

The Board Talk

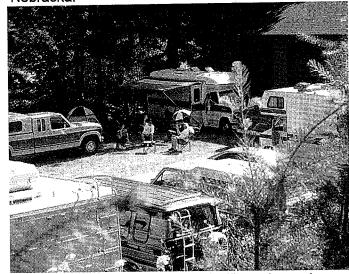
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11th Grand Masters Plus: Another "Very Darrol" Event!

The 11th Annual Grand Masters Plus was held at the Whistling Oyster, Quilcene, Washington, on Aug. 1-6, hosted by Bill Bailey and Sandee VanWagenen. This year's events attracted 75 entries vying for a share of the \$19,000 total pot. In addition to the "regulars," there were a number of new players from Washington and Oregon, plus visitors from Florida, Arizona, California, Idaho and Nebraska.



"The Pit" -- As usual, serious shufflers showed up a week in advance to try out the boards and find a prime spot in the "pit," site of good times and shuffling camaraderie day and night, located behind and below the Whistling Oyster.

Director Bill Bailey called the 11th Grand Masters "a deja vu of the last 10 years....It was a very Darrol year -- again!"

ON THE INSIDE....

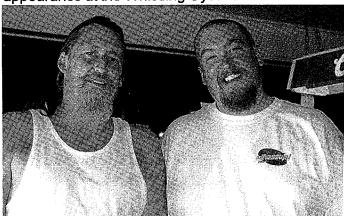
Will a Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame become a reality? See Pages 6-9 Ron & Debbie Bowers, Hal Perry to be honored at North American Shuffleboard Championships. See Pages 5 & 10 Who is the "winningest" player at the Whistling Oyster, 11 years in a row?



None other than the
"Grand Master of
Shuffleboard," Darrol
Nelson of Oregon, with six
out of eight firsts in the
singles and seven out of
eleven in the open doubles
with four different partners.

"Thank you, Darrol, not just for being the greatest shuffleboard player I have ever met in over 20 years, but for being one of the nicest people that Sandee and I have ever had the pleasure to be associated with," said Bill. (Editor's Note: A lot of people agree with that sentiment!)

The kick-off event, an A-B bring partner, started on Tuesday, Aug. 1, with 17 teams competing for close to \$3000. And the winners were Darrol Nelson and his partner, Mickey Byers, in his first appearance at the Whistling Oyster.



A very close second was the team of Loren
Lampley and Jeff Kersting. Loren (left) also shared
top honors in the Grand Masters with Darrol.
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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

feeling she will be the first woman in the National Hall of Fame from the U.S.A. The age limit has been lifted, so.... Congratulations to the best woman player of all time. Hope you have many more years of wins.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

and Diana Hagen, Glen. You have piqued our curiosity and probably many others: whose wedding is happening in Denver in October? Anyone we know?

We share your sentiments about George Ostrum

Manny: Ceylon and Ed

Deserve Induction Sure was sad to hear of Ceylon Davis' passing away. The World of Shuffleboard will surely miss

him (see report in July issue) and he will be missed as an individual. I would certainly second the motion to install him, as well as Ed Estep, into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He certainly did a lot to promote the game. When I held tournaments in the '60s and '70s in the Wagon Wheel at Lake Orion, Michigan, and The Reel Inn at Oxbow Lake, I could depend on seeing Ceylon show up with Ed, J.R., Roger and several more capable players to make Lansing's presence known.

Manny Lane, Pocahantas, Arkansas

We're sure those who are promoting the inductions of these two players will appreciate your letter of support, Manny.

SW Open: A Learning Experience for Butch

I went to school, man! I've played around the top players at the Bourbon tournaments and I learned a (continued on Page 10)

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Glen Congratulates George Ostrum, Diana Hagen...

I was at the Balloon Inn in Arvada for the George Ostrum induction into the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (see feature in July issue). This is a great start for the Colorado SHF -- Bill English and George Ostrum. George has been on the scene for 40 years or more in and around Denver. He came to Oklahoma City with Rick Boyer in the early '80s for the first tourney in this area, then went on down to Fort Worth and Houston for their first tournies. Rick and George won the Houston doubles and his teams have done well in Vegas and Reno. Always a competitor and supporter, a great player from the '50s to 2000, a real pro, always helping others to learn and grow in the game. Congratulations to George Ostrum, a legend in his own time, and thanks to the Colorado people who made his induction happen. I had a great time and I'm going back in October for a big wedding.

Another first happened at this year's Southwest Open. Remember the gal who was inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame? Well, in case any of you out there doubted her, the singles in Del City, the biggest tourney in the U.S.A. and all the pros were there, proved that Diana Hagen is not only the best woman player, but is the top pro also. She finished second at Houston, first at Austin, and now first at the SW Open. I remember Diana in her growing years in the '80s and '90s. She put up her money and played all the top players in Houston. She called them her teachers and now, lo and behold, she will be teaching them, and has for awhile. I have a

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Washington Crowns State Champs 2000

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview hosted the Washington State Shuffleboard Championships on July 14-17. The tournament, played on four boards, featured five events: open singles with graduated entry, open doubles with graduated entry, a ladies' singles, Division II singles and doubles.

The 1999 open singles champ, Larry Pearson, retained his crown for the year 2000. Dan Hitt took second place honors, with Rick Gindt in third.

In the open doubles, it was Don Kerr and Fred Johns taking the 2000 crown. Mel Hohn and Tommy Campbell finished second, with Jeff Kersting and Billy Hagman in third.



In the ladies' singles, Wanda Huffman (left) took the crown, with Kathy Keevil in second place.



Jeanette Henry finished in third place.

In the Div. II singles, Gary Thompson came out on top, with Mike Olson taking second place. Finishing third was Ray Olson.



Mike Olson (left) was in the winner's circle again, taking first place in the Div. II doubles with partner Mike Keevil.

Gary Thompson and Ray Olson teamed up to take second place honors in the Div. II doubles, with Jeff Kersting and Billy Hagman in third.



The weekend tournament was fun for all, as evidenced by these participants.

Under new management, Steve Jones had a great weekend. The Shamrock Tavern has had many tournaments in the past under the previous owner Jerry Berquist. Steve hopes everyone had a great time and hopes to see all the players at the next tournament.

The Nelson/Buhl Doubles are scheduled for Oct. 21-22. For information, call the Shamrock, 360-577-7444.

Shufflers Need Your Good Wishes, Prayers

Please remember the following shufflers with your messages and prayers:

Jimmy Anderson, 2711 A S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803. Many of you remember Jimmy as the popular bartender and caring boardtender at the Dixie Belle in Downey.

Jean Mays (we don't have an address for Jean, who has moved to her daughter's in Montana, but you may send your cards to Jolene Lembke, 11050 Bryant Rd., Sp. 45, Yucaipa CA 92399, and she will forward them to Jean). Jean was one of the top women players in the nation in the '50s and '60s and remained active in shuffleboard until her recent illness.

David Veazey, P.O. Box 336, Van Alstyne, TX 75495. David is often in the winner's circle in Texas tournaments and regional and national events. He underwent surgery on Aug. 8, and we hope to see him in Reno.

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Michigan

MARIE SWEENEY MEMORIAL, MAJESTIC, PONTIAC, SEPT. 15-17

A memorial tournament in honor of Marie Sweeney, who passed away on July 16, will be held at the Majestic Cafe, 156 Oakland, Pontiac, on Sept. 15-17. Marie was one of the four Shuffleboard Sweethearts 2000 highlighted in the February issue, and was inducted into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in April of this year, the first woman player inductee.

Events will include a draw partner, \$20 per person, on Friday; 6 p.m. sale with play immediately following. Pros, 0's and 1's will draw from the remaining players. A 3-person A-B-C draw event is on the agenda for Saturday, \$20 per person entry. A's are pros, 0's and 1's; B's are 2-rated players; and C's are 3 and 4 rated players. Adjustments will be made according to participation. Sale at noon with play immediately following. An open singles will be held on Sunday, \$20 per person entry, with sale at 1 p.m. and play immediately following.

To honor the memory of Marie, 10% of all entries and sales will go to her favorites: Hospice of SE Michigan and the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

For information, call Charlee Magoo, 248-335-2581; or George Wilber, 517-371-2538.

11TH SKIP'S/BOARD TALK FALL BASH, HOUGHTON LAKE, OCT. 13-15

The word was out: because the Wilbers were retiring, there would be no No. 11 of the Skip's/ Board Talk Fall Bash. However, because of popular demand, there will be a No. 11, a month later than usual, with a new tournament director, Bill Kane of Pontiac. So....it's party-time once again in the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland -- Houghton Lake, at that fun place to be -- Skip's Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake.

Tournament action will start on Friday, Oct. 13, with a draw partner (no pros and 0's may draw each other), \$20 per person entry, sponsor sale at 1 p.m. with play immediately following. Single game, double elimination. Depending upon entries, this may be mark 4, play to 15.

An A-B-C draw, \$20 per player, is on the agenda for Saturday (you must be signed up and paid by 10 a.m.). Each 3-person team will have an A, B and C player, with A's serving as captains. Sale at 11 a.m. with play immediately following. Single game, double elimination. A committee will be appointed to designate players in the various categories as fairly as possible, using the Bowers Rating System.

The final event will be an open singles on Sunday, \$40 per player. Sale at noon with play immediately following. Single game, double elimination. Depending upon entries, this may be mark 4, play to 15.

A one-time \$5 registration fee will be charged and will go to bracketeer Rob Kern, who has kept this event running smoothly since No. 1.

For tournament information and/or to save your spot, call director Bill Kane, 248-334-5677. For lodging recommendations, call Skip at 517-422-5631.

Northern Michigan's color should be at its peak, so bring your cameras and/or camcorders.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this weekend of unforgettable shuffleboard fun. Lots of fun for non-playing family members, too!

OPEN DOUBLES AND SINGLES, STOBER'S, LANSING, SEPT. 29-OCT. 1

Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, will host an open singles and doubles on Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner round robin, \$10 per person entry. An open doubles on Saturday, \$50 per team entry, has no restrictions; pro's and 0's may team up. On Sunday, Oct. 1, there will be an open singles, \$20 entry.

"Mexican John" will have food for sale on Saturday and a free food spread will be served on Sunday.

For further tournament information and/or lodging recommendations, contact tournament director Carrie Clifton, 517-482-1190.

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New York

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

The Riverside Tavern, 31 Ausable, Keeseville, will host a three-event Adriondack 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 Adriondacks Region, 30 miles from Lake Placid (Interstate 87 North from Albany to Exit 34. Turn right on 9N - 1/4 mile to South Ausable street, on right).

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

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

<u>Arizona</u>

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

Washington

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

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

There will be an A-B draw partner shootout on Friday night, starting at 7 p.m. sharp. This will be single elimination with a \$20 entry (no sale).

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

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

33RD FALL DOUBLES, AMERICAN LEGION, BOURBON, OCT. 7

The 33rd Annual Fall Doubles will be held at the American Legion Post 424, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, on Oct. 7. The sponsor sale is scheduled for Friday at 8 p.m., with lots of round robin action before and after. This tournament has traditionally attracted players from across the U.S.A., so expect some tough competition.

(Editor's Note: We apologize for the lack of information on this big event. Please call the American Legion, 219-342-8100, for tournament information and/or lodging recommendations.)

BOWERS, PERRY TO BE HONORED AT NASC, RENO

During the North American Shuffleboard Championships, scheduled for Oct. 29-Nov. 5 at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno, the Shuffleboard Federation will honor Ron and Debbie Bowers of Texas and Hal Perry of California with the Sol Lipkin Award. The presentation will be made by Sol Lipkin on Friday, Nov. 3 (tentative time is 7 p.m.)

The Bowers will be recognized for the contributions they have made to the sport through the "Bowers Ratings," which have played a major (continued on Page 10)

A Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame -- Will It Become a Reality?

By George & Donna Wilber



"Yes, it will!" So saith the officers of the Table Shuffleboard Association (from right): President Don Valk of Texas, Vice President Al Salazar of Arizona, Treasurer and CEO Ray Boyett of Florida, and Secretary Lynda French of Texas.

That's their goal, along with fellow directors Larry Creakbaum of Indiana, Bob Hunt and Hal Perry of California, Harvey Kidd of Texas, Louise Freer of Pennsylvania, Dave Arndt and Frank Mako of Washington.

Since the formation of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1995, gaining financial support and input from the general population of The World of Shuffleboard has fallen short of expectations. While state and regional halls of fame gained financial stability and induction activity involvement at the local level, the NSHF struggled to keep its dream alive.

Why? This group of shufflers, newly-elected and/ or re-elected, at the 1999 NASC tournament in Reno, was determined to find the answer.

For several months prior to the SW Open in Del City, Oklahoma, the NSHF urged attendance and participation in its open meeting on July 1, scheduled so it did not conflict with any tournament events. So, who showed up for this opportunity besides your editors? Jack Scott of Texas and Kelye Stites of Champion Shuffleboard Ltd. Many, many others were out in the main shuffleboard rooms at the American Legion Post 73 playing in round robins.

For those who don't care about a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, that's fine. But for those who, in the

past, have shared their concerns and complaints with the person on the next bar stool -- shame on them for passing up this opportunity. They missed the chance to share those concerns/complaints with people who could actually address them.

We learned a lot by attending this meeting. First, the directors are a reflection of The World of Shuffleboard. They are shufflers, ranging in skill from pros through 2's. Second, they truly care about those they represent on this decision-making body. Third, integrity and financial responsibility are common goals of these directors. The professional approach they took to address the difficult challenges ahead was heartening.

A Review of Important Action

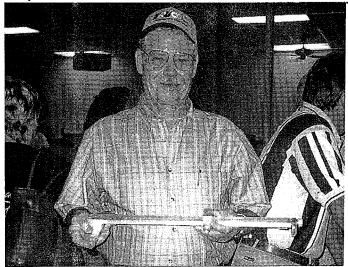
As reported in the August issue, the most significant action was a majority vote to immediately change the name of NSHF to "Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)" This change was made to address a conflict: The "Shuffleboard Hall of Fame" and "Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Museum" is already being used and registered by the deck/floor shuffleboard association/organization which has an international membership of over 25,000 members. The primary function of the TSA remains the same -- identifying and recognizing "Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame" individual inductees.

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

In other action, the directors voted to accept the offer of Kelye Stites of Champion Shuffleboard Ltd., Richland Hills, Texas, for space at his facility for a Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Museum. The TSA Board will help set up the museum and all donations and contributions from the shuffleboard community are needed!

Indiana Hall of Fame Sets Example

The Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame presented two donations to the TSA during the Southwest Open. One was from its 1st Hoosier Hall of Fame Classic, held on June 23-25. The other was a share of proceeds from the auction of a classy "idiot-proof" t-square designed, manufactured and donated by Emmett Wilcox, the first inductee into the Indiana Hall of Fame. Milford Parker of Oklahoma was the highest bidder (hard to outbid Milford!).



The proud owner of the Wilcox t-square is Milford Parker, who loaned it to Southwest Open officials several times during the tournament, once to determine whose "4" was ahead!

Other recent donations include one from Bonnie English, widow of Bill English, the first inductee into the Colorado Hall of Fame. Another generous donation was made by a supportive player who requested that his name not be published.

Any business, company, tournament director, and/or individual shuffler that wish to donate to the TSA, should mail their contributions to: Table Shuffleboard Association Board of Directors, c/o Secretary Lynda P. French, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin TX 78729-6436.

Who's Who on the TSA Board

To introduce you to the people who represent you on the TSA, we are starting a series of biographical sketches of those who serve on its board of directors. In this issue, we present President Don Valk and Directors Larry Creakbaum, Bob Hunt, and Dave Arndt,

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Before his retirement, Don served as a telephone technician for Lucent Technologies. His family includes wife Linda, daughters Velisa and Shann, and grandson Josh.

Don has been playing shuffleboard for 35 years and is most remembered for directing the U.S. Open Shuffleboard Tournament in Austin, Texas, from 1986 through 1991.

In 1993, he was awarded The Shuffleboard

Federation's Sol Lipkin Award in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the advancement of shuffleboard. What makes this particular award so meaningful is that is it not handed out on an annual basis, but awarded only to those people who have made "extraordinary" contributions, like the person for whom it was named -- Sol Lipkin, the first inductee into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1996 at the age of 90.



With proud wife Linda at his side, Don accepted the prestigious Sol Lipkin Award in 1993.

In 1999, Don's contributions to shuffleboard were recognized by his peers when he was inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

His personal goals for the Table Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame: "Induct more of the old and almost forgotten players from 1920-1950's. Make sure that when people think of the Hall of Fame, it is with complete trust and respect." And how does he think this goal will be achieved? "More visability and contact with the shuffleboard community at tournaments and through The Board Talk and web sites."

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Larry serves as director of aviation engineering at Mid-States Engineering. In that role, he assists communities with airport improvement projects. His family includes wife Patti and sons Eddie, Matthew and Ryan. His passion, other than shuffleboard, is Purdue football.

He saw his first board when he was 14 in Mentone, Indiana, and threw weights until the bartender caught him. He started play in 1955 in Warsaw and Lafayette, Ind., and competed in his (continued on Page 8) **TSA's Who's Who** (cont. from Page 7) first tournament in 1958 in North Webster, Ind. Since then, he has participated (and often won) in countless state, regional and national tournaments.



Larry earned his handle, "Red Baron," when he flew north to the Board Talk/Skip's annual fall bash in Houghton Lake, Michigan, and often took home the trophies.

In 1999, Larry and his long-time friend and partner, Jim Long, were inducted into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Larry's hopes for the future of the TSA Hall of Fame: "To have our own building for display of artifacts and memorabilia." And what's needed to meet that goal? "Funding!" His home state is helping to achieve that goal, and that



speaks well for his representation on the TSA.

Director Bob Hunt 380 Cedar River Way Sacramento, California 95831

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Bob owns and operates a firm, R & H Financial Services, Inc., specializing in accounting for business and personal income tax preparation. He and his wife, Vickie, who is also a shuffler, have five children and six grandchildren. In addition to his career as a shuffleboard pro player, he is also a golfer.

For over 30 years, Bob has participated in shuffleboard as a league member, session player and tournament player. There are few major tournaments where you won't find his name among the winner's circle list, whether it's in his home state of California or Arizona, Texas, Nevada and Oklahoma.

He was one of the "founding fathers" of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1995 and served as treasurer and CEO for four years.



Bob and partner Mary Koteras finished second in the Houston Holiday Open bring partner event in 1997, one of his many wins in a major tournament.

Bob has several personal goals for the TSA Hall of Fame: "(1) maintain the primary purpose of honoring great players and others who have contributed to the game; (2) a permanent location to house artifacts open to the public; (3) perpetuity; (4) recognition as a national and international organization; and (5) to serve the shuffleboard community at large in order to result in continued growth of the game."

And what does he think is needed to make those lofty goals a reality? "Strong organization with a board of directors that possesses both energy and vision for the future; the current board is well on its way!"

Director Dave Arndt 6038 S. Bell St. Tacoma, Washington 98408 Phone: 253-474-7889 E-Mail: davethewizard@webtv.net

After 20 years with the Hoquiam, Washington, Sanitation Department, Dave retired and took up playing pro shuffleboard. He has been married to Bobbi for 10 years and in January, they renewed their vows in Kauai. He has one daughter and granddaughter who live in Maine. In addition to shuffleboard, Dave is a Reiki Master and Laser Reiki Master, which has to do with healing people (many shufflers have taken advantage of Dave's talents in this field). He also has a collection of exotic plants and refinishes antiques.

Dave has been playing shuffleboard for 38 years, ran a league for eight years, and was treasurer of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association for two years. He has participated in many state, regional and national tournaments and won his share.



Dave in the winner's circle with elite Pacific Northwest greats Darrol Nelson, Doug Buhl and Mike Thorpe.

A severe and painful neck injury has kept Dave from playing much in the past three years, but thanks to Reiki, it is now healed and he looks forward to participating in upcoming Pacific Northwest tournaments, as well as the NASC in Reno.

His personal goals for the Hall of Fame: "I just want to help as much as possible to further the game and make the Hall of Fame something to be proud of."

More TSA Who's Who Profiles in the next issue!

Induction Guidelines Adopted

Do you have someone you think is worthy of induction into the Table Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame? If so, consider the inductee guidelines contained in the TSA by-laws which were adopted by the board of directors at its Del City meeting:

- (1) Each candidate must have a petition signed by at least 20 individuals from a state or larger area. (There may be exceptions made by the board of directors to the 20 signature guideline, i.e., if the individual player or contributor to the sport is from a priorgeneration where acquiring 20 individual supporting signatures that personally knew the prior generation individual(s) may not be possible.)
- (2) The signed petitions shall be delivered to the office of the board of directors (c/o Lynda French, Secretary, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729-6436) at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting of the board of directors.
- (3) The office of the board of directors will send a copy of candidate nominations to each member of the board at least 10 days before the annual meeting.
- (4) The board of directors shall vote on candidates at the annual meeting and by a majority

- of the board that are present or pre-authorized proxy shall select candidates.
- (5) In the event of a tie vote that cannot be resolved, the candidate will not be selected. Any/all unselected candidates will be kept on file for at least three years and may be reconsidered by the board of directors at a later date.
- (6) No more than five candidates shall be inducted in any calendar year.
- (7) There are four catgories for which an individual might be considered for induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame: Player, Promoter, Sponsor, Honorary. An individual may be considered for induction based upon one or more of these categories.
- (8) Induction by this process into the TSA Hall of Fame shall be final and forever with honor and without prejudice.

Template documents and instructions for submitting an inductee nomination may be acquired from TSA Secretary Lynda French, lynda@jump.net or log onto:

http://www.jump.net/~ronbowers/ TSA_NOMINATION_REGS.htm (Editor's Note: these are guidelines for induction into the TSA Hall of Fame. The TSA is interested in the criteria used by state/regional Halls of Fame for local induction. Send that information to TSA Secretary Lynda French and/or The Board Talk.)

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lot. But to "live" one week with all the pros at the SW Open made me a lot better. I talked with Carlos Guzman; he said: don't go for it all -- lag for 2 and let it slide for a 3 or 4. Or when Bob Shaw had me do a shot and it worked! Pro Dan Hitt says to me -- always listen to the pros. Or when I was down 0 to 7 and someone said to me: "Come on, Butch!" and I looked around and it was the Texas Tornado. My game went up and I went from 0 to 7 to 15 to 10!. When teachers gave me some kind of advice, it helps!

If you want to be a pro, you've got to go to school in July at the Southwest Open....

P.S.: I hope the new publishers will help writers like me with crossing the t's and dotting the i's.

Butch Thomas, Noblesville, Indiana

The experienced players and pros have no idea how much their advice and encouragement mean to eager students like you, Butch, and they deserve your recognition. As far as the new publishers are concerned, when they come on board, you will find them just as accommodating as we are. Your grammar, spelling and punctuation may need a little editing, but nobody writes with more "heart" than you do -- and that's what is really important!

As the Puck Turns By George & Donna Wilber

We have received a number of calls of concern regarding our "retirement" and the impending change of ownership. We assure you that there is no reason for concern.

First, the negotiations for the change of ownership are still underway. Until agreement is reached, it's business as usual. Keep sending your tournament reports, contributions to Notebook, Upcoming Events, advertisements and subscriptions to the current owners.

Second, you have trusted us for nearly 17 years. Trust us now that we will not turn the reins of The Board Talk over to anyone who does not share our philosophy of service to The World of Shuffleboard. We feel we have made the right choice and know you will, too. The transition period will be slow and easy and we ask you to "go with the flow."

You will see changes -- no doubt about it -- and they will be good changes, good for you as individual shufflers and good for the sport of shuffleboard. In the near future, we will introduce you to the people who will be serving you as owners

and editors of The Board Talk. We think you'll like them.

We sincerely appreciate all the messages of appreciation and good wishes from our faithful supporters. We cherish them! They make the past 17 years more than worthwhile..... Some of you have said: "Nobody can do it like you do." Very possibly true. But consider...maybe they can do it better! That is our hope....and we're confident they will. If you treat them with the same respect, support and caring you have extended to us, we KNOW they will....

G&D

Upcoming Events (cont. from Page 5) role in the growth of amateur shuffleboard, the backbone of the sport.

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Details on the NASC and registration forms are in the enclosed flyer. Please note that entries postmarked after Sept. 10 are subject to a \$5 penalty for registration and for each event entered. All participants must be registered guests of the Sands Regency Hotel Casino.

More information is available on the tournament website: www.nasc2000.com, or by calling The Shuffleboard Federation at 800-380-3033.

HARVEY'S SETS 2000-2001 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule of upcoming events at Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, is enclosed. Please post it on your bulletin board or refrigerator to remind you not to miss any of the action.

You will note that the first upcoming tournament is scheduled for Oct. 6-7. Events include a draw partner on Friday night, Oct. 6, an open singles on Saturday morning, and a bring partner on Saturday afternoon.

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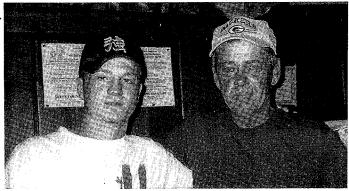
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Cottrell/Auten Tops in \$\$\$\$\$ No. 3; Play-Off on Tap

The third in the 2000 Super Slammin' Summer Sunday Shuffleboard series was held at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing, Michigan on Aug. 13. The \$\$\$\$\$ series was sponsored by three Michigan shuffleboard establishments: Stober's Cocktail Lounge, Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, and the Club Car Lounge in Durand. The participating teams had to have a handicap of 2 (Bowers Rating System) and \$5 of the entry fees for each tournament was set aside for a playoff. Only those who committed to the complete series are eligible for the playoffs.



The happy pair of winners in No. 3: Carrie Cottrell and Steve Auten of Pontiac.



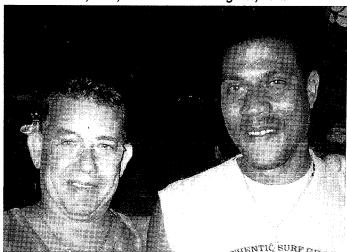
Taking second place honors were Alonzo Cottrell and Jerry Hershman, also of Pontiac.



Rich Lilly and Ron Bown of Lansing finished third.



In the Saturday singles, winners were (from left): Alonzo Cottrell (disputing Steve's hand single), 1st; Steve Auten, 2nd; and John Addington, 3rd.



While Stober's regulars Carlos Capote and Roberto Ravelo didn't place in the \$\$\$\$ No. 3, they are eligible for the playoffs, scheduled for the Club Car Lounge on Sept. 3.

Two Indiana players, Beef Camp and Gene McCleod, will participate in the playoffs. A singles, \$20 entry, open to everyone, will be held at the Club Car Lounge on Labor Day. For information, call tournament director Dennis Bittner, 517-288-9910.



When hubby Bill was hospitalized, regular Stober's tournament director, Carrie Clifton, wasn't available for Saturday's singles. so

Theresa Stephens and Carolyn Perry of Pontiac stepped in to help Board Talk George, for which he was very grateful (since wife Donna has "retired"). If you'd like to send good wishes to Bill for a speedy recovery, mail to: Bill Clifton, 16 Mary Drive, Lansing, MI 48906.

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	#		-	Bracket	
Tuesday	1	3pm	Pro/Am Draw (-1's cannot draw together)	-1, 0, 1	\$50
12/26	2	3pm	Amateur Draw	2, 3, 4	\$30
Wednesday	3	Noon	6 Person Draft Team. 3 of 5 Double Elimination	All	\$50 each
12/27			Must play all players by 3 rd game. (2 boards)		
Thursday	4	Noon	4 Person Bring Team - Add to3 (1 Pro)	-1, 0, 1,2, 3	\$400/Team
12/28			2 of 3 Double Elimination		
	5	Noon	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 10	2, 3, 4, 5	\$160/Team
			2 of 3 Double elimination		
Friday	6	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Add to 0	All	\$300
. 12/29	7	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Add to 4	1, 2, 3	\$100
	8	Noon	2 Person Bring Partner - Add to 6	2, 3, 4	\$60
Saturday	9	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	-1, 0, 1	\$300/200/100
12/30		İ	2 of 3 Double Elimination		
	10	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	1, 2, 3	\$120/80/40
	11	11am	Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees	3, 4, 5	\$30/20/10
Sunday			Completion of Events 9, 10 & 11 if needed		
12/31		ļ	New Years Eve Special Event		Open play
			Party with Favors and Hors D'ouvres (9pm)		until 7pm
	12	7pm	Blind Draw - Single Elimination - No auction	-1 0, 1, 2	\$50
	13	7pm	Blind Draw - Single Elimination - No auction	3, 4, 5	\$10

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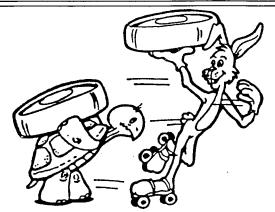
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<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	Entry Fee	Entries Limited				
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$ 10	40				
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Open Singles	\$15	40				
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
THANKSGIVING SHOOTOUT								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$10	40				
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
HOLIDAYCLASSIC								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$10	40				
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
. EAST COAST WINTER TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$10	40				
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
MASON DIXON CLASSIC								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$ 10	40				
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
SPRING WARMUP								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$10	40				
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP								
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner	\$10	40				
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Open Singles	\$15	40				
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None				
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Taylor/French Win Taz Country 12-Week "Crunch" Tournament Finals

By Lynda French

Ron and Debbie Bowers hosted a 12-week "Crunch" at Taz Country, Pflugerville, Texas, which started on Saturday, April 29, with qualified player playoffs/finals on Saturday, Aug. 12. The 16 players who accumulated the most points during this time frame were qualified to play in the Aug. 12 final champion playoffs. Teams were determined by open draw of the 16 qualified players and teams were: Lynda French and Kevin Arifa of Austin, Don Valk and Ron Bowers of Austin, Tina Wade, Austin, and Ronnie McMahan, Canyon Lake, Glen Bennight and Tony Howard of Austin, Randy Rogers of Austin and Rick McFarland of Canyon Lake, Debbie Bowers and Holly Nance of Austin, Gene Criminger and Larry Nance of Austin.

Team winners were: Mike Taylor and Tom French (sponsored by Gene Criminger), 1st; Lynda French and Kevin Arifa (sponsored by Tony Howard), 2nd; and Randy Rogers and Rick McFarland (sponsored by Lynda French), 3rd.

Many thanks to tournament directors Ron and Debbie Bowers, and Taz Country owners Gene and Sarah Criminger, for another wonderful Texas shuffleboard event!

The Crunch tournaments encourage all players, regardless of ratings, to participate in the 12 events that lead up to the point qualification to play the finals. Each Saturday of play added \$50 to the final pot, plus the sponsor sales and entry fees. Players get 1 point for each Saturday of play; 2 points if they play and take second place; 3 points if they play and take first place. So, points determine the qualification for the final event and this encourages players of all skill levels to participate.

The details of how this type of event is scheduled can be viewed at:

http://www.jump.net/~ronbowers/tazcrunch2000.htm.

(Editor's Note: Congratulations to Taz Country, and the three Michigan shuffleboard establishments -- Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing, Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, and Club Car Lounge in Durand [see Page 12] -- for hosting events that encourage players of all skill levels to compete. A special Board Talk salute to directors Ron and Debbie Bowers in Texas and Dennis Bittner in Michigan for developing the formats.)

Pinkston/Walden Win in Arkansas

Out-of-state visitors took top dollars in a round robin hosted by the Razorback Inn, Pocahontas, Arkansas, in June.



In the first round robin, Dean Pinkston (left) of Houston, Missouri, took top honors, with Manny Lane in second place.

Steve Lindsey took third place.



In the second round robin, Harvey Walden (the guy with the money) of Memphis, Tennessee, was first. Manny Lane (the guy without the money) took second again.

"As you can see, I'm still a pretty good secondrate player," said Manny, who was an active shuffleboard promoter in Michigan for many years before he "retired" to Arkansas (see Shufflers' Notebook).

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Grand Masters (continued from Page 1)

Mike Waters and Terry Woodward finished third in the A-B bring partner.

The A-B-C draw was held on Wednesday with nearly \$1,000 in prize money. The winners were Mike Waters' team with Alvin Orcutt and Paulette McKinney. Taking second place honors was the team of Chuck Norris, Gwyn Orsi and Jane Reddinger.

There were 25 players vying for a cut of the \$4700 pot in the two singles event, which started on Thursday afternoon and finished on Friday. In the open singles, it was (guess who!) Darrol Nelson taking top honors. Also finishing in the money was Loren Lampley, 2nd; Doug Buhl, 3rd; and Al Pease, 4th.



Taking first place in the Div. II singles was Mickey Byers (left) of Oregon, shown with sponsor Don Stallsworth. Mickey also took first in the A-B bring partner event with Darrol Nelson.



Bob Hurst (left) took second-place honors and Bill Walker (right), shown with director-host Bill Bailey, finished third.



Terry Woodward took fourth in the Div. II singles.

The mixed doubles started on Friday evening with 18 teams and \$2550 to be divided up between the top four.



Winners of the mixed doubles were Al Pease and Junelle Schrum.

Darrol Nelson and Paulette McKinney took second place honors.



Mike Waters and Cheri Schrum took third place. Mike also took third in the A-B bring partner with Terry Woodward, and his team finished first in the A-B-C draw.



Larry Pearson and Gwyn Orsi took fourth place. Larry also finished second with partner Chuck Norris in the Grand Masters.

Saturday -- the BIG day -- and the final event of this week-long event starts: The Grand Masters! Because of the small field of entries in the Div. Il event, it was agreed to run them together with a graduated entry. When the smoke cleared, it was Darrol Nelson and Loren Lampley who claimed the 2000 Grand Masters crown. It was no easy feat;

they had to double-dip Larry Pearson and Chuck Norris to put them in second place.

Others who took a share of the \$7700 pot were: Doug Buhl and Mike Thorpe, 3rd; Mike Waters and Vern Gonzales, 4th; Les Burt and Alvin Orcutt, 5th; Jim Foran and Doug DeBois, 6th.

"We hope everybody had a good time," said Bill Bailey. "I want to say a special thanks to Terry Woodward, Vincent (Moses) Bell and Gary Middleton for the extra mile. Also thanks to our staff and the others who pitched in to make this another successful tournament. I hope we can do it again."



Barry McClean and Kathy Ring of Florida made the local newspaper when a reporter stopped at the Whistling Oyster to cover the tournament.



California visitors Jim Olson and Lorraine Bingham chat with Art Eliff from Oregon.



Then, there were the "party girls" -- Dru Ensworth, Tina Olson and Norma DuBois.

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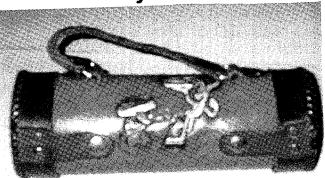
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(Editor's Note: In the last episode, Shelli and Eddie were unsuccessful in the search for their swimsuits, discarded during a passionate interlude in the ocean in front of their honeymoon resort. Just how were they going to get to their suite without being seen in their naked state?)

Shelli and Eddie were trapped (due to their nakedness) in the shallow water just off the beach, trying to figure out a way to get past all the people that were between them and their suite at the resort. They finally got a chance to sneak up onto the moonlit shore. As luck would have it, after a short search, they spotted an oversize beach towel that one of the swimmers had probably left there while they took a dip.

They found that if they each put an arm around the other and squeezed as close as they could, the towel almost reached around the two of them. At first, the plan was to try and sneak around the back of the resort and take the elevator up to their suite. Just about the time they had worked their way to the side of the building, a dreadful thought hit both of them at the same time. They had put the plastic room key in Eddie's swimsuit pocket (which by now had probably drifted halfway to France)!

Their next move was obvious. They pulled the towel closer around them and headed back to the front entrance. As they entered and made their way toward the front desk, they knew they were being noticed by some of the patrons. Their appearance really wasn't that unusual, though -- just another young couple cuddling up in a large beach towel.

The counter man was just about to hand them their key (after they had given a brief explanation) when, out of nowhere, a giant figure of a man appeared right behind them. He spoke quickly: "There was a lot of moonlight out there tonight and I saw you two steal that towel you're wearing. I don't know what's going on with you two -- and don't want to. Just hand me over my beach towel NOW, or I'll just be taking it back myself!"

Eddie tried to begin an explanation, but the big guy wasn't having any of it. In one motion, he grabbed the towel away from Eddie and Shelli -- leaving them stark naked! Then the guy (with a huge grin on his face) and his towel very quickly disappeared out the front door.

Needless to say, the room instantly became alive with "oohs" and "ahs" and "wows" from all around. A couple of the older ladies announced

that they were going to faint. The counter man was still holding their key. His eyes were bulging out and his face was a bright red color. Finally Eddie hollered out in his loudest voice: "For God's sake, man, give me the damn key!" The counter man seemed to momentarily come to his senses then, and in a jerky motion held out the key.

The two of them tried to cover themselves as best they could as they made a beeline for the stairs. They figured that would be the least conspicuous way to get to their suite. They bolted up the stairs at record-breaking speed, and finally found their floor. They peeked around a bit before entering the hallway. It looked clear. They only had one turn to make and their suite was just around that corner.

They decided to just make a mad dash for it, and get inside those rooms before anything else happened. They started running, but just as they rounded the hallway turn -- they ran right into a couple of people they really didn't expect to see right then!

--TO BE CONTINUED--

Who? Who? Who could it be? Sorry, folks, you'll have to wait (just like we do) until next month! Balboa Ron sure has a great technique to keep us hanging in suspense, and it brings in a number of renewals from subscribers who don't want to miss the next episode..... Maybe we ought to try that with tournament reports: "And the winners were -- to be continued next month." No? Guess not!

Changes to "Play Your Way"

Please make the following additions/changes to your "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing which was published in the June issue:

California -- Add to ET's Sports Lounge, Temecula: Phone number, 909-677-0400 and ask for Ted Z.

Oregon -- Change telephone area codes for Tolo Tavern, 99 Tavern, and Eagles Lodge 2093 from 503 to 541. (Thanks, Art Elliff!)

PLEASE, if you are a subscriber shuffleboard location, check the latest listing and let us know of any changes. Shufflers use this list in their travels and it's frustrating when they dial the wrong number. We know there have been a number of area code changes, but we have no way of knowing which ones. Help us help our travelling shufflers!



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Sept. 16

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Sept. 16-17

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Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

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<u>OCTOBER</u>

Oct. 6-8

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Oct. 7-8

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Oct. 29-Nov. 5

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Nov. 11

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Nov. 11-12

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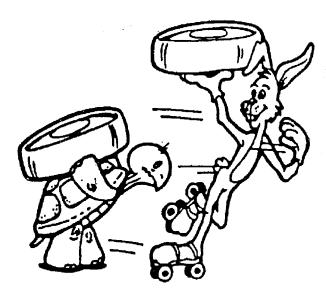
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