

The Board Talk

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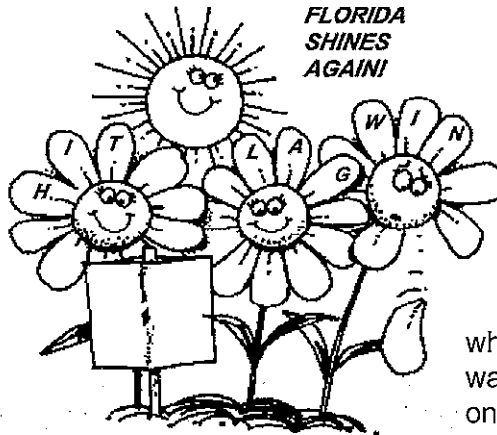
JUNE 2001

8th Annual Florida Open!

March 16-18, 2001
Snuggery Bar & Grill
West Palm Beach Gardens, FL

The 8th Annual Florida Open tournament was again held at the Snuggery Bar & Grill in West Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Bernie Kirchner (owner) and Greg Kirchner (manager) and all the staff provided the participants and their guests with great service and hospitality. This is one of the sponsors who provides a facility where you are comfortable in bringing your spouse or guests. The Florida Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) members and attendees are thankful to them for providing a class facility for our tournament. Thanks to Bernie for providing the usual fantastic food too!

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Bavarian House Rocks Again!

April 28-29, 2001
Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, FL

It was a warm and beautiful day where the "Two Days Of Shuffleboard" was played at the Bavarian "B" House on April 28-29, 2001.

The "A-B Draw" on Saturday and the "Bring Partner" event on Sunday were real thrillers. The days seemed long, yet so short. Everyone played long and hard. Besides presenting event winner honors, "The Most Improved for the Year 2000" CFSA Awards were presented to Dean Vincent and Sue Swindle below: [Editor Comment: Novel idea!]

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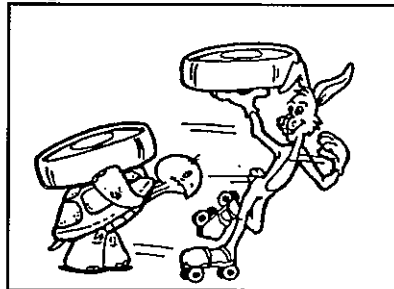
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NOTE: Play Your Way Across the
USA June 2001 Edition (flyer insert)



Sue Swindle & Dean Vincent
"Most Improved Player Award"
Year 2000

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Harralson's Extend "Thanks" & A Big "Hello" to their Shuffleboard Family!

"Hi" friends and shuffleboard family! We just returned from the "1st Annual Singles Round Robin" and "Open Doubles" tournament in Reno, Nevada.

We really enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. I'm (Ron) doing real good and hope to go back to work in June. Thanks to everyone for the well wishes, cards, and phone calls.

We came across a 1977 article and thought Billy Mays and others might enjoy it [Editors Comment: See Page 12 for scan of the referenced article]. We did! We'd also like to send a special "hello" to Firestone Dick and Charlene Voss in Colorado Springs, Colorado. -- **Ron & Retta Harralson, CA**

PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS THE U.S.A. 2001 (See Insert)!!

Grab your June 2001 Edition before you lose it (inserted with the flyers in the center of this issue)! Many thanks to all subscribers and advertisers for assisting us to get the annual "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A. - June 2001 Edition" as current and complete as possible before this issue's deadline. We hope you find it useful in locating places to play during your travels or when you relocate to another area. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the next edition, please let us know.

Thanks! -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

-- 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 22 for more detail)

"Thanks" For Making The George Ostrom Benefit A Great Success!

The April benefit for "Gentleman" George Ostrom was a success thanks to all that participated and sent donations. So far we have raised almost \$3,200.00. Unfortunately, George's surgery to save his leg was not as successful and they had to amputate it a couple of weeks ago. He is out of the hospital now anxiously awaiting the healing process prior to being fitted for a prosthetic leg. His goal is to return to playing shuffleboard and "kicking butt" as he has done for so many years.

We would like to recognize and thank the following special people and sponsors that helped so much to make George's benefit successful: The Shuffleboard Federation and John McDermott for donating the Federation Weights for the raffle, Jerry and Susie D of Jerry D's in Dacona, CO for their generous donation, the Balloon Inn in Arvada, CO and the Shuffle Inn in Lakewood, CO for their individual donations and for hosting fund raising shuffleboard tournaments, and raffles. The following Colorado taverns and restaurants for donations and raffle gifts: Rear Inn Lounge, Candle Light Tavern, Breckenridge Brewery, Ambrosia Bistro, Mannie and Bo's Pizzeria and Harold's Bar in Omaha, NE. And so many other individuals for their time and generosity.

Donations for George Ostrom can be sent to: Morey Balins, 522 Ellis Ct., Golden, CO 80401. For more information, call Morey Balins or Char Waugaman at 303-278-3871 or e-mail us at Moreychar@aol.com.

--Morey & Char, CO

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #7 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures

Contact Cameron James for Some "Pro-Play" Basic Lessons!



AIM (Basic Step 1)!

I'm only 2 1/2 years old, but I am trying to give some lessons on 'shuffleboard basics' to my grandma (Melody Marine) and Dan Hitt on their home Rockola shuffleboard. My game is influenced by one of my peers - Bobby V, so Triple Crown weights are my only weight of choice.



RELEASE (Basic Step 2)!

Concentrate with your aim and release. Concentration is crucial in each phase. Dan and Melody have obviously taken heed to my lessons, as they really concentrate with every shot they make nowadays -- haven't you noticed that trait in them?

FOLLOW THROUGH (Step 3)!

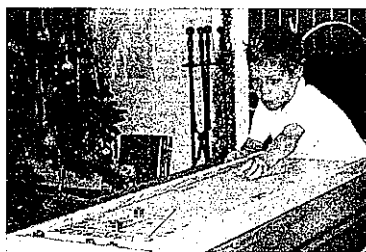
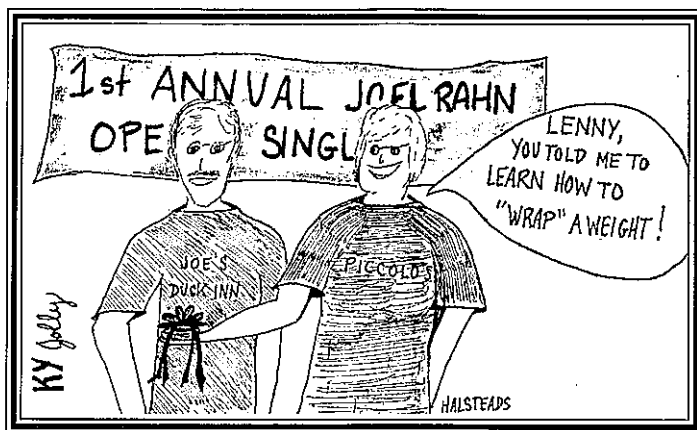
Concentrate with that follow through too - stay focused from beginning to end! It really has improved Dan and Melody's game. These two are wonderful students and I am very proud to be their teacher of choice! They're making great strides with each lesson!



Contact Lenny for Some "Pro-Play" Advanced Technique Lessons!

Basic Technique #1 (How to WRAP a Weight)!

Now that Cameron has outlined three of the "Pro-Play" basic steps, Lenny is ready to teach us all some advanced technique skills - starting with how to wrap a weight. The Halsteads' of Kentucky capture the "How to Wrap A Weight" technique below from one of Lenny's students? (Hmmm... who is this?)



Matthew Mourgos (left) is an up and coming future TSA Hall of Famer! He has also been teaching his parents some shuffleboard strategy!

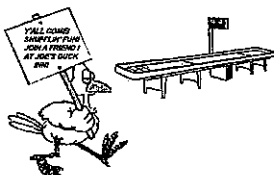
Below cartoon from "Shuffleboard World", June 1950, p. 6:



Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Nebraska

1st ANNUAL "JOEL (PAPPY) RAHN" OPEN SINGLES TOURNEY AT PICCOLO's & JOE'S DUCK INN OMAHA, NE JUNE 6 - 10, 2001



The 1st Annual Memorial "Joel (Pappy) Rahn" OPEN SINGLES tournament in memory and honor of Joel (Pappy) Rahn will be held at Piccolo's and Joe's Duck Inn, June 6th-10th. On Wed., June 6th, the tournament will start with the Calcutta at 7 PM. See flyer inserted into this issue and/or call Len or Sue Webster for more details: (402) 334-7202.

SEE "JOEL (PAPPY) RAHN" tourney at Piccolo's & Joe's Duck Inn tournament flyer inserted in the April 2001 The Board Talk issue for more details and Memories of Joel on Page 35 of last month's May 2001 issue.

Washington

17th ANNUAL "MIXED DOUBLES" & NW HOF INDUCTION! EDISON, WA JUNE 10-11, 2001

The Old Edison Inn, 5829 Cains Court, Edison, Washington will host the 17th Annual "Mixed Doubles" the weekend of June 10-11 with Phil DePree to be the Tournament Director. Entry fee is \$50/team, double elimination (best 2 out of 3), 15-point games in winner's bracket and single 17-point single elimination in the loser's bracket. Sponsor Sale starts at 11 Am sharp on Saturday (June 10th) and a complimentary feed for the participants will be served that evening. Highlighting this tournament event will be the induction of local legend, *Russ (The Colonel) Miller*, into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. This tourney is an Evergreen Association sanctioned (points) event. For more information call: 360-766-6266.

Texas

TRUE ROUND ROBIN GOLD NUGGET JUNE 15-17, 2001

Gold Nugget, Arlington, Texas will host a "True Round Robin - Handicap" tournament on June 15-17th where everyone will play everyone else - guaranteed 19 games (remember 1st 20 teams only); Entry \$150/person (\$50 returned if all games are played); sponsor sale starts at 7 PM on Friday the 15th and then the play begins and runs through Sunday. Bowers Ratings Year 2001 to be used; 3 Point Maximum Negative Handicap spot (no 2 Pros).

This will be an excellent warm-up for the Southwest Open 2001 coming up in Del City. For more information, you may call Bobby Williams at (817) 265-7045 or Jeri Billard (817-657-7306).

Colorado

3rd ANNUAL "BILL ENGLISH MEMORIAL DOUBLES" & TSA HOF INDUCTION! BALLOON INN ARVADA, COLORADO JUNE 22-24, 2001



The Annual "Bill English Memorial Doubles" will be held at the Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, CO on June 22-24. This year there will be a very special addition to the tournament, as Bill English has been posthumously nominated and voted into the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Details of the tournament and the time of the TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony can be found in Balloon Inn's paid tourney ad on Page 35 of the April 2001 issue. Mark your calendars now to attend this event!

[Note: Balloon Inn is a "Shuffleboard Directory" Advertiser in The Board Talk (See Page 24). Thanks for your support! --T&L, Editors]

SEE "Bill English Memorial Doubles" at Balloon Inn tournament's detailed half page advertisement on Page 35 of the April 2001 The Board Talk issue for more details and Page 30 of this issue for a Bill English profile article.

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.*

Also note that the flyer in this issue has a few changes from the flyers in the February and March 2001 issues such as the time for Events 10 and 11 and early registration discounts expire mid-June.

-- Submitted by: Kathy Yingst, OK

SEE "SOUTHWEST OPEN 2001" tournament details and registration form flyer which has been inserted into 5 issues of The Board Talk (February 2001 through June 2001 issues) - the one in this issue is the FINAL one! HURRY!

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.

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***Play Your Way Across
the U.S.A. - June 2001
Edition is here!***

***Check the flyer section
of this issue for your
edition. Keep it in a
safe place. We'll
provide updates during
the year of new places!***

--The Board Talk Publishers

Washington

OPEN DOUBLES TIM'S TIMBER TAVERN KELSO, WA JULY 21-22, 2001

Tim's Timber 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.

"Open Doubles" Results!

April 21, 2001

Sportsman's Lounge

Muncie, IN

Reported By: Mary Brown, IN

Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana hosted an "Open Doubles" tournament on April 21, 2001. Ten teams vying for the \$1,600 purse. *First Place* went to Jim Dewitt and Milt VanOsdol; *Second Place* winners were Rudy Robinson and Dave Vorndran; and *Third Place* winners were Jim Long and Glen Ingram. Rudy Parris, Sportsman's Lounge owner, added \$100 to the tournament payout. Watch *The Board Talk* for future tournaments.

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

"Sweetheart Tourney" Results!

February 9-10, 2001

M.V.P. Sports Bar

Phoenix, AZ

Reported By: Wendell Herbison, AZ



A-B-C 1st Place: All Captains are Girls! Tim Schwenck, Denise Yohn (center-captain), and Bob Jacobson (right)



A-B-C 2nd Place: Frank Manarrez, Cindy Clark (center-captain), and Ted Canada (right)



Handicap Bring Partner: Split 1st & 2nd Place:
(left to right) Joann Lenard/Frank Monarrez and
Wendell Herbison/Denise Yohn

Dusty's Tavern "Open Handicap Draw" Results!

April 27-28, 2001

Dusty's Tavern
Spokane, WA

By: Melody Marine, Spokane, WA

Dusty's Tavern in Spokane, Washington holds an "Open Handicap Draw" every Friday night (\$5 entry/person), keeping track of winners to 20, then holding a tournament of Champions.

We're not sure why we keep track... because in our three year history with this event we have always allowed everyone to play. We find that it makes for a better potluck on Saturday.

The competition started on Friday night with 20 players and ended up late Saturday with the team of Lisa Langston and Ron Graff dominating the field and taking 1st place; Bea Gilman and Dan Hitt partnered up AGAIN (we think they must tape their names together before they draw from the hat!!) and took 2nd place; and the team of Lloyd Withrow and Lyle Larson held on for 3rd place. Winners pictured below:



**Dusty's Tavern
"Open HC Draw"**
1st Place: Lisa
Langston (left)
and Ron Graff



**Dusty's Tavern
"Open HC Draw"**
2nd Place: Dan
Hitt (left) and Bea
Gilman



**Dusty's Tavern
"Open HC Draw"**
3rd Place: Lloyd
Withrow (left)
and Lyle Larson

"Springfield Open" Returned to Barbara's!

May 4-5, 2001

Barbara's Beer Garden
Springfield, MO

May 4-5, 2001, marks the return of the "Springfield Open" shuffleboard tournament to Barbara's Beer Garden. What an amazing weekend. Twenty-one teams competed for prize money which was awarded to the top four teams.

The tournament began with a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Rutz, owner and operator of Barbara's Beer Garden for over 30 years. Barbara passed away on March 12, 2001 [See The Board Talk, May 2001 Issue, Page 20 - "In Fond Memory Of ..."]. It wasn't quite the same without her there, but we all knew she would have been very proud to have everyone having such a good time at Barbara's.

Then it was on to "Let the Games Begin!". Shooting from two boards, there were great team, excellent competition, good times, and meaningful memories shared and made that weekend.



1st Place: Congratulations to Connie McCall and Andy Friedhofen (center, accepting their awards from Tournament Directors: Terry Gregory (far left) and Roger Ellison (far right))!



2nd Place: Dean
Pinkston and Steve
Lindsay

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Musette Bar's Annual "Handicap Open Doubles" Results!

April 6-8, 2001

Musette Bar

Omaha, NE

By: Shelly Hagen, Omaha, NE

The Musette Bar in Omaha, Nebraska hosted a handicapped open doubles on April 6-8. It was a tournament where the majority of favorites were visiting each other in the losers bracket after the first round. As Tom Galvin said, "stay out of the losers side, it's full of hungry alligators."

The "B" players showed their stuff and caused major upsets to teams with ranked players. In a tournament filled with many surprises, Don Landrie and Mike Roach managed to stay on the winner's side until they met up with Shaun Deveney and Joe Little in the final round. Shaun and Joe won the first game, making sure that Don and Mike couldn't win the tournament undefeated. The final game of the night showed experience does pay off for Don and Mike as they made necessary adjustments to their game plan.



1st Place (left):
Don Landrie and Mike Roach had a "sweat repeat" - 1st place winners two years in a row!



2nd Place (left):
Joe Little (left) and Shaun Deveney, both 2nd year league players who showed "no fear" playing more experienced players.



3rd Place (left):
Terry Roberts (left) and Jeff Womble (Jeff must now be a Husker fan following his extended stay in NE!)

Other winners: 4th place went to Tim Regan and Cyndi Busch; 5th & 6th went to Kevin Higbee/Erik Dickes and Susie Blair/Joe Blair.

Shuan Deveney (pictured in 2nd Place with Joe Little) lost his parents, Bill and Jolene Deveney a few years ago. They were involved in a fatal car accident following a night of league shuffleboard. I'm sure his parents would support his league play at Musette Bar... They definitely would be proud of his and Joe's "no fear" performance during this tournament!

Tom Galvin and Don Landrie maintained the board and brackets. The board played great all weekend. Donnie showed his focus was on the games to claim 1st Place. Thanks guys!

Thanks to everyone and especially to all the experienced players that participate in these handicapped tournaments to enable the lesser skilled players to "match up" and learn from the best. You are why the younger and less experienced players feel good about their games. This encouragement helps promote the fame and will keep the shuffleboard sport alive and growing.

Annual Eagles Tourney Brought 27 Teams!

April 28 - May 1, 2001

Eagles Club

Medford, OR

Submitted By: Georganna Brand (no pics available)

Medford Oregon Eagles Annual Tourney event was held April 8 - May 1 brought 27 teams from two states together - seeking a part of the \$2,700 pot - players cheering other players while they fought for the prize money. This annual event started 30 years ago for league players only and expanded to the team event we have today. Taking 1st Place was Steve Fisher (Winston)/John Hyatt (Kelso, WA); 2nd Place was Danny Holland/Kevin Callaway (Winston team); 3rd Place was Larry Balzer/Ray Cummings (Central Point team); 4th Place was Doug Pruitt (Medford)/Ken Rogers (White City).

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Springfield Open ...

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3rd Place: Moe Miller (left) and Manny Lane (center)



4th Place: Frank Edelen and Jerry Romay

Congrats to the winners and a huge "Thank You" to Roger Ellison, Bill Green, and Terry Gregory for all of their time and efforts put into the planning and coordination of the tournament. Keep your eyes open for notification of the next Barbara's Beer Garden tournament so that you can join the fun!

"15th Annual Doubles" Tourney Results!

March 3-4, 2001

Arnold's Tavern

Lincoln, NE

By: Maggie Worley, NE

Arnold's Tavern, 6113 Havelock Ave., Lincoln, Nebraska held the "15th Annual Shuffleboard Tournament" on March 3-4. My apologies for this delayed report, but I had been hospitalized.

We wish to thank all of the teams from Lincoln and Omaha that participated and also a very nice Texan being Jeff Womble.

Steve Stutzman, the host, surprised all the teams by paying all of their entry fees! It was his

way of thanking all the players for the many years that they have played in his tournaments and made them a success. Budweiser and Steve both donated \$500 each, which increased the pot to \$1,800,000.

The players also showed their thanks to Steve and Betty by providing them with a gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse.

Everyone enjoyed the good homemade soups and sandwiches on Saturday and the fried chicken with "Mom's" favorite potato salad on Sunday.

Winners were: (Notable: Mike Roach has won 1st Place in this tournament for 5 years in a row with 3 different partners!)



1st Place: (Left to Right Above) Mike Roach (Omaha) & Bill Stutzman (Lincoln); and **2nd Place:** Jeff Loos & Bill Loos (cousin team from Lincoln)



3rd Place: Jr. Butler (Omaha) & Phil Sutko (Lincoln)



4th Place: Jim (left) and John Kosiske (right) - father/son team from Omaha; **5th/6th Place: (no pics):** Larry Laws/ Kevin Albert and Ray Pont/Steve Stutzman (all of Omaha)

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Rules on Spectators?

I have a question that I am hoping someone can answer for me. Is it proper for players watching a game to stand within 10 feet of the player(s) and talk about what the player shooting should do on their next shot? To me, it distracts the player that is shooting and breaks their concentration. I do wish that the players watching the games would go elsewhere to talk about the game when players are concentrating on their shots. Is there a rule (or planned rule) established for this? I do hope that someone can answer this for me. Thank You.

-- Georganna Brand, P.O. Box 5050, Central Point, OR 97502

How Well Do We Know Our Shuffler Friend?

I had the opportunity to visit the home of Andy Friedhofen and was amazed at all the shuffleboard history he has going in his basement. Andy and Lou (his wife) have a beautiful home in north Springfield, Missouri and their basement in full of shuffleboard history, shuffleboards, shuffleboard parts and Andy's shuffleboard projects. He has two refinished shuffleboards completed and in process of refinishing another one. He has just finished a scaled model Rockola shuffleboard designed from his own home Rockola shuffleboard that he hopes to auction or raffle at one of the upcoming major shuffleboard tournament events.

Andy and Lou have been married for 22 years. They have two children: Andrew, Jr. and Darrah. Andy has lived in Springfield, Missouri all his life. He is a Vietnam Veteran. He then worked for the City of Springfield as a lineman for 28 years and took early retirement recently at the age of 52. He now concentrates on collecting shuffleboards and parts to restore old Rockola and American shuffleboards. He currently has two refinished Rockolas and an American and they look in new original condition after his many hours of expert work.

My thought is most players probably have not seen or maybe even heard of a Rockola shuffleboard. Andy's goal is to continue to better his player skill and game and to work on ideas related to promoting the game. He is one of the top players in Missouri and truly an artist.

After my visit to Andy's home it made me think

"How well do we know our shuffleboard friends?" I'd like to see more profile information shared regarding our shuffleboard family and what better place to share it than in The Board Talk?

--Woodie Cockrum Sr., MO

[Editors Comment: Woodie, I agree that it is great visiting one-on-one with our shuffleboard friends and extended family when focus is not totally on the game you are ready to play at a tournament. We recently had a similar visit with some good friends of ours that we have previously paired with in team events: Eugene and Carol Peach from Bastrop, Texas via Houston, Texas. We live in Austin, Texas and met Eugene and Carol when we first started playing shuffleboard and going to tournaments in the Houston area. We've played in a couple team events with them, plus Eugene & I drew partners at one of the first significant tournaments that Tom & I played in Houston. Eugene had just been moved to a '2' and I had just been moved to a '3' and we ended up in the winners circle (were beat by Diana Hagen and Tom French in our last game). We've had alot of fun playing and visiting with them briefly in tournaments, but had never had a one-on-one personal visit until a couple weeks ago when they invited us to come spend the weekend and visit in their home in Bastrop, Texas. We arrived on Friday night and ended up playing shuffleboard in their 1,200 sq. ft. gameroom which is detached from the home in a separate building. They have a 22' Champion Shuffleboard with triangular tournament sized digital score unit, beer on tap, Karaoke (gift for Gene from Carol for Christmas), and a truly unique western decor (one coffee table has real leather cowboy boots as the legs of the table - very unique).

Saturday we all slept late (of course after a late night of fun and chatting), had brunch and then went for a couple hour swim in their new swimming pool (heated and has a custom crafted rock waterfall that flows into the pool) and later indulged in a great grilled feast of steak and shrimp. The only children left at home now are their two fantastic dogs. One of them, "Buddy," actually gets on a pool float and drifts around the pool like a real person! Their property is gorgeous and so peaceful - home and gameroom sits on several acres loaded with many gorgeous pine trees. It was such an enjoyable and peaceful weekend and we thank them very much for inviting us to their home.

-- L. French]

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5th Annual Spring Fling!

April 6-8, 2001

Eagles Aerie 2249

Corpus Christi, TX

Reported by: Joy Corry, Corpus Christi, TX

(See May 2001 Issue, Page 38 for writeup)

Below are the pictures that were not yet available when the written report was published in the May 2001 The Board Talk issue, page 38.



A-B Draw Partner: 1st Place: (no picture) Mike Taylor & Al DuBois; **2nd Place:** (pictured above) Rick McFarland (center) & Neil Garvin (right) sponsored by Frank Corry (left)



A-B Draw Partner: 3rd Place: Stephanie Fiebrink (left) & Lyndon "Coach" Baize (right) sponsored by Stephanie



Draft Team: 1st Place: (left to right) Don Valk, Lonnie Ervin, Lyndon "Coach" Baize, and Frank Corry sponsored by Joy Corry (not pictured)



Draft Team: 2nd Place: (left to right) Don Scruggs, Mike Taylor, Trevor Wade, and Tony Fiumara sponsored by Neil Garvin (not pictured)



Draft Team: 3rd Place: (left to right) Randy Rogers, Stephanie Fiebrink, Dave Sexton, Debbie Sexton sponsored by Ron Bowers (not pictured)



Handicapped Singles: 1st Place: Mike Taylor (right) pictured with sponsor George Best

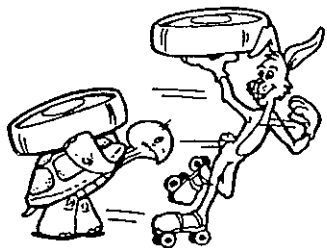


Handicapped Singles: 2nd Place: Neil Garvin (left) pictured with sponsor David Sexton



Handicapped Singles: 3rd Place: Hoss Corry (left) pictured with sponsor Joy Corry (his mom)

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News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

World series *Oregonian - Feb. 27th 1977* Big stakes mark shuffleboard tilt

By RON OLSON
of The Oregonian staff

Upon entering the Black Cat Tavern Monday night, one might have thought Minnesota Fats was taking on all comers.

The scene was wall-to-wall people,

money changing hands faster than beers and the heavy aroma of smoke not uncommon to neighborhood watering holes.

But the featured attraction was not pool, or foosball or pinball. It was table shuffleboard, and the stakes were far

from nickel-dime. The purse totaled more than \$5,000 and a calcutta (buying part of a team) offered almost as much.

People came from many walks of life and many parts of the country. A contingent arrived from Denver, a large group migrated from California and there was even one competitor who showed from Oklahoma.

All came for the sole purpose of competing against the best in a tournament labeled the "World Series of Shuffleboard," the second annual event for the Black Cat.

The best turned out to be the team of Portlander Ron Harralson and Billy Mays of Sacramento, who defeated Lonny Folger and Doug Buhl of Seattle in the best-of-seven game, three-hour-plus marathon that was decided on the final two points (15-13) of the seventh game.

The end result was of little surprise. Mays is regarded as one of the "masters" of the sport — sometimes a synonym of "hustler." He's a soft-spoken native of Texas whose nerves are colder than beer on tap. And the nerves, perhaps more than anything else, carried Harralson and him to the title.

"I felt confident we could win it, when my partner made four points (on one turn) when we were trailing 5-6 in the final game," said the 40-year-old Mays, who pointed out he is blind in one eye and deaf in one ear.

Despite the physical handicaps, Mays possesses a fine touch, a technique he has honed almost to perfection over the last 16 years. He has trick shots he saves for exhibitions and "highly skilled" shots he uses on opponents.

"People tell me all the time that I use a lot of my trick shots during games," said Mays with a smile, "but actually I have only two trick shots. The rest are highly skilled, and I would like to emphasize that. They are not trick shots."

"The competition is very close at this level, so there's no room for tricks. This type of shuffleboard is like Bobby Fisher-type chess, or golf, or bowling. You have got to use a lot of moves on the other player all of the time."

Unlike chess, golf or tennis, though, etiquette is absent in shuffleboard. The jukebox can be heard blaring over idle conversation, customers yell for more beer or hot dogs and spectators even walk in front of the players during a match.

It doesn't seem to deter from the concentration of pushing a heavy metal disc along a waxed table 20-feet, eight-inches long to marks where points are scored.

During the 16 years in which Mays has competed in an average of 10 tournaments per year, he has failed to be "in the money" only twice.

A record comparable to that of MINNESOTA FATS.



Winners of \$4,900 in prize money for first place in a Sellwood shuffleboard tournament were Ron Harralson of Portland (left) and Billy Mays of Sacramento, shown accepting prize from tavernowner Gene Johnson. The second

annual World Series of Shuffleboard tournament, sponsored by the Black Cat Tavern, drew 21 teams from all over the West. Prize money totaled \$9,625, and hundreds watched the two-day event. —Bee photo

Harralson's Extend "Thanks" & A Big "Hello" to their Shuffleboard Family (continued from Page 2)

(This 1977 article was provided by Ron & Retta Harralson (See Page 2)).

9th Annual Draw Partner Event Results!

May 5-6, 2001

Shamrock Tavern

Longview, WA

Submitted By: Georganna Brand (no pics available)

There were 15 teams who had lots of fun and enjoyed the fantastic food and play at Shamrock Tavern's "9th Annual Draw Partner" even held May 5-6. Steve Jones and his staff, as usual, did a fine job!

Winners were 1st Place: Ken Simmons/Mike Olson; 2nd Place: Gary George/Steve Jones; 3rd Place: Chuck Norris/Gary Thompson; and 4th Place: Frank Powers/Pat Wirth. **NOTABLE:** This was the first tourney that Pat placed in the top 4. She was every excited and surprised to reach this goal and everyone was very proud of her!



2nd Place "Doubles":
Mary Brown & Brian
Collins (right)



"Singles" Winners: 1st Place: Joe Hopkins (left);
2nd Place: Larry Brown (right) being presented their
honors by Tournament Director Sonny Harris (center)



Pictured Above at the "Round Table" where important stuff happens! (left to right) Sonny Harris, Glen Ingram, Steve Hart, and Larry Brown (picture taken April 15, 2001)

Battle of the Bars Cancelled - Double & Singles Events Instead!

April 14-15, 2001

Amvets Post 26

Pendleton, IN

Thanks from & Submitted By: Glen Ingram & Players

As most players are aware, the scheduled "Battle of the Bars" was cancelled. This event is a great idea, but it will take more planning for a later date. Instead, we had our regular "Doubles" (Friday) and "Singles" (Saturday) events.

All players wish to thank the Amvets Post 26 for hosting such great tournaments. It is a great place to play and has a great crew bartending, cooking, and conducting the tournaments - with plenty of elbow room and parking. Lucky winners were:



1st Place "Doubles": Jim Long (left) & Glen Ingram
(right) pictured with Sonny Harris (center- Tournament
Director) and "camera shy" Larry Creakbaum (back row)

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Maryland State Championship!

April 27-28, 2001

Harvey's Place

Street, MD

Reported by: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, DE

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State flower: black-eyed Susan

The much anticipated Maryland State Championship shuffleboard tournament was held at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland on April 27-28th on their four in-house boards.

Friday night started with a "Draw Partner Handicap" warm-up event based on the players ratings (Bowers Ratings used). First place was won handily by first time tournament winner Kurt Mauer of Rising Sun, MD and his partner Ed Hammond of Delaware County, PA; chasing hard in Second Place were Greg Hager of Upper Darby, PA and Wayne Todd (father of Anthony Todd) of Newark, DE; Third Place was won by Curtis Dean of Elkton, MD and his partner Arnold Ledford of Street, MD (a very strong local shooter); and Fourth (and final) Place went to Lindsay Hall of Baltimore, MD and his partner Anthony Todd (son of Wayne Todd) of Newark, DE.

Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, after a short night's sleep, the Maryland State "Singles" Championship began. When the dust settled mid-Saturday afternoon on our four boards, Dave Shewbridge of Pasadena, MD was there without a loss receiving a pile of money and a trophy jacket (XXL) denoting him as the "Singles" Maryland State Champion - Year 2000-2001! Running a strong second place was Anthony Todd from Newark, DE, followed by third place winner Kurt Maurer of Rising Sun, MD (both Anthony and Kurt are relatively new players.) Fourth and final place went to Len Dell of Baltimore, MD.

The championship "Bring Partner" event started mid-afternoon on Saturday - all vying for the claim on the championship "title" and "trophy jackets" to proclaim their accomplishment. Dave Shewbridge of Pasadena, MD and his partner for about a year Joe Williams of Ridley Park, PA took first place - quite an accomplishment for Dave and Joe - we salute them! Second place went to Louise Freer of Landsdale, PA and her partner (new to us) Paul Havey of Philadelphia, PA (a very accomplished player). Third place went to the strong team of Kurt Maurer (again) and Jen Pickett, both of Rising Star, MD. What an afternoon and evening.

Hats off to all the new Maryland State Champs!

The regular Saturday night Draw Partner event followed and included all those that were already out of the Bring Partner event. First place went to Dick Gorman of Wilmington, DE and Gene Long of Lancaster, PA; second place went to Herb Forrester of Ridley Park, PA and Faye Todd of Newark, DE (the third Todd family member who participated in the tourney).

Harvey Comer, host and owner of Harvey's Place, said he wishes to thank all participants of the seven (7) tournaments for 2000-2001, making it a very successful year. In particular, this 2000-2001 year of 7 tournaments has shown even more emphatically that the "Bowers Rating System" has helped to level the field and make the events even more interesting. The recent change to not require a minimum number of points to enter an event will remain in effect during the 2001-2002 tournaments at Harvey's Place.

Harvey has also decided that because he has been trying to provide tournament events in the middle Atlantic states, he had 7 tournaments in 2000-2001. However, now that other tournaments are being held by other establishments, the need no longer exists to provide as many events at Harvey's Place. Therefore, Harvey's Place will be hosting 4 events in 2001-2002 instead of 7 events. He also announced that "trophy jackets" will be awarded for all "Bring Partner" and "Singles" events. He noted that for those that win multiple events that they will get one jacket, but embroidered appropriately to reflect the multiple wins on one jacket.

The Board Talk - September 2001 Issue - will have a special flyer inserted that will provide you all the dates and schedules for Harvey's Place 2001-2002 Events. Look forward to another great year!

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"Heartland Handicap" Tourney Results!

April 20-21, 2001

American Legion Post 73

Del City, OK

Reported by: Don Crall, OK

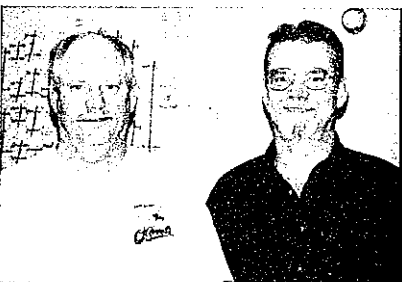
The Heartland Handicap tournament kicked off on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, OK with a "Draw Partner" event. Winners were:



1st Place Draw Partner: Steve Burkett (center) & R.U. Underwood (right) are congratulated by Dave Fleming



2nd Place Draw Partner: Shari Foust (left) & Phil Gardner



3rd Place Draw Partner: Tom Hendrix & Kenny Hawkes (right)

The "Bring Partner" event held on Saturday had the following winners:



1st Place Bring Partner: Linda & Mahlon Nobles (husband/wife team from D/FW area)

2nd Place Bring Partner: E.T. Jensen (left) & Dave Davidson



3rd Place Bring Partner: Jeri Billard (left) & Johnny Wayne Crawford (another D/FW area team)



3rd George Chounce Memorial Open Doubles Tourney Results!

December 17, 2000

Village Inn

Muncie, IN

Delayed Reporting by: Glen Ingram & Rick Thomas

The 3rd George Chounce Memorial Open Doubles winners were:



1st Place Open Doubles: Mikel Johnson & Steve Blue (right) drove 100 miles through ice & snow on a bitter cold 20 degree Sunday to participate

Many thanks to Mikel and Steve for their loyalty to shuffleboard and their shuffleboard family!



2nd Place Open Doubles: Steve Hart (left) & Sheryl Cockerill

3rd Place Open Doubles (no picture): Glen Ingram & Teri Ingram

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8th Annual Florida...

Thursday night saw lots of action with Open Draws that began early in the afternoon and continued until past midnight.

Friday night began the official tournament with a "Draw Partner" event. Pairings provided some of the best balanced teams for the entire field. When the results were in, we had the following winners:



1st Place "Open Draw": Terry Smith & Glen Ingram (right)

2nd Place "Open Draw" (no picture): Jim Long & Charlie Potter (a.k.a. Charlie Tuna?)

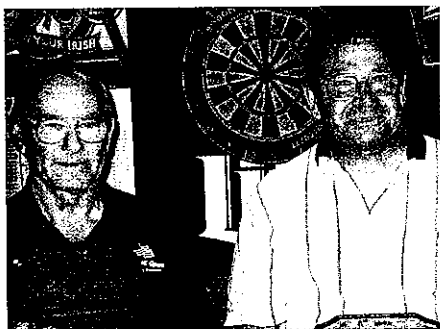


3rd Place "Open Draw": Brenda Kane (left) & Chuck Deweese

Saturday's "Bring Partner" saw some real surprises. Winners were:



1st Place "Bring Partner": Bill Kane (left) & Jerry Hershman (Michigan team)



2nd Place "Bring Partner": Chuck Deweese (left) & Charlie Potter



3rd Place "Bring Partner": Chris Boyett & Ray Boyett (right) - Father & Son Florida Team



4th Place "Bring Partner": Glen Ingram & Jim Long (right) - Indiana Team become known as "the traveling duo!"

Sunday's Singles event played almost true to form:



1st Place "Singles": (above) Glen Ingram of Indiana



2nd Place "Singles": Jim Long of Indiana



3rd Place "Singles": Bill Kane of Michigan

Many thanks to all! Get ready and plan to attend the Florida Open 2002! Great tournament, great fun!



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Notice #1: The annual "Play Your Way Across the USA - June 2001 Edition" is inserted in the center of this issue in the same area as the monthly tournament flyers. If you don't find one of your favorite places to play listed in this "free" annual edition, then try to get them to "subscribe" and/or place an annual "Shuffleboard Directory Ad" before the deadline for the next edition.

Notice #2: The Board Talk subscription fees increased March 2001 (see inside back cover).

Notice #3: Question: What day of the month does your subscription expire? There have been a couple of inquiries as to what day of the month a subscription expires (renewal date). If your subscription expires, for example, in May 2001 that means May 1, 2001. There is a 45 day grace period - if your payment is received before the 15th of the following month (e.g., before June 15th in the above example), you will not miss any issues. Starting with the May 2001 issue the date is added to clarify.

Notice #4: 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/mailed. If the 15th falls on a weekend, then it is picked up the following business day after the weekend.

Notice #5: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our "1st Annual The Board Talk Open" tournament to be held at Union Plaza Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 27-31. Event details and Pre-Registration Forms will be coming in Sept.-Oct. 2001 issue timeframe. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors. Contact us if interested in helping us or if you have suggested sponsorship donators, etc. Any/All Sponsorship \$\$ donations will be used for "added pot." Sponsors will be recognized at the tournament with their name and/or establishment and/or company name 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). The Board Talk Tournament Shirts and Denim Jackets will be available for Pre-Order (personalized).

-- By: T & L French, Editors

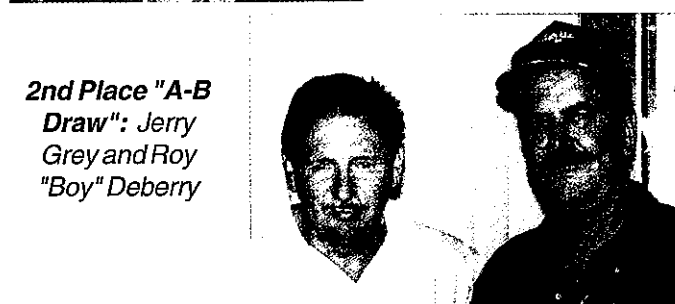
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Bavarian House Rocks...

Saturday's "A-B Draw" winners and Sunday's "Bring Partner" winners were:



1st Place "A-B Draw": Larry Chambers and Dick Smedberg (right)



2nd Place "A-B Draw": Jerry Grey and Roy "Boy" Deberry



3rd Place "A-B Draw": Sue Swindle (left) and Kathy Ring



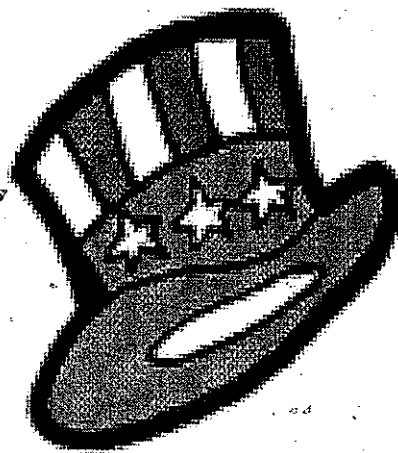
1st Place "Bring Partner": Kay Tripp and Alvis Ramey (right)



"Bring Partner" (left to right): 2nd Place: Jimmy "The Cop"/Kathy Ring; and 3rd Place: Ursula Badouin/Sue Swindle

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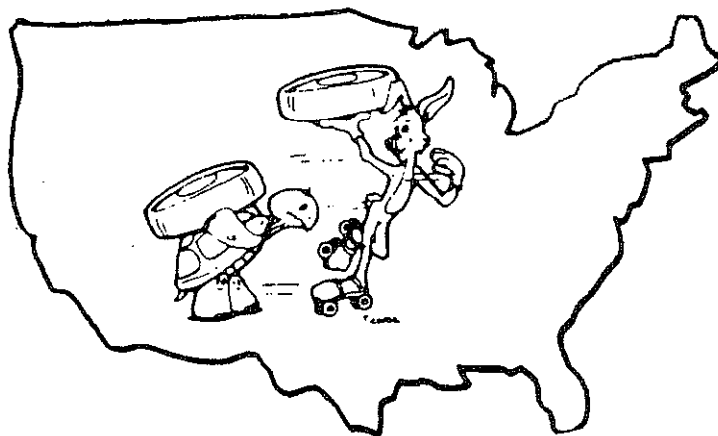
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Event	Entry Fee	Who Can Play	Starts	Finishes	Limit
Pro/Am Draft Team	\$50.00 per player	Everybody	Sunday, October 28	Monday	192 players
Division I Doubles	\$100.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 30	Wednesday	32 teams
Division II Doubles	\$60.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 30	Wednesday	40 teams
Division III Doubles	\$40.00 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 30	Wednesday	32 teams
Pro Doubles	\$125.00 per player	-1.50 to 5.00	Tuesday, October 30	Wednesday	64 players
Division I Singles	\$100.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 31	Thursday	48 players
Division II Singles	\$60.00 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 31	Thursday	64 players
Division III Singles	\$40.00 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, October 31	Thursday	64 players
Pro Draw	\$100.00 per player	-1.50 to -0.01	Wednesday, October 31	Thursday	32 teams
Amateur Team Event	\$50.00 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Thursday, November 1	Saturday/Sunday	32 teams
Pro Singles	\$200.00 or \$300.00	-1.50 to 5.00	Thursday, November 1	Saturday/Sunday	32 players
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 80 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- June 2001 Issue

(In the last Episode 79, we found Eddie giving his reply to Long Beach Lil, after her challenge for them to play some "serious" shuffleboard).

*Submitted Monthly By: Balboa Ron Schweikert,
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e-mail: balboaron@earthlink.net*

Eddie had conferred with Shelli (and she indicated she'd go along with him on whatever he decided) before he gave Lil his response to her challenge. In something less than a friendly voice he told her: "If you can get the ok to use the table over there, I'll give you all the action you want Lil".

It took Lil a moment before she replied: "That's fine Eddie, but about the "I'll" part...the action here has to include you AND Shelli in a doubles arrangement - or it's no go. Eddie knew he could take either one in singles, or he could walk it against them and win. Shelli needed a little more experience to make this a 50-50 proposition. He decided to talk it over a little with her before giving his final agreement.

He tried to reason with her, but Shelli was confident that she could hold up her end. She was so convincing that in the end - even Eddie thought it might be a good idea if she played.

Lil and Texas Kid went over to talk to the owner whose name was Clara. Although there was an A-B Draw to begin after the Calcutta for tomorrow's tournament, Lil was still able to talk her into a deal. She agreed to let them play one round, best out of five games, and that was all. She said she had to work it that way so they could use the third board to wrap up the finals of the A-B games before closing time.

It wasn't exactly what Lil had planned for, but it was either "take it or leave it", so she decided to "take it." There was a reason for Lil wanting to play on the single board on the right side of the horseshoe shaped bar.

Unknown to Eddie, they had been in the bar early in the morning and had practiced on that very table. They knew it like the palm of their hands!

They returned to Eddie's table, and Lil proceeded to lay it out for them.

The word was buzzing around the bar by now, and several of the other players and spectators were kind of pressing in to find out what was going on. It didn't take long before word spread that they may be going to witness the biggest money match game ever held in their bar, or in their State for that matter!

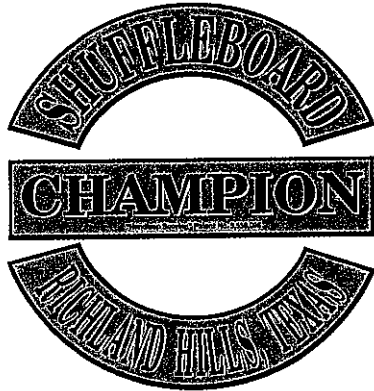
When it was explained, Eddie seemed satisfied with the best 3 out of 5 setup. He didn't want Shelli involved in a "marathon" session. After all, she was in the forth month of her pregnancy. He looked Lil straight in the eye then and said: "Well now Lil, this is rather unexpected, but we did come to play; so I guess the only matter of business to be settled now - is just how "serious" you and your partner Tex here are about this game?

Lil returned his look and replied: "I lost a whole lot of money when you beat me in Reno Champ, and I intend to get a chunk of it back here. I don't know how much cash you have on you, but your check will be okay for collateral with me." Her look grew in intensity as she reached in her bag and said: "Here's my bankroll Eddie. I have \$6,000 here - and that's my bet...no more, and no less."
(TO BE CONTINUED)

(Wow - that's a lot of cash to put on the line; even for Eddie. It would also put a lot of pressure on Shelli as well. Eddie is also smart enough to be sure that Lil has some special little "tricks" up her sleeve as well! Be sure and tune in next month's issue to see if Eddie will go for this "deal").

[Editors' Comment: Sounds like they are about to duke it out as in the below cartoon from "Shuffleboard World," June 1950, p. 5].





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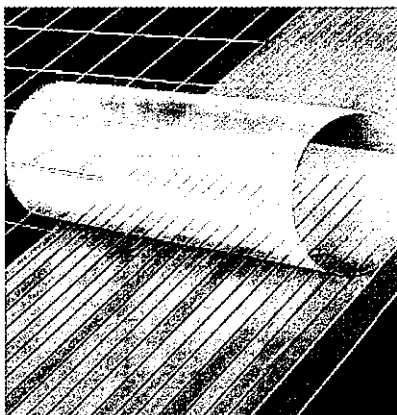
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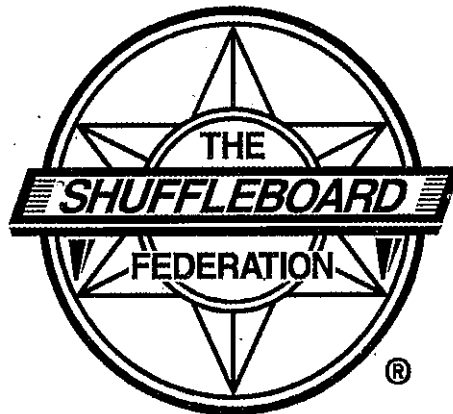
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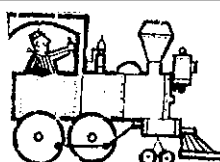


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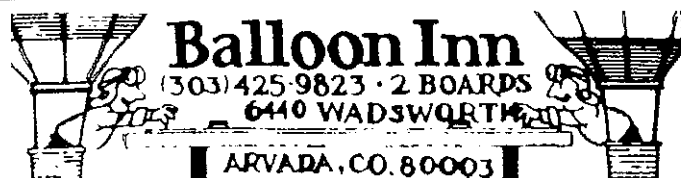
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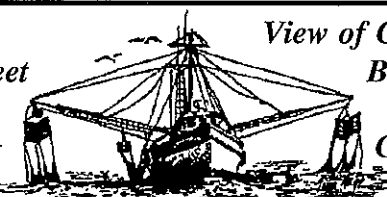
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June 8-10

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Titusville, Florida

June 8-9

Bring Partner
Ulena's Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

June 10-11

17th Annual Mixed Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

June 15-17

True Round Robin - Handicap
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

June 15-17

Warm Up Tourney
Bud's Action Lounge
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

June 16-17

Mixed Doubles
The Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

June 22-24

3rd Annual Bill English Memorial
Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

JULY 2001

July 1-7

Southwest Open 2001
American Legion Post #73
Del City, Oklahoma

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 Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

AUGUST 2001

August 2-5

Grand Masters Plus
The Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

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 31-September 2

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

August 30-September 3

Labor Day Tournament
Full House Tavern
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

August 29-September 2

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SEPTEMBER 2001

September 1-2

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September 7-9

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September 15-16

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September 28-29

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ABC Draw
The Blue Goose Tavern
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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**

Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill
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November 22-25

7th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
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November 23-24

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November 24-25

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DECEMBER 2001**December 7-8**

8th Annual Holiday Tourney
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December 7-9

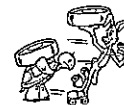
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"Annual Spring" Chances "R" Tourney!

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Reported by: Jake Riley (owner/host), Sunrise Beach, MO

The "Annual Spring" tournament was held at Lake Ozark's Chances "R", Hwy. 5, Laurie, MO on April 20-21. Jake & Karen wish to thank all who came and participated in the tournament. Fun was had by all!



1st Place: Robert Kasza & Steve Kane pictured with owner/host Jake Riley (left) [Editors Comment: NICE PLAQUES!]



2nd Place: Mike Simpson & Steve Sheridan pictured with owner/host Jake Riley (left)

Thanks again to everyone and hope to see all of you and more at the Fall Tournament to be held at Chances "R" on October 26-27, 2001.

6th Bill Gibbs Memorial Tourney!

April 27-28, 2001

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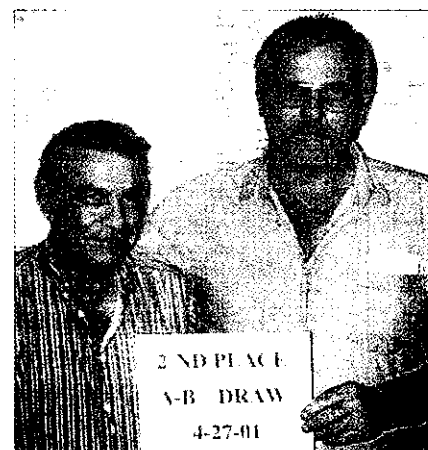
Reported by: Al Salazar, AZ

The "6th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial" tournament was held on April 27-28, 2001 at Family Billiards (The Bar), Glendale, AZ. Bob Lewis brought in five boards and donated the powder and supplies. Food was laid out Thursday through Sunday with biscuits and breakfast on Saturday morning. Director, Alice Arredondo, reported we went through 3 hams and 2 turkeys on Saturday alone. Players from 6 states competed for almost \$6,500 prize money. Perhaps the most enjoyable time was visiting with our good friends from out-of-state. Everyone was pleased to have Bev Chaffin back in action after her health problems. This tournament would not have been the same without her!

As usual, the "A-B Handicapped Draw" was the biggest event with 40 teams signing up. Play started Friday night and finished on Saturday afternoon. In the end, it was the Arizona team of Cindy Clark and Dennis Bredvik going through the winners bracket to take first place. Winners were:



A-B 1st Place:
Cindy Clark and
Dennis Bredvik
(right)-Arizona
team



A-B 2nd Place
(left): Lary Tafoya
(left) and Ted
Canada- Arizona
team

Not pictured:
A-B 3rd Place:
Nick Chaffin (CA)
and Jim Golden
(NV)

A-B 4th Place:
Bud Chappelle
(CO) and Terry
Leahy (OK)

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League Players' Corner

(League Players' Corner - Series #5: New Section First Added In The February 2001 Issue)

We (The Board Talk Editors) asked for League Play Reporter "volunteers" in the The Board Talk. We use this newly created section to report "League Player" News. There were no submissions for this June 2001 issue.

If you have league play news, sent it to one of the league play reporters (listed in right-hand column) and/or send it to The Board Talk Editors.

If you have a league play webpage or website, please let the Editors know so that it can be listed in this "League Players' Corner" section.

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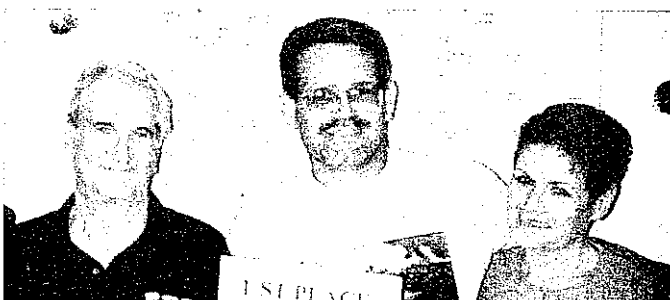
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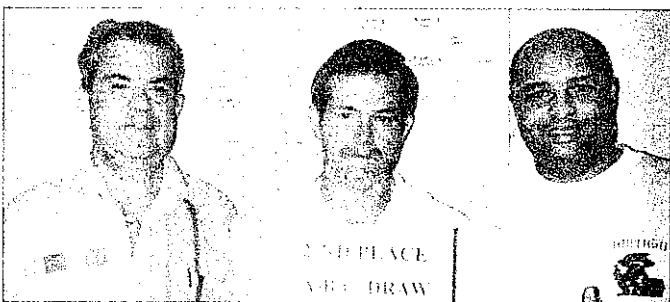
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6th Bill Gibbs ...

The A-B-C Draw started Saturday morning with 12 teams competing. All games were 15 point, single game double elimination. Winners were:



A-B-C 1st Place: (above - left to right) Bill Thomas (AZ), Dan Leach (NV) & Sharon Chandler (AZ)



A-B-C 2nd Place: (above-left to right) Bob Lewis (AZ), Dennis Bredvik (AZ), Jeff Keyes (NV)-short on double-dip



A-B-C 3rd Place: (above - left to right) Al Salazar (AZ - Tournament Director), Clint Hibbs (AZ), Terry Leahy (OK)

Saturday night Open Doubles 12 teams competing. All games were 15 point, single game double elimination. Winners were:



Doubles 1st Place: Wendell Herbison (AZ- left) & Bob Lewis (AZ)



Doubles 2nd Place: Cindy Clark and Lary Tafoya (AZ team)



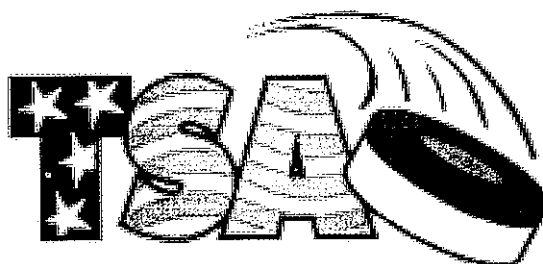
Doubles 3rd Place: Chris Wayt (CA - left) & Gil Aragon (AZ)

Tournament Directors Bob Lewis, Alice Arredondo, and Al Salazar wish to thank all volunteers and those who donated to the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and for everyone's contribution to making this another successful year in remembering our friend Bill Gibbs.

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Bill English, Colorado Hall of Fame (December 12, 1998) and national TSA Hall of Fame (June 22, 2001) inductee was a Pro-level player and promoter of the sport of shuffleboard for many years.

Bill played his first game of table shuffleboard in 1947 at the Mission Tavern in San Francisco, California. He had been out of the Navy for almost two years and was working for a vending company until 3-5 PM each day. Bill's lifestyle was pretty ordinary and routine, much like millions of other people. He knew nothing about the subculture of shuffleboard. He had neither heard or read about shuffleboard nor had he even seen the game being played. Little did he know that being in the vending business and getting exposed to shuffleboard that his whole life was about to change forever.

California had an impressive roster of first-rate shuffleboard players at the time. Before long Bill was wanting to play with the "big guns." In shuffleboard jargon, those "big guns" were also referred to as either the "tigers" or the "sharks," meaning they were the *best*. Then there were the "fish" and pity you if you were one of the fish, as that meant you were at the bottom of the big heap! The sharks would allow the fish to challenge the board and it was just understood that the fish had to pay their dues. Indeed, Bill did pay his dues. He recalled donating most of his weekly



Bill English

1924-1998

Colorado State HOF and TSA National Shuffleboard HOF Inductee

paycheck for the privilege of challenging the board. Bob Miles was a frequent recipient of Bill's hard earned bucks. Bill never forgot that Bob Miles took his first five dollars and many more in the weeks to come, but he never regretted those losses. He often said that Bob repaid him many fold by teaching him the vital winning strategies of the game.

Hours and hours of practice followed those games that Bill lost. Finally, he began to make progress and he soon learned how to swim with the sharks. He traveled extensively to play on other boards -- especially across the city. Whenever he lost a game, he would return to that establishment time after time until he beat the house champ(s).

Bill always identified the Mission Inn Tavern as his home board and base of operation. He was very fond of the owners and they agreed to sponsor his team in league play. He was instrumental in establishing seven other teams to compete in Northern California competition. These teams consisted of five sets of

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Please note: Bill English will be inducted posthumously into the national TSA HOF during the Balloon Inn tournament on Friday, June 22, 2001 at 6 PM. See the Balloon Inn tournament advertisement in the April 2001 Issue (Page 35). More Details on his TSA Induction Ceremony News - Coming Soon in The Board Talk!

Bill English - State & National HOF - Profile Continued...

doubles. They played every Thursday night for 28 weeks. Decades later Bill could recall the names of eight of the ten players on his team: Glen Stewart and Jimmy Mendenall; Clarence Davis and Bobby Daily; Al King and Bob Miles; and Clarence Whitley and Bill (English).

Meanwhile, players in Southern California had organized a comparable league which originated in Los Angeles. The third and final Southern v. Northern championship tournament was held in San Jose. Ultimately, the Mission Inn team won the big enchilada... Bill's team won it all and they were declared the California Shuffleboard State Champions! Bill was absolutely ecstatic. His team then dispersed and each went their own separate ways. Bob Miles went on to win the "Sanctioned World Championship" (sanctioned by American) and held this title from 1953 to 1959.

Bill was now devoting an inordinate amount of time to shuffleboard. He wanted to practice and engage in competitive games daily. As with many dedicated players of this era, his real job became an inconvenience in his shuffleboard pursuit. He decided to quit his job and follow the yellow brick road to where ever it would lead. With that decision, his walk on the wild side began -- as a roving shuffleboard player.

Sketchy details of this odyssey can be noted in the journals that Bill kept revealing the fact that he traveled to many states to compete. When he located a shuffleboard that was in well kept condition, he would make a prediction. There had to be sharp players that were responsible for the remarkable maintenance of the board. Sure enough, his predictions were right on target... those sharp players would soon surface... usually late at night. Most of the time he could beat those home board champs and would say... "winning the money was the easy part... the hard part was getting out the door!"

There were the lean times when he would hitchhike to the nearest relative, seeking shelter and rest. Brother Jack would welcome him into his home (for instance), but Jack's wife (Marcella) did not extend that same brotherly welcome. In fact, the sight of Bill reportedly put Marcella into a state of apoplexy... it infuriated her when Jack would spend most of his nights shuffling in the clubs with Bill. She couldn't imagine a bigger waste of time than

watching a bunch of misfits playing that inane game of shuffleboard! Naturally, Bill and Jack both ignored her opinions.

While on Bill's stay with brother Jack and his wife Marcella, the brothers participated in a Thanksgiving shuffleboard event. Turkeys were awarded to the winners of various games. Bill won a load of turkeys during this tournament and they kept his winnings in a cooler until the tournament was over. He retrieved his winnings (turkeys) and took them home to Marcella at a time when he knew she would be home. He thrust the hideous plucked turkeys into Marcella's arms. Jack had to catch her from fainting dead away! Bill always maintained a witty sense of humor greatly enjoyed by his audiences!

Several weeks later, Bill had won enough to get back on the road again (and surely Marcella was elated.) This time Bill teamed up with Granville Humphrey for a shuffleboard tour to Michigan. Granville Humphrey was certainly a legend of this era and definitely one of the all time great players in the history of shuffleboard, but unfortunately he could have a rather nasty temper. He was frequently very difficult to deal with, both on the shuffleboard and as a traveling roommate. One day a trivial argument occurred between Bill and Granville at their hotel room. Eventually Humphrey became enraged and told Bill he was going to throw him out of the third floor window of the hotel. Bill grabbed up his suitcase and bounded out the door. While riding down the elevator, he made a major decision ... It was time to quit the road games, terminate this roaming life-style, and get back to work in a real job! *(Continued on Next Page)*



Bill English (center), Doug Buhl (right) and Lonnie Folger [pictured above during the "3rd Annual World Series of Shuffleboard" tourney held at the Black Cat Tavern, Portland, Oregon on February 18-20, 1978 (Doug & Lonnie were Bill's "Gold Dust Twins" heroes!)]

Bill English Profile... (continued)

After making the decision to get back to work (which was highly influenced by the encounter with Granville Humphrey,) he returned to his home town in Fort Worth and reapplied for a job at Midcontinent Oil Field Company where he had worked in the warehouse the year following his high school graduation. He was successful at getting a renewed position in the warehouse.

Oil production had become a booming business by the time he resumed work at Midcontinent in the mid-50's. He remembered a lot about those supplies and their application on oil rigs. He was soon promoted to sales and service agent for the company and transferred to Casper, Wyoming. Oil rigs were operating day and night everywhere. Bill was frequently awakened and called out in the middle of the night to deliver emergency supplies to those rigs.

There was only one poorly maintained shuffleboard in Casper located in the Trail Bar with no serious players there, but it was a place to at least practice. During one of Bill's practice sessions, a customer approached him and asked if he had heard about the pro-players that he had seen the day before in Gillette (a town about 45 miles northeast of Casper). Bill had not heard of this prior to this customer's inquiry, but he was out of there in a flash! His spirits were soaring as he headed immediately toward Gillette only to find out upon his arrival at the only bar in the town of Gillette that these pro-players had already departed earlier that morning. The wind left his sails! However, he stayed and played some games with the local fish. Had he known what lay ahead, he would have never opted to spend the night in Gillette.

Bill was awakened the following morning by a violent wind and then a quick glance out the window indicated a fierce snow storm was brewing. There was no time to shave, shower, or breakfast. He had to get back to Casper for work the next day.

Visibility was practically zero when he accessed the highway. He managed to get about half way back to Casper before his car stopped abruptly - as if he had hit a brick wall. His car had gone off the side of the road and he was hopelessly stuck in a huge snow drift. A few minutes later an elderly man opened the passenger door and jumped inside. He had seen the lights of Bill's car and he was also stuck in a snow bank just yards ahead.

Bill retrieved an old army blanket from the trunk and the two of them huddled together. They shared

the blanket throughout the storm which seemed to last forever. In addition to almost freezing to death, they had absolutely no food! As the storm continued their windows became completely covered and it was pitch dark inside the car. Neither of them could differentiate between night and day. After what seemed like an eternity, Bill scribbled a farewell message to his parents on a match book ... to assure them that he loved them.

The National Guard finally arrived with plows, patrols, and trucks to evacuate the victims who were stranded in this terrible blizzard. It was amazing to Bill when he learned it was now Thursday! A newspaper reporter accompanied the rescue team to get the story. He selected Bill as the person to interview. This reporter was amused when Bill told him that he was sure they were going to drag him out of the car as stiff as a board and just as dead! The interview resulted in a front page story the next day in the *Casper Star Tribune*. That article confirmed the fact that this was one of the worst spring blizzards in Wyoming's history!

More Stories and History

(the following was written by Bill in his noted journal)

"The notion of becoming a shuffleboard player sprouted the first time I saw the board that had just been installed in 1947 in my favorite bar/lounge located on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Lee Street on the west side of San Francisco. I was employed with a vending company and usually finished the day by 3:00 in the afternoon. I frequently played pin ball and enjoyed that game a lot. But then one day this shuffleboard appeared and I was hooked and became an addict!

The usual crowd began to play the game and within a month I was the only consistent winner. Actually, I wasn't playing much better than the others at this early date. However, I soon discovered that because I was left handed that I could manipulate the weights so that I could force my opponent to play to my best shots. My most frequent partner was a plainclothes cop. He was a very big man who always had a .38 under his arm. In years to come there were times I wish he was still my partner ... more about that later. Before long he and I were winning all our games and we thought we were pretty good. But then one day a stranger came in and beat us handily. That is when it occurred to me that there was a great deal more to this game than I had originally thought. The next time I met up with him, I watched and concentrated

on this stranger's every move. I studied the way he delivered the weights, his stance, and his every movement.

Sometime later this stranger returned to play again and this time I beat him! This is when I decided that I was going to play everyone I could find. I would try to learn enough from different players to put together a really good game. I began to scout around other places that featured a shuffleboard. Every time I found a board I would spend night after night until I could play and beat all the players.

My first real partner was Joe Markovich. Joe took me to my first tournament. It consisted of all the patrons putting up a small fee and having elimination play. Joe and I won the first time we played. We were so elated that we began to participate in these small tournaments. We later referred to this play as 'pot games.' We won more games than we lost, but Joe had to quit playing. Joe's wife, Rosie, would not tolerate him being gone night after night, so regretfully his playing days came to an early ending.

My search for a new partner began. One night I met Clarence Whitley at a shuffleboard place in the Valencia district. Clarence and I bucked heads for many a night. At that time, I was a little better player than he was and I did win a few bucks from him. We finally came to a mutual agreement: it would be wise to team up instead of wasting our time playing heads up.

Clarence was a great lagger and I was better at hitting weights. This combination worked real well in those days of California rules. While I excelled at hitting weights my ability to lag became the weak part of my game.

Clarence and I played all over the West and South areas of San Francisco and became known as the very hard pair to beat. Eventually, we heard that the Mission Inn Tavern on 18th and Mission Avenue was organizing a team to play a winter league match against seven other bars. Clarence and I were immediately accepted on this team as we could beat most of the players already selected.

We on the first winter league (28 weeks of play every Thursday night) so easily that the league was almost abandoned. We played this league for three seasons and won each season. We had five sets of doubles which meant ten players. At the time I quit our team had just about the ten best players assembled in all of Northern California. This team consisted of the following members: Clarence

(Whitley) and me; Bob Miles and Al King; Glen Stewart and Jimmy Mendenhall; Clarence Davis and Bobby Daily; Chuck (last name?) and his partner (name?).

After the team split up, Bob Miles went on to known as the "World Champion" when he beat John Favor in a \$1,000 game of 100 points, winner take all. Bob Miles held this title from 1953 to 1959: defending it 16 times and retiring in 1959 as the undefeated champion. This was the last of what was known as a '*Sanctioned World Championship*'.

ENGLISHES - SIX STAR MILITARY FAMILY

There were six English brothers that all joined the military in various capacities: Jack English (Lt. Naval Air Corp., Lockheed PV-1 Ventura/PV-2 Harpoon); Dick English (Lt. Naval Air Corp., Grumman F6F Hellcat); King English (Private, US Army); Bill Mack English (Navy Aviation Radioman 3rd Class); and twin brothers: Doug English (Cadet Merchant Marine) and Don English (Navy Seaman 1st Class).

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as an aviation/radioman and gunner. All five of his brothers were also in the military as noted above.

Bill English - Life Summary

Bill Mack English was born September 24, 1924 in Grandview, Texas to Mack and Beula Edwards English. He married Bonnie M. Bowan on June 12, 1964 in Lakewood. He lived in Fort Worth, Texas, most of his life. He lived in Lakewood and Fort Collins before moving to Loveland, Colorado in 1987 and was employed as Rocky Mountain regional manager for Houston Oil Field for many years, in the sale of oil field equipment. He retired in 1986. He was resident manager of Silver Leaf II Apartment Complex in Loveland from 1987 to 1992. He was a champion shuffleboard player, starting his shuffleboard career in 1947. After a rather lengthy illness, he passed away on November 4, 1998 at McKee Medial Center in Loveland. He was posthumously inducted into the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on December 12, 1998. At his time of passing he was survived by his wife Bonnie M. English of Loveland; two brothers, Jack English of Tulsa and Dick English of San Lorenzo, California. He was preceded in death by his sister June and brothers King, Don, and Doug.

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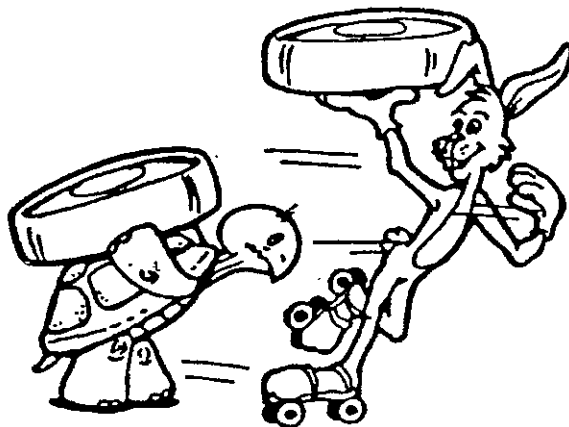
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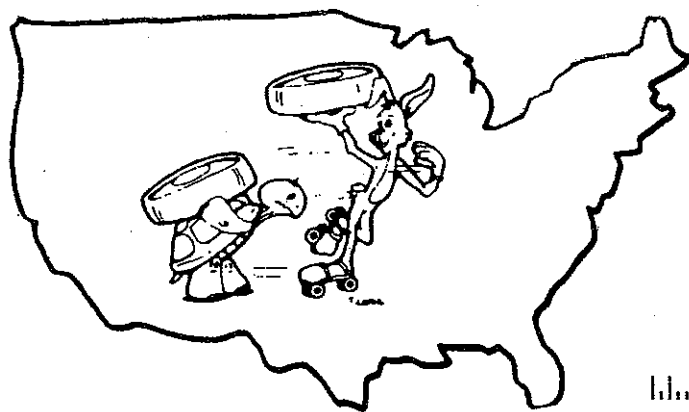
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