

# The Board Talk

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appy New Year to All!

We turn over the calendar now into a new year with our second The Board Talk publication. We wish to thank all of you that have and continue to support and help us get onboard. We have had so many nice phone calls and notes too.

We encountered some minor delays acquiring some last minute input for the NASC Reno tourney in our December issue and, of course, the typical holiday delays due to US Post Office's workloads (in addition to them having many temporary or extra postal workers for this season) between Thanksgiving and the end of December. Fourth Class mail, unfortunately, does not get top priority processing. Please continue to make special efforts to send your input to us no later than the 15th of each month, as this will help us get the publication to the printer timely and to your door steps. We are really enjoying our new endeavor, The Board Talk Editors/Publishers.

Thanks to each and every one of you for all your help and continued support!

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

## Florida State Championships Thanksgiving Sizzler!

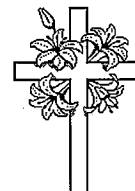


November 24-26, 2000  
The Bavarian House  
Titusville, FL

As Reported by:  
Charley Thompson

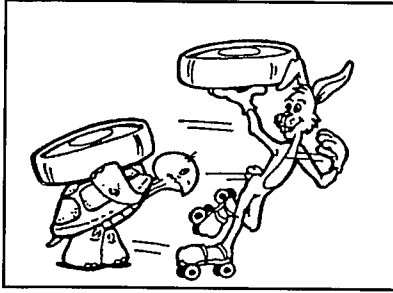
The new Millennium is among us, along with a sizzling Florida State Championship tournament! The tournament kicked off on Wednesday with warm-up draws that were something to behold. Then on Thursday, the highlight was, of course, a delicious Thanksgiving spread of a variety of foods, including turkey, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, and much more than anyone could ask for on a beautiful Thanksgiving Day. On Friday, something new and well deserving happened at the tournament this year ... "memorial weights" were thrown in memory of some of Florida's deceased players: **Flow Nevelle**, Titusville (thrown by Charley Thompson); **Pete O'Neal**, Pembroke Pines (thrown by Carol Komarc); **Bill Pelletier**, Titusville (thrown by Alvis Ramey); **Rich Maxon**, West Palm Beach (thrown by Chuck Dewees); **Bill Dewes**, West Palm Beach/Titusville (thrown by Barrie McLean); and **Al Lambert**, West Palm Beach (thrown by Ray Boyett).

"GOD BLESS & MAY THEY REST IN PEACE"



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# Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

## ***There IS Life After Board Talk!***

-- By Donna Wilber, Lansing, MI

The time: the day after Thanksgiving 2000, a day of infamy for a retired 70-year-old Board Talk editor. The place: Club Car Lounge, Durand, Michigan, site of the annual Michigan Shuffleboard championships. While saner women were out taking advantage of Christmas sales, this one chose instead to be a spectator at the event after years of handling registrations, sales records, money envelopes, reporting and photography duties.

Often during the past 17 years, people have asked: "How come you don't play?" My standard response was: "I'm too busy!" This year, I didn't have that excuse and someone (not mentioning any names, but she's Hawaiian, cute as a button, "shy and quiet") remembered the flippant promise that once I retired, I'd start shooting. She remembered and when the opportunity arose, "forced" me to keep my promise.

The teams for the mixed doubles were all set -- then came the announcement. Because host Dennis Bittner had released his partner, one of Michigan's strong women players, to a late arrival, he was doomed to (1) sit on the sidelines, or (2) take a "pickup" from the gallery. I'm not sure he really made that decision, but he's a great sportsman as well as a great host. Led by the anonymous cheerleader who marched up to the registration desk and plunked down my entry fee,

the crowd started chanting: "Don-na! Don-na! Don-na!"

Sorry, Dennis, you're stuck with a REAL amateur.... I'm shaking inside and out, with no chance to pull myself together. Bracketeer Rob Kern, right off the bat, announces: "Donna and Dennis versus John (like in BIG John McD) and Betty Parrish" -- the defending champs! Dear Lord and George (in that order), please help me!

Now is a good time to make a confession. Unknown to everyone in Durand except for John, Rob and George, this was not my first tournament appearance. Once upon a time, a decade or so ago, in Pennsylvania at a major tournament, I was "drafted" because we were one person short in the 4-person team event. When I innocently played out of turn, the opposing team did not accept it well at all. A scene developed and in abject humiliation, I cried and vowed never to play again. That, not the "I'm too busy" excuse is the real reason I've not played.

The difference between that demoralizing "first" and the uplifting second chance at Durand was, to me, dramatic. This time, my opponents were not contemptuous -- they were supportive. I don't mean supportive to the point where they were ready to give up points to keep me from crying, but they gave me encouragement, applauding when I made that infrequent good shot, and not applauding when I made a bad one -- Betty reminding me to "follow through" and John (bless his heart) reminding me not to make HIM cry! (Fat chance!) -- Incidentally, the score ended up 14-15, thanks to my partner. Not a win for our team, but a victory for my self-esteem!

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### **-- ATTENTION --**

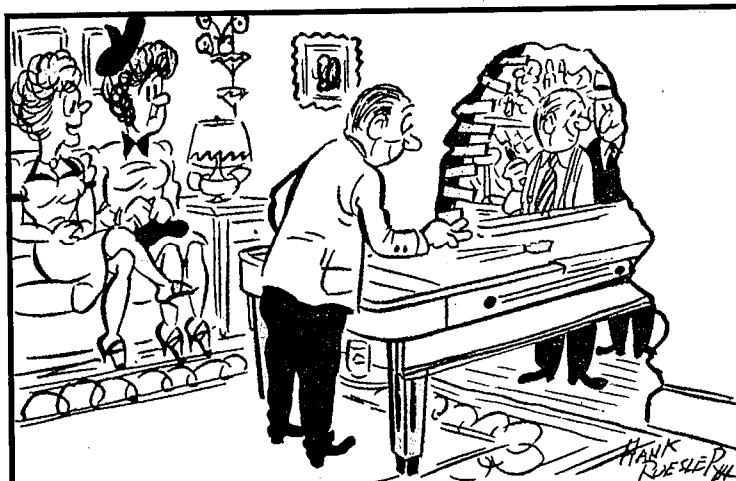
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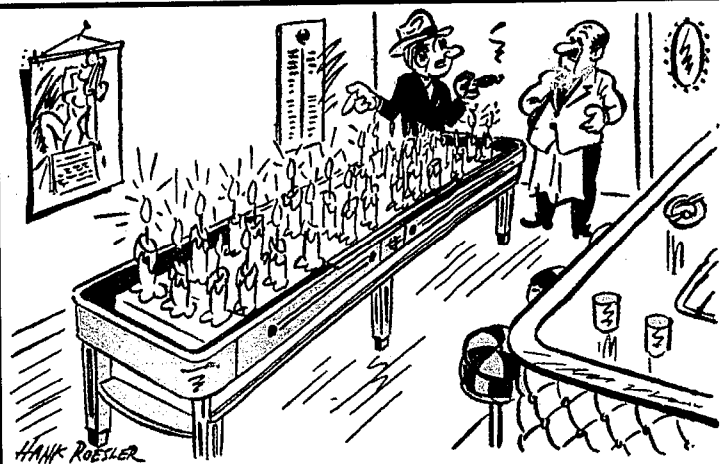
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# SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

*Humor Series #2 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures*



"We have a deal with the tavern next door. Their place was too small for it."



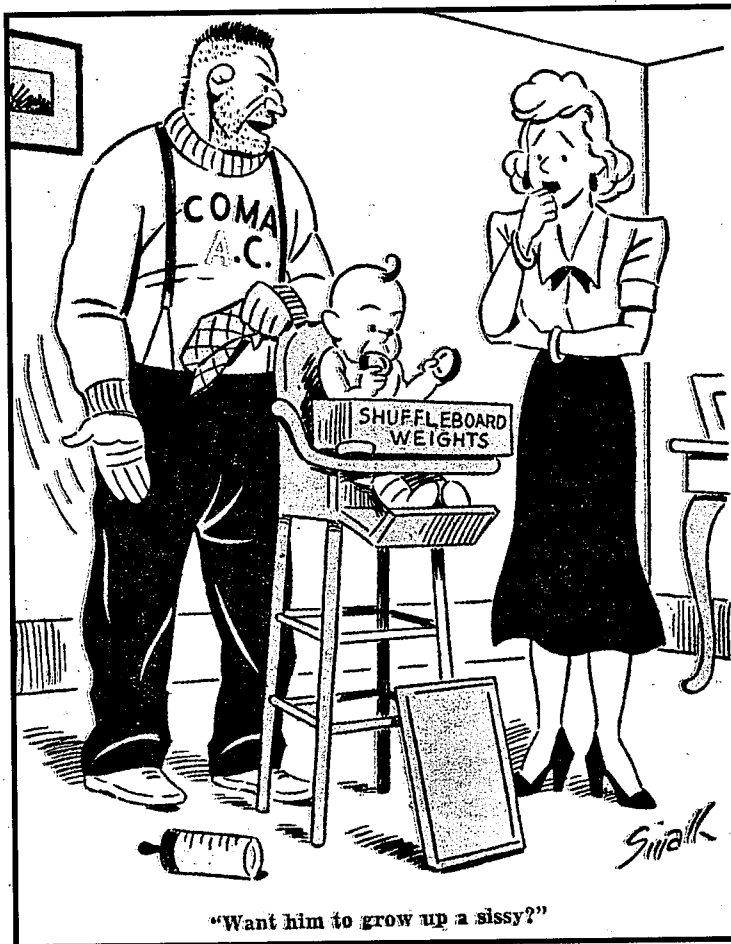
"You know, Potts, I feel you have the wrong idea about waxing the board."

Above cartoon found by The Board Talk Editors in "Shuffleboard World", October, 1951, Vol. 3, No. 1, Pg. 6.

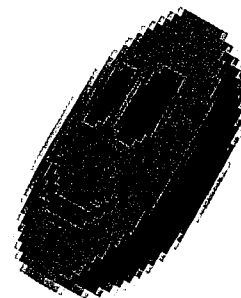
Above: Could this be one of our Potts shufflers (Brian or Lonnie) from Pennsylvania?



Above: Now who is that sweetie in the center wearing that irresistible wig? T-H-U-M-A-N? Too much NASC Reno 2000 or what??? <grin>



Left: Who could initials "A.C." be? Anthony Cacciavillani, Allen Choy, Alan Cobb, A.J. Catzalas, or ??? (must be a real diehard dedicated player to give a baby these shuffleboard weights at such an early age), but baby seems to like them better than the bottle thrown on the floor!



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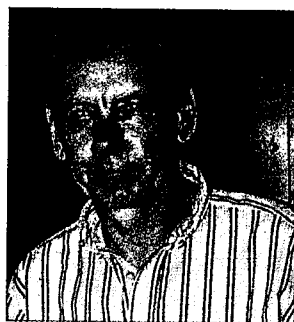
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## Upcoming Events Across the Nation

### Michigan

#### **O.B. BRIMM BENEFIT TOURNAMENT STOBER'S LOUNGE JAN. 19 - 21, 2001**

O.B. Brimm is struggling with cancer and his fellow family of shufflers are having an O.B. Brimm Benefit Tournament, January 19-21, 2001 at Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI.



10% of all Entry Fees and Sponsor Sales will go to O.B. Brimm. Events include: Friday, Jan. 19th, starting at 6:30 PM will be \$10 and \$20 ROUND ROBINS (Single Game, Single Elimination); Saturday, Jan. 20th (sign-up at Noon) will be \$40/team OPEN DOUBLES (Single Game, Double Elimination, Pros can play with Pros); and Sunday, Jan. 20th, starting at 1:00 PM will be \$25/player OPEN SINGLES (Single Game, Double Elimination).

For more information, contact Theresa or Alonzo Contrell at (248) 451-0329; Carrie Clifton at (517) 482-1190; or Stober's Lounge at (517) 487-4464.

### Texas

#### **TAZ COUNTRY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT JAN. 26 - 28, 2001**

Taz Country, 1406 F.M. 1825, Pflugerville, TX (phone: 512-990-5526) -owners Gene and Sarah Criminger will be hosting another one of their famous tournaments. Ron and Debbie Bowers, tournament directors, have planned three exciting handicap events where no more than 4 handicap points may be scored in any game throughout each event. There is a 4 point cap on handicap in each event and the Bowers Rating System will be used to determine handicap point qualification. There will be no Registration Fee. The tournament will start on Friday night at 7:30 PM with an A-B DRAW (single

game, double elimination, negative scoring, no sponsor sale, \$30/player entry fee). Saturday at 2:00 PM there will be HANDICAP DOUBLES (single game, double elimination, negative scoring, sponsor sale, \$100/team entry fee, and team must total minimum of 0 points). Sunday at 1:00PM will start the HANDICAP SINGLES (single game, double elimination, negative scoring, sponsor sale, \$50/ player entry fee). **FIVE HOUSE BOARDS!**

For more information, contact tournament directors: Ron/Debbie Bowers, (512) 835-7256 or e-mail: ronbowers@jump.net

### Texas

#### **TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS BAR "DRAW PARTNER" JANUARY 27, 2001**

The Triple Crown Sports Bar, 13660 Westheimer, Houston, Texas will hold their legendary "Draw Partner" event on Saturday, January 27, 2001. There will be \$200 added pot!

They will Open at 11 AM. Registration required by 12 Noon and Auction starts at 1 PM for the Draw Partner event (no -1's, 0's, or 1's can draw each other). Action and tourney will start immediately after the auction. Entry fee is \$20 per player and will pay 4 places. Harvey Kidd will be the auctioneer.

If you have not attended one of the great "Draw Partner" events at Triple Crown Sports Bar then you are missing out not only on a fabulous tournament, but also on their excellent FOOD! **NOTE: This tourney date changed since what was published in the Dec. 2000 issue (from Jan. 20th to Jan. 27th) due to a league date conflict.**

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

Maryland

**RENZO MEMORIAL  
MARKET STREET CAFE  
CHARLESTON, MD  
FEB. 10-11, 2001**

A tournament honoring the memory of Nelson Renzo will be held on Feb. 10-11 at the Market Street Cafe, 315 Market Street, Charlestown, Maryland. Nelson was the former owner of the Lafayette Inn, site of many tournaments in years past. Hosts Chip and Bobbi Spangler have three busy boards and are considering a fourth for the event.

If you have any photos, stories, or special memories of Nelson and the Lafayette Inn, please send them to: Brenda Wallace, Box 228, Port Deposit, MD 21904, before the tournament.

For further information, contact the Market Street Cafe, 410-287-6374.

California

**10th ANNUAL "PRESIDENT'S  
DAY" TOURNAMENT  
BLINKY'S SPORTS BAR  
SANTA CLARA, CA  
FEB. 11-19, 2001**

Blinky's Sports Bar will host their 10th Annual President's Day tournament Feb. 11-19, 2001. One of highlights this year will be the induction of AZ Turnbo into the California Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will start at 3 PM on Saturday, Feb. 17th (7th day of the tournament). Registration Fee for the tournament is \$20/person. Tournament will start on Sunday, Feb. 11th with a Sweetheart Doubles (Bring Partner). **For event schedule and details on this nine day tournament, please see the enclosed tournament flyer in this January 2001 The Board Talk issue.** For registration information or additional details, contact the Tournament Directors: Eddie Brayman (408-615-1664) or Lorraine Bingham (408-321-5541)

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shufflers to subscribe!***

Indiana

**AMERICAN LEGION # 424  
BOURBON, INDIANA  
BOURBON MIXED DOUBLES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2001 (and)  
TRUE ROUND ROBIN  
DOUBLES  
MARCH 3-4, 2001**

Please mark you calendars for two upcoming tournaments planned at the American Legion Post #424, 202 S. Main, Bourbon, IN. First being the "Bourbon Mixed Doubles" being held February 17, 2001. Next will be the traditional "True Round Robin Doubles" coming up on March 3-4, 2001 (\$300 entry fee, limited to the first 20 paid entries). David Williams and Bill Melton attended the last True Round Robin Doubles and set a record by winning 19 games! Both the February 17, 2001 and March 3-4, 2001 tournaments will be held at the American Legion Post 424, Bourbon, IN.

Contact Terry Dowell for registration information and details at 219-353-1070.

Ohio

**TOLEDO OPEN, AVON'S  
LOCAL 14  
MAR. 30-APRIL 1, 2001**

Looking ahead to 2001, mark your calendars now for the Toledo Open on March 30-April 1, at Avon's Local 14, 5411 Jackman Rd., Toledo. There will be four events on the tournament schedule: an A-B draw partner on Friday night, a "constant action" event (open doubles and open singles played at the same time) with graduated entry fees on Saturday, and a Bounty Hunters open doubles on Sunday.

Watch upcoming issues for detailed information and a flyer which you are encouraged to post in your favorite shuffleboard site.

In the meantime, for more information, contact tournament directors: Phil McGrew, 419-691-3798; Martha Nelson, 419-882-1298; or Jim Stockmaster, 419-343-5012.

McGrew was the "founder" of the Constant Action and Bounty Hunters events when he lived in Michigan, and now he is offering the same opportunity in Ohio. (Continued on Page 6)

Indiana

## INDIANA PLANS "BATTLE OF THE BARS" TOURNEY APRIL 13-15, 2001

Indiana is issuing a national challenge to all bars and clubs in the U.S.A. and Canada to see what team and the bar they represent will be crowned "The Champion of Champions" for 2001. The big event is planned for April 13-15 at the AMVETS Post 26 in Pendleton. All bars and clubs may sponsor no more than two 2-person teams. In this challenge, bar owners or bartenders may be the sponsor of their best team or teams. At a cost of \$200 per team with a \$25 registration fee per team, this event will be limited to 64 teams. The format will be 2 out of 3 double elimination.

All entry fee money will be evenly split with first place team and sponsor. The first-place winning team will also receive first-place trophies, paid entry fee for Bourbon's (Indiana) Spring Doubles, and complimentary two days and two nights stay at the Super 8 Motel in Warsaw, just 20 minutes away from Bourbon. The winning sponsor will also receive a special hand-designed sponsor jacket, a specially-made trophy to proudly display in their club or bar, 25% of all registration money to be donated to their state Hall of Fame, and a year's subscription to The Board Talk. The sales money will be split by regular percentage breakdowns.

The Pendleton AMVETS will have over an acre of land for free R.V. parking and camping right behind the tournament site. An in-town motel only minutes away will also be available (phone 765-778-7679) and other motels are available just minutes away from the club. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available at the club throughout the tournament.

For more tournament information, contact tournament director Mikel Johnson at 219-453-3312 or Sonny Harris at 765-778-7224. Watch future issues of The Board Talk for further details.

For a guaranteed spot in the event, send advanced registration and entry fees (checks or money orders made payable to Mikel Johnson) to P.O. Box 1601, Warsaw IN 46581. Along with your advanced registration and entry fees, please send the team sponsor's name and team members' names. Include the state, city, and name of the bar you're representing.

If time permits, there will be a singles event on April 15, \$100 entry, double elimination. This should be a fun tournament for players and fans alike. Mark your calendars now!

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## *The Palace Bar Winners!*

November 18, 2000

The Palace Bar

Fairmount, IN

Results & Pictures Provided by: Bobby Voorhis

The Palace Place Bar, 121 S. Main St., Fairmount, IN hosted a tournament on Nov. 18th where eighteen (18) teams vied for a \$4,210 purse with Ricky Royal of Muncie dragging Bobby Voorhis through the losers bracket to double dip the Tom and Greg Massie brothers of Summitville. Third place went to Jim Long of Osceola and his partner, the new "King" in Indiana: Glen Ingram of Muncie! Fourth place went to Jim (*the hammer*) Hamilton and partner Tom Nolder, both Fairmount locals. Many thanks to Mikel Johnson, auctioneer, and Deb Voorhis and Mary Brown for handling the finances, and of course the wonderful staff at The Palace Bar (Joe, Myra, Gary, Frank, and Mike) for attending to all participants every want and need and to the many not mentioned by name here. Great job and many thanks to everyone!



1st Place: (left)  
Ricky Royal (left)  
and Bobby Voorhis  
(right)

2nd Place: (right)  
Tom Massie (left) and  
Greg Massie (right)



3rd Place: (left)  
Jim Long (left) and  
Glen Ingram (right)



4rd Place: (left)  
Jim Hamilton  
(left) and Tom  
Nolder (right) w/  
"Greek" George,  
sponsor (center)

# Michigan State Championships After-Thanksgiving Blast!



November 24-26, 2000

Club Car Lounge

Durand, MI

Overview Reported by: Betty Parrish, Waterford, MI

Results Reported by: Rob Kern, Tournament Director

(winner photos will be mailed for publication in a later The Board Talk issue)

## Overview:

The Thanksgiving Holidays were extended for many Michigan players with attending the State of Michigan State Championship tournament which blasted off the day after Thanksgiving! This allowed Michigan shufflers to pack up the bird and Thanksgiving leftovers, send them home with a guest, and head for Durand to enjoy this annual tournament with their extended shuffler family and friends for the rest of the weekend. Dennis Bittner of the Club Car Lounge located on the main street of Durand has hosted this annual tournament for the past several years. Durand is a quaint and friendly town like out of a Norman Rockwell setting - where everyone is glad to see you - where the entire town echoes a "we're glad you're here, please come again" cheer that few of us remember or hear anymore and the younger generation has seldom encountered at all.

One the highlights of the tournament (outside the fantastic tournament events) was holding the induction ceremony of J.R. Lopez of Lansing, Michigan - proudly inducting him into Michigan's table shuffleboard Hall of Fame. J.R. was surrounded by fellow Lansing players and family and all the many other friends across the State that claim J.R. as one of their own. All participants showed J.R. gratitude and respect for his many achievements in shuffleboard and thanked him for his continuous willingness and desire to teach players and keep shuffleboard alive, not only in our State of Michigan, but across the country as well.

As Thanksgiving ends and Christmas becomes our focal point, Santa arrives on the streets of Durand and the carolers trudged through the rain and snow to sing their carols - again instilling in each of us the continuing holiday spirit. Our own

Bonnie Morgan, who has a beautiful voice, started joining in singing with the carolers and soon many players were taking a break and joining in as well. As the carolers continued up the street, the shufflers returned to their boards -- very happy and renewed with a sense that this was "our tournament" and that the rest of the weekend "we're here to play some good games with friends and family" and all shufflers were already looking forward to the future tournaments in the upcoming New Year -- being with their extended family of shufflers!

## Results:

**MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPS:** First Place was Carrie Cottrell/Steve Auten; Second Place was Betty Parrish/John McDermott; Third Place was Jackie Meagher/Bill Kane; Fourth Place was Sandy Blade/Alonzo Cottrell; Fifth/Sixth was Jeff Cottrell/Jonel Scott and Kim Parrish/Frank Parrish; and Seventh/Eighth went to Sonnie Morgan/Bonnie Morgan and Brenda Kane/Tom Meagher.

**OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPS:** First Place was John McDermott/Mike Chamarro; Second Place was Jeff Cottrell/Jerry Hershman; Third Place was Frank Blade/Alonzo Cottrell; Fourth Place was Steve Auten/Jim Kelsey; and Fifth/Sixth went to Ron Palmer/J.R. Lopez and Jeff Schubert/Dan Genez.

**MEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPS:** First Place was Steve Auten; Second Place was Jeff Cottrell; and Third Place went to Bill Meyer.

**LADIE'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPS:** First Place was Cassie Schubert; Second Place was Sandy Blade; Third Place was Gail Schultz; and Fourth Place went to Ruth Fitzko.

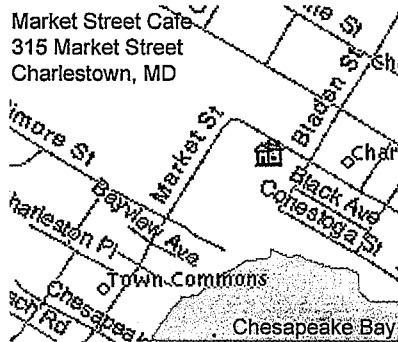
**DIVISION II SINGLES CHAMPS:** First Place was Tom Meagher; Second Place was Ron Bown; and Third Place was Dennis Bittner, Fourth Place was Carlos Capote; and Fifth/Sixth Place went to Carrie Cottrell and Rob Kern.

*Michigan player - O.B. Brimm - is seriously ill with cancer. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers. See the "Upcoming Events Across the Nation" in this issue for details about a benefit tournament being held in behalf of O.B. Brimm on Jan. 19-21, 2001 at Stober's Lounge in Lansing, MI.*

## Market Street Cafe Turkey Shootout '2000'

**November 25-27, 2000**  
**Market Street Cafe**  
**Charlestown, MD**

**Results & Pictures**  
**Provided by:**  
**Brenda Wallace**



Market Street Cafe owners, Chip and Bobbie, hosted another fantastic tournament, the Turkey Shootout '2000', November 25-27th in their gorgeous establishment setting with a beautiful water view of the Chesapeake Bay/Susanna River.

This year's lucky winners, as reported by Brenda Wallace of Port Deposit, MD follow...

Friday night DRAW: First Place honors went to Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, MD and Archie Moore of Charlestown, MD; Second Place went to Judy Eseman of Chestertown, MD and Danny Cooper; and Third Place went to Jen Pickett of Rising Sun, MD and Hilda Poling of Abington, MD.

Saturday BRING PARTNER: First Place honors went to Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, MD and Ed Kibler of Easter Shore/Chestertown, MD; Second Place went to Len Dell of Baltimore, MD and Rick Niblett of Slaisbury, MD.

Sunday SINGLES: First Place honors went to Chuck King of Greensboro, MD.

Sunday DRAW: First Place honors went to Chuck King of Greensboro, MD and Curt Nyler of Rising Sun, MD. Pictures of all winners were not provided, but ones submitted follow:



Above: *Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, MD and Archie Moore of Charlestown, MD were honored with First Place on the Friday night DRAW.*



Above: *Len Dell of Baltimore, MD (left) and Rick Niblett of Slaisbury, MD grinning ear to ear celebrating their Second Place BRING PARTNER win on Saturday.*



Above: *Now here's a happy group of some of the Saturday event winners! Ed Kibler (left front) of Chestertown, MD, Buddy Brammer (right front), Len Dell (left back), and Rick Niblett (right back)*

*NOTE: Len and Rick still have that ear to ear grin, don't they (deservedly so)?*

## What's Brewing at SYD's Bar in Nobelsville?

**Submitted by: Butch Thomas, Nobelsville, IN**

There's a little dust devil brewing at SYD's Bar in Nobelsville... caused by a new little 23 year old dust devil named "Little Ellen" who shot hot and won the Nov. 19th **LADIES SINGLES** (1st Ladies Singles in Hamilton County - put together by Butch Thomas). 2nd Place went to Sandy McConaha (a 6 mo. player). THANKS to all the Ladies for participating! Other news... On Dec. 2nd we had the play off for the top 8 players from our 14 week draw. Winners were Ding King and Cowboy (1st); and Connie Langolf and Rudy Robinson (2nd).

-- By Butch Thomas, IN



# Florida State Champs...

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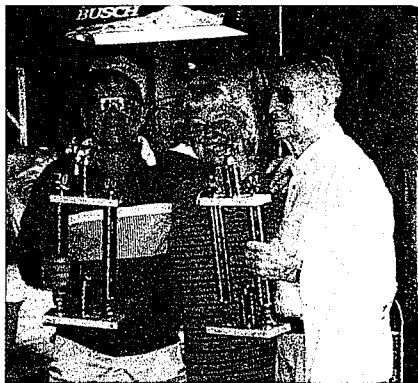
Above: Alvis Ramey (left), Tournament Director and Charley Thompson (right), Tournament Chairman getting ready to kick off the championship events say "thanks" to all who helped and participated!

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th: "OPEN DOUBLES" CHAMPIONS!

Earl Harrington and Harvey Comer won first place. Earl Harrington turned 85 years "young" at 12:00 midnight after taking first place with his partner on this very special Friday night!

First Place "Open Doubles" (right):

Harvey Comer (left) and Earl Harrington (right) with hostess Ursula Badouin (center) congratulating them!



Second Place: "Open Doubles" (below):



Ray Boyett (left) and Chris Boyett (right) representing the Miami, FL Elks Lodge #943 took a proud second place. Ursula Badouin (center) pictured with them.

Third Place: "Open Doubles" (below)



Dick Smedburg (left center) and Jimmy ("The Cop" - right center) take a happy third place. Pictured with Tournament Director: Alvis Ramey (left) and Hostess: Ursula Badouin (right)

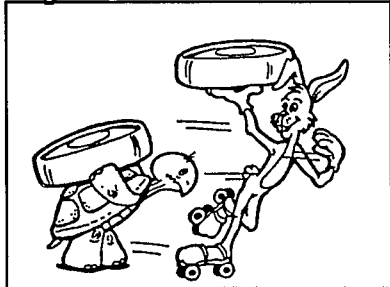
## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th: "WOMEN'S SINGLES" CHAMPIONS!

There were three proud and happy "Women's Singles" shufflers from Titusville, FL that placed this year (pictured below). Kathy Ring, taking first place, was crowned the new "Women's State Champion"; Sue Swindle took second place and Pat Gray took third place (all three of these champs are pictured below).



Above: "WOMEN'S SINGLES" Champs  
First Place: Kathy Ring (right)  
Second Place: Sue Swindle (center)  
Third Place: Pat Gray (left)

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# **Shufflers' Notebook** *(Continued from Page 2)*

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

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## **There IS Life ... (continued)**

The reason for this letter is not simply to relate a personal experience. It is to let people know how important it is to treat first-timers with respect and encouragement, like John and Betty. YOU can make a difference in whether they return to shuffleboard or choose some other, more friendly, sport. It is to let people like Dennis, who gave up a "winner" to give an "unknown" an opportunity, know that YOU can open doors to a new player. And, it's also to let the "gallery" know that your cheers are important -- win or lose. I hope I never become so "tough" (fat chance again) that those cheers don't matter.

-- Donna Wilber, Lansing, MI

*(Good story Donna. It is so true that first impressions and how we treat newcomers is of utmost importance. That first impression could be their first, only and last impression! -- T&L, Editors)*

## **Shuffleboard Rules?**

As we stated in the December 2000 issue, we would like to start a section and discussion on Shuffleboard Rules. From input received, thus far, it appears the rule that many players would like to start with is to establish a more consistent and understandable rule and intent for calling a weight "Safe". So, for the next issue, please submit your interpretation and opinions on setting a rule of clarity on *who* is responsible to make a weight safe and *why*? Can we start by getting a clear description of the purpose and intent of the rule... then what is the consequence of calling or not calling the weight safe... what happens if the weight falls during play (called "safe" v not called "safe")... *who* benefits and *who* scores under *what* conditions?

This seems to be one of the most controversial and least understood rule, so send us your input for our upcoming issues... once clarified, we can move on to another rule for discussion and clarification (let us know which one you'd like to address next -- prioritize our discussions) ...Thanks!

-- T&L, Editors

## **Dick Salutes "J.R." -- Latest Michigan HOF Inductee**

J.R. Lopez -- a true friend and fellow shuffleboard shooter for many years! I first knew J.R. when he was a student at C.W. Otto Jr. High School during the '50s where I was a teacher. When J.R. was in school, he started shooting pool and in a very short time, with his natural skills, he become one of Lansing's top pool shooters. It seems the game of pool did not challenge J.R. enough because soon he became interested in the game of shuffleboard, devoting most of his spare time in its pursuit.

During his career, he has been sponsored by, or shot for, Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan. J.R. has not only been a champion singles shooter, but also a very strong partners and team player as well. J.R. and his longtime partner, Lee McDonald, were a fierce twosome. J.R.'s team, the Machos of Stober's, held the Lansing Shuffleboard League Championship for many years. Through the years, he has played in many tournaments here in Michigan and around the U.S.

I see J.R. now, picking up his puck, eyeing the board, sprinkling a little wax, and then tugging on his shirt as he leans over the board preparing to shoot. He shoots and we shout: "Oh, what a shot! What a shooter!" He is J.R. Lopez!

-- Dick Reist, Lansing, MI

## **Gary Responds to Leon Black...**

In response to your comment in the December issue about Texas players having an advantage because of Pro training... this is simply not an accurate statement, at least from the D/FW area. I have learned more from watching play than I have from Pro coaching. I have received more coaching from those such as Carlos Guzman and Steve Burkett than I have from local Pros. I would like to see a special tournament where Non-Pro players draw up and each team be assigned a "Pro" or "O" as their "coach". Also, to improve our play and prepare us for the next rung on the ladder, I would like to see Non-Pro players have a 2 out of 3 game format (especially in State Championship tourneys).

-- Gary Nelson, TX

## ***Happy New Year Message to All from Glen Davidson!***

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

I would like to take this time to personally thank George and Donna Wilber for a job well done on founding and keeping The Board Talk coming to our homes for many years... from 1984 through November 2000 they formed a "Shuffleboard Family" for the first time in table shuffleboard history. The uniting of a sport for many scattered individuals was a task no other organization or promoting entity has been able to do. This "duo" has hung in there with great fortitude for us. "Farewell and Happy Retirement!" to George and Donna and a hearty "Thank You!" for all the work and dedication... now you can sit back and "read" The Board Talk and watch your "baby" grow. Congratulations and thanks to Tom and Lynda French who will be the next "duo" to reach unlimited heights in our quest to get the shuffleboard community into the media news and put a deserving spot light on the game of table shuffleboard. I am certain that we all will pitch in and help them accomplish this goal and most worthy cause. So, as the President and Al Gore have communicated... It's time for togetherness and support from all.

I am heading south for the Houston Holiday Open and hope to see and visit with all my friends and cohorts. My next project will be started after New Years when I return from the Houston Holiday Open tournament. This project will be my "Last Frontier" for the game of table shuffleboard. More on my project plans to be communicated to all later...

I also commend and extend a special thanks to the Evergreen Association in the Washington area for a job well done on their organizational efforts and communications through their own successful newsletter - another job well done with over 100 members and subscribers! -- Glen Davidson, OK

## ***Glen Ingram "Thanks" VFW #424 & Tourney Directors!***

I just got this little gadget, called a computer, and thought I'd send a "Hello from Indiana" and a "Thank You" to Bourbon's VFW Post #424 for hosting a GREAT State Tournament with a GREAT meal. "Many Thanks" to our tournament directors: Terry Dowell and Bill Niswonger! Great tourney, great job! Your efforts were greatly appreciated by ALL!

-- Glen Ingram, IN

## ***Michigan Players Story Contest!***

Michigan players are putting together a booklet of "short stories" on the trials and tribulations that players have experienced while playing shuffleboard. If there is enough response that is "printable," a prize will be awarded and winners submitted to The Board Talk "Humor" or "Shuffler Notebook" for publication. Most players have had some memorable experience or humor to share. Send stories to Betty Parrish, 6621 S. Doyon Dr., Waterford, MI 48327.

## ***Thanks from Bowers "Duo"...***

Ron and I attended the NASC Reno 2000 tournament and had a superb time. Receiving the distinguished Sol Lipkin Award along with Hal and Shirley Perry was a great honor and to have it personally presented to us by Sol Lipkin himself meant even more to us than words can express. Sol is truly a great person and such a delight to talk with. We wish to thank Sol Lipkin and The Shuffleboard Federation for such a wonderful ceremony!

We wish to give a special "thank you" to a group of Austin shufflers that traveled to Reno to attend the Sol Lipkin Award ceremony and celebrate with us, being: Glenn Bennight and Kay McKenzie ("slot slut" - nickname she gave herself); DeWayne and Anita Wilkens; and Bill and Dee Moody and our local shuffler extended family that were in Reno already working for The Shuffleboard Federation to help setup and manage the tournament, being our dear buddy Lyndon (Coach) Baize and Rick McFarland.

We all got hooked on the crap table, so I think we may need to change Kay's nickname to "crap table queen". Glenn, Kay, DeWayne, and Anita already had plans and reservations to go to Las Vegas, but changed their reservations to Reno when they learned we were receiving the Sol Lipkin Award... this made their attendance even more special to us! They will likely be back next year, as they all had a wonderful time!

Ron and I really enjoyed visiting and talking with a number of raters attending the tournament, some that we had never personally met before. We really enjoyed chatting with them and hearing their input on the rating system.

We wish to thank Lynda French for all her work on the website and thanks to ALL (too many to list) for their donations and contributions to the Bowers Rating System!

-- Debbie Bowers, TX

*Shufflers' Notebook (Continued on Page 29)*

## ***OSKAR'S 9th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TOURNEY and TROY TOLBERT'S CSHOF INDUCTION!***

**November 23-25, 2000  
Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill  
Bellflower, CA**

**Reported by: Bob Davidson**

The shuffleboard team of Donnie Cox, "Long Beach Lloyd" Schasker and Johnny Walker captured the 9th Annual Souther California Thanksgiving Tournament held at Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill in Bellflower, CA on Nov. 24-25th. One of the highlights of this tournament was the inductions of Troy Tolbert into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (CSHOF) who is now residing in Bullhead, AZ.

The Cox/ Schasker/Walker team finished the tournament undefeated, beating their final opponents Steve Floyd/Charlie Detterbeck/Mina Bischara in the finals two out of three games. The finals were played on Saturday evening. Third place went to the team of Vern Booth/Bruce Hale/George Gray with Jolene Lembke/Pearl Minard/Chris Ahlering team taking fourth place in this seven team A-B-C Tournament.

Chris Brown served as Tournament Director, and as usual, was a master of the team bracketing board. Auctioneer Paul Weber handled the sponsor. It was an especially satisfying win for local player Johnny Walker, as the country western guitar player has only been playing shuffleboard for a few years. It was an exciting victory, as he had a "cheering" house in the final moments. Walker competes on a regular basis in league play.

Eight fellow inductees were on hand for Troy Tolbert's induction into the CSHOF on Saturday afternoon. Jolene Lembke, CSHOF President, presented a very gracious and eminent Mr. Tolbert with a plaque honoring him for his many years of



**EIGHT FELLOW INDUCTEES  
CELEBRATING TROY TOLBERT'S  
CALIFORNIA STATE HALL OF FAME  
(CSHOF) INDUCTION!**

*Above: Front Row (sitting): Donnie Cox  
(left) and Al Stewart (right); Back Row (left  
to right): Karl Spickelmeir, Porter White,  
Bobby Goldsmith, TROY TOLBERT (holding  
his HOF induction plaque), Jolene Lembke,  
Chuck Kimbrough, and Bruce Hale*

shuffleboard play and several long time friends paid him tribute during the afternoon inductions ceremonies.

There were eight fellow inductees present (as pictured and named to the left) for Troy Tolbert's induction ceremony.

Donnie Cox, Al Stewart, "Bellflower Bruce" Hale, Bobby Goldsmith, and Chuck Kimbrough honored Troy Tolbert by recalling past events related to his personal history of the game. Paul Weber served as master of ceremonies. Kathleen Wisdom, CSHOF Secretary, was also present. Ms. Marilyn McCracken, who makes these events special for the CSHOF,

again designed the organization's booklet that honored the newest member of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The booklet was distributed to family members and friends in attendance. Oscar Ugarte provided guests with an excellent turkey buffet and several tasty side dishes were available and donated by shuffleboard players and friends. Ms. Sally Langlois was very instrumental in making the tournament and induction ceremony a success. Oskar's is planning a New Year's Eve A-B-C Tournament for December 29-31, 2000 this year.

For more information on upcoming tournaments at Oskar's, please contact Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill at (562) 925-4915.

*NOTE: Oskar's A-B-C Team event winners are pictured on Page 14.*

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## *Holiday Classic at Harvey's Place Winners!*

*December 8-9, 2000  
Harvey's Place  
Street, MD*

*Submitted By: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, DE*

The Holiday Classic at Harvey's Place was the third of the scheduled tournaments at Harvey's Place for the 2000-2001 season and was held on December 8-9, 2000, attempting to give more weekend time for players to be with their families nearer to Christmas.

As many know, Harvey Comer, our host and sponsor at Harvey's (the home of four house boards), is always open to new ideas and suggestions to improve our tournaments. Based upon suggestions Harvey received from attendees during this Holiday Classic tournament, he is going to change the format on a trial basis and then determine if the new format is of more interest to all players. The trial period will extend through the next four tournaments, ending with the Maryland State Championship tournament the weekend of April 27, 2001.

The new trial format will continue to be based upon the Bower's Rating System to determine each players point rating. However, the requirement for a minimum 2 point total for Partner events will be removed. Any players may play as a team (no minimum points required), but at the same time the maximum handicap of 5 points will also be removed and substituted by the real total point difference between the opposing teams. In fact, in the past two years there have only been maybe two occasions where anyone received a handicap of 5 points. Again, this new format will be on trial basis until the end of our 2000-2001 Season in April 2001.

Now to the Holiday Classic Results... Friday night was the beginning of the DRAW PARTNER event which produced a first time Harvey's Place winner! Taking First Place was the team of Mark Dean of Elkton, MD (first time winner at Harvey's) and partner Ed Hammond of Chester, PA; Second Place went to host Harvey Comer and Joe Williams of Ripley Park, PA; and Third Place went to Mark's brother, Curtis Dean of Elkton, MD and Wendy Davis of Wilmington, DE. The purse averaged over \$100 per team entry.

Saturday's BRING PARTNER event brought

some long-time missing players ut and they also averaged over \$100/team entry. First Place went to Al Di Bella from Upper Darby, PA and Paul Heevy (first time to play at Harvey's Place) from Philadelphia, PA; Second Place went to Curtis Dean of Elkton, MD and Louise Freer of Landsdale, PA; and Third Place went to Dave Shewbridge of Pasadena, MD and partner Joe Williams of Ridley Park, PA.

After the BRING PARTNER the players decided to have a \$20 Draw Partner event with Calcutta which ended quite late.

Of course, we were treated to a delicious roast pork dinner with all the trimmings during our tournament which was provided by our hostess Darlyne Belcher and we all know or have heard about what a good cook she is!

Our next scheduled tournament on Harvey's four house boards will be the East Coast Winter Tournament on January 12-13, 2001. Call Harvey Comer at (410) 836-8881 for more information or reservations.

Happy Holidays and New Year to ALL!

## *Chances "R"- Open Doubles Results!*

*November 25, 2000  
Chances "R"  
Muncie, IN*

Chances "R", Muncie, IN, hostess Karen Schounce, sponsored an *OPEN DOUBLES* tournament on Nov. 5th with 12 teams participating. As always, Karen donated \$100 to the payout. First Place went to Dave Vondrom (Anderson) and Rudy Robinson (Pendleton); Second Place went to locals Robbie Collins and Milt Vanosdol; and Third place was captured by the 14th Street Mugger, Teddy Wooten and his partner John Modglin.

REMINDER: Mark your calendars for two upcoming tournaments at Chances "R" being an Open Doubles on Jan. 13, 2001 and the 3rd Annual Bobby Schounce Memorial tournament on May 19, 2001.

-- Submitted by: Mary Brown, IN

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## OSKAR'S 9th ANNUAL...

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OSKAR'S 9th Annual Thanksgiving Tournament's A-B-C Team Event Winners are pictured below:



1st Place A-B-C Team (above): Lloyd Schaker (left), Donnie Cox (center) and Johnny Walker (right)



2nd Place A-B-C Team (above): Charlie Detterbeck (left), Steve Floyd (center), and Mina Bischara (right)



3rd Place A-B-C Team (above): Vern Booth (left), Bruce Hale (center), and George Gray (right)

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## 12th Annual Indiana State "Hoosier" Championships!



November 24-26, 2000  
American Legion Post #424  
Bourbon, IN

As Reported by: Steve Hart

The 12th Annual Indiana State Tournament was a great success with the largest purse yet in it's twelve year history of \$17,665.

On Friday, Nov. 24th, there were 34 players vying for the SINGLES Crown and \$6,260 purse to be shared amongst the winners. The champions were: 1st Place: Bobby Voorhis; 2nd Place: Terry Dowell; 3rd Place: Ricky Royal; 4th Place: Brian Collins; 5th & 6th Place: Gene McLeod/Bud Broka; 7th & 8th Place: Larry Creakbaum/Glen Ingram.

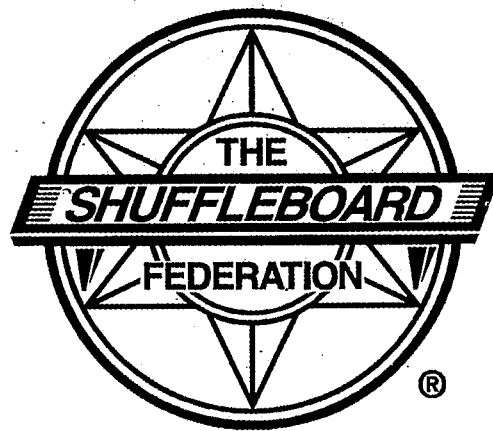
Saturday, Nov. 25th, there were 22 teams vying for the DOUBLES purse of \$5,890 to be shared amongst the winners. The champions were: 1st Place: Bobby Voorhis/Ricky Royal; 2nd Place: Mike Koontz/Dennis Kinsey; 3rd Place: Jerry Knox/Larry Creakbaum; and 4th Place: Jim Long/Glen Ingram.

Sunday, Nov. 26th there were 17 teams in MIXED DOUBLES vying for the \$3,500 purse. The champions were: 1st Place: Brian Collins/Joyce Roberts; 2nd Place: Bobby Voorhis/Debbie Voorhis; and 3rd Place: Mark McLeod/Shannon McLeod.

Sunday, Nov. 26th there were 15 ladies in the WOMEN'S SINGLES vying for the \$2,005 purse. The champions were: 1st Place: Shannon McLeod; 2nd Place: Cheryl Cockrell; and 3rd Place: Debbie Voorhis.

*NOTE: Winners Pictures were received by The Board Talk Editor's via Express Mail (timely and well packaged), but there was ink damage to the front of all but one picture which had apparently rubbed off from the writing on the back of the pictures when stacked for mailing. Therefore, instead of printing one picture, we will wait until a later issue when we can get a new set of pictures.*

-- T&L, Editors



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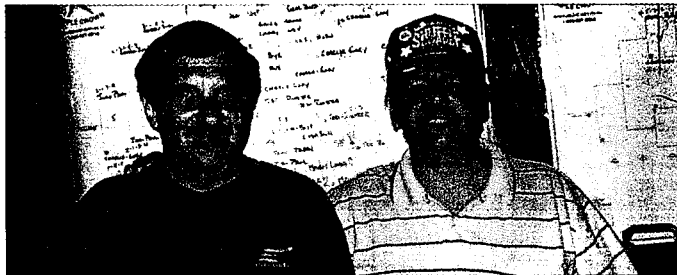
## 2nd Annual "Best Of Arizona" Champs!

M.V.P Sports Bar  
6001 N. 43rd Street  
Phoenix, AZ

Reported by: Wendell Herbison, Glendale, AZ

The 2nd Annual Best of Arizona tournament was held at M.V.P. Sports Bar. For the Second Year now Bill Thomas has won Div. I Singles. A "Special Thanks" to all the players and staff and Terry Leahy and Linda Churchman!

Many Thanks to Curtis, JoAnn, Phil, Frank, and Rich. Competition was great and lots of fun with players looking forward to our next tournament!



Above: OPEN DOUBLES: 1st Place: Phil Gardner (left) & Frank Monarrez (right)

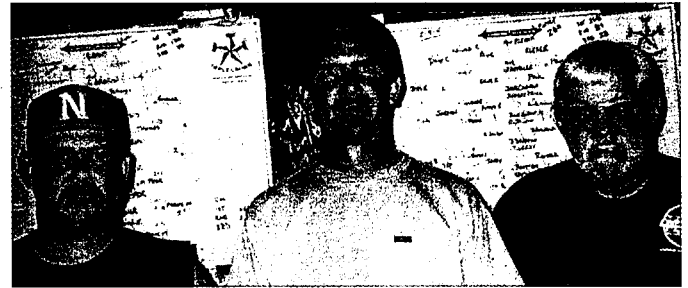


Above: OPEN DOUBLES:  
2nd Place: Wendell Herbison (left) & Georgene Monarrez (right)

3rd Place: Bill Thomas & Mike Piper (not pictured)



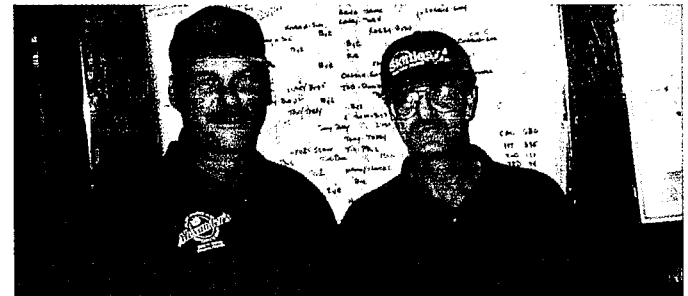
DIV. I SINGLES: (above)  
1st Place: Bill Thomas (right);  
2nd Place: Georgene Monarrez (center);  
3rd Place: Frank Monarrez (left)



DIV. II SINGLES: (above)  
1st Place: Tom Schwenck (left); 2nd Place: Rich Hubenthal (center); 3rd Place: Paul Obermiller (right)



DIV. II DOUBLES: (above)  
1st Place: Ted Canada (left) & Rooster Cary (right)



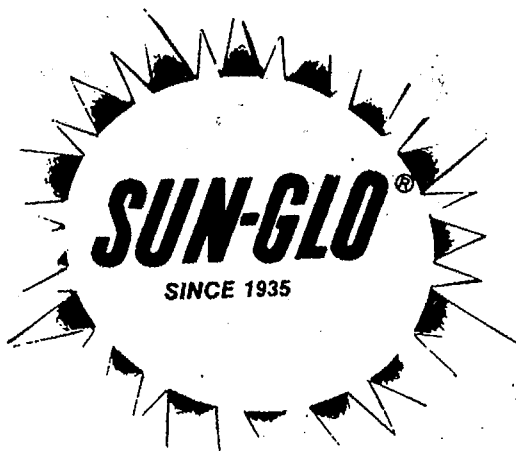
DIV. II DOUBLES: (above)  
2nd Place: Gary Thompson (left) & Charlie Jordan (right)  
3rd Place: Tim Schwenck & Paul Messina (no picture)

## Sheffield's Champions!

Reported by: Bob Brunskill

The "Tournament of Champions" has been held for over 15 years at Sheffield's (previously Amato's). To qualify for this tourney one must have played in at least four of the regular Wednesday or Saturday tourneys. This year there were 22 players vying for the \$2,450 purse (entry, sponsor sales, plus \$1,000 added). The added money is accumulated by players contributing \$1/player/per tourney and Sheffield's adds \$2/player/per each qualifying tourney. Tournament started on Friday night and finished on Sunday afternoon with a 2 out of 3 double elimination 15 pt. game format. 1st Place went to John McGinnis & Marie Coulter (undefeated); 2nd place went to Sam Blanco & George Gray; 3rd place went to Bob Brunskill & Skip Slaughter. Many "thanks" to all!





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

**EPISODE 75 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert**

*Dear Readers: As you know Balboa Ron took a brief vacation, but came back to us in the December 2000 issue and is feeling better.*

*Let Ron know you're glad he's back: Balboa Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123 or e-mail: [balboaron@earthlink.net](mailto:balboaron@earthlink.net)*

Shelli and Eddie were pretty shook up after reading the note that they assumed was left under their door by Lil. It had read: "Sorry I missed you. Will be in touch... 'L'." They both started concocting weird scenarios over what implications this could have. Eddie finally suggested that they have a Brandy from the well stocked little bar they had in their Honeymoon Suite. After the second one, they crawled into bed and were able to go to sleep.

The next morning turned out to be a lazy wake up, so Eddie suggested that they just call room service and have their breakfast sent up. After he hung up the phone, he turned to Shelli and said: "It's all set honey - it'll be around 30 minutes." She looked back at him with a sexy little smile and responded with: "Well now the timing should be just about right - so why don't you just hop back in this bed so we can work up a real appetite before it arrives."

Eddie felt like making a flying leap into that king sized bed, but he quickly reminded himself about their baby that was inside Shelli. It was theirs, and only theirs, and he would guard it with his life. The marvelous time they were having passed quickly and before they knew it, there was a knock on their door.

They were both apprehensive as Eddie slipped into his robe and made his way to the door. They remembered the two notes that had been left. Eddie hollered out: "Who is it?" A male voice responded: "It's room service Sir; I have your breakfast." Eddie let out a sigh of relief then and opened the door.

The breakfast was fantastic. There was ham and sausage, with eggs and home fries, and steaming hot coffee with orange juice, and muffins with butter and honey that melted in their mouths.

After eating, Eddie put the cart outside in the hallway. When he came back in, he remembered something, and mentioned it to Shelli: "You know I just recalled, we better leave another note on that thing on the door to let the cleaning and laundry people know we have some things to pick up."

They got cleaned up a little, then while they were trying to figure out what they would do for the rest of the day Eddie made a suggestion: "You know honey, I noticed that there was a store that

sold fishing gear just down the street a ways. I'd like to try a little surf fishing if that's okay with you." Shelli said that it sounded like fun, but that she better just watch. Eddie said that was great, and that they should get into their swimming gear. They could stop at that place and pick up all the stuff they would need (along with a license of course).

They were both in a real good mood now, but just as they were about to leave - there was knock on their door. They definitely weren't expecting anyone, so simultaneously they formed the notion that it must be what they had feared...Lil must be at their door!

Eddie told Shelli to get behind him, so he could "handle" this thing - once and for all. He approached the door boldly, and with a deep breath, swung open the door! To both of their surprises - it turned out to be a man! He was taken back a bit by Eddie's angry expression. The man quickly said: "I missed you folks. I'm here to pick up the laundry and dry cleaning you had asked for in your note."

Then Shelli quickly asked: "You didn't happen to leave two notes did you? Especially one yesterday that said 'Sorry I missed you, will be in touch, with an 'L' at the end of it?'" The man replied: "You're right Ma'am, I sure did leave those notes alright. The 'L' was for Laundry - I figured you would understand."

Both of them wanted to give the guy a hug - but instead, they just gathered up their things and handed them to the man. After he left, they did start hugging each other though, along with kisses and laughter! They both said out loud together "what a relief...what a relief!"

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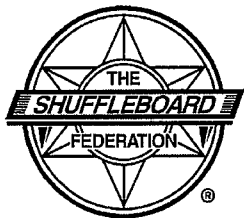
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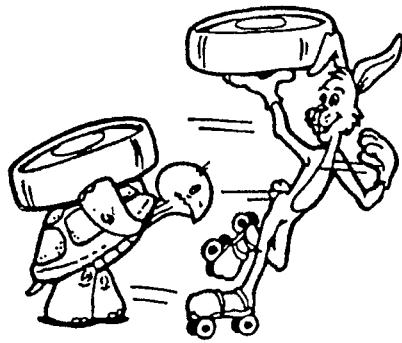
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!! NEWS FLASH #1!

Just to let you all know that we have scheduled a time slot for our The Board Talk tournament for March 14 - 17th, 2002. “The Board Talk” tournament will be at a casino location (details coming soon on location). We will prepare a flyer insert giving shufflers ample time to plan for this NEW tournament event. We cancelled plans for March 2001 due to not having enough time to get the word out and for shufflers to make timely plans. We have a facility in Las Vegas that was going to provide us space for March 2001, but we now have time to ensure the location and are getting bids in from various casinos at this time. As soon as facility is firm for March 14-17, 2002 you will have a monthly flyer in your issue to notify and remind you! Wishing you all the very best New Year ever!

(likely spot - casino tournament in Las Vegas or Mississippi)

## NEWS FLASH #2!

Due to short notice from Martha Stewart to have the show in January (only giving us about 10 days notice), they have tentatively moved the shuffleboard series on her morning show to late January or early February -- and will give us three weeks notice. We hope it will be timely for a The Board Talk announcement or News Flash. If not, please be sure to send us your e-mail address if you wish to be on the quick notice list when the date/time is confirmed!

-- Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Publishers

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**-- Rest well our beloved Michelle!!**



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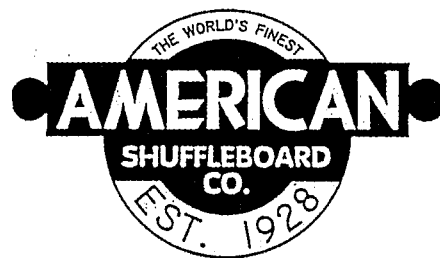
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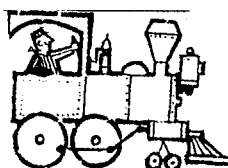


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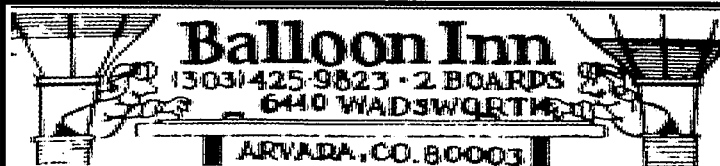
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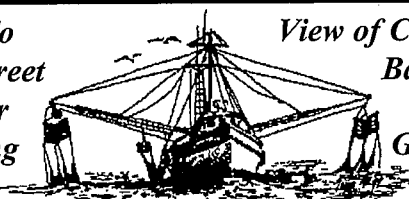
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# Florida State Champs

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th: "MEN'S SINGLES" CHAMPIONS!

The competition was fast and fiery, but after the smoke all settled, Chris Boyett of Homestead came back from the losers bracket to beat Alvis Ramey of Titusville two straight matches to grab the First Place "Mens Singles" Championship this year. Barrie McClean took third.



Above: First Place "Men's Singles" Champ: Chris Boyett (right) sitting with his proud father Ray Boyett (center) with Tournament Chairman Charley Thompson looking on (background left)

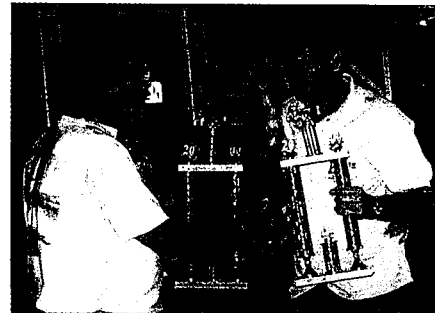
Right: Second Place "Men's Singles" Champ and Tournament Director: Alvis Ramey



Left: Third Place "Men's Singles" Champ: Barrie McClean taking a break and watching the games (with Chuck Dewees, 1999 Champ)!

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th: "MIXED DOUBLES" CHAMPIONS!

A new Florida State Championship was won by Jerry Gray and Ursula Badouin of Titusville, FL with Kathy Ring and Dick Smedburg taking second place and Carol Komarc and Bob Nucci of Miami taking third place.



Left: First Place "Mixed Doubles": Ursula Badouin (center) and Jerry Gray (right)



Above: Second Place "Mixed Doubles" Champs: Kathy Ring (center) and Dick Smedburg (right) being congratulated by Bavarian "B" House owner Rusty Nowakowski (left)

Right: Third Place "Mixed Doubles" Champs: Bob Nucci (left) and Carol Komarc (right)



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**Jan. 12-13**

Snowball Handicap  
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Del City, Oklahoma

**Jan. 12-13**

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Street, Maryland

**Jan. 13**

Open Doubles  
Chances "R"  
Muncie, Indiana

**Jan. 19-21**

O.B. Brimm Benefit  
Stober's Lounge  
Lansing, Michigan

**Jan. 26-28**

Handicap Tournament  
Taz Country  
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

**Jan. 27**

Draw Partner Special Event  
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### **FEBRUARY 2001**

**Feb. 9-11**

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**Feb. 10-11**

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**Feb. 11-19**

10th Annual President's Day  
Tournament  
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**Feb. 12-13**

Mason Dixon Classic  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Feb. 16-18**

Oklahoma Annual State  
Championship Tourney  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

**Feb. 17**

Bourbon Mixed Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

**Feb. 23-25**

The Club Car Open  
Club Car Lounge  
Durand, Michigan

### **MARCH 2001**

**March 3-4**

True Round Robin Doubles  
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**March 22-25**

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**March 23-24**

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**March 30-April 1**

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### **APRIL 2001**

**April 13-15**

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**April 18-22**

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Doubles  
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**April 20-22**

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**April 21**

Open Doubles  
Sportsman's Lounge  
Muncie, Indiana

**April 27-28**

Maryland State Championship  
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### **MAY 2001**

**May 5**

Annual Spring Doubles  
American Legion 424  
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**May 19**

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The TSA Board of Directors are requesting that all State Hall of Fame table shuffleboard committees send the TSA their state's list of Officers, Directors, Committees, contact information, logo, etc.

In addition, a list of all inductees and photos of inductees are needed by the TSA Directors to start setting up and placing National and State HOF information into the museum. The museum will have a National Hall of Fame section and State Hall of Fame section. So, anyone in the shuffleboard community that has photos of inductees (especially some of the prior generation inductees where pictures are not readily available) and any other historical data worthy of placing into the National or State HOF sections of the museum are needed. Volunteers are needed to help setup the HOF museum. The space has been donated to the TSA (approx. 3,000 sq. ft.) for the museum by Champion Shuffleboard. The museum area is located inside the Champion Shuffleboard facility at 7216 Burns Street, Richland Hills, TX (D/FW area). Champion Shuffleboard is refinishing some shuffleboards and score units on older boards (such as one beautiful job they have done on an old Rockola board). Any table shuffleboard historical data or equipment is greatly needed. You can donate or loan items that you wish to be placed into the HOF museum. An acknowledgment plaque of who donates or loans items will be on display with the item.

The TSA Board of Directors are anxious to acquire all the contact information and inductee information for their records and would like to have some joint National & State HOF meetings and communications throughout the year.

So, please send your State Shuffleboard HOF information to TSA c/o TSA Secretary at address listed above. If you have items needed for the museum, please send details to same address.

The goal is to get the TSA HOF museum started and have a ribbon cutting event in 2001, but the TSA needs input, donations, and volunteers to meet this goal. One of the sports magazines has indicated interest in giving full coverage and front cover recognition to the opening ceremony of the museum. A list of TSA HOF (national) inductees follows...

## TSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES (22):

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Ron & Debbie Bowers, TX	<--NEW--> Bill English, CO

*Please note: two of the three inductions for shufflers voted into the TSA HOF in July 2000 induction ceremonies are in process: Ron/Debbie Bowers (induction 12/28/00 at Houston Holiday Open) and Bill English (induction being planned for 2001 at Balloon Inn in Colorado)... (See Page 27 for more inductee info.)*

# *Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)*

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## *TSA Hall of Fame Inductee*

### *Plans & Updates*

The TSA Board of Directors reviewed, considered, and voted on nominations submitted by the Shuffleboard Community for Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) Hall of Fame Hall inductions during their July 2000 TSA Board of Director's meeting the Southwest Open 2000 Del City, OK tournament. There were three inductions voted and decided, being Ron/Debbie Bowers of Austin, TX and Bill English (deceased) of Colorado (previously from Texas) and one that has not yet officially been reached to accept the nomination and plan the ceremony (so this third induction plan and inductee name is being held private until proper contacts and plans are finalized).

There were also several nominations that were received and reviewed during the July 2000 TSA meeting in Del City that may be reconsidered and/or voted during the next TSA annual meeting. In addition, one new nomination package has been received for review and vote at the next TSA annual meeting -- currently scheduled to occur during the Southwest Open's Del City tournament 2001 (so, if you have someone you feel is worthy of induction at the National Hall of Fame level, please get your nominations prepared and sent to the TSA Secretary (Lynda P. French) timely, per TSA By-Law stipulations, so that it can be considered and voted during the 2001 meeting).

By the time you receive this January 2001 The Board Talk issue, Ron/Debbie Bowers induction ceremony will have been performed. You will see updates on the actual induction ceremony in your February 2001 issue. The TSA Directors plan to communicate background history on all upcoming inductees in The Board Talk. Ron/Debbie Bowers' background history is included in this January 2001 issue. Bill English's background history will be included in the February 2001 issue. We hope you enjoy reading about these new TSA Hall of Fame inductees!

*READERS: If you wish to donate to the TSA National HOF organization, make payable to TSA and mail to TSA c/o Secretary, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729-6436 Thanks!*

## *Ron/Debbie Bowers TSA HOF (Bowers Rating System)*

Ron/Debbie Bowers were nominated and voted into the TSA Hall of Fame as "Promoters" of the sport of table shuffleboard. They designed, manage, and maintain the Bowers Rating System which provides table shuffleboard players a channel to play in fairly matched tournament events, much the same as other professional sports such as pool and bowling. This rating system enables tournament directors to plan fair and equitable events for their tournaments and promotes and encourages players to participate in tournaments within their determined skill category - giving growth to the game of table shuffleboard and bringing in new players.

### *Texas Couple Falls In Love*

Ron/Debbie Bowers met through Debbie's cousin Lorie. Lorie was Ron Bowers secretary in Austin, TX, but moved to Corpus Christi, TX where Debbie lived at the time. Lorie suggested one day to Debbie, "let's go visit my prior boss [Ron Bowers] in Austin for the weekend - He has a neat place on Lake Travis and we can stay there." Debbie agreed, so they hit the road for a weekend in Austin [not knowing that Debbie was about to meet her future husband].

Debbie and Lorie met Ron and others at one of the Austin area's popular hangouts named *Michael Michaels* on Anderson Lane (which sold shortly thereafter and was renamed to *Pinata's* where new owner added one shuffleboard after their purchase) and then the joyous group went to Ron's beautiful home on the lake for the remainder of the weekend. As the weekend ended and Debbie and Lorie headed back to Corpus Christi, they were backing out of Ron's driveway when Debbie commented to Lori - "I'm going to marry that man [Ron]." Lorie laughed and replied "Debbie, dream on, Ron is one of the most sought after bachelors in the Austin area." [In other words, don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen!].

However, to Lorie's surprise, Ron started courting Debbie long distance immediately and within three months Debbie and Lorie quit their jobs,

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# SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

*Humor Series #2 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures (Continued from Page 3)*

## *Prayer For My E-mail Shuffleboard Buddies:*

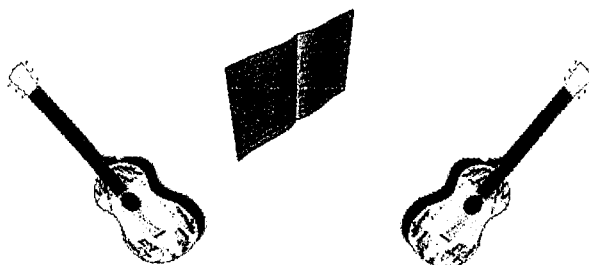


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That's filled with so much love!

-- By Lorraine Bingham

## *Shuffleboard Tunes! Be A Star!*



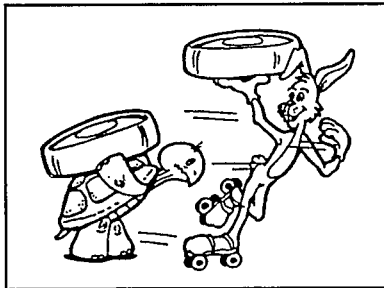
Starlight Productions in Nashville, TN has requested The Board Talk to help get shuffleboard players to send them their poems and suggested lyrics for shuffleboard songs. They sent us a sample demo CD and cassette that includes 4 songs, thus far. They need many more to produce a full album.

Their purpose and goal for creation of this new album is to put the album on thousands of juke boxes across the Nation and to promote the game of table shuffleboard. They are seeking shuffleboard songs from talented people who play the game. All songs must be "original" and related to table shuffleboard. Starlight Productions has already contacted several interested artists to assist them with this project.

If you would like to submit poems or song lyric suggestions, you can send them to Woodie Cockrum II, Starlite Productions, 9 Music Square South #145, Nashville, TN 37203. Accepted writers will receive 100% of writer's royalties if any are received.

(Woodie Cockrum II is a son of shuffling Woodie Cockrum of MO and is owner of Starlite Productions in Nashville, TN! He is a great song writer and recently put out his own CD and was recently featured on the Grand Ole Opry ... So let's give him some help ... send 'em your poems and lyrics! Great opportunity! Any accepted songs will be recorded in Nashville, TN! Come on! Be A Star!

-- T&L, The Board Talk Editors



## *Shufflers' Notebook* (Continued from Page 11)

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

### ***Portland Eddie Reminds Us: Don't Take Your Freedoms for Granted!***

Thanksgiving is over and I'm getting an earlier start on my Christmas cards than last year. We haven't been quite as busy at work these last couple of weeks, the first winter it has slowed down here at the furniture factory in several years.

I received a double-barreled blast of bad news from my attorney when he came to see me in September. First, unbeknownst to me, in November 1999, the 10th Circuit Court in Denver had upheld the Federal District Court's decision on my time bar issue. My attorney had sent me the paperwork, but it got lost in the mail somewhere between him and me. For 11 months, I thought my case was hung up in Circuit Court. Meanwhile, he filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court, which was not accepted or addressed in any way, basically just rubber-stamped as not accepted with no reason given, no issue addressed. The upshot of all this is that for all practical purposes, at least for the time being, the appeal process is over for me. About the only thing that could change the situation is either a change in the law or a favorable U.S. Supreme Court decision on a case similar to mine, that is, on the time bar issue, not on the merits of my case itself. My appeal has never been heard at the Federal level because of the time bar.

My father passed away on Oct. 14, 2000, two days after being diagnosed with liver cancer. He was in Emanuel Hospital in Portland after slipping and falling on a wet sidewalk when he went out to get the mail. When they did an MRI on him to look for broken or cracked bones, they discovered he had cancer of the liver in an advanced stage. He was diagnosed as terminal with very little time to live. Then he was transferred to a care center in Forest Grove, Oregon, where he died two days later. My family wanted me to attend the funeral and was willing to go the expense, but the Department of Corrections wouldn't allow it.

I'm still spending my free time reading and studying. Mostly languages and linguistics and history, mainly European history, but lately I have been reading a lot of American history, history of the Constitution, the founding fathers and such as that.

Christmas is my favorite time of year. Even though I have been hit with some of the worst news a person could get, my outlook is mostly optimistic. Christmastime always makes me feel nostalgic, but it also seems to give my optimism a boost and I just generally feel good about everything. I guess that is why about the only time I write to everybody is this time of year. I suppose it's all in my mind and probably stems from childhood memories, but one thing I do know is that I have always felt this way about Christmas. The material side of it was always secondary to the spiritual side.

I hope this holiday season finds you healthy and happy.

--Ed (Portland Eddie) Graves, Stringtown, OK

*(There are many in The World of Shuffleboard who have no idea who Ed Graves is. There are also many who remember him as one of the top shufflers in the U.S.A. We don't sit in judgement of why he has been in prison for many years and if his long imprisonment is warranted. However, his letter reminds those of us who celebrated Christmas and welcomed the New Year with our family and friends not to take that precious freedom for granted -- even the freedom to attend your own father's funeral. If you would like to share a message of encouragement with Ed, please send to: Ed Graves 165521, Mack Alford Correction Center, P.O. Box 220, Stringtown, OK 74569).*

### ***Grandma Played Too!***

During the SW Open 2000, I learned my grandmother, Florence Lacina, played shuffleboard in the tiny town of Berlin, ND (close to where I grew up) circa 1940-1960 (maybe 30's). How long has shuffleboard been around anyway? My grandmother was my favorite person in the world and I am proud she was a shuffler! Makes me love this game even more! -- Jeanine Carmack, TX



# Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)

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## ***Ron/Debbie Bowers (Continued)***

Austin and signed a six month lease to share an apartment (they both worked for the same employer in Corpus, so their employer was both surprised and devastated to lose both of them simultaneously!).



Pictured Above: Debbie (left) and Ron (right) during their courting days! (How many of you actually recognize Ron in above picture?)

## ***Texas Couple Gets Hitched***

Within a couple months of this big move to Austin, Debbie strutted in happily one day flashing a big diamond ring in front of Lorie, saying "I told you so!" and within two months of this engagement, Ron & Debbie were legally "hitched" on Feb. 22nd, 1986... and later in this couple's life story, as we all know, the Bowers Rating System was born!



(Ron & Debbie Bowers pictured above celebrating on that memorable wedding day!)

## ***Shuffleboard Addiction Commences!***

Ron started doing a little shuffling with da' boys [Debbie wasn't really playing yet, but watched and learned from da' boys] with some local shufflers such as "Coach" (Lyndon Baize) and Greg Tedford, playing at *Pinata's* on Anderson Lane, Austin, TX which was the establishment where Ron & Debbie originally met (named *Michael's* when they first met, but had no shuffleboard). Ron recalls his first very first tournament at *Pinata's* when his partner was a "no show" -- but "WOW", he got a free T-shirt for showing up with no partner! *Pinata's* closed shortly thereafter, so the gang of shufflers moved further down the road on Anderson Lane to *New West* (a country western dance hall that had two shuffleboards). Ron started running tournaments at *New West* for da' boys, but finally also started a weekly Sunday afternoon "Ladies Tournament," in hopes Debbie would get up the nerve and interest to also start playing shuffleboard. Among some of the ladies that joined Debbie in this newly established weekly "Ladies Tournament" were Wanda Knox, Marilyn Young, Wilma Taylor, Donna (NKA Donna Hurst - Junior's better half), and Diana Milligan (Alfred Suarez's better half). These ladies got tough and soon became some real challengers against da' boys! Debbie says that when she joined this "Ladies Tournament," she was the "greenest" player, but was "determined to play and learn."

Next this shuffling gang moved to the *Texas Mist* on the corner of Burnet Road and Highway 183 N. where Don McCurry owner/manager had asked Ron to run shuffleboard tournaments. Ron accepted the offer and Don McCurry brought in a second shuffleboard (later he brought in a third board). Shortly after moving their play to the *Texas Mist*, Joe Rodden and Don Valk started up League Play in Austin area, so the *Texas Mist* players joined the League Play fun! They rotated their league play in the Austin area at establishments such as the Horse Shoe Lounge, Shoal Creek Saloon, Common Interest, *Texas Mist*, and more... all having a great time!

Bill Moody of Austin, TX was one of Ron and Debbie Bowers shuffleboard mentors. They learned much from Bill in their early days of play.

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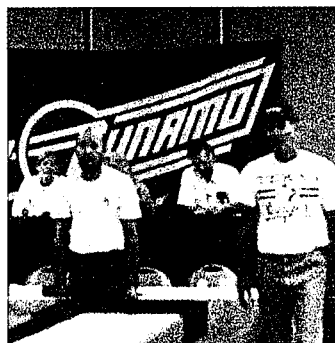
### 1993: Birth of the "Texas Open" and "Bowers Rating System"!

Ron and Debbie Bowers, along with many other local and remote area shufflers started attending the famous annual "U.S. Open" tournaments held in Austin, TX where Don Valk was the tournament founder and Tournament Director from 1987 - 1992. Ron and Debbie Bowers started up the "Texas Open" the following year at which time they also started the Bowers Rating System. They started with rating local players, then Texas and Oklahoma players. Since it's birth in 1993, the Bowers Rating System has grown to encompass all U.S. geographies and parts of Canada. The number of raters and rated players steadily increases with each year since it's birth in 1993.

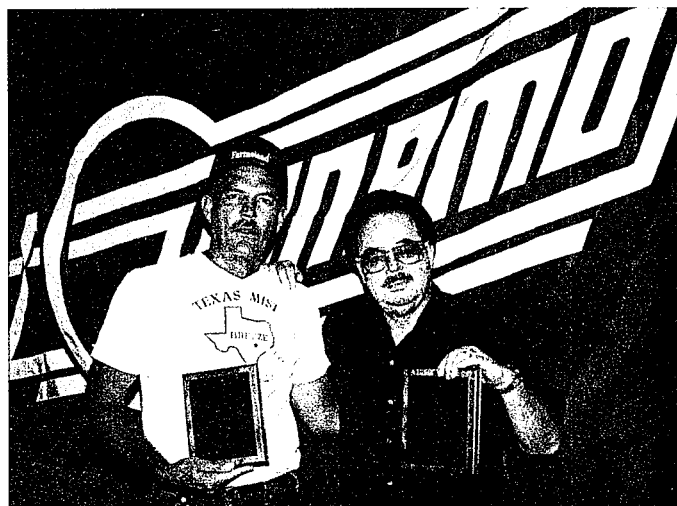
Some pictures from the last "U.S. Open" held at the Villa Capri in Austin, TX in 1992 where Ron and Debbie Bowers and players from across the U.S. were in attendance are found in pictures below. (Ron and Debbie Bowers realized the need to establish a rating system for large tournament play when they decided to take on the task of continuing the tradition of an annual major tournament in Texas by founding the "Texas Open" which was held at the Texas Mist from 1993-1995. The Bowers Rating System was born concurrent with the birth of the "Texas Open"!



Above: Ron Bowers (right) accepting team event award with his team members (left to right front row): Greg Tedford, Tina Wade, Diana Milligan-Suarez and Johnny Ballard (left back) and Bill Moody (right back) during the 1992 U.S. Open



Left: Debbie Bowers (back left) helping at front desk and watching her brother Steve the "Breeze" (far right) and Alfred Suarez (player to left center and great friend of the Bowers) in a match during the 1992 U.S. Open



Above: Steve the "Breeze" (left - Debbie Bowers brother) and J.D. Sweet (right) accepting doubles award at the 1992 U.S. Open

**NOTE:** Steve and J.D. are both battling serious health problems - please remember them in your prayers.



Left: Dee Moody (left - Bill Moody's wife) and Linda Valk (right) [could they be mixing a Bloody Mary?] during the 1992 U.S. Open

Right: "Coach" Lyndon Baize (a dear friend and early shuffleboard compadre of Ron and Debbie Bowers) during the 1992 U.S. Open



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# Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)

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## Ron/Debbie Bowers (Continued)

### Awards & Miscellaneous

Ron and Debbie Bowers got serious about playing shuffleboard in the mid-80's and have been promoters of the sport and hosted many tournaments of all sizes for many years since then. After receiving notice that the *Texas Mist* was being sold and closed, the "Texas Open" moved to D/FW area and is still alive and well, being hosted and directed by David and Bobby Williams.

The three boards from the *Texas Mist* were moved to *Taz Country*, Pflugerville, TX (current owners, Gene and Sarah Criminger have since added 2 more home boards, bringing the total to 5 boards) where Ron and Debbie Bowers run tournaments three nights per week. They were also tournament Directors at Tax Country for the the Second Annual Texas State Championship tournament in April 2000. They conduct many tournaments throughout the year and dedicate much time and support to keeping shuffleboard alive and growing in Texas and across the country with their Bowers Rating System work.

Ron and Debbie were honored and presented an "Appreciation" award from the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1998 during the Houston Holiday Open. They were nominated and inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in April 2000. They were presented with the Sol Lipkin Award in October 2000 during the NASC Reno tournament. And NOW they are being presented and awarded the well deserved Table Shuffleboard Association's Hall of Fame induction award on December 28, 2000 during the Houston Holiday Open.

**"Ron and Debbie: CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMOTION OF THE SPORT OF TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD!"**

**-- From all your Shuffleboard Family!**

**READERS: Watch for the Bowers TSA HOF Induction Ceremony details and read about Bill English's background in your next issue of The Board Talk - February 2001 Issue!!**



Right: Debbie (left) and Ron (right) Bowers enjoying themselves at Taz Country in Pflugerville, TX while running one of their weekly tournaments



Above: Brian Walker (left) and Bobbie Williams (right) presenting Ron and Debbie Bowers (center) the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction award in April 2000 during the Second Texas State Championship tournament held at Taz Country.



Above: Ron (left) and Debbie (to his right) receiving the Sol Lipkin award in Reno (see December 2000 issue of The Board Talk, page 9 for more details)

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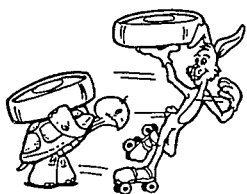
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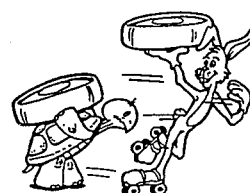
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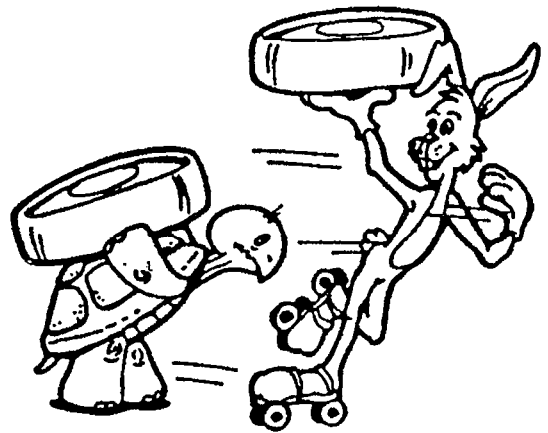
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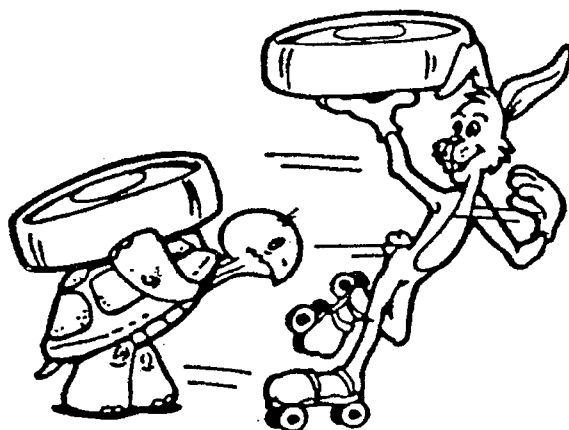
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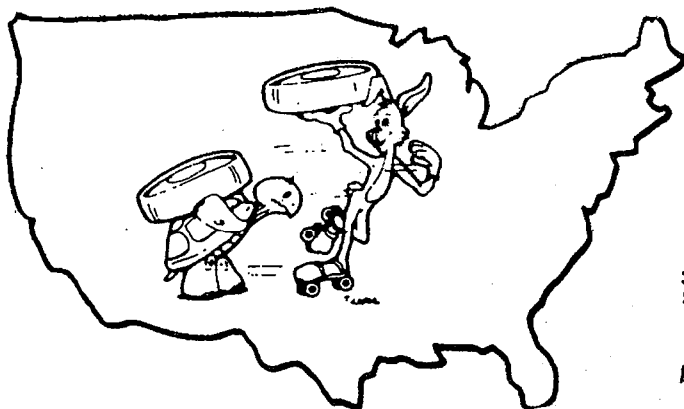
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