

The Board Talk

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2001 WCT™ Tourney A Success

-- Report By: John McDermott

Westland

The first annual Pro World Championship Singles and Doubles took place April 18-22 at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Nearly every top rated player was on hand, providing five days of intense and exciting competition. One of the highlights for everyone in attendance was the boards. Having had another six months to cure since they were used at the NASC™ last fall, the boards played exceptionally well. In fact the consensus was that they played significantly better than they did in the fall.



Front Row: Dudley Hutchinson, Ronnie Gamble, John McDermott, Hal Perry, Rick Boyer
Center Row: Bill Melton, Leon Black, Bob Hunt, Donny Cox, Diana Hage, Darol Nelson, Joe Hudson, Mike Thorpe, Al Pease
Back Row: Steve Walker, Karl Spickelmeier, Fred Thumann, Larry Pearson, Bobby Voorhis, Chuck Ivins, Dan Hitt

Being that the dates for the 2001 WCT™ were announced only six months prior to the event, we were not sure what kind of response the tournament would get. As it turns out, the event went very well. Both events were close to full and we are confident that the 2002 event will be even

better. The dates for the 2002 WCT™ are April 2-7, 2002.

[Editors Comment: We were disappointed when John reported to us that he wasn't able to acquire a date from the Sands Regency that did not conflict with our already contracted and scheduled The

Board Talk tournament being held in Las Vegas on March 27-31, 2002 at the Plaza Hotel, but he said that he has to take whatever dates the Sands Regency will confirm for him ... that he would have preferred if he could have gotten a date at least 3-4 weeks after The Board Talk tournament, but was not able to do so. We hope this conflict does not negatively impact either of the two tournament's Pro participation. -- T&L French, Editors] Players that entered the tournament this year (see group picture - above center) will have the first opportunity to enter the 2002 WCT™ events.

The one disappointment was that there were not as many spectators as we expected. Those that did show up to watch had the opportunity to play on two action boards that were set up in the next room. There was also a warm-up board for tournament players to throw weights on. Next year, in an effort to increase the spectator turnout, there will be four action boards set up and some type of tournament (probably a draw partners) for those who come to watch the main events.

As far as the tournament action and winner results go... (Continued on Page 26)

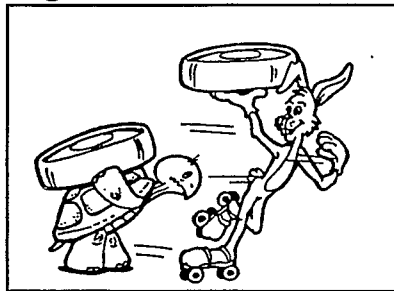
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NOTICE-CALENDAR CHANGE!

August 2-5 (Cancelled/May Be Rescheduled))

- Grand Masters Plus
- The Whistling Oyster
- Quilcene, Washington





Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Thanks to Market Street Cafe Owners - the Spangler Duo!



Linda Ritter Extends "Thanks" to Dan & Melody!

I want to thank Dan Hitt and Melody Marine for the great time I had at the *20th Annual Memorial Day Tournament* in Spokane, WA. Jim Payne, Amy Everhart and I traveled together and participated in every event. The tournament was very well organized and the people were great! There were many people I already knew and many that I met for the first time. I also want to thank Melody for helping with accommodations. Thanks again!

-- Linda Ritter, NE

Ladies Upcoming Tourneys!

Ladies mark you calendars now! There are two Ladies tournaments coming up in Houston: **Houston, Missouri** (Aug. 17-18) at the Eagles Lodge and **Houston, Texas** (Sept. 20-23 --- *new/ revised date*) at Danny's Sports Bar. The Board Talk Editors will be attending both tournaments. There will actually be a The Board Team: Donna Wilber and Lynda French at the Houston, Missouri tournament (George Wilber and Tom French will be joining the men on the other side of the Eagles Lodge for shuffleboard play and fun - then later the guys will merge with the gals). Also, see Page 6 in this issue for details from Jeri Billard on the Houston, Texas tournament and the flyer insert with more tourney details (note the date was changed since announced in prior issues.)

-- T & L French, Editors

-- 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 inside your issue. Your subscription EXPIRATION DATE is on the back cover's address line. Please use the FORM inside back cover to renew **TIMELY** to avoid missing issues! (See Page 29 for more detailed information)

The shuffleboard players of Market Street Cafe wish to thank Chip and his pretty wife Bobbie Spangler (owners) for their great support of our sport and for providing such a great establishment for tournament and league play.

For those of you who have never met Chip and Bobbie, we would like to tell you a bit about them. They are the proud parents of two daughters and a son. They enjoy traveling and, when possible, boating, dancing, music -- and most of all they enjoy people! They are very active in their local community -- supporting their fire department, schools, and other local organizations. They are a great asset to our community of Charlestown, Maryland and we feel very fortunate to have them as members of our shuffleboard "extended family."

We invite all players to visit and play at Market Street Cafe. Join the great view, food, and play! We hope everyone will take the time to personally thank all that are supporting the growth of our sport!

-- Jim & Brenda Wallace, MD

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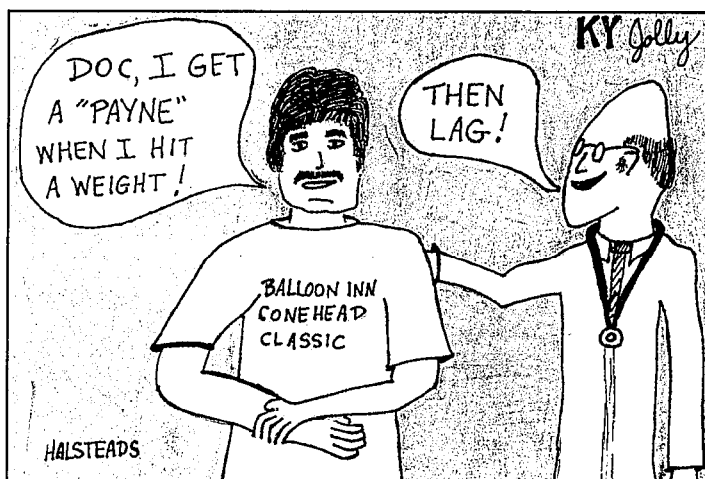
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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #8 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures

(Right): Cartoon is another original by our Kentucky Shufflin' Duo! Thank you, Mike & Susie! --T&L



(Below): Cartoon by Paul McFall, "The Shuffleboard Times," April 28, 1950, p. 2

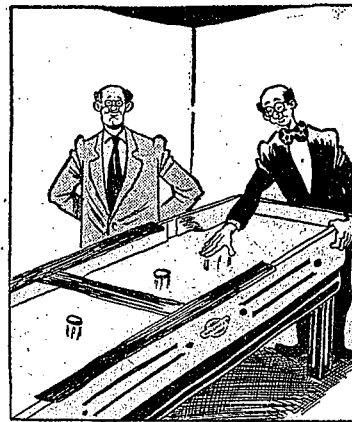


(Above) Q: How do you judge the success of tournament sponsor sales? A: By how tired the calcutta volunteer gets by the time the events wind down. "Thank you Harvey for your contribution toward making the 2001 Houston Memorial Day tournament a great success!" -- From, All the Houston Memorial Day tourney participants!



SHUFFLES

By Rogoff



Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN 2001! AMERICAN LEGION #73 DEL CITY, OK JULY 1 - 7, 2001



The American Legion Post # 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, OK is now accepting registrations for their annual *Fourth of July Tradition* - the "SOUTHWEST OPEN 2001" tournament. There are 11 events scheduled (see flyer in this issue for details) with play on 31 Boards this year! Register early and save! For registration or event questions and/or details contact: Kathy Yingst at 918-742-2261 or e-mail: swopen@swbell.net. For any other information, contact: Don Crall at the American Legion at 405-670-9128 or 405-67-9120 or his home or e-mail: doncrall73@aol.com.

Southwest Open Changes: *As most of you have noticed, we have made a couple of changes in the Southwest Open this year. Our objective for the Southwest Open is to continue to have a great tournament that everyone wants to come to, but we also want to listen to your comments and make the changes that are necessary. One of the biggest complaints that we have heard is there was only one bring event. We decided to somehow incorporate bring events for all participants into the tournament. To do that we had to eliminate events to be able to fit these events in. Therefore, we have made Monday our Singles day and have added a Bring Event for everyone starting Saturday. We have put a lot of hours into trying to make changes that would be fair for everyone. For the ones of you that run tournaments you understand that you can't please everyone. As this tournament involves 350+ people we had to take a broad look at what was best for everyone and this was what we came up with. We look forward to seeing everyone in July and are open to any comments or suggestions you may have regarding our new format.*

See flyer inserted in the June 2001 issue for the latest registration and event information.

-- Submitted by: Kathy Yingst, OK

Michigan

6th ANNUAL "RUDY STOBER MEMORIAL" TOURNAMENT STOBER'S LOUNGE LANSING, MI JULY 20-22, 2001



Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI will host the 6th Annual "Rudy Stober Memorial" tournament on July 20-22.

Draw Partner "Round Robins" will start at 7 PM sharp on Friday night.

On Saturday, the "Bring Partner" (add to 2 or more; \$40/team entry) sign-up starts at 11 AM, sponsor sale at 12:00 Noon with event starting immediately after the sponsor sale.

Sunday, "Open Singles" (\$25/person entry) will have sign-up at 12:00 Noon, sponsor sale at 1 PM and play starting immediately after the sponsor sale.

There will be free food all weekend and a great turnout is expected. For further information, call tournament director Carrie Clifton, 517-482-1190.

Washington

OPEN DOUBLES TIM'S BAR & GRILL KELSO, WA JULY 21-22, 2001

Tim's Bar & Grill (previously known as Tim's Timbers Tavern), 213 Allen Street, Kelso, Washington is hosting an "Open Doubles" tournament on July 21-22. Come early for the Friday night \$10 Draw, signup at 6:30 PM, play starts at 7:00 PM. Saturday's "Open Doubles" event (\$20/person entry fee) sponsor sale starts at Noon with play starting immediately afterwards. There will be a tournament buffet served on Saturday afternoon. For more information, call Tournament Director Maradee (Maude) Thomas or Host/Owner Tim Bonner at 360-636-2627.

Texas

2nd AMATEUR SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNNEY GARLAND ELK'S LODGE JULY 28-29, 2001

The 2nd Amateur Shuffleboard Tournament will be held at the Garland Elk's Lodge, 3825 Duck Creek Road, Garland, Texas July 28-29th. There will be Round Robins for the Early Birds on Thursday July 27th and Finals and more Round Robins on Sunday July 30th. Eight boards will be used. Friday, July 28th, starting at 6 PM there will be two Events (single game/double elimination): Draw Partner (1's & 2's/ \$40 person entry fee) and Draw Partner (3's & 4's/ \$20 person entry fee).

Saturday, July 29th, starting at 2 PM there will be two Events: Bring Partner (Add to 3 or more; 2 out of 3 Double Elimination; \$100 per team) and Bring Partner (Add to 6 or more; Single game/double elimination; \$50 per team.)

No Pro's or O's may play; \$10 Registration Fee; Only Registered Players can play in the Round Robins; Current Bowers' Rating System will be used; Unrated Players will use League Rating or a committee of at least 3 will rate. For more information contact: Morris Moss at 972-571-7870 or Bill "Wooley" Wooldridge at 817-795-0172 or Jeri Billard at 817-657-7306. ***See tournament flyer inserted into this The Board Talk issue for details.***

New York

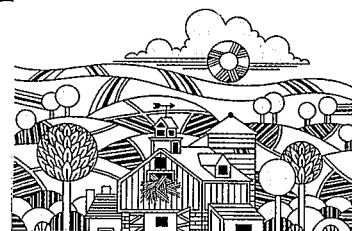
NATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT DEW DROP INN AUGUST 2-5, 2001

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***

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
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The Board Talk!***

California

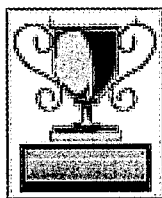
4th ANNUAL BILLY CHILES MEMORIAL TOURNEY SILVER SPUR SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2001



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 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)

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

Indiana Tourney Events Winners!

The winners pictures below, provided by Mary Brown of Ft. Wayne, are from two Indiana tournament events: 1) March 2001 Doubles held at the Eagles Lodge in Warsaw, IN; and 2) Bourbon Spring Doubles held at the American Legion 424 on May 5th.



Bourbon Spring Doubles
1st Place:
Mary Brown and Deb
Voorhis (right)

Bourbon Spring Doubles
2nd Place: Bob Voorhis
and Rick Royal (right)



Doubles Eagles Lodge (March 2001): (left to right):
1st Place: Dennis Kinsey/Mike Koontz; 2nd Place: Jim
Long/Glen Ingram



Doubles Eagles Lodge
(March 2001): 3rd Place:
Mikel Johnson (left) and
Larry Creakbaum

IMPORTANT NOTICES FROM THE EDITOR'S!

Notice #1: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our "**1st Annual The Board Talk Open**" tournament to be held at the Plaza Casino Hotel 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. Any/all Sponsorship \$\$ donations will be used for "added pot." Sponsors will be recognized at the tournament with their name or establishment or company name (or banners) displayed at the tournament. We've just received word from one of our Vegas shufflers that they have just acquired one sponsor already from one of the Las Vegas casino hotels where they are employed (which is reportedly in the mail to us when this issue went to the printer.) All sponsors will be recognized both in The Board Talk and at the tournament (with their name and/or establishment and/or company name and/or banner, etc.) displayed on the wall at the tournament. 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). **Thusfar, we already have one DIAMOND and one SILVER sponsor!** Any cash sponsors, should make checks payable to: **The Board Talk Tournament** and mailed to the Editor's address on page 1.

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 been delivered to the printer/mailer. If the 15th falls on a weekend, then it is picked up the following business day after the weekend. Try to get in your input early, as pages must be divisible by 4 when they go to the printer. So, sometimes late arrivals have to be carried over to the next month. We typeset your input as it arrives. Early submissions are greatly appreciated and better ensures that your news gets included timely. -- T&L

Rolling Blackouts Fail to Unplug Houston Tourney

Danny's Sports Bar Weathers the Storm -- By: Don Meehan, TX

The Second Annual Memorial Day Weekend Shuffleboard Tournament went off almost without a hitch at Danny's Sports Bar in Houston May 25th -27th. With all this talk of rolling blackouts we've been hearing about (the man-made kind), one tends to forget about the ones that mother nature can conjure up, even in the so-called Energy Capital of the World!

On day two of the tourney, around 3:30 in the afternoon, a fierce thunderstorm blew in from the southwest with all the rain, wind and lightning it could muster! That last element proved to be a bit of a problem and the power went off in short order, leaving eight tournament matches dangling in the breeze (and semi-darkness). The suggestion of one wise-ass, that everybody break out their Bic lighters and stand alongside the tables for light was rejected, and as owner Danny Norris scurried for the phone, everyone sort of chilled out and contemplated their next shot (or their next drink). The outage was short lived and the action resumed as fast and furious as ever.

Promoter Jack Scott and his Houston staff (more about them later) welcomed 100 players this time around to compete on eight well conditioned boards in Blind Draw, Bring Partner and Singles tourneys. There were divisions for all skill levels (based on the Bowers Rating System) and plenty of side tourneys, blind draws and grudge matches to keep everyone happy. **AND HERE ARE THE WINNERS...**

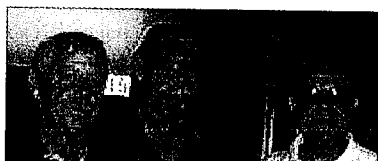
FRIDAY BLIND DRAW:

Blind Draw - Division I

NOTABLE: Billy Melton and Jeff Womble, who showed up in a tux, (Womble?) stayed in the winners bracket.



Div. I - 1st Place (above): Billy Melton, I-10 (left)/Jeff Womble, Dallas (right)



Div. I - 2nd Place: (above) David Williams, Ft Worth (left) /Tom Milan, Houston (right) with sponsor Gilbert Baird (center)



Div. I - 3rd Place (left): Dale Williams, Clear Lake, Tx.(left)/ Dale Koteris, Houston (right)



Blind Draw - Division II

NOTABLE: Walker and Parrish had to double dip Cummings and Orlando the next morning.



Div. II - 1st Place (right): Joe Parrish/Ann Walker, Houston



Div. II - 2nd Place (left): Kathy Orlando, Houston /James Cummings, Houston



Div. II - 3rd Place (right): Danny Norris, Houston (right)/David Williams, Jr. , Ft. Worth (left) w/ sponsor Mike Taylor (center)

Div. II - 4th Place (not pictured): Gary Fomby/Lilly Kidd (both of Houston) sponsored by Denise Klien.

SATURDAY BRING PARTNER:

Bring Partner Pro (Add to Zero)

NOTABLE: Billy keeps his new partner undefeated. Why did he drop Womble? Must have been the Tux.



Bring Partner Pro 1st Place (left): Dale Williams (left)/Billy Melton (right)



Bring Partner Pro 2nd Place (left): Harvey Kidd (Houston, left)/ Mike Taylor (right) with sponsor Gwyn Orsi (center)

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Houston Memorial...

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Bring Partner Pro 3rd Place (right): Johnny Wayne Crawford (left)/Carlos Guzman (right) with sponsor Gilbert Baird (center)



Bring Partner Division I (Add to 4)

NOTABLE: Kidd and Sexton finish undefeated.



Bring Partner Div. I 1st Place (above): Lilly Kidd, Houston/David Sexton, San Antonio



Bring Partner Div. I 2nd Place (above): Bill Rice/Ann Walker (both from Houston)



Bring Partner Div. I 3rd Place (left): James Cummings/Steve Edwards (left)/James Cummings(right) w/ sponsor Dan Meehan (center)

Bring Partner Div. I 4th Place (not pictured): Adele Keith, Houston / Richard Gray, Houston

Bring Partner Division II (Add to 6)

NOTABLE: Hallette and Fomby finish undefeated.



Bring Partner Div. II 1st Place (left): Bob Hallette, Houston / Gary Fomby (right) w/ sponsor Marshall Partlow (center)



Bring Partner Div. II 2nd Place (left): Al Sanchez, Houston/ Joe Parrish (right) w/ sponsor Johnny Wayne Crawford (center)



Bring Partner Div. II 3rd Place (left): Nancy Rice/ Joe Chapman (both of Houston)

SUNDAY SINGLES:

Pro Division (0.1,-1)

NOTABLE: Diana "Queen of the Jungle" Hagen held off an all male field to go undefeated.



Pro Singles (above - left to right): 1st Place: Diana Hagen, Houston; 2nd Place: Billy Mays, Dallas; and 3rd Place: Mike Taylor, Austin (right)

Division I (1,2,3)

NOTABLE: Jorge Galvan, who used to be a regular at Danny's, shows he's still got it! Goes undefeated.



Div. I Singles (above - left to right): 1st Place: Jorge Galvan, Houston; 2nd Place: Ann Walker, Houston; 3rd Place: Jim Kosiske, Nebraska; and (not pictured) 4th Place: Bob Lee, Houston

Division II (3,4)

NOTABLE: Chris Regan, a 4 rated player shocked the field and pleasantly surprised his sponsor!



Div. II Singles (above - left to right): 1st Place: Chris Regan, Houston; Wayne Hammond, Houston; and 3rd Place: Gary Fomby

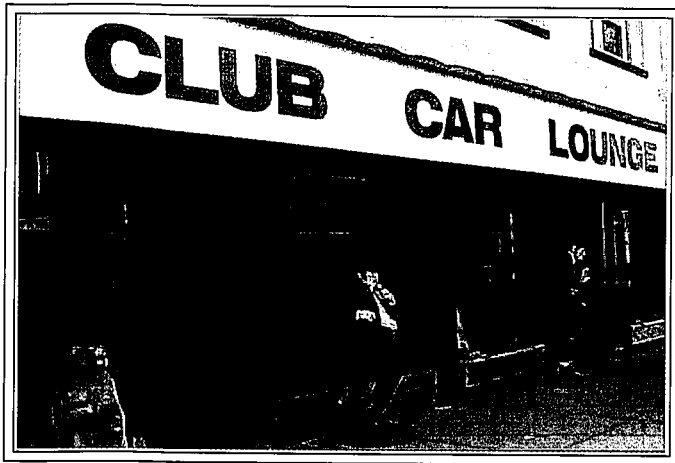
THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE IT HAPPEN

Promoter Jack Scott would like to thank some folks for helping make the Second Houston Memorial Day Weekend Shuffleboard Tournament a success. TRIPLE CROWN SHUFFLEBOARD SUPPLIES, Omaha, Neb., provided dust, (which all the players liked). Their toll free number is 1-800-827-0316. PERLA SCOTT, through her employer, CUMMINS-ALLISON, provided a currency counting

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Michigan Open Returns After Nine Years Dormant!

By: Steve "CoCo" Brown, MI



Bill and Brenda Kane did a REMARKABLE job reestablishing the Michigan Open for the first time since 1992. This four-day tournament which took place at The Club Car Lounge in Durand, included Singles Pro, Singles Amateur, Two-Man Pro, Two-Man Amateur, Mixed Two-Person Tournament, and even Three Person Pro and Three Person Amateur events. Hats off to Dennis Bittner and his Club Car Lounge Staff for helping make this Michigan Open a huge comeback success! The Kane family would also like to express their appreciation to Cindy Brown, TJ Stephens, Carolyn Perry, Alonzo Cottrell, CoCo, Bracketeer Rob Kern, and Auctioneers Mikel Johnson and Glen Ingram for helping with the successful coordination of this incredible weekend. Special appreciation and recognition are also sent to Scott who donated the Triple Crown Weights and John McDermott who donated the Federation Weights for raffle. (Won by CoCo and Tom Schultz).

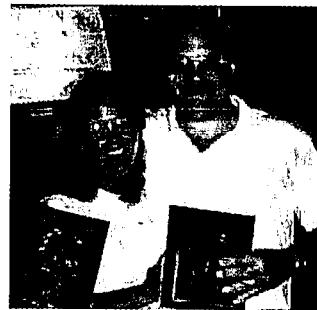
With the 81 participants in these events, the prize money totaled \$24,845, thanks to the help of the 65 Michigan Players, 14 Indiana Players, and the 2 Shuffleboard Family Members from Ohio.

This Memorial Day Weekend event truly turned out to be a Double Dipping tournament weekend, since all but one event had winners that had to win twice to accomplish their 1st place victories.

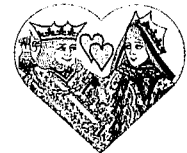
George and Donna Wilbur were honored with Michigan Open T-shirts in recognition of the many years of dedication they have given (even though George still owes 67 cents to CoCo - oops, sorry George, it's 62 cents now that you mailed me a nickel to apply toward the debt after your returned home from the tourney!).

Celebrating their victories in their respective events include:

Friday's Mixed Doubles:



1st Place: (left)
Debbie & Bobby Voorhis
(Editor's Comment: King & Queen of the *Palace!*)



2nd Place: (right)
Jim Long & Vicki Morgan
(Editor's Comment: hmmm... there's more to this relationship than shuffling!?!?!)



3rd Place: (right)
Steve Auten & Carrie Cottrell (Editor's Comment: We got 'em babe!)



The ABC Event pictures were unfocused and too dark to publish, but winners are listed below:

Saturday's Pro ABC: 1st place to Debbie Voorhis/Bobby Voorhis/Larry Creakbaum; 2nd place to Bill Kane/Steve Auten/Jeff Cottrell; and 3rd place to Jim Long/Glen Ingram/Larry Brown.

Saturday's Amateur ABC: 1st place to Mary Brown/ Leon Black/Carolyn Perry; 2nd place Bob Scott/Cindy Brown/Jimmy Kumpula (placing Cindy in her very first tournament-Watch out Cindy! Your rating is SURE to rise now!); and 3rd place to Charlie Magoo/Vic Matteson/Jeff Schubert.

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**Sunday's Pro Doubles:****1st Place:** Debbie Voorhis/Bobby Voorhis (center)**2nd Place:** Glen Ingram/Jim Long (both right)**3rd Place:** Mikel Johnson/ Jeff Cottrell (both left)**Sunday's Amateur Doubles:****1st Place:** John Addington/Bob Rae(center)**2nd Place:** Brenda Kane/Cassie Schubert (right)**3rd Place:** Jeff Schubert and Vic Matteson (left)

Monday's Open Single Event: (no pics) **1st place** to Glenn Ingram; **2nd place** to Larry Brown; and **3rd place** to Bobby Voorhis. All players are from Indiana.

Monday's Amateur Single Event: (no pics) **1st place** to Vic Matteson (Michigan), **2nd place** to Butch Thomas (Indiana), and **3rd place** to Dennis Bittner (Michigan).



ABOVE: Our neighbors from the South turned out in full force to support the Michigan Open. Indiana participants included (from left): Mary Brown, Vicki Morgan, Larry Brown, Jim Long, (center) Connie Odom, Ellen Baker, (back row) Larry Creakbaum, Butch Thomas, Bobby Voorhis, Glen Ingram, and Debbie Voorhis. The

characters with the microphones and hats (between Vicki and Larry and right of Debbie) are not Hoosiers, but permanent fixtures to welcome visitors to the Club Car Lounge. Another member of the Indiana delegation, not shown, was Mikel Johnson, who shared auctioneer duties with Glen Ingram. Other out-of-state participants were Beef and Marge Camp, Greg and Trudy Broka of Ohio who had headed home before this picture was taken.



The capable team of tournament organizers (pictured left to right): tournament director Bill Kane; bracketeer Rob Kern; co-director Brenda Kane; and assistants Cindy and Coco Brown.

Michigan Open Shirts are still available by contacting Bill or Brenda Kane at (248) 334-5677.

--Reported by: Steve "CoCo" Brown, MI

Houston Memorial...

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machine which sure helped speed things up!

The HOUSTON BUNCH this year consisted of HARVEY KIDD, auctioneer, BILL RICE, bracket chart master, DENISE KLEIN and SYLVIA MARTINEZ, registration and finance, along with PETE WORSNOP and BOB LEE, computers and organization. JAMES CUMMINGS devised a new program we'll call "Player Quick Pick" which made activities a little more interesting. James also did some photography along with DON MEEHAN. TOM MILAN helped with set up and adjustment of the boards, while STAN STINSON and WAYNE HAMMOND did a fine job keeping them clean and well supplied. Jack would like to remind all Board Talk readers and friends to check out his new WEBSITE at: <http://www.shuffleboard.cc> for future information about the HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN and HOUSTON MEMORIAL DAY OPEN!

--Report Submitted by: Don Meehan, TX

Shuffleboard Directory Ads

Notice on Page 30-31, we have now filled both pages of Directory Ads (Bill Melton Shuffleboard and Jack Scott of Houston purchased the last two)! Thanks to all Advertisers! We are ready to setup more Shuffleboard Directory Ad pages! Large Ads \$150/yr; Small Ads \$100/yr! Be the first ones to advertise on new added pages!

4th Annual Denny Busch Memorial Tourney!

May 4-6, 2001

My Way Lounge & Harold's Bar

Omaha, NE

Reported by: Char Rahn, NE

The 4th Annual Denny Busch Memorial tournament was jointly hosted and held at My Way Lounge and Harold's Bar in Omaha, Nebraska on May 4-6, 2001. Many thanks to our wonderful hosts: Kevin Highby, owner of My Way Lounge, and to Harold "Jr." Newbanks of Harold's Bar.

Action started Friday night at 7:00 PM with the 4-Person Draft Team event, following the 12 team sponsor sale. Format was 2 out of 3 game, double elimination. Coming out on top were:



Above: 1st Place 4-Person Draft Team: (left to right) Steve Hamilton, Morey Balins (Captain), Jim Payne, and Bob Linder



Above: 2nd Place 4-Person Draft Team: (left to right) Art Busch, Gwyn Orsi (Captain), Scott Auten, and Mike Rooney (not pictured)



Above: 3rd Place 4-Person Draft Team: (left to right) Randy Nusser, Mike Halstead, Sue Webster, and Marty Shepard (Captain)

Division I and II Doubles started early Saturday evening after the sponsor sales. Both Doubles events had the same format as the Draft Team event with each division having 14 teams. Winners of both Doubles events were:



Above: 1st Place Div. I Doubles: Bryce Ryder (left) and Mike Roach (right) pictured with Tournament Director Don Zahm (center)



Above: 2nd Place Div. I Doubles: Lenny Webster (left) and Bill Simants (right) pictured with Sponsor Shelly Hagen (center)



Left: 3rd Place Div. I Doubles: Don Zahm (left) and Scott Auten

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Denny Busch Memorial...



Left: 1st Place Div. II Doubles: Larry Huftless (left) and Tommy Arellano

NOTABLES: 1) Above team never had more than 6 points scored against them; and 2) First time this year that Tommy Arellano (above right) has surpassed third place! Congrats to a great team!



Left: 2nd Place Div. II Doubles: Sue Webster (left) and Char Rahn



Above: 3rd Place Div. II Doubles: (left to right) Linda Ritter (Sponsor) pictured with 3rd place winners Danielle Bruggeman and Shaun Deveney

[Many thanks to Art Busch for donating a \$1,000 added pot (as he has done each year) and to Kevin Highby and Harold "Jr." Newbanks for added prize monies and for providing great tournament food. Thanks to Don Zahm, Marty Shepard, and Dru Frederick for doing a great job on the sponsor sales and to Linda Ritter for collecting the monies. Thanks to Triple Crown and the Omaha Metro Shuffleboard League for donating 2 sets of weights for raffle and to Dan Bruggeman for raffle donation of the beautiful wooden weight case. Thanks to tournament directors Chuck and Cyndi Bush and Don Zahm and to all participants (especially all the out-of-town players). Hope to see all participants at our upcoming June Singles too!]

Nebraska Hall of Fame Tournament Results!

April 20-22, 2001

Joe Banana's Food & Spirits

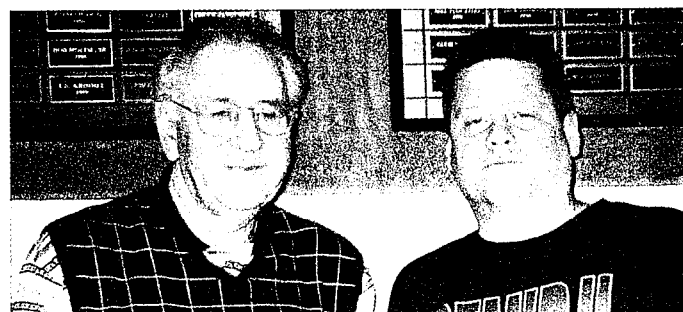
Omaha, NE

Reported by: Char Rahn, NE

The Nebraska Hall of Fame tournament was held at Joe Banana's Food & Spirits located at 10th and Pacific in Omaha, Nebraska on April 20-22, 2001. This tournament started in 1977 and typically there have been two players inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame each year at this event.

Saturday afternoon at 3:30 PM, we took a break in play. Jim Keller, presenter and past Nebraska Hall of Fame inductee, gave a brief history of the Nebraska Hall of Fame and introduced 10 of the prior inductees (some of which played in the tournament): Tom Harvat, Walt Prodywus, Gwyn Orsi, "Jr" Butler, Pete Larrick, Joe Monastero, Bill Frederick, Lou Baratta and Mike Roach. Then Jim announced the 2001 inductees: Maggie Worley of Lincoln (who was not present due to recent back surgery) and Don Zahm. Don Zahm thanked Pete Larrick for teaching him to play and later mentioned how much Denny Busch and Joel Rahn (both now deceased) really helped him with learning and improving his skills in the game.

The tournament, which started on Friday night with an "Open Doubles" event had a single game, double elimination format and drew 24 teams. Mike Roach and Jeff Wolchek double dipped (which seems to happen a lot this year) back from the losers' bracket to take top honors. Winners were:



Above: 1st Place: (left to right) Mike Roach/Jeff Wolchek



Left: 2nd Place: Scott "Scooter" Rangle (left) and Frank Orsi (Gwyn's brother)- pictured with Scott's son: Sean (center)

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Nebraska Hall of Fame...

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Above: 3rd Place: Joey Harvat (left) and Tom Harvat



Left: 4th Place:
"Jr" Butler (left)
and Dana
Stephenson

Shootout at JC's!

March 30 - April 1, 2001

JC's Bar

Omaha, NE

Reported by: Char Rahn, NE

After learning that the Nebraska C.O.N.E. Head tournament was cancelled, John Kosiske put together a weekend tournament in 1 1/2 weeks at JC's Bar, 4971 Q Street, Omaha, Nebraska for March 30 - April 1, 2001.

Action started at 6 PM on Friday night with the auction for "Handicap Doubles." Twelve teams played in the single game, double elimination, negative spot event and coming out on top were:



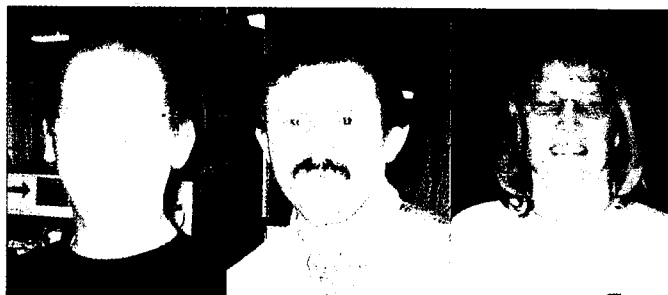
Above: 1st Place: John Kosiske and Jim Payne (right)



Left: 2nd: "Jr" Butler
and Dana Stephenson
(right)



Left: 3rd Place:
Tommy Arellano (left)
and Bob "Bring 'em
Back" Linder



JC's "Singles" Winners: (left to right) **1st Place:** Lenny Webster; **2nd Place:** Billy Simants; and **3rd Place:** Shelly Hagen

Thanks to John Kosiske (tournament director and auctioneer) and Jim Payne (tournament director) for running such a fun tournament.

Many thanks to Jim for the great ribs and salad provided on both days. As Randy Nusser says, "These are the best ribs in town!" ... yummy!

Dew Drop Inn - April

2001 - National Tourney!

April 20-22, 2001

Dew Drop Inn

Waterloo, NY

Reported by: Tracie Fridley, NY

Dew Drop Inn hosted their April 2001 "National Shuffleboard Tournament" on April 22nd (next one will be held on August 2-5th). Winners were:



Singles (left): 1st Place: Jim Fowler of Waterloo, NY; and **2nd Place:** (no picture available) Rob Hummer of Waterloo.

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Dew Drop Inn...

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Mixed Doubles event winners were (no pictures available): **1st Place:** Dick Losee/Theresa Cornell and **2nd Place:** Earl Durgan/Linda Meyer.

Draw Partner event winners were:



Above: Draw Partner -- 1st Place: Tracey Fridley (left) and Linda Meyer (right); **2nd Place:** Ken VanZyle and Brenda Prosser (center); and **3rd Place:** (no picture available) Steve Bennett and Earl Durgan.

Bring Partner event winners were (no pictures available): **1st Place:** Dick Losee/Dale Law; and **2nd Place:** Bob Hanes/Jim Fowler.

Everything went well for the tournament. We hope to see everyone again at the August 2001 "National Shuffleboard Tournament" (see page 5 "Upcoming Events" section in this issue for details).

M.V.P. Winners!

April 6-7, 2001

M.V.P. Sports Bar

Phoenix, AZ

Reported By: Wendell Herbison, Glendale, AZ

M.V.P. Sports Bar, 6001 N. 43rd Ave., Phoenix, AZ hosted another great shuffleboard tournament on April 6-7. Four boards were used which moved the play along. Frank Monarrez ran the calcutta which added some nice prize monies. Finals were played on Saturday and the winners were:



(Left) 1st Place: Grant Manning, Mickey Lewis, and Gene Clark



(Left) 2nd Place: Bill Thomas, Tim Schwenck, and Sharon Chandler

Market Street Cafe "Spring Fling" Results!

March 9-10, 2001

Market Street Cafe

Charlestown, MD

Ph#: 410-287-6374

Report & Photos

Submitted By:

Brenda Wallace,

Port Deposit, MD

Market Street Cafe
315 Market Street
Charlestown, MD



Market Street Cafe hosted their Spring Fling tournament on March 9-10. Another great tourney. Friday night was the Draw Partner event and winners were:



Above: Draw Partner

1st Place: Lenny Dell (front) of Baltimore and Ryan Fuller of NY



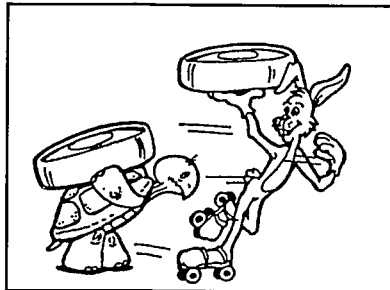
Above: Draw Partner
2nd Place: Cid Floricini and Steve Bennett (NY)



Left: Draw Partner 3rd Place: Donnie Casula (left) of Wilmington, DE and Jen Pickett of Rising Sun, MD

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Shufflers' Notebook (Continued from Page 2)

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard



Play Continued Despite Tornado -- Reports Glen!

I've just come home from the Memorial Day tournament held at the Full House in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Bill Melton was the winner and Champ of Singles. My little brother, Dave Davidson, took second. I won't go into reporting all the winners since that will be reported by the action reporter, but I do want to share a little about my *tourney journey*.

The tournament director and bracketeer did a great job and finished in time -- despite a tornado whipping around just above our heads and making a hole in the roof above the bar area. As the tornado was roaring through our area (reportedly over 200 M.P.H. winds above our heads), we lost all electric power just as the Singles event was winding down on Sunday with only the toughest left playing -- Bill Melton and Ken Stork were at 6 to 5 (Bill's favor) and Dave Davidson were at 8 to 9 (Dave's favor.) The winds tore sheet iron from the roof of the building across the street and whirled it over the Full House and wrapped the high lines like a football player getting his ankle wrapped. Sterla "Starr" Kinard (owner/manager) and her crew were trying to hold the door shut and stop the water pouring in through the hole in the roof above the bar. Those of us left in the shuffleboard area were picking our spots under the shuffleboards for cover and protection. As all of us were inside finding cover, Pat Gainey was outside asleep in Harvey Walden's 5th wheel trailer (and never even knew a tornado was roaring!). Harvey's and my brother's 5th wheel were damaged and my motor home parked outside received some minor damage to the front area. The town of Wynnewood was hit pretty hard, as were other surrounding areas of Oklahoma... many losing power for days. All the others seemed worried, but Harvey and Dave said it pays to always be ready, it can happen even to us good guys. So, as history of the game keeps rolling along, this should add another first to the "Tornado Wind Down Finals" or the "Sheet Metal Finals" or the "Whirl Wind Finish." Ron Gamble hooked up the motor home generator to provide power on Monday

to the Full House (after players such as Pelton & Walden had to finish out games by candlelight on Sunday)! After observing all the damage around us, it looks like the Full House was the safest place to be when this tornado roared through. [Editors Comment: When Bill Melton called us after returning home from the tournament, he also said: "Well Lynda, I guess it shows that the safest place to be during a tornado is where there is a shuffleboard!"]

Pat (deceased) and Don Kinard (owners of the Full House) were inducted into the Oklahoma State Hall of Fame. These two were married for 45 years and owners of the Full House since 1987. Pat Kinard hosted their first tournament on Labor Day 1988. With the help of her good friend, Berlin Courtney, league play was started. As the years passed and the tournaments grew, she purchased and expanded to four boards and purchased the building next door. At this time, there are seven boards and the Labor Day tournament will be the "Pat Kinard Memorial Tournament" and the Memorial Day tournament will be the "Berlin Courtney Memorial Tournament" from this day forward. To honor these two on the Labor Day and Memorial Day tournaments is only fitting, as Berlin was instrumental in getting Pat to start it all back in 1988 -- they were a great team, no doubt!

The induction ceremony went well. Starr Kinard (Pat's daughter) gave a moving testimonial about "mom" and "dad" and Pat's brother introduced all the children and grandchildren - a very moving experience for all. They are the first *man/woman* team to be inducted and just happened to be married with five children. As the pictures of their life flickered by on the video with George Jones singing in the background "Walk Through This World With Me," tears and lumps in the throat came to even the toughest of the old and young alike. As the ceremony came to an end, Don Kinard accepted the Oklahoma Hall of Fame award honor for both he and his deceased wife. This honor was awarded not only for their dedication to the game for many years, but also for hosting the longest running tournament in the history of Oklahoma table shuffleboard -- for 15 years! "Rest well 'Our Fair Lady' ... you will never be forgotten!"

-- Glen Davidson, OK

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Wilber Responds to Elliff & Ingram on May Issue's "Ratings" & "Raters" Comments!


THE RATING SYSTEM: (Response to Art Elliff, May 2001 Issue, Page 2)... I can understand where Art Elliff of Oregon is coming from regarding the rating categories being somewhat confusing. Referring to the 2001 Bowers Rating Booklet: Example 1 -- Johnny Ballard is a '-1' (0.71) and Pat Bayless is a '0' (0.14). Pat would have to become a (0.51) to become a '-1' rated player. Example 2 -- James Griffin at 1.60 is a '2' and Cass Grubbs at a 1.46 is a '1'. Griffin would have to be rated less than 1.50 to become a '1'. Is it confusing? You bet it is! However, we cannot blame the Bowers, as they inherited the existent categories when they established the Bowers Rating System (as Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors, already explained and responded to Art Elliff in the May Issue).

Several years ago, I worked super hard to develop a rating system. It was important for me to consult players like Bill Melton, Sam Summers, Don Valk, Larry Creakbaum, David Williams, Karl Spickelmier, Jim Long, John McDermott, Mickey Mickens (since deceased), Jim Yank and others. Mine would have been to establish categories like: AA - A - B - C - D, but it never materialized because by then the Bowers Rating System had been introduced and was being well accepted and used by The World of Shuffleboard.

THE RATERS: (Response to Glen Ingram, May 2001 Issue, Page 31)... My good friend, Glen Ingram from Indiana, and I enjoy being on opposite sides of an issue at times. Our last spirited discussion was over whether an opponent could use the other's weights. Now, he raises the issue of whether only those who are at least a '1' should qualify as raters, eliminating us "dummies" who are designated raters and personally rated less than a '1'. I challenge Glen regarding my abilities to be a competent rater as a '2' rated player, as I feel I can be every bit as intelligent in rating players as he can with a '0' rating. Big league managers such as Tom Lasorda, Earl Weaver and Sparky Anderson couldn't play the game worth a lick, but became very successful and expert managers. Bobby Knight, Indiana's own ex-Indiana coach, sat on the bench for four years at Ohio State (the Williams brothers in Texas have him now.) So, what I am

saying is that skill on the boards does not necessarily mean skill in observing and rating players.

If such a rule were to go into effect, the roster of truly dedicated raters in Michigan would be wiped out, with exception of one, and would probably impact negatively on other states as well. Let's face it, the high-ranked players do not typically spend nearly as much time watching, evaluating, and rating shufflers in all categories as much as the lower-rated players do. The higher rated players tend to watch each other more frequently than they watch the lower-rated players who make up a large majority of our World of Shuffleboard.

PS: Just received our June 2001 Issue (another great one!). We have one question regarding Page 13, Photo #4: How can four "squareheads" sit around a "round" table?  -- *George Wilber, MI*

McDermott Shares Some History "About those Ratings"

There has been some discussion in the previous few issues of The Board Talk concerning the Bowers Ratings, how they were started and the reason for the -1 through 5 numerical ratings. We would like to shed some light on that subject.

The ratings were actually begun in 1989 by The Shuffleboard Federation. At that time, our primary activity was running tournaments. The ratings were developed in an effort to bring more amateurs into the sport by giving them a chance to play against players of similar skill levels. We were also very big into six person team events and were looking for a way to even up the teams. It was our belief that if shuffleboard were to have any chance to grow, a viable handicap system was a must. We felt that the tournaments would be larger in terms of the number of participants and that having more teams with a chance to win would boost the prize money through bigger sponsor sales.

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Memorial Day Weekend at the 133 Club!

May 25-28, 2001

133 Club

Manteca, CA

By: Eddie Brayman, CA



George Camara put together the 1st shuffleboard tournament at the newly remodeled 133 Club located at 133 West Yosemite Avenue, Manteca, CA. Hoping to get acquainted with the boards, my partner (Chris Wayt) and I arrived a day early. When we got there, the boards were still unpacked and on AZ's truck, the room had almost no lighting, and the bar was packed with plumbers (e.g., bathrooms were not fully functional), carpenters and painters.

Well, thanks to the efforts of a great bunch of workers, from John Azevedo (133 Club owner), to the painters, carpenters, George Camara, AZ, Larry Newell, Chris Wayt, Joe Hudson, me, and some others I don't recall at the moment, the totally unprepared 133 Club was transformed (overnight) into a *shuffleboard paradise*. The tournament went off without a hitch. There were 3 events; ABC, Doubles, and Singles. John, the Owner, took care of the crowd like an Italian grandmother. Food was plentiful and delicious! There are already discussions about the future tournaments at the 133 Club. For the northern California shufflers, Manteca is an ideal location. Players from the Rat Pack of Sacramento, to the Oddballs of Santa Clara are within easy reach. Stay tuned for further developments. In the mean time, check out some photos...

(Visit my website for more pictures and details at: <http://www.suzetti.com/shuffleboard/manteca/html/manteca1.htm>)



Left: ABC 1st Place: Chris Wayt (left), Hal Perry (right) and Ben Mooney (not pictured) with sponsor Bob Hunt (center)

Right: ABC 2nd Place: (left to right) Joe Hudson, Vickie Hunt, and Rich Porter



Left: ABC 3rd Place: Charlie Busch (left), Bud Spier (center), and Barbara Green (not pictured)



DOUBLES (no pics): 1st Place: Joe Hudson/Nick Chaffin; 2nd Place: Mike Kinney/Bud Spier; and 3rd Place: Bob Hunt/Hal Perry. **SINGLES (no pics):** 1st Place: Nick Chaffin; 2nd Place: Bob Hunt; and 3rd Place: Hal Perry

5th Memorial Day Tourney at Honky Tonk!

May 24-27, 2001

Honky Tonk

Sherburne, NY

As Reported by: Louise Freer, NY

The 5th Annual Memorial Day Tournament was held at the Honky Tonk in Sherburne, NY May 24th to 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 the Thursday night round robins. Fred Truax won both round robins, with partners Jeff Davies and Faye Todd, respectively (Fred and Jeff are locals and Faye traveled up from Delaware.)

The Friday night Mixed Doubles, a popular event every year with no exceptions, had 19 teams vying for four places, and finished as follows: 1st: John & Sharon Canino (Baldwinsville, NY); 2nd: Lonzo Knight/Dolores Brown (Sharpsburg, MD); 3rd: Russ Reynolds (Sherburne)/ Louise Freer (PA); 4th: Bill Pollock/Judy Gartland (PA).

Saturday's Draw Partner, another popular event, this year had 20 teams battling for 5 money places. 1st place went to locals Steve Bennett/Ryan Fuller; 2nd place went to Lonzo Knight/John Arndt (Waterloo, NY); 3rd place went to Linda Meyers (NY)/Bill Pollock; and 4th place went to Dick Jeffries/John Canino; and 5th and final spot went to Dick Losee/Dolores Brown.

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In Fond Memory of ... **Russ "The Colonel" Miller** **1941 - June 4, 2001**



One of our greatly loved and respected shufflers from the Washington area who was just inducted into the Northwest Hall of Fame on May 26th, 2001 (during the 20th Annual Memorial Day Extravaganza tournament held at the Season Ticket in Spokane, Washington) passed away during his sleep on Monday, June 4th. His funeral was held on Saturday, June 9th. If you wish to send cards or letters to his wife, they can be sent to her at: Sue Miller, P.O. Box 1423, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273.



Above: Russ "The Colonel" Miller was inducted into the Pacific NW HOF on May 26th at the Season Ticket (pictured left) and a 2nd ceremony honoring Russ' NW HOF induction was conducted at Old Edison Inn on June 9th (pictured right: Sue Miller receiving Russ' plaque (posthumously) from John Martin)

"His Word is his bond. His greeting is always with a smile, friendly and sincere. He is the epitome of a great human being. He gives true meaning to sportsmanship and friendship through competition." (words above on Russ' Pacific NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame plaques)

The above words were engraved on a plaque presented to Russ on May 26th and again to his wife Sue, in memoriam, on June 9th at the Season Ticket and Old Edison Inn, respectively. There are no better words to describe Russ more concisely, as those that knew him all agree. There were two ceremonies for Russ into the Pacific NW SHOF to allow as many as possible of his continent-wide shuffleboard family to honor him in Spokane, plus his multitude of friends and relatives on his home turf in Skagit County where he was born.

Russ was born in 1941, in a farmhouse, in

Utopia, Washington (East Skagit County.) His parents, Clyde and Hazel Siddens moved the family to San Diego where Russ graduated from Jr. High School as an Honor Student. He later graduated from High School back in Washington at Mt. Vernon. Russ was first introduced to shuffleboard in 1960 by his brother Neil, and his friend Wes Warner from Kansas City - at a time when games were played to 21 points and "keep hammer." He started off playing freehand. A fellow player named Lesley told him "you're a natural," and that was all it took for him to become hooked on the game. In 1963, Russ was back in Washington. While tending bar at the Silver Dollar, he convinced owner Dave Archer to have a league team, the team did well and ... as happens so often in this game, Dave Archer was hooked!! It was Dave who gave Russ Miller the name we all learned to know and love him by - **THE COLONEL**.

In 1964, Russ met the woman of his dreams, the woman he would spend the rest of his life with - Miss Sheridan (Sue) Shaddock. They married and together raised three children: Russell, Rebecca and Sherry. Russ managed to work at oil refineries, did some commercial fishing (lots of good fishing stories!), went to school to be a locksmith and have his own welding business for awhile, raise his family, and still had time to commit to his love, compassion, knowledge of the true meaning of the phrase "friendship through competition", to us, his "extended family" ... and for that we are richer people! "The Colonel" was one of the best Ambassadors of Shuffleboard and will be greatly missed by all! **EDITOR'S COMMENT:** Information from both ceremonies was provided by Gordie Smith of Canada (1st ceremony) and Phil Dupree and John C. Martin (2nd ceremony). More on Russ & both ceremonies coming next month.--T&L

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Market Street Cafe "Spring Fling"...

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Left: Bring Partner 1st Place:
Lenny Dell (left) of Baltimore and Rick Niblett (right) of Salisbury



Left: Bring Partner 2nd Place:
Curtis Dean of Rising Sun and Al DiBella (right) of Philadelphia

Bring Partner, 3rd Place (no picture provided): Steve Bennett and Dick Jefferies both of New York.

Many thanks to the Market Street Cafe owners (pictured on page 2 of this issue) for hosting such a great event; to the wonderful Tournament Director (pictured below); and to all the shufflers who participated and made it such a great event!



Left: Tournament Director:
Russ Smith of Charlestown, MD

THANK YOU RUSS!

After the Bring Partner event finished up on Saturday, another Draw was on the agenda. The big names appeared once more... such as the awesome Johnny Gardner of Eastern Shore, MD and our own Carol Hampton of Charlestown taking first place. Carol is one of our finest female players who not only plays great but who has also shared her life with so many people in so many facets of life. She is an inspiration to all who know her. Chuck King of Dover, DE and Jen Pickett of Rising Sun, MD come in second. Chuck excels on any board and has earned his success! Jen is our new upcoming star and her talent matches her wonderful personality! "Never change, Jen, ya' hear?" Watch out for Jen all you guys and gals out there - her talent is a sight to watch out for!

-- By: Brenda Wallace, MD

5th Memorial Day...

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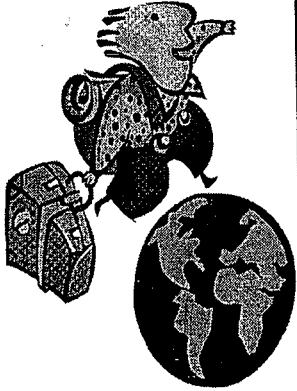
The Saturday event popularity was exemplified by Brenda Prosser and her able staff, Mort and Gail, providing the bountiful pig roast.

The third and final event was Sunday's Bring Partner tournament, and the playing field was extremely tough! In the end, the defending team of Dick Losee and Bob White of Sherburne finished 1st; Linda and Rick Myers placed 2nd; and Louise Freer and Russ Reynolds taking 3rd place.

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

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 Zyles manages to continue playing (and playing quite well). Kenny is an inspiration to all of us! Way to go, Kenny!

-- By: Louise Freer, PA



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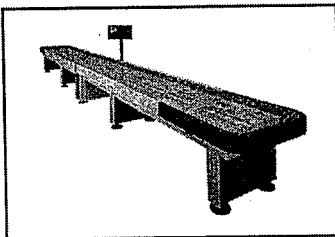
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- ◆ Saturday Sept. 22nd 3pm – Handicap Singles, Max 4 point negative spot. 2/3 in winners, 21 point in losers bracket.
- ◆ Sunday Sept. 23rd – Finals and Round Robins



7 Boards will be available, **at least** 1 board available for match games for the guys.

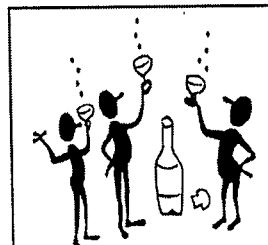
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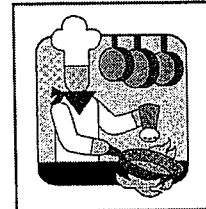
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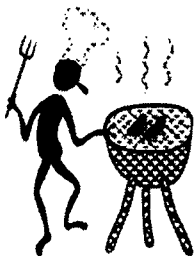
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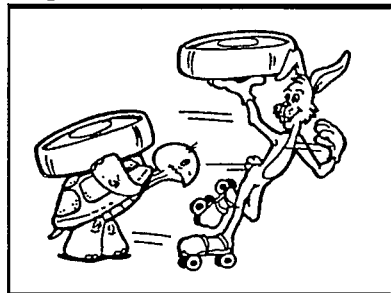


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News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

McDermott Shares...

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One of the biggest hurdles was that shuffleboard is an enormously difficult game to handicap. Bowling, darts, and golf, to name but a few, can simply use an average score. In shuffleboard, you would have to take into consideration things like points scored with and without the hammer. In doubles competition, a person could win all night and never score a point.

The original concept of the -1 through 5 was that your rating would be the score you would start at. In other words, if a 2 was playing a 4, the 2 rated player would ring up two points at the beginning of the game and the 4 rated player would ring up four points. Players rated -1 actually had to score one point to get back to zero, meaning that they had to score sixteen points to win.

The first ever handicapped team event took place in 1989 at a Holiday Inn in Arlington Texas. This was actually David Williams' Presidents Day tournament, which had outgrown the Corporate Image Lounge where the tournament had been held for the previous several years. This was a memorable event for more than one reason. The truck driver who was bringing the boards from American Shuffleboard Company took a detour through New Orleans and went on a three day drunk. The boards, which were supposed to be delivered on Monday, did not show up until Thursday, which is the day the tournament was supposed to start. After two days of the police from every state between New Jersey and Texas looking for the shuffleboard truck in vain, we were in a full-blown panic.

Fortunately, Bill Melton came to the rescue. He rounded up four boards from Oklahoma, delivered them to the hotel, and then went to Fort Worth to pick up the boards from the Corporate Image. By the time the truck showed up, the tournament has just started. We accepted the delivery of the six sets of weights and told him to take the boards back to New Jersey.

Anyway, back to the point. The ratings were initially based on tournament performance. As a

starting point, we recorded the top finishers in every tournament that was in The Board Talk from 1986 through 1989. That effort started us off with almost 400 players. When an unrated player wanted to enter one of our tournaments, we called players that we knew we could trust from that part of the country to get their opinions and assigned an initial rating. Having run almost 40 tournaments between 1987 and 1992, the list of players quickly ballooned to nearly 700.

By 1992 we were heavily involved in the wax and supply business and had made a decision to keep the tournament in Reno and drop the rest. By that time however, other tournaments were starting to use the ratings and it would have been a big setback for shuffleboard had the ratings been allowed to die. Fortunately, Ron Bowers approached us about continuing on with the concept and actually forming a committee to rate the players. This sounded great to us. We gave them the ratings of the players we had as a starting point and the rest is history. Ron and Debbie have taken the process beyond where we could have and the entire game has benefited from their efforts.

It does, unfortunately, get confusing when players start to talk about a higher rated player. Does that mean one with more skill or a lower rated player, who has a higher number. Maybe the time has come to rethink this subject.

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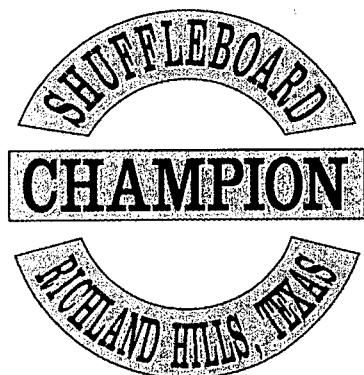
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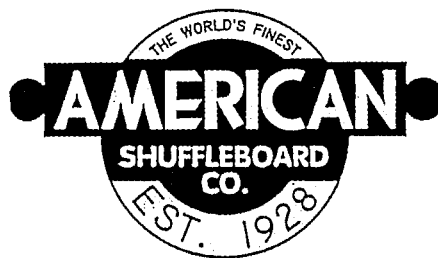
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 81 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- July 2001 Issue

(In our last episode we found Eddie having to either accept, or reject Lil's challenge to go the best out of 5 games for a total of \$6000. Let's see how this is all going to turn out....)

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

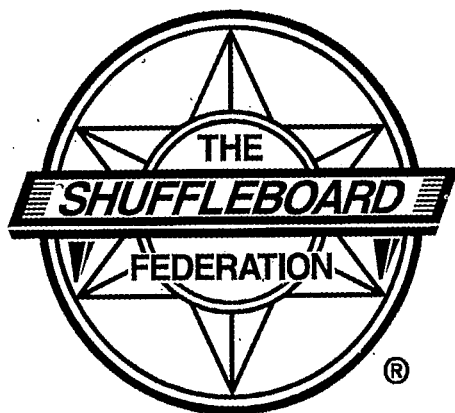
Eddie contemplated his answer while continuing to stare into Lil's eyes. He knew he had Shelli's support in whatever his decision would be. He made his reply: "We're in Lil, but I will have to write a check for our part of the stake." Lil had a slight grin on her face as she replied: "That'll be just fine Champ. Let's go over to the bar, and you make out the check, and we'll leave it and my \$6000 with the owner for safekeeping." Eddie said that would be just fine. They stepped over to the bar to finish that business, and also to hammer out the smaller details of how the playoff would be conducted.

Among other things, it was determined (because the table was "supposedly" new to all the players) that they would all get 8 practice shots from both ends of the table. They had to wait a few minutes while a "volunteer" prepared the board. He wiped it down and applied a coat of spray wax. It took a few minutes for it to dry, and then he waxed it with "Lightning Fast" powdered wax. Shelli was really getting excited because she was actually going to be a part of this kind of "action". Eddie stood by her while she practiced, and pointed out some of the things of importance, as well as going over their strategy. Lil and Texas Kid were the challengers, so it was only fair for them to declare which ends of the board they would be shooting from. After some deliberation, it was decided that Lil and Shelli would be playing against each other, and the two men would compete on the end located closest to the entrance. Eddie had arranged things this way because he was familiar with both Lil and the Kids play; however, Shelli had never gone up against the Kid, and would have had to wait some valuable time getting used to his style of play. After the Calcutta was over for the main Tournament, which would be played the next day, the coin toss for the money series was made. Eddie called Heads, and he was correct. Most of the players and spectators which weren't immediately involved in the A/B draw were now moving over to the other side of the bar so they could catch all of the "match game" action. There were also a bunch of "side bets" made and a lot of commotion going on. This all simmered down when the Texas Kid made his first shot to begin the series. It was (as anticipated) a very deep 1 freehand shot, which stopped in the center of the table. Eddie hit and stuck on that one. The Kid stuck perfectly on his next shot. Eddie hit and slid to the

left on his next weight. He did this to avoid a possible "wrap around", as the weight was positioned just far enough back then for The Kid to try one. The Kid hit-and-went on his next one, so Eddie put up a short deuce on the left rail. It was another hit-and-go on the next shot, which left the board clean for Eddie's hammer. The room was almost completely silent as Eddie sized things up for his first lag. He shot the freehand – and it ended up a deep deuce. Eddie was satisfied with that, but not with the return half of the frame. It was obvious that Shelli was going to have her hands full with Lil.

The two women had not been speaking, or even looking directly at one another as they played. The bad blood that was between them (mainly for Lil trying to ruin their wedding) was still boiling. Shelli's anger was interfering with her game – causing her to miss some shots, and even to misread some of the traps she set her up for. Lil was starting to make some snide little quiet remarks now as they played. As a result, they lost the first game by a wide margin – 15 to 10! Eddie and Shelli had a conference before the second game started. He tried to explain that her emotions were causing them to be outplayed, and outgunned. She said she'd try to correct things. The second game was better than the first...but they still lost it – 15 to 13. This was it now. If they lost ANY of the remaining three games it was all over! Eddie was really getting steamed now. He told Shelli: "Look; if you want to play shuffleboard, and really get your head into this game ok. On the other hand, if you'd rather duke it out with Lil – let's just forfeit the \$6000, and you two can have at it. Don't you know that she's beyond pleasure, because she's managing to "psych" you out? Shelli looked him directly in the eyes then and said: "Honey, all I can promise is that I'll do my best. Have some trust in me now sweetheart, ok?" The board was freshly waxed, and the quarters put in. As Eddie walked down to his end of the board to start he was thinking, "I have to trust her - I have to. She means everything to me, and...I DO trust her!" (Hey now! It looks like Lil is using an old "con" here. Can Shelli shake off her negative emotions long enough to keep them in this series or not? You know that just about ANYTHING can – and probably will happen...so tune in next month!)

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2001 WCT™ ...

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Dan Hitt & Diana Hagen

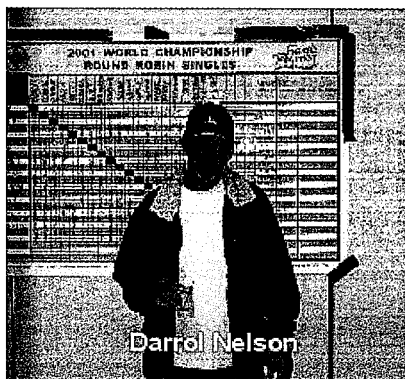
OPEN DOUBLES:

(left) It was the team of Dan Hitt and Diana Hagen prevailing in the Open Doubles, going through the tournament without losing a match en route to victory. They beat the team of Darrol Nelson and Mike Thorpe in the finals to claim the title. Third place went to John McDermott and Bill Melton (no picture).



Mike Thorpe & Darrol Nelson

In the Round Robin Singles, there were 21 players, meaning that everyone played 20 games.



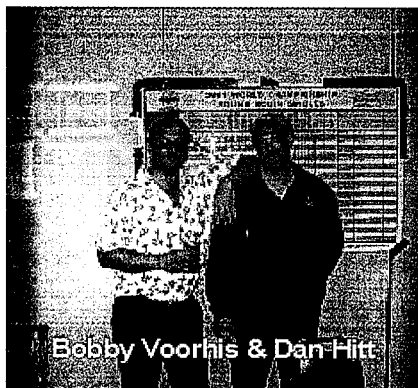
Darrol Nelson

ROUND ROBIN SINGLES 1st Place:

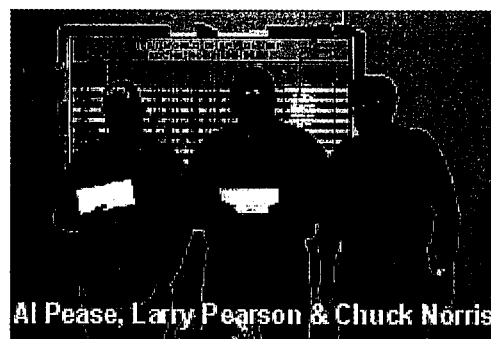
(left) Coming out on top was Darrol Nelson, with a record of 17 wins and 3 losses.

ROUND ROBIN 2nd/3rd Place Tie:

Tied for second/third place with 14 wins and six losses were Dan Hitt and Bobby Voorhis.



Bobby Voorhis & Dan Hitt



Al Pease, Larry Pearson & Chuck Norris

ROUND ROBIN 4th/5th/6th Place Tie:

(above) There was a three-way tie for fourth/fifth/sixth. Those spots went to Al Pease, Larry Pearson and Chuck Norris with 13-7 records. John McDermott (not pictured) finished seventh with a record of 12-8. Rounding out the top ten were Diana Hagen and Hal Perry (not pictured) who finished 11-9.

Although Darrol pulled away from the rest of the field on the final day, fourteen of the remaining nineteen players were in contention to finish in the money going into the final three rounds of play. When it was over, the players were enthusiastic about the way the tournament went and were already looking forward to next year. Because those who participated this year will have the first opportunity to play in the 2002 WCT™, there may be only three spots open in that event. Visit the Tournament Information section of our web site often for all the latest information.

We would like to thank all those who helped to make this first event a success. Tournament Director Kathy Yingst did a fine job, especially considering she had never run a round robin style event before. She was assisted by Linda Ritter and Lois Thumann. Rick Boyer did his usual excellent job in organizing the set up, with lots of help from Dennis Bird, Bill Maxwell, Joe Ozanich, Gordie Smith of Eagle Shuffleboard and Fred Thumann. Joe and Gordie also mounted additional score buttons on the cradles so that the score can now be registered from the middle of the board as well as from both ends.

Post tournament comments from the participants were enthusiastic and positive. The common theme: *can't wait until the next one*. We are looking forward to the next one as well. The Sands is eager to have us as often as we want to come so it is quite possible that the future may hold more of these events. Stay tuned to The Board Talk.

-- By: John McDermott, MI



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Lee Duncan, one of our shuffleboard extended family members and nephew to Billy Mays and Evelyn Harris, passed away on May 2, 2001 unexpectedly from a massive heart attack at the young age of 43. He was born in Dallas, Texas on November 11, 1957 to Bob and Maxine Mays Duncan (Billy Mays' sister). Lee's death was a shock to all that knew him and is a great loss to all of his family, friends, and shuffleboard 'extended family.'

Lee started playing shuffleboard at the age of 18 and was taught the basics of the game by his uncle, Billy Mays, and was active in the USSA and other league play. He stopped playing for awhile. When he returned to the game he came back playing smart and hard and had been moved to a '1' rated player in his more recent years of play.

Lee lived with his parents, Bob and Maxine, helping care for his ill mother. Maxine was a beautician until she was diagnosed with alzheimers disease. So, Lee and his dad had been jointly caring for Maxine at home. Lee had been mugged/robbed/injured shortly before his death and had been to the doctor with chest congestion afterwards. His chest congestion was being treated with antibiotics and they had to increase his diabetic medication. He had no known prior history of heart condition, so the fatal heart attack was a total shock to everyone.

One week after Lee's death, on May 10th, the family suffered another tragic loss -- Evelyn Harris (Billy Mays' sister) lost one of her dearest granddaughters, Shelly Ann Harris, at the early age of 28 to a car accident, leaving two small children not fully realizing that their mommie is gone to heaven now. Evelyn had 7 grandchildren (now 6 living) and has 11 great-grandchildren. The Duncan, Mays, and Harris families are trying their best to cope with these back-to-back tragedies -- and are going through some very difficult times along with extensive unforeseen funeral and hospital expenses. I am sure they would like to hear from those in their shuffleboard "extended family."

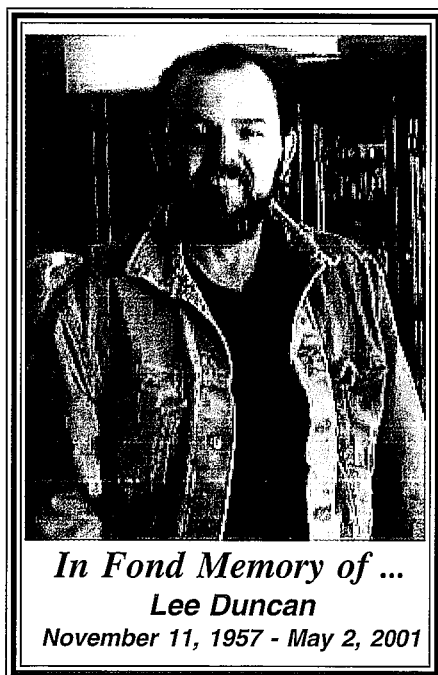
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Lee Duncan
Houston Holiday Open Tournament
1997



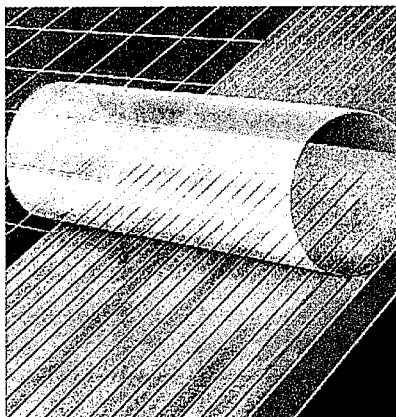
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Lee Duncan was always friendly, wearing a big smile and a man with a big heart... mostly playing shuffleboard locally in the Texas area to stay near to home after his mother became ill. We'll keep the Duncan, Mays, and Harris families in our prayers. "God Bless! We all miss you Lee!" --T&L

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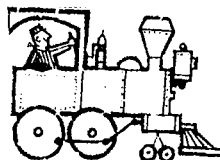
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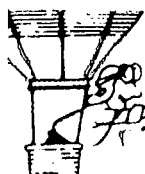
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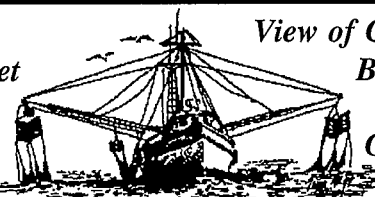
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July 4

4th of July Tournament
Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

July 20-22

6th Annual Rudy Stober Memorial
Stober's Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

July 21-22

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

July 26-29

2nd Amateur Shuffleboard Tourney
Garland Elk's Lodge
Garland, Texas (see flyer insert)

AUGUST 2001

August 2-5 (Notice: Cancelled)

~~Grand Masters Plus~~
~~The Whistling Oyster~~
~~Quilcene, Washington~~

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 24-26

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

August 30-September 3

Labor Day Tournament
Full House Tavern
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

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

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 20-22

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

September 20-23 (new date)

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

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

Annual NASC Reno 2001
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NOVEMBER 2001

November 22-24

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November 22-25

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November 23-24

Thanksgiving Tournament
Bud's Action Lounge
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

November 23-25

Indiana State Tournament
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

November 24-25

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DECEMBER 2001**December 7-8**

8th Annual Holiday Tourney
Eagles Club
Houston, Missouri

December 7-9

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Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

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Rated Doubles
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December 29-30

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League Players' Corner

(League Players' Corner - Series #6: New Section First Added In The February 2001 Issue)

We (The Board Talk Publishers/Editors) asked for League Play Reporter "volunteers" in several prior issues. Thusfar, we have the following volunteers:

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League Players' websites:

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League Play in Muncie Indiana!

Shuffleboard leagues are very popular in Muncie, Indiana with league play somewhere every week night. David L's Hideout Lounge sponsors a league on Monday; Village Inn on Tuesday; Sportsmans Lounge on Wednesday; and Red Dog Saloon hosts shuffleboard on Thursday and Friday nights.

The format is to Draw Partners for Round Robin play where the luck of the draw may be drawing up with a world-class player or a novice. Most all of the players are experienced with above average skills.

These leagues have guaranteed nightly payouts. If the entry money exceeds the guaranteed prize, the extra money goes to second place. The bars add money for each participant, and this money goes into a final pot. Players must compete in half the weekly events to be eligible for the final tournament.

During the winter months, the Delaware County League is in session. This is a bi-monthly league played on Saturdays. The league rotates between the Oasis Bar, Village Inn, Sportsmans Lounge, and Red Dog Saloon. The establishments furnish door prizes and part of the entry money goes to a final payout. Last year the final tournament had over \$3,600.

Shufflers traveling through Indiana should plan a stop in Muncie. They will meet some good people and enjoy spirited competition. For more information, contact Sheryl or Gregg Cockerill at 765-286-0944.

--Reported By: Sheryl & Gregg Cockerill, Muncie, IN

Houston Fun Hangers Complete 18th Season!

An awards presentation, buffet lunch, and blind draw tournament marked the end of another season, the 18th, in fact, for Fun Hangers League Shuffleboard players in West Houston. The Grand Champions this season were the "Triple Crown Roadrunners." They won Division Two and then 2 play-off games to take the title. The team consisted of captain Gary Pearson, co-captain Joe Pena, Lynette Ammerman, Dave Beach, Duncan Cooper, Ed Lusk, Terry Henry, Laura Henry, Dennis Horn and Mike Roberts. Division One winners were "Danny's Don't Give a Puck," captained by Denise Klein with co-captain, Brad Stroud. Division Three winners were the Hot Dog Shop Hangers, with captain Frank Della Sala and co-captain Kathy Buckler. Last, but not least, came Division Four winners, the Hot Shots, who made it to the Championship game! Their captain Sue Bernstein and co-captain Michael Jukola helped lead them to play in the Championship game. Congrats to all!

The league consists of 3 to 4 divisions and up to 250 players each season, depending on how many teams the area bar owners want to sponsor. The sponsor bars are generally located west of the Beltway, especially along Westheimer Road, which has become a Hotbed of shuffleboard action. Those of you have been to Houston can appreciate the distance problems that would arise in any attempt to stage a city - wide league. At any rate, there has been more than enough interest in this part of the city to sustain a thriving shuffleboard community.

The early years were a little "shaky" as squabbles over rules, playing venues and eligible players would arise and then subside. One of the single most important events to solidify the league, in my opinion, was the adoption of the *Bowers Rating System* as a guide to "level the playing field" a little for players of all skill levels. Local player and promoter Jack Scott deserves some credit for introducing the idea. Currently, the league is comprised of players from "Pro" ability to beginner level, with division one being the division comprised of the highest rated players, etc.

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League Players' Corner

(League Players' Corner - Series #6: Continued from Page 34)

From Day One and through "thick and thin", one person "stayed the course" and kept the league alive: Andrea Gray. Serving as Secretary and later Secretary-Treasurer every season, she made the tough calls when nobody else would or could. Andrea describes herself as the "thorn in the side" of anyone who sought to undermine her mission (a FUN and FAIR league for everyone to enjoy!). Speaking as one of the current officers, serving along with league president, Pete Worsnop, and viewing the infrastructure in place (comprehensive rules, systematic procedures for handling every problem, and good working relationships with area bar owners), I can attest to Andrea's years of effort.

Note: Andrea is still "working" for the league and is about to escort her long time beau, Dan, over the bridge of Matrimony! Thank You and Best Wishes, Andrea [and Dan]!



Above: Grand Champions - Triple Crown Roadrunners (seated left to right): Mike Roberts; Lynette Ammerman; Joe Pena; and (back row left to right) Ed Lusk, Gary Pearson, and Duncan Cooper



Above: Current officers (left to right) are Pete Worsnop, Andrea Gray, and Don Meehan



Above: Tourney Winners (left to right) were 2nd Place: Kathy Buckler/Adele Keith; Host Frank Della Sala; and 1st Place: Jim Hines/Mike Regan; and Andrea Gray (front center) presenting awards

--Reported By: Don Meehan, Houston, TX

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MEMORIES OF "KID SPOOKS"

-- By Al Stewart

Kid Spooks came to California in 1949 from Patterson, New Jersey. His home board was the Stage 10 on Western Avenue in Hollywood. I didn't come up until March of 1950, so he had already played all the players that had nerve enough to play him, and convinced them that he was the world's champion. Needless to say, I didn't get to see any of his championship games.

They put out a circular from the Stage 10 that Kid Spooks was going to play the Masked Marvel Halloween Night in 1950. We all went over there and the Masked Marvel came in and got up and shot his four weights and walked down to the other end of the board. By the time he got down there, we all knew that it was Bobby Driver, and we razzed him so much that he couldn't hardly shoot. But he couldn't beat Spooks anyway.

I was over at the Dog House in Tujunga; I usually went over there on Saturday afternoons to get a few little money games, and the place was full. I went in and sat down and they were telling me that some guy came in that thought he was a shuffleboard player, and played George. This guy had lost about \$10-\$15, which was a days work in those days. He told George and everyone that he would be back Saturday afternoon with plenty of money and play them for any amount they wanted to play for. Well, I was sitting at the bar, I turned around and looked and Spooks walked in. I said "Hey Spooks, what are you doing here?" Needless to say, that ruined his set-up. He was real nice about it, but told me that next time I saw him in a bar, not to speak to him unless he spoke to

me first. Spooks then suggested that this George and I play a singles game. Then Spooks would take the winner for a partner and we would play some shuffleboard. I managed to beat George so I got to play partners with Spooks all that Saturday afternoon. Needless to say, we won all the games!

The next time I saw Kid Spooks play was against Johnny Favors at Ham Bones, in Downey on Atlantic Boulevard in 1951. Spooks played Eastern Rules. That's the way he wanted to play. Eastern Rules was a hanger was 4, a 3 was a deuce and everything else was a 1. So Johnny Favors played him Western Rules at Ham Bones and beat Spooks.

After that, I never saw Spooks again. No one saw him. He just absolutely disappeared. We don't know where he went, if he went to another territory or what. He just disappeared from all the shuffleboard places around the L.A. area.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: *Al, thank you so much for sharing your personal experience meeting and playing with Kid Spooks (given name: Frank Mykietyn). The TSA has been trying to acquire some history on Kid Spooks and other legacy players. We hope other shufflers with information on legacy players will send the TSA some interesting stories and photos. We did find an old newspaper where Kid Spooks apparently wrote a periodic column, but have been unable to find out what happened to him either after 1950. The following page has a scanned copy of the "Spooks Speaks" column header followed by a retyped column text (taken from "Shuffleboard World," June 1950 edition, Page 12).*

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Perhaps the most talked of player in the game of Shuffleboard today is Frank Mykietyn. Frank has made personal appearances all over the United States

under his professional name of Kid Spooks. Shuffleboard World has secured his services to write a series of articles of which, this is the third.

(Below text of the "Spooks Speaks" column has been retyped below from the "Shuffleboard World," June 1950 edition, Page 12)

"IN THE course of my travels I come across new games and new twists which shuffleboard owners have been using on off nights to stimulate trade in their locations. Just as a canasta player occasionally yearns for a good old-fashioned hand of gin, so a weight-pusher occasionally likes to try something new, just for a change of pace.

Down in Baton Rouge, La., Mr. H. A. Kuhlman, owner of the "Kwitcherkickin'" on Highland Road, has devised still another game to go with his new American 12-foot cushion-rebound shuffleboard. I tried it myself and found it very enjoyable.

Kuhlman places two bowling pins on the head pin spots at each end of the board. A game of "15" or "21" is then played according to the regular rules, except that players must try NOT to knock down those two pins. A player who drops a pin must place a prearranged token in the kitty, which is divided equally among the winners after the game.

To avoid arguments several additional rules are used:

- (1). The pin must fall. The player who causes it to fall must, with his partner, contribute to the kitty.
- (2). If the pin is skidded off the spot by a weight, then pin will remain where it is until the end of the round, after which it is returned to the original spot.
- (3). Accidentally hitting the pin with your hand or sleeve, causing it to fall, also calls for a penalty.

It occurred to me as I participated in this game that it could be adapted easily to the long board. The *bocce spot* on either end would be the logical place for the pins.

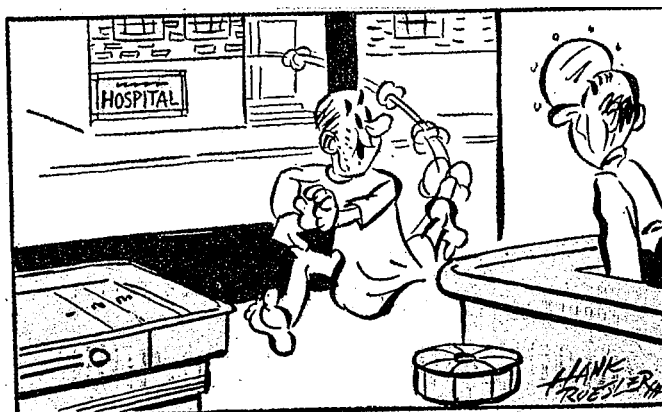
Incidentally, I've noticed that many owners of the new cushion boards are not aware of the numerous possibilities of interesting games which the board has. For example, few are aware that in playing

double-end shuffleboard on the 12-foot tables the weight must glance off either of the side cushions before it can be considered legal. Also, use of the rebound cross member is still in the elementary stages, and players are not aware of the wonderful fun to be derived from playing one, two and three cushion shuffleboard.

I strongly suggest that players who use the 12-foot cushion rebound models reacquaint themselves with the rule books. They'll have more fun than a barrel of monkeys in a snowstorm."

KID SPOOKS

EDITOR COMMENT: After reading Al Stewart's recollections of Kid Spooks (page 36 of this issue), we searched the internet for information on Kid Spooks. At <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>, we found a Frank S. Mykietyn, born Sep 17, 1920; Died May 18, 1969 at age 48; last known address zip 90650, Norwalk County, L.A., CA with a SSN# having been issued in New Jersey and what appears to be an older brother Walter Edward Mykietyn (same last known L.A. zip/county & same mother's maiden name - who died on Feb. 3, 1986.) Could this Frank Mykietyn be our Kid Spooks? From N.J. to L.A.-- just as Al Stewart recalls?! If so, we think we found 3 children there too! Thanks again to Al Stewart! (Just below the "Spooks Speaks" column we (Editors) found the below cartoon and have scanned it below - from the "Shuffleboard World," June 1950 edition, Pg. 12)



"This is my first day out of bed!"

(Shufflers' Notebook Continued From Page 22)

Siebert Expresses Thanks for Return of Michigan Open!

Thanks to Bill and Brenda Kane and Dennis Bittner (all three pictured below) for bringing back the Michigan Open! The Open was a great tournament due to the hard work of Bill and Brenda, many volunteers, and bracketeer Rob Kern.



"THANKS" from Jerry Siebert to: (Left to Right) Brenda Kane, Dennis Bittner, and Bill Kane for bringing back the Michigan Open!



"THANKS" from Jerry Siebert to all the Michigan participants and out-of-state participants (such as some of the Indiana bunch above: Larry Creakbaum, Glen Ingram and Jim Long (right) pictured with Jerry Siebert (between Glen & Jim)) - Ingram & Long were the Doubles Champs!

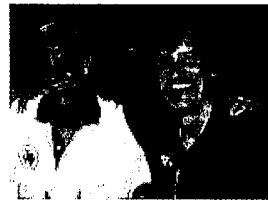
The Open had participants from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. All levels of players had opportunities to participate. A variety of tournaments were held for open players and amateurs.

It was good to have a Michigan Open back in Michigan again after 10 years absence. The tournament was run efficiently and the players appreciated the smooth flow of all the events. Well run tournaments always have the support of Michigan and players throughout the Midwest. Thanks to all who made it happen!

-- Jerry Siebert, MI

EDITOR'S COMMENT: See Page 10 for the Michigan Open 2001 tournament results. --T&L

Lucky Thanks Houston Memorial Day Tournament Participants!



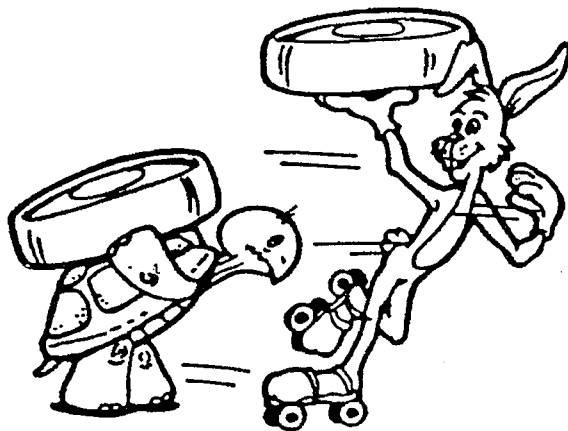
Above: Lucky (right) pictured w/ Johnny Wayne Crawford

I wish to thank all my shuffleboard family for the raffle benefit to assist me with my expenses since my auto accident on Jan. 19 -- which has caused severe neck injuries, nearly paralyzing me, and required neck surgery and extensive therapy. It is still unknown how much more therapy and/or surgery will be required and if/when I might be able to return to work ... the lawsuit drags out indefinitely before a known settlement may be awarded to me. My best friend for over 20 years, Sonny Ferguson, without reservations, has provided me room and board and transported me wherever and whenever needed since my accident. There are no words that could possibly express my gratitude. I wish to thank Diana Hagen and Mike Baker, the two who were instrumental in initiating the Memorial Day benefit raffle at Danny's Sports Bar. Diana, due to the respect and admiration you have from shufflers across the country, you are often called upon to help get the ball rolling and have never been known to drop the ball! I wish to thank tournament director Jack Scott and all those that donated raffle items (Danny Norris and Tom & Lynda French); all who participated in the benefit raffle; and all those who helped collect and MC the benefit such as Pete Worsnop, Harvey Kidd, Bill Rice, Denise Klein, Sylvia Martinez, and Lynda French (and Tom French who is rumored to have asked Lynda what he could do to help... she repounded: "Get us both a drink and round up the troops to let them know about the benefit.") From what I was told, all my shuffleboard family immediately started lining up at the desk to contribute and continued to do so throughout the tournament! You all may never realize how much this means to me. Danny Norris, owner, and all the tournament staff's expertise is reflected by the magnitude of success in the exceptional participant turnouts. This, in turn, enhances outstanding success in the partaking of other endeavors held during tournament play, such as the benefit of which I must say, I was a very fortunate beneficiary. Many thanks to all of you!

-- Lucky, TX

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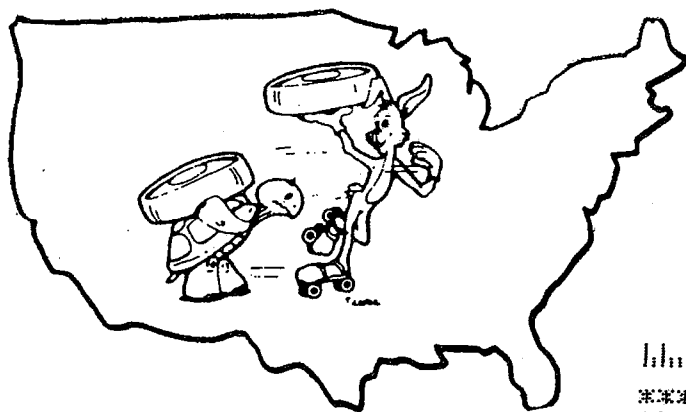
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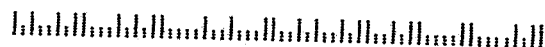
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