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Southwest Open 2001 -- Tops Prior Records!

July 1- 7, 2001

American Legion Post #73

Del City, OK

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- ✓ Bill Melton Was the "Overall" Shining Star! 🌟
- ✓ Father/Son (Bill & Billy Melton) split 1st and 2nd Prize in Pro Singles, but "Daddy" takes 1st Place Trophy as the undefeated winner's bracket champion!
- ✓ Len Webster Takes MVP Points 2nd Consecutive Year! (3's MVP in 2000; 2's MVP in 2001 - Congrats, Len!)
- ✓ Len Webster Makes Awesome Win Shot In Team Event Match [Down and desperate (9-14) he splits a 3 into two 4's on his hammer to win the team's match when he *ONLY* needed 6 points <grin>, but got 8 points! This enabled their team to play the rubber match - which they also won, by the way!]
- ✓ 71 Year Young Mearl Dodson wearing his classic bib overalls places 4th in Div. II Singles, taking only seconds to make each shot! [See Page 10]
- ✓ Record Player Participation - 282 Registered Participants from 18 unique States & Canada!

Don Crall and his tournament staff and the American Legion staff did another outstanding job of putting on a great tournament, managing to run smoothly in scheduling so many events with 282 registered participants on 31 shuffleboards. Players, friends, family, and spectators flocked in from at least 18 different states (AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MI, MO, NE, OH, OK, OR, TN, TX, WA) and Canada.

There was continuous play and lots of fun had by all! When each event started tapering down to the playoffs or completion, the round robins kicked in - keeping the play going throughout the entire tournament. The staff did a commendable job (as usual) and the service and food was fantastic too!

Points were accumulated throughout the events and the players of each skill rated category (based upon number of total point wins) receiving the SW Open 2001 Championship status were:

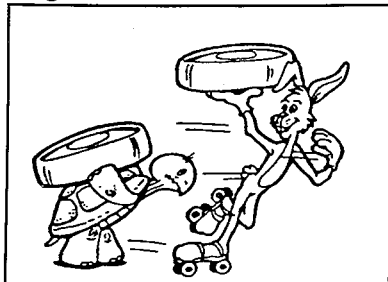
- Overall Champion - Bill Melton, OK
- '-1' (Pro) Champion - Bill Melton, OK
- '0' Champion - Mike Taylor, TX
- '1' Champion - John Kosiske, MI
- '2' Champion - Len Webster, NE
- '3-5' Champion - Mike Boulanger, TX ('3')

Congratulations to all of the above SW Open 2001 Champions! Well deserved honors!

And there was more than shuffleboard ... The Del City Police Department, Officer John Beech, Don Crall, and the Special Olympics athletes wish to extend a big thank you to all of those that donated to the "Special Olympics" during the tournament. Donations totaled \$1,044.90. Many thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause at the tourney!

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Jimmy "The Cop" Kumpula & Olga Shuffle at Ko Ko Mo in Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico!

Olga and I recently returned from a week in Marida, Mexico. We have been there several times and enjoy it there. While staying at the Gran Hotel they had a tourist guide magazine explaining many day trips in the area. Progreso, the beach town nearby, was mentioned and the KO-KO-MO beach resort was advertised as having table shuffleboard.

The next day after arriving, we took an early bus to Progreso to check out the first board I ever heard of in Mexico. We took a cab from Progreso to the KO-KO-MO and was surprised to find a brand new 22' Champion shuffleboard!

The owner of the resort, Larry Cannon and wife Carol Smith, came out to the bar area to meet us. Larry and I looked at each other and both said simultaneously... "Seems I've met you before."

Larry and I recalled meeting several years ago in Pensacola, Florida where Larry was a vendor in the area and had 3 shuffleboards at a bar on Pensacola Beach.

We met only once before this time and we realized this sure is a small world! We visited and tried the board out and it was an excellent board. We sat and talked awhile over some cool drinks. I am enclosing a brochure. [Editor's Comment: See Page 16 for scan of part of the brochure provided by Jimmy the "Cop"] -- By: Jimmy the "Cop", FL

-- ATTENTION --

GOOD-BYE "RED CHECK"! Due to a change in publishers and a new process required to print and ship this monthly publication, the "RED CHECK" expiration notice is NO LONGER used (since Dec.

2000 issue). Your subscription EXPIRATION DATE is on the back cover (top of address line.) Please use the FORM inside back cover to renew TIMELY to avoid missing any issues!

(See Page 29 for more detailed information)

Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

The Race is on:

Board Talk

Subscribers

Top #12 out of 36 States



Periodically, the prior The Board Talk Editors (George and Donna Wilber) tallied the subscriber base by state (based upon each state's number of subscribers) and updated the Top #6 on the back page. Several states have had some aggressive promotions to introduce new subscribers to The Board Talk and have helped ensure that current subscribers renew timely... those efforts are definitely reflected in this semi-annual update in this issue (**Congrats to INDIANA! Moved up to #4!**)

As of July 14th, the tally (no chads found!) reflects the following states' ranking status:

- #1 --Texas (leads California by 53 subscribers)
- #2 --California (leads Michigan by 40 subscribers)
- #3 --Michigan (leads Indiana by 6 subscribers)
- #4 --Indiana (leads Oklahoma by 2 subscribers)
- #5 --Oklahoma (leads Washington by 2 subscribers)
- #6 --Washington (leads Missouri by 6 subscribers)
- #7 --Missouri (leads Nebraska by 6 subscribers)
- #8 --Nebraska (leads Arizona by 6 subscribers)
- #9 --Arizona (leads New York by 5 subscribers)
- #10--New York (leads Oregon by 4 subscribers)
- #11--Oregon (leads FL/CO by 2 subscribers)
- #12--Florida/Colorado tied (PA/MD only 2 behind)

We were totally amazed to see how close the Top #12 current rankings are and how easily the Top #6 may change again by year end. The Top #6 rankings have already changed on this issue (see back cover) and some are in almost a dead heat! We plan to tally and update the rankings again in December 2001. So, we thought our subscribers would find this tally (very close!) of interest too. Be in the **TOP #6** by the January 2002 issue after the December re-tally is completed!

-- T & L, Editors

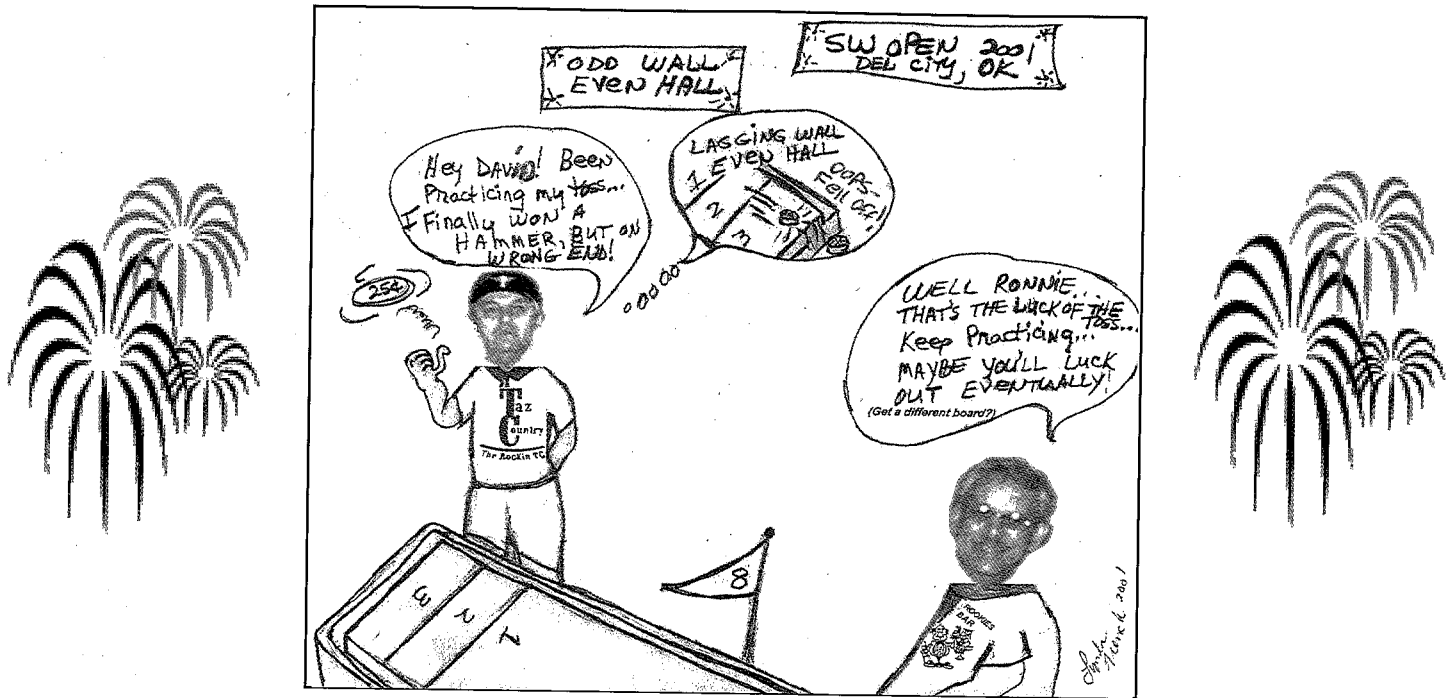
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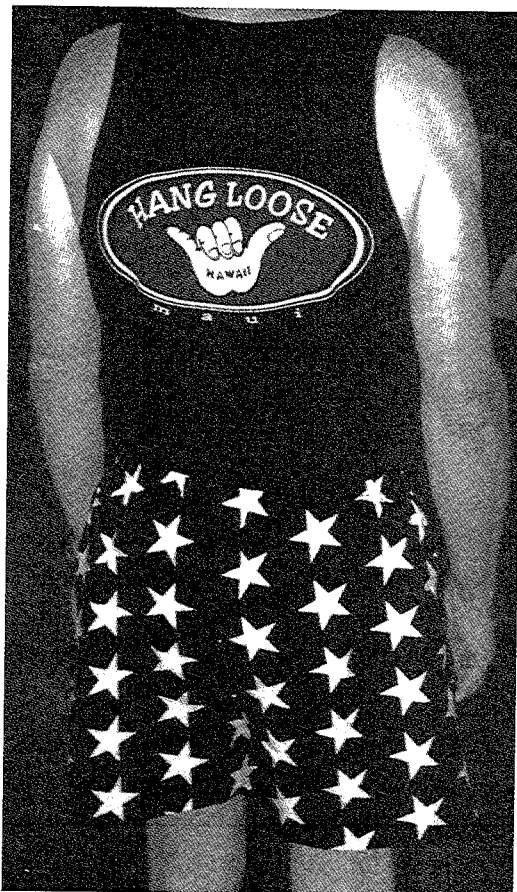
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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

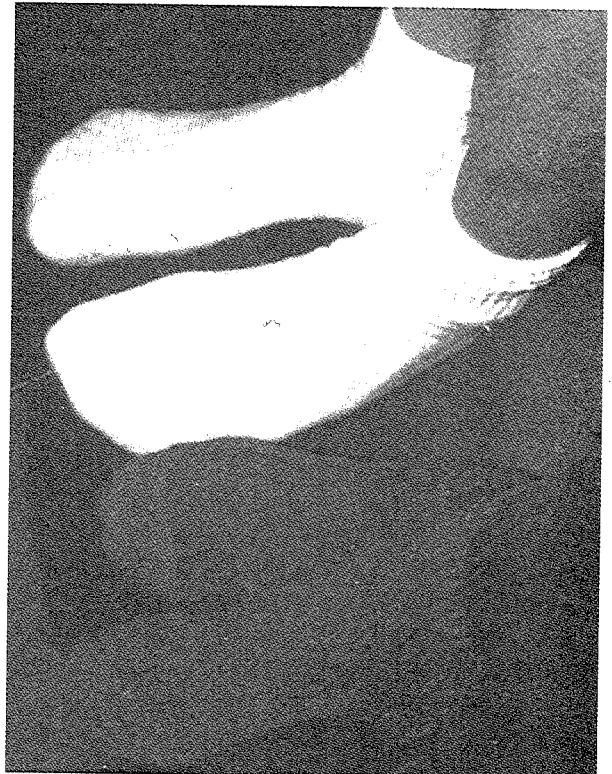
Humor Series #9 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures



BELOW: Would you say this was the best dressed SW Open player on the 4th of July? (Guess Who?)



BELOW: Best dressed feet, taking a rest between play by propping feet together on a chair? Now who are these two that always play in socks (no shoes)? (Hint: white socks/male; dark socks/female)



(SW Open Humor - Continued on Page 22)

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

New York

NATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT DEW DROP INN AUGUST 2-5, 2001

Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York will be hosting their next "National Shuffleboard Tournament" on August 2-5th.

Thursday, August 2nd will kick off the tournament at 7 PM with \$5 and \$10 Round Robins. Friday at 6 PM will be the Mixed Doubles. Saturday at 9 AM will be the Singles and then at 4 PM the Draw Partner event. Sunday starting at 12 Noon will be the Bring Partner event. We hope to see many players attend this tournament and look forward to seeing everyone! For more information, contact Tracie Fridley of Dew Drop Inn at: 315-539-5729. -- *Submitted by: Tracie Fridley, NY*

Texas

TAZ COUNTRY MDA BENEFIT TOURNEY TAZ COUNTRY AUGUST 10-12, 2001



Taz Country, 1406 FM 1825, Pflugerville (North Austin area) on August 10-12. Friday will start out with an A-B Draw (single game/single elimination; \$20/entry; Taz Country will donate \$2/player to the MDA; no sponsor sale on Friday) starting at 8 PM. There is a \$10 one-time registration fee for the Saturday event that will be donated to the MDA. Saturday and Sunday events will have sponsor sales and will be single game/double elimination format. Saturday is A-B-C Draw starting at 1 PM (Entry Fee: A's \$30; B's \$20; C's \$10 and payout will be A's 50%; B's 33%; C's 17%). There will be a \$5/person buffet and special drink prices. Sunday is an A-B Draw starting at 1 PM (\$30 Entry Fee; Taz Country will donate \$2 per player to MDA.)

Taz Country has 5 in-house boards and there will be at least one challenge board available at all times during this tourney. For more information, contact Ron or Debbie Bowers (512-835-7256 or email: ronbowers@jump.net) or Taz Country Owners, Gene & Sarah Criminger (512-990-5526)

Missouri

2nd ANNUAL ALL LADIES' AMATEUR TOURNAMENT EAGLES F.O.E. 3911 AUG. 17-18, 2001



The Eagles Lodge F.O.E. 3911, 6954 Hwy. 63, Houston, Missouri is hosting the "2nd Annual All Ladies' Amateur Shuffleboard Tournament" on August 17-18th. The two events will be played on two boards and additional boards will be available for the men to play on the other side of the lodge. All proceeds will go to the MSPA. Bowers Ratings 2001 to be used. Registration Fee \$5.00.

Friday, Aug. 17th, will be an OPEN DRAW (single game/double elimination) starting at 8 PM (open practice starts at 6 PM) with a \$10 Entry Fee.

Saturday, Aug. 18th, will be a BRING PARTNER (single game/double elimination/must equal 3 or more) starting at 12:00 NOON with a \$40/team Entry Fee (club will be open at 10:00 AM).

All come to join the fun! Good food, door prizes, and lots of fun for all! For more information contact: Rick Pittman, 417-967-2226; Charles Riley, 417-967-4394; Tony Leier, 417-967-2715; or the Eagles Lodge 417-967-2169.

Indiana

BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER



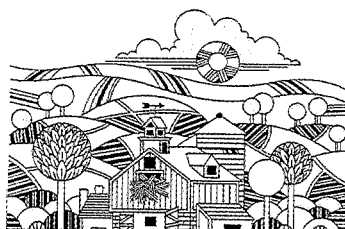
AUG. 18 and SEPT. 15, 2001

Hog House Lounge, 203 N. Meridan, Ingalls, Indiana is hosting two more *Bring Your Own Partner* events on August 18 and September 15, 2001 (the first two were already hosted on June 30 and July 21 with same format and times.)

On both of these upcoming Saturday tournament dates, the doors will open at 10 AM. Sign-in between 11 AM - NOON. Call ahead to reserve spot! \$50/Entry Fee. For more information call: 317-485-6004.

Oregon

**WINSTON 2001
LABOR DAY
TOURNEY
WILLEE'S &
99 TAVERN
AUG. 31 - SEPT. 3**



The Willee's Cafe and 99 Tavern in Winston, Oregon will be jointly hosting the annual Winston 2001 Labor Day tournament on Aug. 31-Sept. 3 (also known to some as the Rural Open in prior years.) There will be at least 7 boards between the two locations (clubs directly across the street from each other.) The Bowers Rating System will be used to determine the player ratings. Any nonrated player will be provided a rating by a House Committee consisting of three members.

Friday will be the A-B Handicap Draw (\$25/ player, no sponsor sale) starting at 4 PM. Saturday will be two Singles events: Open Singles (-1's to 5's, \$200 per player entry) and B Singles (1's thru 5's, \$25 per player entry) - both starting with the sponsor sale at 9 AM. Sunday will be two Doubles events: Open Doubles (-1's to 5's, \$150 per team) and B Doubles (1's thru 5's, Add to 4 or more) - both starting with the sponsor sale at 9 AM.

There is free RV parking at both clubs (not full hook ups) and a full hook park 5 blocks away: Umpqua Safari RV Park 541-679-6328 or 800-818-8580. Lodging: Safari Inn Motel (next door): 541-679-6736 or Sweet Breeze Inn (2 blocks away): 541-679-2420. Airport pickup at the Eugene Oregon airport is available upon request to Steve Fisher or Danny Holland.

RSVP Appreciated. Call Steve Fisher at Willee's Sports Bar: 541-679-9248 or Danny Holland at 99 Tavern: 541-679-7068.

See the "Winston 2001" tournament flyer inserted into this The Board Talk issue for more details.

*Spread the word about your
upcoming events through the pages
of The Board Talk! Ask the
establishments where you play to
Subscribe & Advertise in
The Board Talk!*

Texas

**ANNUAL "TEXAS OPEN"
GOLD NUGGET SPORTS BAR
ARLINGTON, TEXAS
AUG. 30 - SEPT. 3, 2001**



The plan was to have the long running "Texas Open" at a hotel this year. However, there were just too many obstacles. First of all, it was cost prohibitive. Also, a preliminary contract signed with the Dallas Sheraton Hotel could only allow one day for set up and one day for tear down which was felt to not be enough time to get the boards in playable condition.

Therefore, Tom Johnson of the Gold Nugget invited the Texas Open back to his club for another year. There will be 12 or 13 shuffleboards donated by Kelye Stites of Champion Shuffleboard. Tom will put on his infamous great meal on Saturday too!

The events begin on Thursday, August 30 with the Singles starting at 6 PM. The Open Singles will be 2/3 double elimination (Pro's \$200, 0's \$150, and 1's \$100.) The Division II Singles will be single game double elimination (2's \$75, 3's \$50, and 4's \$25.) Friday at 7 PM will be the Div I \$50 and Div II \$30 Draw Partner events. On Saturday will be the popular Draft Team at 1 PM. Entry is \$50 per player. On Sunday the Bring Partners will start at 2 PM - Division I will be an add to 0, \$200 per team entry, 2/3 in the winners bracket. Division II will be an add to 4, \$100 per team entry, single game double elimination. For more information contact Bobby Williams 817-265-7045, David Williams 817-451-9583, or Jeri Billard 817-657-7306.

See the "Texas Open 2001" tournament flyer inserted into this The Board Talk issue for more details.

Oklahoma

**15TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY
(PAT KINARD MEMORIAL)
FULL HOUSE
AUG. 30 - SEPT. 3, 2001**



See the "15th Annual Labor Day" tournament flyer inserted into this The Board Talk issue for more details.

California

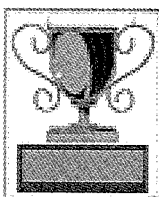
4th ANNUAL BILLY CHILES MEMORIAL TOURNEY SILVER SPUR SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2001



The 4th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial tournament will be held September 1-3, 2001 at the Silver Spur, 25041 E. 9th Street, San Bernardino, CA. For information, contact "Bubba" Warren at (714) 536-0172 or Jolene Lembke (909) 797-9685. Bob Brunskill will be inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on Saturday (Sept. 1st) during this tournament.

New York

3rd ANNUAL ADIRONDACK OPEN TOURNAMENT RIVERSIDE TAVERN SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2001



The Riverside Tavern at 31 South Ausable Street, Keesville, NY will host it's 3rd Annual Adirondack Open tournament (3 day event) on Sept. 7-9.

On Friday, following the 6:30 PM sponsor sale, the Draw Partner event will be held. A Mixed Doubles is on the schedule for Saturday with sponsor sale at 12:00 NOON. On Sunday, there will be a Bring Partner event with sponsor sale at 11:00 AM. All events are Single Game/Double Elimination with a \$15 per person entry fee - come early for round robins on Thursday!

Your tournament directors for the weekend are Pat Brennan and Pete Cummings.

The Riverside Tavern is located in the Adirondack Region, 30 miles from Lake Placid (Interstate 87 North from Albany to exit 34 - then turn right on 9N - go 1/4 mile to South Ausable Street on right.)

A Chicken Barbecue will be served along with a healthy helping of old fashion North Country Hospitality hosted by Pauline and Judy.

Motels and Campsites are located within 1/2 mile - Villa Motel: 518-834-7579; Blue Spruce: 518-834-7155. For more info., call Riverside Tavern: 518-834-5953.

Texas

3rd ANNUAL WANDERING THE WORLD WOMEN'S TOURNEY DANNY'S SPORTS BAR SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2001



First there was Santa Clara, then Phoenix, and now Houston, Texas! Ladies, it's time for another fun filled weekend of friends, food, frolic, and shuffleboard!!

We are happy to announce the *3rd Wandering the World Women's Weekend* (catchy title) on September 20th-23rd (date revised since listed in prior issues) at Danny's Sports Bar, 12126 Westheimer, Houston, Texas.

There will be three events beginning with a *Handicap Draw* Thursday at 7 PM (max. 4 point negative spot). On Friday at 7 PM, the *Bring Partner*, add to 4 will begin. The third event will be a *Handicap Singles*, starting at 3 PM. Both the *Bring Partner* and *Handicap Singles* will be 2/3 in the winners bracket and 21 point in the losers. The *Handicap Draw* and *Singles* will be a negative handicap with a maximum of 4 points. There will be 7 boards, including at least one for the guys to play match games on. \$15 Registration Fee.

We are looking forward to seeing all of last years participants as well as lots of new faces. Lorraine and Jane bring the Attitudes, Chris bring Flat Stanley and Ethel, and Linda it's your turn to relax and let us do all the work this year.

For more information contact Jeri Billard at 817-657-7306 or Linda Nobles at 817-467-9669.

See "3rd Annual Wandering the World Ladies' Tournament" flyer inserted into this The Board Talk issue for details.

(Editors Note: Danny's Sports Bar is a "Shuffleboard Directory" Advertiser in The Board Talk! Thanks for your support! --Tom & Lynda)



1st ANNUAL BOARD TALK OPEN



March 27-31, 2002

(See Page 34 for preliminary overview)

Florida

MERRITT ISLAND OPEN NOVA'S LOUNGE SEPT. 29-30, 2001

The Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (C.S.F.A) presents the "Merritt Island Open" to be held at Nova's Lounge, 950 N. Courtney Parkway, Merritt Island, Florida on Sept. 29-30.

There will be two events with sponsor sale: Saturday will be the Blind Draw event (\$10/person entry) and Sunday will be the Bring Partner event (\$20/team - must pay as a team) with both single game/double elimination events starting at 12:00 Noon; paying 3 places; providing 1st place trophies; and offering lots of good food and shuffling fun. Register early (\$5 registration fee and 32 player maximum.) For more information contact: John Cosat at 321-632-5606 or Marlene at the Nova Lounge: 321-452-2174.

Nevada

NASC 2001- 12th ANNUAL RENO SANDS REGENCY CASINO HOTEL OCT. 28 - NOV. 4, 2001

See 2001 NASC tournament flyer with Pre-Registration form inserted into this *The Board Talk* issue for details. **HURRY!** Pre-register now to reserve your event slots, if you haven't already done so! A 12th Year of Shufflin' Fun!

Texas

HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW HOTEL DEC. 26 - DEC. 31, 2001

See *Houston Holiday Open 2001* tournament flyer inserted into this *The Board Talk* issue for details. (Note on the flyer that the hotel location has changed this year to a more spacious ballroom facility which will better accommodate 24 boards (4 more than last year) and with guest rooms that typically cost double the tournament rate!) Make your plans now for another year of a great tournament and News Years Eve BASH!

IMPORTANT NOTICES FROM THE EDITORS!

Notice #1: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the "**1st Annual The Board Talk Open**" tournament to be held at the Union Plaza Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV on March 27-31. Event details and Pre-Registration Forms will be coming soon. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors. If interested in helping us or if you have suggested sponsorship donors, etc., please contact us. Sponsorship \$\$ donations will help contribute to "added pot." Sponsors will be recognized at the tournament with their name or establishment or company name (or banners) displayed at the tournament. (See Page 34 for current Sponsor list.) There will be the following categories of Sponsor recognitions based upon the dollar value of monies and/or supplies/equipment donated: **DIAMOND** (over \$2,000); **PLATINUM** (\$1,000-\$2,000); **GOLD** (\$500-\$1,000); and **SILVER** (under \$500). **Thus far, we already have one DIAMOND and one SILVER sponsor!** Any cash sponsors, should make checks payable to: **The Board Talk Tournament** and mail to The Board Talk, c/o Tom & Lynda French, Editors, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, Texas 78729-6436.

Notice #2: Reminder that input for each monthly publication must be received before the 15th of each month because our print job gets picked up on the 15th and the publication cannot be altered after it has gone to the printer/printer. If the 15th falls on a weekend, then it is picked up the following business day after the weekend. Try to submit your input as early as possible to avoid us having to hold over late arrivals for the following month's issue. We typeset as input arrives. Early submissions are greatly appreciated and better ensures that your news gets included timely.

Notice #3: Check out the back cover and note that Indiana has moved from #6 to #4 in number of subscribers as of July 14th (Congrats!). Another tally will be done in December and any changes will be reflected on the back cover of the January 2002 issue.

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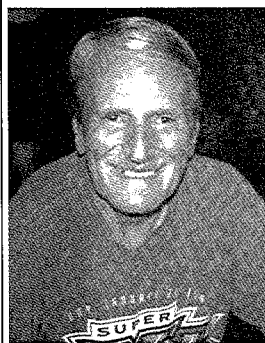
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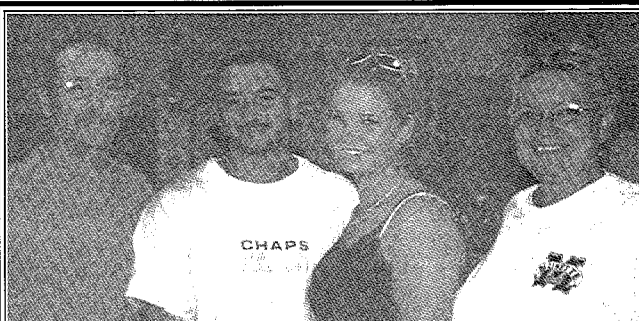
Gerald Woods (left) presents appreciation awards to SW Open tournament staff (pictured left to right) Gerald Woods and tourney staff: Johnny Wayne Crawford, Rena Fleming, Kathy Yingst, Linda Ritter, Dave Fleming, and Jack Davis



Don Crall and the American Legion staff had their usual fantastic SW Open 4th of July dinner which started with the National Anthem... see all those hungry players lining up in above photo!



George Ostrom of Colorado came in to observe the SW Open events. We all enjoyed seeing and chatting with him. He seems to be recovering well from his surgeries and health problems. Good to see you George!



Len Webster (left) - 2nd Year SW OPEN Champ and wife Sue Webster (right) of Nebraska had surprise spectators arrive to watch them play - their son-in-law (John Flibotte) and daughter Jaime, who just recently married and are both stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. They decided to drive up so that John could meet his new in-laws! These are two of the many spectators that came to observe and join in the SW Open fun!



All the Way from Canada to Play! [Gordie Smith (far rt.) has a Shuffleboard Directory Ad (p. 29)] Thanks!

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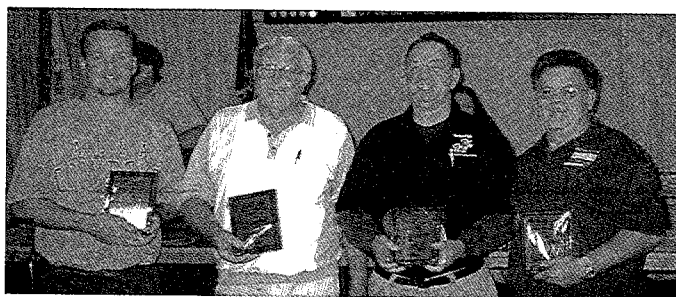
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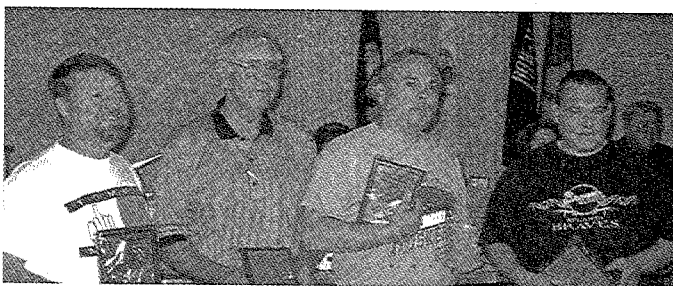
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Bring 4-Person Team - Division I (21 Teams)



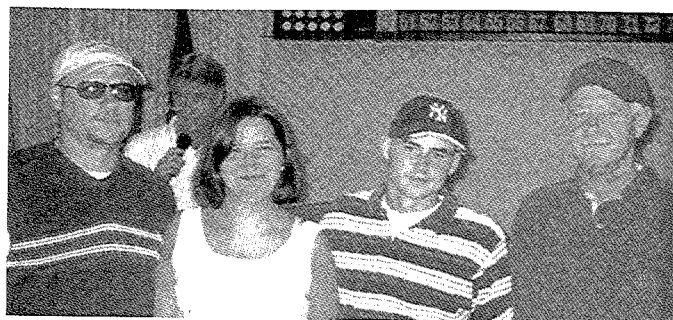
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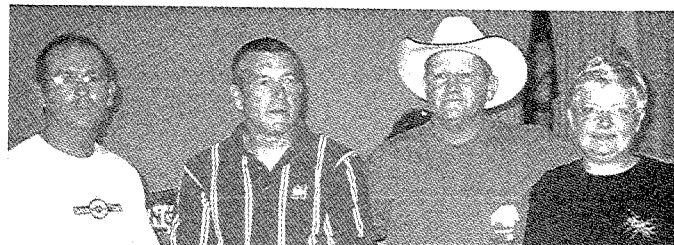
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Above: 3rd Place: (left to right) Paulette McKinney (WA), Rick Gindt (captain) (WA), Steve Floyd (CA), Kenny Hawkes (OK)



Above: 4th Place: (left to right) Mike Taylor, Jeri Billard, David Williams Jr., David Williams (captain) (TX Team)
Bring 4-Person Team - Division II (22 Teams)



Above: 1st Place: (left to right) Len Webster (NE), Jim Kosiske (captain)(NE), Gerald Wood (OK), Sue Webster (NE)



Above: 2nd Place: (left to right) Mike Kleggy, Char Waugamen (CO), Jolene Lembke (CA), Ron Sosovec (captain)(CO)



Above: 3rd Place: (left to right) Tom French (captain)(TX), Ray Boyett (FL), Lynda French (TX), Rick McFarland (TX)



Above: 4th Place: (left to right) Eugene Peach (captain), Carol Peach, Rene' Roberts, Lilly Kidd (TX Team)

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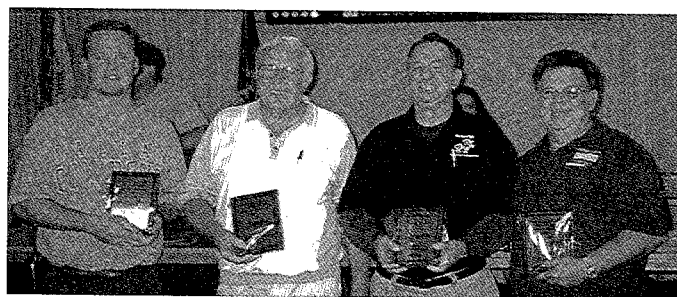
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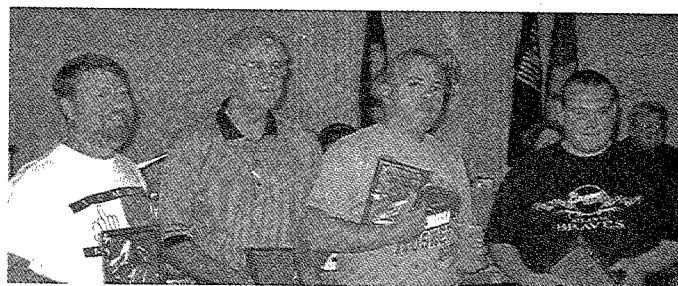
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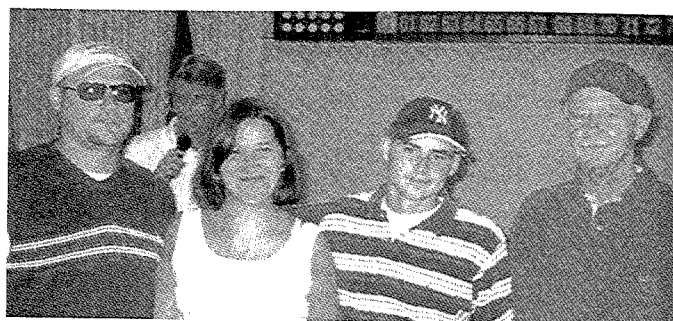
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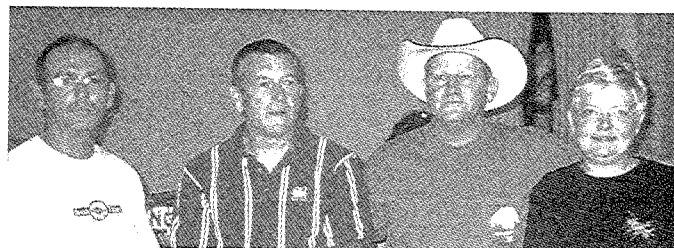
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Above: 3rd Place: (left to right) Paulette McKinney (WA), Rick Gindt (captain) (WA), Steve Floyd (CA), Kenny Hawkes (OK)



Above: 4th Place: (left to right) Mike Taylor, Jeri Billard, David Williams Jr., David Williams (captain) (TX Team)
Bring 4-Person Team - Division II (22 Teams)



Above: 1st Place: (left to right) Len Webster (NE), Jim Kosiske (captain)(NE), Gerald Wood (OK), Sue Webster (NE)



Above: 2nd Place: (left to right) Mike Kleggy, Char Waugamen (CO), Jolene Lembke (CA), Ron Sosovec (captain)(CO)



Above: 3rd Place: (left to right) Tom French (captain)(TX), Ray Boyett (FL), Lynda French (TX), Rick McFarland (TX)



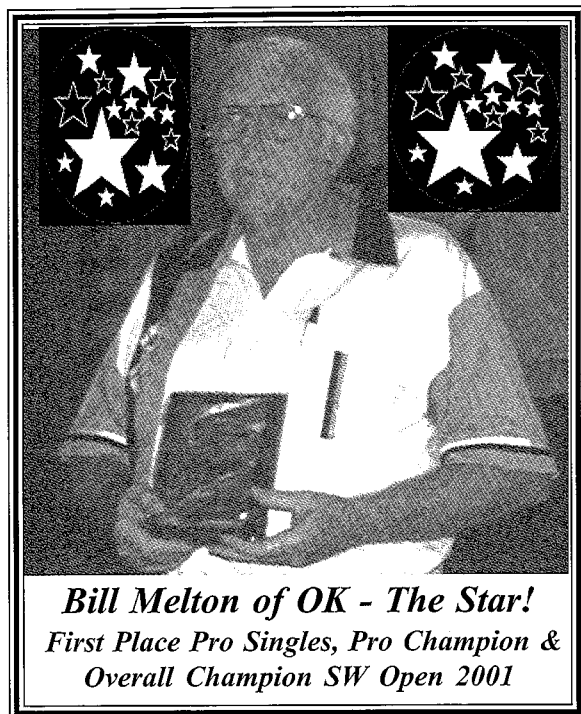
Above: 4th Place: (left to right) Eugene Peach (captain), Carol Peach, Rene' Roberts, Lilly Kidd (TX Team)

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Southwest Open 2001 -- Tops Prior Records!

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Pro Singles Division (34 Players)



Bill Melton of OK - The Star!
First Place Pro Singles, Pro Champion &
Overall Champion SW Open 2001



Above: Pro Singles (left to right) 2nd Place: Billy Melton (OK), 3rd Place: Mike Taylor (TX), 4th Place: Fred Johns (WA); and (not pictured) winners were: 5th Place: Al Salazar (AZ); 6th Place: Bobby Voorhis (IN)

Division I Singles (1,2) (86 Players)



Above: Div. I Singles (left to right) 1st Place: Jeff Womble (TX/NE) and 2nd Place: John Kosiske (NE)

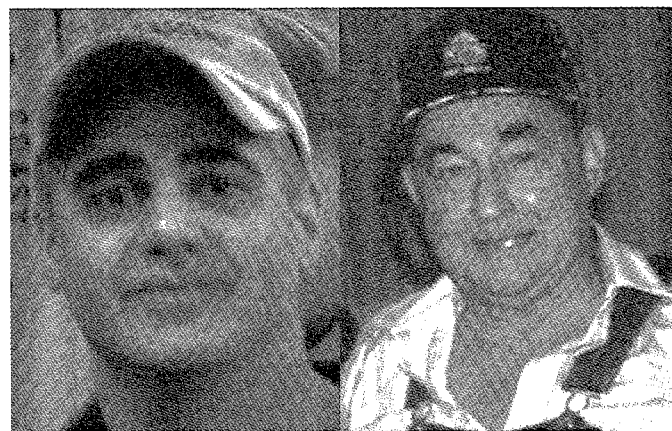


Above: Div. I Singles: (left to right) 3rd Place: Deb Voohis (IN), 4th Place: Ken Simmons (WA); and (not pictured) winners were: 5th Place: Jeri Billard (TX), 6th Place: Ron Sosovec (CO), 7th Place: Mahlon Nobles (TX), 8th Place: Todd Bower (TX), 9th Place: Wendell Herbison (AZ), 10th Place: Ken Strong (TX), 11th Place: Sally Goff (OK), and 12th Place: Eddie Brayman (CA)

Division II Singles (3-5) (51 Players)



Above: Div. II Singles (left to right) 1st Place: David Williams Jr. (TX); and 2nd Place: Patrick Linville



Above: Div. II Singles (left to right) 3rd Place: Mike Boulanger (TX), 4th Place: Mearl Dodson (71 years young, solid player!), and (not pictured): 5th Place: Steve Hamilton, 6th Place: Debbie Sexton, 7th Place: Erik Dickes, 8th Place: Linda Churchman

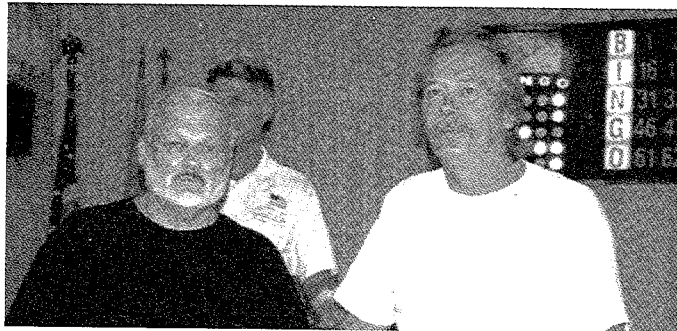
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Division I Draw (37 teams)

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Above: Div. I Draw (left to right) 2nd Place: Billy Mays (TX) and Greg Broka (OH)



Above: Div. I Draw (left to right) 3rd Place: Lenny Dell (MD) and Larry Brown (IN) and (not pictured): 4th Place: Ken Simmons/Craig Amundson, 5th Place: Al Pease/Carlos Guzman, 6th Place: Tony Pelton/Kelly Cameron

Division II Draw (55 Teams)

Above: Div. II Draw (left to right) 1st Place: Ruthie Atherton (OK) and Carol Audett (TX)



Left: Div. II Draw (left to right) 2nd Place: Shelly Hagen (NE) and Tom French (TX)



Left: Div. II Draw (left to right) 3rd Place: Kay Nelson (TX) and Woodie Cockrum Sr. (MO)

Div. II Draw (not pictured): 4th Place: Linda Nobles/Linda Churchman; 5th Place: Doug Paben/Vonnie Bailey; 6th Place: Jeff Volcek/Erick Dickes; 7th Place: Lorraine Bingham/Manny Canada; 8th Place: Ray Boyett/Sue Webster

6-Person Draft Team (32 Teams)

Above: 6-Person Draft: (left to right) 1st Place: Jim Payne (NE), Sue Webster (NE), Doug Paben (TX), Bill Melton (captain, 31st pick), Lee Kinley, Greg Hixon (TX)



Above: 6-Person Draft: (left to right) 2nd Place: Maylon Nobles (TX), Mike Taylor (captain, 29th pick), Marshall Partlow (TX), David Sexton (TX), Mike Boulanger (TX), Delane Moore (MO)



Above: 6-Person Draft: (left to right) 3rd Place: Larry Brown (IN), Vicki Morgan (IN), R.U. Underwood (OK), Jay Mayhall (TX), Frank Blade (captain)(MI)

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6-Person Draft Team (32 Teams)

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(Not Pictured): 6-Person Draft: 4th Place: Rick Gindt (captain), John Kosiske, Shari Foust, Gordie Smith, Frank Edelen, Wayne Cupp; 5th Place: Brian Walker (captain), Tony Pelton, Len Webster, Jane Mourgos, Kay Nelson, Dee Ray Garcia; 6th Place: David Williams (captain), Jeri Billard, Dave Fleming, Patrick Linville, Penny Meharg, Debbie Sexton

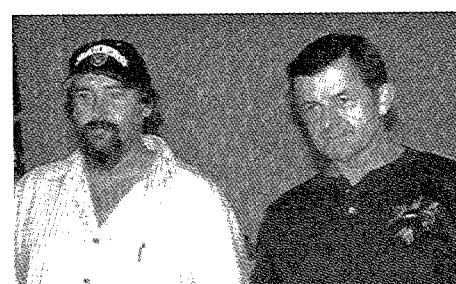
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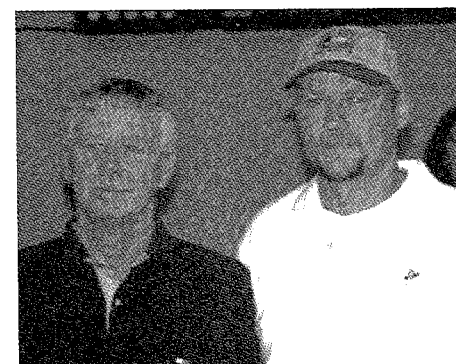
Left: Pro Bring
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1st Place:
Harvey Kidd
(TX)/Bobby
Voorhis (IN)



Left: Pro Bring
(left to right)
2nd Place: Kelly
Cameron (TX)/
Bill Melton (OK)



Left: Pro Bring
(left to right)
3rd Place:
Al Peas (WA)/
Steve Floyd (CA)



Left: Pro Bring
(left to right)
4th Place:
David Williams/
Mike Taylor
(both from TX)

Division I Bring Partner (51 Teams)



Left: Div. I Bring
(left to right)
1st Place: Len
Webster/Marty
Shepard (NE Team)



Left: Div. I Bring
(left to right)
2nd Place: Kenny
Hawkes/Shari
Foust (OK Team)



Left: Div. I Bring
(left to right)
3rd Place: Don
Heaton/Kabel Bimb
(Canada Team)

(Not Pictured) Div. I Bring: 4th Place: Ron Gamble/E.T. Jensen; 5th Place: Lilly Kidd/David Sexton; 6th Place: Shannon Tice/Nancy Tice; 7th Place: Alan Cobb/Weldon Lambert; 8th Place: Ray Miller/Jorge Galvan

Division II Bring Partner (25 Teams)



Above: Div. II Bring (left to right): 1st Place: Lane Quick/
Mike Boulanger; 2nd Place: Dan & Carol Ussery



Above: Div. II Bring (left to right): 3rd Place: Fred Tinney/
Scott Woodall; 4th Place: Debbie Sexton/Rick McFarland

Honky Tonk's 5th Annual Memorial Day Tourney Results!

May 24-27, 2001

Honky Tonk
Sherburne, NY

By: Louise Freer, Lansdale, PA

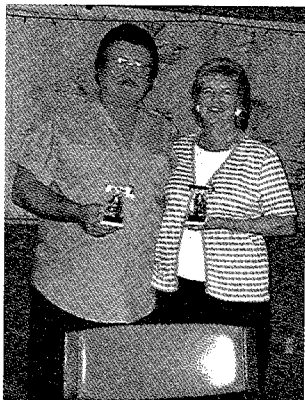


Honky Tonk's "Hostess" with the "Mostest" Brenda Prosser!

The Fifth Annual Memorial Day tournament was held at the Honky Tonk in Sherburne, NY on May 24-27. Old friends, as well as new friends, gathered at this popular spot to talk about old times, create new memories, and of course, play shuffleboard.

The good times warmed up with Thursday night round robins. Fred Truax came out on top in both round robins, with Jeff Davies and Faye Todd as partners, respectively. Fred and Jeff are locals and Faye traveled up from Delaware.

The Friday night Mixed Doubles, always a popular event, was no exception this year. Nineteen teams vied for four places, and finished as follows:



Mixed Doubles:

1st Place: (not pictured) John & Sharon Canino of Baldwinsville, NY;
2nd Place (pictured left): Lonzo Knight/Dolores Brown of Sharpsburg, MD; and (not pictured) 3rd Place: Russ Reynolds (Sherburne)/Louise Freer (PA); 4th Place: Bill Pollock/Judy Gartland (PA)

Saturday's Draw Partner, another popular event, had 20 teams battling for 5 money places. Winners were as follows:



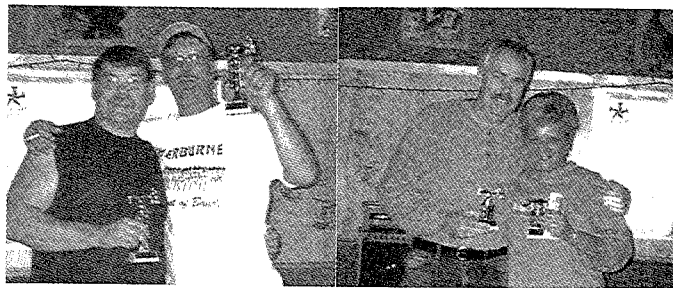
Draw Partner:

1st Place: (pictured left) Steve Bennett/Ryan Fuller (NY)

Draw Partner (not pictured):

2nd Place: Lonzo Knight/John Arndt(NY);
3rd Place: Linda Myers (NY)/Bill Pollock;
4th Place: Dick Jeffries/John Canino; and
5th Place: Dick Losee/Dolores Brown

The third and final event was Sunday's Bring Partner with an extremely tough playing field! Winners were:



Above: Bring Partner: (left to right)

1st Place: the defending team of Dick Losee/Bob White of Sherburne; 2nd Place: Rick Myers/Linda Myers (NY); and (not pictured) 3rd Place: Louise Freer/Russ Reynolds

For shufflers that haven't experienced this annual event, you should put it on your "to do" list for next year. The competition is friendly, yet tough. The tourney currently draws people from all parts of New York, including: Finger Lakes, Syracuse, Keesville, as well as players from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Eastern and Western Maryland. A good portion of the tournament's success is due to hard work that goes on both before the tourney and behind the scenes during the tourney. Hostess Brenda Prosser would like to thank Russ Reynolds, Dick Losee (as both tourney director and auctioneer) along with Steve and Pat Bennett, her local patrons for setting up the 4 additional boards, and her loyal hardworking staff.

Shuffleboard means different things to different people, with all different levels of dedication and commitment. A special tribute needs to be made to a very special player for his dedication and commitment to the game of shuffleboard. Despite his ongoing battle with cancer and recovering from a serious automobile accident, Kenny Van Ziles manages to continue playing (and quite well!). Kenny is an inspiration to all of us and truly exemplifies what it means to be a great shuffleboard player. Way to go, Kenny!

-- By: Louise Freer

Shuffleboard Directory Ads

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David L's Hoosier Hall of Fame Classic Results!

June 15-17, 2001

David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, IN

By: Glen Ingram, IN

David L's Hoosier Hall of Fame Classic held June 15-17 was another success in 2001 and raised almost \$400 for the Hoosier Hall of Fame.

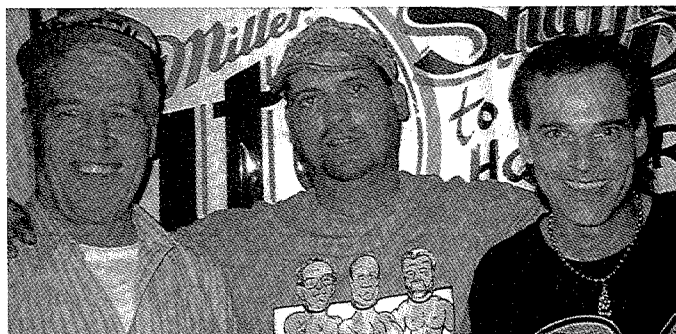
There were 3 tournament events that had over \$12,000 in entries and sponsor sales.

The A-B-C Bring was the largest pot and seemed to be the most popular event. We ended up with 14 teams. Twelve of the teams were put together by the players and there were six signed up by people whom we matched into two other teams. Then we had the Open Doubles, followed by the Open Singles events. Three great events!

I personally want to thank everyone who played and supported this Hoosier Hall of Fame tournament and the people who helped run the tournament and provide the facilities for us to play.

I also want to thank the four Michigan players for playing and supporting shuffleboard between our two states and Bill and Brenda Kane for playing and resurrecting/promoting shuffleboard in Michigan again. The winners of three events were:

A-B-C Event Winners (14 Teams)



Above: A-B-C 1st Place: (left to right) Bud Esterline, Larry Vance, and Brian Hall



Above: A-B-C 2nd Place: (left to right) Steve Hart, Cheryl Cockerill, and Rudy "Rude Dog" Robinson



Above: A-B-C 3rd Place: (left to right) Tom Nolder, Jim "Sleepy" Hamilton, and Mark Hodge

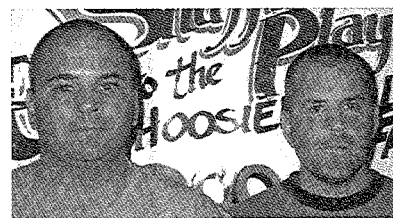
Open Doubles Event Winners



Above: Open Doubles 1st Place: David Welch (left) and Jim Dewitt (right) with sponsor David Greer (center)



Left: Open Doubles 2nd Place: (left to right) Rudy Robinson/Cheryl Cockerill with sponsor Gary Anglin



Left: Open Doubles 3rd Place: (left to right) Tom and Gregg Massie



Left: Open Doubles 4th Place: (left to right) Jim Hamilton/Tom Nodler

Open Singles Event Winners (no pictures avail.):

1st Place: Bobby Voorhis; 2nd Place: Glen Ingram; 3rd Place: Jim Long; and 4th Place: Rudy Robinson

Thanks to all! Any improvement suggestions for next year can be sent to David Greer, Glen Ingram, or Cheryl Cockerill and we'll try to accommodate.

A special thanks to the player who made a Hoosier Hall of Fame donation and asked to remain anonymous.

7th Annual Ladies Tourney Results!

Devonshire Inn

St. Louis, MO

By: Chuck Muehlhauser, St. Louis, MO



What a great turnout (see group picture above) for the 7th Annual Ladies Tournament held at the Devonshire Inn which one of the many great places to play shuffleboard in St. Louis, Missouri. I must apologize to all the women in this tournament for not getting this into The Board Talk sooner. We had a great field of players from around Missouri. Judy Edelen and Christy Emerson, a wonderful mother/daughter St. Louis Team, took first place winning the winners bracket and proceeding to win the whole tournament (see them in the below winners' picture).



Above: 1st Place Ladies' Doubles: Christy Emerson (center left) and her mom Judy Edelen (center right) of St. Louis, MO being congratulated by Greta Hensick (left) and Chuck Muehlhauser (right)



Left: 2nd Place Ladies' Doubles: Davita Lawler (left) and Bev Jones (both from Houston, MO)



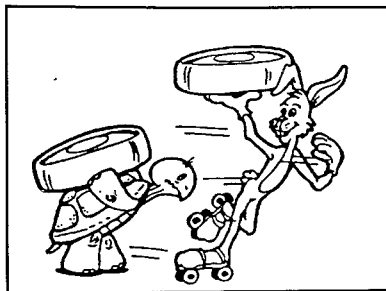
Left: 3rd Place Ladies' Doubles: Julie Simpher (center)/Terrie Boothe (right) being honored by Greta Hensick (left)

The women's tournaments have a very different atmosphere about them... don't get me wrong, they are very serious and competitive about their game play, but seem to have a better time and enjoy each others company moreso than men do. It is really neat to watch all the guys standing around supporting the women in these tournaments too. A BIG thanks to Sofija Pekic, who owns the Devonshire Inn for hosting such a great tournament and providing such a food spread. Greta Hensick, as always, brought her chicken and dumplings which has become a real tradition. The women are also grateful and appreciative of Coca Cola who has become one of the big sponsors of this tournament - their generosity is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all the players that came from in and out of town to make this 7th annual event a huge success.

The Eagles Lodge in Houston Missouri is having their Annual Ladies' tournament on August 18th. I understand that Lynda French (of Austin, Texas) and Donna Wilber (of Lansing, Michigan) are going to team up as "The Board Talk" team and join in the play in this August tournament. For more information on this upcoming Ladies' event you may call 417-967-2169 [Editors' Comment: See Upcoming Events and Calendar in this issue for more details on the August tournament.]

I know that all will have as much fun at the upcoming Houston Missouri tournament at Eagles Lodge as we had at Devonshire Inn in St. Louis! My apologies again for the delay in submitting this report, but thanks for such a great tournament.

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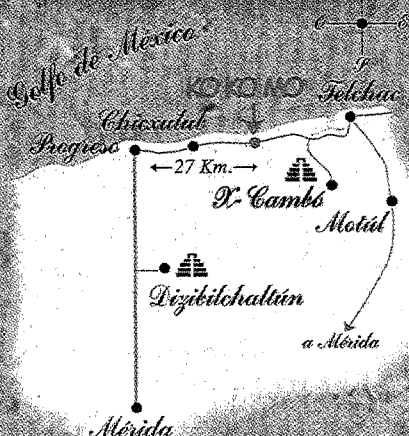
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News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

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TSA Directors, Board Talk Editors, and Bowers Rating System "Thank" Players for July Contributions and Support!

The Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc. (TSA) Directors, The Board Talk Editors (Tom and Lynda French), and Bowers Rating System (Ron and Debbie Bowers) wish to thank all those who donated to the support of the TSA and the Hall of Fame museum efforts, The Board Talk publication and upcoming tournament, and Bowers Rating System during the month of July, being: Bobby Goldsmith of California (gave a generous TSA cash donation, in addition to donating a ring for raffle which brought an additional \$565 TSA donation); Nebraska Players from the 1st Annual Joel Rahn Memorial tournament (generous donation presented in July by Char Rahn in behalf of Nebraska players to be split between the TSA, Bowers Rating System, and The Board Talk); Michael Taylor of Austin, Texas (generous donation to The Board Talk); Rick McFarland of Canyon Lake, Texas (generous donation to The Board Talk); and Bonnie English of Colorado (generous donation to TSA).

The TSA, Bowers Rating System, and The Board Talk are important entities to promote and support the continued growth of our sport, all operating on a shoe string financially with much dependence on volunteers, helpers, reporters, and financial donations. There are no words to say how much all of the players' support (time, effort, and monetary donations) are needed and appreciated!

MANY Thanks to All from the TSA Directors, Bowers, and The Board Talk Editors!

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Glen Davidson Shares SW Open 2001 Tourney Highlights!

Another successful SW Open tourney is passed with a lot of winners (and losers) and lots of fun had by all. Senior Citizen Bill Melton was the star of the tournament ... split out the Singles with his son, Billy, and they both thank Mike Taylor, the star from Austin, Texas, for missing a deuce giving Bill a chance to lag out - and he did. Mike was ahead the last game of the match 14-11 (Bill had hammer) and misjudged and missed Bill's deuce (a weight near the middle of the board in a spot that was flat, so to speak) on his last weight and Bill lagged a deuce to go with it - winning the match. Mike then had to go on to the losers bracket and play Billy Melton (lost two in a row - taking 3rd place.) It seemed like the surprise loss to Bill Melton took a toll on Mike - Next year Mike, I feel you can win it all!

Bill Melton won the Draft Team Event and 4-Person Bring Team Event, took second in Bring Partner ... a clean sweep and a record that will be hard to match for a fellow that is 64 years old. Congrats to our Champion of Oklahoma!

Thanks to my team for the memories. It was good to see all of you again. Congrats also to Harvey Kidd and Bobby V for their win in the doubles event and to Kelly Cameron and Bill Melton for their 2nd place! Great playing by all!

I would like to see our skilled players work more with the new players and 3's and 4's throughout the year to make them better prepared and more comfortable to play in the various events offered in major tournaments. It is all of our responsibility to work with the new players, so that when they attend a major tournament they (and their teams when applicable) are encouraged to continue to play in future major events and tourneys. -- **Glen D., OK**

Don & Ruby Mitchell Share Memories of Joe Lavin Jr.

Joe Lavin Jr. and his family have been our very best friends for a long time. Joe was part of our family and meant a lot to us. Joe and Tami (his wife) have been together for 17 years and his death (July 1, 2001) at the age of 57 was so sudden, unexpected and a shock to all of us. Joe's first priority was his family and he took the best care of them that he could.

We sure will miss him alot. It was so hard to watch him be buried on Friday, July 6th at Longview Memorial Cemetery. He was cremated and buried in a real nice part of the cemetery.

We have enclosed a picture of Joe taken at Christmas in 1999 at his home in Longview, Washington and a poem that was read at his services [Editors Comment: See Page 20 for picture and poem]. It was a beautiful poem that we wanted to share with his shuffleboard family that was unable to attend his services. Many players from the Washington area were unaware of his death and some returned from the SW Open 2001 tournament after the services and were unable to be here, so we wanted to share this meaningful poem, titled "When I'm Gone." Joe will be missed and every time a story is told, we will think of Joe.

-- **Don & Ruby Mitchell, Tumwater, WA**

Dunn & Riley Take First at Ulena's Sports Bar!

June 8-9, 2001
Ulena's Sports Bar
St. Louis, MO



Ulena's Sports Bar held their Bring Partner tournament on June 8-9. After losing their first game, Jim Dunn and Charlie Riley battled their way back through the losers bracket to take the top (first place) honors! With some great teamwork and some solid shooting by Charlie, they came back to win eight straight games and upset the strong team of Jill Hajek and "Super Sam" Eveland (who ended up taking second place.) Third place went to Frank Edlen and Mike Simpson. Finishing fourth place were Steve Sheridan and Jack Murphy.

Jim and Donna Dunn, owners of Ulena's Sports Bar, wish to thank Jack Murphy for all his help and Frank Edlen who donated a solid oak weight case for raffle -- and a very special thanks also to the Michigan team, Chris and Bob Scott and all the other participants! Everyone looks forward to the next tournament.

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"Summer Sizzler Open" Results from Florida!

June 8-10, 2001

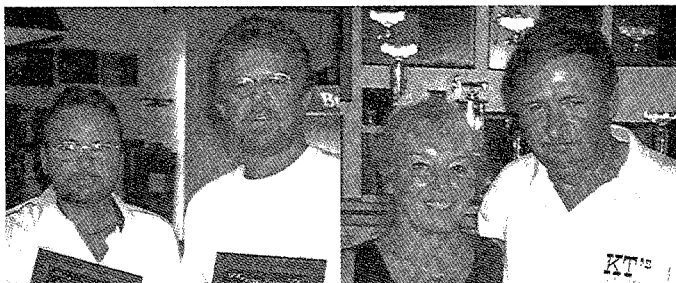
Bavarian "B-House"

Titusville, FL

By: Charley Thompson, FL (C.F.S.A)

The "Summer Sizzler Open," held June 8-10th at the Bavarian "B-House" in Titusville turned out to be a real *sizzler* for Alvis Ramey. Alvis was a 3 time winner: Friday's Draw Partner with Rusty Nowakowski; Saturday's Bring Partner with Dick Smedberg; and Sunday's Men's Singles as the undefeated Men's Singles Champ. [Editor's Comment: sounds like Alvis won it all except the Sunday's "Women's Singles" - guess he couldn't figure out how to enter that one! <grin>]

On Sunday's Women's Singles, Pat Gray was sitting in the winners' bracket all alone, and then came Carol Komarc from Miramar, Florida and double dipped Pat, taking 1st Place away from Pat. Pat played her heart out, but said she had a great time anyway. The Women's Singles were very exciting. We were sorry that our "Most Improved Women's Player," Sue Swindle, was ill and unable to participate in this tournament. Results follow:



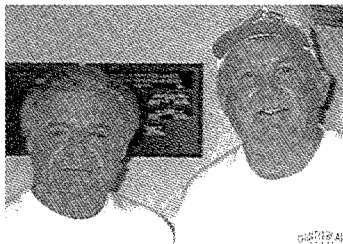
Above: Draw Partner (left to right): 1st Place: Alvis Ramey/Rusty Nowakowski; and 2nd Place: Ursula Badouin/Jerry Gray



Left: Draw Partner (left to right): 3rd Place: Pat Gray/Dick Smedberg



Left: Bring Partner (left to right): 1st Place: Dick Smedberg/Alvis Ramey and (not pictured): 2nd Place: Earl Harrington/Rusty Nowakowski



Left: Bring Partner (left to right): 3rd Place: Dave Macko/Barrie McClean



Above: Men's Singles (left to right): 1st Place: Alvis Ramey; 2nd Place: Jerry Gray; 3rd Place: Dick Smedberg



Left: Women's Singles (left to right): 1st Place: Carol Komarc presented her trophy by C.F.S.A Businessman Rusty Nowakowski



Above: Women's Singles (left to right): 2nd Place: Pat Gray; and 3rd Place: Ursula Badouin being presented her trophy by Alvis Ramey (1st Place Men's Singles Champ)

We also enjoyed some great food prepared by Rusty Nowakowski ... and many thanks to Pat Gray and Brenda Ramey for helping with the 50-50's and the sponsor sales.

In Fond Memory of ...**Weldon "Jack" Snell**

Arlington, Texas

June 16, 1941 - June 3, 2001

Weldon Jack Snell (known to his shuffleboard family as "Happy Jack"), age 59, who lived in the 1800 block of W. Sanford Street, was in a car accident in the 300 block of E. Sanford Street (Arlington, TX) at about 12:20 AM on June 3, 2001 after having participated in shuffleboard competition at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas. He passed away (reportedly after being revived several times) just before 7 AM at Arlington Memorial Hospital.



His brother, Frank Snell, said that the hospital officials thought that most likely Jack had a stroke and lost control of his Ford Van on his own residential street, sideswiped a pickup truck, and then went head on into a telephone pole.

Frank Snell said that Jack had a stroke several years ago and there was no other explanation for the cause of this accident. Reportedly, the hospital tried desperately to revive him and had some success several times, but he suffered head trauma, both lungs had collapsed, heart was struggling, etc. and they were unable to do more.

Jack grew up in Arlington, one of four children. His mother ran Iva's Flower Shop in Arlington. After graduating from Arlington High School, he served for four years in the Navy. He once worked as a manager for EDS in California and his trade was computer operations. He was unemployed at the time of his death, but his brother said he had interviewed on Friday (before the accident) for a job and was optimistic about getting hired. This is the seventh close family member the Snell family has lost in 3 years, according to his brother Frank.

Jack was born June 16, 1941 in Ft. Worth, TX, the son of Jackson Eugene Snell and Iva Margerite Elrod Snell. He served in the Navy. Survivors: mother, Iva Norris (Arlington); brother, Frank E. Snell (N. Richland Hills); sister Alice Biggs (Arlington); 4 nephews and 1 niece. Jack was well known and loved by his family, friends, and shuffleboard 'extended family.' He was always smiling and wholeheartedly loved us all as much as we loved him. He will be greatly missed by the many of us that knew him.

In Fond Memory of ...**Betty Jo Pullen**

Columbia, Missouri

Betty Jo Pullen passed away June 1, 2001 at the young age of 62, mother of five and widowed since July 1998. Betty was born and raised in Columbia, Missouri. After her husband died, we talked her into joining our Shuffleboard sessions as a "C" player. At the time, we already had a Betty and a Jo, so we called her BJ. Within less than six months, BJ had become one of our top players. She was always there at both our Wednesday night (VFW) and Thursday night (Eagles Lodge) tournaments. BJ was a cheerful lady and a happy go lucky person that kept other players smiling. BJ will be greatly missed.

***In Fond Memory of ...*****Joe Lavin, Jr.**

April 10, 1944 - July 1, 2001

Longview, Washington

Right: Joe Lavin Jr. (left) pictured in 1999 with his son (Chance), wife (Tami), and daughter (Stephanie) [step-daughter, Amber not in this picture]

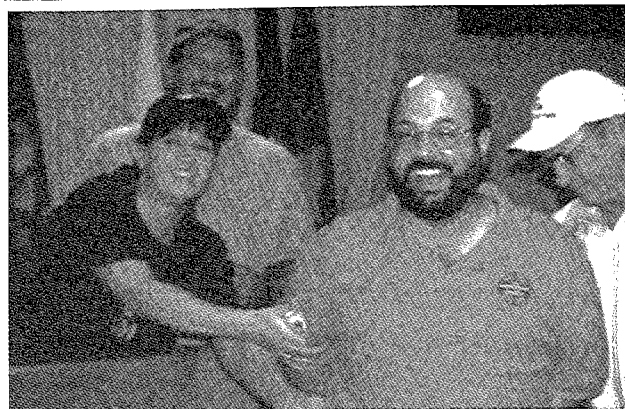
**WHEN I'M GONE**

(Below was read at Joe Lavin's funeral on July 6th and sent to us to share by Don & Ruby Mitchell)

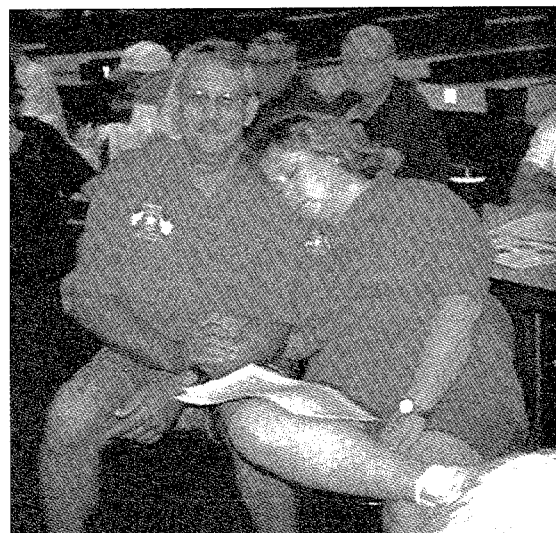
*When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last mile
just forget if you can
that I frowned and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken,
remember some good I have done,
forget that I ever had heartache
and remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
and sometimes fell by the way
remember I have fought some hard battles and won,
'ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
but in summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay.
And come in the shade of evening
when the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
and remember only my best.*

SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN *(Continued from Page 3)*

Humor Series #9 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures



ABOVE: Guess who got nabbed by Kathy Yingst to pay a \$20 late arrival fee? Payback time, eh? (Now, this one is worth framing!!)
PS: Many thanks to John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation for supplying the SW Open 2001 Tournament Wax!

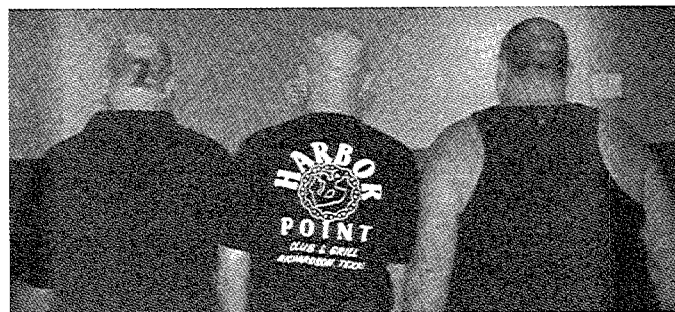


ABOVE: Too tired for w-h-a-t? Now, here's a couple, David and Debbie Sexton from San Antonio, Texas that deserved a "siesta"... between them they placed in 5 or 6 unique events! Way to go you two!



LEFT: Another contender for Best Dressed or shall we say appropriately dressed? (Guess Who?)

BELOW: Players were wanting to order some of these pants, but he wouldn't reveal the source to order from ! (Guess Who?)



ABOVE: Was this picture taken at the SW Open or the Conehead Classic tournament? And what is the Bowers' Rating of the other two (center and right)?



ABOVE: Da' Boys - SW Open Bouncers? Instead of "Don't Mess with TEXAS," it should be "Don't Mess with Da' Boys!" Hey, Jeff, how'd you get in this group of strong arms? Were you lost, feeling your oats, or what?

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 82 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- August 2001 Issue

Submitted Monthly By: Balboa Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123 or e-mail: balboaron@hotmail.com

(In our last episode we found Eddie and Shelli way out on a limb, having lost the first two games of a best out of five series – for the tidy sum of \$6000. Eddie had tried his best to free Shelli from Lil's plan to mess up her game through egging on her already "righteous" anger over Lil having tried to ruin their wedding in Reno. There was more than the money at stake here...they had to win the next three games. Let's see what happens!)

Eddie won the toss to begin the third game. He knew he was better than the Texas Kid, but more important...the Kid knew it too. Similarly; Lil had an edge on Shelli – so what it really boiled down to was a stand-off between the current #1 and #2 players in the world!

Eddie felt good when they started. He knew it was just a matter of time before The Kid would open up an opportunity for him to set him up and steal some points. Put that in concert with Eddie's strong lag, and things should start to look good from their end. However, the key to this whole thing would be found on the girls end.

On Eddie's hammer, he was left with a deep one to go against. He still had that "comfortable" feeling, so he tried the lag. He shot the right cross lag, and it ended up a very deep 3. He drew a round of applause – he definitely had the "feeling" now!

On the return frame, Shelli decided to just play "weight-for-weight" and to hit and go to make sure Lil didn't get a chance to hide any weights. It worked out well, and Lil was left with a clean board to lag on. She chose the freehand, and it settled in the center of the two zone. The game continued with the same flavor, with Eddie's lag dominating. The score was 13 to 11, and Shelli had the hammer this time. Lil put up a very shallow deuce on her last shot. Shelli sized things up – and the room was silent when she made her release. Her weight clipped the side of Lils', and settled into a deep deuce. She had won the game! The crowd really cheered them now! Eddie met her mid-board to give her a big hug and to tell her: "Sweetheart, that was great! Just keep on doing what your doing - we have them on the run now!"

That game definitely had an adverse affect on Lil and The Kid. They acted kind of accusatory toward each other during the break. Eddie and Shelli both noticed that, and realized that an even greater psychological advantage had now been placed in their favor. They were 100% ready for the next game!

The fourth game seemed to be taking on essentially the same tone as the previous one. The crowd was definitely behind Shelli and Eddie. This of course, bolstered their spirits, while having a depressing effect on Lil and The Kid. Shelli kept banging away on her end, while Eddie's lag was solid. The scoreboard showed 12 to 15 at the end – they had evened it up to 2 games each now. The crowd went crazy once again!

Lil and her partner had a rather long, and intense discussion during the final break. Eddie had a feeling that there might be some surprises forthcoming. It turned out that he was right. When they came out for the last game, their opponents had decided to switch ends! It was Lil who would flip the coin for Eddie to call. As she tossed it in the air, she commented: "The usual 'heads' – right Champ?" Lil had a sneering grin on her face as the coin stopped – with the tails showing. Almost from the start, this was developing into a slightly different game. There wasn't an appreciable change on Shelli's end, but Eddie was having a little less luck with his lag from his end. However, Lil seemed to be able to lag a solid 3 – anytime she wanted to!

The crowd was beginning to show a little anxiety, and Shelli was too. The score was now 10 to 6 in Lil's favor. Eddie requested a break. He met Shelli mid-board. It was obvious that she was getting pretty anxious over the situation, and was looking for some good advice. Eddie looked her in the eye, and in a reassuring tone told her: "Precious, I know what's happening here. All I want you to do is to keep on doing what you're doing. Your lag is as good, or better than this guy's – so use it if you have the chance. The "flavor" of this game just isn't right...but let me fix the whole thing from my end, ok. Trust me sweetheart."

Lil had a curious look on her face when Eddie returned. She commented: "Well, did you get everything all straightened out Champ?" He had the grin on his face now as he looked her directly in the eye and said: "Yup, I sure did. Now let's play some shuffleboard...Lillian."

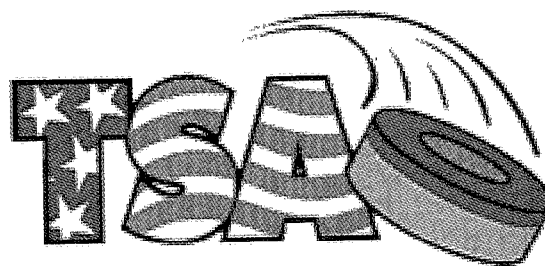
(What's with this "Lillian"? Also; what does Eddie know that we don't – and how is he possibly going to pull this thing out of the fire? I'm kind of anxious to find out what's going to happen myself (Ha). Don't miss next months issue!)

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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The TSA Directors wish to thank Don Crall, Tournament Director for the SW Open in Del City, Oklahoma, for providing annual meeting space for two consecutive years for the TSA Directors to hold their annual "open" and "closed" meetings. The meeting has been held for the past two years on the day before the SW Open tournament begins.

The TSA Directors also wish to extend a special thanks to Tournament Directors John McDermott (NASC Reno), Jack Scott (Houston Holiday Open), and Tom/Lynda French (The Board Talk Open) for inviting TSA Directors to perform TSA Hall of Fame inductions during their tournaments. National Hall of Inductions typically can have better 'National' player participation and inductee recognition at these type tournaments, whereas, State Hall of Fame Inductions are typically better to be held during selected local State tournaments. Tournament Directors have a lot of responsibility - taking a half hour to hour time slot to support National Hall of Fame inductions is a greatly appreciated sacrifice. This offer from at least three tournament directors to perform TSA (National-level) induction ceremonies will give inductees and their sponsors preference options for scheduling their induction ceremonies and helps to maintain induction ceremony costs, since TSA Directors (some or all) and players typically attend one or more major tournaments each year, giving better national focus.

For those wishing to nominate someone to the TSA Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, please visit the TSA website at <http://www.tableshuffleboard.org> (or contact Lynda French, TSA Secretary, if you do not have internet access and need info. mailed) to get templates for preparing the nomination package and view the TSA By-Laws section on Nominations

and Induction guidelines. There are four categories for nomination: PLAYER, PROMOTER, SPONSOR, and HONORARY. Candidates can be nominated and considered for one or more of these categories. For instance, a PLAYER nomination is typically a highly skilled player or highly skilled legacy player who has had a national impact and is recognized for top skilled play. This level of recognized player will likely also be a great promoter or have contributed greatly to the growth of the sport and may often be considered as inductee candidate in both PLAYER and PROMOTER categories. Nominating someone as a PROMOTER of the sport at the national level does not necessarily mean they are a top skilled player, but rather that they have contributed greatly at the national level to promotion and growth of the sport. During our TSA 2001 Annual Meeting in Del City, it was requested that the TSA Directors help clarify the nomination criteria and help the shuffleboard community to distinguish the difference between a national and a state inductee candidate. There may be a highly qualified candidate at the state level (for instance) that may not have been that active at play or promoting the sport at the national level. Some states have State Hall of Fame organizations and some do not. Therein, lies one area of concern. If a state does not have a Hall of Fame, but has a player worthy of induction at the state level (but possibly not at the national level) then what can be done to recognize these players, promoters, or sponsors, etc.? Maybe states could cover areas/regions? One item discussed in the past couple meetings is how to better coordinate with the State HOFs and discuss such concerns. Input and suggestions from all State Hall of Fame organizations and players are needed/welcome. --TSA Directors

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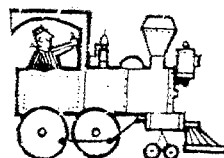
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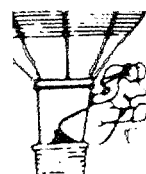
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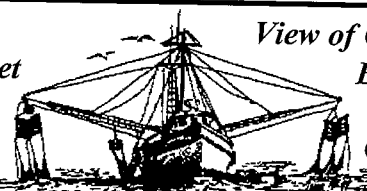
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August 2-5

National Shuffleboard Tournament
 Dew Drop Inn
 Waterloo, New York

August 17-18

2nd Annual Amateur Ladies Only
 Tournament
 Eagles Club
 Houston, Missouri

August 18-19

Crazy Canucks (Multi-Event)
 ANAF #68
 Vancouver, BC, Canada

August 18

Bring Partner (\$50/entry)
 Hog House
 Ingalls, Indiana

August 24-26

Conehead Classic
 A/B/C Blind Draw (\$25/entry)
 Balloon Inn
 Arvada, Colorado

August 25-26

Catch the Train @ the Fill-N-Station
 Fill-N-Station
 Mims, Florida

August 30-September 3

Labor Day Tournament
 Full House Tavern
 Wynnewood, Oklahoma (see flyer)

August 30-September 3

Annual "Texas Open"
 Gold Nugget Sports Bar
 Arlington, Texas (see flyer insert)

August 31-September 2

Winston 2001 Tourney
 99 Tavern & Willee's Sports Bar
 Winston, Oregon (see flyer insert)

August 31-September 2

Labor Day Tournament
 Bud's Action Lounge
 Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

SEPTEMBER 2001

September 1-3

4th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial
 Silver Spur
 San Bernardino, California

September 1-2

Mixed Doubles
 The Fir Cone Tavern
 Shelton, Washington

September 7-9

12th Annual Board Talk Tourney
 Skip's Lounge
 Houghton Lake, Michigan (see flyer)

September 7-9

3rd Adirondack Open
 Riverside Tavern
 Keeseville, New York

September 14-16

Open Doubles
 Tim's Bar & Grill ("Timbers Tavern")
 Kelso, Washington

September 15

Bring Partner (\$50/entry)
 Hog House
 Ingalls, Indiana (see Upcoming
 Events section)

September 15-16

Pro-Am Draft Team
 Red Dog Saloon
 Muncie, Indiana

September 20-22

Nebraska State Championships
 My Way Lounge & Harold's Bar
 Omaha, Nebraska

September 20-23

3rd Annual Wandering the World
 Women's Weekend Tournament
 Danny's Sports Bar
 Houston, Texas (see flyer insert)

September 28-29

3rd Annual M.S.P.A. Hall of Fame
 Eagles Club
 Houston, Missouri

September 29-30

Merritt Island Open
 Nova Lounge
 Merritt Island, Florida

OCTOBER 2001

October 6-7

ABC Draw
 The Blue Goose Tavern
 Port Orchard, Washington

October 26-27

Fall Tournament
 Chances "R" (Lake Ozark)
 Laurie, Missouri

October 28-November 4

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NOVEMBER 2001

November 22-24

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Bud's Action Lounge
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November 23-25

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November 23-25

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November 24-25

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DECEMBER 2001**December 7-8 CANCELLED**

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~~Eagles Club~~
~~Houston, Missouri~~

December 7-9

Santa's Classic
Bring Partner Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

December 8-9

Rated Doubles
Frankie's Sports Bar & Grill
Olympia, Washington

December 26-31

6th Annual Houston Holiday Open
Sheraton Brookhollow
Houston, Texas (see flyer insert)

December 29-30

ESA Mixed Doubles
Tim's Bar & Grill ("Timbers Tavern")
Kelso, Washington

MARCH 2002**March 9-10**

Florida Open Warm-Up
Fill-N-Station
Mims, Florida

March 15-17

Florida Open
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March 22-24

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Fill-N-Station
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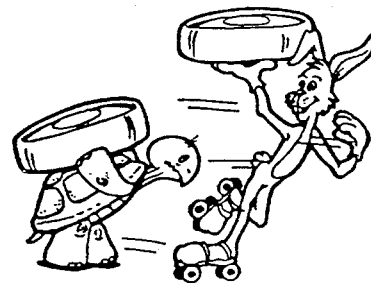
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(League Players' Corner - Series #7: New Section First Added In The February 2001 Issue)

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Gordie Smith Reports on League Play in Canada!

Shuffleboard in Canada is played primarily on 14 foot planks with different rules than longboard. For example, the plank has a center line which a weight has to be over to stay on the board (this weight does not count, but can be used as a guard). Then you have your 1, 2, and 3 areas which are 6", 12", and 30" from the end of the board. A player has to be behind the board on delivery and cannot straddle and you are not allowed to dust/sprinkle the rails or bare spots. We are also required to use a wax/powder that is manufactured in Canada (which is terrible.) As of now, Vancouver, Fraser Lake, and Jim Baker in Ontario are using good powder (we use Federation and Jim uses Triple Crown.) We also have to use Sunglo weights, but hopefully this requirement will change. Vancouver, B.C. has other than a handful in the rest of Canada - the only longboards and league in Canada.

Each Province has a Playdown to see who represents their Province... then a pre-determined Province hosts the Canadian Playdowns to see who is the Canadian Champion in each division, being: Mens' & Ladies' Singles; Mens' & Ladies' Doubles; and Mixed Doubles. This year's winners for B.C. are: Ladies' Singles: Jackie Stolarchuck; Men's Singles: Nick Billings; Ladies' Doubles: Teresa Cartwright/Joanie Millar; Mens' Doubles: Bill Wonnocott/Gordie Smith; and Mixed Doubles: Teresa Cartwright/Harry Oda.

Some of the Provinces have more than one charter such as: B.C. [has two right now for Vancouver Island (V.I.S.A.) and Vancouver (B.C.S.A.); North and South Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario. This is because of area and players that they may have more than one charter. All of these Provinces have Leagues. Vancouver Island has their League and Vancouver has two Leagues (one in North Shore and one in Vancouver which covers most of the mainland.)

Vancouver has the only longboard league in Canada and there are maybe only a handful of longboards in the rest of Canada that are in very good condition. Almost all the shuffleboards in Canada are crowned and all are finished the old way (except in B.C.) and most don't use silicone or liquid wax. It is very difficult to try and get any changes, as most are still back in the 50's, but eventually changes will happen.

--Reported By: Gordie Smith, Canada

Brenda Wallace Shares Rendezvous Inn and Market Street League Player Profiles!

Jim "Jimmy" Dennis (pictured right) who plays on the Rendezvous Shuffleboard League in Perryville, Maryland is a great friend and gentleman to everyone he meets! He is a great player and a very good sport whether winning or losing.



He is always doing good deeds for his town and county. He has a large family that has a vast interest in many things (outside of shuffleboard) from antiques to boats, traveling is another great passion, and Jimmy is also very knowledgeable in World Affairs.

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League Players' Corner

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Brenda Wallace Shares... (continued)

Donny Casula who plays on the Market Street Cafe League in Street, Maryland, hails from Wilmington, Delaware where he was born and raised. He comes from a family of twelve siblings with many brothers that are still involved or engaged in shuffleboard play such as: Paul Casula from St. Louis, Missouri has been a #1 player and probably still is at 80 plus years old.



Donny, like Jimmy Dennis, is retired from a large construction company from Delaware. His hobbies include shuffleboard, horse racing, and casinos. His passion is his family and love of life. He has many friends and is a good man to everyone he knows and a great player of the sport of shuffleboard. He holds so many titles from all over the country.

So, my salute goes to these two wonderful men who are wonderful individuals besides being fantastic promoters and players of the sport of table shuffleboard and league play.

CONGRATULATIONS to JIMMY DENNIS and DONNY CASULA! --By: **Brenda Wallace, MD**

Hit, Stick & Slide!

Hit, Stick and Slide Shuffleboard School has had a great response for it's first session of classes. Classes started on July 14, 2001. This session we are teaching (2) beginner classes and (1) intermediate. Everyone was excited about starting their first set of lessons at Triple Crown Sports Bar. We would like to give special thanks to Lynda French ("The Board Talk"), Andrea Grey (Funhangers Shuffleboard League), Kent Harwell (shuffleboard.cc), Triple Crown Sports Bar, Hot Dog Shop, Danny's Sports Bar, Sansone's Sports Bar and our Instructors: (James Cummings, Richard Gray, Diana Hagen, and Brian Walker). All of these people we very helpful in promoting Hit, Stick and Slide Shuffleboard School. We have had calls and e-mail from all over the United States wanting to know more about our school and complementing us on what we are doing to help build this sport. Hit, Stick and Slide has plans to set up special weekend classes for residents living out of the Houston area. Also at a future date we will be holding a one day class on "How to Maintain and Adjust Your Shuffleboard". If you are interested in any of these future classes please call or e-mail us with your questions or requests.



Visit Hit, Stick and Slide's web site to find out more about our courses, times and dates of classes. Hit, Stick and Slide has set up "PayPal" on their web site to make it easier for students to pay for their course in advance before classes fill up. Since we only allow 10 students per class; classes fill up quick. Pre-registration has started for the August 25, 2001 classes. Reserve your spot now! Have a Great Day and Good Shuffling to everyone! Classes are limited, (pre registration is required). For additional information contact:

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--Written & Submitted By: **Steve Edwards, TX**

1st ANNUAL THE BOARD TALK OPEN!

The upcoming The Board Talk Open is planned to start warmup play on Tuesday March 26th (robins/draws, no sponsor sales) and have awards and recognition dinner on Tuesday evening.

Bowers 2001 Ratings will be used to determine entry criteria due to new ratings being unavailable until February 1, 2002 and Pre-Registration will start in September or October 2001 (before Year 2002 ratings are available.)

Scheduled events *tentatively planned* will start on Wednesday morning, March 27th, with an *A-B Draft Event*. The highest rated players will be assigned as "A" captains and draft of "B" will start with the lowest rated "A" captain and upward.

Thursday morning starts with a *6-Person Draft Team Event* (highest rated will be the assigned Team captains and numbers will be drawn for selection sequence of their other team members.)

Friday morning will be three divisions of *Open Singles Events (Pro, Division I, Division II)*, set entry fees/no graduated entry fees and players can play upward, but not downward.

Saturday morning will be three divisions of *Bring Partner (Pro, Division I, Division II)*.

Sunday will be completion of Friday/Saturday events (if needed) and board break down.

There will be added pot based upon the point system for winners in each category. Sponsorship monies (Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, etc.) will determine the total amount of added pot to be offered and split amongst the highest accumulated points in each category (See Page 1 of the SW Open 2001 Champ list; added pot will be distributed similarly for The Board Talk Open.)

A one-time registration fee will be required. The Board Talk subscribers that Pre-Register before the deadline will have a reduced registration fee. (\$30 Registration fee for non-subscribers/ \$20 for subscribers that Pre-Register before the deadline of February 15, 2002.) Wednesday through Saturday events will have required entry fee for each event and will have sponsor sales. 5% of both entry and sponsor sales will go to the tournament costs and the remainder will be distributed to the winners at a designated % based upon # of registrants and # of places to be paid.

Above is just an overview of the tentatively planned schedule and events. Pre-Registration Form and Detail Flyer starts in next month's issue.

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This tournament is sponsored by The Board Talk and co-sponsored by Champion Shuffleboard and the Table Shuffleboard Association.

Any comments or suggestions will be considered before the Pre-Registration and Detail Flyer is distributed next month. Thanks, Tom/Lynda French (Tournament Directors)

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