

The Board Talk

Published Monthly by Tom & Lynda French
12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729-6436

E-Mail: lynda@jump.net Phone: 512-250-0327 Cell: 512-751-9617 FAX: 512-250-9249

Vol. 18, No. 9

SEPTEMBER 2001

Memories of Russ "The Colonel" Punctuate Edison Tourney and Hall of Fame Celebration!

June 9-10, 2001

Old Edison Inn's 16th Annual Mixed Doubles & HOF Ceremony
Edison, WA

By: Phil Depree, Bow, WA (Photos Courtesy of Ed Stauffer)

As the ceremony began that was to have celebrated Russ Miller's Pacific Northwest Hall of Fame Induction, but became a memorial gathering as well, a lone bald eagle slowly circled over the beer garden of the Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, where the Colonel's family and friends gathered on June 9th after his funeral.

Russ passed away June 4th at the age of 60, after a months-long battle against cancer. Fortunately, he was able to attend his original induction ceremonies at Spokane's Season Ticket two weeks earlier, and it brightened his final weeks.

It was his last road trip.

The Edison ceremony had been planned for weeks as a part of the tavern's 16th Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament, so that Russ' many local

friends and fellow shufflers who might have been unable to attend the Spokane induction could pay tribute to his Hall of Fame career. Despite the Colonels untimely demise, the events went ahead as scheduled, as he would certainly have wished.

Speakers included John Martin and Bill Walker of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association (ESA), and local friends and past teammates of the Colonel, Larry Sawyer, Les Zahn, and Phil Dupree.



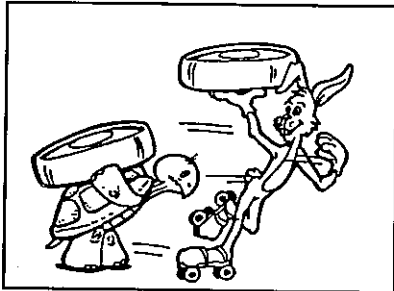
ABOVE: Jeff Kersting (right) reminisces with Sue Miller (Russ' wife/widow) after moving the ceremony. Jeff is one of the dozens of young Pacific Northwest players that Russ Miller encouraged and supported over the years.

Fourteen teams from throughout the state of Washington and British Columbia participated in the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association's sanctioned tournament. Despite a lengthy interruption for participants to attend the funeral, and the ceremony, which attracted an overflow crowd, the tournament finished surprisingly early Sunday, as most games featured some high scoring ends, resulting in brisk play.

INSIDE HIGHLIGHTS...

	<u>Page(s)</u>
Shufflers' Notebook	2
Shufflers' Humor	3
Upcoming Events	4
Play Your Way Across the USA	5,34
Editor's Suggestions/News	20,27,34
In Memory of...	20
Frisco Eddie	24
TSA (National) HOF News	26
Shuffleboard Directory	28-29
Calendar of Events	30
League Players' Corner	32

(Continued on Page 8)



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Thanks to Stober's Lounge for Hosting Another Great Tourney!

We just returned from a wonderful tournament held at Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan from July 20-22. There were about eight of us from Indiana that attended the tournament and they were really great to all of us. Free food all weekend and gifts for Sheryl Cockerill and myself (handmade gel candles.) We just want to thank Linda & Tom (owners of Stober's Lounge) and tournament director Carrie Clifton. Thanks! -- *By: Mary Brown, IN*

Fritzi Welcomes All Players Back to the Annual Bourbon Doubles!

The last tournament that I held in Bourbon had 70 teams entered in the 2 day event. Players from 15 states attended. That was 6 years ago. The Legion went through a change of officers this year and now "Fritzi is back." In the October and May Doubles, no one is rated, anyone can play, anyone can win! It is a fun tournament for the amateurs because they get to take a cheap shot at the better players, and believe me there have been some upsets in the past. The American Legion Post 424 has 5 permanent boards and can add 1-2 more for the tournament if needed. The October tourney will start on Friday, Oct. 6th with a Draw Partners, \$25.00 entry and sponsor sale to start at 1:00 p.m. - play immediately following. The sponsor sale for the Open Doubles, \$60 entry per team, will

-- ATTENTION --

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

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

(See Page 29 for more detailed information)

START AT 7:30 SHARP Friday night. Play for the doubles will start on Friday night following the sponsor sale if there are 40 or more teams. If there are less than 40 teams then play will start at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning. There will be shuffleboard related door prize drawings for players entered in the doubles. Pre-entry for Open Doubles must be postmarked by Sept. 20. I will take entries up until Oct 6 with a \$20.00 per player late fee. Come join us for a Chicken BBQ and lots of fun! Contact Fritzi at 219-342-2023 or e-mail: fritzi@fullmoonleather.com for more information or to submit your pre-entry. -- *By: Fritzi Broka, IN*

Cid Floriani Shares Shuffleboard "Hot Spot" News from N.J.!

Dear Tom, Lynda, and all Shufflers:

Just some shuffleboard news from New Jersey. As you probably know, there are no major tournaments in New Jersey really, but you still can find quality tournament competition if you know where to look.

One of the #1 places would be at *Flips* on Railroad Avenue in Wanaque, NJ. Kenny VanZyle Jr. (his dad, Kenny Sr., is a regular at the New York State tournaments) and Johnny V. make up the top rated team at *Flips*. Johnny Pappas, Glen, Hank and the rest of the crew ensure that every game is a competitive one. The action usually begins between 3:00-4:00 PM on weekdays. For serious players, Tuesday and Friday might be the best days to drop in because that is when Dennis Leehive (The Board Talk regularly documents his New York State victories) and Freddy Miller are likely to stop in and liven things up even more. Occasionally, though not as often as we would like, New York's legendary Ed Galke pays a visit. Some suggest that Ed only shows up when there has been a short

(Shufflers' Notebook Continued on Page 16)

Publication Content Information

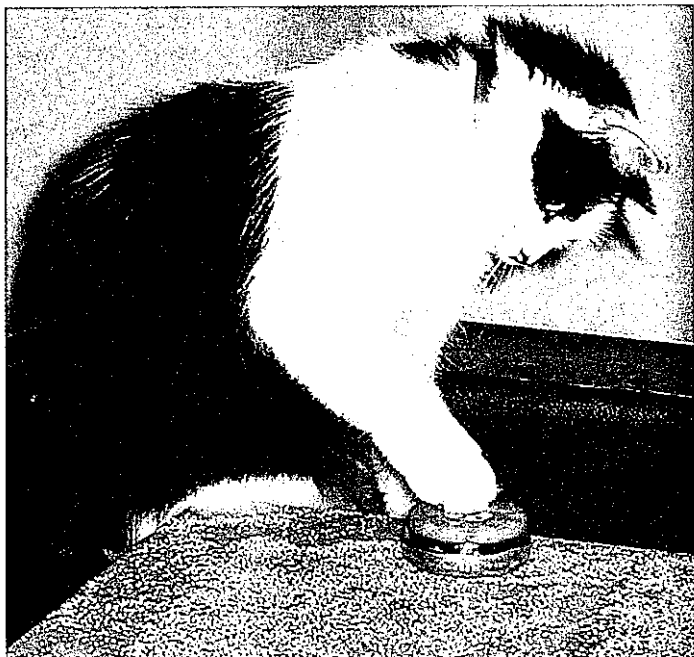
The Board Talk reserves the right to reject any advertising or editorial contributions that the publishers deem unacceptable, either because of objectionable material or inconsistency with the newsletter's general editorial and advertising policies.

SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #10 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures

New Player in the House?

I was awakened late one night by the sound of weights banging, so I crept downstairs and to my astonishment I found *Catrat* secretly practicing on my Rockola. She has an amazing freepaw and can really CATapult her shots! I watched until I was nearly CATatonic! Some of her shots were PURRfect. Later she started working on her sidepaw and spanpaw. She's going to be a real sleeper if I can find a CATegory for her to play in. I've included a CATscan of her technique (below).



-- By: Andy Friedhofen, MO

Pros Crash On Air Mattress At Candy Lepore's Home After Tourney Play at Balloon Inn!



ABOVE: (Photo Provided by Kathi Lloyd, CO): Now who are these two pros caught in a compromising position? <grin> Hint: Rick Duo
[Photo taken after playing at the Bill English Memorial Tournament (see page 14 for tournament results)]



LEFT: Kenny Hawkes (Okie- right) presents Travis Anderson (CO) with the "First Annual Bonnie English 'Biggest Fish in Denver' Award" during the Bill English Memorial tourney which was a brightly colored rainbow trout. To qualify for this award one must be willing to play shuffleboard anytime, anyplace, for any amount of money and be able to play "hurting" or in any physical or emotional condition. Congrats to Travis Anderson!

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

California

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



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

New York

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



The Riverside Tavern at 31 South Ausable Street, Keesville, NY will host it's 3rd Annual Adirondack Open tournament (3 day event) on Sept. 7-9. On Friday, following the 6:30 PM sponsor sale, the Draw Partner event will be held. A Mixed Doubles is on the schedule for Saturday with sponsor sale at 12:00 NOON. On Sunday, there will be a Bring Partner event with sponsor sale at 11:00 AM. All events are Single Game/Double Elimination with a \$15 per person entry fee - come early for round robins on Thursday! Your tournament directors for the weekend are Pat Brennan and Pete Cummings.

The Riverside Tavern is located in the Adirondack Region, 30 miles from Lake Placid (Interstate 87 North from Albany to exit 34 - then turn right on 9N - go 1/4 mile to South Ausable Street on right.) A Chicken Barbecue will be served along with a healthy helping of old fashion North Country Hospitality hosted by Pauline and Judy.

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

Indiana

BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER



SEPT. 15, 2001

Hog House Lounge, 203 N. Meridan, Ingalls, Indiana is hosting one of their *Bring Your Own Partner* events again on September 15, 2001 (the first three were held June 30, July 21, August 18.)

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

Texas

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



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

We are happy to announce the *3rd Wandering the World Women's Weekend* (catchy title) on September 20th-23rd (date revised since listed in prior issues) at Danny's Sports Bar, 12126 Westheimer, Houston, Texas. There will be three events beginning with a *Handicap Draw* Thursday at 7 PM (negative spot). On Friday at 7 PM, the *Bring Partner*, add to 4 (negative spot) will begin. The third event will be a *Handicap Singles (negative spot)*, starting at 3 PM. The Bring Partner and Handicap Singles will be 2/3 in the winners bracket and 21 point in the losers. The Handicap Draw, Bring Partner, and Singles will be a negative handicap with a maximum of 4 points. There will be 7 boards, including at least one for the guys to play match games on. \$15 Registration Fee.

(Continued on Next Page)

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

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

-- Submitted By: Jeri Billard, TX

HISTORY of the "Wandering the World Ladies' Tournament": (By: Lorraine Bingham, CA)

1st tournament: held in 1999 at the Old Town Saloon in Livermore, California and was hosted by Ray and Sandy Coffey with tournament directors being Jane Mourgos and Lorraine Bingham (this first tournament was for amateurs only.)

2nd tournament: held September 15-17, 2000, at the MVP Sports Bar in Phoenix, Arizona and was hosted by Phil Gardner with tournament director being Linda Churchman (was an amateurs only but was unanimously decided to make the women's expand to pros and amateurs alike.)

3rd tournament: held September 20-23, 2001 at Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, Texas and hosted by Danny Norris with tournament directors Jeri Billard and Linda Nobles. [Editor Comment: as detailed by Jeri Billard above with further details being in the tournament flyer inserted in this issue.]

The 4th tournament's date/location will be decided by the players attending this year's tournament. The players traveling the farthest to Houston that have not yet hosted one of the events will have the first opportunity to host the 4th event in 2002. So, if you are interested in bringing the event to your area in 2002, you must be present and play in the 3rd tournament being held this month in Houston, Texas. This way the tournament will continue to wander the world each year and be hosted by players that have already participated in the prior year tournament. If you sponsor it, they will come... (It's a guarantee that if they are not imprisoned or dead, Lorraine Bingham, Jane Mourgos, Vicki Hunt, Chris Brown, Jolene Lembke, Mary Burdette, Linda Churchman, Manny Canada, Jeri Billard, and Linda Nobles will travel to this tournament every year.) It is my belief that this list will grow every year we travel from state to state.

-- History Overview By: Lorraine Bingham, CA

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

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

Indiana

8th ANNUAL FALL TOURNEY AMVETS POST 26 SEPT. 21 - 23, 2001

Fall Creek Valley AMVETS Post 26, 939 South Broadway, Pendleton, IN, will host their 8th Annual Fall Tourney on September 21-23. Round Robins will begin Friday evening at 7 pm. The "Bring Partners Doubles" will be Saturday, starting at 12 pm. at a cost of \$40.00 per team. The Singles Tourney will be held Sunday, also starting at 12 pm. The Sponsor Sale will be held at 11 am each day. There will be plenty of food and parking available, and we'd like to see a big turnout for these events. There are several motels within 10 to 15 minutes of our Post. For further information, please contact Sonny Harris at (765) 778-7224 or email him at charh@hrtc.net.

Florida

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

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

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

**"New" Additions To
PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS
THE USA**

June 2001 Edition:

Indiana

●Eagles Lodge #1339, P.O. Box 101, Warsaw, Indiana; 219-269-4482

Indiana

34th ANNUAL OPEN DRAW/ OPEN DOUBLES AMERICAN LEGION 424 OCT. 6 - 7, 2001

The 34th Annual Open Draw/Open Doubles will be hosted at the American Legion Post 424, Bourbon, Indiana on Oct. 6-7. The tournament will start on Fri. with an Open Draw Partner event and sponsor sale starting at 1:00 PM with play starting immediately after (entry \$25/person.) At 7:30 PM sharp on Fri. night the sponsor sale for Open Doubles will start (entry \$60/team). If there at least 40 teams, play will start after the Open Doubles sponsor sales; if less than 40 teams, play will start at 8:30 AM Sat. morning. Pre-Entry for the Open Doubles must be postmarked by Sept. 20. Entries received after Sept. 20th will have a \$20/player late fee. There will be door prizes, BBQ, and lots of fun! Contact Fritz Broka to get your entries in or for questions: Phone: 219-342-2023 or E-mail: fritzi@fullmoonleather.com

Oklahoma

HEARTLAND OPEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 73 OCT. 12 - 13, 2001

The HEARTLAND OPEN tournament will be hosted at the American Legion Post# 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, OK, on Oct. 12-13th on 7 boards. Friday will be a *Draw Partner* at 7:00 PM (\$25/player entry; single game/double elimination). Saturday will be a *Bring Partner* at 3:00 PM (\$50/team; 2/3 in winners bracket if time permits depending upon number of entries; single game in losers bracket.) Bowers' 2001 Ratings will be used; maximum spot of 4 points. For more info. call the American Legion: 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120.

Maryland

MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT HARVEY'S PLACE OCT. 19 - 21, 2001

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland will be hosting their Memorial Tournament on Oct. 19-21. Friday at 6:30 PM is a Draw Partner event (\$10 entry / 40 entry limit); Saturday at 1 PM is a Bring Partner event (\$25 entry per team / no

entry limit); and Sunday at 11 AM is an Open Singles event (\$25 entry / 40 entry limit). All events 15 point games/double elimination (Payoff 1 in 4) and handicaps are based upon the 2001 Bowers Rating System. Trophy jackets will be awarded to Singles and Bring Partner winners. For more information, contact Harvey Comer at Harvey's Place: (410) 836-8881. *NOTE: There is also a Draw Partner (\$5 entry) at 8 PM every Saturday night at Harvey's Place.*

Indiana (late addition)

PRE-STATE TOURNAMENT AMVETS POST 26 OCT. 26 - 28, 2001

See AMVETS POST 26 "PRE-STATE TOURNAMENT" flyer inserted into this September 2001 The Board Talk issue.

Nevada

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



See 2001 NASC tournament flyer with Pre-Registration form inserted into this The Board Talk issue for details and Page 33 of this issue for more info. (including plans to present Jim Foran the Sol Lipkin Award during the tourney)!

Maryland

HOLIDAY CLASSIC HARVEY'S PLACE DEC. 7 - 9, 2001

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland will be hosting their Holiday Classic Tournament on Dec. 7-9. Friday at 6:30 PM is a Draw Partner event (\$10 entry / 40 entry limit); Saturday at 1 PM is a Bring Partner event (\$25 entry per team / no entry limit); and Sunday at 11 AM is an Open Singles event (\$25 entry / 40 entry limit). All events are 15 point games, straight, double elimination (Payoff 1 in 4) and handicaps are based upon the current Bowers Rating System. Trophy jackets will be awarded to Singles and Bring Partner winners. For more information, contact Harvey Comer at Harvey's Place: (410) 836-8881. *NOTE: There is also a Draw Partner (\$5 entry) at 8 PM every Saturday night at Harvey's Place.*

Texas

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



See the Houston Holiday Open 2001 tournament flyer in the August 2001 issue. Detail flyer w/ preregistration form to come in the October 2001 issue. The hotel location has changed this year to a more spacious ballroom facility which will better accommodate 24 boards (4 more than last year) and with guest rooms that typically cost double the tournament rate! Make your plans now for another year of a great tournament and New Years' Eve BASH!

Maryland

MASON DIXON CLASSIC HARVEY'S PLACE FEB. 22 - 24, 2002

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland will be hosting their Mason Dixon Classic Tournament on Feb. 22-24. Friday at 6:30 PM is a Draw Partner event (\$10 entry / 40 entry limit); Saturday at 1 PM is a Bring Partner event (\$25 entry per team / no entry limit); and Sunday at 11 AM is an Open Singles event (\$25 entry / 40 entry limit). All events are 15 point games, straight, double elimination (Payoff 1 in 4) and handicaps are based upon the current Bowers Rating System. Trophy jackets will be awarded to Singles and Bring Partner winners. For more information, contact Harvey Comer at Harvey's Place: (410) 836-8881. *NOTE: There is also a Draw Partner (\$5 entry) at 8 PM every Saturday night at Harvey's Place.*

Maryland

MARYLAND STATE CHAMPS HARVEY'S PLACE APR. 19 - 21, 2002

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland will be hosting the Maryland State Championship Tournament on Apr. 19-21. Friday at 6:30 PM is a Draw Partner event (\$10 entry / 40 entry limit); Saturday at 1 PM is a Bring Partner event (\$25 entry per team / no entry limit); and

Sunday at 11 AM is an Open Singles event (\$25 entry / 40 entry limit). All events are 15 point games, straight, double elimination (Payoff 1 in 4) and handicaps are based upon the current Bowers Rating System. Trophy jackets will be awarded to Singles and Bring Partner winners. For more information, contact Harvey Comer: 410-836-8881.

Nevada

1st ANNUAL THE BOARD TALK OPEN 2002 PLAZA HOTEL & CASINO MAR. 26 - 31, 2002



See 1st Annual Board Talk Open tournament flyer inserted into this The Board Talk issue and Page 34 for details. Make your plans now to attend this 1st year tournament to be played on 24 Champion shuffleboards!

New York

2001/2002 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR DEW DROP INN OCT. 2001 - DEC. 2002

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York will be hosting several *Draw Partner/Bring Partner* and *Nationals* tournaments on 4 in-house boards through Dec. 2002 and have provided The Board Talk with the following schedule:

The *Draw Partner/Bring Partner* tournaments are to be held on: Oct. 6-7, 2001; Dec. 1-2, 2001; Feb. 2-3, 2002; June 1-2, 2002; Oct. 5-6, 2002; and Dec. 7-8, 2002. Each of these tournaments are held on Sat. (Draw Partner-\$20/player) starting at 2 PM and on Sun. (Bring Partner-\$20/player) starting at 12 Noon. Bring Partner events will have sponsor sales.

The *Nationals* tournaments are to be held on Apr. 4-7, 2002 and Aug. 1-4, 2002. Both of these tournaments will start on Thursday with \$5 and \$10 Warm-Up Round Robins at 7 PM; Friday at 6 PM with Singles (\$30/player); Saturday at 10 AM with Mixed Doubles (\$30/team); Saturday at 4 PM with Draw Partner (\$15/player); and Sunday at 12 Noon with Bring Partner (\$30/team).

Most events of the Draw Partner/Bring Partner and Nationals tournaments will have sponsor sales. For more information, contact Tracie Fridley at Dew Drop Inn: 315-539-5729.

Memories of Russ...

(Continued From Page 1)



ABOVE: The hot seat pair of Jennifer King and Jeff Kersting of Shelton rolled to two straight wins in the finals.



ABOVE: Mike Olson teamed with mom, Tina Olson, and this Kelso "duo" earned 2nd place honors.



ABOVE: Three-time past champions John Marin of Everett and Joannie Millar of British Columbia settled for 3rd place this time. Joannie's impromptu rendering of "Moments to Remember," complete with ad-libbed shuffleboard lyrics, was a highlight of the Hall of Fame ceremony.



ABOVE: Kenny Simmons of Longview and Kimberly Olson of Kelso played well to garner 4th place and their share of the winner's pot.

Edison owners, Mini and Sandy, longtime friends of Russ and Sue Miller, went all out to make the weekend an extra special one. They extend their thanks to all the participants and all the guests, both local and out-of-town.

"In his shuffleboard travels throughout the country and Northwest region, Russ Miller made scores of friends and touched many lives. Our local shuffleboard scene will never be quite the same without him. In fact, there might not be a local shuffleboard scene without his unsparing efforts to keep the local league going over the years."

"Russ was truly something special. To Russ, even his opponent was his 'Pard.' I can't describe how much I miss him." -- By: Phil DePree

**Spread the word about
The Board Talk ...
Get your fellow shufflers &
favorite establishments to
subscribe & advertise!**

Action Lounge "Warm-Up" Tourney Results!

June 15-17, 2001

Action Lounge

Broken Arrow, OK

Reported By: U.J. West, OK

The Warm-Up tournament at Bud Hillburn's Action Lounge got everyone in the mood for the big one in Del City, Oklahoma. The tournament featured a *Draw Partner*, *Bring Partner*, and *Bring Sweetheart* events (all events were single game/double elimination, negative handicap, and based on the 2001 Bowers' Rating System.) There is always a good time and strong competition when you come to the Action Lounge for some *action*!

This tourney lived up to all expectations. On Saturday, Bud served up all the spaghetti and trimmings you could eat. Bud also showed good judgment in allowing Linda Churchman to prepare and bring the food. Everyone said Linda did a great job. Bud was delighted to have the out-of-state and out-of-town players including the famous (or is it infamous?) Texas pair of Tommy McBurnett and Fred Boyd. With Tommy, Dee Ray and Fred on board you can bet we heard all kinds of stories. We just wonder how many were true.

Open Draw Winners:



ABOVE 1st Place: Mike Bruza (left) & Jim (JFK) Kennedy



ABOVE 2nd Place: Carolyn Jones (left) & Fred Boyd (center) pictured with their sponsor Bud Hillburn (right)

Bring Partner Winners:



ABOVE 1st Place: Fred Washington (left) & Bud Hillburn



ABOVE 2nd Place: Shari Faust ("MOM") & Brad Lowery ("SON") - Fred & Bud had a tough time beating these two!

Bring Sweetheart Winners:



LEFT 1st Place: Fred Washington & Alice Patterson (there's Fred's name again) and they sponsored themselves too!



LEFT 2nd Place: Keith Oyler & Carolyn Jones (and there's Carolyn's name again too!)

Bud gives a big "thank you" to all the players and attendees for making this tournament a big success and a special thanks to Terry Leahy and Linda Churchman for running the brackets. Bud says U.J. held up his end as the official Action Lounge reporter, but Zane Porter is again on probation.

Cattlemens Saloon In Rogue River Hosts 1st Large Tourney!

July 21-22, 2001

Cattlemens Saloon

Rogue River, OR

Reported By: Art Elliff, Rogue River, OR

The Cattlemens Saloon in Rogue River, Oregon, hosted their first large tournament on July 21-22. Rogue River is a small town of approximately 2,200 population located between Medford and Grants Pass, Oregon. The event was an A-B Bring Partner event and we were all very pleased with the 20 team turnout. There was a one house board establishment and we brought in a second board for this event and used a board a block and a half away. But, now Cattlemens will become a two board establishment because the second board we brought in for the tournament is going to stay so that we can hold more tournaments at Cattlemens Saloon without having to move boards around. We shuttled players back/forth to the third board and lost very little time, using a two way radio between the tournament director and the driver.

Thanks to Bud Spier and Don Stallsworth for the use of their cars and to Joyce Elliff who was the ONLY driver and spent hours on the job.

We had players from across Oregon and one from Washington. Since you really need more helpers in running the shuttle, for future tournaments (now that we have expanded to 2 house boards) we will probably start the tournament on Friday evening instead of Saturday so that we can handle the same number of teams on the two house boards and not require the shuttle to the third board. And now for some winner results:



2nd Place:
(left to right)
Lloyd Mann
and Darold
Barritt



3rd Place:
Steve Fisher
(center; 99
Tavern owner)
and
Georganna
Brand (right)
pictured with
sponsor Don
Stallsworth.



4th Place:
Chuck Norris
and Susan
Teibel

One last note to Chuck Norris: Now what do you think of Don Stallsworth's 78 year old mother's playing?

- By: Art Elliff, Rogue River, Oregon

**Spread the word about
The Board Talk ...
Get your fellow
shufflers & favorite
establishments to
subscribe and
advertise!**



1st Place:
(left to right)
The team of
Butch Davis
and Mike
Kinney went
undefeated
through the
tournament
and we were
able to finish
by 3:00 PM on
Sunday
afternoon.

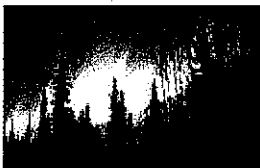
Shuffling in Canada at the "The Northern Lights Shuffleboard Tournament!"

August 4-6, 2001

The Stick & Stone Pub

Fraser Lake, Canada

Reported By: Gordie Smith, Canada



"The Northern Lights Shuffleboard Tournament," was held at "The Stick & Stone Pub" in Fraser Lake, Canada on August 4-6, 2001 on 14 ft. boards. I (Gordie) took four 14 ft. boards for use at this tournament. Almost all the top players in Canada come to play in this little town that has a gas station, 2 hotels, and a small mall of about 6 shops. This is the biggest money tournament in Canada and the payout was \$6,000.00. This tournament was played on 14 ft. boards with most of the top players in Canada present.

The *Open Singles* event had 27 entered and the winners were Bill Cowan of Alberta - 1st place; Sharon Juhlke of Victoria - 2nd place; and Rick Litman of Alberta - 3rd place.

The *Open Doubles* event had 19 teams entered and the winners were Jim Nicoll and Kelly Restau of Alberta - 1st place; Rod Betker of Saskatchewan and Mike Billings of Vancouver - 2nd place; and Tom Parr and Rick Litman of Alberta - 3rd place.

The people treated us great, with a steak BBQ on Saturday and salmon BBQ on Sunday. On Saturday night about 8:00 PM, they had a Blind Draw Partner tournament which was alot of fun too. There were all kinds of door prizes. It seems no matter where you go, shuffleboard people are all the same - great people and lots of fun to be had by all!

I know that some of the Washington players are interested in playing shortboard. I just took one to Vern Gonzales in Shelton (he loves it), along with Loren Lampley, and Don Stallsworth (who has already played in one of our Tournaments.)

- By: Gordie Smith, Canada

[Editor Comment: See Page 32 of the August 2001 The Board Talk issue for a very interesting write-up Gordie submitted on the play in Canada, including rules of play on the 14' shortboard. Thanks Gordie for sharing information with us on shuffleboard play in Canada!]

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

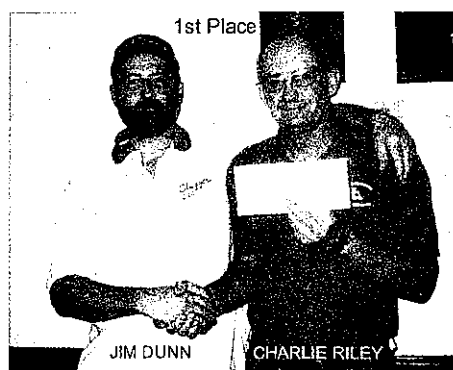
June 8-9, 2001

Ulena's Sports Bar

St. Louis, MO

ULENA'S SPORTS BAR
Shuffleboard Tournaments!
 Every Other Monday at 7 pm
 and Every Saturday at 5:30 pm
 Call for details
 5412 Ulena 353-1755
 2-22ft. Shuffleboards • Pool Table • Foosball • Video Games • 5 TV's

Below are the winner's pictures from the Bring Partner tournament held at Ulena's Sports Bar on June 8-9, 2001. The results were previously reported in The Board Talk, August 2001 issue (page 17,) but the pictures were not yet available at the time of the original report.



Washita Handicap at the Full House Results!

May 25-27, 2001

Full House

Wynnewood, OK

Reported By: Ronnie Gamble, OK



The annual "Washita Handicapped Tournament" held on Memorial Weekend was another success. This year they added two new attractions. First, The Oklahoma Shuffleboard Federation inducted Pat and Don Kinard into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Glen Davidson and Gerald Wood did a great job putting the program together.

Several family members of Pat and Don showed up to take part in the ceremony. We all miss Pat and our thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was a great lady and an asset to the game.

Don continues to support shuffleboard, as does Starr, his daughter, who is continuing to carry on the traditions her Mom and Dad started.



The second attraction was a "Surprise Visitor." He was a little late, not even showing up until the playoffs for the Single Event started. I can personally say that he really did make an entrance. He didn't stay long, but left a real mess behind. In case you haven't heard, a tornado came through around 12:30 or 1:00. This was one surprise visitor that could have stayed away. The "Full House" received some damaged and everyone joined in to do what could be done to get items covered or moved out of the rain that was coming through the roof. We all felt very lucky to have not received any injuries.

The playoff games were rescheduled for the next day at 12:00. This didn't mean the games stopped though. Tony and Harvey continued to play by candlelight until closing. They each had a spotter at the other end of the table to call the weights. Pat Gainey was a real trooper through all the excitement too. He didn't even wake up through the tornado. He was asleep in Harvey's trailer and missed it all.

A generator was used to run the lights for the playoff games.

Bill Melton won first place in the Singles, Dave Davidson took second, Lynn Tice took third, and Ken Storck took fourth place.

Thanks to the "Full House Bar", the Wynnewood Players, Don and Starr, and everyone else that helped make this Memorial Day Tournament such a fun filled memory by all that came.

We look forward to September, when they will host their Labor Day Tournament on Aug. 30-Sept.3, which just happens to be the longest running tournament in Shuffleboard History. Maybe this time they can omit the "Surprise Visitor" portion of the tournament and add something different like maybe 70-degree weather. -- By: Ronnie Gamble, OK

"BG's Under the Bridge Tavern" Mixed Doubles!

June 2001

BG's Under the Bridge Tavern

Omaha, NE

Reported By: Shelly Hagen, NE

BG's Under the Bridge Tavern hosted a June tournament in Omaha. The format was Mixed Doubles which proved a challenge but 14 teams did compete in this tournament that is sure to become an Omaha favorite. Many suggested that dressing in drag be allowed to create more teams. But alas, Tommy Arellano squelched the idea by requiring anyone in drag to shave their legs and wear spiked heels during the matches! (Not to mention the gender check that would be required!) Tommy thanks all who made the tournament a great time. We even got our exercise while hanging in the bar for the weekend... BG's has their board in a "pit" which allows spectators a great view, but requires the players to do some stair stepping between shots. Congratulations to the winners:



ABOVE: (left to right) **1st Place:** Bill & Dru Fredericks (who came back from the loser bracket after losing their 1st game to John Kosiske/Sue Blair); **2nd Place:** Dave Morford/Sharon Blair (no relation to Sue Blair below left)



3rd Place: John Kosiske/Sue Blair

4th Place: Bill & Dawn Simants

[EDITOR COMMENT TO JOHN KOSISKE: Sorry that we placed you in the wrong state in the Aug. 2001 issue with our typo - we know you live in NE, not MI.]

TAZ Country MDA Benefit Tourney Results!

August 10-12, 2001

Taz Country

Austin, TX

Reported by: Lynda French, TX



A benefit tournament to raise money for MDA was held at Taz Country, 1406 FM 1825, Pflugerville (North Austin area) on August 10-12.

Friday was an A-B Draw (single game/single elimination; no sponsor sale) and Taz Country donated \$2/player to the MDA. The A-B winners:



ABOVE: (left to right - all of Austin) 1st Place: Sean Sutton/Mike Taylor; 2nd Place: Kevin Arafa/Tom French

Saturday and Sunday events were single game/double elimination format with sponsorships.

Saturday was an A-B-C Draw Team event which had a \$10/player one-time registration fee that was donated to MDA. A-B-C Draw Team Winners were:



ABOVE: 1st Place (Austin team): (left to right) Glenn Bennight, Mike Taylor (captain), and Gene Criminger (Taz Country Owner)



ABOVE: 2nd Place: (left to right) Penny Dawn (Canyon Lake), Harvey Kidd (captain-from Houston), and David Porterfield (Austin)

Tom and I were busy working on this September issue of The Board Talk [lots to do trying to get it ready to deliver it to the printer/mailler before leaving on our 701 mile (one way) journey to the Ladies' tournament in Houston, Missouri on Wednesday] and did not get to Taz in time to play in the A-B-C Draw Team event, but got there in time to take the winner photos and participate in the Draw Partner robin after the A-B-C event was completed (Tom & I drew up as partners and took first in the robin.) Then challenge matches kicked in and everyone had a great time playing until closing time. Brenda Moore and Johnny Ballard stopped in and Tom and I challenged them to give us a couple of \$20 lessons <grin>. Then Brenda and I teamed up and played until near closing (that Mike Taylor is a tough one to beat - but we did end up 50/50.)

Sunday was an A-B Draw and Taz Country donated \$2/player to MDA. Winners were:



ABOVE: (left to right) 1st Place: Debbie Sexton (San Antonio)/Mike Taylor (Austin); 2nd Place: Craig White (Wharton)/David Sexton (San Antonio)



LEFT:
3rd Place:
David
Porterfield
(left)/Don
Valk
(both of
Austin)

Taz Country has 5 in-house boards. The events were played on 4 boards and the 5th board was open for challenge matches throughout the tournament. If you come through Austin in your travels, stop by the Rockin' TC for some shuffleboard action and fun! Taz Country is a great supporter of The Board Talk and shuffleboard (see Shuffleboard Directory Ad on Page 29) and has a very interesting website well worth browsing at: <http://www.tazcountry.com> . (See Shufflers' Notebook, Page 17, for more on the MDA benefit.)

-- By: Lynda French, TX

Bill English TSA Hall of Fame Induction & 3rd Annual Memorial Tourney!

June 22-24, 2001

Balloon Inn

Arvada, CO

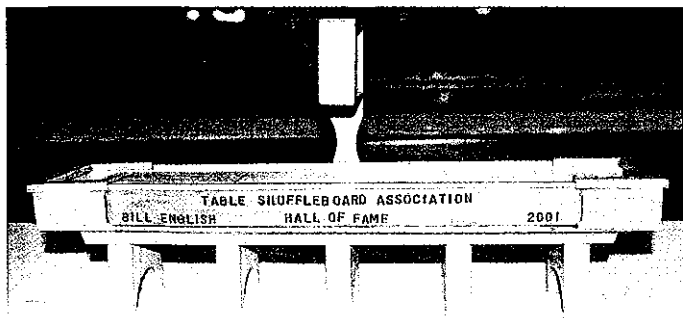
By: Jody Slack, CO (Photos provided by: Kathi Lloyd, CO)



The long anticipated posthumous induction of Bill English into the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame took place on June 22, 2001. Bill is the first Colorado shuffleboard player to be inducted into the TSA National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held at the Balloon Inn to officially open the 3rd Annual Bill English Memorial Open tournament.



ABOVE: The induction ceremony was conducted by TSA Directors: Dave Arndt (right) and Bob Hunt (left) who presented Bonnie English (Bill's widow -center-) accepting the award) with Bill's posthumous TSA HOF honors and trophy.



ABOVE: The TSA HOF trophy was beautifully hand-crafted by Fritz Broka (owner of Full Moon Leather Works & shuffler from Indiana.)

Following the induction presentation Morey Balins, President, and Travis Anderson, Treasurer of the Colorado TSHF regaled those present with stories and fond memories of their friend and founding father of the Colorado shuffleboard tradition which continues today. Their kind words rekindled memories of a fine friend and player for those who were fortunate enough to have known Bill, and enlightened those who did not

know him about the legacy that he left shuffleboard here in Colorado.

An additional highlight to the ceremony was a biographical video created jointly by Bonnie English and Zachary Smith, a student majoring in media at Aims Community College. The video reviewed Bill's life from his childhood, his service to his country during WWII, his marriage to Bonnie and his shuffleboard career blending all aspects to present and an overall feeling of the impact his life had on this earth. We were indeed lucky to have had him as a part of our Colorado shuffleboard family.

This induction was made very special by the hard work and special efforts of Lynda French, TSA Secretary, who designed and composed a printed biography about Bill's shuffleboard career onto a beautiful TSA HOF program which we handed out to all attendees. Thank you, Lynda, it was beautiful! I want to extend a most heartfelt thanks to Dave Arndt and Bob Hunt, TSA Directors, for their attendance and participation in this special event which had so much meaning for Bonnie English and all the players.

GINDT/BUHL WIN BILL ENGLISH OPEN

The 3rd Annual Bill English Open tournament held June 22-24 was every bit as competitive and fun as had been anticipated. Winners were:



ABOVE: This year the tradition was highlighted by the attendance of many players from out-of-state, and was won by Rick Gindt (center-right) and Doug Buhl (center-left) from WA and OR respectively. Taking second place was Tighe Levan (right) and Ron Sosovec (left) from Ft. Collins.



LEFT: Third place honors went to Bob Hunt (left) and Karl Spickelmier (right) from California.

In addition to these fine gentlemen, Kenny Hawkes found his way back to Colorado to conduct sponsor sales and to play with our friend Marty Shepard of Omaha, NE. It was so good to see everyone again!

-- By: Jody Slack, CO

Dew Drop Inn Nationals Results!

August 3-5, 2001

Dew Drop Inn

Waterloo, NY

By: Tracie Fridley, NY

The Nationals tournament was held at Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia Street, Waterloo, NY on 4 in-house boards from Thursday August 2nd through Sunday August 5th. During the course of the weekend, players shot for prize monies of \$3,030.

In Friday night's Mixed Doubles, taking 1st place was Louise Freer/Russ Reynolds and taking 2nd place was John and Sharon Canino.

In Saturday's Singles the winners were 1st place: Ryan Fuller; 2nd place: Lonzo Knight; and 3rd place: Pat Bennett.

In Saturday's Draw Partner the winners were 1st place: Lonzo Knight/John Scott; 2nd place: Ryan Fuller/G.H. Richardson; and 3rd place: Linda Meyer/Tony Carter.

In Sunday's Bring Partner the winners were 1st place: Louise Freer/Russ Reynolds; and 2nd place: Tracie Fridley/Linda Meyer.

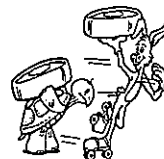
I wish to thank everyone for coming to the tournament and to all those who helped make the tournament another success. We have our 2001-2002 calendar updated to include all tournament plans between now and Dec. 2002 [Editor Comment: See Page 7, Column 2 of the Upcoming Events and Calendar of Events in this issue for the updated schedule.]

Special thanks to the following: Pat Bennett for running the weekend sponsor sales; Pat Chilson for doing such a great job cooking all weekend; Theresa Cornell and Mary Miner for donating dishes; Tiffany Fridley (my daughter) for her hard work in running the 50/50's; G. H. Richard for his electrical experience; Jean Brewer and Maynard Chilson for the great job bartending; and to Dave Coleman and Lori Grau for all their hard work and help throughout the weekend. Thanks to Ken VanZyle for coming, as his presence is always a pleasure for all the players. He loves the game of shuffleboard and is a wonderful person. "We all love you Ken!"

We are looking forward to all the upcoming tournaments to be held at Dew Drop Inn and hope everyone can make them! Again, thanks to all who participated and helped!

-- By: Tracie Fridley, NY

**How to make your GIFT to
your shuffler friends stand out
from all the rest: A year's
subscription to
THE BOARD TALK!**



**The guaranteed "right" gift
to any shuffleboard fan! Just
check the Gift box below. We
will send a message notifying
the receiver of your gift, or to
you to send personally.**

SUBSCRIPTION REQUEST

*(May be used for new, renewals, and/or Gifts
to A Shuffler Friend!)*

Name: _____

Street: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Note: Make Sure Address is COMPLETE!

New _____ Renewal _____ Gift* _____

Check one:

* _____ Send directly to my gift recipient, courtesy of: _____

* _____ Send to me so I can present it myself.

**Make your check or money order for \$30 USD
for Bulk Rate Mailing or \$55 USD for US or
Canadian 1st Class Mailing, made payable to
The Board Talk:**



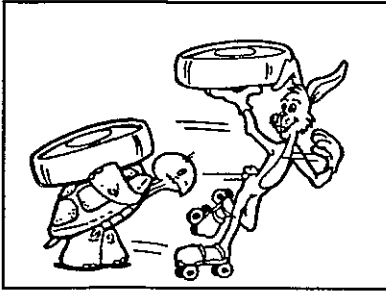
THE BOARD TALK

12710 Red Deer Pass

Austin, TX 78729-6436

Phone: 512-250-0327 or 512-751-9617

(Credit Card Call-in is also available)



Shufflers' Notebook (Continued from Page 2)

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Cid Floriani Shares

(Continued From Page 2)

in the electrified fence at Jurassic Park and that is because they consider Ed's take-off game to be something of a dinosaur. Although they will admit never seeing anyone better at it. The truth is that Ed spent a couple months battling a serious infection. It was good to see him back at *Paul's* in Belmar recently where he and Dennis *tortured*, uh, *taught* a couple of Long Beach Islanders the finer points of playing doubles. Welcome back Ed!

If you hang around the Jersey shore area over the summer, and it sure seems like many people do, try visiting the *Parker House* in Seagirt -- especially on Friday afternoon around 4:00 PM. Al Kelly, Joe, Tommy McGowan, Dick and Sandra, Top Cat, Tony Duck, Big-Jim, and Tournament Phil all combine to provide hours of competition mixed with alot of good-natured ribbing.

Just thought you would all like to know that shuffleboard is alive and active in New Jersey and we invite anyone and everyone to join in the competition and fun!

-- **Thanks, Cid Floriani, Long Beach Island, NJ**

[EDITOR COMMENT: Cid, thanks so much for sharing some New Jersey "Hot Spot" news. We checked out the June 2001 Edition of the "Play Your Way Across the USA" and found only one listing in New Jersey, being:

●**Leggetts Sand Bar**, 217 1st Ave., Manasquan, New Jersey; 732-223-3951

Maybe you can show these other "hot spots" a copy of the June 2001 Edition of "Play Your Way Across the USA" and perhaps they might want to subscribe to *The Board Talk* and/or place a *Shuffleboard Directory* advertisement so that they can be added to the places to play in New Jersey. *Shufflers* refer to the "Play Your Way Across the USA" when traveling or relocating to another area. Just a thought that you might want to propose to your favorite places to play to either subscribe or advertise in the *Shuffleboard Directory* (see pp. 28-29 for an example of the ads and inside back cover for subscription and advertisement forms and rates) and get placed 'free' in our places to play.]

Manny Lane Needs Our Input!

Manny Lane is working to get shuffleboard reintroduced at the American Legion Post 6 in Pochontas, Arkansas and called to ask us (The Board Talk Editors) to poll the shuffleboard community in this issue to see if they would like him to host a tournament in mid-December 2001. He would like to get input from the shuffleboard community regarding potential interest in attending such a tournament before he actually schedules it. His current thoughts are to have robins/blind draws starting on Thursday Dec. 13th; an A-B Draw on Friday Dec. 14th; a Bring Partner on Saturday Dec. 15th; and possibly a Singles on Sunday Dec. 16th. **Please call Manny Lane** if you can help him or if you have interest in attending a tournament in Arkansas in mid-December: (Ask for Manny) 870-892-5166 (Legion#) or 870-892-4859 (Home#).

-- **Thanks, Tom & Lynda French, Editors**

Shuffling in Mississippi!

We have been doing alot of play lately at Tom's, 1605 South Gallatin St., Jackson, MS (ph#: 601-969-1695.) We have alot of experienced players, some playing for 30+ years and are quite good. So, we welcome anyone coming this way to join us at Tom's!

-- **Thanks, Carol Pierce, Richland, MS**

[EDITOR COMMENT: Carol, You may want to ask Tom's to subscribe or run a Directory Ad in *The Board Talk* (see our note to Cid Floriani on the left column) so that they can be placed in the "Play Your Way Across the USA" which is 'free' to all establishments that either subscribe to and/or have a *Shuffleboard Directory* Advertisement in *The Board Talk* monthly publication. --T&L French]

Char Thanks Nebraska Players!

I wish to thank all the Nebraska players who went to the SW Open 2001 tournament, the largest and best tournament there is. The total number of Nebraska players that I counted during the week was 29! Many were first timers who have all said that they will be back and will play more events. They all agreed with me that it is a well run tournament and we all had a great time. Thanks to all who ran the tournament - you all did a great job!

-- **Thanks, Char Rahn, NE**

(Shufflers' Notebook Continued Next Page)

Shufflers Raise Over \$500 for MDA Donation!

Thanks to all the big-hearted shuffleboard competitors and to the tournament directors, Ron and Debbie Bowers, for participating, promoting and helping make the MDA Benefit tournament a great success.

The tournament raised over \$500 to be donated to MDA to help find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy. Thanks y'all and a big "Hats Off" to all of ya!

-- **Thanks Again! Taz Country Owners and Staff**
[Editors Comment: See Page 13 for the MDA Benefit Tournament Results - held at Taz Country (The Rockin' TC) on August 10-12th.]

Don Crall Is a Great Shuffler on Shuffleboards and Dance Floor!

Tom and I attended the 2nd Amateur Tournament held in Garland, Texas on July 28-29th. We were very impressed with the number of players that came in to play and observe. I wanted to share with all of you a very unique surprise -- Don Crall and a number of players from Oklahoma came to the Garland tournament. I guess after the big SW Open 2001 tourney was over, Don must have been home sick for some more shuffling (grin.) What was unique about this visit is that Don Crall actually entered the event and played! He didn't get to a money spot, but we saw him lagging several beautiful "3's"! We had never actually seen Don at a tournament as a registered participant. He is always so busy with his tournament and/or helping other tournament directors and staff at other tournaments - we've never seen or noticed him actually entered and playing in events. He's a darn good lagger from what we observed!

We also had the opportunity not only to see Don shuffling on the shuffleboards as a player participant, but also got to observe him and Joyce Gamble doing some pretty fancy shuffling with their

feet to some great music! We took a snap shot of these two who should be giving some dance lessons [along with giving some shuffleboard lessons] to all of us!



LEFT: Joyce Gamble and Don Crall of Oklahoma take a break from shuffleboard play to do a little shuffling with their feet while participating in the 2nd Amateur Tournament held in Garland, TX on July 28-29!

Way to "jitter" you two and great seeing you both and all the other Oklahoma players in Garland!

PS: By the way Don, when is the next wedding and where will you get the ring? Sally says NOTHERS!

We wish to thank all of the tournament staff, participants, and spectators that contributed to making the 2nd Amateur Tournament another great success. We enjoyed visiting and seeing everyone. Great turnout from a broad geographic range! Thanks to Don Crall and all the Oklahoma players for supporting shuffleboard everywhere - including the SW Open! Another big treat for us was seeing so many of you again twice in the same month!

--By: Tom & Lynda French, Editors

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE: Several dozen Size XL "Don't Bang the Pucks" T-Shirts (color: Ash Grey) - \$10 ea. w/o pocket; \$15 ea. w/ pocket.

To order call ...

Morris "Moss" Moss at:

Cell# 972- 571-7870



Shuffleboard Directory Ads

Notice on Page 28-29, we have filled both pages of Directory Ads (Bill Melton Shuffleboard and Jack Scott of Houston purchased the last two)! Thanks to all Advertisers! We are ready to setup more Shuffleboard Directory Ad pages! Large Ads \$150/yr; Small Ads \$100/yr! Be the first ones to advertise on new added pages!

靈
氣

Master Healer of
Unlimited Reiki
Laser Reiki
Cosmic Energetic Healing

Rev. David B. Arndt

6038 S Bell St
Tacoma, WA 98408
253-474-7889

有
限
公
司

2nd Amateur Tournament A Growing Success!

July 28-29, 2001

Garland Elk's Lodge

Garland, TX

Pictures & Report By: Lynda French, TX

Winner List Provided by: C.W. Walker, TX

The 2nd Amateur Tournament was held at the Garland Elk's Lodge, Garland, Texas on July 28-29, 2001 by tournament directors: C.W. Walker, Bill "Wooley" Woolridge, and Morris "Moss" Moss. Players flocked in from Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska to play in these events with over 100 players and spectators showing up for the competition and fun throughout the weekend.

This tournament is held in a format that is becoming increasingly popular amongst the semi-pro (1,2) and amateur (3-5) players. It is tailored for the semi-pros to play competitively in much the same as the Pro format (e.g., offers 2 out of 3 game/double elimination format for the Div. I (1 & 2 rated) players and single game/double elimination for Div. II (3-5 rated) players. The 2 of 3 game/double elimination format has shown to be quite popular with the Div. I players and the Div. II format is attracting a large number of 3-5 rated players, a number of which are not yet unrated (watch out guys/gals, being unrated will not last for long!). After two very successful tournies, the 3rd one is in the planning stages - likely be held in late Oct./early Nov. at a larger facility and in a cooler time of year.

Read more about this great format and it's grass roots success from the results of the 1st Amateur Tournament in The Board Talk, May 2001 issue (starting on page 1) and in the Shufflers' Notebook.

There were over 70 players and spectators arriving early on Thursday night where play and warm-up robins continued until closing.

NOTABLE: There were a large number of players (40 PLAYERS) in the open early bird round robin on Friday afternoon before the tournament events started on Friday night at 6 PM. "Moss" and I drew up in this large robin and split 1st and 2nd (problem is, neither "Moss" or I (Lynda French) recall who we split with!). Can someone out there speak up and let us know who we would have been playing? Guess that is what the Texas heat and aging does - tough to remember things in those conditions, isn't it Moss? <grin>

Then on Friday the 27th at 6 PM, the Draw Partner events for Division I (1,2) and Div. II (3-5) kicked off the start of the primary events. Winners were:

Draw Partner - Division I (1,2 rated) (22 Teams)



ABOVE: DRAW PARTNER DIV. I: **Split 1st and 2nd Place:** (left to right) Don Roper/Jeri Billard (both of D/FW); and Gary Nelson (Arlington)/Tom French (Austin) who were the winners of the winner bracket to the bitter end until Don and Jeri came back from the loser bracket and won a game off Gary and Tom on Sat. morning before the split agreement - being presented their awards by Lynda French.



ABOVE: DRAW PARTNER DIV. I: (left to right) Lynda French presents awards to **3rd Place:** Bill "Wooley" Woolridge/Mike Renick (both of D/FW area) pictured with Jay Mayhall (sponsor - there's that winning "cartel" Jay again!)



ABOVE: DRAW PARTNER DIV. I: (left to right) Lynda French presents awards to **4th Place:** Chris Smith/Linda Nobles (both of D/FW area)

(Continued On Page 22)

"Pre-State Tournament"

October 26 - 28, 2001

***Fall Creek Valley AMVETS Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana***

● Friday, Oct. 26: A-B-C Bring Team

7:00 PM; \$60 per team

Sponsor Sale at 6 p.m.; Must Add to 3 or More and no two 0's.

● Saturday, Oct. 27: Bring Partner Doubles

12:00 Noon; \$40 per team

Sponsor Sale at 11:00 a.m.

● Sunday, Oct. 28: Open Singles

12:00 Noon; \$20 per player

Sponsor Sale at 11:00 a.m.

FIVE BOARDS

All 3 Events: Single game, double elimination.

Bowers 2001 Ratings and Directors Discretion Used.

If you are unrated or need to be matched on a team, contact Sonny Harris.

Pre-Registration Appreciated.

Plenty of Food Available.

Several motels nearby and lots of room to camp/park RV's.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Sonny Harris at: 765-778-7224 or E-Mail: charh@hrtc.net

Falls Creek Valley

AMVETS POST 26

939 S. Broadway, Pendleton, Indiana 46064



3rd Wandering the World Women's Weekend

September 20-23
Danny's Sports Bar
12126 Westheimer Houston, Texas
281-558-8693

Ladies Shuffleboard Tournament

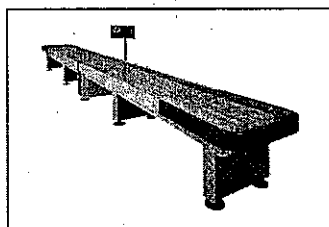
- ◆ Thursday Sept. 20th 7pm - Handicap Draw, Max 4 point negative spot \$50 per player. Single game, double elimination
- ◆ Friday Sept. 21st 7pm - Bring Partner Add to 4 (negative handicap) \$100 per team. 2/3 in winners, 21 point games in losers bracket.
- ◆ Saturday Sept. 22nd 3pm - Handicap Singles, Max 4 point negative spot. 2/3 in winners, 21 point in losers bracket.
- ◆ Sunday Sept. 23rd - Finals and Round Robins



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

\$15 Registration fee will be charged. For more information contact Jeri Billard at 817-657-7306 or Linda Nobles at 817-467-9669.

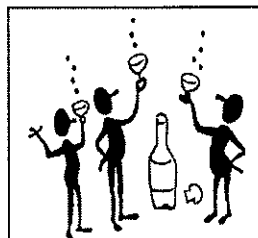
NOTE: All 3 Events (Draw, Bring Partner, Singles) are Negative Handicap w/ max. 4 point spot



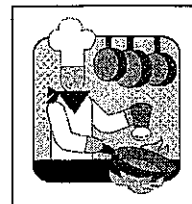
Shuffleboard



Attitudes
(Drinks)



Fun



And lots of
Food

HARVEY'S PLACE

3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland 21154

Phone: (410) 836-8881

2001-2002 SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

All events 15 points, straight, double elimination -- Payoff 1 in 4

Handicaps are based on the Bowers Rating System

Trophy Jackets Awarded to Singles and Bring Partner Winners!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Entries Limited</u>
-------------	------------	-------------	--------------	------------------	------------------------

MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Oct. 19, 2001	Friday	6:30 PM	Draw Partner	\$10	40
Oct. 20, 2001	Saturday	1:00 PM	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None
Oct. 21, 2001	Sunday	11:00 AM	Open Singles	\$25	40

HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Dec. 7, 2001	Friday	6:30 PM	Draw Partner	\$10	40
Dec. 8, 2001	Saturday	1:00 PM	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None
Dec. 9, 2001	Sunday	11:00 AM	Open Singles	\$25	40

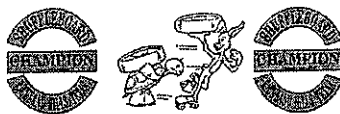
MASON DIXON CLASSIC

Feb. 22, 2002	Friday	6:30 PM	Draw Partner	\$10	40
Feb. 23, 2002	Saturday	1:00 PM	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None
Feb. 24, 2002	Sunday	11:00 AM	Open Singles	\$25	40

MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

April 19, 2002	Friday	6:30 PM	Draw Partner	\$10	40
April 20, 2002	Saturday	1:00 PM	Bring Partner	\$25/team	None
April 21, 2002	Sunday	11:00 AM	Open Singles	\$25	40

Every Saturday Night, 8 p.m. - Draw Partner - \$5.00



1st ANNUAL THE BOARD TALK OPEN

Plaza Hotel & Casino, (Downtown) Las Vegas, Nevada

March 26 - 31, 2002

9 - Events -- 24 Champion Shuffleboards

#	Event Description	Date (Day) Time*	Entry Fee**	Limits*** (Rating)
	WARM-UP & ROBINS (Robins/no sponsor sales)-(Registration Desk Open Noon - 5 PM)	03/26 (Tues.) - 11 AM		ALL REGISTERED (Rated: -1 thru 5)
	RECOGNITION DINNER BANQUET (free to all players <u>registered</u> for <u>tourney</u> & <u>banquet</u>)	03/26 (Tues.) - 6 PM		ALL REGISTERED
1	DRAW DIV. I (Rated: -1, 0, 1), Note: no two -1's can draw up (if avoidable)	03/27 (Wed.) - 11 AM	\$50/player	96 players (Rated: -1, 0, 1)
2	DRAW DIV. II (Rated: 2 thru 5), Note: no two 2's can draw up (if avoidable)	03/27 (Wed.) - 11 AM	\$50/player	96 players (Rated: 2 thru 5)
3	6-PERSON DRAFT TEAM - 4 of 7 games, Double Elimination - 3 boards -Mark 3 and play to 15 pts. (Highest Rated Players entered must agree to be the designated Team Captains)	03/28 (Thurs.) - 10 AM	\$50/player	192 players (Rated: -1 thru 5)
4	PRO SINGLES (Rated: -1 thru 5) 2 of 3 Double Elimination Winner Bracket; 15 pt. Single Game in Loser Bracket	03/29 (Fri.) - 11 AM	\$200/player	48 players (Rated: -1 thru 5)
5	DIV. I SINGLES (Rated: 1 thru 5), 15 pt. Single Game/Double Elimination	03/29 (Fri.) - 11 AM	\$75/player	64 players (Rated: 1 thru 5)
6	DIV. II SINGLES (Rated: 3 thru 5), 15 pt. Single Game/Double Elimination	03/29 (Fri.) - 11 AM	\$45/player	64 players (Rated: 3 thru 5)
7	PRO DIVISION BRING (no two -1's) (Rated: -1 thru 5) 2 of 3 Double Elimination Winner Bracket; 15 pt. Single game in Loser Bracket	03/30 (Sat.) - 12 Noon	\$150/team	32 teams (Rated: -1 thru 5)
8	DIVISION I BRING (Add to 3 or more) (Rated: 1 thru 5)	03/30 (Sat.) - 12 Noon	\$100/team	40 teams (Rated: 1 thru 5)
9	DIVISION II BRING (Add to 6 or more) (Rated: 3 thru 5) NOTE: SUNDAY. 03/31 complete Events 4-7 (if needed).	03/30 (Sat.) - 12 Noon	\$60/team	32 teams (Rated: 3 thru 5)

REGISTRATION FORM: (ONE PLAYER PER FORM)

You must either send in all of your entry monies with this form or a minimum of \$25 per event deposit required and your One-Time Registration Fee [\$25 (discounted pre-registration rate) if paid on/before the Feb. 14, 2002 Pre-Registration Deadline; \$30 if paid after the Pre-Registration Deadline] for Events 1 through 9. Any Event Balances must be paid after you arrive and before event play. Entries are accepted until the event is full or until the posted entry start time deadline. ***THE ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE "MUST" BE INCLUDED WITH THIS ENTRY FORM SUBMISSION OR THE ENTRY FORM CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**

Name: _____ Decimal Rating: _____ Rating: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone: _____ Wk Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email address: _____

Events: (Be sure to include additional \$5 per event if mailed after Feb. 14, 2002)

- | | |
|--|----------|
| 1. Division I Draw | \$ _____ |
| 2. Division II Draw | \$ _____ |
| 3. Six-Person Draft Team | \$ _____ |
| 4. Pro Division Singles | \$ _____ |
| 5. Division I Singles | \$ _____ |
| 6. Division II Singles | \$ _____ |
| 7. Pro Division Bring: (Partner Name: _____) | \$ _____ |
| 8. Division I Bring: (Partner Name: _____) | \$ _____ |
| 9. Division II Bring: (Partner Name: _____) | \$ _____ |

REGISTRATION FEE (Required – Enter \$25 if mailed/paid On or
Before Feb. 14, 2002 or \$30 if mailed/paid After Feb. 14, 2002) \$ _____

TOTAL:

\$ _____

Do you wish to reserve/register to attend the Recognition Banquet on Tuesday 3/26/02 at 6 PM?
YES NO (Circle one) – you **MUST** register and mark **YES** to attend the free banquet.

Make checks payable to: THE BOARD TALK

Mail to: The Board Talk
c/o Tom & Lynda French
12710 Red Deer Pass
Austin, TX 78729-6436

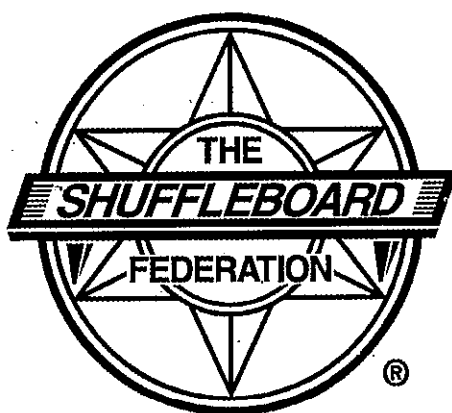
Phone: 512-250-0327 or 512-751-9617

Email: lynda@jump.net

Sponsored by The Board Talk (Austin, TX) and Champion Shuffleboard (Richland Hills, TX)

Sponsored by The Board Talk and Champion Shuffleboard and co-sponsored by the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) – Any/all profits (if applicable) will go to support of The Board Talk (publication & future year The Board Talk Open tournaments) with a % also going to the support of the TSA Hall of Fame Museum. **NOTE:** Event Start Times, Player Limits, Mark 3 or Mark 4, 2/3, etc. changes may be required depending upon number of registered participants in each event/bracket (including any other unanticipated delays or time constraints.) Any potential changes will be made at the sole discretion of the Tournament Directors.





"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMPETITION"

**The best shuffleboard products on
the planet - from the company most
qualified to bring them to you.**

ULTRA GLIDE™ POWDERED WAXES
1•2•3 SHUFFLEBOARD CLEANER™
PRO SERIES™ & AMERICAN WEIGHTS
PLASTIC SHAKER CANS
LAMINATED TOURNAMENT CHARTS
TOURNAMENT RULES
BOARD WIPES - 4 STYLES
WEIGHT CAPS & WRENCHES
LEAGUE SCHEDULING SERVICES
NEW & USED SHUFFLEBOARD TABLES

SUPER SLICK® SILICONE SPRAY
1•2•3 SHUFFLEBOARD POLISH/WAX™
WEIGHT CASES - MANY STYLES
LEAGUE RULE BOOKS
ERASABLE MARKERS
WALL SIGNS - HOW TO PLAY, ETC.
T-SQUARES - PLASTIC OR ALUMINUM
LEAGUE SCORE SHEETS
CLIMATIC ADJUSTERS
REFINISHING SERVICES

UNEQUALED QUALITY, COMPETITIVE PRICES & SAME DAY SHIPPING

◆◆◆◆ SATISFACTION GUARANTEED ◆◆◆◆

www.shuffleboardfederation.com

THE SHUFFLEBOARD FEDERATION, INC.

21476 LUJON COURT • NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN • 48167

248-380-9300 • 800-380-3033 • FAX 248-380-9305

Michigan Loses a Hall of Famer

In Fond Memory of ...

O.B. Brimm
Utica, Michigan

April 10, 1942 -
July 23, 2001



On July 23, Michigan lost one of its favorite shuffleboard players, O.B. Brimm, a talented shuffler and a true gentleman, on and off the shuffleboards. The most recent inductee into the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, O.B. finally lost his valiant fight against cancer and his induction plaque was proudly displayed by his family as shuffling friends from across Michigan came to pay their last respects.

In January 2001, a benefit tournament was held at Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, to help ease the financial burdens of O.B.'s courageous battle against cancer (See the March 2001 The Board Talk issue to read about this benefit tournament and O.B.'s Hall of Fame induction.) It was tribute to him that not only did Michigan shufflers turn out in good numbers, but a great contingent from Indiana participated as well. In his weakened condition, it was an effort for O.B.'s family to get him to Stober's, but they did. He knew it was benefit tournament, but he did not know he would also be inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame. It was a proud moment for him and for his family as a standing room only crowd paid him tribute.

If anyone would like to send a word of sympathy to O.B.'s family, please send to: Shirley Brimm, 46424 Vineyard, Utica, MI 28317, or mail a contribution in his memory to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075. He will be greatly missed.

-- Submitted By: Donna Wilber, MI

IMPORTANT NOTICES FROM THE EDITORS!

Notice #1: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the "**1st Annual The Board Talk Open**" tournament to be held at the Union Plaza Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV on March 26-31. See Flyer Inserted in this issue for more details. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors. If interested in helping us or if you have suggested sponsorship donors, etc., please contact us. Sponsorship \$\$ donations will help contribute to "added pot." Sponsors will be recognized at the tournament with their name or establishment or company name (or banners) displayed at the tournament. (See Page 34 for current Sponsor list and sponsor category details.) **Thus far, we already have one DIAMOND and several SILVER sponsors!** Any cash sponsors, should make checks payable to: **The Board Talk Tournament** and mail to: The Board Talk, c/o Tom & Lynda French, Editors, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, Texas 78729-6436.

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

Notice #3: Thanks to all The Board Talk supporters that have been very active in introducing new subscribers such as Glen Ingram, Jim Long, Jolene Lembke, Char Rahn, Kenny Hawkes, and Steve Edwards (and all others that we may not be aware of by name) and to those that have been purchasing gift subscriptions for their friends, family and customers. MANY THANKS! --T&L



SUN-GLO

*MEETING THE NEEDS OF
SHUFFLEBOARD PLAYERS
WITH QUALITY, CONSISTENCY
AND SERVICE SINCE 1935*

****Finest Quality Weights at Lowest Possible Price***

Spangler Weights 2-5/16"

Style "C" Weights 2-5/16"

Spangler II Weights "Cadets" 2-1/8"

Shuffle Alley Weights 2-7/8" and Jr. Weights 1-5/8"
**(ALL SETS AVAILABLE IN RED, GREEN OR BLUE
CAPS)**

****Plastic Scoreboards and "T" Squares***

****Six Different Wax Speeds***

****Combo Cleaner & Master Glaze & Paste Wax***

****Shuffleboard Silicone Spray***

****Deck Shuffleboard Sets and Accessories***

**CONTACT US FOR SPECIAL RATES FOR
ORGANIZED LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS**

Sun-Glo Corporation

111-113 Heckel St., Belleville, N.J. 07109

Phone: 973-759-4474 or 973-759-3321 FAX: 973-759-6157

Website: www.sunglocorp.com

E-Mail: sunglocorp@aol.com

2nd Amateur ...

(Continued From Page 18)

Draw Partner - Division II (3-5 rated) (12 Teams)



ABOVE: DRAW PARTNER DIV. II (left to right) Lynda French (left-presents awards) and Jay Mayhall (sponsor) congratulate **1st Place** D/FW area winners: Connie McCormick/Jean Roper



ABOVE: DRAW PARTNER DIV. II (left to right) Lynda French (left-presents awards) and Jay Mayhall (sponsor) congratulate **2nd Place** winners: Patrick Linville (OK)/Carl Roseman (D/FW)



ABOVE: DRAW PARTNER DIV. II (left to right) Lynda French (left-presents award) to **3rd Place** winners: Dee Ray Garcia (OK)/Don Hare (D/FW)

The 2nd Amateur Tournament Directors (C.W. Walker, "Wooley", and "Moss") wish to thank Champion Shuffleboard for donating the use of 6 new shuffleboards and supplies. They also wish to thank all the tournament desk staff: Jeri Billard, Carol Audett, and Pam Lee; and thanks to Jack Davis (D/FW) and Kenny Hawks (OK) for assisting with the sponsor sales; and thanks to The Board Talk Editors for assisting with the award presentations and photos. "Looking forward to seeing you all at the next one!"
Thanks to all! --2nd Amateur Tourney Directors

Bring Partner - Division I (1,2 rated) (26 Teams)

After the Friday Draw Partner playoffs were finished up on Saturday, the Div. I and Div. II Bring Partner events kicked off. Playoffs for this event finished on Sunday evening. Winners were:



ABOVE: BRING PARTNER DIV. I: **Split 1st and 2nd Place:** (left to right) Doug Paben (Austin)/Jim Payne (Omaha, NE) and Mahlon Nobles/Linda Nobles (D/FW area). Doug and Jim were the winners of the winner bracket to the bitter end until Mahlon & Linda came back from the loser bracket and won one game before they all agreed to split.



LEFT: BRING PARTNER DIV. I: **3rd Place:** Ronnie Gamble (OK-left)/Gary Nelson (right-D/FW) pictured with Joyce Gamble



LEFT: BRING PARTNER DIV. I: **4th Place:** E.T. Jenson (OK-center)/Patrick Linville (OK-right) being congratulated by Pam Lee, tourney staffer

Bring Partner - Division II (3-5 rated) (16 Teams)



LEFT: BRING PARTNER DIV. II: **1st Place:** J.B. Boyd/Archie (both left) and **2nd Place:** Dee Ray Garcia (OK-left)/Mike C. (both right) **Not pictured winners:** **3rd Place:** Tommy Bathlomew/"Moss" (D/FW); and **4th Place:** Scott Woodall/Woody of OK

-- Report & Photos by: T & L French, Editors

YOUR SHUFFLEBOARD SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS

**WE CARE ABOUT YOU
AND OFFER**

**QUALITY IN
PRODUCTS AND SERVICE
AT AFFORDABLE,
COMPETITIVE PRICES...**

Liquid Wax, Silicone Spray, Glaze/Cleaner & Polish,

T-Squares, Board Wipes, Tournament Charts

Quality Shuffleboard Speed Powder

(1lb. containers, 12/packs, 24/case, or in 24lb. buckets):

Yellow Ice I (Fast)

Brown Ice II (Faster)

Yellow Ice II (Faster)

Brown Ice III and Brown Ice III Plus (Fastest)

Yellow Ice III (Fastest)

Ultra Fast White Ice Speed Regulator

Professional Grade Quality Weights

(Flat or Crowned Bottoms)

ORDER TODAY: TOLL FREE 1-800-827-0316



**TRIPLE CROWN
Shuffleboard Supplies**

13406 Giles Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68138

Phone: 402-896-0468

Toll Free: 800-827-0316 Fax: 402-896-0428
or E mail us at : triple.crown@worldnet.att.net

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 83 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- September 2001 Issue

(In our last episode the \$6000 match-off challenge was down to the 5th, and final game. Eddie and Shelli were running into quite a bit of trouble, as the score was 10 to 6 – in Long Beach Lil and her partner, Texas Kids favor. Eddie had a short conference with Shelli, wherein he explained to her that he thought he knew where the problem lied, and for her to just keep on shooting the way she was – and he would handle things from his end of the board. Let's just look in now – and see if Eddie can save the day!)

The next frame left Eddie with the hammer. He had finally noticed that Lil had been making all of her “seemingly easy” 3 lags with the right cross. He was almost sure he knew why now – and the right cross lag he was about to make would prove it. After sprinkling some wax on the right rail, he delivered his shot. He put a little extra speed on the weight, just to see if his theory was correct. His weight looked fast going down – but slowed rather quickly...just as it entered the three zone. When it came to a full stop – it was it was a deep, deep three! That made the score 9 to 10. They were only one point behind - but better yet; Eddie's suspicions were confirmed. Indeed, there was some foul play going on...and he knew exactly what it was!

The return frame saw Shelli plugging along, weight for weight, and holding her own. She left *The Kid* with a deep 1, near center board on her last shot. The Kid was sizing things up now. As he was doing that, Lil suddenly called him to the center of the table for a conference. She told him to “go all the way” with his lag. Her rationale was that even if he lagged off, it would put the hammer in her hands, with a 10 to 10 score. The Kids release looked good, and everyone thought it might even be a four lag. However, the weight hesitated, hanging off the end (for what seemed a very long time to Shelli and Eddie) but then it gently toppled off into the gutter! The Kid was swearing, and shaking his fist with anger then – but Lil hollered down to him “not to worry; we've got the hammer now!” Lil put up a left cross 1 on her first weight. Eddie stuck, but also slid over toward the center of the board. Lil hit and stuck with her next weight. Eddie responded by moving his next weight even further to the left, which covered up the spot Lil had been using for her lag. She had a disgusted look on her face as she attempted to hit; and slide the weight over to the right again. She went too far though, and it slid off the right side of the table. Eddie's task was clear now. He had to block that right cross lagging spot of hers. There were two basic ways he could do this; one was to shoot the short weight on the right, which would block any right hand

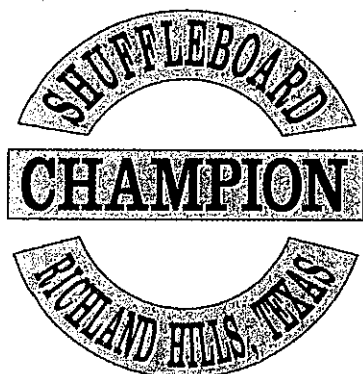
rail attempt, or he could shoot a deep one right cross of his own, which would also block it off. He chose the right cross option. He covered the lagging spot perfectly. Lil had an ugly look on her face as she lined up for her left hand lag. Lil tried to be careful not to go off on her lag, but her speed was too great, and it went off the end! This made the score 11 to 10, in Eddie and Shelli's favor. On the next frame Shelli kept banging away, and left a deep 1 for The Kid to lag against. He lagged a short three – which really hurt; because the score was now 11 to 13 in Lil's favor.

On the next round, Eddie engineered a deep deuce on the right side of the table with his third weight. Lil wanted to hit and slide over to the left in an attempt to cover the lagging spot. As it turned out, she barely was able to move it slightly over, sticking in the 2 zone. This was it – now or never. A three wouldn't really do them that much, because chances were good that The Kid could come back with a deuce, and win the whole thing on the next frame.

One thing in Eddie's favor, was that he had finessed things so that the lagging spot was open. He waxed down the right rail, bent over to size things up, and prepared to shoot. He had been careful to make sure that The Kid hadn't gotten near the spot he'd be aiming for, so there wouldn't be any changes there. When he was perfectly ready, he made his release.

The weight looked like it had too much speed going down, and you could hear some groans from the crowd. When it final came to a (rather abrupt) stop – it was a solid FOUR! They had done it – they had WON! Eddie and Lil gave each other knowing looks. Lil walked over to pick up her bag, and told The Kid: “Let's leave – NOW!” And that they did. Eddie and Shelli ran toward each other then for some serious hugging, kissing, and shouting! After everything had quieted down, and they were about to leave, Shelli asked Eddie: “I want you to tell me here and now exactly what went on back there!” Eddie smiled as he told her: “It was salt my Dear – common table salt! The Kid had sprinkled a little of it on Lil's Right cross lagging spot. It's one of the oldest tricks in the book. I'll explain it all later OK.” He told her that there was something more important right now. With that, he took her in his arms...and gave her the longest embrace and kiss that anyone present had ever seen! *(Advice from the author: For anyone who has read this; and might have some notion to give the “salt” thing a little tryout – DON'T DO IT!! You WILL get caught at it – and what happens after that...is not very pleasant at all!!)*

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)



Champion Shuffleboard

1-800-826-7856

<http://www.championshuffleboard.com>

Champion has taken the *best* in shuffleboard and made it *better!*

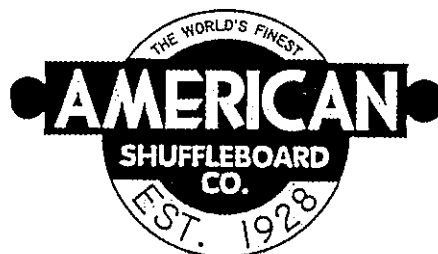
With continued innovation and consistent quality, Champion has become the largest manufacturer of shuffleboard tables in the world. Both the professional competitor and the leisurely player will find themselves at home on one of our tables.

-The Grand Champion Series -The Bullet Series
-The Championship Series -The Qualifier Series

-Maple Playfields
-Handicap Scoring
-Polymer Finish

-Custom Cradles
-Advance Scoring Kits
-Lighting Kits

Now Offering



American Shuffleboard Supplies

- "Classic" American Sparkler Weights
- American Shuffleboard Wax

To Order Call
1-800-826-7856

CHAMPION SHUFFLEBOARD, LTD / AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD COMPANY
7216 BURNS STREET - RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS 76118 - PHONE (817) 284-3499 - FAX (817) 595-1506

Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)

TSA Board of Directors:

Donald P. Valk, President
 Al Salazar, Vice President
 Ray Boyett, Treasurer
 Lynda French, Secretary
 David Arndt, Director
 Larry Creakbaum, Director
 Louise Freer, Director
 Cliff Goff, Director
 Bob Hunt, Director
 Harvey Kidd, Director
 Frank Mako, Director
 Hal Perry, Director



Hall of Fame

Visit TSA HOF website:
<http://www.tableshuffleboard.org>

Please send TSA HOF
 Information and/or donations
 to TSA to:

Table Shuffleboard
 Association
 c/o Lynda French, Secretary
 12710 Red Deer Pass
 Austin, TX 78729-6436

Phone: 512-250-0327
 E-mail: lynda@jump.net
 FAX: 512-250-9249
 Cellular: 512-751-9617

- Ralph Duarte & "Firehouse Freddie" Johns - Great Promoters of Some Very Large Tournaments in the 70's!

Sports

Section 4, Page 25
 Friday, April 18, 1975

—ALEX MacLEOD—



Long board love
 and hustle save
 shuffleboard meet

Daily News Sports Editor

[Editor Comment: This old
 Newspaper Article was
 scanned from the original -
 some great history that
 reports a lot of players in
 the 70's! Can you imagine
 700 competitors in a
 tournament?
 -- T&L French, Editors]

Last Friday marked the beginning of Ralph Duarte's 27th year of marriage.

Ralph celebrated by spending all of the day and most of the night hustling shuffleboards from Bremerton to Seaside.

Fortunately for the 47-year-old Duarte, his wife Mildred shares his love of the long board and could be satisfactorily assuaged with a handful of roses and an explanation that had something—anything—to do with shuffleboard.

Duarte (pronounced do-ORTIE) happens to be part of the brains and most of the brawn behind the Northwest Regional Shuffleboard Tournament, opening its 10th annual stand tonight at the Cowlitz County Fairgrounds.

Until late last Friday, it appeared that the event—which will draw nearly 700 competitors and several times that many spectators over its two-weekend run—would falter and die at nine.

That prospect didn't sit well with Duarte, partly because of his love of the sport, partly because it wreaked havoc with his dream of making a buck or two while having a good time.

Duarte was confronted with an elemental dilemma of staggering proportions to a would-be shuffleboard tournament promoter: No shuffleboards. The amusement firm which had supplied the tables last year had gone belly-up and another firm—which had supplied a previous organizer with boards and hadn't enjoyed the excessive labor attempting to collect his due—wasn't much interested in filling the breach.



Shuffleboard, for the uninitiated, is both a game and a serious sport; it entails slipping round "weights" (pucks) the length of 22-foot laminated hardwood boards, each allegedly with its own irregularities, its own personality, with pinpoint precision. It also is a prime arena of "the hustle" and psyche, where skill must be matched with wits and cool or it isn't really skill.

A special inducement is the game's traditional, almost symbiotic relationship to a cold glass of beer. Shuffleboard, like 8-ball pool, is basically a tavern game, a sport of smoky rooms and thirsty crowds.

It's the kind of game that draws a fellow like Duarte, a crane operator at Reynolds for more than a quarter century, a man who likes a challenge, a game, a good time and a glass of beer—though not necessarily in that order.

Its lure, apparently, is enough to drive a man to take two weeks of "vacation" to work like the devil for an uncertain profit, or none at all, just to stage a shuffleboard tournament.

"There ain't no way in the world you can express it," Duarte said the other day during a break in the final push to set up the 16 tables and move in the beer.

"You just gotta go over there and see it to believe it. And I tell ya, ya won't believe it," he adds with a wry smile—the smile of a lover, not a hustler.

And so Duarte shuffled one love for another and spent the anniversary of his honeymoon hunting shuffleboards.

He rounded up four locally—there are many here, but what tavern owner with any sense would give up his shuffleboards just as 700 shuffleboard freaks were about to hit town—and got virtually every table from Ilwaco to Seaside (five, to be exact). American Amusement Corp. finally agreed to rent the final seven and the show was on.

Duarte is in his second-year organizing the event in partnership with "Firehouse Freddie" Johns, the self-proclaimed "pride of Kelso" and one of the best shuffleboard players around. Together—though Duarte chides Johns and claims if his head weren't firmly hooked to the rest of his body it would have been long since lost—they manage to put on one of the largest events of its kind anywhere.

They have traveled all around the Northwest drumming up interest in the meet, signing up teams and scouting tables. In the course of things they run up bills totaling several thousand dollars. They make their profit—theoretically, at least—on 50 cent admission fees and beer, wine and food concessions.

Last year, by Duarte's accounting, the profit came to about two hundred bucks each. It computed to an hourly wage which, painfully enough, wouldn't buy a beer.

"It looks like there might be a little money in it," he says, the optimist in him twinkling, "but then every time I think I'm going to make a little, something else seems to come along."

Duarte isn't the least bit discouraged, though. He says the whole exercise brings him in contact with a lot of fine people—many of who help him "for a beer or two, nothin' else"—and is fun, despite the long hours and low pay.

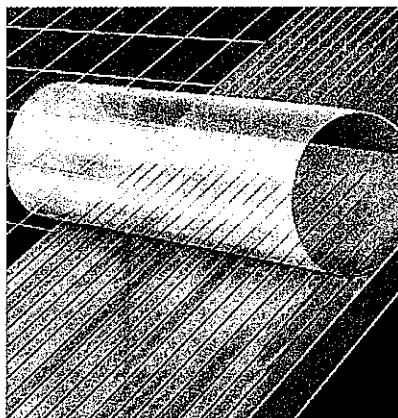
"I hope they get a lot better," he says when asked about the already-burgeoning tourney's future.

"And," he hastily adds, "a whole lot easier, too."

NEW! NEW! NEW! AVAILABLE TO ORDER NOW!

SHUFFLEBOARD SURFACE™

- REVOLUTIONARY
- EASY TO APPLY
- NO MESS
- NO FUMES
- NO ODOR
- NO FIRE HAZARD
- NORMAL MAINTENANCE
- FAST APPLICATION
- IMMEDIATELY READY FOR PLAY



US Patents:
4944514
4867816
4795152
Canada: 1296705

This peerless finish is a blended polymer film with a unique pressure sensitive adhesive. It protects the board; it will not chip; it resists dents, and prolongs the life and beauty of the board for years to come. Visit our website! Order Now!

SUITCO SURFACE, INC.

2030 North 104 Circle

Omaha, Nebraska 68134-5217

Phone: 402-926-3381 Fax: 402-926-3381 E-Mail: suitco@home.com

Website: <http://www.suitcosurface.com>

-- ATTENTION --

GOOD-BYE "RED CHECK"! Due to a change in publishers and a new process required to print and ship each monthly publication since the December 2000 issue, the "RED CHECK" expiration notice is NO LONGER inside your issue. Your "SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES" date is on the back cover's address line. Please use the FORM inside the back cover to renew **TIMELY** to avoid missing issues!

Please check the Expiration Date on record for your subscription (as of print date of this The Board Talk issue) above your address on the back cover and let us know if your personal records indicate any discrepancies from our records.

CHECK THE OUTSIDE BACK COVER WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR MONTHLY ISSUE. You will find a "SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES" above your name/address mailing label area, as follows:

SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES: MONTH 1st, YEAR
Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

In some cases, you may find a '-x' after the year which indicates the following:

SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES: MONTH YEAR-x
where "x" designates the following:

-x= blank (means you have a traditional one year subscription expiring on the MONTH YEAR)

x=B (means you have a full page Business Ad which includes the subscription for each month that you have an active full page ad)

x=W (means you have a complimentary one year subscription, such as one won in a raffle, which expires on the 1st of MONTH YEAR stated)

SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES: N/A (means that you have received a complimentary issue)

Shuffleboard Directory

Patronize these Shuffleboard Businesses and Establishments



(360) 765-9508

THE WHISTLING OYSTER
294903 Hiway 101, P.O. Box 580
Quilcene, WA 98376
VERY FAST SHUFFLEBOARDS
EXCELLENT FOOD

R.V. Parking

Bill-Sandee

MAJESTIC BAR & CAFE

156 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, Michigan

Phone: 248-335-2581

Your Hosts: Charlee & Don Bostwick

*Come Play
Shuffleboard
at the
Red Dog Saloon!*

Prime Rib

Pizza

Ribs

Broasted Chicken

*Tournaments Every Thursday & Friday 7 PM
(Added \$\$\$)*

**RED DOG
SALOON**



1600 N. 23rd St.

(at Cowan Road)

Muncie, Indiana

(765) 286-0255

Danny's Sports Bar

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - OPEN "Shuffleboard" DRAWS!

• 4 Shuffleboards

• 4 Pool Tables

• GREAT FOOD

12126 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

Phone: 281-558-8693

SKIP'S LOUNGE

*"A great place for fun, food and shuffleboard in
Michigan's Vacation Wonderland -- all year long!"*

M-55 & U.S. 27, Houghton Lake, Michigan

Phone: 517-422-5631



TAVERN & KITCHEN

210-342-4998

8318 Jones-Matsberger, San Antonio, TX 78216

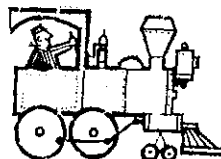
Melton Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard Refinishing

New & Used Shuffleboards For Sell

Davis, Oklahoma 73030

Phone: 580-369-2798 (Mike Melton) or 580-369-2448 (Bill Melton)



Club Car Lounge

3 Beautiful Boards - Italian Food - Music
Draw Tournaments Every Friday Night

111 N. Saginaw, Durand, Michigan

Phone: 517-288-9910

Frankie's Sports Bar & Grill

3663 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, Washington 98501

Phone: 360-412-1330



ULENA'S SPORTS BAR

Shuffleboard Tournaments!

Every Other Monday at 7 pm
and Every Saturday at 5:30 pm
Call for details

5412 Ulena 353-1755

Blind Draw \$5
Draw \$10
2 Draw

2-22ft. Shuffleboards • Pool Table • Foosball • Video Games • 5 TV's

SERVICE-SUPPLIES-REFINISHING

Bill Maxwell Shuffleboard Service

P.O. Box 2129, Downey CA 90242; phone: 310-245-4380

Fax/Shop: (562) 923-9821; Res.: 562-923-9720

Serving all of Southern California

★ THE PALACE BAR

121 S. Main, Fairmount, Indiana Phone: 765-948-9102

"Home of Shuffler Bobby V and Actor Jimmy Dean!"

★ THE LOCKER BAR

100 S. Branson, Marion, Indiana Phone: 317-662-0041

"Bobby V lets Bus loaf here since he can't drink anymore!"

Video Games - Shuffleboard - Pool - Food

★ BOARDS BY BOBBY V

Boards refinished - Powder - Cradles

Call Bobby Voorhis, 765-948-9102 or 765-948-4931

A.Z. Custom Refinishing

3-Year Guarantee

Leasing-Sales

Phone: 408-683-4513 1-800-863-7780 (A.Z. Turnbo)



Balloon Inn

(303) 425-9823 • 2 BOARDS

6440 WADSWORTH

ARVADA, CO. 80003

*Bellflower Bruce & His Friends Play
Here, There and
Nearly Everywhere!*

Shuffleboard Directory

Use this economical advertising opportunity to reach your key consumer audience.

*In Appreciation for The Board Talk
and the entire Shuffleboard Community!*

Michael & Susie Halstead
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Phone: 502-633-6768 E-mail: ishmaelmph@aol.com

OSKAR'S
SPORTS BAR & GRILL
COOK YOUR OWN STEAK

3 SHUFFLEBOARDS
KARAOKE
LOTTO
HOT SPOT
GAMES

13418 Woodruff Ave., Bellflower, California Phone: 562-925-4915

**ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS HOSTED IN
HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

Houston Holiday Open

(Dec. 26-31st)

Houston Memorial Open

(Thurs. - Mon., Memorial Day Weekend)

Contact Tournament Director: Jack Scott, 281-558-0237

For Tourney Details: <http://www.shuffleboard.cc>



ROOKIES BAR

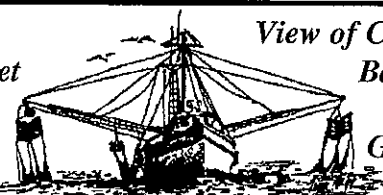
**Shuffleboard, Darts,
Games and Other Oddities!**

210-377-0909 6402 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, Texas

*Come To
Market Street
Cafe for
Shuffling
Fun!*

*View of Chesapeake
Bay!*

*3 Boards!
Great Food!*



Market Street Cafe

315 Market Street

Charlestown, MD 21914

Phone: 410-287-6374 Owners: Chip & Bobbi Spangler



**EAGLE
ELECTRONICS**

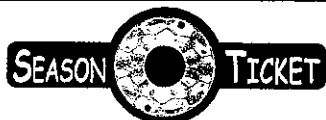
**State of the Art Electronic Digital Scoreboards
(Used at the NASC Reno 2000 tourney)**

Guaranteed

Eagle Electronics, 419 Winona St., Coquitlam, B.C. V3K-5A5 (or)
Contact: Gordie Smith, E-mail: eagleshuffleboard@home.com,
604-931-7283; (or) Contact: Gordie Ritchie, E-Mail:
Gordier@BC.Sympatico.Ca, 604-540-2124

Come Play with Me!

*Any shufflers traveling through the Memphis,
Tennessee area are welcome to come and play on my
home board. Call Harvey Walden at
901-785-2587 or FAX 901-785-7931.*



Sports, Spirits, Grub
"Admit One for Fun!"

* *Shuffleboard*

* *Great Food*

1221 N. Howard
Spokane Washington
509-327-9790



**Shuffleboard Restoration
Leasing and Supplies
Spokane, WA
Phone: 509-251-7000**



13660 Westheimer, Houston, Texas Phone: 281-870-9610

•FRIDAY OPEN DRAW FOR PARTNERS

•SATURDAY "JACK & JILL DRAW" @ 8 P.M.

--MONEY ADDED--

--3 Fast Boards--

www.triplecrownsportsbar.com for information.

**The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame
has found a few good shufflers:**

- Al Stewart •Bellflower Bruce Hale
- Bobby Goldsmith •Tommy Workman
- Billy Chiles •George Lucas
- Hal Perry •Porter White
- Karl Spickelmier •Don Cox
- Jolene Lembke •Troy Tolbert •AZ Turnbo

Evergreen Shuffleboard Assn.

Serving players and sponsors in the Northwest

Phone: 425-513-1053 or 360-871-4281

or E-Mail: billw@21guns.com



TAZ COUNTRY

1406 FM 1825, Suite 110, Austin, Texas 78660

Phone: 512-990-5526

"Come shuffle with us! 5 Home Boards!!"

<http://www.tazcountry.com>



2001-2002 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2001

September 1-3

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

September 1-2

Mixed Doubles
The Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

September 7-9

12th Annual Cancer Memorial
Benefit Classic
The Texas Rose
Hutchins, Texas

September 7-9

12th Annual Board Talk Tourney
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 7-9

3rd Adirondack Open
Riverside Tavern
Keeseville, New York

September 14-16

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

September 15

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

September 15-16 Cancelled

~~Pro-Am Draft Team~~
~~Red Dog Saloon~~
~~Muncie, Indiana~~

September 20-22

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

September 20-23

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

September 21-23

8th Annual Fall Tournament
AMVETS Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

September 28-29

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

September 29-30

Merritt Island Open
Nova Lounge
Merritt Island, Florida

OCTOBER 2001

October 6-7

ABC Draw
The Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

October 6-7

34th Annual Open Draw & Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

October 6-7

Draw Partner/Bring Partner
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

October 12-13

Draw Partner / Bring Partner
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 12-14

Mixed Doubles Tournament
"The Shufflin' Neighbors"
Joe's Duck Inn & Piccolo's Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

October 19-21

Memorial Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland (see Sept. flyer)

October 26-28

Pre-State Tournament
AMVETS Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana (see Sept. flyer)

October 26-27

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

October 28-November 4

Annual NASC Reno 2001
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada (see flyer insert)

NOVEMBER 2001

November 22-24

Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

November 22-25

7th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Club
Houston, Missouri

November 23-24

Thanksgiving Tournament
Bud's Action Lounge
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

November 23-25

Indiana State Tournament
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

November 23-25

Florida State Championship
Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, Florida

Visit **BOWERS' SHUFFLEBOARD CORNER** website for the latest *Shuffleboard News, Shuffleboard Player Ratings, List of Raters, Shuffler Photo Gallery, Shuffler E-mail Address Directory, and much more ...*
<http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com>

Visit the **Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA)** website for *Historical Event photos and information, National Hall of Fame Nomination Forms, National Hall of Fame Induction and Inductee information, links to other shuffleboard sites, and much more ...*
<http://www.tablesuffleboard.com>

November 24-25

AB Bring Partner
BZ's Sports Bar
Des Moines, Washington

DECEMBER 2001**December 1-2**

Draw Partner/Bring Partner
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

December 7-8

Pat Marshall's 8th Annual Bring
Partner Holiday Tournament
Ulena's Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

December 7-9

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

December 7-9

Holiday Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland (see Sept. flyer)

December 8-9

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

December 26-31

6th Annual Houston Holiday Open
Sheraton Brookhollow
Houston, Texas

December 29-30

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

FEBRUARY 2002**February 2-3**

Draw Partner/Bring Partner
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

February 22-24

Mason Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland (see Sept. flyer)

February 22-24

Maryland State Championship
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland (see Sept. flyer)

MARCH 2002**March 9-10**

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

March 15-17

Florida Open
Moose Lodge # 2304
Titusville, Florida

March 22-24

The Blast-Off
Fill-N-Station
Mims, Florida

March 26-31

1st Annual The Board Talk Open
Plaza Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada



**** NOTE:** See Page 34 of this issue & flyer inserted in this issue for more details on Vegas tourney.

APRIL 2002**April 4-7**

Nationals Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

April 2-7

2001 WCT™
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

JUNE 2002**June 1-2**

Draw Partner/Bring Partner
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

AUGUST 2002**August 1-4**

Nationals Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

OCTOBER 2002**October 5-6**

Draw Partner/Bring Partner
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

DECEMBER 2002**December 7-8**

Draw Partner/Bring Partner
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

**ROCK-OLA!**

Provided by Bingham Lagg and Wynn

Proud parents...
Michael and Susie
HalsteadSpecial thanks to Dan Hitt, Melody Marine
Al Pease and John Fisher!

After waiting a little over a year, our new "baby" was delivered to Kentucky! It's a refinished Rock-ola, purchased from Bingham Lagg and Wynn and is so beautiful!

For those of you who came to the SW OPEN 2001, it is a virtual clone of the miniature scaled-model Rock-ola created and displayed by Andy Friedhofen of Missouri. It even has the ten-cent coin box!

Getting the plank into our basement was an interesting ordeal. It had to be maneuvered through a spiral stairwell. We wish to thank all those who helped install it: Dan Hitt, Al Pease, Melody Marine, and John Fisher (all from Washington); and three brave Kentuckians: Don Hopper, Carl Holland, and Frank Kron.

Please note in the photo above the faux painting on the walls (this was a faxed photo- will try to get a better picture in the Oct. issue.) The faux painting on the walls was the creativeness of Melody, who is a pro at making magic with a paintbrush and roller. We never thought the color combination would "brighten" the room up so much, but it did.

Now that it's all set up and shooting great, come through Kentucky for some challenge matches!

-Michael & Susie Halstead

League Players' Corner

(League Players' Corner - Series #8: New Section First Added In The February 2001 Issue)

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

The Board Talk League Play Reporters:

Name/Location/E-mail Address (if available):

Steve Brown/Orion, MI/CoCo699@aol.com

Al DiBella/Philadelphia, PA/forensical@msn.com

Don Meehan/Houston, TX/dmeehan@houston.rr.com

Steve Edwards/Houston, TX/hitstickandslide@swbell.net

Sal Mancuso/Garland, TX/boardchrm@msn.com

Gordie Smith/Canada/eagleshuffleboard@home.com

Jimmy and Brenda Wallace/Port Deposit, MD/

Wendell Herbison/Glendale, AZ/Gimble69@aol.com

League Players' websites:

<http://www.geocities.com/ocshuffleboardleague>

<http://www.geocities.com/stevo3crown/hitstickandslide.html>

Welcome to Sal Mancusco of the Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association - New Reporter!

We just returned from an amateur tournament, held at the Elk's Lodge in Garland, Texas. It was a great tournament and we really enjoyed visiting all the players that flocked in from Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, etc. During this tournament, we met Sal Mancusco who is with the Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association and he has volunteered to be added as one of our The Board Talk League Play Reporters. We look forward to receiving input from his area and thoroughly enjoyed meeting and chatting with him. Sal gave us one of their tournament flyers for an upcoming Open Tournament (no pro or semi-pro players, but it is not restricted to only league players,) being the 12th Annual Cancer Memorial Benefit Classic being held at The Texas Rose, I-45 at Fulghum Rd., Hutchins, Texas on September 7-9, 2001. This tournament will raise monies for The Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas. This is just one of the wonderful benefits that the Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association supports. If able to attend this tournament, email Sal or call The Texas Rose at 972-441-6985. So, we just wanted to welcome Sal to The Board Talk and thank him for joining our League Play Reporter staff.

-- T & L French, Editors

Hit, Stick & Slide!

Camaraderie, fun, educational, and excellent instructors. These were just some of the words that students used when describing their experience with Hit, Stick and Slide Shuffleboard School after completing the first session of classes on Aug. 11th. That day our students had their final exam at Danny's Sports Bar. Billy Mays showed up during our finals [See picture of Billy Mays below doing his blind fold trick shot] and our students were privileged in having Billy perform his famous trick shot exhibition. The exhibition lasted about 30 minutes and our students were amazed at what they were seeing.



ABOVE: Billy Mays (center; blind-folded) performs his trick shot exhibition for students and instructors from the Hit Stick & Slide Shuffleboard School in Houston, TX



ABOVE: GRADUATING CLASS (Left to Right) Front Row (instructors): Steve Edwards, Richard Gray, James Cummings; Middle Row: Darlene Cummings, Charma Migas, Pat Bullock, Jasmine Crisp, Pam Mignogna, and Tammy Correa; Back Row: Gene Childers, Mike Ragen, Ken Migas, Jackie Trotter, Evelyn Byrom, Lisa Mannino, Frank Della Sala; and (not in above picture): Diana Hagen, Brian Walker (pictured to the left of Billy Mays in trick shot exhibition photo above this class photo), JoAnne Scott, Tom Bullock, Sue Griffin, Bobbie Benson, and Beverly Lindquist.

(Continued On Next Page)

Hit, Stick & Slide...

(Continued From Page 32)

After the exhibition we held our graduation party at Triple Crown Sports Bar. Beverly and Bill Lindquist (Owners of Triple Crown) had set up a great fajita dinner for all of the Hit, Stick and Slide students and instructors.

Following the Graduation Ceremonies was our Graduation Tournament for the students. This gave everyone a chance to show off what they learned in class. Tourney winners were:



ABOVE: *TOURNEY WINNERS: (left to right) 1st: Mike Ragen/Frank Della Sala; 2nd: Ken Migas/Darlene Cummings; 3rd: Jasmine Crisp/Gene Childers*

We all ate, drank and played shuffleboard till late that night. A great ending for our first session of classes. I would like to thank Triple Crown and Danny's Sports Bar for providing the boards and facilities for our classes, and especially our instructors Brian Walker, Diana Hagen, James Cummings, and Richard Gray who put in their time and effort to ensure nothing but the best for their students. A special thank you goes out to all of our students for their interest, support and feedback. If you are interested in joining in on the fun let us know. Join our e-mail list and keep track of what we have going on. The interest in our school is growing each month. We welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have.



Visit Hit, Stick and Slide's web site and out more about our courses, times and dates of classes. Reserve your place in one of our classes with "PayPal" on our web site. Only 10 students per class. Reserve your spot now! Have a Great Day and Good Shuffling to everyone! Classes are limited, (pre registration is required) For additional

information contact Steve Edwards at:
Hit, Stick & Slide Shuffleboard School
Off-281-380-0917 Fax-281-530-9973
E-mail: hitstickandslide@swbell.net

<http://www.geocities.com/stevo3crown/itstickandslide.html>

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

12th ANNUAL NASC™ 2001 RENO SANDS REGENCY CASINO HOTEL (con't. from Upcoming Events, Page 6)

The 12th Annual North American Shuffleboard Championships™ return to the Sands Regency Casino Hotel in Reno, Nevada which begins on Sunday, October 28 and ends on Sunday November 4. Based on the high number of registrations we have already received, this will be the biggest NASC™ ever. There is an error on the flyers which everyone should be aware of. The room tax was incorrectly calculated and the rate, including tax, is \$54.88 per night, not \$53.81 as indicated on the flyer. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. There are several exciting changes in format for the 2001 NASC™. As previously reported, the Div. II Doubles format will switch from single game/double elimination to a 2 out of 3 winners bracket/one 21 point game in the losers bracket. A couple of events have been dropped to make time for this and other changes. Because of the dwindling popularity of the event, the Ladies Singles has been dropped. Our apologies to any of the ladies who are disappointed about this. The reason for this decision is that over the past three years, the number of ladies who entered the Ladies Singles has dropped significantly due to more than 70% of the ladies who were eligible entered either the Div. II or Div. III Singles. The DeucesWild® event has also been eliminated. Although there has been an average of more than 80 players in that event, we felt that there was more interest in Crazy Eights, which will be moved to Sunday as the final event. There will be a separate Crazy Eights event for each division. The Legends Draw has been changed to the Consolation Draw (see flyer insert for more details or events, formats, bonuses, player limits, etc.).

2001 Sol Lipkin Award:

Jim Foran has been named as the recipient of the 2001 Sol Lipkin award in recognition of his many years of working to advance the sport of table shuffleboard in the Pacific Northwest - to be presented by Sol Lipkin at the 2001 NASC™ on the evening of November 2. Please join us in honoring Jim for his many years of hard work and contributions to shuffleboard.

-- By: John McDermott, MI

1st ANNUAL THE BOARD TALK OPEN!

The upcoming The Board Talk Open will start warm-up play on Tuesday, *March 26th* (robins/ draws, no sponsor sales) and have a Recognition Banquet on Tuesday evening at 6 PM.

Bowers 2001 Ratings will be used to determine entry criteria due to new ratings being unavailable until February 1, 2002 and Pre-Registration must start before the Year 2002 ratings are available.

Scheduled events will start on Wednesday morning, *March 27th*, with two divisions of *Draw Partner*: *Div. I*: -1,0,1 and no two -1's can draw partners; *Div. II*: 2,3,4,5 and no two 2's can draw unless unavoidable.

Thursday morning, *March 28th*, starts with a 6-Person Draft Team Event (highest rated will be the assigned Team captains and numbers will be drawn for selection sequence of their other team.)

Friday morning, *March 29th*, will offer three divisions of *Singles Events* (*Pro*, *Div. I*, *Div. II*), set entry fees (players can play upward, but not downward.)

Saturday morning, *March 30th*, will offer three divisions of *Bring Partner* (*Pro*, *Div. I*, *Div. II*).

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

There will be an added bonus pot (minimum \$1,500) based upon the point system for winners in each category. Sponsorship monies (Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, etc.) will determine the total amount of added pot to be offered and split amongst the highest accumulated points in six categories: Overall Champ, Pro Champ, '1' Champ, '2' Champ, and '3-5' Champ.

A one-time registration fee will be required (Pre-Registration fee through Feb. 14, 2002 is \$25; \$30 Registration fee after February 14th.) Wed. through Sat. events will each have required entry fees and will have sponsor sales. 5% of both entry and sponsor sales will go toward the tournament costs and the remainder will be distributed to the winners at a designated % based upon # of registrants which determine the # of places paid.

Above is just an overview of the finalized schedule and events. See Flyer inserted into this September 2001 issue for Event Details and Pre-Registration Form. Register Early to ensure event slots and to take advantage of the reduced event entry fees available through February 14, 2002.

-- By: Tom & Lynda French, Tournament Directors

Tournament Sponsors: [All sponsors will be recognized in each monthly issue and during the tournament on March 26-31, 2002 - being held at the Plaza Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV (Pro & Amateur Events - See Flyer insert for more details and pre-registration form) - Mark Your Calendars NOW! Many Thanks to the Sponsors!]

DIAMOND SPONSORS (over \$2K)



High Quality Shuffleboard
Manufacturing & Supplies

CHAMPIONSHUFFLEBOARD

7216 Burns St.

Richland Hills, TX 76118

Phone: 1-800-826-7856

www.championshuffleboard.com

SILVER SPONSORS (up to \$500)



PERSONNEL JOB HOTLINE

(702) 458-8810 Ext. 7200

HOURS M-F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

5255 Boulder Highway Las Vegas, Nevada 89122
(702) 458-8810 Toll-Free (800) 634-6283

RICK McFARLAND
Player - Canyon Lake, TX

MIKE TAYLOR
Player - Austin, TX

NEBRASKA PLAYERS FROM
1st JOEL RAHN MEMORIAL
TOURNAMENT

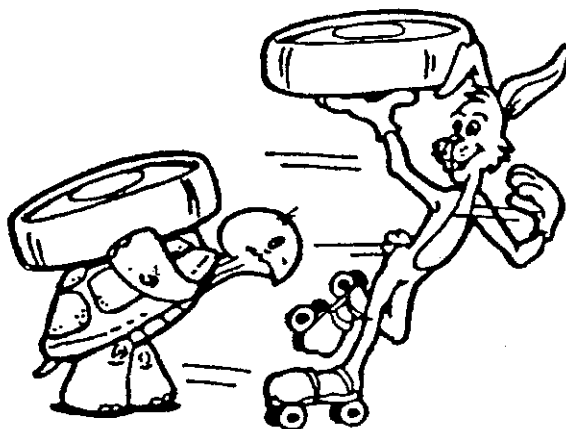
There will be the following categories of Sponsor recognitions based upon the dollar value of monies and/or supplies/equipment donated: **DIAMOND** (over \$2,000); **PLATINUM** (\$1,000-\$2,000); **GOLD** (\$500-\$1,000); and **SILVER** (up to \$500). Thus far, we already have one **DIAMOND** and several **SILVER** sponsor (as noted above)! This tournament is sponsored by The Board Talk and Champion Shuffleboard and Co-Sponsored by the Table Shuffleboard Association. Please see flyer insert in this issue for more details on the tournament. Pre-Register before Feb. 14, 2002 to ensure slots and get \$5 discounted rate on each event entry fee and on the one-time registration fee.

Oregon Area Code Updates PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS THE USA

June 2001 Edition:
Oregon

- FOE Crater Lake Eagles Lodge 2093, Medford, 541-773-9056
- Speakeasy Tavern, Portland; 503-234-8991
- Steelhead Tavern-Cafe, Grants Pass; 541-582-1815
- Tolo Tavern, Central Point; 541-664-2656
- 99 Tavern, Winston; 541-679-7068

Know where the action is...
Be where the action is!
It PAYS to subscribe to and
advertise in
THE BOARD TALK



It's your direct pipeline to The World of Shuffleboard

Ad Space Reservation

Please reserve space in the _____ issue for:
 _____ (month)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip Code _____ Phone _____

MONTHLY ADS: (below): | OTHER ADS Ads (below):

(Class A* or B (\$A/\$B) | Same Rates (below) Class A* or B****

- ☐ Full Page (\$145*/\$275**) | ☐ Flyer (1-page/1-side)(\$100/mo)
☐ Half Page (\$85*/\$175**) | ☐ Flyer (1-page/duplex)(\$150/mo)
☐ 1/4 Page (\$50*/\$100**) | ☐ Flyer (4-page)(\$250/mo)
☐ Shuffleboard Directory (sm)(\$100/yr)
☐ Shuffleboard Directory (lrg) (\$150/yr)
☐ Classified Ad (\$7/mo-up to 25 words)

*Class A = Shuffleboard Related Private or Commercial Ad

**Class B = Non-Shuffleboard Related Private or Commercial Ad

Make payment payable to The Board Talk and it must be received
 by the 14th of the month before you wish the Ad to start. Mail to:
 The Board Talk, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729-6436

Subscribe or Renew Today!

Enclosed is \$30 (U.S. Bulk) or \$55 (U.S. or CAN 1st Class)
 Send THE BOARD TALK To Below:

Name _____

COMPLETE Address _____
 _____ Sp./Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

New _____ Renewal _____ Gift _____

Mail your check or money order, made payable to The Board
 Talk to: The Board Talk c/o Tom & Lynda French, Editors
 12710 Red Deer Pass
 Austin, TX 78729-6436
 (or call in credit card subscription order: 512-250-0327)

***Our Sincere Appreciation to our Advertisers
in this issue:***

- The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.
- Sun-Glo Corporation
- Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies
- Champion Shuffleboard, Inc.
- SUITCO Surface, Inc.
- NASC 2001 (Reno, NV)
- 3rd Wandering the World
Ladies Tournament (Houston, TX)
- Fall Creek AMVETS Post 26 (Pendleton, IN)
- Harvey's Place (Street, MD)
- The Board Talk Open 2002 (Las Vegas, NV)
- All Shuffleboard Directory Advertisers (Page 28-29)

*Your advertising support made this issue possible.
We, and our subscribers, thank you! Readers: please
patronize the businesses and support the tournaments
of those who support your communications vehicle
with advertising dollars. PLEASE thank all of the
above personally when you have the opportunity!*

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

If you're moving....

*The Post Office will not forward your
Board Talk (Bulk Rate) if you move! PLEASE
let us know your new address so you don't miss
any issues!*

I'm moving!



Name _____

Old Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

New Address _____

Apt. or Space No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

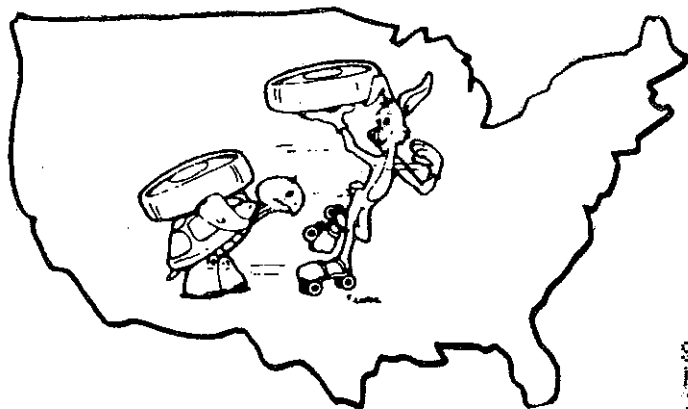
*Send to: The Board Talk, c/o Tom & Lynda French,
12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729-6436
before the 15th of the month to receive the next*

THE BOARD TALK

c/o Tom & Lynda French
12710 Red Deer Pass
Austin, TX 78729-6436

PRSRSTD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
AUSTIN, TX
PERMIT NO. 1

The Nation's Top Shuffleboard States:



#1 -- Texas

#2 -- California

#3 -- Michigan

#4 -- Indiana

#5 -- Oklahoma

#6 -- Washington

Subscribe or Renew Today!

See Inside Back Cover to Subscribe or Renew!

Mail in Subscription or Call in Credit Card order: 512-250-0327



S2 P2 *****AUTO**3-DIGIT 465
MIKE KOONTZ
106 W. JACKSON STREET
BOURBON, IN 46504-1228