

# The Board Talk

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## 13th Annual Cancer Memorial Benefit Tourney a Huge Success!

*"Nets \$18,625 Donation for Dallas Children's Hospital - Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders!"*

September 6-8, 2002

The Island Club, Dallas, Texas

Report & Photos Submitted By: GDSA League (via: Sal Mancusco, GDSA League Chairman)

The Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association (GDSA) held it's 13th Annual Cancer Memorial Benefit Fall Tournament on Sept. 6-8, 2002 at Mike Blohm's "Island Club" in Dallas [Editors Comment: See "The Island Club" Shuffleboard Directory ad for location details]. This event is held each year to raise funds for cancer research and treatment at The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas. In addition, the GDSA league sets this day aside to remember those fellow players that are no longer with us.

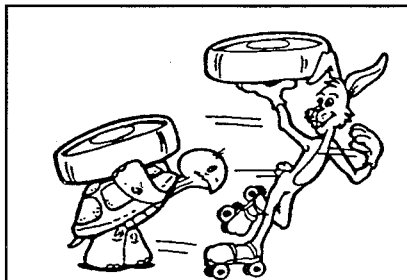
The event is a 6-player team event, utilizing a best-of-five, double elimination format with a handicapped blind draw. Seventy-eight players from all over the Greater Dallas area turned out of this 3-day event, and were very generous with their expertise and money to help raise \$18,625 for our adopted children this year. Since joining the supporters of Children's Medical Center, this event has generated over \$75,000 donations to help children in Dallas fight this devastating disease and provide aid to their families.

Along with the shuffleboard tournament, a blackjack tournament was held simultaneously, giving players a diversion and a place to compete for a set of new shuffleboard weights that were put up by the league, along with a custom weight case donated by George Leigh, and trophy for first place. This years' big winner was Amy Breeding, who cashed out with a record \$95,000 in winnings (sorry folks - this is only "funny" money, not the real thing), and has received several offers to go to Shreveport and Las Vegas (can you blame them?). Second place went to Connie McCormick, who took home a new pool cue and case donated by Games, Etc. of Dallas. Connie has a history of finishing in the top 2 in this tournament each year, and says that next year she will break the \$100,000 mark or bust (where have we heard that before?).

After 2 days and 3 nights of competition, the team led by Jeff Womble took home first place honors, going undefeated through the entire event. Second place went to Vickie Hennig and her teammates, and third place was taken by Jay Mayhall. We would like to thank the other team captains that helped make this tournament the success that it was - Carol Audett, Chuck Kerley, Joe Fancher, Vaughn Chavoya, Tom McBurnett, Fred Boyd, Danny Kerley, Ron Holder and Sal Mancusco. We also wish to thank our hosts, Mike and Karen Blohm and the staff of The Island Club for their patience and fantastic service in making this possible. Special thanks to Champion Shuffleboard of Richland Hills, Texas and to Bill Wooldridge for the essentials that are needed to play. For their generous contributions, our gratitude to One Nostalgia Place and Alma Fancher, along with Allen Clark and The Texas Rose Restaurant & Club, JC's Club and Wanda Watson, who is recovering from a stroke and is in our prayers. Thanks also goes out to AMVETS Post 23, Sons of AMVETS 23, VFW Post 8537 and their Ladies' Auxiliary, along with Bill and Lajana Story, Sandy Eddy, Tommy Vaselo, Connie McCormick, and Leroy and Terri Robertson. A very special thanks to P&W Advertising, who came for the first time to

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# Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

## **News from The Board Talk Editors/Publishers -- 2nd Year Anniversary....**

The "Torch Was Passed" from George and Donna Wilber, Founders and prior Editors/Publishers of The Board Talk to us two years ago. December 2000 issue was our first issue. Time flies by, doesn't it? It seems like only yesterday when we were on our road trip to Lansing, Michigan to stay with George & Donna Wilber for the training and transition. We arrived on the first day of Indian Summer which was absolutely beautiful. There was a lot of hard work involved and we were quite nervous about taking on this new task as Editors. But, George and Donna put us at ease and provided much encouragement to get us started and keep us going. After the training was completed and the car packed to return to Texas, we headed north for a bit (rather than immediately south) and accompanied George and Donna to a tournament at Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake -- leaving for Texas from Houghton Lake after a wonderful weekend. The players at this tournament also gave us a jump start and some confidence to get back to Texas and be able to put out our first The Board Talk issue -- December 2000 issue.

After our return to Texas, we had so many letters and phone calls from many of you to welcome us and offer help and support to us for this new challenge.

**HISTORY OF TRANSITION:** (See July & August 2000 issues, page 6 and November 2000 issue, page 1) George and Donna Wilber announced to the shuffleboard community that they were ready to retire and made some contacts in an effort to find interested parties to take over The Board Talk. Over a few months, they acquired at least 5 interested parties and sent each interested party the same stats and financial history data to help interested parties make decisions. However, when they had not yet received any solid offers, they sent a letter to the 5 interested parties stating that if they did not receive a workable offer by June 30, 2000, that they would have to close up shop effective

September 1, 2000 and refund any unused subscriber and advertiser fees.

The interested parties at the time were: Houston Texas cartel (grin - Jack Scott, Don Meehan, et al); Mike and Susie Halstead of Kentucky; The Shuffleboard Federation via John McDermott; Champion Shuffleboard via Kelye Stites; and Tom and Lynda French. Before it was announced that The Board Talk may be closing shop effective September 1, 2000... Tom and I had been in frequent communication with Mike and Susie Halstead to see if there was some way we could team up and jointly make an offer and keep the publication alive. We also had some discussions with the Houston group. The biggest obstacle was we all lived in different geographic areas and not one of us individually could take on both the financial and work responsibilities or liabilities involved to make it workable.

The publication was founded in 1984 by George and Donna Wilber and they are, no doubt, the "Guardian Angels" of shuffleboard for working tirelessly from 1984 through November 2000 keeping the shuffleboard communication channel (and resultantly, our sport) alive for that many years without any personal financial gain and there were very few years that they did not have to contribute monies from their own pockets to keep the publication alive. From the financial statements received by all interested parties, the least they had personally lost in any one year was just over \$1,000 and one year was over \$5,000! They never had funds to pay themselves a dime for all their dedicated hard work and efforts. There is little difference today from what it was from 1984-2000 from a financial perspective anyway. How can we change that and keep our publication alive for many years to come? The print costs and a 2nd postal increase recently just since we took over as Editors two years ago makes it quite difficult. We must increase rates on March 1, 2003 (last increase was \$5 on March 1, 2001.) So, we welcome and solicit suggestions from our subscribers, advertisers and supporters.

Towards the end of June 2000, Kelye Stites of Champion started making contact with some of the other interested parties that he knew (Kelye did not know us at that time) to see if any offers were in process and/or if the other vendor

*(Shufflers' Notebook - Continued on Page 10)*

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

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

*(See Page 18 for more details)*

### **Publication Content Information**

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# 4th Annual Wandering the World Womens' Tourney

(Misc. Photo Collage --- See Page 12 & 13 for Tournament Results)



*"Who says this group of ladies really made the tourney director (pictured above) this tired?"*



Maryland

# MARKET STREET CAFE 2002/2003 SCHEDULE CHARLESTOWN, MD DEC. 2002 - MAR. 2003

Holiday Wrap Up

Jan. 3, 2003 6:30 pm Robins \$10/Player  
Jan. 4, 2003 12:00 pm A - B Draw \$25/Team

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tournament

Feb. 14, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player  
Feb. 15, 2003 12:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team  
Feb. 16, 2003 12:00 pm Mixed Doubles \$25/Team

Spring Fling

March, 2003 (Exact Dates and Events to be Announced) NOTE:  
Drawing and sponsor sale will start at the above times. You must  
be PRESENT at the posted time to play in that event. Draw  
Partner Events has a limit of 28 players. House will add \$100 to  
Open Singles Event with 10 or more players. These events will be  
single game, double elimination, 15 points (straight). 315 Market  
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Maryland

# HARVEY'S PLACE 2002/2003 SCHEDULE STREET, MD DEC. 2002 - MAR. 2003

Holiday Classic

Dec. 13, 2002 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40  
Dec. 14, 2002 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none  
Dec. 15, 2002 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

Mason Dixon Classic

Feb. 21, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40  
Feb. 22, 2003 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none  
Feb. 23, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

Maryland State Championship

Apr. 11, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40  
Apr. 12, 2003 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none  
Feb. 23, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

**NOTE: (SEE FLYER INSERT IN OCTOBER 2002 ISSUE)** Harvey's  
Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, MD, Ph#: (410) 836-  
8881. All events above are to 15 points, straight, double  
elimination, payoff 1 in 4. Trophy Jackets Awarded to Singles  
and Bring Partner Winners. Handicaps are based on the  
Bowers Rating System. In addition to the above scheduled  
tournaments, Harvey's Place has \$5 Draw Partner events every  
Saturday night at 8 pm. Come join the fun and competition!

Washington

# 1ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT BROOKDALE PUB & GRILL TACOMA, WA DEC. 7 - DEC. 8, 2002

The Brookdale Pub & Grill, 13021 Pacific Ave., Tacoma,  
Washington (ph#: 253-538-0280) will be hosting their 1st  
Annual Christmas Holiday tournament on Dec. 7-8 on  
5+ boards. Bowers' 2002 Ratings Used. 15 point games  
except where otherwise noted in below event descriptions.  
Money Added \$\$\$\$.

Friday night (Dec. 6) will feature 2 Warm-Up Open Draws  
at 7pm: \$50 entry (Rated 1 or lower; single game/double  
elimination) and \$20 entry (Rated 2 or higher; single game/  
single elimination (possible double elimination based upon  
time)).

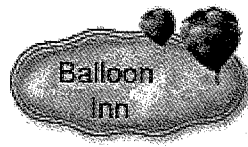
Saturday (Dec. 7) the main events will start at noon with  
two divisions of Bring 3-Person Team: Pro Bring 3-Person  
Team (add to 0.00 or more - exact decimals used; no two "-  
1's"; 2 of 3 in winner and loser brackets; \$400 entry per  
team); and Amateur Bring 3-Person Team (add to 6.00 or  
more - exact decimals used; no "-1's or 0's"; 2 of 3 in winner  
bracket and 17 point single game in loser bracket; \$75 entry  
per team).

Hotel accommodations available. Motor Home parking  
on site. Contact Mike Keevil for more info: 253-536-0345



Colorado

# 13TH ANNUAL SANTA CLASSIC BALLOON INN ARVADA, CO DECEMBER 13-15, 2002



The Balloon Inn, 4660 Wadsworth Bypass, Arvada, Colorado (ph#: 720-533-4822) will be hosting the 13th Annual Santa Classic (Bring Partner) tournament on Dec. 13-15.

Bring Partner Open Doubles; Entry \$120/team; 2/3 Double Elimination (winner & loser bracket); Bring Partner Open Doubles Sponsor Sale Fri. December 13 at 7:00 p.m. followed by \$20 Blind Draw; Bring Partner Open Doubles play begins Sat. December 14 and continues through Sun. December 15.

Texas

# 7TH ANNUAL HHO 2002 SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW HOUSTON, TEXAS DEC. 26 - DEC. 31, 2002



Once again, players from across the USA and Canada are getting their plans in-place to attend the 7th Annual Houston Holiday Open tournament, being held at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel ballroom Dec. 26-31.

There will be 28 loaned Champion Shuffleboards and Shuffleboard Federation donated wax. Players coming in early will be able to warm-up with some practice and side matches on Dec. 24 & 25. The first scheduled events will start on Dec. 26th at 5pm with two divisions of A-B Draw. Dec. 27th at 9am will be the 6-person draft team event. Also, on the agenda is 4 divisions of Bring Partner, 4 divisions of Singles, and a 4-Person Bring Team event.

There will be the infamous New Years' Eve party at the end of the tournament - great fun and buffet!

Newly appointed Entertainment Director for the 2002 Houston Holiday Open, Diana Hagen, with assistance from Danny Norris, is arranging for a "professional" DJ to entertain at the 7th Annual HHO New Years Eve party in Houston at the Sheraton Brookhollow hotel.

The party has always been a fun climax to a week of shuffleboard competition. With a free buffet, party favors and dance floor set up in the Grand Ballroom, it's a great way to unwind and welcome in the New Year. This year, they're kickin' it up a notch! Sylvia Martinez and a staff of lovely ladies has even volunteered to give some brush-up dance lessons to those folks whose left-right coordination hasn't yet made it back down to their feet. There will be an assortment of music to please just about everyone along with the usual "fun and games".

There will even be a few shuffleboard tables in an adjacent room for those "hardcores" who haven't had enough! A great tournament just got a little better! *An informational flyer with pre-registration form is inserted into this December 2002 issue.* For additional information, contact the HHO Tournament Director: Jack Scott at 281-558-0237.

Indiana

# AMATEUR TOURNAMENT AMERICAN LEGION POST#424 BOURBON, IN JANUARY 10-11, 2003

Fritzi Broka will be hosting an amateur tournament on January 10-11, 2003 at the American Legion Post 424 Bourbon, IN. On Friday evening at 7:00p.m. there will be an A-B draw partners for 1's 2's 3's .... only. Bowers ratings will be used. If you are not rated, 3 players will decide if you are an A or B. Entry is \$10.00. Sponsor sale and trophies. On Saturday there will be two events. Rated 1 doubles, \$40.00 entry, sponsor sale and trophies. Second event is a 2, 3.... doubles, \$40.00 entry, sponsor sale, trophies. Saturdays events will start at 11:00 a.m. All events double elimination. Free soup and salad on Saturday for the players. Extra board will be added for -1,0 action. Come and enjoy great boards and fun. Last years amateur tourney was a large success. For more information, contact: Fritzi Broka email: [fbroka@mchsi.com](mailto:fbroka@mchsi.com)

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**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10 A-B Draws**

**6 PM to Closing**

*Each A-B Draw on January 25, 2003 will be  
a \$10 Entry, played on two boards, with  
continuous A-B Draws from 6 PM to Closing.*

*Y'all come play and join the fun  
in the Alamo City at Fiasco Cocktails!!*

## Nevada

### 2ND ANNUAL "BOARD TALK OPEN 2003"

**PLAZA HOTEL/CASINO  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
FEB. 23 - MAR. 2, 2003**



The "2nd Annual The Board Talk Open 2003" will be held again at the Plaza Hotel/Casino, One Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada on Feb. 23 - Mar. 2, 2003 - jointly sponsored by Champion Shuffleboard and The Board Talk. Last year we had 217 registered participants and anticipate a larger attendance in 2003 - events planned to be played on 30 boards this second year (unless pre-reg indicates we need fewer). Pre-registration is very important to our planning because we must transport boards from Texas to Nevada for the tournament - if the majority of the participants pre-register, we will have a better idea of how many boards we really need to transport and whether we will need a second pup truck or not.

Some of the suggestions received from the first year tournament have been implemented and addressed in the format for this second year: 1) Multiple Requests for 4-Person team events (added two division event); 2) Allow more time between the 6-Person team event and the next event; 3) Allow 2 out of 3 play for Division I: Singles and Bring Partner (winner bracket only for 2003); and 4) Start sponsor sales the afternoon before the Singles and Bring Partner events so that play can start more timely on the actual day of these two events (Page 2 of the inserted flyer describes the sponsor sale on these events starting the afternoon before the actual events start - we hope the majority of the registered participants will make a special effort to check-in and participate in the afternoon sponsor sale - the fewer sponsor sales that we have to do on the actual day of the events, the sooner we get to start play). This way on the actual day of Singles and Bring Partner events, the only sponsor sales we will have to do are new registrations (if slots available) and late arrivals (e.g., those pre-registered participants whose flights did not arrive in time to participate in the prior afternoon sponsor sales). Again, another reason pre-registrations will be most helpful to our planning and execution of the sponsor sales.

We wish to thank all the tournament sponsors from last year who contributed monies and/or supplies and/or raffle items. We are seeking sponsors for this second year tournament at this time. Please contact us if you can be a sponsor (See Page 34, Column 2 of this issue for the various levels of sponsorships - we will advertise your sponsorship each month in the publication and during the tournament with a banner provided by you and/or we will provide a sponsor recognition award certificate for display during the tourney). After reading the enclosed flyer, if you have questions, please get in touch with us. We look forward to seeing many of you at the tournament! --Tom & Lynda French

## "Top Ten" Players Game... Reminder!

We (The Board Talk Editors) have received a number of requests to publish once a year the "Top 10" Players in each rated category (similar to what the prior Editors did a number of years ago). So, we decided to let our The Board Talk subscribers have some fun and see how each of you would rate or rank the players that you have observed and/or played with or against. To get you started thinking, we took the Bowers' 2002 Ratings and ran some statistics (See pages 6 & 30-32 of the November 2002 The Board Talk issue for game details and stats) to show how some of the top rated players are ranked based upon their 2002 rating, by 7 Categories: -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Review these stats and ranks by rated category. Send us your personal list of who you feel the "Top 10" rated players of each rated category should be on or before Dec. 14, 2002 and we will publish the game tally (if I get any) in the January 2003 The Board Talk issue.

You do not have to be a rater to play this game... but, *you must be a Board Talk subscriber for your ranking list to be included in our tally...* and even if you're not a rater, pretend you are for a month! Have some fun!! --Tom & Lynda French, Editors

**LATE ADDITION: January 17-18, 2003 starting 7:00 PM, 2nd Annual -Kansas City Shuffleboard Shoot Out** to be held at the Elks Lodge # 2088, 13600 Arrington Rd., Grandview, Mo. Following sponsor sale, all teams must come in with 3 points or more any unrated players will be rated before the start \$20.00 entry fee per player Two (2) or more Boards. For more details contact: Mark Gray meg488@msn.com or Johnny Wright 816-920-6149.

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# 13th Annual Cancer Memorial Benefit... *(Continued from Page 1)*

make all the shirts and caps for the event, and donated over \$330.00 to the cause. Last and certainly not least, thank you to life member Darcel Chandler and her continued support, which generated over \$10,000.00 in donations.

On behalf of Childrens' Medical Center of Dallas and the Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association (GDSA) we would like to thank all of you that helped make this tournament the success that it was, and we look forward to your continued support next year! (Misc. Photos follow)



## 1st Place Team:

Back: Tichard Wells, Walter Smith, Jeff Womble (captain), Tommy Vaselo  
Front: Tamara Davidson, Rhonda Milam



## 2nd Place Team:

Back: Nate Loper, Shannon Hastings, Tom Coburn, Sue Ritter, Vicky Russell  
Front: Vicki Hennig (captain)



## 3rd Place Team:

Lajana Story lovingly shows her appreciation for her good finish. Not pictured team members were: Jay Mayhall (captain), Leroy Robertson, Eva Lou Barbre, Pablo Blanco, and Randy Fulgham



## Black Jack Winner:

Big winner Amy Breeding is all smiles after cashing out for \$94,000 "funny" money (wouldn't you be smiling, too?)



## Tourney Staff (L-R):

Top Row: Vonnie Bailey, Lajana Story, Terri Robertson, Rhonda Corbin  
Bottom Row: unnamed?, Connie McCormick, Debbie Hannah



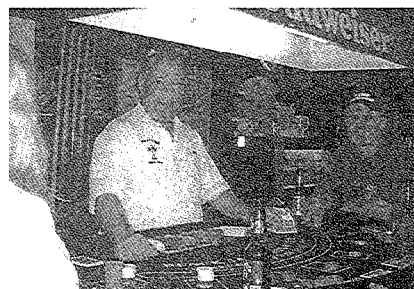
Dealer Terri Robertson keeps a careful eye on the count, and everyone else keep an eye on her!



Eva Lou Barbre takes a break from play to enjoy the finer points of shuffleboard - a good drink and a good smoke, as Connie McCormick sizes up her winnings!



GDSA Officers & Host: (L-R) League Chairman Sal Mancuso, Secretary/Treasurer Lajana Story with Hosts: Karen & Mike Blohm (and, no, Mike is not standing on a chair!)



"Have a seat, all it takes to play is a \$10 bill and a beer for the dealer... How much easier can it get?" says dealer Sal Mancuso!

-- Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association (GDSA) League



# NASC 2002 Results *(Report With Photos Coming in the January 2003 Issue)*



## Division I 3-Person Team:

- 1st Place: Darrol Nelson (OR), Mike Kinney (OR) & Ken Simmons (WA)  
 2nd Place: Bill Melton (OK), John Kosiske (NE) & Jim Payne (NE)  
 3rd Place: Mike Thorpe (WA), Larry Sawyer (WA) & Marv Wilbur (WA)  
 4th Place: Rick Gindt (WA), Nels Anderson (WA) & Mike Keevil (WA)

## Division II/III 3-Person Team:

- 1st Place: Jim Nicoll (Alberta), Bill Cowan (Alberta) & Tom Parr (Alberta)  
 2nd Place: Jim Kosiske (NE), Jeff Loos (NE) & Ray Pont (NE)  
 3rd Place: Linda Ritter (NE), Steve Hamilton (NE) & Mickey Moy (NE)  
 4th Place: Kathy Keevil (WA), Justin Lauderbach (WA) & Jim Binschus (WA)

## Pro/Am Draft Team:

- 1st Place: Karl Spickelmier (CA), Jim Payne (NE), Kevin Kelly (CO), Char Waugaman (CO), Jo Cook (CO), Gene Smith (CA)  
 2nd Place: Al Salazar (AZ), Jeff Womble (TX), John Myles (MI), Jack Davis (TX), Dru Ensworth (WA), Billie Pack (WA)  
 3rd Place: John Kosiske (NE), Paul Leacox (NE), Steve Hamilton (NE), Jeff Loos (NE), Ray Pont (NE), John Edwards (OR)  
 4th Place: Bill Melton (OK), Chris Smith (TX), John Canino (NY), Jim Nicoll (Alberta), Sharon Canino (NY), Bob Linder (NE)

## Pro Doubles:

- 1st Place: Larry Pearson (WA) & Don Mitchell (WA)  
 2nd Place: Al Salazar (AZ) & Bob Lewis (AZ)  
 3rd Place: Bill Melton (OK) & Jeff Womble (TX)  
 4th Place: Darrol Nelson (OR) & David Keithahn (CA)

## Division I Doubles:

- 1st Place: John Kosiske (NE) & Jim Payne (NE)  
 2nd Place: Bill Loos (NE) & Paul Leacox (NE)  
 3rd Place: Dan Holland (OR) & Glen Redding (OR)  
 4th Place: John & Sharon Canino (NY)

## Division II Doubles:

- 1st Place: Linda Ritter (NE) & Steve Hamilton (NE)  
 2nd Place: Curtis Dean (MD) & Billy Poole (OK)  
 3rd Place: Tighe Levan (CO) & Kevin Kelly (CO)  
 4th Place: J.R. Noel (CA) & Robert Crum (CA)

## Division III Doubles:

- 1st Place: Jeff Loos (NE) & Ray Pont (NE)  
 2nd Place: Bob Linder (NE) & Mike Carew (NE)  
 3rd Place: Tom Brown (OR) & Dan Glasscock (OR)  
 4th Place: Mike Hedges (CO) & Mike Klaege (CO)

## Pro Singles:

- 1st Place: Larry Pearson (WA)  
 2nd Place: Bill Melton (OK)  
 3rd Place: Don Mitchell (WA)  
 4th Place: Darrol Nelson (OR)

## Division I Singles:

- 1st Place: Jim Payne (NE)  
 2nd Place: Bud Spier (OR)  
 3rd Place: Bill Loos (NE)  
 4th Place: Bill Pollock (PA)

## Division II Singles:

- 1st Place: David Williams, Jr. (TX)  
 2nd Place: Steve Hamilton (NE)  
 3rd Place: Jim Nicoll (Alberta)  
 4th Place: Ryan Devlin (WA)

## Division III Singles:

- 1st Place: Bill Cowan (Alberta)  
 2nd Place: Ray Pont (NE)  
 3rd Place: Tom Parr (Alberta)  
 4th Place: Bob Linder (NE)

## Amateur Team Event:

- 1st Place: Chris Smith (TX), Jeri Williams (TX), Chris Smith (TX), David Williams, Jr (TX), Drew Willingham (TX) & Jean Miller (OK)  
 2nd Place: Jim Payne (NE), John Kosiske (NE), Jim Kosiske (NE), Linda Ritter (NE), Steve Hamilton (NE) & Mickey Moy  
 3rd Place: Mike Keevil (WA), Ken Simmons (WA), Ryan Devlin (WA), Jennifer King (WA), Justin Lauderback (WA) & Kathy Keevil (WA)  
 4th Place: Ron Sosovec (CO), Linda Nobles (TX), Char Waugaman (CO), Tighe Levan (CO), Kevin Kelly (CO) & Mike Klaege (CO)

## A/B Draw Partners:

- 1st Place: Linda Nobles (TX) & Bill Cowan (Alberta)  
 2nd Place: Ron Buckley (OR) & Bob Brunskill (CA)  
 3rd Place: Rick Boyer (CO) & Eddie Brayman (CA)  
 4th Place: Mike Kinney (OR) & Phil Gardner (AZ)

Here are the top finishers in the North American Champion contest. The top finisher in each division won \$300, 2nd place \$200 and 3rd place \$100. The top overall finisher (Jim Payne\*\*) won a suite for the 2003 NASC.

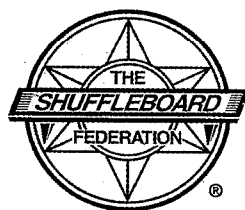
Pro Division	Division I	Division II	Division III
<b>1st</b> Bill Melton, 75	<b>Jim Payne, 104**</b>	Steve Hamilton, 86	Ray Pont, 54
<b>2nd</b> Larry Pearson, 58	John Kosiske, 76	Linda Ritter, 54	Mickey Moy, 42
<b>3rd</b> Darrol Nelson, 55	Bill Loos, 64	Jim Nicoll, 51	Bob Linder, 29



**On behalf of all the employees of  
the Sands Regency Casino Hotel,  
The Shuffleboard Federation  
and the staff of the North  
American Shuffleboard  
Championships, we would like to  
thank all those who attended the  
2002 NASC.**

**We appreciate your support  
and look forward to seeing you  
at the 2003 NASC, which will be  
held at the Sands Regency from  
October 26 - November 2.**

**Happy Holidays to all of you and  
your family and loved ones. We  
hope that the coming season is a  
safe and happy one!**



"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMPETITION"

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Casino Hotel Downtown Reno



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

wished to team up with him to keep the publication alive if all else failed. He found no possible solutions through his initial inquiries. Finally, he made contact with Ron Bowers to see if Ron knew anyone who might team up with him if none of the other interested parties were able to individually or jointly make an acceptable offer to George and Donna Wilber before June 30, 2000. Ron Bowers suggested to Kelye that he contact us, as Ron knew we were already on the interested party list, but knew we could not afford to do it alone (especially with me (Lynda) just retiring from IBM in February 2000.) My IBM retirement pay net was less than 25% of my active pay and our cost of raising 3 grandchildren, we obviously had no funds to spare to pay George and Donna even the menial amount they were asking for their many years of dedicated work. We would NOT have done the work on The Board Talk or any other such publication without George and Donna being compensated for their many years of sacrifice to the shuffleboard world.

So, when Kelye made contact with us and offered to put up the money (if we put up the time to do the work) with the idea that "IF" The Board Talk ever made any profit it would be split 50/50 (which there is no reason to count on this happening if that could not be achieved from 1984-2000, but we accepted because we love the sport and knew that the communication channel was essential to keep our sport alive.) Since The Board Talk could not provide any pay to us, Kelye offered me (Lynda) a job updating their company website which needed many updates, continuing ongoing maintenance on the website, answering customers email inquiries and responding to internet sells, etc. When Champion Shuffleboard purchased Sun-Glo Corp so that it's prior owners could retire, we also helped for six months to get the phone sells and order entry channel working. The job pays very little (net only \$1,129/mo)... it helps, but certainly does not compensate for the unrelated many many Board Talk hours spent doing the daily bookkeeping and monthly publication. We have worked very hard (with much help from all of you) to figure a way to financially keep The Board Talk alive for many years to come. We feel that the publication provides the communication channel essential to keeping our sport alive. With 3,083 rated players in 2002 and thousands of unrated and league players throughout the US and Canada, our subscriber base is still under 800. Our advertising has had minimal increase and we have not been able to get any major non-shuffleboard advertisers (such as the many contacts we've made with breweries, etc.).

So, our next effort was to try to start a *true* The Board Talk tournament which after a couple years if it could break even, and then perhaps get near the 'black' by year 3, that any potential profits in later years could help keep the publication alive... since the subscribers and advertisers alone is likely insufficient to meet that goal. We presented this concept to Champion Shuffleboard and they agreed to sponsor us for at least 2-3 years on a tournament to give us yet another opportunity to keep our sport and The Board Talk communication channel alive... an upfront costly agreement.

The 1st year tournament (which everyone knows that to start a new tournament typically takes at least 5 years to get over the break even point) cost Champion significant unrecovered sponsorship \$\$ (hopefully the Feb. 2003 tourney will get closer to the 'black' and that 2004 will hopefully get even closer). We had a wonderful turnout for our 1st tournament (217 players) and anticipate a larger turnout for the 2003 tournament. However, there are many startup costs (especially 1st year) and continuing fixed costs associated with running the tournament. For instance, Champion donates the use of the boards, but transport/load/unload/setup costs for 30+ boards from TX to NV and setup staff are costly items. So, any ideas to help with our efforts for the publication or tournament would be greatly appreciated. Should we go to bi-monthly, quarterly, or ??? Should we limit the content? Should advertising rates be increased? How do we get more subscribers and advertisers and tournament sponsors? Most publications have sufficient advertising income to support the printing/mailling/operating cost without having to depend so much upon their subscriber base to financially be able to put out a publication. Inflation and the rising costs of printing/mailling is a permanent factor to deal with and an obstacle that will never disappear. We have to figure a way, but we cannot do it alone. This is why we desperately need your input and suggestions. Our number of rated players has been increasing each year (which is a positive sign that our sport continues to grow). However, even though the subscriber and advertising in The Board Talk has increased slightly, unfortunately it's not at that same rate. Please continue to promote The Board Talk at every opportunity and let folks know about the publication and tournament. We need much help in getting the subscriber and advertiser base increased in order to keep the publication alive and growing.

Vendors and Tournament Directors benefit greatly from having The Board Talk communication channel too. Imagine if we had to go back to the old way of sending hundreds of flyers across the country to announce a tournament or to spread the word about our products? Email and personal addresses change frequently and it is near impossible to maintain a current contact list without having The Board Talk to keep in touch and provide us with current contact information to spread the word about our sport and upcoming events. Shuffleboard establishments come and go. Shuffleboards come and go within establishments. To keep up with inflation, some establishments have replaced their shuffleboards with eight liners or other items to bring in more money to their businesses. Without our vendors and establishments and tournament directors providing for and supporting our game, we have no game. We all have to pull together and support each other (throw out any disputes and make amends) to ensure our wonderful sport continues. Let's make a 2003 New Years' resolution to jointly make it our Best Year Yet! Happy Holidays and Happy Shuffling! With Love, **-Tom & Lynda French, Editors**

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## *Shufflers' Notebook... (Continued from Page 10)*

### *"Thanks" to Sally Goff & Her Helpers and "Congrats" to Rena Fleming -- from Glen Davidson...*

All our heart felt "thanks" goes to Sally Goff and her helpers: Johnny Wayne Crawford (aka "The Great One"), Cliff Goff (the 1st Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductee, in fact to enter the land of the elite), and the many other helpers at the Wandering the World Ladies tournament held in Tulsa in September. The 2nd Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductee was Bill Melton and then Pat and Don Kenard of Wynnewood, OK. The following year Alan Primrose was inducted and now Rena Fleming! The Oklahoma State Hall of Fame organization took the opportunity to induct Rena Fleming during the recent Wandering the World Ladies' Tournament in Tulsa and everyone seemed to really enjoy the ceremony. Many happy tears were shed by many. I will be sending a copy of Rena's induction program and accomplishments for inclusion in a later issue. Rena has been playing shuffleboard since the early 80's and has helped run many tournaments and is often in the winners circle in league, team events, doubles, and singles. Her achievements speak for themselves. A great big "Welcome to the OSHOF" extended to Rena Fleming... a very deserving pupil, player, and promoter of our great sport! Rena has commitment and dedication and is a most deserving OSHOFer! -- **G. Davidson**

### *NASC Reno 2002 Photos Delayed*

Due to email submission overloads near our Board Talk submission deadline for this issue, we had to delay our full report of the 2002 NASC Reno tournament until the January 2003 The Board Talk issue. Just before our December 2002 issue deadline of November 14th, the 2002 NASC Reno results and photos started coming in late on Nov. 12th and 13th filling up our email log (along with other deadline submissions) where our mail reached its maximum quota and much of our email got deleted from our email server (non-retrievable). John McDermott then had to resend much of the NASC Reno photos due to our email loss. It was simply too late to typeset the full report and the many photos for a tournament of this size at the deadline, especially with encountering the email loss and reconstruction. We apologize for this necessary delay. This loss of email and having to try to reconstruct and even know what other email submissions near the deadline were lost was a nightmare. This December issue also had a big delay in getting to our printer/mailer due to this mishap. If any of you are missing a report in this issue, please get in touch with us. If you sent email between Nov. 12th-14th timeframe, we may not have even received it (but you should have received an "over quota" rejection message warning).

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

### *Betty Parrish Shares Memories of Chris Danke & Gene McLeod...*

Just a few words with regard to the October 2002 article on Chris Danke... Michigan players are preparing for our State Championships in Durand soon. So many of us knew Chris and I'm certain that she will be dearly remembered during that weekend of our State Championships. Thanks for the up to minute article on Chris. Michigan players were saddened to read that her remains were found. What we now know is a small closure of a very sad mystery. I watched many of Chris' games and she was definitely a great player. I was so impressed by her smile when she played the last game I had the privilege to watch. The game was at Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake and her partner was Skip's dad, Ziggy (Pro-Am Event). Chris coached, persuaded, and coaxed him and the rest of us felt she was doing it all for him, and she was. She won alot of respect that day. I'm so glad I was there to see it. Michigan players are also sad to report the October passing of Gene McLeod. Gene died after a very courageous battle with cancer. Although Gene had lived in Missouri and Indiana, he was from Michigan and we consider him one of "us". As the bag pipe played "Amazing Grace" at his memorial, I thought "There's not many like him around anymore." Most importantly, he was his own man. He was "up front" all the way... no going behind your back... and he loved his family and friends. When his mother was alive, he was always on the road from Missouri to see her. When his brother-in-law was ill, he came up to see him and also me when I was in the hospital. Even though Gene was so very ill, he always took care of his own.

-- **Betty Parrish, Waterford, MI**

### *Looking for Pennsylvania Area Players... (Who Are Attending the "2nd Annual Board Talk Open" Tourney on February 23-March 2, 2003)*

Dear Lynda & Tom: Hi! My name is John Fox, formerly a resident/shuffler from Philadelphia. I now reside in California and plan to attend the 2003 "2nd Annual Board Talk Open" in Vegas as a guest/observer [not a player]. I'm interested in knowing if a Philadelphia Area Delegation has signed up and where I can meet them and/or who will be in attendance? Thank you for the help. I would also like to subscribe to The Board Talk (please send me details of how to subscribe) in addition to putting my inquiry about attendees from the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania area in the tournament. I would love to meet up with them there.

--**Thanks & Regards, John Fox**

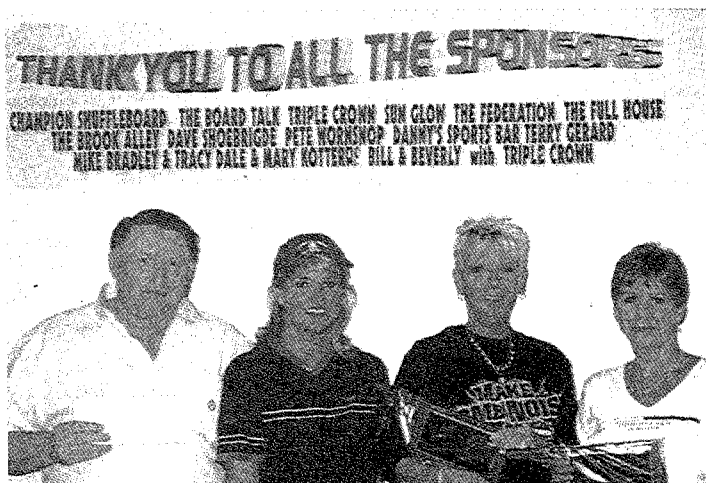
PS: Responses to my inquiry may be emailed to me at:

**foxj@ftscpac.navy.mil**

# 4th Annual Wandering the World Womens' Tourney

September 19-22, 2002  
Best Western Motel  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Report & Photos By: Sally Goff, OK

The 4th Annual Wandering the World Womens' Tournament was hosted by Sally Goff at the Best Western Motel in Tulsa Oklahoma, Sept. 19-22. Fri. was the Draw Partner (17 Teams); Sat. was Bring Partner (18 Teams) and Sunday was Singles. Format was 2 of 3 in winner bracket & 21 points in loser bracket. Event winners were:



## Draw Partner 1st Place (L-R):

Sponsor Ronnie Gamble & Tournament Director Sally Goff  
Congratulate 1st Place Winners:  
Sherri Fisher (OK) & Diana Hagen (TX)



## Draw Partner 2nd Place:

Sue Lewis (OK) & Jane Mourgos (CA)



Draw Partner 3rd Place (L-R):  
Connie McCormick (TX)  
& Mickey Moy (NE)

and no photo:  
Draw Partner 4th Place:  
Sister (OK)  
& Lynda French (TX)



## Bring Partner 1st Place (L-R):

Mickey Moy (NE),  
Sponsor Bill Melton  
& Diana Hagen (TX)



## Bring Partner 2nd Place:

Brenda Williams,  
Sponsor Milford Parker,  
& Nancy Tice (OK Team)



## Bring Partner 3rd Place:

Linda Ritter (NE),  
Sponsor Jim Payne,  
& Linda Nobles (TX)



## Bring Partner 4th Place:

Silvia Martinez (TX),  
Sponsor Milford Parker,  
& Ruth Atherton (OK)



Singles 1st - 3rd (L-R): Jerri Williams (1st - TX),  
Linda Nobles (2nd - TX), Brenda Williams (3rd - OK)



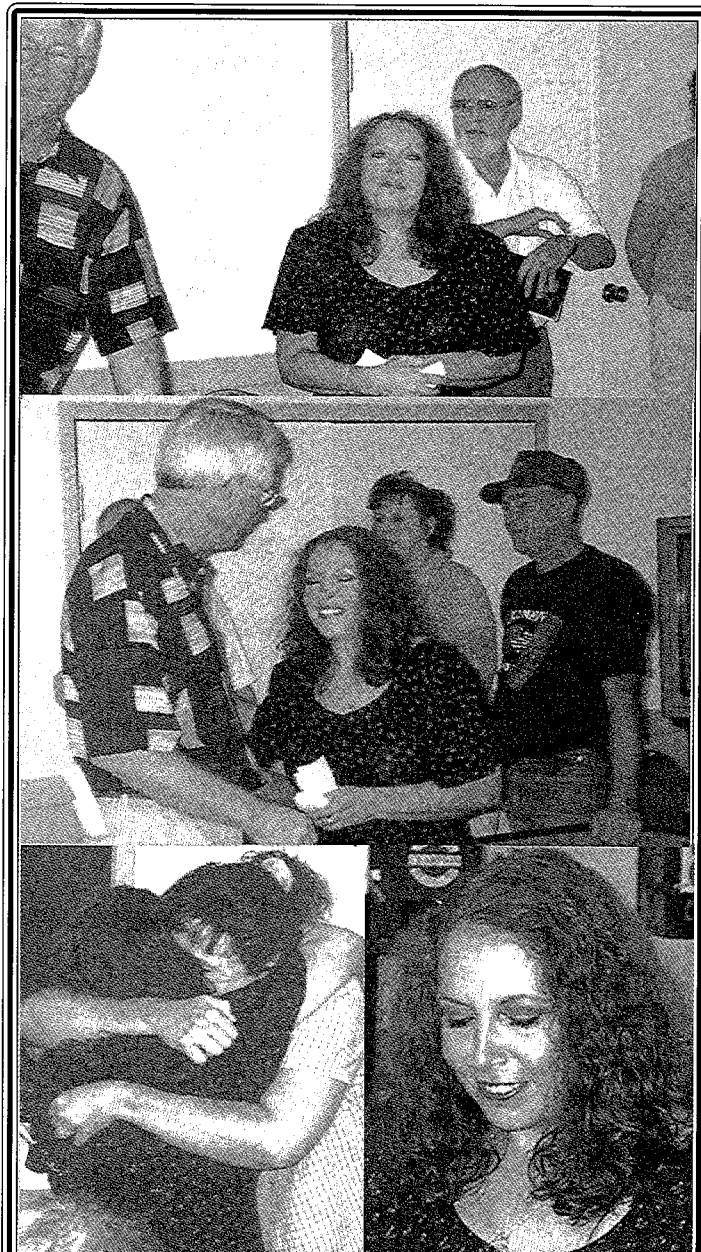
Singles 4th Place:  
Shari Faust (OK)

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## 4th Annual Wandering the World Womens' Tourney

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Before the Singles event on Saturday, we inducted Rena Fleming into the Oklahoma Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (OSHOF). Rena is not only a great player, but has promoted and dedicated part of her life to this game for over 20 years. Rena, we are all very proud of you... you are very deserving of this award.



***Congrats Rena Fleming!***  
***Oklahoma Shuffleboard Hall of Fame***  
***Induction Ceremony***  
***September 21, 2002***

I wish to say a special thanks to Chuck Williams for running the Ladies bracket board and for putting up with all us women. Chuck did a great job and was there at all times never taking a break -- "Thanks, Chuck!"

I want to thank one of my best friends, Jeri Billiard, for standing behind me and having confidence in me, as most of the ladies know there was a small fiasco of where and who in Oklahoma would be hosting this 4th year tournament.

Also, I want to thank each and every lady that came and helped support this tournament. I had a wonderful time and hope all of you did too.

There are some people that need to be recognized that helped me from the beginning by setting up all the boards and helped me put this tournament together... My Right Hand Men (Johnny Wayne Crawford and my husband Cliff Goff), my boyfriend Bobby Williams, Jeri Williams, Joyce Gamble, Linda Churchman, Lynda French, Melody Marine, Fred Washington, Terry Leahey, Dave King, Steve Burkett, Terry Yingst, Jim Payne, Dave Fleming, my boss Rick Caruthers, and my co-workers Robert Hudson & Ron Harvey.

This tournament would not have been possible without all our Sponsors (See Sponsor "Thank You" Banner on Page 12), being: Champion Shuffleboard, The Shuffleboard Federation, Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, Sun-Glo Corp., The Brook Alley, The Full House, Danny's Sports Bar, The Board Talk, Dave Shewbridge, Pete Worsnop, Terry Gerard, Dale & Mary Koterias, Bill & Beverly Linquist (Triple Crown Sports Bar), Mike Bradley & Tracy, and Dan Crall.

Last but not least, I want to thank Courtney Goff (my beautiful daughter) for decorating all the Ladies' Gift Bags and her help in putting them together. I want to give a special thanks and say a special prayer for the Dyer and Goff family. Cliff's sister (Maroni) painted all the Bird Houses that were placed in these Ladies' Gift Bags. While Maroni was painting these birdhouses, she had 6 brain and lung tumors and liver cancer and still took on the task of painting all 40 of the Bird Houses. Maroni was a very special person in our lives, as she had always taken my place as being a mother when Cliff and I have gone to tournaments. Maroni passed away on October 17, 2002 and will forever be dearly missed.

Also, a big thanks to all the men who came and played in the concurrent men's tournament and helped support the ladies. The Men's Draw Partner winners were: 1st: Bobby Williams & David Williams, Jr.; 2nd: Melford Parker & John Kosiske; and 3rd: Dub Hatley & Jim Payne. The Men's Bring Partner winners were: 1st: John & Jim Kosiske; 2nd: Cliff Goff & Terry Yingst; and 3rd: David Williams Sr. & Jr.

Thanks again to everyone for all their help and support. The 2003 "5th Annual Wandering the World Womens' Tournament" was decided at this tournament to be hosted by Linda Ritter in Nebraska. -- **Sally Goff, Tournament Dir.**

(For A Misc. Ladies' Tournament Collage - See Page 3)



# Warsaw Eagles #1339 1st Fall Tournament

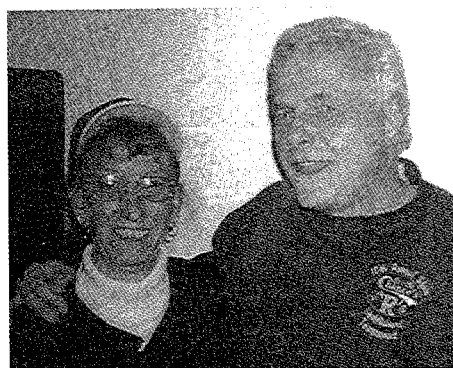
September 27-28, 2002

Warsaw Eagles #1339

Warsaw, Indiana

Report & Photos By: Pam Dowell, IN (also winners photos for the 31st Annual Bourbon Doubles)

Warsaw Eagles #1339 held its first Fall tournament recently. The Friday night (09/27/02) event was an A-B Draw in order to encourage participation by more local players. The total pot was just over \$1000. Winners were Terry Dowell and Mary Brown. Second place went to Ray Miller and Pam Dowell. Terry Treesh was the lucky winner of a raffle drawing for a The Board Talk one year subscription.

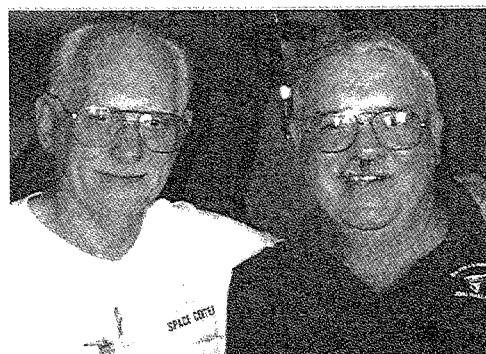


**Draw Partner  
1st Place (L-R):**  
Mary Brown &  
Terry Dowell



**Draw Partner  
2nd Place (L-R):**  
Pam Dowell &  
Ray Miller

Play began in earnest the next day for the Doubles tournament. Sixteen teams vied for nearly \$4000 in entry and sponsor monies. When the dust settled at dark-thirty the next morning, Glen Ingram and Jim Long were victorious. They were nearly double-dipped by Mike Johnson and Bud Broka in a hard-fought finals rubber match. Third place was captured by the Garys squared - Anglin and Neff.



**Doubles  
1st Place (L-R):**  
Jim Long &  
Glen Ingram



**Doubles  
2nd Place (L-R):**  
Bud Broka &  
Mike Johnson



**Doubles  
3rd Place (L-R):**  
Gary Anglin &  
Gary Neff

The tournament coincided with the Eagles annual Open House and members and players alike enjoyed the great live music as well as the terrific food that the club always serves.

We also want to acknowledge the participation of shufflers Jerry Siebert, Leon Black and Beef & Margie Camp who traveled from Michigan and Ohio respectively to help make the tournament a success.

Look for the next scheduled events to be held here; another Doubles tournament on December 7, 2002; a True Round Robin set for February 8, 2003; and a Doubles tournament on April 5, 2003. Details on the upcoming February 8 & April 5 2003 tournaments coming later...

## 31st Annual Bourbon Doubles

October 4-5, 2002

American Legion Post 424

Pendleton, Indiana



**Doubles 1st & 2nd Place L-R:**  
Jim Long & Glen Ingram (1st) and  
Gary Anglin & Dave Vondran (2nd)

## Heartland Handicap "Fall Festival" Results...

American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma  
October 18-20, 2002

Report & Photos By: Don Crall, OK

The Fall Festival of the Heartland Handicap was held at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma beginning with the Fri. night Draw Partner event with 48 players entered from Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Little Rock, Tulsa, and I do believe 75% of all players in southern Oklahoma (well, maybe not quite that many). Sat. was a Bring Partner and play concluded on Sun. about 4pm. This was the most courteous, friendly, and really congenial group of players I can remember. We love you. Winners were:



**Draw Partner (Fri.)**

**1st Place (L-R):**

Bill Melton &  
Nancy Tice

and missing photo:

**2nd Place:**

Greg Hixon &  
Ferlin Kearns



**Draw Partner (Fri.)**

**3rd Place (L-R):**

Lynn Tice &  
Mike Coon



**Bring Partner (Sat.) 2nd & 3rd Place (above) (L-R):**

Bill Melton & Ferlin Kearns (missing photo) took 1st place and pictured above are 2nd and 3rd place winners (L-R):

Greg Hixon & Penny Meharg (2nd Place - Texas Team) and  
Rena Fleming & Cliff Goff (3rd Place - Oklahoma Team)

## Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 94 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert --  
December 2002 Issue

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[In the last Episode (October 2002 Issue, Page 14), we found both Eddie and Jack on Friday sharing "war" and poker stories, including some good ones about "Gardena Roy" as they headed toward Downey]

Frisco Eddie and Jack took brunch at the place they were staying before they headed out for the main reason they had come to Los Angeles. That reason was to meet, and beat...every top player in that area. The word was out now, and almost all of the good "hustlers" were starting to show up to see if Frisco and his partner could play "outside" of a large tournament setting. That is, a setting where all of the strict Rules were not always followed.

Eddie and Jack received a very good welcome after they walked in the front door. They accepted the offer of a couple of rounds of drinks, along with the meetings and greetings, and of course - a few inevitable "War Stories" to round things out.

They had a chance to shoot some practice weights, and while they were in the process, they sensed a sort of hush. The "hush" signaled the entrance of someone of no little importance...it was none other than Long Beach Lil! She said a few hellos, then headed right over to where Eddie was standing. She wanted to give him a hug, but Eddie just smiled, and extended his hand for a shake.

He received a look of disappointment, but she did hold out her hand for their greeting. She added: "Why lover, have we grown this far apart in such a short time?" He replied with: "Things just have a way of working out that way sometimes Lil."

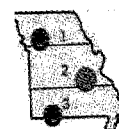
There were four boards in Sam's Club, and a real good turnout for the \$20 per person two man teams. By a stroke of luck, Jack drew Lil for a partner. Eddie didn't fare as well, and it would take a small miracle to pull this one out.

Eventhough there were alot of players, things moved along pretty quickly. Eddie and his partner were eliminated in the second round. Lil and Jack continued to win every game. In the final round, they faced two of the very best teams. Ironically, both men were from a small town to the southeast of the City. One of the men was quite a bit older than his young partner. To their surprise they lost the first two games - and Lil and Jack became winners!

After the cheering and congrats died down, Lil took Jack aside and said she had to speak to him in private immediately. Now Eddie was watching this little tete-a-tete from a nearby spot. He deeply recalled a very similar encounter - the fist night he met...Long Beach Lil.

[TO BE CONTINUED IN UPCOMING ISSUES...]

# Missouri Holds 1st State Shuffleboard Championship Tournament!



October 17-19, 2002

Steelville Country Club, Steelville, Missouri  
Results & Photos By: Charlie Riley, MO

The Missouri Shuffleboard Players association sponsored these events for the 1st Missouri State Championship tournament. The only Qualification was that you be a resident of the state of Missouri. 71 Missouri players showed up to see who was the best in Missouri Oct 17, 18 & 19 2002 at The Steelville Country Club at Steelville, Missouri.

Thursday night was an ABC Draw. 54 players showed up to play. First place was the team of Mike Simpson, Larry Romay and Bob Duer; this team had to come back through the losers bracket and double dip second place team of Chuck Muehlhauser, Julie Simpher and Jerry Beasley. Third place, Jill Hajek Carol Tyler and Mike Moore. Fourth place, Rich Steger, Craig Bendickson and Darlene Utter.

To prove that the Bowers ratings are really fairly accurate, 4 of the top 6 ranked players came in on top in the open singles out of a field of 15. Top ranked player Chuck Muehlhauser of St Louis was undefeated and named Missouri State Champion. Second ranked player Jimmy Dunn of St. Louis took second. 6th. ranked player Mike Simpson of St. Louis took 3rd and 5th. ranked player Charlie Riley of Houston, Mo. took 4th.

We also had a Division II Singles that drew 25 Players from all over the state. This division was limited to players with a 2.50 or more rating. Again the top ranked player that entered in this division came out on top, Larry Romay of St Louis was undefeated and named Division II Missouri state Champion. Second went to Mark Gray of Kansas City. Third went to Barry Pipkin of Joplin. Fourth, Johnny Wright of Kansas City and tied for fifth and sixth were Craig Bendickson and Bob Duer both of Kansas City.

In the Open Bring Partner starting Saturday Chuck Muehlhauser and Mike Simpson both of St. Louis took first place. Coming from the losers bracket and winning the first game of the finals were Woodie Cockrum of Columbia and Francis Waters of Salem settling for second. Steve Sheriden and Jill Hajek both from St. Louis took third.

In Division II Bring Partner, again both players must be rated 2.50 or more, there were nineteen teams entered. The undefeated team of Larry Romay and Dan Mueller of St. Louis were winners. Second place went Alan Foster and Mark Gray of Kansas City. Third place went to Scott Townley and Willie Walker of Houston, Mo. Fourth place were locals Larry Cothran and Mike Harthill of Steelville. Tied for fifth and sixth were Cooky Lock, Steelville and Darlene Utter of Cuba, Mo. and Steve Taylor and Monte Rife both of Kansas City.

[Editors' Comment: See right-hand column for 1st-3rd place champion photos received with this report. -- T&L]

In closing I would like to thank the committee that brought this State Championship Tournament out of two year talk about it stage to a reality. A special thanx should go to Kathy Anderson, Steelville Country Club Manager and her staff that saw that everyone was fed and cared for. Larry Cothran also played a major roll in getting this all set up. Rick Pittman, Delane Moore, Scott and Mayoma Townley for providing, transporting and setting up the three extra boards. Thanks to Carol Tyler and Connie McCall for registering the players and keeping all the money straight. A very special thank you goes to Ken Dahl of St. Louis for an excellent job of running the brackets. Ken was one of the first there of the morning and last to leave the next morning. The M.S.P.A. also thanks Triple Crown for the set of weights and Frank Edelen for the weight case.



--Charlie Riley, reporting



## *In Fond Memory of John Austin... "Ninety-Four & Young at Heart"*

*1907 - October 12, 2002*

In Memoriam

John Austin 1907 - 2002

By Kathi Lloyd

On October 12, 2002 John Austin passed away at home with his family at his bedside after slipping into a coma earlier in the day. The memorial service was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and many in the Denver shuffleboard community attended to bid a fond farewell to a friend and fellow shuffleboard player.

At ninety-four John Austin was as young at heart and full of life as anyone I have ever known of any age. There are few we meet in life with an inner spirit so innately happy, good and genuine that you cannot help but smile each and every time you see them. No matter what else might have been going on in my life when I talked to John he somehow made me relax and just enjoy the moment. He didn't have to say, "Gee, it's great to be alive today!" Everything he did whether playing shuffleboard, just sitting at the bar having a vodka and 7-up or betting the dog races said it for him. That's what I'll remember most about John.

John may not have been the best shuffleboard player, but he was unsurpassed when it came to good sportsmanship and the sheer joy and exuberance of just playing the game. The last tournament he played in was in February when the Colorado Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame honored him with its Special Achievement Award for being such a great ambassador of the game at such an advanced age. It was only fitting that he and his partner Kevin Kelly took First Place. [See the May 2002 issue of The Board Talk, page 38] His daughter Leslie told me he had the award on the table next to his bed when he died.

John Austin will be long and lovingly remembered by his many friends at the Rear Inn Lounge and Balloon Inn.



## *In Fond Memory of Kathy Orlando...*

*July 4, 1941 - October 27, 2002*

After battling cancer for almost a year, Kathy Orlando of Houston/Humble, Texas passed away on October 27, 2002, surrounded by friends and family. If you played shuffleboard in the southwest, you knew Kathy, a good player and master strategist, and opinionated as hell. Diana Hagen and I were her last shuffleboard family visitors and her last wish was that her friends drink a toast to her at Danny's Sports Bar and play "I Did It My Way". We did this... Danny Norris (owner) supplied the drinks and Al Sanchez sang the song, followed by a moment of silence and then on with the game... just as Kathy would have wanted it. We will certainly miss her. -- **Chuck Leach, Houston, TX**



LEFT: Don Meehan & Kathy Orlando when they took Div III Bring Partner 2nd Place at Danny's Sports Bar at the Memorial Day Weekend tourney (May 2002)

## *Julie Hartman of MO Needs Our Support!*

(Reprint from "The Hammer", MSPA Newsletter)  
To the Shuffleboard Family,

I just wanted to drop a line, to let EVERYONE know, how much this family means to me, during my years of playing the game and after the accident I was involved in. A lot of prayers are going out for me and I have received so many nice cards, e-mails, and phone calls and I just wanted a chance to tell you how much everyone's support means to me and Charlie.

I hope that everyone knows that when I say family that is just what I mean because that is what you all are to me, like brothers & sisters. If it weren't for this game we wouldn't have been so blessed in meeting so many new faces and so many good FRIENDS. Every tournament is like a family reunion, (except they happen a heck of a lot more than once a year). Thanks again and please keep your prayers coming. --Love to all, Julie Hartman, MO

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Julie's Shuffleboard Friends have opened a **JULIE HARTMAN FUND RAISER** Account to assist her through these times of dire need. It could happen to any of us that drive the highways. If you would like to contribute to this fund raiser: Put "Julie Hartman Fund Raiser - Acc#13276" and send to Bank of Houston, PO Box 560, Houston, MO 65483. For Wire transfers: Wire through Commerce Bank, Kansas City, MO aba 101000019 for credit to The Bank of Houston, MO aba 081506358 for further credit to "Julie Hartman Fund Raiser - Acc#13276" Payable Upon Proper Identification.

# Bavarian "B" House Oktoberfest Tournament

Bavarian B-House, Titusville, Florida

October 18-20, 2002

Report & Photos By: Kathy Ring, Titusville, FL

Two single-elimination, draw partner events were held Friday evening. In the first draw, Barrie McClean & JT Swindle finished in 1st place and Gary Shiels & Jerry Gray took 2nd. In the second draw, Marty Allen & Dick Smedberg took 1st over the 2nd place team of Gary Shiels & Dave Macko.

Sponsor sales were held prior to the Saturday draw and the Sunday bring partner events.

In the Saturday double elimination, AB draw partner event, it was the 1st place team of Carol Michelson & Dick Smedberg coming back from the losers bracket to double dip the team of Dave Macko & Roy Deberry who finished 2nd in a 15-14 final game win. Coming in 3rd place was Barrie McClean & Earl Harrington.

The Sunday double elimination, bring partner event was held with ten teams participating. Finishing in 1st place was Marty Allen & Dooley Forster over the fine team of Roy Deberry & JT Swindle who came in 2nd. Coming in 3rd place was Dick Smedberg & Ursula Badouin.



**Draw Partner (Sat.)  
1st Place (L-R):  
Carol Michelson &  
Dick Smedberg**



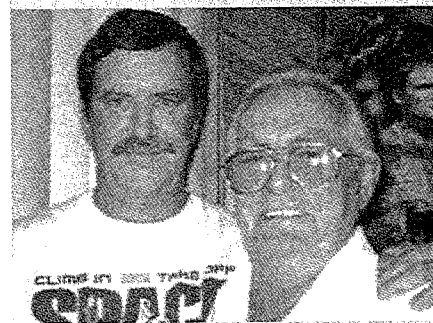
**Draw Partner (Sat.)  
2nd Place (L-R):  
Dave Mako &  
Roy DeBerry**



**Draw Partner (Sat.)  
3rd Place (L-R):  
Barrie McClean &  
Earl Harrington**



**Bring Partner (Sun.)  
1st Place:  
Marty Allen (left) &  
Dooley Forster  
pictured with  
Ursula Badouin  
(center)**



**Bring Partner (Sun.)  
2nd Place (L-R):  
Roy DeBerry &  
JT Swindle**



**Bring Partner (Sun.)  
3rd Place (L-R):  
Dick Smedberg &  
Ursula Badouin**

We were happy to see our good friends from Michigan, Bill & Brenda Kane who played Sunday and finished 4th.

A new team participating on Sunday in their first CFSA event was Carol & Marty Thrower, of Merritt Island who did very well in this their first tournament. We're looking forward to seeing them again.

Thanks to our host, Ursula Badouin for another fine tournament.

**— Kathy Ring, Reporting**



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State flower: orange blossom

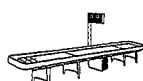
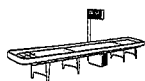
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## "4th Annual Adirondack Open" Breaks Records!

September 6-8, 2002

Riverside Tavern, Keesville, New York

Report & Photos By: Pete Cummings, NY

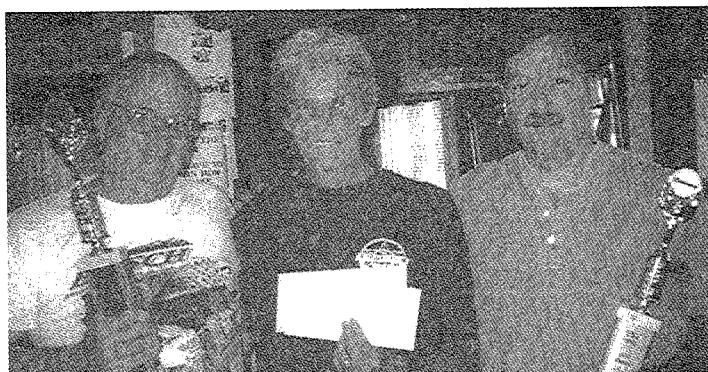
The Riverside Tavern in Keesville, New York hosts only one large tournament a year, but they go all out when they do. The purses get bigger and the number of states represented (Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Florida, Vermont, and New York) expands each year. The weather was unseasonably "hot" and so was the shooting.

Friday night's Draw Partner Event saw Pete Cummings and Pat Brennan (remember that name) win the battle over Mike Haverton and Rick Meyer. Maryland "duo" of Lonzo Knight and Bill Brawn finished third. Nearly fifty competitors showed up in Keesville to enjoy the deep fried turkeys (Thanks Judy) and the huge sponsor sale wetted everyone's appetite for the weekend competition.

Saturday dawned sunny hot. Home town favorite, Betty Raubach teamed with Pat Brennan to take the Mixed Doubles honors. The closely contested mixed event is always a stand out because of the large number of strong female shooters in the North Country. Ronnie and Dina Bell edged Linda and Rick Meyer for second.

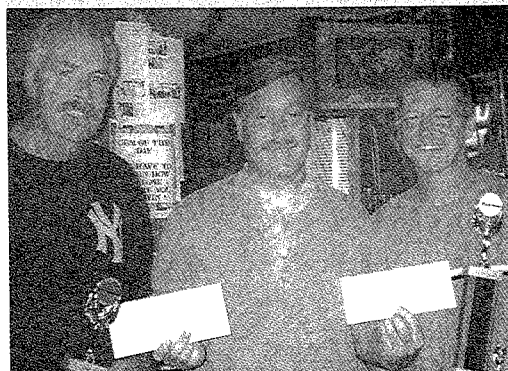
Completing a golden weekend, Pat Brennan also won the Bring Partner. Everyone present had their sights on holding off Pat, but the red hot Vermonter took on all comers. Lonzo Knight and Bill Brawn (MD) fought off Louise Freer and Dave Shewbridge (PA) for second.

Thanks to Pauline and Judy for the great hospitality and to those crazy Floridians who help make our tournament so much fun. (Winners Photos Follow) -- **Pete Cummings, NY**



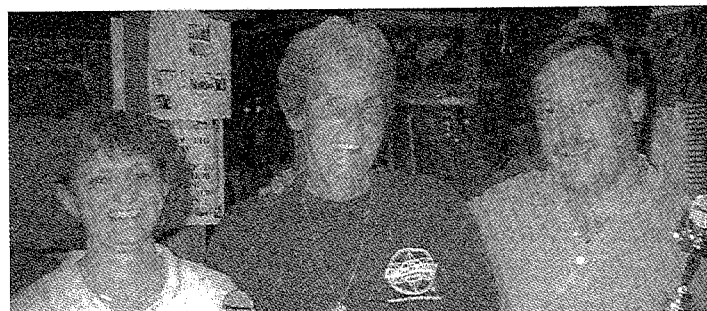
### Draw Partner 1st Place:

Pauline Rock (center - Tournery Dir.) presents 1st Place honors to Pete Cummings (left) and Pat Brennan (right)



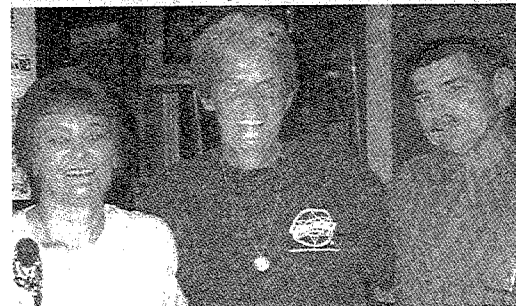
### Draw Partner 2nd Place:

Pat Brennan (auctioneer) presents 2nd Place honors to Rick Meyer (left) and Mike Haverton



### Mixed Doubles 1st Place:

Pauline Rock (center - Tournery Dir.) presents 1st Place honors to Betty Raubach (left) and Pat Brennan (right)



### Mixed Doubles 2nd Place:

Pauline Rock (center) presents 2nd Place honors to Dina Bell (left) & Ronnie Bell



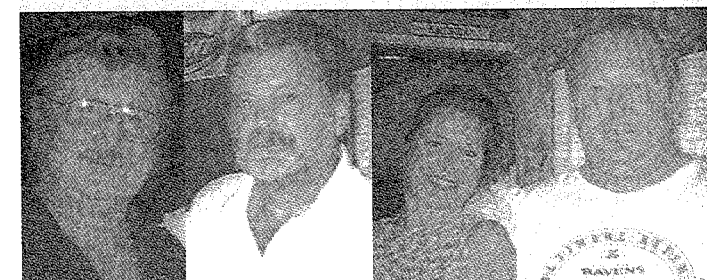
### Mixed Doubles 2nd Place:

Pauline Rock (center) presents 2nd Place honors to Rick Meyer (left) & Linda Meyer



### Bring Partner 1st Place:

Pat Brennan (left) & Pete Cummings (right) w/ sponsor Debbie



**Bring Partner 2nd & 3rd Place (L-R):**  
Lonzo Knight/Bill Brawn (2nd) and  
Louise Freer/Dave Shewbridge (3rd)



# Shuffleboard News From Market Street Cafe!

Market Street Café, Charlestown, Maryland

October 18-20, 2002

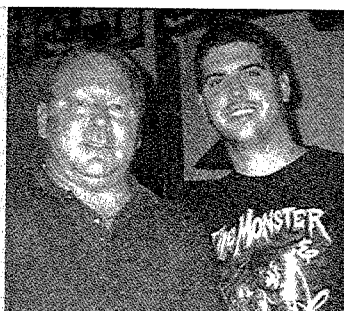
Report & Photos By: Louise Freer, PA

Good news! Market Street Café in Charlestown, MD has begun its fall/winter shuffleboard schedule. For those who have never been to this charming spot on the Northeast River, you don't know what you are missing! Great atmosphere, great food, great music, and great people add up to the best shuffleboard tournament turnouts in the Northeastern part of the country.

The first event of the season kicked off with Friday night's Draw Partner. All the teams were strong, but in the end it was Johnny Gardner (DE) and Jane Johnson (NY) who came out on top.



**Draw Partner (Fri.)  
1st Place (L-R):**  
Johnny Gardner (DE) &  
Jane Johnson (NY)



**Draw Partner (Fri.)  
2nd Place (L-R):**  
Dave Shewbridge (MD) &  
Mike Miller (PA)



**Draw Partner (Fri.)  
3rd Place (L-R):**  
Rick & Linda Meyer (NY)

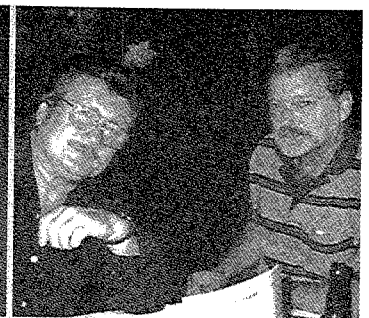
Saturday's Bring Partner was also a tough-fought battle, and this time it was Johnny Gardner (DE) and Dave Shewbridge (MD) who teamed up to take first.



**Bring Partner (Sat.)  
1st Place (L-R):**  
Johnny Gardner  
(DE) & Dave  
Shewbridge (MD)



**Bring Partner (Sat.)  
2nd Place (L-R):**  
Curtis Dean (MD) &  
Mike Miller (PA)



**Bring Partner (Sat.)  
3rd Place (L-R):**  
Lonzo Knight (MD) &  
Bill Brown (MD)

Sunday's Singles is usually a well-attended event, thanks to Bobbi and Chip adding \$100 to the pot for 10 or more players, and October 19<sup>th</sup> was no exception. Bill Pollock took the ride down for the day from Upper Darby, PA and finished a very respectable third. Second place was taken by up and coming local Kurt Mauer, and first place finish was taken by Len Dell, also of Maryland.



**Singles (Sun.) 1st - 3rd Place (L-R):**  
Len Dell (1st); Kurt Mauer (2nd); and Bill Pollock (3rd)

The owners, Bobbi and Chip, would like to thank all of the players for participating in this very successful event. (total take for the three events was over \$6700). The players would like to thank Bobbi and Chip for their excellent hospitality which includes the amazingly generous and delicious meals provided for the players, the "bonus" gifts for the winners (for example, Kurt Mauer chose a George Foreman grill as his extra prize); and the warm, inviting, and FUN atmosphere (the Karaoke is an especially big hit).

The next Market Street Café event is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002. See the calendar of events for details and information about future tournaments.

Reasonably priced accommodations are very close by; for information call Market Street Café at 410-287-6374 or contact Louise Freer at [l.freer@yahoo.com](mailto:l.freer@yahoo.com). Looking forward to seeing you there!

## 2002-2003 Tournament Season Starts

October 11-13, 2002

Harvey's Place, Street, MD

Report By: Dick Gorman, DE

The 2002-2003 Season at Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland started on October 11-13 with the Annual Memorial Tournament dedicated to (now) 17 of our shuffleboard friends and competitors who have gone to the golden tournaments in the sky. If it is possible, the action there must be a lot of fun and competitive. As always, 5 states had representatives here this weekend and all were anxious to get started.

Friday night was the warm-up draw, as usual, with the draw partner event based on the Bowers Rating System which always provides a fairly level playing field. After a full evening wish started at 6:30pm, Ryan Fuller (Sherburne, NY) and his partner Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) teamed up to take first place money. Winning second place were Jim Dennis (Perryville, MD) and his partner Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE). Third place was taken by the team of Ann Fender (Perryville, MD) and Carol Hampton (Charlestown, MD).

The Bring Partner event was scheduled for 1pm on Saturday. Interrupted by the sponsor sale, a short memorial program dedicated to our departed shuffleboard friends, and a hot pork loin dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, buttered rolls all prepared by our hostess and best cooking this area, Darlene Belcher. At any rate, we did have a Bring Partner event which after a good bit of agonizing was won by our love bug of shuffleboard Jen Pickett and Kurt Maurer (Conowingo, MD). Taking second place was a good New Jersey team of Brian Anderson (Spray Beach, NJ) and Cid Floriani (Beach Haven, NJ). Third place was taken by Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman (both of Wilmington, DE). The event was participated in by teams from all 5 states and many well known names.

Saturday night at Harvey's Place is known for its' Draw Partner tournaments and this Saturday no exception. Many locals were here plus a lot of folks who had already finished the Bring Partner event. The cheering for this event was led by "Lemon Drop" Darlyne Belcher. But, the first place money winners were Pat Bennett (Sherburne, NY) and Wendy Davis (Wilmington, DE). Second place money went to Ryan Fuller (Sherburne, NY) and Gene Long (Lancaster, PA).

Sunday the Singles event started at 11am using the Bowers Rating System and it went on all day. Interrupted again by Hostess Darlene Belcher's culinary expertise. After a day of a few expletive words used by more than a few people, it narrowed down to the final four. Taking first place was, taking home the lions' share of the purse, Wendy Davis and after a hard fought second gave taking second place to Len Dell (Perryville, MD) with third place money going to Kurt Maurer. In the final money spot taking fourth place was Ryan Fuller.

This was considered another successful tournament weekend by Harvey Comer (owner) and we all are looking forward to the Holiday Classic tournament scheduled for December 13-15. Hope we express our welcome adequately to all shufflers. For further information, call Harvey at 410-836-8881.

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Bill Thomas (1st: 35 pts); Mike Piper (2nd: 34 pts);  
Wendell Herbison (3rd: 32 pts); Bob Jacobson (4th: 31pts)



Cindy Clark (absent, no photo: 29 pts); Bud LaChapell (29 pts);  
Denis Yohn (26 pts); and Wayne Scott (30 pts)



Dennis Bredvick (22 pts); Ted Canada (21 pts); Sharon  
Chandler (18 pts); and Clint Hibbs (23 pts)

### Cave Creek Shuffleboard League (NEW League) (Special Thanks to Richard Lysy & Bonnie Hill & All "New Players" and Bar Sponsors!)



**1st Place:**  
Duane Mast,  
Lloyd Melton,  
Tony Barker,  
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& Laura Barker



**2nd Place:**  
Steve Trinkhorn,  
Tom Quarelli,  
Bonnie Hill,  
Bill Harford &  
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- League Report By: Wendell Herbison, AZ

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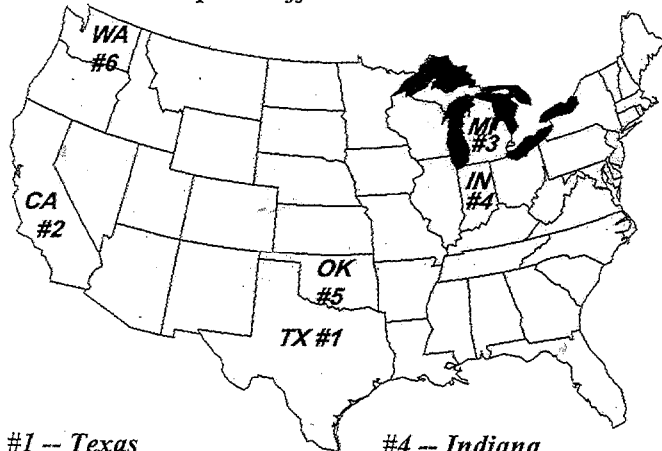
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