the best tournament in the U.S.A. -- the Southwest Open at the American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, over the 4th of July weekend.

Sue Lewis (aka X-Virgin), Midwest City, Oklahoma

--ATTENTION--

If you have a red check below, it means your subscription has expired. Use the form inside to renew NOW so you won't miss next month's issue!

In El Sid's letter, he expressed his disappointment that The Board Talk doesn't have more "how to" articles. We endorse your suggestion for him and other New Jersey players to come to Del City. They would learn more from watching and playing with and against the players you mentioned and many others in a one-week period than 100 articles in The Board Talk!

A word of warning, Sue. If you do travel to New Jersey, be prepared! Off the roads, they are indeed great people. On the roads, however, they are tigers with loud honkers and little patience with strangers who don't know which way they want to go. We found that out many years ago when we travelled to New Jersey to visit the American Shuffleboard Company. Also, they talk fast so you'll have to listen carefully before you challenge the board to see just what it is you're playing for....

Butch (the "Great OZ") Casts His Vote for Top 14 Shufflers

I'm not a guru and I don't look inside some crystal ball. And I don't call a psychic for help. The NBA has the Top Ten in rebounds and scoring. The NFL has the Top Ten in rushing yards. So, in The World of Shuffleboard, there is a Top 14:

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| 1. Darrol Nelson | 8. Rick Boyer |
| 2. Billy Melton | 9. Sam Summers |
| 3. Bobby Voorhis | 10. Billy Mays |
| 4. John McDermott | 11. Hal Perry |
| 5. David Williams | 12. Donny Cox |
| 6. Bill Melton | 13. Frank Blade |
| 7. Diana Hagen | 14. Leroy Ledford |

The Great Oz has spoken.

Butch Thomas, Noblesville, Indiana

You evidently have put a great deal of study into your rankings, Butch. Wouldn't it be fun to witness a battle between the 14 to determine the best? Most will be at the SW Open in Oklahoma and the NASC in Reno, so let's wait and see....

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Florida "Double Header" -- Part II -- is a "Shocker"!

By Linda Meyer

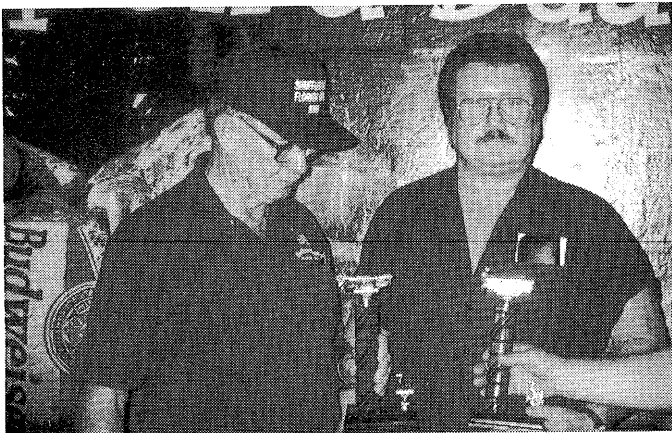
The 1st Annual "Blast Off" Tournament, held March 23-26 at the Fill-N-Station, Mims, Florida, was a real shocker. Held the weekend following the Florida Open in Palm Beach, we did not expect the huge turnout we had. Because of the large amount of people, many of our local shufflers did not play to make room for travelling players. Three of the five events were sold out one hour before play time. Total purse for the four main events was \$8300.

Thursday was \$10 round robins with 32 players joining in and play continuing all night and a little karaoke thrown in.

Friday brought 16 teams going for a purse of \$2400 in the draw partner.



First place went to the "unbeatable team" of Jim Long and Glen Ingram (right), all the way from Indiana (we all knew we would have to face them again on Sunday for the bring partner event). Second place honors went to Sam Jones (right) of Maryland and Kathy Rink of Florida.



Third place was taken by Lonzo Knight (right) of Maryland and Chuck Dewees of Florida.

Jerry Gray and Bob Stanley of Florida finished in fourth place.

The mixed doubles got off to a start Saturday morning with 14 teams and a purse of \$1720.

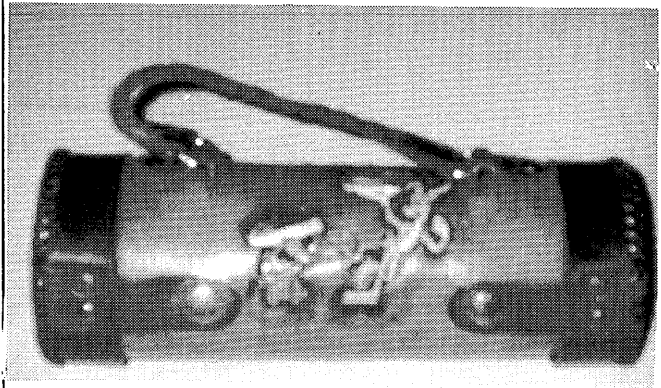


We knew the team to beat was Marty Allen and Coletta Stanley of Florida (they took third in the Florida Open doubles), but alas, Marty and Coletta took first after a long day.

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Colorado

BILL ENGLISH MEMORIAL, BALLOON INN, ARVADA, JUNE 9-11

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, will host the 2nd Annual Bill English Memorial Open Tournament on June 9-11. It will be a bring partner, \$120 per team, best 2 out of 3 double elimination. The sale is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 8 p.m., with play starting at noon on Saturday and continuing on Sunday.

For further information, call 303-425-9823 or 303-421-9332.

California

3RD BILLY CHILES ABC MEMORIAL, SILVER SPUR, SAN BERNARDINO, JUNE 17

The 3rd Annual Billy Chiles ABC Memorial Tournament will be held at the Silver Spur in San Bernardino on June 17. The sale starts at 11 a.m. with play immediately following.

This fun event will feature live country music and an all-day barbecue.

For information, call Jolene Lembke, 909-797-9685.

HALL OF FAME TOURNEY, OSKAR'S/EDGEWOOD, JUNE 30-JULY 4, BELLFLOWER

The 1st California Hall of Fame Tournament is set for June 30-July 4 at Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill and The Edgewood Bar, both located in Bellflower. Events will be an ABC draw, \$25 per player, and an open doubles, \$150 per team. The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is adding \$500 to be split between the two events.

The sponsor sale for the ABC draw is scheduled for Friday, June 30, 8 p.m., at Oskar's. Play will begin immediately following at both locations. This event is limited to the first 20 teams and will be 2 out of 3, double elimination.

The sale for the open doubles will be held on Saturday, July 1, 8 p.m., at Oskar's and play will begin at both places on Sunday. Limited to 24 teams, this is also 2 out of 3, double elimination.

A potluck barbecue is on the agenda for Saturday and 50-50 drawings will be held daily.

Check the enclosed flyer for nearby motels. For further information, call tournament director Paul Weber, 562-531-0663.

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN 2000, JULY 2-8, AMERICAN LEGION POST 73, DEL CITY,

An information and registration flyer for this year's (No. 9) Southwest Open is enclosed in this issue. Note that there will be 31 boards, 10 events for players of all skill levels, and \$300 awarded to each of five skill levels (-1, 0, 1, 2, 3) who accumulate the most points during the tournament in events scheduled for Monday through Saturday. Action will start on Sunday, July 2, with a 4-person team event for Div. I and Div. II.

Note on the registration form that **entries received after June 15 will be subject to a \$5 late fee per event, so if you haven't already send your entries in, do so NOW!**

American Legion Post 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, Oklahoma, host of the Southwest Open, has a five-acre park with electric and water hook-ups, and self-contained RVs and campers are welcome. The Bricktown Central Plaza will again offer special rates for tournament participants: rooms with one bed, \$25; and rooms with two beds, \$35. Call 405-235-2761 for reservations and tell them you are with the tournament. Other motels include the LaQuinta Inn, 405-672-0067 or 800-531-5900; Studio 6, 405-737-8851; and Motel 6, 405-737-6676. Ask if they have shuffleboard rates.

Questions regarding registration or events? Call Kathy Yingst, 918-742-2261 or e-mail: swopen@swbell.net or any other information, Don Crall at the American Legion, 405-670-9128 or e-mail: doncrall73@aol.com. Information will also be on the Bower's Corner, www.jump.net/~ronbowers, plus a web page has been created for the event: www.geocities.com/swopen

There will be some added features this year including a new and different feed on the 4th of July and some sightseeing excursions for those who want to venture out.

Plan to be there a day early for an open meeting of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on July 1.

Michigan**FIRST \$\$\$\$ SERIES AT
MAJESTIC CAFE, PONTIAC,
JUNE 4**

The first in the 2000 Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard series, introduced last year, will be held at the Majestic Cafe, 156 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, on June 4. The series of three doubles (which must be paid in advance) will culminate in a play-off with the top point-earners vying for a pot that includes \$5 per player collected from each of the three tournaments.

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.) You must keep the same team to qualify for the play-off (may use subs if of equal or more rating but **no subs allowed in the playoff**). The top 10 teams with the most points accumulated (18 for 1st, 17 for 2nd, etc.) will be eligible for the playoff. If there are ties, those will also be eligible for the playoff.

Each tournament will be limited to the first 18 teams signed up and paid. To save your spot, send \$120 (in full only) for the first three doubles to tournament director Dennis Bittner, Club Car Lounge, 111 N. Saginaw St., Durand, MI 48429.

If you do not want to commit to the complete series, you may participate -- if there are open spots, if you meet the 2 handicap criteria, and if you don't mind contributing \$5 of your entry fee to the playoff pot.

The second in the series will be played at the Club Car Lounge in Durand on July 16, and the third at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing on Aug. 13. The playoff is scheduled for the Club Car on Sept. 3.

Note that the Majestic will hold an open singles on Saturday, June 3, \$20 entry, sale at noon with play immediately following.

**RUDY STOBER MEMORIAL,
JUNE 23-25, STOBER'S
LOUNGE, LANSING**

The 5th Annual Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament will be held on June 23-25 at Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan, Lansing. The event is held in honor of the memory of Rudy Stober, the first inductee into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Action will start on Friday, June 23, with round robins. The bring partner doubles (no pros, 0's or 1's may team up together), \$40 per team entry, will start with the sponsor sale at noon on Saturday, with play immediately following. The open singles, \$20 entry, will be held on Sunday, with sale and play beginning at 1 p.m. Both events are single game, double elimination.

For further information, contact director Carrie Clifton, 517-482-1190.

Indiana**1ST HOOSIER HALL OF
FAME CLASSIC, DAVID L'S,
YORKTOWN, JUNE 23-25**

David L's Hideout Lounge in Yorktown (near Muncie) will host the 1st Hoosier Hall of Fame Classic on June 23-25. There will be three events played on two boards, and \$100 will be added to each event by David L, with half going to the Hall of Fame.

Action will start on Friday, 6 p.m., with an ABC event (must add to a minimum of 4), \$15 per person entry fee. If you do not have a team, you will be matched up there. This event may be mark 4 if necessary.

An open doubles, \$40 per team, is on the schedule for Saturday starting at noon, and an open singles, \$30 entry, will start at 11 a.m. on Sunday. All events are single game, double elimination, and limited to 24 teams.

There will be raffles and collections throughout the tournament to benefit the Indiana and the National Shuffleboard Halls of Fame. Plaques will be awarded to those who donate \$100 or more.

For further information or lodging recommendations (there are many motels nearby), contact tournament director Glen Ingram, 765-287-1239, or David L's, 765-759-7989. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site, and encourage your fellow shufflers to support their Halls of Fame with their participation.

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

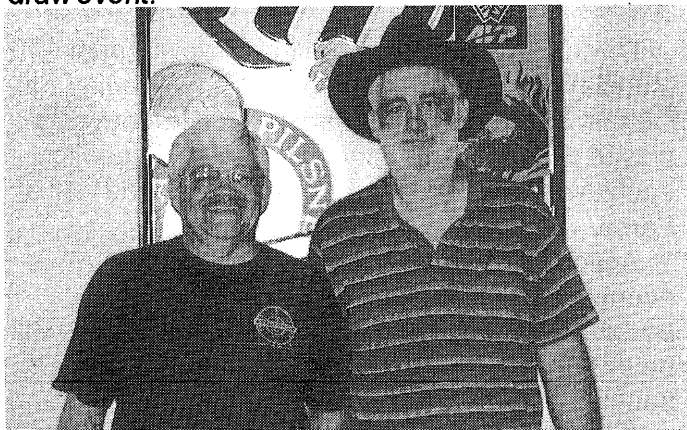
The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, will host its Summer National Tournament on Aug. 3-6.

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Bourbon Doubles (cont. from Page 1)



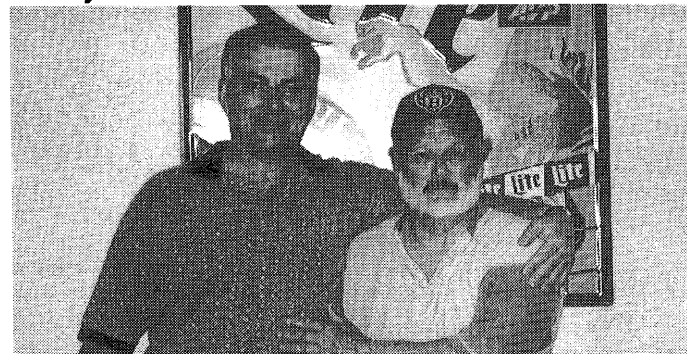
Tournament director Terry Dowell (left) and partner Dave Boaz, both from Indiana, were winners of the draw event.



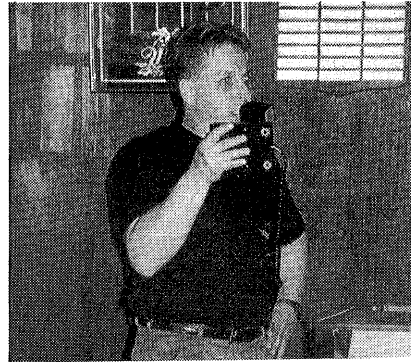
Local Mike Koontz (the guy in the black hat) drew Rick Niblett to take second place.



A happy Dick Reist of Michigan drew the famous Bobby V and finished third.



Terry Sidle of Ohio and Lenny Dell took fourth place.



Conducting both sponsor sales with enthusiasm and professionalism was Mike Johnson.

"Doc" and "Skip" Inducted

Following the draw partner event on Friday evening, George "Doc" Slabaugh and Dale "Skip" Jackson were inducted into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



Skip Jackson (left) and Doc Slabaugh proudly accept their Hall of Fame plaques.

"Considering me for recognition is a great honor. I am flattered," said Doc. "In 50 years of playing shuffleboard, I've seen many changes -- short board, long board, free hand to cross board. Now we are allowed to sprinkle the board while shooting, play to 15 and even with our own weights. Forty years ago, we played for \$10 for the winners and a 6-pack of beer for the runners-up. It seemed like the entry fee of \$1.00 was a lot to ask of players then. I have helped start many leagues and encouraged a lot of younger players and female shooters. Playing shuffleboard is a great way to meet new friends, gain self-respect and have fun. I want to thank Seward Harman, Roy Bessinger, the Knox Brothers, Lowell Gard and many, many more."

Skip started playing on the first board put upstairs at the Bourbon American Legion in 1957. His first win came with Charlie Thompson uptown at Sam's in 1960. Dale played in Mishawaka where he met Jim Long. Several years later a foursome was formed of Jerry Knox, Larry Creakbaum, Jim Long and Skip. They were hard to beat and didn't

miss many tournaments. Together they travelled to Albion, Fort Wayne, Peru, Logansport and many other places.

Skip has played between 700 and 800 games in 39 years. During this time, he received many trophies and met many wonderful people. In 1989 he started going to Las Vegas for the Shuffleboard Championships. In September of 1999, at the Sahara, he and his partner took third place in the North American Championships Legends Doubles. Skip has stopped playing in tournaments, but still enjoys the game and plays a little for fun. He still knows hit to hit, stick and lag!

Player Comments on the Inductees

(Doc Slabaugh) "Congratulations, Doc. You've been a great player for many years and this honor is truly deserved." -- Butch Thomas

"A good player -- plays to win every time." -- Bill Niswonger

"Bourbon is synonymous with shuffleboard in Indiana.... Thanks, Doc!" -- Terry Dowell

(Skip Jackson) "My friend always and a heck of a player. Congratulations." -- Bill Niswonger

"An original player -- one of a kind." -- Terry Dowell

"Congratulations, Skip! This couldn't happen to a better guy. Thanks for being a wonderful friend and a great shuffleboard partner." -- Jerry Knox

Thanks to all the American Legion bartenders who kept our glasses full. Special thanks to host Bill Niswonger and director Terry Dowell.

Mike ("Kentucky Flash") and Susie Halstead
Reporting for The Board Talk

Hartman/Moran Win Texas County Tournament

Julie Hartman of Houston, Missouri, and Mick Moran of Mountain Home, Arkansas, get their names engraved on a travelling trophy for winning the 8th Annual Texas County Tournament at Eagles Lodge 3911 in Houston, Mo. This event, which is held annually along with the Lodge's St. Pat's celebration, attracted 19 teams this year.

Julie and Mick got put into the loser's bracket their second game by Chuck Muehlhauser of St. Louis and Pat Gainey of Austin, Texas, by a score of 15 to 7, only to come back seven games later through the loser's bracket to double-dip Chuck and Pat, 15-10 and 15-7.

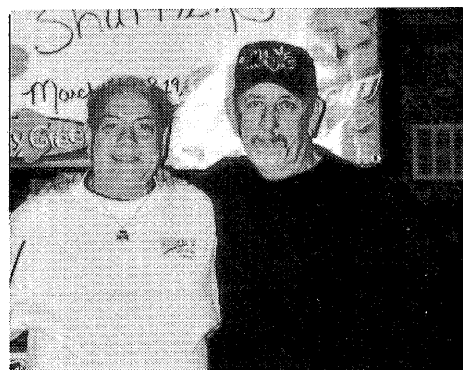


Julie Hartman and Mick Moran, winners of the 8th Annual Texas County Tournament.



Chuck Muehlhauser (left) and Pat Gainey settled for second.

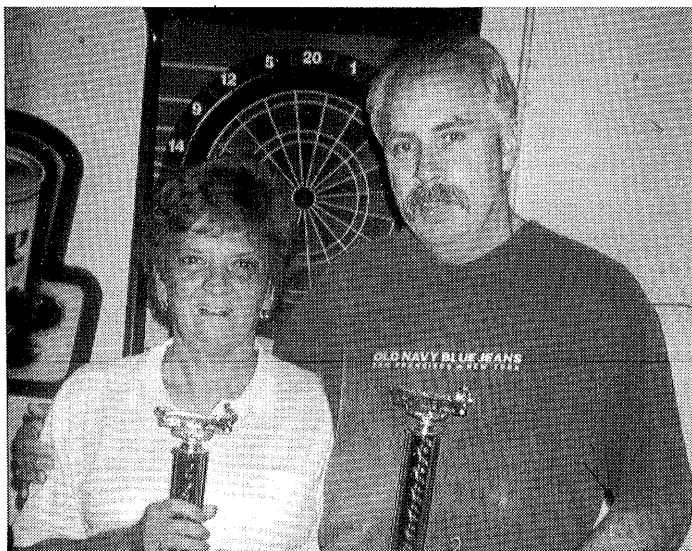
Jake Riley and Jerry (T-Bone) Head of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., took third place.



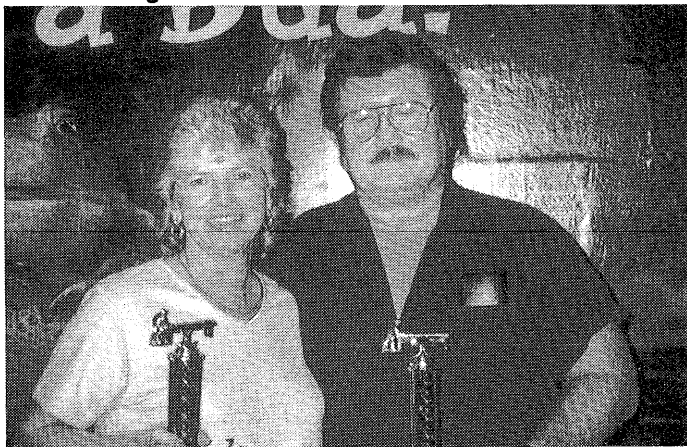
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Congratulations to the Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association on its first publication of The Hammer!
George & Donna

Florida Part II (continued from Page 3)



Rick and Linda Meyer of Liverpool, New York, tried their hardest to beat Marty and Coletta but fell apart in the final game and settled for second.



Third place honors went to Lonzo Knight and Delores Brown of Maryland. It was Delores' first tourney and I'm sure she'll be back for more fun (aggravation?).

It was a long day because during the mixed doubles, the singles event started with a field of 16 players. Marty Allen finished first, followed by Jim Long in second (same finish as the Florida Open singles). Lonzo Knight took third and Earl Durgan of New York finished fourth. It made for a long day and we all learned some valuable lessons on running a tournament -- NEXT YEAR!

On Sunday the bring partner event started with 14 teams and a purse of over \$2000.

REMINDER!

**Open meeting of the National
Shuffleboard Hall of Fame,
July 1, American Legion Post 73,
Del City, Oklahoma**



Winners were Glen Ingram (left) and Jim Long (right) from Indiana who have been playing their way across America -- or the East Coast anyway. Your new friends in New York say congratulations to Glen and Jim. They are shown with third place finishers Alvis Ramey and Doug Fridley Sr. (center).



Taking second place honors in the bring partner were Dave Macko (left) and Cass Grubbs, both of Florida.

Many thanks to Larry of the Fill-N-Station, our host for the tournament. Many, many thanks to Doug Fridley Sr., Alvis Ramey, Lonzo Knight (our auctioneer) and Linda Meyer for giving their best efforts on running the tourney smoothly. And, of course, our all-American cook, Elsie Fridley, who got to do it all over again at the Dew Drop Inn tournament in Waterloo, New York, on April 28-30. See you back in New York, Elsie. We miss you.

Thanks also to all the Florida shufflers who attended on the weekend following their own BIG tournament. We only hope we can do this again next year with possibly one more table and a little less confusion.

Anyway, vacation was fun, tiring, and sunny Florida lived up to its name.

See you next year!



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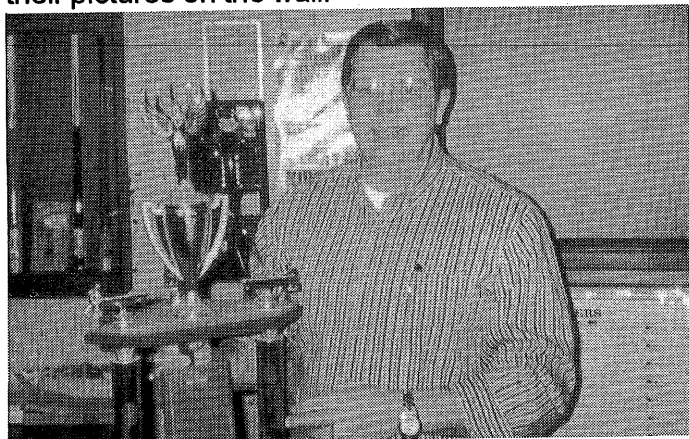
Impromptu Fir Cone St. Pat's Tourney Attracts Good Crowd

By Dwayne Dibley

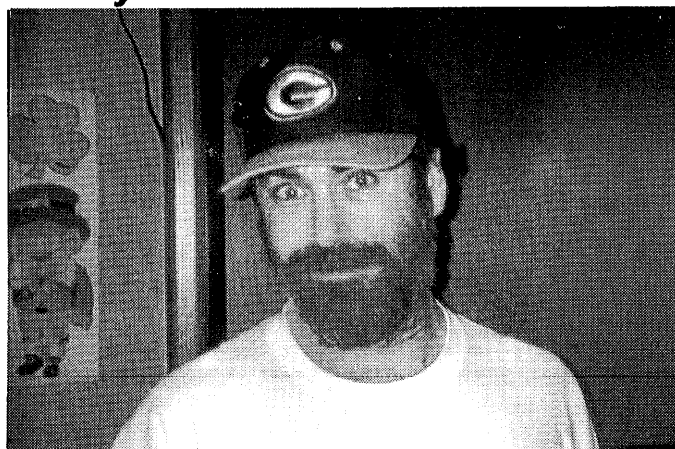
Shuffleboard action is nothing new at the Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington. Nightly action is always available, from beginner to professional. But, be warned, the Fir Cone is no easy place to win! Stiff competition, coupled with players who "live" on the boards, make the Fir Cone a real conquest for the player who dares. In fact, a mini-tournament is possible seven days a week. You never know who will show up. One quick phone call any day of the week can get you all the action you want. Knowing this, it's understandable why a last-minute tournament would bring most of the "big guns" from Western Washington. Of course, a lot of the big guns live on the boards at the Fir Cone. Washington State Open Doubles Champs Loren Lampley and Nels Anderson (1997 & 1999), Washington State Div. II Doubles Champions Jeff Kersting and Bob Hurst, and the Washington State Women's Singles Champion Jeanette Hohn, all call the Fir Cone home.

The Fir Cone Tavern decided, almost at the last minute, to host a St. Patrick's Day Tournament. The tournament, which consisted of a Div. I and Div. II singles on Friday and a rated doubles (3 point cap) on Saturday, turned into a big success. The Fir Cone, always striving to provide first-rate shuffleboard action, intended this to be a small event primarily for the locals. However, word of mouth quickly turned it into a big event, drawing players from Everett to Longview. The Fir Cone appreciates all the support from Western Washington players and would like to recognize that it's the players who create great tournaments.

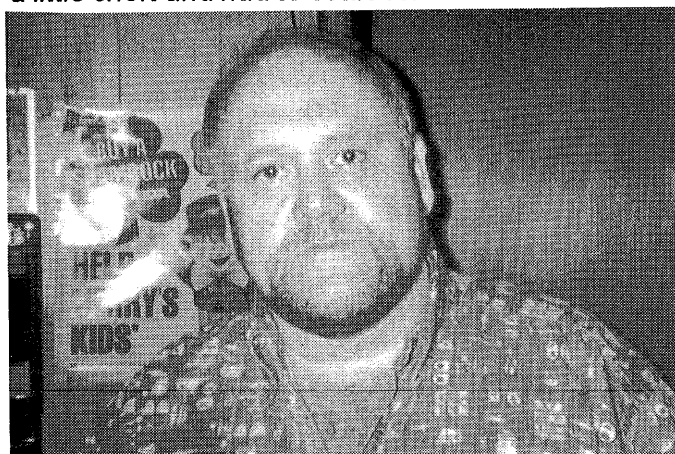
Div. I and II singles were run at the same time. The intent was to finish Friday night, but that did not happen. On Saturday afternoon, the singles winners were honored with their names on the trophies and their pictures on the wall.



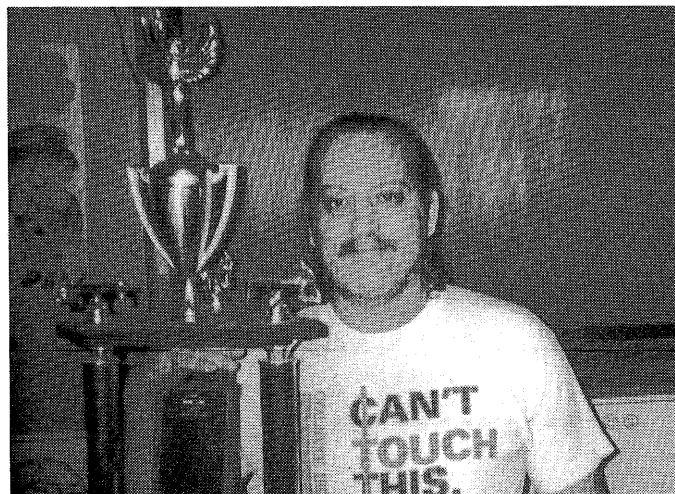
Div. I singles winner was Mel Hohn.



Rick Gindt played a great tournament, but came up a little short and had to settle for second.

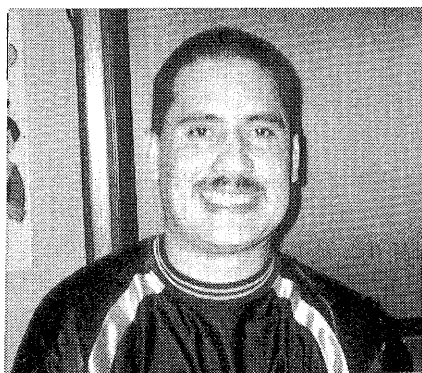


The 1999 Washington State Singles Champion, Larry Pearson, finished third (I guess Larry would know about coming up short).



Div. II winner Terry Woodward lost his first match and fought through the loser's bracket to earn his trophy.

Francisco Auhamada, a newcomer to shuffleboard, won the winner's bracket, but fell victim to the experience of Terry and finished his first tournament in second place. Not a bad start!

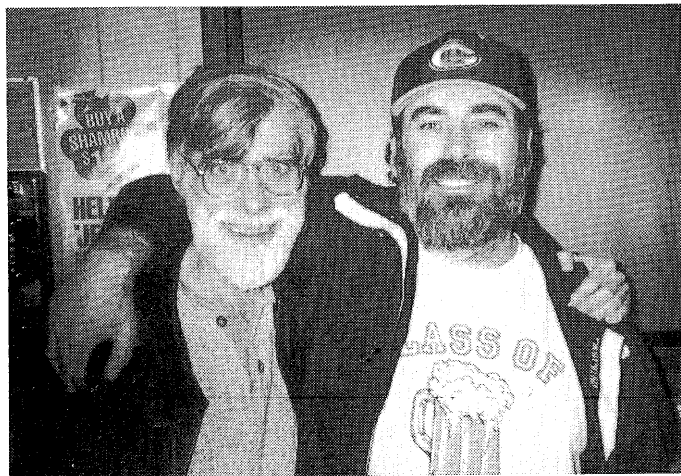


In his first tournament, Francisco Auhamada took second place honors in the Div. II singles.

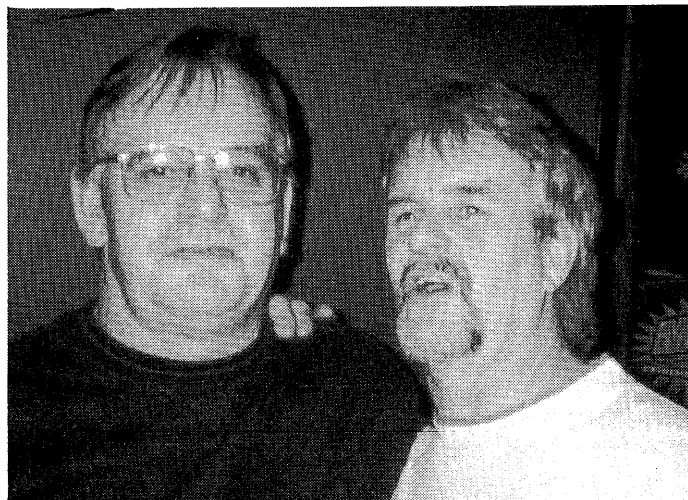
Russel Savage finished third.



On Saturday the legendary Dick Doak (left) teamed up with the Div. II singles champion Terry Woodward to win the rated doubles. However, it wasn't an easy task.....



Rick Gindt and Frank ("5th place") Givens battled Dick and Terry for six games in the finals. Putting an end to Frank's 5th place jinx, the pair took second place honors.



Alvin Orcutt and Jim Watson played an almost flawless tournament, but one mistake cost them a trip to the finals and gave them third place.

There was a spaghetti feed on Saturday which went over big, not only with the players, but with the locals as well. The Fir Cone thanks Al Pease, three-time Masters Champion, for all his help. Al played in the singles, bartended, and yes, sold popcorn during intermission. Thanks, Al!

The next tournament at the Fir Cone is the 10th Annual Forest Festival Tournament on June 3-4. This event is a rated doubles with a 1-point cap.

Brown/Creakbaum/Long Tops at AMVETS Spring Tourney

AMVETS Post 26, Pendleton, Indiana, hosted its 5th Annual Spring Tournament on April 15-16.

On Saturday, 13 teams showed up for the doubles, vying for a share of the \$3160 pot. First place went to Larry Brown and Larry Creakbaum, with Bob and Marcia Brown taking second. Third place went to Glen Ingram and Jim Long.

There were 15 players in Sunday's singles with a total purse of \$2030. First place went to Jim Long, with second going to Dave (Big Bobowski) Boaz. Glen Ingram took third with Mary Brown in fourth.

"Honorable mention goes to Paul Carnes, who played in the doubles and the singles," said hosts Sonny Harris and Joe Hopkins. "This was Paul's first time to play in our tournament at the AMVETS and he did a really fine job. Maybe this is someone to watch out for? Our next tournament will be in September. We hope to see a lot more of you there."

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Indiana Visitors "Invade" Dew Drop Inn's Nationals

Like a small but heavily-armed "mob with a mission," three Indiana shufflers stormed the doors of the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, on April 27 and captured top spots in all of its Spring National Tournament events. Fresh off their victories in Florida's "double header" on March 17-19 and March 23-26, Hoosiers Glen Ingram, Jim Long and Jim DeWitt battled through the uncharted waters of New York with confidence and courage.

In Friday's mixed doubles, Glen Ingram teamed up with Linda Meyer of Liverpool, New York, to take top honors. Second place went to John and Sharon Canino of Baldwinsville, N.Y., with Ken VanZile Sr. and Theresa Cornell finishing third.

In Saturday's singles, the three Hoosiers took first, second and third: Jim DeWitt, 1st; Jim Long, 2nd; and Glen Ingram, 3rd. Steve Bennett of Sherburne, N.Y., saved it from a clean sweep by taking fourth.

On the same day, Hoosiers once again claimed a spot in the draw partner event. Jim DeWitt drew Dave Pelow of Seneca Falls, N.Y., to take first. Jim Long, along with Leon Black of Michigan, captured second. Fred Traux and Steve Bennett of Sherburne took third, with Doug Fridley Sr. and Rob Hummer of Waterloo finishing fourth.

Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt returned on Sunday to take the top spot in the bring partner event. Second place honors went to Rick Meyer of Liverpool and Dick Losee of Earlville.

Total prize money for the weekend was \$4,865.

"We had a lot of new shuffleboard players come for the first time from different states. We met so many wonderful people over the weekend," said host Tracie Fridley. "We would like to have them all back for our August Nationals. In addition to the Indiana players (Jim DeWitt is NOT a \$25 man!), I would like to thank Fred Miller from Pennsylvania and Leon Black from Michigan for coming. They are all great people and good sports."

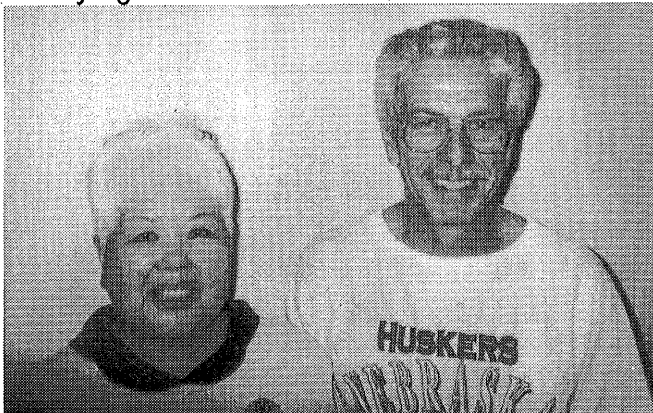
The next event at the Dew Drop Inn is a one-day draw partner tournament on July 8 with \$100 added money for first place. Next is the Summer Nationals on Aug. 3-6, same format, schedule and entry fees as the Spring Nationals. See Upcoming Events and the ad for more details.

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Bill Gibbs Memorial Biggest Yet; Salazar Inducted

The 5th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament, held at Family Billiards in Phoenix, Arizona, April 28-30, was the biggest yet. With 30 teams in the A-B draw, 16 teams in the A-B-C, 16 teams in the open doubles, and the induction of Al Salazar into the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, it was a very busy weekend.

The first event, a single game, double elimination, handicapped A-B draw, started on Friday night.



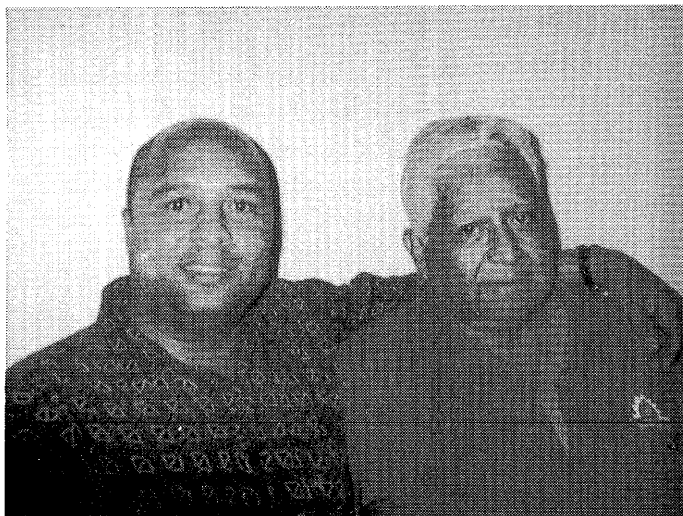
When all was said and done, Bob Jacobson and Alice Arredondo, both of Phoenix, had double-dipped the winner's bracket finalists to win.



Anna Brunskill (left) of California and Georgan Monarrez of Phoenix settled for second place.



Third went to Frank Monarrez (left) of Phoenix and Charlie Detterbeck of California.



Fourth and final money spot went to Jeff Keyes (left) of Las Vegas and Joe Muniz of California.

Saturday morning was the start of the A-B-C. Joe Muniz auctioned off the 16 teams for a total sponsor sale purse of \$2650.



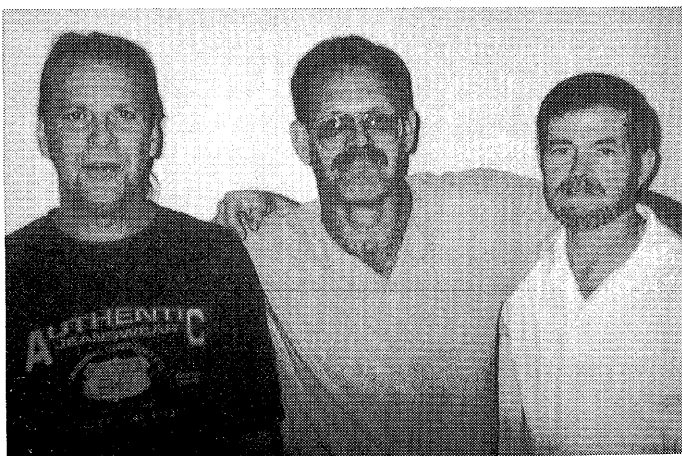
The winning team (right to left) of Gil Aragon, Arizona, Alice Arredondo and Jeff Keyes took home the lion's share.



Bob Brunskill (center) of California, Paul Messina and Larry Canada, both of Phoenix, forced a second match, but came up a little short.

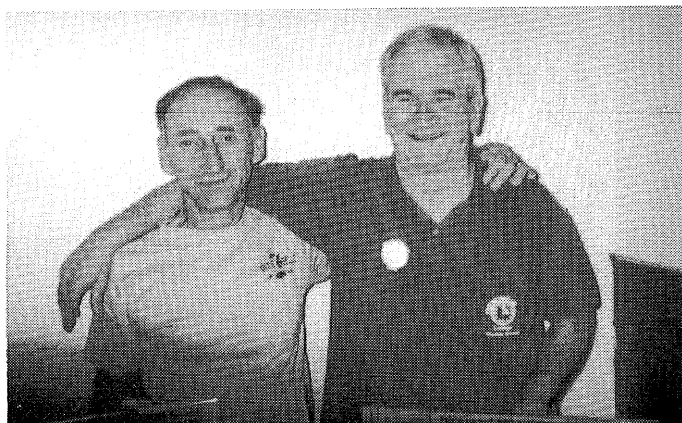


Inductee Al Salazar (right), Mike Allen (center) of California, and Terry Leahy of Phoenix were good enough for third place.....



...while Mickey Lewis (left) of Phoenix, Dan Leach (center) of Las Vegas, and Dennis Bredvik of Phoenix, rounded out the winners circle in fourth.

Saturday evening Joe Muniz once again did the sponsor sales and raised \$3010 with 16 teams competing in the 2 out of 3, double elimination open doubles event.



Nick Chaffin (left) of California and Bill Thomas of Phoenix came out of the loser's bracket to win.

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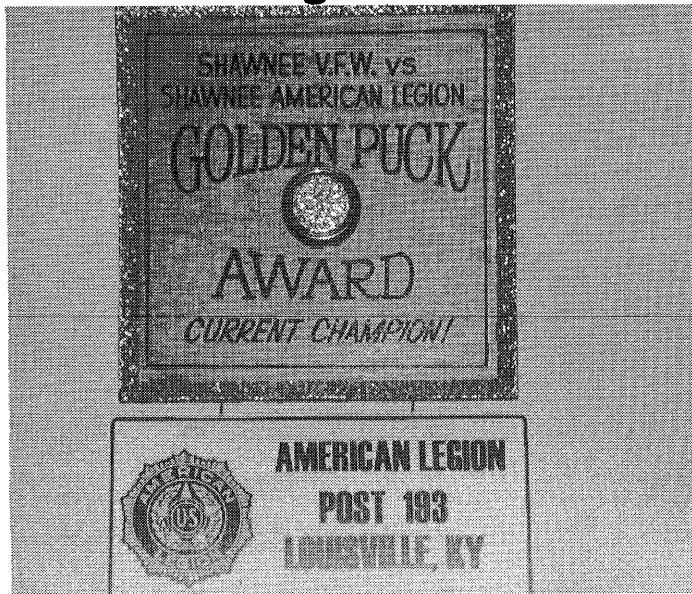
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Locals Ray and Carolyn Johnston finished fourth in the field of 19 teams.

"It was another great weekend of fantastic shuffleboard at the Eagles Lodge 3911," reports Charlie Riley. "Food prepared by the ladies' auxiliary, 'chief chef' Donnie Wilson and his right-hand man Joe Kirkman and their crew fixing the best corned beef and cabbage you ever sank a tooth into, plus another fine job by Rick Pittman in directing the tournament. Thanks to all!"

Kentucky Teams Battle for Golden Puck Award: American Legion Wins!



By Mike & Susie Halstead

A 17-year tradition continued on April 30, as the American Legion Post 193, bringing seven teams, and Shawnee VFW 3204, with 10 teams, vied for the ever-coveted "Golden Puck."

The first tournament was held in 1982. At that time, the Golden Puck was in the possession of the VFW. It switched hands many times over the first 10 years, ending with the award at American Legion Post 193. For some unknown reason, the event, which is played four times a year, stopped. It rose again in early 1999. Since the rebirth, Post 193 has maintained possession of the Golden Puck.

The format has always been played in frames. Eight frames make up a game, with a woman on one end and a man on the other. The first team to win 10 games takes possession of the Puck.



Members of the winning Post 193 team proudly pose with the Golden Puck Award they earned.

This was the first time the teams played a tournament on the new top from Decker Shuffleboard (Toledo, Ohio). The next event takes place on July 30 at the VFW, which obtained a regulation board at the same time as the Post's new top.

We would like to thank Don Hopper, finance director of Post 193, and Lloyd Hoaglund, VFW Commander, for bringing forth to their respective memberships the quality equipment.

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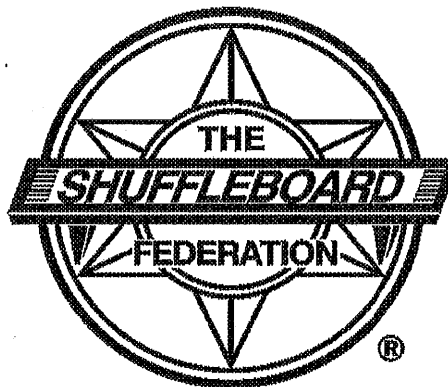
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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(Editor's Note: In last month's episode, no sooner had Eddie and Shelli checked into their honeymoon suite when they were confronted by an old enemy -- Scarface.)

Shelli and Eddie turned to face the scar-faced man. Immediately, they were confused because he didn't appear to be holding a gun! The dialogue they heard from him just before they took the command to "turn around" gave a certain indication that they would be "wasted" as soon as they made eye contact. Not that it couldn't happen, but it didn't happen then -- and both Shelli and Eddie silently thanked the Lord for that!

After a brief pause and with eye contact, Scarface spoke: "You know, I feel like I kinda know you guys a little, so I'm gonna tell ya' right off. I'm not here to cause you any more trouble, O.K.?" To be sure, a deep sigh of relief filtered through both Shelli and Eddie's innermost beings!

He continued: "Tony finally said NO to Lil's latest scatterbrain idea to do you guys and the wedding in. The only reason he still does things for her is that he still cares deeply for her. It was for this very reason that he certainly wouldn't get involved with you -- over HER jealousy and craziness where you were concerned. That would actually be working against himself -- and he's not stupid, trust me."

Shelli spoke then: "I understand and appreciate what you've just said -- believe me! I do have to find something out, though. How did you know where we were, and how did you get here so quickly?"

With a slight grin, he explained: "The arm of Tony's organization has a pretty long reach. Just about the time you two were leaving the wedding reception, someone had gotten in touch with your mother, Shelli, and explained that there was a mix-up in the awards, and Eddie had some very important documents he needed A.S.A.P. Now, that's how we knew where you two were headed. As far as me getting here, I just happened to be north of Miami near the Kennedy Space Center on some other business. It was a short shot up the coast, and I actually got here before you did and was waiting for you to arrive."

There was a small, but well-stocked bar in the leisure area of the living room. It had a full array of the best brands of tiny liquor bottles and all the set-ups. Eddie asked if the man would have a drink with them. He replied: "Believe me, I sure would like to. Especially since your Wild Turkey distilling plant

burned down a few days ago there in Kentucky! I can't have one though, not while I'm taking care of business." Eddie inquired: "How the hell did you know I drink Wild Turkey?" The man got a slight twinkle in his eyes once more and said: "We know a whole lot more than just what your favorite drink is, Eddie. Trust me on that."

He got a serious look on his face then and told them: "I'm going to leave now, and by the way, Tony sends his best regards -- and I do, too, guys. If we do meet again, I'm sure it will be under more pleasant conditions."

With that, he turned and was out the door. Shelli and Eddie were dumbfounded and bewildered about the whole series of events -- especially this latest encounter! They went back out onto the cabana and resumed their view. After all that had concluded, they both suddenly had a deep sense of peace and security. The ocean looked even more beautiful now, and they suddenly had the same desire as they spoke out simultaneously: "How about we both take off our clothes...and get into our swimsuits and see if that water down there feels as good as it looks!"

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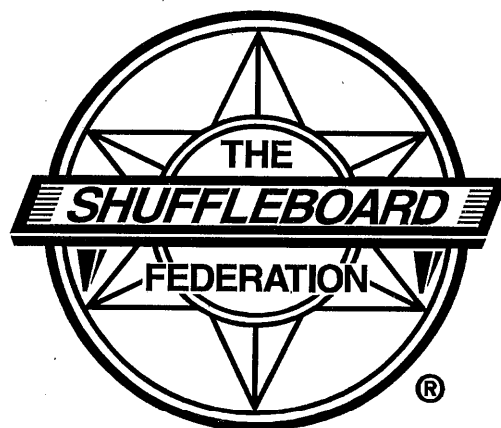
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Glen Reports: Long Haul Ahead for Ron...

I just talked to Balboa Ron, author of the Frisko Eddie series. He will be going into surgery June 6 for the ninth time in his life. They will be putting in a new hip and the operation will be 12 hours long. Afterwards he will have to lie still for two or three months. So, all you readers, on June 6, take a minute or two to send some prayers or positive thoughts in Ron's direction. If everyone will do that, the healing will begin. *(Editor's Note: Ron's address is 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas NV 89123. Remember him during his long recovery period.)*

News from the Northwest: Frank Mako says things are looking up in Washington. They have the ball rolling towards getting the old regional tourney at Longview again. The projected date is April 2001 or thereabouts. The word is now that Steve Fisher of Winston, Oregon, will kick off a #1 and #2

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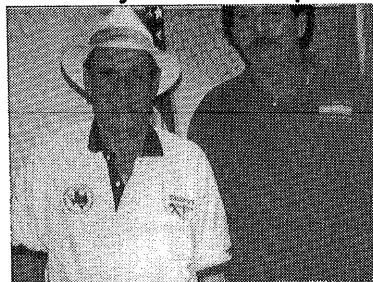
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Another Southwest "Warm-Up" at American Legion Post 73

The American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, site of the upcoming Southwest Open, hosted another fun tournament on April 15-17. Players from Michigan, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma came together for three days of constant play on 12 boards. Action started on Friday with a draw partner event.

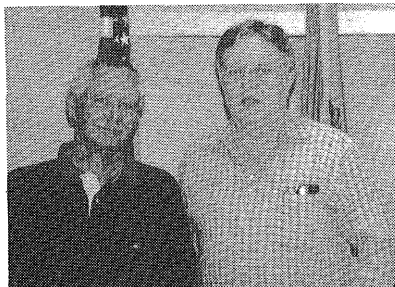


Winners were Johnny Ballard, the guy in the white hat, of Houston, and Mahlon ("too tall") Nobles of Arlington, Texas.

Dino Fleming and Dave Fleming took second place honors.

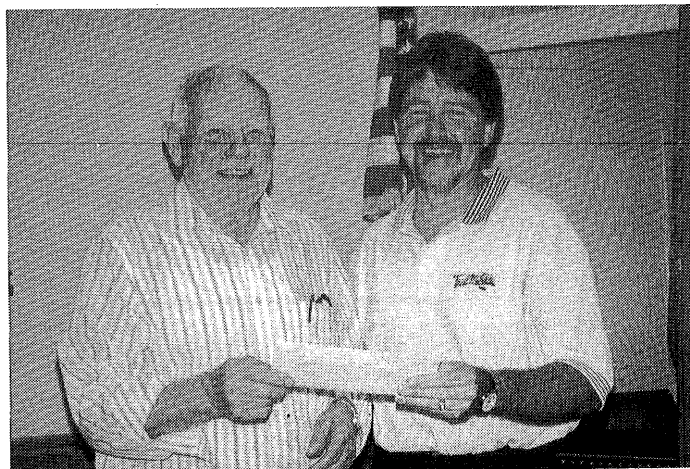


Finishing third were Harvey Walden of Tennessee and DeeRay Garcia of Midwest City.

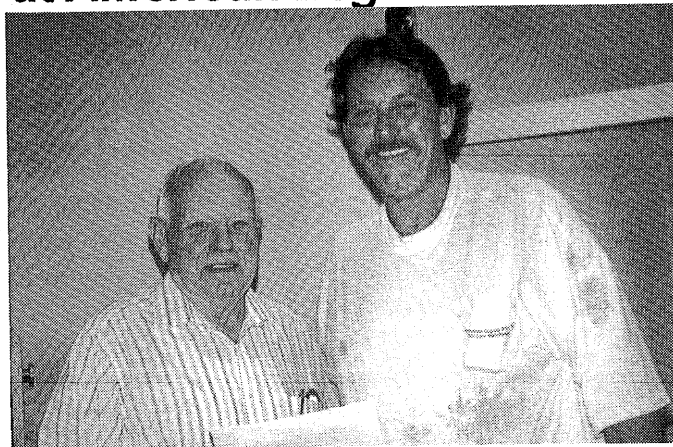


Fourth place finishers were Dave Williams of Fort Worth and Fred Washington of Tulsa.

Winners in Saturday's Div. II singles were all from Texas.

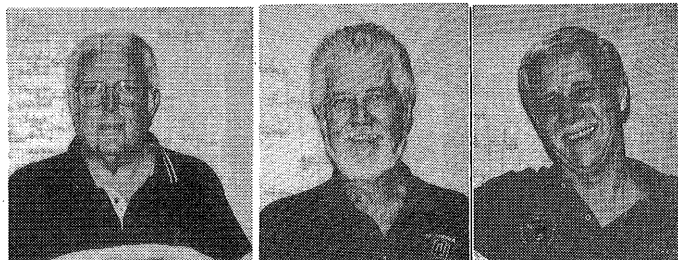


Taking top honors was Gary Nelson of Dallas. Host Don Crall presents him with his winnings.



Mahlon Nobles does have a whole head, as shown when he collects his second place winnings.

A member of the Southwest Open staff, Jack Davis, took third place in the Div. II singles.



In the Div. I singles, it was Bill Melton (left) of Oklahoma taking first place; Rick Jones (center) of Oklahoma in second; and Texan Johnny Wayne Crawford (right) rounding out the winner's circle.

"We do appreciate all the fine people shuffleboard has brought to our American Legion Post 73 here in Del City. We hope to see all these and many, many more at the Southwest Open, July 2-8," said Don Crall. "We have some specials awaiting all those who show up, including a great and different feed the evening of the 4th."

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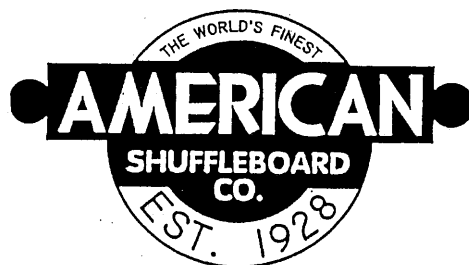
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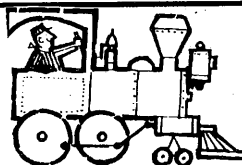
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For further information, contact Tracie Fridley, 315-539-5729. See ad on Page 29.

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Michigan Inducts Marie Sweeney into Hall of Fame

For several months, the committee members of the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame have been trying to bestow its highest honor to a lady who is very special, not only to her home state of Michigan, but one who is loved and respected by players across the Midwest and throughout the country.

Unfortunately, Marie's health has been preventing her from active shuffleboard events and banquets where an honor could be presented to her. Several months ago, it became apparent that this award was not going to be an easy one to deliver.

It was decided that this wonderful lady, who so much deserved the royal treatment of celebration in being, not only one of few to be given this honor, but the first woman in the state to receive it, would be presented with induction into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame whenever and wherever possible!

It all came together in April when Marie called her good friend, Jack Cooksey, for a ride to the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac to cash a check. Charlee Magoo, owner of the Majestic, called the MSHF committee members, Frank and Kim Parrish, who gathered in their four children from the backyard and -- award in hand -- rushed to Pontiac to intercept Marie at the Majestic.

We love you, Marie Sweeney, and thank you for your continuing lessons in friendship, pride, dignity and courage.

We appreciate all the help that players provided in order to present this award to Marie.

Betty Parrish, Michigan SHF Committee Member



Long-time friend Jack Cooksey took Marie to the Majestic Cafe to cash a check. Then....



....suddenly MSHF committee member Kim Parrish shows up (with four kids and husband Frank in tow) to present an induction plaque to Marie.



"You can't be talking about me!" says the heroic Marie, who is fighting a valiant battle against cancer. Marie was one of our four "Shuffleboard Sweethearts 2000" (Feb. issue).

Marie's induction plaque read (in part): "You have built and maintained one of the finest reputations as a skilled and competitive player and have proven instrumental in helping Michigan become recognized as a great shuffleboard state. Your leadership, courage and determination have been a true inspiration to all the players of our sport who have had the privilege to know you."

We have been waiting for this moment for a long time, Betty, and we congratulate the Michigan committee for making it finally happen. We encourage readers to send congratulatory notes to Marie: 54 S. Broadway, Apt. 14, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

See you all at the SW Open in Oklahoma, July 2-8!

2000 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JUNE

June 3-4

Forest Festival Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

June 4

SSSS#1
Majestic Cafe
Pontiac, Michigan

June 9-11

Bill English Memorial Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

June 17

3rd Billy Chiles ABC Memorial
Silver Spur
San Bernardino, California

June 17-18

Mixed Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

June 23-25

1st Hoosier Hall of Fame
Classic
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

June 23-25

Rudy Stober Memorial Tourney
Stober's Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

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 16

SSSS#2
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

AUGUST

Aug. 1-6

Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 3-6

Summer National
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Aug. 13

SSSS#3
Stober's Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

Aug. 18-19

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

Aug. 19-20

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

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-5

Labor Day Tourney
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 3

SSSS Playoffs
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

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. 16-17

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

Glen Reports *(continued from Page 18)*

doubles around Labor Day. Steve's Dad, Bill, was my teacher in the early '60s. I think Bill and his old buddy Gus will be inducted into the Northwest Hall of Fame; that's the word now. Bill and Gus taught the game and played in that area from the '50s through the '60s. They had a team that won the state championship so many times that everyone quit. Bill and Gus took on all comers from California, Washington and Oregon for many a year. The road players stopped there and played. The old 99 Tavern was their second stop coming up from California. A great era of the history of shuffleboard: Porter White, Billy Mays, Mexican Tommy, Gregory, Bob Miles, George Camara, to name a few who stopped to play Bill and Gus. Another great of yester-year was Bill VanCoren from California. I met him and his wife Brownie during my schooling at the 99 Tavern. Hope to see all the NW players there.

I am resigning from my duties with the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame to resume another project that we are undertaking. The project will be as important as the NSHF. Look out the window: I will be coming to see all of you I can to get the project underway. I will be talking to everyone, so get some answers ready. We can't just stop now. We have a forward motion going, so let's keep it going. I'll be seeing you soon.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

NSHF Sets Agenda for Open Meeting, July 1, Del City

Glen Davidson, National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame director and immediate past president, has resigned effective May 12, 2000, reporting that he is pursuing some new shuffleboard projects. Director replacement options to fill this vacancy will be discussed and decided at or before the upcoming NSHF meeting on July 1 at the American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma.

Since Oklahoma has a large shuffleboard community, we hope to possibly fill this void with a replacement NSHF director from the Oklahoma area. Please send any recommendations you might have to: NSHF, c/o Lynda French, Secretary, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729-6436. All suggestions will be considered regardless of geographic location.

Glen has (and continues) worked closely with all shufflers across the country, so please join us in thanking him for his time and efforts getting a

National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame established and wishing him the best of luck on his new shuffleboard project endeavors.

THANKS, GLEN, FROM ALL NSHF DIRECTORS!

The open session of the NSHF will start at 2 p.m. and is estimated to last two to three hours, depending on discussion. Agenda items include: welcome and agenda overview by President Don Valk and reports from the finance, bylaw, and historical committees. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in the meeting, please send your comments immediately to allow time for inclusion in the final agenda (e-mail: lynda@jump.net).

All directors thank Bonnie English of Colorado for her donation to the NSHF. If you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and send to NSHF Secretary Lynda French, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin TX 78729-6436.

If you have not yet joined the Yahoo NSHF Shuffler chat club on the Yahoo Internet website, please do so -- URL address: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/nshf>

We look forward to seeing many of you at the open meeting in Del City on July 1.

Lynda French, Secretary

Tulsa Spring Open a Success

The 14th Tulsa Spring Open was held March 17-19 at the Brook Alley, Tulsa, Oklahoma. There were 15 teams in Friday's draw. Glen Davidson and Kevin Tally came out on top. Second place went to Rick Jones and Fred Washington, with Jim (JFK) Kennedy and Brad Lowrey in third. Harvey Walden of Tennessee and Tony Pelton of Arkansas finished fourth.

The bring partner event was won by Bud Hilburn and Fred Washington, but not before Sally Goff and Johnny Ballard took them to a second 2 out of 3 match. Sally and Johnny beat hubby Cliff and Glen Davidson, who finished third.

"A big thank you to Lee Lockhart and the staff at Brook Alley," said tournament director Cliff Goff. "Thanks to Steve Burkett for the help on the bracket board, and a special thank you to Sally, my right hand."

Tables Turned on California Hall of Fame President

Ever since Jolene Lembke became the first president of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, she has been on a determined pursuit of excellence -- the most qualified inductees, the classiest induction ceremonies, everything done *right*. That determination has led to recognition of her committee as a model for other states.

So, when arrangements were made to induct Bob Brunskill at the ABC tournament at Oskar's on April 15, she went through her usual routine: soliciting letters of commendation, promoting the event in The Board Talk, checking with graphic designer Marilyn McCracken, video producer Jim Martin, master of ceremonies Paul Weber, ordering an orchid corsage for Bob's wife Anna, pacing the floor waiting for Marilyn to arrive with "Bob's" program..... It wasn't until the video started and the orchid was pinned on her that she realized this was HER induction! The California committee, its talented support system, all the friends and family who wrote letters for the keepsake program, all those who participated in the event, had accomplished the "impossible" -- keeping this particular induction a secret from Jolene! Bob Brunskill even wore a suit to keep her off track. Paul Weber summed up the "mission impossible": "The CIA would love to have people like this working for them!"

Special tributes were presented by California's first Hall of Fame inductee Al Stewart, Jolene's brother Woodie Cockrum and Charlie Riley of Missouri, Balboa Ron Schweikert of Nevada via videotape, plus many printed memories and testimonies. Following presentation of the induction plaque and remarks by committee member Joanie Healey, Joe Scott (Bobby Goldsmith's nephew) of Visalia sang "Three Times a Lady" to Jolene.



A Few of Many Tributes to Jolene...

"She is always willing and ready to teach a novice or bet a pro. The only thing she loves as much as the game of shuffleboard is you -- all of you -- her Shuffleboard Family. I can't imagine having a better mentor, or a better Mom!" -- Son Mike Allen

"She's a great teacher and one of the best shufflers in the world. This dear sweet woman has won our hearts and our money. The Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was made for people like her." -- Charles Detterbeck

"Jolene has helped many new players learn to be better ones with her patience in teaching them the finer techniques of the game. She is a credit to the game and gives much of her time and energy to making it a better one." -- Don Pope, Silver Spur

"I've known Jolene for over 30 years, so that should qualify me to say that she deserves this honor. She has the first basic ingredient that everyone must have to become a Hall of Famer -- that is the love for the game." -- Bobby Goldsmith

"I guess the Shuffleboard Directory in The Board Talk that says 'California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame has found a few good men,' will have to add: 'and a good woman.'" -- Al Stewart

Riley/Bastanchury/Allen Win "Game of the Century"

There were 16 teams and a pot of \$4600 in the 2nd Annual ABC "Wally Gator" Tournament, held at Oskar's Sports Bar. In what Joanie Healey described as "the game of the century," the tri-state team of Charlie Riley (Missouri), Dot Bastanchury (California) and Mike Allen (Jolene's son of Ohio) came out ahead. Battling them to the end was the team of Dave Brennan, Julie Hartman (also of Missouri), and Alicia Lebac. Tony Bastanchury, Steve O'Neil and Johnna Brown finished third, with Bob Brunskill, Ernie Alvarez and Sandi Gareau in fourth place.

Bob Brunskill and Joanie Healey handled the brackets, Paul Weber served as auctioneer, and Anna Brunskill spearheaded a potluck dinner on Saturday. The Brunskills were honored by the California Hall of Fame for all of their contributions to shuffleboard.

"Thanks to our Missouri visitors for their participation as well as our friends from Visalia: Robbie Gann, Bobby Goldsmith, Steve O'Neil, Marian and Jackie Bailey, and Jim McDonald," said Paul Weber. "Special thanks to Bobby and Charlene Goldsmith for donating a diamond ring for the Hall of Fame raffle, and my wife, Hope, for selling \$837 worth of tickets."

The sale of 50-50 tickets by Sally Langlois established a new benefit, the "Bellflower Bruce Hardship Fund," to help out those in need. In addition to the \$230 gained from ticket sales, Bruce added \$200 to the fund.

Don't forget the 1st Hall of Fame Tournament at Oskar's and The Edgewood on June 30-July 4. See enclosed flyer and Upcoming Events for details.

Maryland State Champs Crowned at Harvey's Place

By Dick Gorman

On April 29-30, the final tournament of the 1999-2000 season was held at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, to decide the champions of shuffleboard for the state of Maryland. Unlike many other state championships, this one is open to anyone from any state. But this weekend, Marylanders prevailed with a smattering of Delaware players reaching the final money spots.

Friday night's always-popular draw partner event was no exception as a large crowd warmed up for the next day's "real" championships. Talking first place money was Lonzo Knight, Hagerstown, Md., with his partner Brian Rutherford, Elkton, Md. (first time first place finish at Harvey's Place). Second place went to a pair from Baltimore, Lindsay Hall and Dave Shewbridge. Third place money went to the husband and wife team (first time ever to finish in the money as a team) of Faye and Wayne Todd, Newark, Del. Fourth place went to host Harvey Comer and Len Dell of Baltimore.

Saturday morning was the tough open singles and along about 5 p.m., the winner emerged. Our new state singles champion is Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Md., Second place went to Len Dell. Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pa. took third place followed by Brian Rutherford.

The other big event scheduled on the four in-house boards was the bring partner that got started a little slow and late because of the singles not allowing us to use all boards to start with. But it finally got rolling with two true Marylanders coming out of the loser's bracket to take the crown: Judy Iseman of Chestertown and Dave Shewbridge of Pasadena are the new Maryland State bring partner champions. Giving up hard were second place finishers Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman, both from Wilmington, Del. Third place went to Len Dell and Steph McNeil, nearby Rising Sun.

Many players had been eliminated by 8 p.m. so the regular Saturday night draw partner event was held using the boards not being used in the bring partner. The draw event was actually over before the bring partner. Winners were Gene Long, Lancaster, Pa., and Faye Todd. Second place went to hostess Darlyne Belcher and Jeff Miles of Elkton.

We had a great 1999-2000 season at Harvey's Place and special thanks are in order, first of all to the great players and sportsmen who participated. We really had a great time with all those from near and far (seven or eight states). Second, kudos

again to Ron and Debbie Bowers for all their efforts and work in developing and maintaining the "Bowers Rating System." It has changed the face of competition and we are staunch supporters. And, of course, we thank and salute The Board Talk for their strong support in helping to support our change to the Bower's System. It has been tough, but it is working as the early users of the Bowers System told us to expect.

Many, many thanks to Darlyene Belcher and Harvey Comer for giving us the facilities and support of four in-house boards in a most hospitable atmosphere possible. They have provided support, great food and friendship. There are a lot of good owners in this World of Shuffleboard and a few great ones, but here on the East Coast, we have one of the greatest. Thanks, Harvey and Darlyene.

See you next year at Harvey's for the 2000-2001 season. And we hope to have a crowd at Reno again in October.

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

By John McDermott

Plans for the 2000 North American Shuffleboard Championships are well underway (see inside spread). If you have not yet received your copy of the official video of last year's tournament, you can still do so for only \$29.95 by calling us at 800-380-3033. 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. The prototype of our new tables has been completed and the table has been inspected and production on the remainder of the new shuffleboard tables has begun. We are very excited about having brand-new equipment for the tournament and very confident that the players will love the new boards.

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

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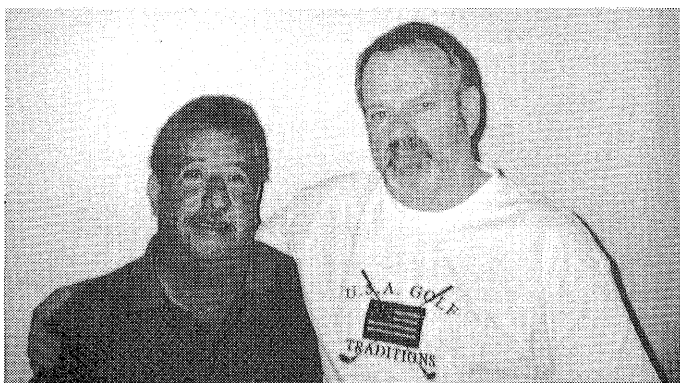
Gibbs Memorial *(cont. from Page 13)*



Bob Lewis (left) and Wendell Herbison, both of Phoenix, finished where they did last year -- in second place.



Third was taken by Georgean Monarrez and Bruce Wechter of Oregon.



Hal Perry (right) and George Camara, both of Northern California, finished in fourth place.

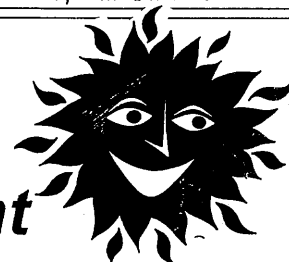
"This was Nick Chaffin's third doubles title in a row, and the finals were a rematch of last year's finals," reports Al Salazar. "Alice Arredondo took two firsts in the A-B and the A-B-C. Jeff Keyes from Las Vegas, playing less than a year and in his first tournament action, took a first and a fourth. I'm sure we will see more of him in the future."

Saturday afternoon was the induction of Al Salazar into the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. There were well over a hundred of his family, friends, and players in attendance. Jolene Lembke, president of the California Shuffleboard Hall of

Fame, and Frank Zavala, president of the Nevada Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, were present as well as Hal Perry and Bob Hunt, both directors of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Players from Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Texas, Oklahoma, and of course, Arizona, all gave their congratulations to the new inductee. Al is the new vice president of the NSHF.

With this many people, many things may or may not go according to plan. The tournament directors, Alice Arredondo, Bob Lewis and Al Salazar, thank all the individuals who gave of their time and money into making this the best tournament yet. "Special thanks to Wendell Herbison, Larry Canada, Terry Leahy, Linda Churchman, and Mickey Lewis," they said. "It is unfair to single out just these few individuals, but it would be equally unfair not to give them the recognition they deserve. Also, let us remember our friend and partner, Bill Gibbs."

Summer National Tournament



AUGUST 3-6

- Thursday, Aug. 3: \$5 & \$10 round robins, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 4: Mixed Doubles, \$25 per team, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 5: Singles \$25 entry, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 5: Draw Partners, \$15 per person, 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 6: Bring Partner, \$25 per team, Noon.

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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.

As usual, our co-sponsors will play a major role in funding the more than \$20,000 in expenses involved in putting on the NASC. There are several tiers of sponsorship available -- Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. You can also co-sponsor a board for only \$300.

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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, we expect most of the events to sell out well before the tournament. If you are planning to attend the 11th Annual NASC, don't

procrastinate. Send in your registration form today and 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 us toll-free at 800-380-3033.

As the Puck Turns

By George & Donna Wilber

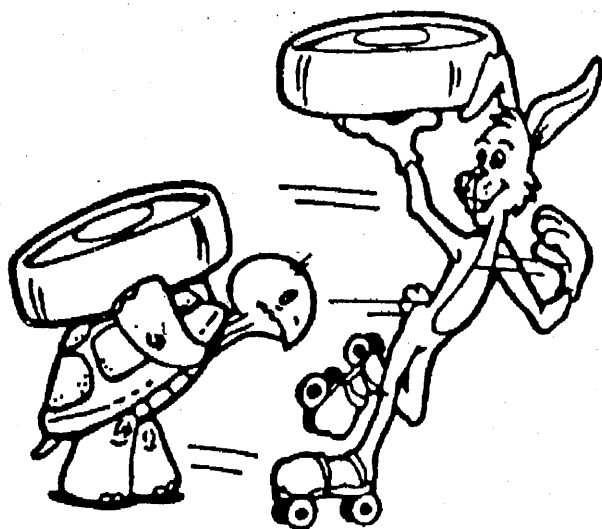
A big Board Talk salute to the Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association for the publication of their first issue of "The Hammer." We were really impressed with the content of this first edition, which will start out on a biannual basis and progress to a quarterly. We were particularly impressed with Secretary Terrie Boothe's column called "Friendship Through Competition." If that's a familiar phrase, it's because it is the motto of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., a faithful advertiser in The Board Talk, month after month, year after year. Terrie related how she had "met" SF President John McDermott via telephone and how he helped her address the problems of setting up a league in the St. Louis area. "What struck me was how friendly and helpful he was," Terrie said. "I was a stranger to him on the other end of a telephone line, yet he treated me as he would an old friend. Then, I saw his advertisement, 'Friendship Through Competition' and I realized why he did what he did.... John's motto has always stuck with me and it has remained one of my favorites...." Thank you, Terrie, for a great testimony to one of our faithful advertisers.

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We join all the Hoosier shufflers in mourning the passing of Bill Wilcoxin. He was one of our favorite shufflers, a good player and a real gentleman. Many of you will remember him from his participation at tournaments, not just in Indiana, but in Del City and Reno. Quiet, determined, you could always count on him to come through. He will be missed.

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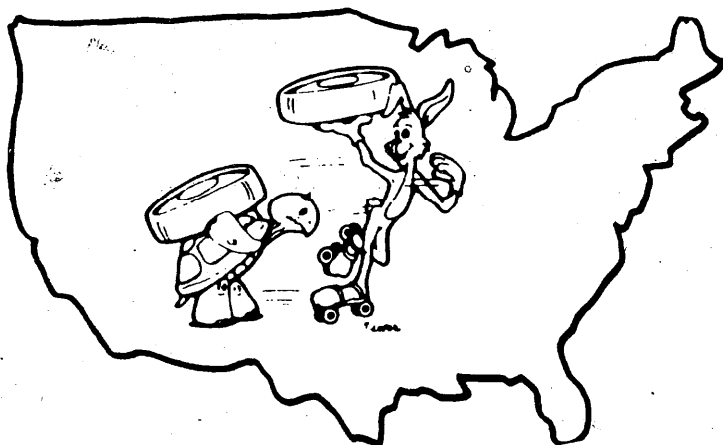
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