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Harbor Point Tourney Draws 60 Players (21 Unrated) - New Format A Great Success!

March 9-11, 2001
Harbor Point Club & Grill
Richardson, TX

Results & Pictures Provided to Editors by: Greg Hixon,
C.W. Walker, and Bill Wooldridge, D/FW Texas area

The Harbor Point Club & Grill, 2121 Buckingham Road, Richardson, Texas, in response to player's requesting formats more favorable to Semi-Pros (1's & 2's) and Amateurs (3's & 4's), hosted and tested a new format which proved quite successful. There were 60 participants of which 21 had never been rated (but watch out now!). C.W. Walker, Bill

"Wooley" Wooldridge, and Greg Hixon jointly agreed upon ratings to be used for the unrated players that showed up to join the events and have some fun. There were 24 players not rated by using the Year 2000 ratings, but 21 unrated had the Year 2001 ratings been used. Great turnout!

There were 60 participants (of which 21 players who had never been rated and several of those that made it to the winner's circle!) vying for over \$15,000 in prize money with 7 boards available for play. The Harbor Point Club & Grill hosted this non-pro tournament (new format) in response to player's requesting more events tailored for 1's, 2's and 3's & 4's. Based upon the great participation (including a significant number of non-rated players) and the tournament participant's feedback, the event formats proved to be quite successful.

Friday night was a Draw Partner with two divisions: Div. I (1's & 2's - \$40/player entry) and Div. II (3's & 4's - \$20/player entry) both of which were single game/double elimination with Sponsor Sale.

Saturday started at 6 PM with a Bring Partner with two divisions (both with Sponsor Sales): Div. I (1's & 2's - add to 3 or more - \$100/team) with best 2 out of 3 games/double elimination format. Div. II (2's, 3's, 4's, 5's - add to 6 or more - \$50/team) in a single game/double elimination format.

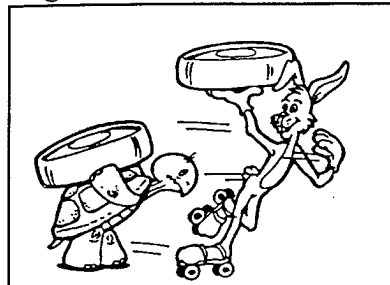
Playoffs went late into Sunday primarily to accommodate the 2 out of 3 game/double elimination format and a late afternoon start time on Saturday.

There was a one-time registration fee of \$10 for all players and there were sponsor sales on all events. Now, let's get to the best part... Announcing the winners, starting on page 9!

(Editor Note: See Shufflers' Notebook, Page 13, 18, and 30 to read participant views on this well received tournament format.)

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Elliff Inquires: "How Were Currently Used Rating Categories Established?"

Art Elliff of Rogue River, Oregon, would like to know how/why the rating categories got established as "5" through "-1" [5 being new players up to 0 and -1 (Pro-level)]. Art would like for the Bowers or whoever originally established these categories to respond and explain this in *The Board Talk's* "Shufflers' Notebook" since many players find it confusing, especially when you get to the minus level comparison of skills amongst players.

When someone says a player is a *higher* or *lower* rated player, you have to determine if that means a 'better' or 'lesser' skilled player. Art wonders why all new players didn't start at a zero and then as skills improve move them upward to whatever number might be needed to continue to be rated at a higher (better) skill level and then at the Pro level you could continue upward to say '8' or more and not have to use the minus ratings which could avoid some confusion. Art wonders if perhaps originally all the best players were rated a zero, not considering that perhaps the ratings may need to go higher to distinguish the skill level amongst the Pro-level players. Art states, "when someone refers to a player as a 'lower rated player', I am never certain if they are referring to a 'better' or 'lesser' skilled player, but if ratings started at zero (new) and went upward as skills improve, it would be much easier for me and others to understand."

-- T&L French (as reported to us by Art Elliff)

-- 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)

EDITORS COMMENT: Ron Bowers states that the current categories (-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) were established before he designed the Bowers Rating System to get players across the country rated (these categories were already in-place.) Ron suggested that we make contact with Billy Mays, Don Valk, John McDermott and/or others who may have been more involved in the rating categorization from running early tournaments. We have received input from Ron Bowers (above) and from Don Valk (below) and hope to have input from Billy Mays and/or John McDermott and any others reading this that may have knowledge of the rationale behind the rating categories used by the time we publish the next issue -- **T&L French**

REPLY TO ART ELLIFF FROM DON VALK:

I first encountered players being rated in the middle seventies. Billy Mays was using a -3 thru -1 to rate the pro players, and 0 thru 3 to rate the rest. This recollection may not be exactly right, but it's close. Why he, or whoever, initiated the minus number for the pro player and the positive number for the others is anybody's guess. My guess is that it seemed easier to handicap a 15-point game using these numbers. Maybe it's because they were also using the "negative spot" in that time period.

It is understandable that Art Elliff and others may have trouble relating to these rating categories, as I have experienced difficulty in trying to explain it to new players and/or others that are not familiar with shuffleboard or player ratings. -- **By: Don Valk, TX**

(Shufflers' Notebook is Continued on Page 12)

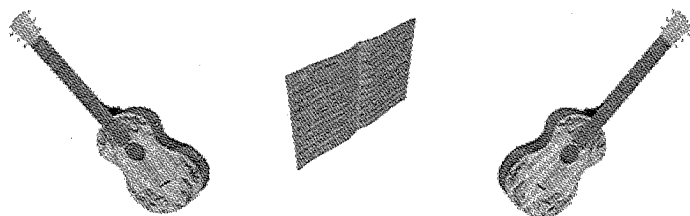
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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #6 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures

Shuffleboard Tunes! Be A Star!



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

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

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

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

-- T&L, The Board Talk Editors

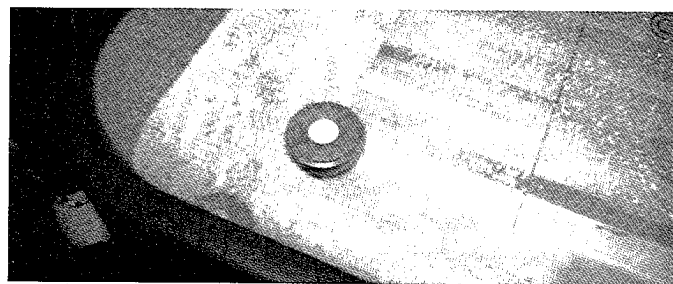
Visit TSA Hall of Fame

website for National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame News, Inductee information, TSA (Table Shuffleboard Association) Officer & Board of Director's contact information, TSA By-Laws and Inductee Nomination Submission Forms, and much more ...

<http://www.tableshuffleboard.org>

Corrected Caption: February 2001 Issue - Humor Section, Page 32!

By: Tom & Lynda French, Editors



[Now the above is what we would call a REAL "HITT" HANGER! Picture taken by Tom French during Dan Hitt and Bobby V's "Singles" match at the Houston Holiday Open (Dan Hitt put it there and Bobby V "Hitt" it off <grin>) ... Great playing!

We mistakenly reported this hanger in the February 2001 issue as a hanger during Darrol & Bobby V's Final's Match - SORRY DAN!
"THE ULTIMATE 'HITT' HANGER!"

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors]
(Shufflers' Humor Section is Continued on Page 10)

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**Thanks to all that have been ordering
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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

New York

ANNUAL "MEMORIAL WEEKEND TOURNAMENT" HONKY TONK SALOON MAY 24 - MAY 27, 2001

The Honky Tonk Saloon, 20 Classic Street, Sherburne, NY will be hosting another annual memorial weekend tournament May 24-27, 2001. There are 5 Boards, alot of good food, and plenty of parking. Bring you camper or RV as there is plenty of room to park it. **Thursday, May 24th will kick off with a Round Robin** event (no calcutta) at 7 PM. Friday, **May 25th the MIXED DOUBLES** event will start at 7 PM (\$40/team & calcutta). Saturday, **May 26th the DRAW PARTNER** event will start at 1 PM (\$40/team, calcutta, and \$100 added pot). Sunday, **May 27th the BRING PARTNER** event will start at Noon (\$40/team, calcutta, and \$100 added pot). For further details, you may contact Brenda Posser at 607-674-4810 (home#, leave msg) or at the Honky Tonk Tavern (607-674-9717) or contact Dick Losee at 315-691-2708. Come join us for a great tournament, good food, and lots of fun!

Oklahoma

3rd ANNUAL "WASHITA HANDICAP" FULL HOUSE MAY 24 - MAY 28, 2001



The Full House Bar & Grill, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr, Wynnewood, OK will hold it's 3rd Annual Washita Handicap tourney over Memorial weekend May 24-28th and hope to have a "full house."

Play begins on Thursday at 7 PM with the Sweetheart Draw event, \$20/player. On Friday, an Open Draw, \$30/player is scheduled at 7 PM. Saturday, starting at 5 PM there will be a Bring Partner, \$40/player. Sunday will be a Singles event, \$30/player starting at 2 PM and concludes on Monday. For further information, contact Starla Kinard at 405-665-2715 or at home 405-665-1084, or E-mail: fullhousetav@yahoo.com

SEE "WASHITA HANDICAP" tournament flyer inserted in this May 2001 The Board Talk issue for more details.

California

MEMORIAL DAY A-B DRAW ROSEWOOD PUB BELLFLOWER, CA MAY 25 - MAY 26, 2001

The Rosewood Pub, formerly known as the Edgewood, located at 10074 Roscrans Avenue, Bellflower, California, is hosting a Memorial Day "A-B Draw" tournament on three shuffleboards on May 25-26th. Entry is \$25/person with sponsor sale at 8:00 PM on Friday, May 25th. The "A-B Draw" tournament will start on Saturday morning, May 26th, at 10:00 AM. There will be also be a buffet on Saturday. For more information, contact: Craig Amundson at (562) 920-1573 or Rosewood Pub at (562) 920-0697. B.B. Bud, Sally, and English John extend a welcome to all to come and enjoy this Memorial Day fun! They have plenty of beer and wine too!

California

"MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND"

133 CLUB MANTECA, CA

MAY 25 - MAY 28, 2001

This Memorial Day Weekend tournament starts at 8 PM on Friday with an ABC DRAW (\$20/player). Then on Saturday starting at 8 PM will be a DOUBLES event (\$50/player) and on Sunday starting at 10 AM will be SINGLES event (\$100/player). Events will be played on 4 Boards at the 133 Club, 133 West Yosemite Ave., Manteca, CA (Phone #: 209-823-4877). Contact Tournament Director: George Camara at 209-464-5410 for questions or additional tournament details.

SEE "MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND" tourney at 133 CLUB tournament flyer inserted in this May 2001 The Board Talk issue for more details.



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Washington

20th ANNUAL "MEMORIAL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA" THE SEASON TICKET MAY 25 - MAY 28, 2001



Bangham, Lagg & Wynn are promoting the Northwest's "20th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza" and Car Giveaway. The Season Ticket, 1221 N. Howard, Spokane, Washington will again be hosting this grand affair. After last year's success, the promoters are confident of another smooth running, organized, and abundantly festive tourney.

A group package is in the works with nearby hotels. It looks like rooms will be in the \$50 to \$60 range and all are close to The Season Ticket. There's plenty of RV parking at The Season Ticket.

Two traditions have been established from last year's tournament. The first is that of our Developmentally Disabled Adult event. Last year was our maiden voyage. It turned out to be a blessing for all involved. It really was an outright blast! Not only are the participants anxious to play again, but those who helped and those who watched are just as eager. If you can make it by Thursday, we would love to share this experience with all.

Next, is to qualify for the Car drawing you must play in at least one of the weekend events. For each event played, you receive a ticket for the drawing. You can also receive up to 4 additional bonus tickets. That's a total of 7 possible chances to win the car. The bonus tickets can be bought. They must be obtained by purchasing up to two promotional items. 2 ticket limit. The ONLY way to get all 7 chances is to PREREGISTER (preregistration gives you 2 more tickets). Take 2 minutes to fill out the little form and get 2 free tickets! 2 minutes, 2 more chances! Win ... and then you can drive the car home!

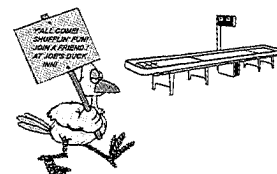
SEE "20th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SHUFFLEBOARD EXTRAVAGANZA" tourney flyer with preregistration form inserted in the April 2001 The Board Talk issue for details!

[Note: The Season Ticket and Bangham, Lagg & Wynn are "Shuffleboard Directory" Advertisers in The Board Talk (See Page 25). Thanks for your support! --T&L, Editors]

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 this May 2001 issue.

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 this issue. Mark your calendars now to attend this very special 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.

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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.

-- Submitted by: Kathy Yingst, OK

SEE "SOUTHWEST OPEN 2001" tournament details and registration form flyer which is being inserted into 5 issues of The Board Talk (February 2001 through June 2001 issues) - the one in this issue includes above stated updates.

California (Late Addition)

3rd ANNUAL "GATOR"
MEMORIAL TOURNEY!
BELLFLOWER, CA
MAY 18-20, 2001



Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill, Woodruff & Foster Road, Bellflower, California is hosting the 3rd Annual "Gator" Memorial Tournament on May 18-20th. This is an A/B/C Draw event with the Calcutta starting on Friday, May 18th at 8 PM, followed by a round robin. The A/B/C Draw event will start on Saturday, May 19th at 11 AM. Entry fee is \$25/ player, 2 out of 3 double elimination, 100% payback (50/50 Drawings daily), and \$500 Added Pot. Bowers Ratings will be used. Advance sign up accepted with entry fee payment. Buffet at 3 PM on Saturday (any dishes you wish to bring will be greatly appreciated). For further information, contact *Tournament Dictator*: "Sweet Heart" Chris Brown at 562-756-0978 or call Oskar's at: 562-925-4915.

[Note: Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill is a new "Shuffleboard Directory" Advertiser in The Board Talk (See Page 25). Thanks for your support! --T&L French, Editors]

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Washington (Late Addition)**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 (Late Addition)

2nd Annual Memorial Day tournament at Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, TX., May 24-28, 2001. See flyer inserted into this May 2001 issue for tournament details.

Texas (Late Addition)

[See Page 32: True Round Robin, June 15-17]

Lucky's Tavern St. Pat's Day "Mixed Doubles" Results!

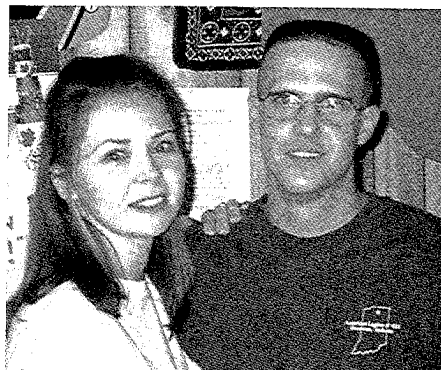
March 17, 2001
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, IN

Reported by: Carol Westerman, IN (Tournament Hostess)

Lucky's Tavern in North Webster, Indiana hosted a St. Patrick's Day "Mixed Doubles" tournament and had a great turnout and alot of play and fun.

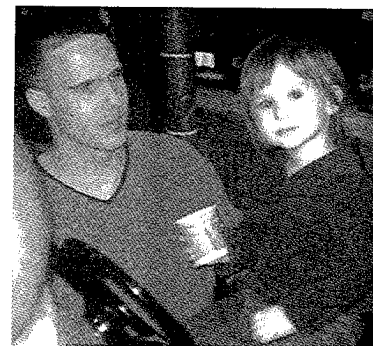


**Lucky's
Mixed Doubles
1st Place:** (left) Larry
Brown (left) and Mary
Brown



**Lucky's
Mixed Doubles
2nd Place:** (left)
Mark (right) and
Shannon
McLeod

Mark & Shannon's boss (right) must wonder: "Daddy, just how old do little girls have to be before we get to shuffle and win too?!?!?" (Picture of 11-30-00 celebrating 2nd birthday provided to The Board Talk Editors by Mary Brown)



Lucky's Mixed Doubles 3rd Place: (Above) Christy Redman (left) and partner Gary Neff

Shuffleboard Rules Discussions

[See The Board Talk, Page 12 (this issue), February 2001 issue Page 10; March 2001 issue Page 11, April Issue Page 13 for additional input on "Making A Weight Safe" and on other "Rules," plus discussions on potentially getting a "Rules Committee" formed.].

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!

9th Annual Texas County Shuffleboard Championship Results!

March 16-18, 2001

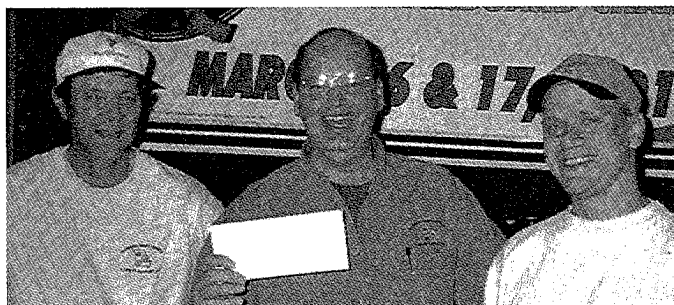
Eagles Lodge 3911

Houston, MO

Reported by: Charlie Riley

The Eagles Lodge 3911 at Houston, Missouri hosted their 9th Annual Texas County Shuffleboard Championship on St. Patrick's Day weekend March 16 & 17, 2001. This is the longest standing tournament for the Eagles and it is always held on or near St. Pats weekend. This prestigious tournament was started 9 years ago by Rick Pittman and Charlie Riley and was basically a tournament between Springfield, MO. and Houston, MO. Since that time we have expanded our Shuffleboard family to include players from all over the state as well as most of the surrounding states.

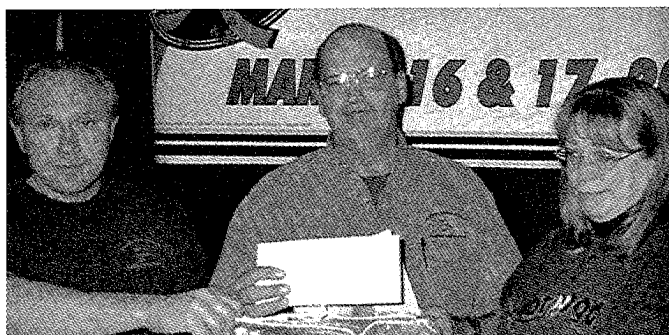
This year there were 21 teams wanting to get their name on the plaque and receive custom jackets. [Btw the way, Alan Cobb and Ron Huddleston, after your jackets being lost in the mail, Rick has finally gotten replacements and says he is going to hand deliver them to Del City this July.]



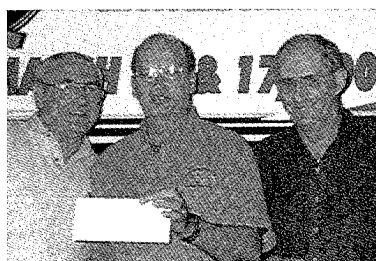
ABOVE: 1st Place: Local players, Delane Moore (left) and his son Chris Moore (right), pictured with Tony Leir (Tournament Director - center) went *undefeated* to take the championship and their "1st major tournament win!"



ABOVE: 2nd Place: Ray Ivy (left) and Chris Tinker (right) from St. Louis, MO took 2nd Place.



ABOVE: 3rd Place: Andy Friedhofen (left) and Connie McCall (right) from Springfield, MO took 3rd Place.



LEFT: 4th Place: Locals Moe Miller (left) and Charlie Riley (right) settled for 4th Place.

Tournament Director (his first) Tony Leir is pictured in the center presenting all of the winning teams their awards. He and his wife Becky did a fantastic job of running this tournament.

Of course, St. Pats wouldn't be complete without corned beef and cabbage prepared by Don Wilson and his crew and all the trimmings put together by Carol Pittman and all her ladies. The food and tournament was absolutely great! Many thanks to all!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

LOST BRACELET/REWARD: Mike Halstead of Kentucky lost a family heirloom heavy gold bracelet during the "True Round Robin Doubles" tournament held at the American Legion Post 424, Bourbon, IN on March 3-4th. **REWARD: \$100** to find and return. Contact Mike Halstead: Phone: 502-633-6768 E-mail: ishmaelmph@aol.com

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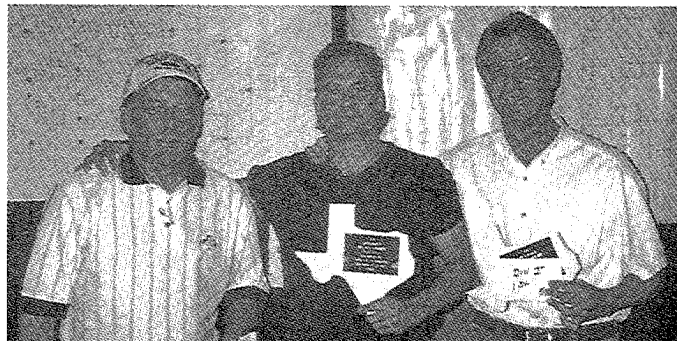
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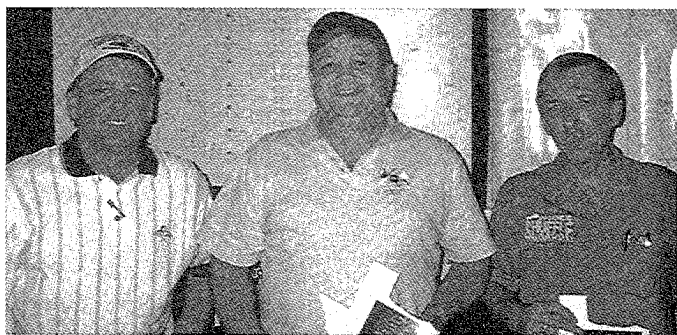
Harbor Point...

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Division I - Draw Partner (Fri. 3/09/01):



Above: **Div. I - Draw Partner 1st Place:** Todd Bower of Richardson, TX (center) and Jack Davis of Ft. Worth, TX (right) w/ sponsor Jay Mayhall (left).



Above: **Div. I - Draw Partner 2nd Place:** Bill "Whiz" Nichols (right) and Vaughn Chavoya both of Dallas w/ sponsor Jay Mayhall (left - there he is again!)



Above: **Div. I - Draw Partner 3rd Place:** Ronnie Gamble of OK (right) and Jeri Billard of Fort Worth, TX (center) w/ sponsor Jodi Thompson

Division II - Draw Partner (Fri. 3/09/01):



Above: **Div. II - Draw Partner 1st Place:** George "I was a lagging" Leigh (center) and Victor Hernandez (left) both of Garland, TX w/ sponsor Jay Mayhall (who else?)

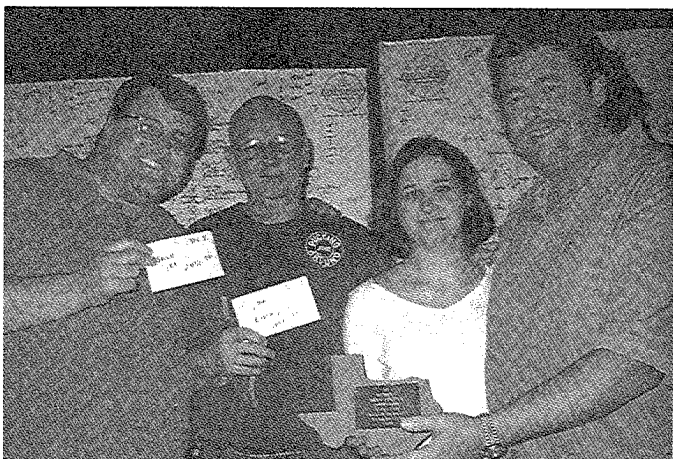


Above: **Div. II - Draw Partner 2nd Place:** Ridie Verdone (center) of Livingston and Morris Moss of Garland (left) w/ sponsor Richard Wiley (right)



Left: **Div. II - Draw Partner 3rd Place:** Trish Renick (center) of Garland and Richard Wiley of Livingston (right) w/ sponsor Jodi Thompson

Division I - Bring Partner (Sat. 3/10/01):



Above: **Div. I - Bring Partner 1st Place:** Greg Hixon (right) presents winners Mike Renick/Jeri Billard (center) their 1st place awards w/ sponsor Stuart Robinson (left).



Above: **Div. I - Bring Partner 2nd Place:** Vaughn Chavoya (right) and Johnny "Skip" Skipworth both of Dallas w/ none other than sponsor Jay Mayhall (again?!)

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"Human Puck"

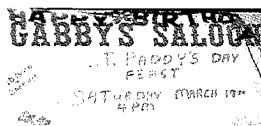
Shuffling at Gabby's Saloon on St. Pat's Day!

March 2001

Gabby's Saloon

Las Vegas, NV

Reported by: Frank Zavala, NV



At 12:00 noon on St Patrick's Day a group of Las Vegas Shufflers were on their way to Gabby's Saloon, 2303 E. Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada for a day of Shuffleboard, Green Beer, Corned Beef and Cabbage and lots of fun.

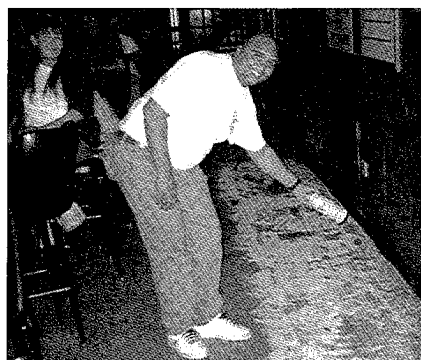
Lo and behold! Their laughter and smiles turned to groans and moans. No Shuffleboard! It can't be! Not here! Questions were hurled at the bartender. Where's the Shuffleboard? After calming them down a bit, the bartender explained that the shuffleboard had been sold and removed that very day.

Now what are they going to do all afternoon? Some sat twiddling their thumbs, others sat staring at the empty space on the floor. Then someone shouted "Let's play shuffleboard on the floor with human pucks." Everyone thought it was a great idea, but how to do it. Someone swept the floor as Dorothy Johnson looked for the serving tray. Jeff Keyes waxed the floor space needed and the first "puck" (Teresa Keyes) was ready for the first "throw." As she sat on the tray, the "pushers" sent her soaring down the "board". She passed the foul line. Another "puck" was sent in the other direction. Then Dorothy and Teresa decided to make it a double. Dorothy sat on the tray first and Teresa sat on her lap. Down the "board" they went. But the "pushers" couldn't get the "puck" passed the 1st foul line.

The corned beef and cabbage was eaten, the green beer flowed and the "pucks" were pushed on their way to a 4 lag (nice dream). A good time was had by all and they were tired, but happy, when the announcement came that a new shuffleboard had been bought and would be installed in a few days. All went home happy.

A new "venture" board from New Jersey has since been installed and is great to play on. I hope all you shufflers had as great a St. Pat's Day as the guys and gals had at Gabby's Saloon in Las Vegas, NV.

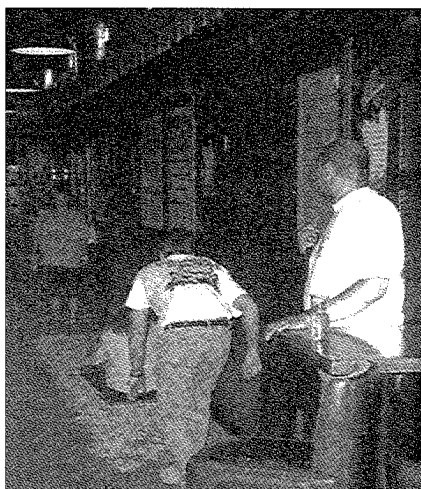
-- May God Bless, Frank Zavala, NV



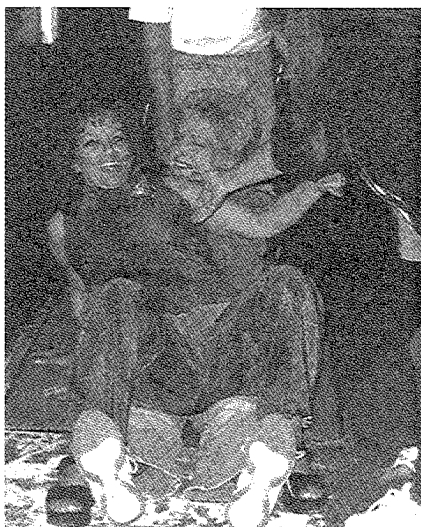
Left: Jeff Keyes gets floorwaxed and ready for a newly defined "deck/floor" shuffleboard game!



Left: "Human Puck" (Teresa Keyes) gets ready for playershove and will soon glide past the foul line!

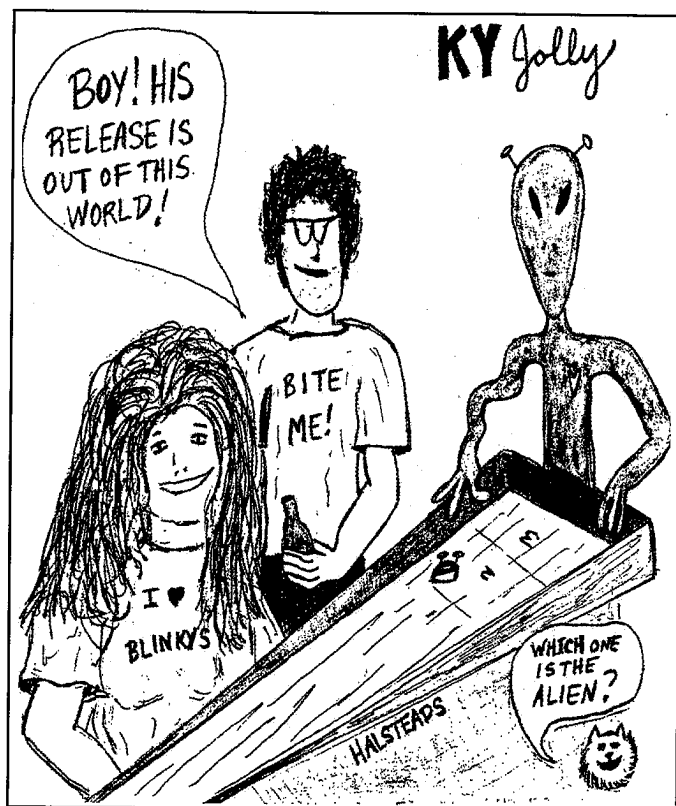


Left: Another "Human Puck" trying to slide forward to the score zone, hoping to top the "Puck Teresa" score!



Left: That was so much fun, now let's try a "Double-sized Human Puck" ... Dorothy Johnson (right) and Teresa Keyes get ready for the big "strong shove", but will only make it to the 1st foul line!

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Above cartoon is an original creation by our Shuffling Halstead's of KY (Mike & Susie) - bet most of us can recognize these characters!

LADIES UPCOMING EVENT NEWS - GO HOUSTON(S)!

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. 27-31) at Danny's Sports Bar. The Board Talk Editors will be attending both tournaments and for the Houston, Missouri tournament there will actually be a **The Board Team: Donna Wilber and Lynda French** (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 men and women merge!). We hope to see many ladies (and significant others) at both events! Go Houston(s)! (Watch for details on both of these tourney events in later issues ... -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors)

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Harbor Point...

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Above: **Div. I - Bring Partner 3rd Place:** Carlos Guzman (right) and Gary Nelson (center) both of Ft. Worth with their sponsor THE Jay Mayhall (left)

Division II - Bring Partner (Sat. 3/10/01):



Left: **Div. II - Bring Partner 1st Place:** Don Roper (left) & Danny Kerley (right) both of Dallas w/ THE sponsor Jay Mayhall again!

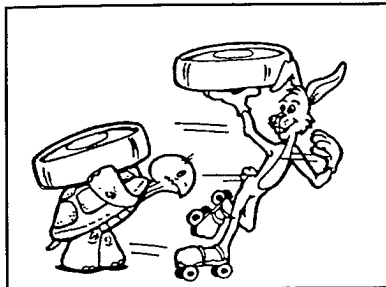


Left: **Div. II - Bring Partner 2nd Place:** Dena Stevens (right) and Vonnie Bailey of Dallas (left) w/ sponsor Whiz Nichols (Whiz was Mayhall asleep?)



Left: **Div. II - Bring Partner 3rd Place:** Lynette Moore (left) and Morris Moss both of Garland (sponsor Jodi Thompson-not pictured)

EDITOR's Comment: Question for Jay Mayhall... Did you sponsor any teams that weren't winners? Been to the tracks lately? With that many winner picks, you should take full advantage while the luck holds out! <grin> -- T&L, Editors



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News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Missouri Shuffleboard Association (M.S.P.A.) News - M.S.P.A Honors Legacy Promoters with New "LEGEND" Award

About a year ago Jim Dunn came up with the idea that we should recognize some of the folks that have done so much for the game of Shuffleboard and wanted to share this concept with our shuffleboard family across the U.S. and Canada. There's a lot more to Shuffleboard than being a great player. Back in the late 60's and 70's Shuffleboard became 2nd to Pool. Shuffleboard Tables were not paying their way and establishments started moving them out to make room for pool tables. If it had not been for our die hard shuffleboard players of that era shuffleboard could have went down the tubes. They fought the owners to keep the boards in, and encouraged other folks to start playing the game. These players are still pretty easy to spot. They are either ready to partner up with you or watching the game. Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association (M.S.P.A.) has started a new "Legend" induction. We give them a nice wall Plaque, and we have a large wall plaque with leaflets at the home of our State Hall-Of Fame. We add their name to that Plaque. The requirements are pretty simple. *Legend* inductees must be at least 60 years of age and have some one sponsor them with at least ten signatures and some data of their past. Nominations with signatures and data are then submitted to the M.S.P.A. for consideration. These inductions are real tear jerkers and just as popular as our State Hall of Fame inductions. For more information on presenting *Legend* nominations to the M.S.P.A., you can contact the M.S.P.A. Officers. There have been 3 Legend Inductees, thus far (see Page 15 for Inductee List.) -- By: **Woodie Cockrum, MO**

E-mail: woodiec@webchoice.net

Bobby Williams Responds to Leon Black on Playing "Up"

[EDITORS COMMENT: See April 2001 Issue, Shufflers' Notebook, Page 13 for Leon Black's original inquiry to the shuffleboard community.]

I most hardily agree with Leon Black about being allowed to play 'up' in Singles events. From the Texas Open in September to the Thanksgiving Classic in November (or in any tournament that I direct) anyone can play 'up' in Singles events, including Pro Singles. Naturally, in doubles events when there is an add to #, this # may be exceeded, thus allowing anyone to play. However, in Draws, if the tournament criteria calls for -1 to 0's to draw, then a 2 or 3 rated player could be a drawback to winning the event if allowed to enter. I have always thought to become a better player, you must compete against higher skilled players. To play 'up' in Singles should always be a right granted by tournament directors. -- By: **Bobby Williams, TX**

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Correction to April 2001 Issue - Page 8, Column 1

The "Triple Crown Sports Bar," donation was 1/2 to Table Shuffleboard Association and 1/2 to Texas Hall of Fame, rather than only TSA. Originally was to be 1/2 to raffle winner and other half split between TSA and Texas Hall of Fame. Bill and Bev Lindquist, owners of Triple Crown Sports bar donated their winner half back to the donation - so 1/2 went to TSA and 1/2 to Texas Hall of Fame donations. Again, many thanks to all tournament participants and to Triple Crown Sports Bar and the owners for the donations and support! -- **T&L, Editors**

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New "Shuffleboard Directory" Advertiser (See Page 25)! "Thanks" to Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill for their support! --T&L

"Doc" Praises Harbor Point!

Greg Hixon, Tournament Director and Host, and his staff hosted a fun-filled tournament at Harbor Point Bar & Grill, Richardson, Texas, March 9-11th. The tournament was structured for play at Semi-Pro (1's & 2's) and Amateur (3's & 4's) levels on 7 boards with the Semi-Pro level being played in a best 2 out of 3 double elimination format and the Amateur level in a single game double elimination format. A Draw Partner event for each level was held on Friday and a Bring Partner event for each level was held on Saturday. Player turnout was good, especially by the locals. Due to the best-of-three double elimination format for the Semi-Pros, play extended into late Sunday. Congratulations to all the winners. I do not recall the pot size, but it was certainly worthwhile. Jack Davis did the sponsorships and C.W. Walker did a commendable job on the bracket boards.

It would have been better to start the Saturday events earlier, if for no other reason for the out-of-town players that were still in the hunt could have started their travel home earlier on Sunday. Several players shared that opinion. But, other than that the tournament was well organized and started close to the advertised times. Another point, overshadowed by the fact that this was a great tournament format and probably would have had little effect on the outcome, last year's ratings were used for the entry criteria rather than current Bowers' Year 2001 ratings. In my opinion, a lot of time and effort goes into the rating system every year by many people and the most current ratings should be used. Case in point for which I am familiar with, 2 local players rated Pros last year were Semi-Pros in current year ratings (could not play), but another local was a Semi-Pro last year and Pro this year (did play). Anyway, food for thought for tournament directors.

Overhead several players ask "Where are The Board Talk people?" Hmmmm. Do it again Greg, soon!! You build it and bet they will come.

-- By: Ken "Doc" Strong, Houston, TX

EDITORS COMMENT: Doc, in response to the last comment above... The Board Talk Editors were busy trying to get out the April 2001 issue (deadline of March 15th) and attend the Texas State Championship tournament at the Gold Nugget on March 23-25 (also held in the D/FW area). Getting out our issue and making two out-of-town tournaments in D/FW area couldn't be worked into our schedule as it only left us one weekend between the two tournaments. We also praise

Greg and company for hosting such a greatly needed format and do look forward to attending any follow-on tournaments of this structure that may not conflict with our schedule.

In addition, we agree, when possible, that tournament directors should consider using the most current ratings for entry criteria. However, there are situations where current year ratings possibly cannot be used, such as for a major tournament with months of planning and advertising that requires early pre-registration submissions (e.g., during Year 2000) for a tournament that is being held early in the following year (e.g., Year 2001) and the ratings for the date/year of the actual tournament event are not available/known during the required pre-registration time period. Most players would likely assume current year ratings for tournaments advertised after the current year ratings are available, unless the tournament ads/flyers state differently. Stating the entry criteria on the tournament ads/flyers allows all players an equal advantage to come to a tournament teamed correctly, thus allowing them to play as planned upon their arrival (for example, simply state Bowers Ratings - 2001 will be used in tournament ads/flyers so players don't make incorrect assumptions and learn they were wrong when they actually arrive ready to play). -- T&L, Editors

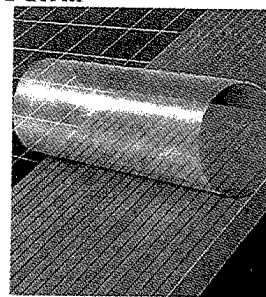
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Harvey's Annual "Spring Warmup" Results!

March 23-24, 2001

Harvey's Place

Street, MD

Reported by: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, DE

The Annual "Spring Warmup" tournament was held at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland on their 4 in-house boards. The weather was a little cool, but it didn't deter a sizeable group from participating and getting ready for the Maryland Open State Championship tournament set for April 27-28 at Harvey's Place. Some people misunderstand the Maryland Open State Championship, as it is truly OPEN to residents and players from all states, not just Maryland and this year trophy jackets will be awarded to the winners of both the "Bring Partner" and "Singles" events.

The Bowers Rating System does provide for leveling the field and helps the new folks to be able to hit the payoff tables. Many thanks to Debbie and Ron Bowers for the Bowers Rating System.

The Annual "Spring Warmup" *Draw Partner Event* started on Friday night. Surprises abound as Arnold Ledford of Darlington, Maryland and his partner Faye Todd of Newark, Delaware took first place and led the way to the payoff table. Taking second place was Faye's son, Anthony Todd (first time prize money winner at Harvey's) and his partner, Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Delaware. Third place and playoff spot went to Phil Dooman of Orange, New Jersey (also a first time prize money winner at Harvey's) and his partner Jim McDaniels of Darlington, Maryland.

Saturday's *Bring Partner Event* brought strong teams and not much in the way of surprises. Taking first place was the lowest ranked team (per Bowers Ratings) of Dave Shewbridge of Pasadena, Maryland and Joe Williams of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. Second place went to a Pennsylvania team (second lowest ranked team): Al DiBella of Upper Darby and Paul Havey of Philadelphia. Third place went to a Maryland team: Curtis Dean of Elkton and Jen Pickett of Rising Sun.

Finally, true to fashion, many players hadn't had enough and joined the regularly scheduled Saturday night draw partner event. Taking first place was the Maryland team of Lindsay Hall from Baltimore and Dewey Shortridge from Darlington. Second place went to Wendy Davis of Wilmington, Delaware and partner Gene Long of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Harvey Comer, our great host, got out his big catering smoker on Saturday and barbecued some delicious chicken and offered some great barbecued pork on the side which was greatly appreciated by all of the participants and guests.

Harvey announced on March 25th that in an attempt to adjust to the input from the crowd, the Bowers Rating System will remain in effect for next year's tournament which is already scheduled and in-place. No minimum point entry criteria, but no maximum point spread. More big news - trophy jackets will be awarded to all scheduled Singles and Bring Partner Events and last but not least, is that for the year 2001-2002 only 4 major events will be scheduled. The regularly scheduled Saturday night Draw Partner events will be continued weekly.

For more information, call Harvey Comer at (410) 836-8881 at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland (just north of Baltimore).

Devonshire Inn's 1st Annual Co-Ed Tourney Results!

March 10, 2001

Devonshire Inn

St. Louis, MO

Reported by: Jack Murphey, St. Louis, MO

There was a good turnout for the First Annual Co-Ed Tournament held at Devonshire Inn in St. Louis, Missouri, March 10, 2001. Kudos and thanks go to Pat Marchass, Tournament Promoter, for organizing this tournament. The event came about with the idea of having a tournament that included players who have either been away from shooting for awhile or who don't usually get involved in tournament play. It was really a lot of fun getting to play with and cheer for all the players we don't have the opportunity to see that often in tournaments. It was a very relaxed setting and all of the players, of every level of play, seems to really enjoy this laid back environment.

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Taking Third Place was the very tough team of Frank and Judy Edelen. They both played some fine fames, always making that clutch shot when they needed it. Frank and Judy ended up losing their final game of the winner's bracket and went on to play a fine game in the finals of the loser's bracket. It was a tough, hard fought fame ending in a 15-13 loss to Mike Simpson and Julie Sempher.

Mike and Julie, who lost their second game in the tournament, battled back through the loser's bracket with some excellent shooting and dogged determination. After defeating Frank and Judy, they went on to the finals. There they were matched up with the equally tough team of Steve Sheridan and Terrie Boothe, who had earlier handed them their first loss.

Terrie and Steve beat out some tough competitors to make it through to that final fame undefeated. With consistently good shooting and a "never-say-die" attitude, Terrie and Steve made it past all the competitors they had faced so far to earn their place at this championship game. It was a highly anticipated rematch that everyone was anxious to see played out. Once again, another hard fought battle ensued. In the end Terrie and Steve reigned victorious, capturing the First Place honors in a close 15-12 game over the Second Place team of Mike Simpson and Julie Sempher.



Above: (left to right): **1st Place:** Terrie Boothe and Steve Sheridan (Tournament Promoter); **2nd Place:** Mike Simpson and Julie Sempher; and **3rd Place (not pictured):** Frank and Judy Edelen

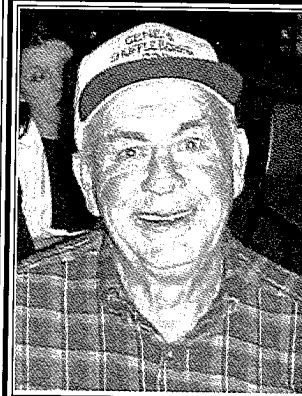
Congratulations to all winners! Thanks to Pat Marshall who organized this great tournament and to Frank Edelen who helped run it. Thanks to Sofija Pekic, Devonshire Inn owner, for hosting this great event. Finally, thanks to all those who brought in the great food and snacks for all to enjoy. It was a great event and I am looking forward to playing in it again next year.

-- By: Jack Murphey, St. Louis, MO

Missouri Shuffleboard Association (M.S.P.A.) "LEGEND" Inductees!



Bill Hill
M.S.P.A. Legend Inductee
September 2000



Gene "Gino" Smith
M.S.P.A. Legend Inductee
September 2000



Jane Jefferies
M.S.P.A. Legend Inductee
March 16, 2001

Jane Jefferies (center) accepting M.S.P.A. Legend Inductee Honors pictured with Woodie Cockrum (her Legend Sponsor, left) and Rick Pittman (M.S.P.A. President, right)

EDITORS NOTE: See The Board Talk, December 2000 (Vol. 17, No. 12), Page 10 for some "Promoter" history on Jane Jefferies & Page 12 of this issue for general information on the new M.S.P.A. Legend Inductee Awards.

11th Annual Bob Gilman Memorial Tourney Results!

March 16-17, 2001

Dusty's
Spokane, WA

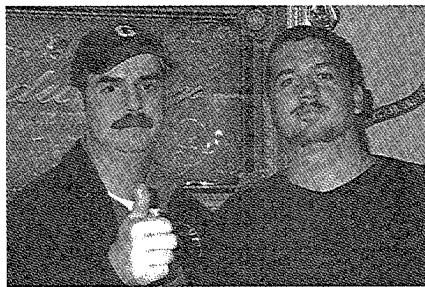
Report Provided by: Melody Marine, Spokane, WA

On March 16th & 17th at "Dusty's" our favorite Spokane "haunt", the 11th Annual Bob Gilman Memorial tournament was held. Bob Gilman was instrumental in the growth of shuffleboard in the Spokane area and was inducted into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, along with his wife Bea last year. The competition was "fierce but friendly," and the buffet awesome as always.



Left: The tournament had an extra special outcome this year, as for the first time - Mrs. Bob Gilman (our Queen "Bea") won first place, with a bit of help from her partner Dan Hitt (right).

Right: Second place was taken by a pair of real gentlemen players, being John Fisher (left) and Bruce Thorpe.



Left: Third place was taken by two very special out of town guests, Frank Mako from Chehalis, Washington and partner Mike Rapp from Idaho.

Another special guest was Mr. Steve Kalamarski and his "Lady Love" - Miss Lovela Bliss. Steve is coming along good after his stroke last year and looks forward to seeing you all at the Memorial Day tournament here in beautiful Spokane, Washington on May 25th-8th. -- By: Melody Marine, Spokane, WA

2nd Annual O'Harolds St. Pats Tourney Results!

March 16-18, 2001

Harold's Bar
Omaha, NE

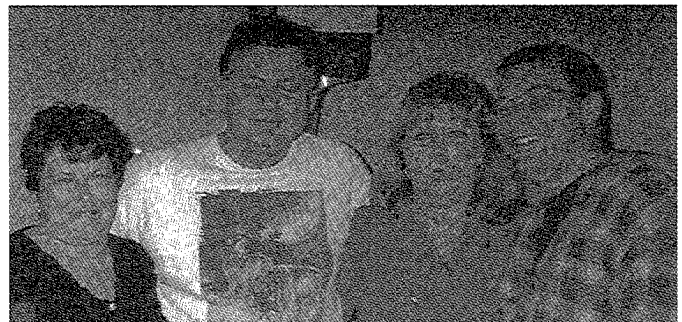
Report Provided by: Char Rahn, Omaha, NE

On March 16-17th, Harold's Bar, 8558 Blondo St., Omaha, Nebraska hosted the "2nd Annual O'Harolds St. Pats" tournament with players flocking in from around the State and out-of-state - all vying for the \$8,865 pot for the 3 scheduled events (Harold's added \$\$\$) played on 5 boards.

Friday night started with a Draft 4-Person Team event at 6 PM followed by the auction. Fourteen teams fought long and hard until Saturday evening playing 2 out of 3, double elimination, 15 points, before the winners were crowned.



1st Place Draft Team Event: Never losing a round and going all the way was Don Zahm's team pictured above left to right: Mike Roach (team sponsor), Lenny Webster, Dan Bruggeman, Sue Webster, and Don Zahm (captain)

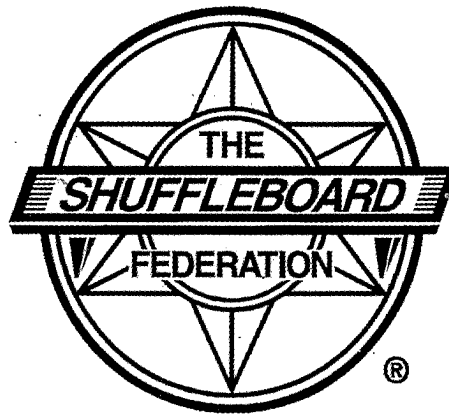


2nd Place Draft Team Event: Morey Balins' team pictured above left to right: Linda Churchman, Morey Balins (captain), Char Waugaman, and Tighe Levan



3rd Place Draft Team Event: Joe Spielman's team pictured above left to right: Bob Linder, Jim Payne, Wayne Smith and Joe Spielman (captain, not pictured)

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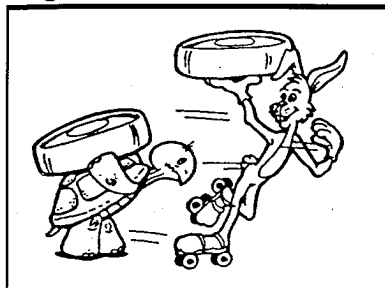
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News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

IMPORTANT NOTICES FROM THE BOARD TALK EDITORS!

Notice #1: The annual "Play Your Way Across the USA - Year 2001" edition will be coming out with the June 2001 issue. Our final call requesting all subscribers to help us ensure your favorite places to play will be in this June 2001 edition. In order for your favorite establishments to be listed in this "free" annual edition, they must be a *The Board Talk* subscriber and/or they must have one of the annual "Shuffleboard Directory Ads" (See Pages 24 & 25 of this issue) current before May 15, 2001. (See Page 28 of this issue for list of those being added or possibly removed (as of April 14, 2001) since the "Play Your Way Across the USA - Year 2000.")

Notice #2: The Board Talk subscription fees increased effective March 2001 (see March 2001 issue Page 10 and April issue Page 2 for details).

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 the subscription expires (renewal date). If your subscription expires, for example, in May 2001 that means May 1, 2001. However, you have almost 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 if the subscription renewal is received before the 15th of the month after it was due. To better clarify what day the subscription expires, we have added the full date (see back cover above your name/address) starting with this issue.

Notice #4: The Board Talk Editor's "Suggestions & Reminders" (See Page 22 of this issue)

-- By: Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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New "Shuffleboard Directory" Advertiser
(See Page 25)! "Thanks" to Oskar's Sports
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More Kudos for Harbor Point Tourney from T. C. Graves (TX) & Ronnie Gamble (OK)!

T.C. Graves: I went to the Harbor Point Amateur tournament on March 9, 2001 in Richardson, TX and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I met many nice and helpful players including Penny & Greg (owners), Joy, C.W., Jeri, Pam and many more! I am not rated yet, but the rating team assigned me a rating so I could play. Jeri has offered to help me with my style of delivery, etc., if I can make it over to the Gold Nugget sometime. I want to thank all involved that ran the Harbor Point tournament and all the nice players that I met. I am so glad we were able to attend. I am retired and do play at the VFW in Mt. Vernon, so getting out and meeting and playing in larger tournaments will hopefully improve my game. I am also a fairly new subscriber to *The Board Talk* and watch for upcoming tournaments, so that I can start attending as many tournaments that I can (especially those within easy driving distance).

Happy Shuffling to All! --By: T.C. Graves, Scroggins, TX ... E-mail: mmfarms@peoplescom.net

Ronnie Gamble: On March 9th -11th Harbor Point had a Division I (no pros) and Division 2 (Amateurs) tournament. We had never been to Richardson, so decided to drive over and check it out. If you have never taken this trip, you are missing alot of fun. The players love the fame and know how to show you a good time. The Club was great. There is plenty of room, good food, lots of parking, and lots of games.

Friday night there was a Draw Partner and on Saturday there was a Bring Partner. C.W. Walker did a great job on the brackets scheduling the 7 boards. Harbor Point has 3 in-house boards and then C.W. and "Wooley" provided the 4 additional boards and setup for this tournament.

Even though everyone didn't know us, they all had words of encouragement during the games. There were some really outstanding players and all were willing to share their knowledge of the game and boards. Glen Davidson of Oklahoma was there and even though Pros couldn't play in the events, he did get some playing time in on Thursday night when they had two really large round robin events.

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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 79 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- May 2001 Issue

Dear Readers: Balboa Ron has not been feeling well.. so this one is shorter, but just as intense!
Thanks Ron!

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

(In the last episode 78, we found Eddie and Shelli and their friends waiting in anticipation to find out who was going to enter the bar room door that was being held open by one of Eddie's old opponents, who hailed from Texas.)

Eddie immediately stood up when he saw who entered the door. He stood because that person was ... LONG BEACH LIL! It didn't take long before Lil's circling gaze settled on Eddie. She developed sort of a smiling sneer when their eyes met. Eddie returned her look of one of almost cold steel.

She didn't waste any time. Her and the Texas Kid made a move towards Eddie's table. Shelli was on her feet now as well. There was an uncomfortable pause before anyone spoke.

Lil started by saying: "I know I owe you guys an apology for the way I acted at your wedding and all; but ... " Eddie cut her off then. He said: "We don't need any apologies from you Lil - I think everyone understands what happened back in Reno, and why it happened. What I want to know is what you are doing here, and to let you know that we are not going to put up with anymore weird crap from you. Now just what are you doing here?"

Lil's face was a little red now. She really didn't expect such a strong response from Eddie - but she replied: "I had made arrangements with Tex

here to go on the road. We were headed for the east coast anyway, and then we heard about this tournament, so we are here. That's it - and that's all. We're here strictly on business."

Eddie and Shelli had set back down now. Eddie queried her: "That's fine Lil - it's what kind of business that you may be on that bothers me." "Well now 'Champ' - you and Shelli could become a part of it if you care to." was her reply. She went on to say: "I am sure we can reserve that single table on the other side of the bar there - if you and Shelli want to engage in some serious shuffleboard." And Eddie gave Shelli an intense stare. She said: "Honey - I am with you ... all the way." He turned back to Lil then and said: "Just what kind of serious are we talking about here, Lil?". Lil knew the hook was in now; so with a twinkling smile she reached into her bag and pulled out a bankroll - that would choke a horse. She smoothly said: "Is this serious enough for you?" Eddie looked her straight in the eye then, and gave his reply: "Here's what is going to happen Lil." Showing an eye

To Be Continued ... (What's Eddie going to say? Whichever way he is going to go ... it could turn out to be a costly honeymoon! Tune in next month - and we'll find out.)

In Fond Memory of ...



Barbara Shelburn-Rutz
Prior Owner of Barbara's Beer Garden
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We wish to extend our deepest sorrow to the friends and family of Barbara Shelburn-Rutz (pictured left). Barbara suffered an aneurysm and died on March 12, 2001. In the words of Bill Green, "it was a sad day for Springfield shuffleboard players." Barb was the owner of Barbara's Beer Garden in Springfield, Missouri. She was a member of the MSPA and a great supporter of shuffleboard. Barb still played shuffleboard and could certainly hold her own. Barb continued to have weekly shuffleboard tournaments and was looking forward to having the Springfield Open this year on May 4-5, 2001. The bar is reopened and her stepson, Walt, is carrying out the plans to hold this tournament just as Barb would have wanted. Barb thought of all her patrons as her "kids" and especially enjoyed the shuffleboard players. She will be missed by all who knew her.

-- By: Roger Ellison, MO

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--Thanks, Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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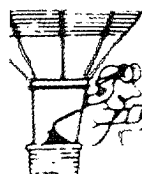
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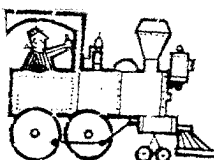
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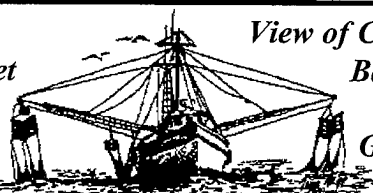


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League Players' Corner

(League Players' Corner - Series #4: New Section First Added In The February 2001 Issue)

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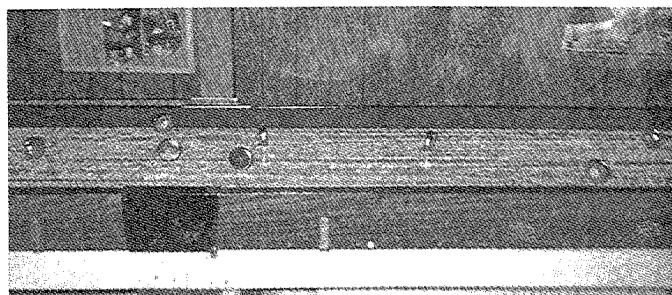
Steve Hamilton's Amazing Feat!

Steve Hamilton of Omaha, Nebraska played for Piccolo's Bar for many years, where he learned to play at an early age. Steve, who got back into shuffleboard after being absent for many years just started playing again this year on the All Nations Brewhouse Monday night "Mixed League." Thanks to him and my other teammates: Sue and Lenny Webster, Kelly Klabunke, Butch Walenz, Linda Ritter, and Jens Mogenson, we won the "Mixed League" and had a great time all year.

I had already gone home after playing my last game in league, but my league mates told me all about Steve Hamilton's big feat and provided me the following pictures to share the experience with me and "League Players' Corner." Steve shot all eight weights down the board on their side and all of the weights stopped and stayed on their sides. Pictures were taken just after he released the last weight (picture 1 below) and from side view (picture 2 in top left of next column.)



Left: Steve Hamilton shoots all 8 weights on their side and they all remain on their side.



Above: A side view of the 8 weights that Steve Hamilton shot on their side that all stopped and stayed upright on their side!

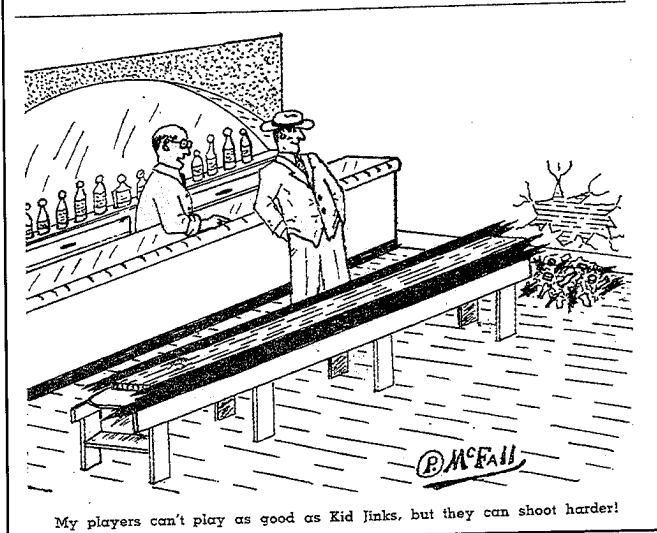
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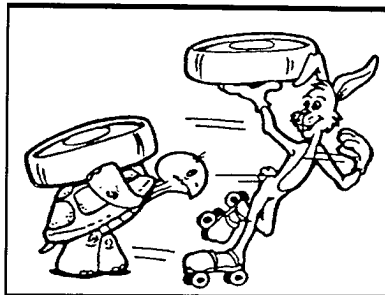
Above: *Shuffleboard World*, Oct. 1950, Vol. 2, No.2, Pg. 1 - reminder to sign up for league play!

WRONG AGAIN

By PAUL McFALL



Above: *The Shuffleboard Times*, April 14, 1950, Pg. 2



Shufflers' Notebook *(Continued from Page 18)*

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

More Kudos for Harbor Point Tourney ... (Continued from Page 18)

If you haven't ever just sat and talked to Glen Davidson, you should. He has some great "Stories" about players and games that he has seen and/or tournament play and travel.

Greg Hixon, Harbor Point owner and tournament host, really throws a great party. You should put "Harbor Point" on your list of places to play. By the way, they had the sharpest looking plaques, shaped like Texas, for the winners. Wished I would have won one!

-- By: **Ronnie Gamble, OK**

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Editor's Comment & Misc. Pictures (below): To Greg, C.W. and all - "great job & wonderful tourney format and we hope to make the next one!"



Greg Hixon, Harbor Point owner and tournament host pictured (above) on Sunday (says his "hair was hurting" & "lights were too bright!")



C.W. Walker (above), Brackateer, looking a bit tired too!

Ken Strong Responds to Leon Black and more ...

I basically agree with Leon Black's desire to be able to "play up" in tournament events, particularly the single events. But this should be a player's option and that option should include having to pay the same entry fee for that event. I do not necessarily believe that you have to "earn the right" to play in a higher division. If that were the case why do many tournaments format their pro events to automatically include 1's or format their semi-pro

events to automatically include 3's. So Leon, go for it. The pros would love to have your money. Make no mistake MONEY is by far the driving force in these tournaments. That is why most tournaments are structured the way they are by the people who structure/direct them. Certainly, if one wants to be a better player one needs to consistently 'play up'. But most of this is done in local round robin play, league play and 1- or 2-day tournaments. That plus dedicated practice and more practice is how a player develops their skills and board play.

I want to clarify what I understand to be the three skill levels of players. Over the years the Bower's ratings have matured such that three distinct levels of table shuffleboard players are clearly recognized: Division 1 or Pros (-1, 0), Division 2 or Semi-Pros (1, 2) and Division 3 or Amateurs (3, 4). Tournament formats typically allow a 5-rated player to play as a 4. (A 5-rated player is either (a) a beginner who will play and practice to become better, or (b) a player who plays infrequently and may not care whether he/she gets better, and in my opinion in either case probably should not be playing in a high-dollar tournament until he/she reaches the skill level of a 4.) Because there are so many players with various skill levels these ratings are necessary for tournament directors to plan and establish their tournament events. But tournament directors do need to be definitive when advertising their events, particularly if they want to attract out-of-town players.

Personally, I believe most 4- or 5-day tournaments with a sufficient number of boards should be structured to include pro singles and doubles, semi-pro singles and doubles and amateur single and doubles. The point here is many 4- or 5- day tournaments set up the 3 divisions as (-1,0,1), (1,2,3) and (2,3,4) with handicap entry fees, meaning e.g., a 1-rated player pays less to enter a pro event than he/she would pay to enter the semi-pro event. This dilutes the (1,2) pot. Why should a 1-rated player be automatically grouped in a Division 1 or pro event or a 3-rated player be automatically grouped in a Division 2 or semi-pro event? (I'm being facetious; I know the answer.)

(Shufflers' Notebook Continued On Next Page)

I believe that in most of these tournaments an advertised pro event (-1, 0) can be qualified by stating OPEN, meaning that even though the event is structured for the pros, a lesser skilled player can enter if he/she desires but at the same entry fee as the pros. If the event is meant for only the pros then the format/tournament flyer should state PROS ONLY. The same philosophy applies to a semi-pro event (1,2); an amateur should be able to play in a semi-pro event if he/she chooses but at the same entry fee and if the format does not state semi-pros only. Clearly in these larger tournaments, 1's do not automatically belong in the pro division, so why are they formatted to do so in some of these tournaments? And why should 3's be automatically formatted to play in semi-pro events?

Personally speaking, if I'm going to spend money on travel and room and board, I certainly would prefer entering events that I have a chance of winning or at least finishing in the money. There are a lot of 1's and 2's out there that would make the semi-pro event very competitive and the pot very substantial and worthwhile. So why would I dilute a potentially big pot in which I have a chance of winning/placing and contribute to a pot that I have little chance of winning/placing? The same is true at the amateur level. Leon, I have a difficult time relating to why on earth a semi-pro level player (1 or 2) would continually want to enter pro events in major tournaments, but do agree to being offered an OPEN format option, as I have described, when it is feasible to do so. -- By: Ken Strong, Houston, TX

Glen Ingram Shares Thanks, Congratulations, and Other Comments!

Many Thanks to all the players who took The Board Talk subscription forms which we were providing during the recent Indiana and Florida tournaments and hope that each one will subscribe if they have not already done so.

I would also like to thank Jim Long for allowing me to be his partner for the last year and for sharing his knowledge, ability, and skills with me. It has been very rewarding, successful, profitable, enjoyable, and most of all lots of fun! Thanks, Jim.

Congratulations to Jim Long of Indiana for achieving the Pro (-1) status in a sport he has enjoyed and loved for over forty years. I am sure that Jim is honored to have received this status.

Other Comments ... in my travels, play, and discussions with other players, there are some who

feel that a rater should be at least '1' to have sufficient knowledge of the game to be able to rate other players.

Regarding my recent travels with Jim and Vickie, we just finished a wonderful three week tournament trip and vacation in beautiful Florida. Florida Shuffleboard players are true Ladies and Gentlemen and lovers and promoters of the sport. It was a pleasure to see old friends and make new friends. Florida Shuffleboard is going in the right direction with some loyal players organizing and improving all the time. Thanks to all for their gifts and wonderful hospitality and to those at the Fill-N-Station and Snuggery Bar for the great time, great food, great friends, and great tournaments! God willing, we will be back next year!

-- By: Glen Ingram, Muncie, IN

[EDITOR COMMENTS TO GLEN INGRAM: *First, we wish to thank you, Jim, and Vickie for all your efforts and support in getting new The Board Talk subscribers. We have been hearing from tournament directors and players from across the U.S. that you and Jim Long are dedicated to encouraging players across the country (new and seasoned) to subscribe and support The Board Talk. Secondly, we would also like to extend our personal congratulations to Jim Long for achieving a well deserved Pro status! Lastly, since your note was received just before sending this issue to print and the Bowers were away this holiday weekend, we were unable to solicit a response for rater selection rationale/process, but we [Editors] are raters (one vote - both 2's) and we fully understand the rationale of why we were asked to be raters (which I won't go into detail here.) There are a vast number of non-pro level players that need to be rated or reevaluated for skill improvements at least annually. There are cities and states where there simply are not many (if any) Pro or 1 level players to cover and rate the needed geography and/or that play at the same tournaments/establishments as the unrated or non-pro rated players. The number of non-pro level players attending major tournaments is steadily growing and we personally feel much is due to events being formatted based upon ratings and formation of competitive events at all skill levels (which is great and a goal we should all support.) Raters that volunteer and become raters should take the job seriously - submit accurate and timely input. Any players with rating or rater concerns should contact their local rater(s) or the Bowers at: E-mail: debbiebowers@jump.net or Call: 512-835-7256. -- T. & L. French, Editors]*

David L's "Doubles" Tourney Results!

March 31 - April 1, 2001
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, IN

By: Glen Ingram, IN (Tournament Director)

David L's Hideout Lounge had another good turnout for the "Doubles" tournament held on March 31st. There were 15 teams and some of the toughest players in Indiana and some great competition.

I want to thank the Summitville players and Anderson players for helping make a successful tourney - and of course Muncie players and Sheryl Cockerill and "Papa" Lou Coulter for playing and helping with payouts and brackets and to David Greer for being a great host and for playing too.

OPEN DOUBLES (March 31): The prize money was \$3,300 and the first place winners was the always *tough* team of Bobby Voorhis and Ricky Royal; second place went to the "Dave Duo": Dave Welch and Dave Vondran; and taking third place (tail end) was Jim Long and Glen Ingram.

MIXED DOUBLES (April 1st): There were 8 tough teams for this event vying for \$1,200 prize money and the first place winners were Larry and Mary Brown; second place went to Lou Coulter and Sheryl Cockerill; and third place went to Gene McLeod and Tonia Modglin. I wish to thank all of those that supported me in trying to create a good mixed doubles event. The showing was much less than hoped for. There seems to be more support for Singles than for Mixed Doubles, so I personally do not plan to include that event in my future tournaments at David L's. --By: Glen Ingram, IN

Texas (Upcoming Events-Late Addition)

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).

Texas State Champs Tourney Results - Taylor Rules!

March 22-25, 2001

Gold Nugget

Arlington, TX

By: Bobby Williams, TX (Tournament Director)
(Winner Pictures Coming Next Month)

The 3rd Annual Texas State Championship tournament was hosted by Tom Johnson (owner) at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas on March 22-25. There was a good turnout and some spirited competition!

Thursday's **Draw** winners were: 1st Place - Eddie Woods/Mahlon Nobles; 2nd Place - David Williams/Carlos Guzman; and 3rd Place - Tom Johnson (host/owner)/Tom Yates.

Friday's **Div. I Doubles** winners were: 1st Place - Mike Taylor/Tony Howard (both of Austin); 2nd Place - Jeri Billard/David Williams (both of D/FW area); and 3rd Place - Diana Hagen/Dave Ramold (both of Houston).

Friday's **Div. II Doubles** winners were: 1st Place - Marshall Partlow (Houston)/Cliff Visel (Austin); 2nd Place: Carol Audett/Joyce Holmes (both of D/FW area); 3rd Place: Chris Smith/George Leigh (both of D/FW area).

Saturday's **Div. I Singles** winners were: 1st Place - Mike Taylor (Austin); Brenda Moore (San Antonio); and David Williams (D/FW).

Saturday's **Div. II Singles** winners were: 1st Place - Chris Smith (D/FW); 2nd Place: Todd Bowers (D/FW); 3rd Place: Mark Steelman (D/FW); 4th Place: Sylvia Martinez (Houston); 5th/6th Place: David Sexton (San Antonio) and Mike Renick (D/FW).

Mike Taylor, winner of Singles to Doubles, said he would have swept the tournament, but he drew a bad partner in Thursday night's Draw ("but Mike, that was me you are talking about!").

Thanks to Tom Johnson (host/owner) and his crew for preparing the great BBQ brisket and all the trimmings to go with it on Saturday. A special thanks to Johnny Wayne Crawford who did an outstanding job on setting up and adjusting the boards.

--By: Bobby Williams, TX

2nd Annual "Blast Off" Tourney Results!

March 22 - 25, 2001

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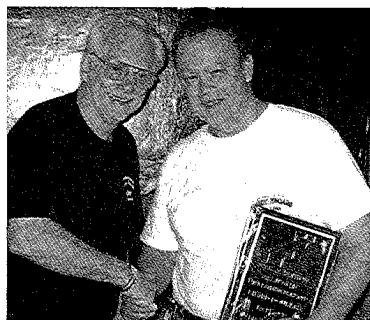
Mims, FL

By: Charley Thompson, FL

Larry Cooper, owner of the The FILL-N-STATION, Rt. 1, Mims, FL hosted the "2nd Annual Cape Kennedy 'Blast Off' Tournament" on March 22-25th. This year 9 states were represented which created some powerful play. All four events sold out including the Draws. A special thanks to the out-of-state ladies that helped with the sponsor sales and many thanks to Glen Ingram of Indiana for his support and auctioneering and to Alvis Ramey, tournament director, and the committee for doing such a great job.



Above: The INGRAM'S ask
"Are We Having Fun Yet?"

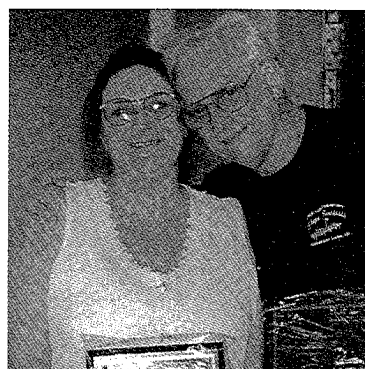


**1st Place Draw
Partner:**
Jim Long, IN (left) and
Dick Smedburg, FL

**2nd Place Draw
Partner:**
John Canino, NY (left)
and Terry Smith, IL



**3rd Place Draw
Partner:**
Bill Kane, MI (left)
and Jerry Gray,
FL

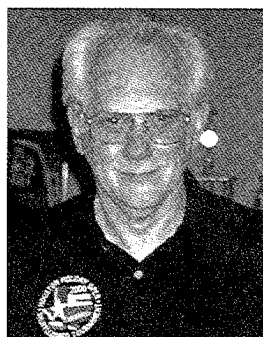


**1st Place Mixed
Doubles:**
Vicki Morgan and Jim
Long of Indiana

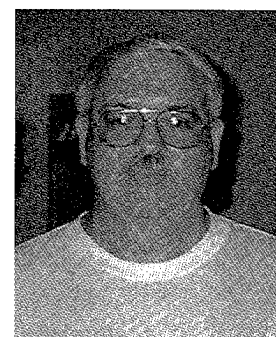
**2nd Place Mixed
Doubles:**
Lonzo Knight and
Delores Brown of
Florida



**3rd Place Mixed
Doubles:**
Brenda & Bill Kane of
Michigan



1st Place Singles:
Jim Long of Indiana



2nd Place Singles:
Glen Ingram of Indiana



3rd Place Singles:
John Canino of New
York

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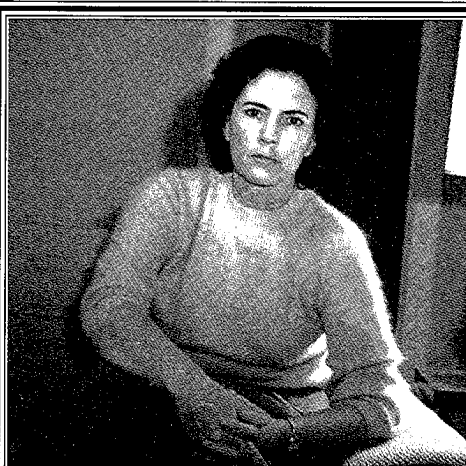
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TSA Directors are trying to acquire pictures and stories about prior generation players (including ones that are not yet inducted in the TSA HOF). Evelyn Harris of Seagoville, Texas (Billy Mays' sister) has submitted the below history on Jean Ayers-Mays for what Evelyn and many others consider one of the best women players of her era. Reportedly, in 1962 she took 2nd Place in Open Singles World Championship held in Martinez, California and in the mid-70's took a 1st Place in a NW Regional Women's Singles World Championship with reportedly over 100 women competitors all competing for this World Champ crown) and she also took a 1st Place in the "Mixed Doubles" with partner Truman Adams a.k.a. "T.A." Jean was very competitive, playing strong from the mid-40's to 1976.

Jean was born on January 9, 1928. Evelyn says she didn't know Jean's family that well, but states she "was one of the best women shuffleboard players of the past" and "was a fine lady."

NOTE: Other notable highly skilled women players of this era included Ruthie Miles and Millie Duarte.



Jean Ayers-Mays

January 9, 1928 - March 18, 2001
 (Women's Singles World Champ - 1976)

Jean was raised in California and that is where she first met Billy Mays (at a tournament) - then they traveled together for approximately 15 years - playing with and against the best and performed in Exhibition Shows with Billy. After retiring from shuffleboard in 1976 timeframe, she came back to play some in the early 90's, but wasn't able to get back to her Pro level. Evelyn says that all the Pros back in the 60's & 70's knew Jean well - such as Bob Miles, Billy Chiles, Earl Kelly, Glen Davidson, Bill Melton, Larry Creakbaum, etc.. She taught Evelyn how to hold and release a weight - Evelyn says:

"but now I am too old to play in these marathon tournaments, but heck I was too old when I started!" Evelyn recalls the following story with a grin when Billy and Jean first met at a tournament where Billy won the tournament and Jean owed a player \$30 (but this same player owed Billy), so Billy told this player "she don't owe you anything, just take it off what you owe me." Evelyn says with tears, "I miss Jean & Earl Kelly," both having been dear friends. Evelyn sent us a copy of a very interesting article titled: "The Hustle of Texas Billy," by Gilbert Rogin (Sports Illustrated, Vol. 27, No. 10, September 4, 1967, pp. 58-66) that has some great stories about Billy and Jean (great pictures too, but the the copies are not of a quality to scan.) If you can get a copy from your local library, it is well worth a read! Thank you, Evelyn, for sharing!

-- TSA Directors

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 last month's April 2001 Issue (Page 35). More Details, Biography & Induction Ceremony Coming Soon in The Board Talk!

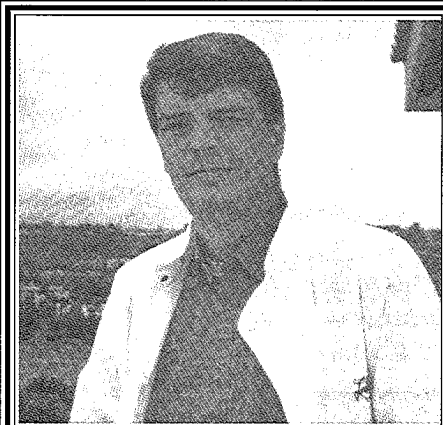
Joel "Pappy" Rahn ... Fond Memories of a Great Shuffler & Nebraska Hall of Famer

Joel E. Rahn was born Sept. 28, 1938 in Carroll County, Illinois. He was born and raised on a farm until he was 11 years old. After his father died in a car wreck, he and his mother moved to Lanark, Illinois where he graduated from high school in 1957. Joel attended Southern Illinois University for 2 years; Cornell College in Iowa for 1 year; and then decided to quit college and went to work for Continental Telephone Company. In November of 1963, he transferred to Omaha and worked for Northwestern Bell Company. He was sent to Alliance, Nebraska immediately to work on the dial phone conversions.

Joel met his wife to be (Char Rahn) his first night in Alliance which is Char's hometown and where she was also working for the phone company.

In February of 1964, Joel went back to Omaha after the Alliance job was finished. Char cancelled her plans of moving to Denver and moved to Omaha instead. Joel and Char married shortly thereafter - on March 28, 1964 and were later blessed with two children: Kristine (daughter) and Vernon (son) and three beautiful granddaughters that dearly loved and miss their "Papa." Joel was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He was a Little League Baseball and Basketball Coach, enjoyed all sports (most of all shuffleboard, of course), and horse racing (Joel and Char also owned race horses for several years). Joel was a very generous and compassionate man and a friend to many people - his home was always open.

Joel bowled for many years and continued to bowl on his son's team and play shuffleboard for Piccolo's Bar. He started playing shuffleboard circa 1980 at Piccolo's Bar with Timmy Piccolo's; Denny Busch (Nebraska State and TSA National Shuffleboard Hall of Famer) who is the one that gave Joel the nickname of "Pappy"; Dan Forahead; Darrell Peterson; Don Meyers; Billy "O"; Jeff Gaylard; John Henry; and Marty Shepard. Joel took his licks playing money games and would practice,



*In Fond Memory of ...
Joel E. "Pappy" Rahn
Sept. 20, 1938 - June 8, 2000*

practice, and more practice to get better. He was one of the most dedicated mentors to his fellow *shuffleboard extended family* and always sharing his vast knowledge of the game and helping new players learn the game - always willing to tell other players whatever they wanted to know, regardless of whether he was playing with or against them. He taught several of the Omaha players his skillful thumb shot.

Joel enjoyed playing shuffleboard at all levels, but he favored Singles events. This is the reason that his shuffleboard family is having the "1st Annual Joel 'Pappy' Rahn Open Singles" tournament at Piccolo's

Bar and Joe's Duck Inn in Omaha on June 6-10, 2001 [See Page 5 of this issue for details] and they are hoping that players will come in from across the U.S. to honor Joel and practice up for the Southwest Open 2001 tournament simultaneously. Joel and Char attended several of the Southwest Open, NASC Reno (placed 3rd in the 1st Reno tourney in 1990), and Denver tournaments. In 1993, Joel, Denny Busch, Tim Piccolo, Jay Watson, Don Zahm, and Jim Keller teamed up and played in the Las Vegas team event and were very proud being seeded 8th and beating the #1 seed! Joel was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1995 and passed away on June 8, 2000. He was inducted into the Nebraska Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1995. In 1995, the first time that he partnered with his mentor - Denny Busch at My Way Lounge, they took 1st Place in Open Doubles. Joel was instrumental in organizing and starting the "Annual Denny Busch Memorial" tournament. Joel played in his last tournament at the All Nations Brewhouse just a month before he passed away. He tried to play again at the Nebraska Hall of Fame tournament at Joe Banana's, but only had enough energy to practice. He had committed to play with Terry Roberts, so he tried as hard as he could but just didn't have the energy. He was such a dedicated

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Joel "Pappy" Rahn ... (continued)

player that never wanted to let anyone down. Joel was a mentor to new players even up to the day he could no longer walk - a truly dedicated and skilled player and promoter of the sport of shuffleboard. Denny Busch and Tim Piccolo got him started on shuffleboard and life went on from there.

Joel was rated a 0.97 when he passed away in June of 2000. His health problems diagnosed in 1995 slowed him down some, especially as his condition progressed, but he was dedicated to playing, practicing, and a mentor to new players until just before he passed away. He is greatly missed by his family, friends, and shuffleboard extended family and they all look forward to celebrating his life in the open singles event being hosted in his honor in June 2001 at Piccolo's and Joe's Duck Inn.

Some of Joel's achievements include:

1st Place:

1982, 1985-86, 1986-87 Piccolo's Bar OMS (Omaha Men's Select) League
1987 City Team Playoffs
1993 Div. II/III Doubles w/ Mike Roach (NASC Reno)
1993 Team Event (NASC Reno)
1993-94 Piccolo's Bar "Mixed" League
1995 Doubles w/ Denny Busch (My Way Lounge)
1998 Open Doubles (All Nations Brewhouse)

2nd Place:

1983-84 Piccolo's Bar OMS League
1985 Piccolo's Bar "Mixed" League
1986 JC's Bar "Mixed Team Invitational"
1993 Open Doubles, My Way Lounge
1994 Open Doubles, Rooney's Camelot
1998 Open Doubles, Joe Banana's Hall of Fame tournament
1998 Denny Busch Memorial tournament
1999-2000 Piccolo's Bar Open Classic League

Nebraska Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductee - 1995

.... and numerous 3rd and 4th place finishes.

Joel Rahn's history was provided to The Board Talk Editors by his loving wife and widow, Char Rahn and his shuffleboard extended family. Many thanks for sharing! -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

Handicap "Open Doubles" Results!

March 9-11, 2001

All Nations Brewhouse

Omaha, NE

Results & Pictures Provided by: Char Rahn, Omaha, NE

A total of 17 teams participated in a Handicap "Open Doubles" tournament held March 9-11th at All Nations Brewhouse, 1830 North 72th St., Omaha, NE hosted by Jerry and Susie Klabunde (owners) with great food enjoyed by all!



Left: A big "thank you" goes to Tournament Directors: Butch Walenz (left) and Wayne Smith (right) for running such a great tournament!



Left: Open Doubles 1st Place: Rich Klanderud (left) and Bill Webber



Above: Open Doubles 2nd Place: "Jeff Duo" team: Texas' Jeff Womble (left) and Jeff Volchek (Omaha)



Above: Open Doubles 3rd Place: Gwyn Orsi and John Henry (right)

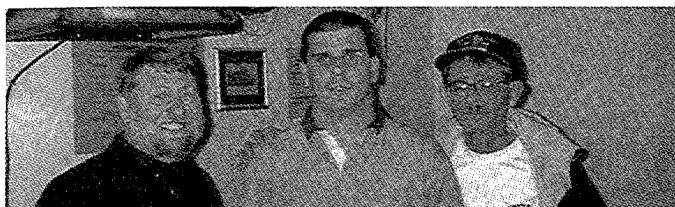


Left: 4th Place: "Bring 'em Back" Bob Linder (left) and Tommy Arrellano

Notable Mention: Susie Klabunde (owner) notes that this tournament had one of the fastest matches in Omaha Shuffleboard History - with a maximum of 4 point spot, Jerry Klabunde (owner) and partner Harold Life, lost to the "Jeff Duo" in less than 4 minutes!

2nd Annual O'Harolds ...

(con't. from Page 16)



4th Place Draft Team Event: Ron Campbell's team pictured above left to right: Ron Campbell (captain), Shawn Gasnell, Dave Dickerson, and John Henry (no pic)

Saturday evening the Open Doubles and Handicap Doubles events started about 9 PM after the auctions of both events. Open Doubles had 13 teams and play was best 2 of 3, double elimination, 15 points in winners bracket and 21 point, single game, in losers bracket. Open Doubles was a long, hard fought battle, not ending until the wee hours of Monday morning. Handicap Doubles had 27 teams playing single game, double elimination, negative spot, and finished sooner (Sunday night) - there were significantly more teams in the Handicap Doubles than in the Open Doubles, but the 2 out of 3 format takes longer to play.



1st & 2nd Place Open Doubles Event: Coming out on top taking **1st Place** were out of town visitors from Colorado: Morey Balins/Ron Sosovic; 2nd Place was taken by a husband/wife team: Chuck & Cyndi Busch [all pictured left to right together in above picture: Chuck Busch (2nd), Morey Balins (1st), Cyndi Busch (2nd), and Ron Sosovic (1st)]



3rd Place Open Doubles Event: John Luhtala (left) from Iowa via Washington and his partner Jeff Volcheck from Omaha.



1st Place Handicap Doubles Event: Jim Kosiske from Omaha (left) and Gerald Woods from Oklahoma (right)

No pictures are available for the following winners of the Handicap Doubles Event: 2nd Place - Shawn Gasnell/Bill Vandenberghe; 3rd Place - Tom Arellano/Bob Linder; 4th Place - Tighe Levan/Doug Rordal from Colorado; 5th/6th Place - Mike Hedges/Don Garrison from Colorado and Jake Marlin and Eric Dickes; and 7th/8th Place - Mike Rooney/Chuck Matterly and Chris Bulton/Leon Keegler (Leon's first tourney).

Omaha Shufflers want to thank all of our friends from out-of-town including: Morey Balins, Char Waugaman, Mike Hedges, Don Garrison, Candy Lepore, Ron Sosovic, Bill Shino, Tighe Levan, Kathi Lloyd, and Doug Rordal (all 10 of Colorado); Gerald Woods, Don Crall, Dave Davidson, Linda Churchman, and Terry Leahy from Oklahoma; Bob Jacobsen and Phil Gardner from Arizona; John Luhtala from Iowa via Washington; and Scott Auten from Kansas via Michigan. We hope you all will come back for more Nebraska tournaments.

Also, a big "Thank You" to Harold Newbanks Jr. and his parents Harold Sr. and Betty for hosting the tournament and providing the great food for participants on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to Kevin Highby, owner of My Way Lounge, for allowing his 2 boards to be used - bringing us to 5 boards for playing these 3 events. A BIG "Thanks" to tournament directors: Jim Payne, Cyndi Busch and Don Zahm.

Hope to see more visitors next year for this tournament which is becoming a favorite of many Omaha players.

"Blast Off"...

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1st Place and 2nd Place Bring Partner: (left to right)
Glen Ingram & Jim Long (1st Place; from Indiana) and
Linda & Rick Meyer (2nd Place; from New York)



3rd Place Bring Partner:
Doug Fridley (left;
if New York) and
Alvis Ramey of
Florida

Many thanks to all that participated in this tournament!
-- Charley Thompson, FL

5th Annual Spring Fling!

April 6-8, 2001

Eagles Aerie 2249

Corpus Christi, TX

Reported by: Joy Corry, Corpus Christi, TX

The 5th Annual "Spring Fling" moved to the local Eagles Aerie 2249 this year and was hosted by jointly by the Eagles and the Coastal Bend Shuffleboard Association (CBSA).

The A-B Draw, double elimination, had 22 teams where Mike Taylor and Al DuBois of Austin came back from the losers bracket to double dip Neil Garvin (Corpus) and Rick McFarland (Canyon Lake), taking 1st Place. Neil thanks Rick for carrying him to 2nd Place, as this was the highest placement he has achieved in a larger tournament. 3rd Place went to Lyndon Baize (Coach) of Austin and Stephanie Fiebrink of San Antonio and 4th Place went to Don Valk of Austin and partner Jose Esquivel of North Padre Island.

Saturday's 4-Person Draft Team event consisted of 8 teams and was won by Don Valk (team captain) and Lyndon Baize of Austin and Frank Corry and Lonnie Ervin (first time tournament player) of Rockport. 2nd Place went to Mike Taylor

(captain), Tony Fiumara (Georgetown), Don Scruggs (San Antonio) and Trevor Wade (Pflugerville). 3rd Place went to Randy Rogers (captain) of Austin with his three team members from San Antonio: Dave and Debbie Sexton and Stephanie Fiebrink.

Sunday's Handicap Singles had 12 teams with 1st Place going to Mike Taylor; 2nd Place to Neil Garvin (who put Mike in the loser bracket - only to have Mike come back for a double dip win - Neil gets another large tournament winner's stripe!); and 3rd Place went to Hoss Corry of Rockport.

Cash donation tournament sponsors were Bill Stubbs and Chances Night Club of Rockport. The Shuffleboard Federation donated tournament wax and the C.C. Travelodge Airport donated free room for the winner and special rates for all participants.

The weather was great and the players all participated in a professional manner - good sportsmanship by all contributes to a tournament's success.

Mike Taylor (auctioneer) and Ronnie McMahan (backup auctioneer) did an admirable job of the sponsor sales. Harvey Kidd will need to watch out for these two now.

Al Kennedy and Bill Thompson did a great job of handling the board setup, tear down, cleaning and finding sponsors. Joy Corry and Edie Schwertner helped with money collections and Joy presented the awards. Frank Isbell served as Trustee. Sandy Pullen served as Bartender. Volunteer cooks and servers: Mike Watts, Linda Comer, Pearl Wilson, Barbara Long, Barbara Sherman, Karen Graham, Ginger Lee and Frank Isbell. Nicki did a fine job on the brackets. This tournament was a great success due to the collective efforts of a "TEAM." Thanks to all volunteers and participants. Hope I have not left anybody out in above recognitions; if so, I am extremely sorry and very grateful for everyone that helped make this a fantastic tournament!

[Editors Comment: There was not enough space to include the winner's pictures (late arrival) in this issue (due to having the divisible by 4 page restriction and document already typeset) - will include winner's pictures in the next issue and reference this tournament event results write-up. We missed a great Texas tournament, unfortunately, as Tom had to work the weekend. All participants that we have talked with had a wonderful time - great job! Catch you next year hopefully... -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors]

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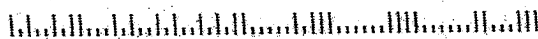
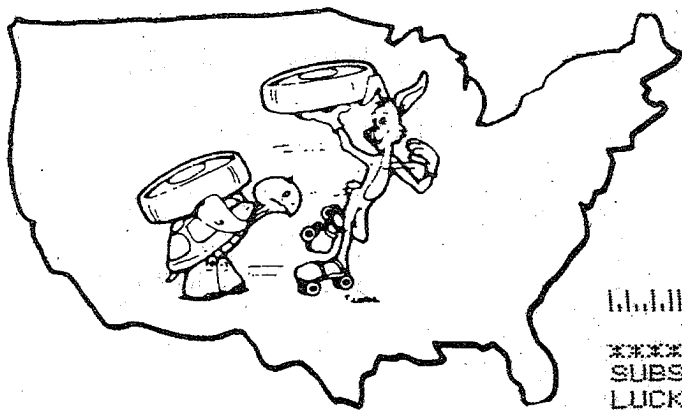
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