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16th MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS!

November 23 - 25, 2001

Club Car Lounge, Durand, Michigan

Report & Photos Provided By: CoCo Brown

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In what is believed to be the longest running state championship in the country, the State of Michigan Championship was held this year in Durand, Michigan, at The Club Car Lounge. Bill and Brenda Kane once again demonstrated their enormous enthusiasm in organizing another successful turnout this year. Total money included in the weekend tournament exceeded \$13,000.

The State of Michigan Championships started in 1985, held at various locations including A.J.'s Saloon on M-59, The Wagon Wheel in Lake Orion, Papa's Pub in Warren, Pasquale's in Lansing, McCabes in Saginaw, the Holiday Inn in Southfield, The Wetlands, and most recently at The Club Car Lounge in Durand. Winners of the Open Singles include John McDermott, Lee McDonald, Dana Gray, Frank Blade, and last year's Steve Auten. (Special thanks to John McDermott for supplying history of this event.)

Event winners were as follows:

Mixed Doubles: (Friday)



LEFT: 1st Place: In the Mixed Doubles Tournament on Friday, Steve Auten (left) and Carrie Cottrell (sponsored by Dan Genez) defended last year's title by taking first place again!



LEFT: 2nd Place: Jerry Siebert (left) and Brenda Kane (sponsored themselves) finished in second place.



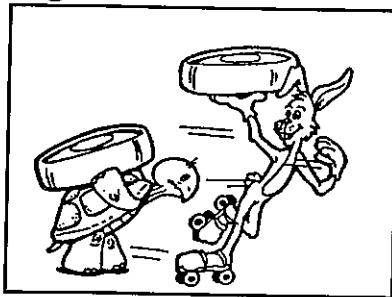
LEFT: 3rd & 4th Place: Leon Black and Val Querback (right, front/back - sponsored themselves) finished in third, and finishing in fourth place were Gene Wendling and Rose Zissler (left front/back sponsored by Bill Kane).

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

The Board Talk Open 2002

Tourney - Answers & Reminders!

Pre-Registration: February 14, 2002 is the deadline to pre-register at the discounted rates and February 27, 2002 is the hotel deadline for tourney rate. Thanks to those that have already Pre-Registered! Pre-Registration saves \$5 per event and \$5 on the one-registration fee, ensures your event slots, and helps the Tourney Staff by not having to spend alot of tournament time registering players late in the cycle and/or at the tournament.

Rating Entry Criteria: Bowers 2001 Ratings are being used due to the 2002 ratings not being available in time to team up and submit Pre-Registration for the events. NOTE: The whole number rating is being used for entry criteria, not the decimal rating. For example, two players rated a .96 and 2.15 would be a '1' and '2' respectively (adds to '3'). However, the Team Captains for the 6-Person Team Event (for example) and all participants in the Sponsor Sales will be provided a sheet that indicates both the whole number and decimal number ratings of all players. Therefore, when preparing your Pre-Registration Form, please indicate both the whole number and decimal number rating eventhough only the whole number rating is used to determine your event qualification criteria. Unrated players should contact us a.s.a.p. and before submitting your registration form.

Pro Event \$5K Sponsor Donation: Due to recently receiving a \$5K Pro Sponsor Donation to be split between the two Pro Events (\$2,500 each

-- 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 the Dec.

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allocated for the Pro Singles and Pro Bring Partner), we will make every effort to have 2/3 in the loser bracket of the Pro Singles (if time will allow - may have to mark 3 or play single 21 pt. game in loser bracket if we have time constraints during the tournament). The flyer format has been changed to reflect the Pro Singles as 2/3 in both the winner and loser bracket (if time allows).

Sponsor Shirts & Jackets (both are blue denim with embroidered logo on back and can embroider name over front pocket): Please notice that there is a place on the registration form to pre-order your sponsor shirt or jacket. We do not plan to have these for purchase at the tournament - only customized for those that pre-order the denim sponsor shirts and jackets. Players will be able to order shirts or jackets during the tournament to be mailed after the tournament, but for players that wish to wear these items during the tournament, they will need to pre-order. As of December 14, 2001 none of the pre-pre-registration submissions have included an order for a denim sponsor shirt or denim jacket, so we wanted to be sure that all are aware they can put all or partial payment for these sponsor shirts/jackets on the pre-registration form.

For anyone who prefers to use a credit card to pre-pay for the tournament sponsor shirts or jackets, please contact us (Tom or Lynda French) at 512-250-0327 or E-mail: lynda@jump.net.

"Free" Recognition Banquet (March 26, 2002, 6 PM): Please mark YES or NO on your registration form (page 4 of flyer) to indicate whether or not you are attending the 'FREE' Recognition Banquet, so we can place the correct number of attendees on our hotel banquet order.

"Board Talk Open Tournament Rules" are located on the Bowers Corner website at: <http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com>

—Tom & Lynda French, Tournament Directors

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

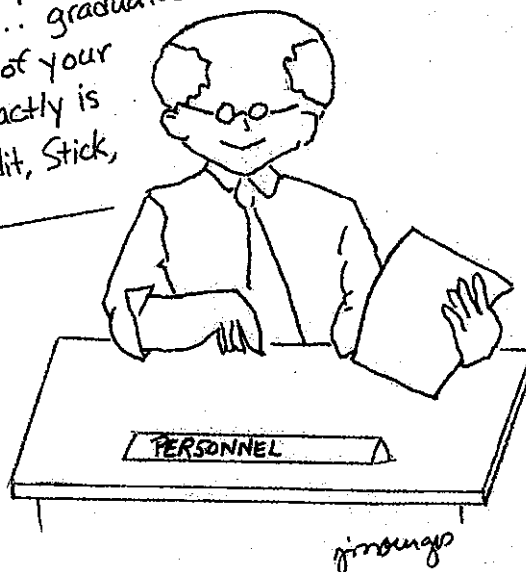
Humor Series #14 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures

Happy New Year



ABOVE: (left to right) Fred Thumann, Rob Kern, and Gary George entertained the crowd at the 2001 NASC Reno tournament and actually received \$20 in tips that they donated to the TSA National Hall of Fame! Now, Jane Mourgos asks "Boys, are these tricks on your resume?"

This is a very impressive resume. Hmm... graduated with honors, top of your class. Where exactly is the "School of Hit, Stick, & Slide"?



Missouri

**1st ANNUAL KANSAS CITY
SHOOT-OUT
DOGHOUSE LOUNGE
GRANDVIEW, MO
JAN. 11-12, 2002**



Kansas City here we come, "That's Right!"... It's the first Annual Kansas City Shoot-Out! Friday Jan, 11th and 12th 2002, hosted by the Doghouse Lounge, 6109 Main Street, Grandview, MO. Bring partner, \$40.00 per team. Bowers' rating will apply with combined rating of "3" points or more. For more information contact Mark (816) 765-0248 or Sandy Tubbs (816) 765-9234 or E-Mail: bawife@aol.com.

Oklahoma

**HEARTLAND HANDICAP
AMERICAN LEGION POST 73
DEL CITY, OK
JAN. 18-19, 2002
APR. 19-20, 2002
OCT. 18-19, 2002**

American Legion Post 73

P.O. Box 15073
DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155



There are three Heartland Handicap tournaments scheduled for 2002, all being hosted at the American Legion Post 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, OK on 7 boards. The first will be on Jan. 18-19; second will be on Apr. 19-20; and third will be on Oct. 18-19. All three of the upcoming Heartland Handicap tournaments will kick off on Friday with a *Draw Partner at 7:00 PM* (\$25/player entry; single game/double elimination); and Saturday with 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' Ratings will be used; maximum spot of 4 points. For more info. call the American Legion: 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120; email: doncrall73@aol.com
NOTE: The American Legion Post 73 in Del City will also be hosting the annual **Southwest Open 2002 on June 30-July 6, 2002**. Visit the Southwest Open website periodically for upcoming details: <http://www.geocities.com/swopen>

Florida

**CFSA's "WINTER FEST"
KT's
COCOA, FL
JAN. 19 - 20, 2002**



KT's, 5150 State Road 520, Cocoa, FL will be hosting the CFSA Winter Fest Tournament (32 player limit, so register early!) on Jan. 19-20 starting on Jan. 19 (Sat.) at 12 Noon with an A/B Draw (\$5/person entry) followed by a Bring Partner (\$20/per team entry-must pay as a team) on Jan. 20 (Sun.) starting at 12 Noon (single game/double elimination). Sponsor Sales before each event with 3 winner spots for each event and 1st Place will also receive a trophy. There will be 50/50's, food available, and lots of shuffling fun! For more information, call Jerry Gray (321-368-8945) or call KT's and ask for Donna (321-639-9877). [Watch for upcoming details on the "Florida Open" to be held at the Moose Lodge, Titusville, FL on March 15-17.]
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A-B Draws on two boards from 6 PM to Closing.
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in the Alamo City at Fiasco Cocktails!!*

California

**PRESIDENT'S DAY TOURNEY
OLD TOWN SALOON
LIVERMORE, CA
FEB. 13-18, 2002**

The famous annual "President's Day Tournament" previously held at Blinky's is being moved to Old Town Saloon, 2562 Old 1st Street, Livermore, California for 2002! Tournament will be held Feb. 13-18, 2002 and there will be \$500 added pot. The tournament format is currently being worked, so event details are not yet available. For more information, contact Ray Comer at Old Town Saloon: 925-447-0901.

California

**1st ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL
WEEKEND TOURNAMENT
E.T.'S SPORTS LOUNGE
TEMECULA, CA
FEB. 16 - 18, 2002**

E.T.'s Sports Lounge, 27423 Jefferson St., Temecula, California will host the 1st Annual Presidential Weekend tournament on Feb. 16-18.

Sat., Feb. 16th (sponsor sales start at 9 AM followed immediately by play) will kick off with an A-B Draw Partner event. The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame will also be have a CSHOF Induction ceremony at 5 PM for Ted Zariphe (upcoming inductee). Sat. evening will also feature a BBQ! Sun., Feb. 17th will be an Open Doubles, starting at 12:00 Noon. Current Bowers Rating will be used. For more information, contact E.T.'s Sports Lounge at 909-694-8282.

Maryland

**MASON DIXON CLASSIC
HARVEY'S PLACE
STREET, MD
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.*

Washington

**22ND ANNUAL MASTERS
FIR CONE TAVERN
SHELTON, WA
FEB. 23-24, 2002**



The Fir Cone Tavern will host the 22nd Annual Masters Open Doubles Tournament Feb. 23 (\$10 A-B Draw; 7 PM) and Feb. 24 (Open Doubles; 11 AM; 2/3 double elimination 15 pt. winner bracket, 21 pt loser bracket.) ESA Sponsored event. For more information contact Jeanette Hohn at (360) 426-2221.

Nevada

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



BOWERS 2001 RATINGS USED... See 1st Annual Board Talk Open tournament flyer and pre-registration form inserted into this issue and Page 2 for details. Make your plans now to attend this 1st year tournament to be played on 24 Champion shuffleboards! Pre-Register before Feb. 14th to get discounted one-time registration and event entry fees.

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**O'HAROLDs ST. PATRICK'S
HAROLD'S BAR
OMAHA, NE
MAR. 15-17, 2002**



Harold's Bar, 8558 Blondo St., Omaha, Nebraska is hosting the "O'Harold's St. Patrick's Day Tournament" on Mar. 15-17. **\$1,000 Added Money (based on max. entries-see flyer)!** Fri. at 6 PM there will be a Draft Team (\$25 ea. entry) and Sat. at 7 PM will be the Open Doubles (\$100/team) and Handicap Doubles (\$50/team). Contact Jim Payne for info. at 402-697-9956 or 402-676-4827. *[See Tourney Flyer Inserted into this Issue for Details]*

Maryland

**MARYLAND STATE CHAMPS
HARVEY'S PLACE
STREET, MD
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.

Texas

**4TH ANNUAL TEXAS STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
DANNY'S SPORTS BAR
HOUSTON, TX
APR. 25 - 28, 2002**



Danny's Sports Bar, 12126 Westheimer, Houston, Texas will be hosting the 4th Annual Texas State Championship tournament on April 25-28, 2002. Bowers 2002 Ratings will be used and a \$20 registration fee. Must be a current resident of the State of Texas.

Thursday, April 25, will be two warm-up draw events, starting at 7:00 PM: Pro Draw (1's thru -1 and no two -1's can draw; \$50/person entry); and Amateur Draw (2's thru 5's; no two 2's can draw, if avoidable; \$30/person entry).

Friday, April 26, will be two Bring Partner events starting at 6:00 PM: Pro Bring Partner (Add to "0"; Single Game/Double Elimination; \$100/team entry); and Amateur Bring Partner (Add to "5"; Single Game/Double Elimination; \$50/team entry).

Saturday, April 27, will be two Singles events starting at 2:00 PM: Pro Singles (OPEN TO ALL: -1's/\$150 entry; 0's/\$100 entry; 1's & up /\$75 entry; 2 out of 3 in winner bracket and 21 point in loser bracket); and Amateur Singles (1's/\$100 entry; 2's/\$75 entry; 3's & up/\$30 entry; Single Game/Double Elimination/15 point games).

Sunday, April 28, finish Singles events (if necessary) and open games and challenge matches. Contact Danny Norris (281-558-8693) or Brian Walker (713-278-0513) for more information. Near-by Lodging: Fairfield Inn, 2400 West Sam Houston Parkway/Beltway 8; Contact Chris Meador at 713-334-2400; \$45/night tournament rate.

New York

**DEW DROP INN TOURNEYS
WATERLOO, NY
DEC. 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: 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.

13th Annual Indiana State Tournament!



Indiana
Capital: Indianapolis
19th state
State bird: cardinal
State flower: peony

Held November 23-25, 2001

Fall Creek Valley AMVETS Post 26, Pendleton, Indiana
Report & Photos Submitted By: Steve Hart, Indiana



Indiana
Capital: Indianapolis
19th state
State bird: cardinal
State flower: peony

The Fall Creek
Valley AMVETS
Post 26 in
Pendleton, Indiana

hosted the 13th Annual Indiana State Tournament on November 23-25, 2001. There was great participation, good food, and alot of competition. As usual, the AMVETS staff were great hosts and we had a very successful tournament.

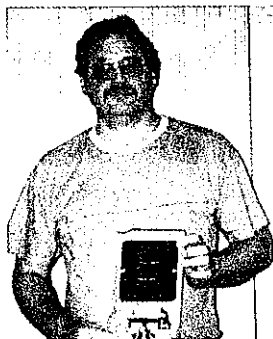
Friday, Nov. 23, started off with the Open Singles. There were 42 players vying for the Singles crown and the event paid 8 places.

Saturday, Nov. 24, was the Open Doubles. There were 28 teams vying for 6 money places.

Sunday, Nov. 25, was the Mixed Doubles (12 teams playing for 3 money places) and the Ladies Singles (12 players playing for 3 money places).

Event winners were:

"OPEN SINGLES" (Nov. 23, 42 players):



LEFT: 1st Place:
Bobby Voorhis



ABOVE: 2nd Place & 3rd Place: Tom Noller (left, 2nd Place) and Steve Hart (right, 3rd Place) and not pictured winners were: 4th Place-Jim Long; 5th Place-Glenn Ingram; 6th Place-Terry Dowell; 7th Place: Ricky Royal; and 8th Place: Joe Hopkins



"OPEN DOUBLES" (Nov. 24, 28 teams):

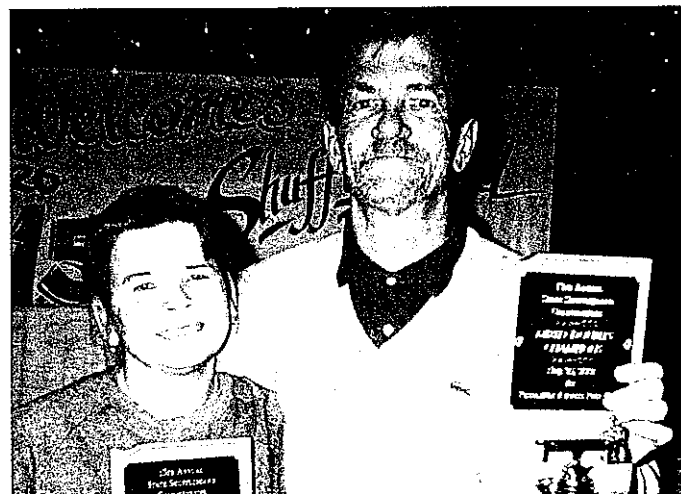


ABOVE: 1st & 2nd Place: (L-R) Dennis Kinsey/Mike Koonz (1st); David Vorndran/Dave Welch (2nd)



ABOVE: 3rd & 4th Place: (L-R) Bobby "V"/Ricky Royal (3rd); Jim Long/Glenn Ingram (4th) and not pictured winners were: 5th Place-Jim DeWitt/Milt VanUlzen; 6th Place-Buddy Broka/Tom Noller

"MIXED DOUBLES" (Nov. 25, 12 teams):



ABOVE: 1st Place: (L-R) Tonya Modglin/Steve Hart

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Feathers Fly at Houston Thanksgiving Tournament!

"70 Shooters Square Off for a Holiday Turkey Shoot!"



November 21-24, 2001
 Danny's Sport Bar & Triple Crown Sports Bar, Houston, TX
 Report By: Don Meehan, TX



The Pilgrims faced off against the Indians and not a Turkey was left standing at the Danny's/Triple Crown Thanksgiving Tournament held November 21st-24th in Houston. With nearly \$30,000 in prize money over four days and nights, nobody was bashful about "stepping up to the plate" for a little "extra gravy"! Defying fears of a "logistical nightmare", Director Jack Scott and his Houston Bunch managed to hold simultaneous tournaments at Danny's Sports Bar and Triple Crown Bar (located about a mile and a half West on Westheimer Road) on three of the four days of the tourney. Registration and Sponsor Sales took place at Danny's and then folks (generally in the 3 and 4 rating levels) would saunter on down to Triple Crown to play on four fine boards (Danny's featured eight boards).

Events included Four Person Draft Team, Singles and Bring Partner. So, without further ado, here are the winners:

Four Person Draft Team

Notable: This event allows the highest rated players in the field to draft three other players from the available pool. Contestants play each other on two tables, simultaneously.



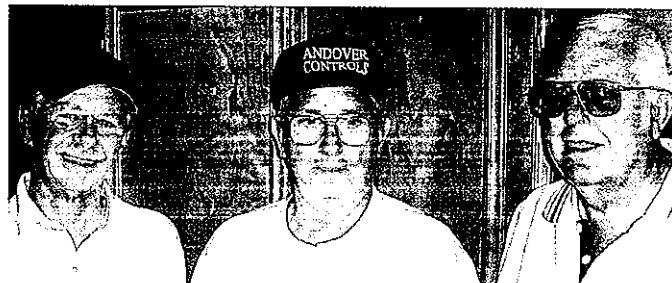
ABOVE: 1st Place: (L-R) Mahlon Nobles (Dallas), and Houstonians: Jimmy Britt, Dave Ramold, and Mahlon Moore and **2nd Place:** (no pictures available) Jeff Womble (Dallas) and Houstonians: Kelly Cameron, Ron "Lucky" Lecklider, and Charles Peltier



LEFT: 3rd Place: (L-R) Dale Koteris, Nancy Rice and not pictured: Tom Milan, and Gilbert Baird

Singles (-1 thru 2)

Notable: The "pro" division features best 2 out of 3 matches and 18 point games in the losers bracket.



ABOVE: (L-R) 1st Place: David Williams, Sr. (Ft. Worth); **2nd Place:** Billy Mays (Dallas); and **3rd Place:** Bill Melton (Davis, Oklahoma)

Singles (2's & 3's)

Notable: This division had the largest field and Jeff Womble stayed undefeated.



ABOVE: (L-R) 1st Place: Jeff Womble (Dallas); **2nd Place:** Silvia Martinez (Houston); **3rd Place:** Wayne Hammond (Houston); and not pictured: **4th Place:** David Williams, Jr. (Ft. Worth)

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Feathers Fly at Houston Thanksgiving Tournament!

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Singles (3's & 4's)

Notable: This event was held at Triple Crown. Big "B" came out of the loser's bracket to "double dip" young Kyle White.



LEFT: (L-R)
2nd Place:
Kyle White
(Wharton); **1st**
Place: Big "B"
(Houston); and
3rd Place:
(not pictured)
Mike Regan
(Houston)

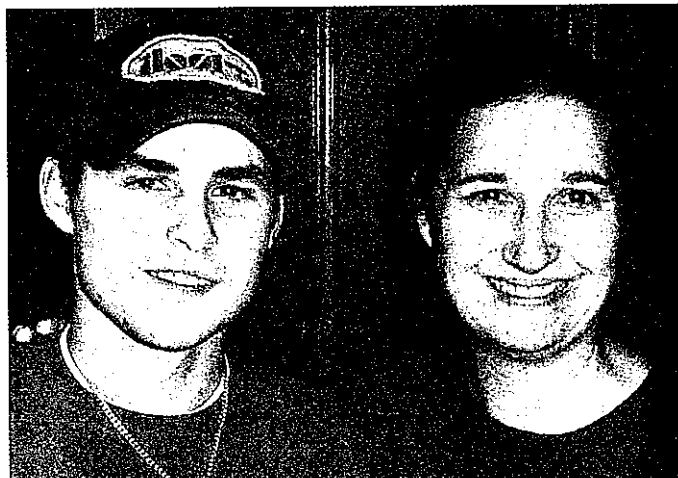
Bring Partner (add to 0)

Notable: After a long afternoon and evening, partners Preston/Cameron and Ramold/Crawford decided to split the "goodies" 60/40. This was a best 2 out of 3 format). - NO PICTURES AVAILABLE

1st Place: Dave Ramold, Houston and Johnny Wayne Crawford, Dallas; **2nd Place:** Flint Preston, and Kelly Cameron, Houston; and **3rd Place:** David Williams, Sr. and Mahlon Nobles of D/FW area.

Bring Partner (Add to 4)

Notable: In-laws Jeri Williams and David Williams Jr. stayed undefeated as Jr. continues his ascent up the ratings ladder.



ABOVE: (L-R) 1st Place: David Williams, Jr. (Ft. Worth) and Jeri Williams (Ft. Worth)



ABOVE: 2nd Place: Ann Walker (left) and Silvia Martinez (right) - both of Houston - pictured with Danny Norris (center-Danny's Sports Bar Owner & Tourney Host)



LEFT: 3rd Place:
Danny Green (left)
and Linda Nobles
(right) from Houston
& Dallas
respectively.

Bring Partner (add to 6)

Notable: Another Triple Crown event, this one saw Chapman and Peltier hold off a furious assault from the White brothers in the final. We heard one team in this field almost sold for \$1500, but for a "small mis-understanding!"



ABOVE: 1st Place: Charles Peltier and Joe Chapman - both from Houston "area"



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Feathers Fly at Houston Thanksgiving Tournament!

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Bring Partner (add to 6) -- (Con't. from Page 9)



ABOVE: 2nd Place: The Wharton, Texas "Brothers Team" of Craig White (left) and Kyle White (right)
[Editors' Comment: "There's that Kyle again taking home the money! Raters, are you watching?"]



LEFT: 3rd Place: Bob Hallette and not pictured partner, Gary Fomby - both of Houston

Thanks For The Memories

Director Jack Scott would like to thank Danny's Sports Bar and Triple Crown Bar (see their ads in Boardtalk) for hosting the Tourney and American Shuffleboard Supplies of Richland Hills, Texas for providing dust and silicone. As usual, the Houston Bunch (Bill Rice, Bob Lee, Harvey Kidd, Sylvia Martinez, Pete Worsnop, Danny Norris, James Cummings, Wayne Hammond, Stan Stinson and Don Meehan) tried to keep things running smoothly. Thanks, Ya'll and we'll see you real soon at the Houston Holiday Open!

Tournament Note: Due to circumstances not entirely under our control, we did not take pictures of the following winners at least once: Kelly Cameron, Ron "Lucky" Lecklider, Big "B", Johnny Wayne Crawford, and Flint Preston. We offer our congratulations to them and our apologies to their fans and families! --Submitted by Don Meehan, TX

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*Happy "Old Time"
New Year!*



7th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney - Missouri Results!



November 22-25, 2001
Eagles Club 3911, Houston, MO
By: Charlie Riley, IN



The Eagles Club 3911, Houston, Mo. held it's 7th. annual Thanksgiving tournament Nov. 22-25, 2001. The action started Thanksgiving evening with 33 players entering an ABC Draw.



ABOVE: 1st Place ABC Team: Rueben Roedeski of Houston, Mo. (left), Francis Waters of Salem, Mo. (center), and Jim Payne of Omaha Ne. (right)



ABOVE: 2nd Place ABC Team: Jimmy Floyd (left), Julie Hartman (center), and Scott Townle, all from Houston, Mo.

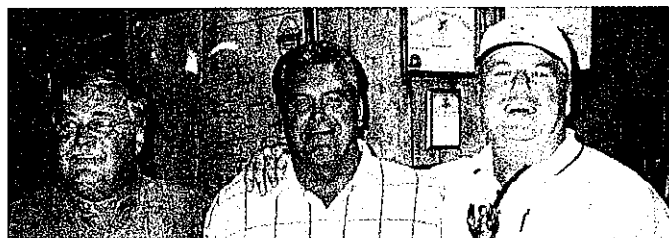


ABOVE: 3rd Place ABC Team: Charlie Riley, Houston, Mo. (left), Tom Carter, Springfield, Mo. (center) and Mick Moran, Mountain Home, Ar. (right)

Friday was the Bring Partner event with 19 teams.



LEFT: 1st Place Bring Partner: Going undefeated was Harvey Walden, Memphis, Tn. (left) and Woodie Cockrum, Columbia, Mo.



ABOVE: 2nd Place Bring Partner: the very strong local team of John Stenger (left) and Steve Lindsey (right) pictured with their sponsor Francis Waters (center) were knocked to the losers bracket by another local team of Charlie Riley and Rick Pittman. Harvey and Woodie then beat up on Charlie and Rick sending them to face John and Steve again in the losers bracket. This time John and Steve prevailed, taking on Harvey and Woodie in the finals but couldn't quite put the Old Boys away.



LEFT: 3rd Place Bring Partner: Settling for 3rd. was Charlie Riley and Rick Pittman both of Houston, Mo.

The third event was the handicap singles. The 20 players voted to have single elimination in order to finish play that day.



ABOVE: Singles Winners: (left to right) 1st Place: Jim Payne, Omaha, Ne.; 2nd Place: Charlie Riley, Houston, Mo.; 3rd Place: Dean Pinkston, Houston, Mo.; and 4th Place: Harvey Walden, Memphis Tn. (not pictured)

Thanks to Mick Moran and Woodie Cockrum for bringing the turkeys Thanksgiving day and the Eagles men and ladies auxiliary making sure no one went hungry all weekend and Rick Pittman and Tony Leir with a little help from Charlie Riley for directing another good tournament.

A special thanks to all of our out of town players, many of which has never missed one of our tournaments and it seems we have new faces almost every tournament. Our shuffleboard family just keeps growing and you are always welcome!

Market Street Cafe's Fall Classic & Turkey Shootout! Both Tournaments A Great Success!

Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, MD

October 26-28, 2001 (Fall Classic Tournament)

November 16-18, 2001 (Turkey Shootout Tournament)

Results & Photos By: Joyce Pyle & Brenda Wallace

The weather was beautiful during the Fall Classic, but our crowd was small, partly due to the NASC Reno tournament. On Friday evening we had 8 teams in the Draw Partner and on Sat. we had 7 teams in the Bring Partner.

Draw Partner - Fall Classic (Oct. 26):



ABOVE: (L-R) 1st & 2nd Place: 1st: Jim McDaniels (Darlington)/Jen Pickett (Rising Sun-local Market St. player); & 2nd: Tony Todd (Elkton)/Lennie Dell (Baltimore)



LEFT: (L-R) 3rd Place: Ed Hammond (Philly) & Brian Rutherford (Rising Star)

Bring Partner - Fall Classic (Oct. 27):



ABOVE: (L-R) 1st Place: Lennie Dell (Baltimore) & Rick Niblett (Salisbury)



LEFT: 2nd Place: (L-R) Louise Freer and Paul Havey (both of Philly)

Draw Partner - Turkey Shootout (Nov. 16):



LEFT: (L-R) 1st Place: Judy Isman (Chestertown) & Mark Dean (Rising Star)



LEFT: (L-R) 2nd Place: Lonzo Knight (Hagerstown) & Jim McDaniels (Darlington)



LEFT: (L-R) 3rd Place: Arto Johnson (NY) & Jennifer Pickett (Rising Sun)

Bring Partner - Turkey Shootout (Nov. 17):



ABOVE: (L-R) 1st & 2nd Place: 1st: Jen Pickett & Kurt Maurer (both of Rising Sun) & 2nd: Bill Brown & Lonzo Knight (both of Hagerstown)

The Market Street Cafe has three home boards and access to another one from another establishment when needed. Everyone had a good time at both tournaments. "Thanks" to owners Bobbi and Chip Spangler and tournament director Joyce Pyle. So, we invite anyone and everyone to come on over to Charlestown's Market Street Cafe and join the play and fun!

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16th MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS!

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Open Singles: (Saturday)



LEFT: 1st Place: In Saturday's Open Singles event, John McDermott (sponsored himself) returned after his absence last year, defending his title for the last 13 Michigan State Singles in which he participated in!



ABOVE: 1st Place & 2nd Place: (left to right) In second place, were John Tischler (sponsored by Paul Turner), and finishing in third place was Ron Palmer (sponsored himself).

Division II Singles: (Saturday)



LEFT: 1st Place: In the Division II Singles on Saturday, Paul Turner (sponsored by George Nelson) took first place.



ABOVE: 2nd Place, 3rd Place, & 4th Place: (left to right) Second place honors went to Mickey Montgomery (sponsored by Ron Palmer). Third place went to John Addington (Cow John, sponsored by Bill Kane), and finishing in fourth place was Dave Delgado (sponsored himself) in his debut in shuffleboard tournaments.

Ladies Singles: (Saturday)



ABOVE: 1st Place, 2nd Place, & 3rd Place: (left to right) In the Ladies Event, Trish Tolsdorf (sponsored by George Nelson) took first place, beating Cassie Schubert who took first place last year, (bought by Jerry Hershman) in a dramatic final game. In third place, Sandy Blade (bought by Frank Blade) finished strongly after taking second place last year.

Open Doubles: (Sunday)



LEFT: 1st Place: In Sunday's Open Doubles Event, John Tischler (left) and Roland Metivier (right) took first place over Frank Blade and Jerry Siebert.



ABOVE: 2nd Place: Jerry Siebert (left) and Frank Blade (right) took second place, followed by (not pictured winners): Dan Genez and Jeff Schubert in third, and JR Lopez and Ron Palmer in fourth.

As always, the owners and staff of The Club Car Lounge exhibited tremendous generosity and warmth to the participants of these events. Special thanks and recognition also goes to Cindy Brown, bracketeer Rob Kern, and to Steve Auten for aiding in the sponsor sales.



BILL MAXWELL and TED ZARIPHES WIN OSCAR'S 5TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OPEN

November 22 - 25, 2001

Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill, Bellflower, California

Report & Photos Provided By: Bob Davidson, Press Contact



Bellflower, CA. – The doubles team of Billy Maxwell and Ted Zariphes went undefeated in open play to capture the annual Thanksgiving weekend event at Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill in Bellflower, CA.

The pair defeated the team of Jimmy Martin and Frank Bentley on board three of the finals on Sunday afternoon. Maxwell and Zariphes went undefeated throughout the double elimination, best two of three tournament. Martin and Bentley had defeated Karl Spickelmier and Bobby Ruiz earlier in the day to earn the right to play Maxwell and Zariphes. The open champions, who were the high Calcutta team, earned the winner's share of the nearly \$1800 Calcutta pool and \$1100 in entry fees.

The win was Maxwell and Zariphes second in a row as they prevailed at the "Billy Chiles Memorial" open doubles at the Silver Spur in San Bernadino over the Labor Day weekend.

Open Doubles Winners:



LEFT: Open Doubles 1st Place:
Billy Maxwell (left)
& Ted Zariphes (right)



LEFT: Open Doubles 2nd Place:
Frank Bentley (left) & Jimmy Martin (right)



LEFT: Open Doubles 3rd Place:
Karl Spickelmier (left) & Bobby Ruiz (right)

Twenty-one players were on hand for the ABC event that began Friday morning, November 23. The team of Bob Brunskill, Oscar Ugarte and Gale Cole came from the loser's bracket to defeat the team of Eric Chiles, Robert Davidson and Brenden Coulter twice and win the double elimination, best two of three tournament. The winners took home their share of the more than \$1600 in entry fees and auction pool.

A-B-C Team Winners:



ABOVE: A-B-C 1st Place: (Left & Right)
Oscar Ugarte, Gale Cole, & Bob Brunskill



ABOVE: A-B-C 2nd Place: (Left & Right)
Eric Chiles, Brendan Coulter, and Bob Davidson

Tournament Director Paul Weber handled the bracketing and ABC auction, while Oklahoma resident Kenny Hawkes ran the Open auction. Oskar's provided turkey dinners both Friday and Saturday and a buffet was provided on Sunday by Hope Weber, Anna Brunskill, Sharon Amundsen, Sally Langlois and Oscar Ugarte. Oklahoma's Ms. Shari Faust won the 23-inch color TV that was raffled on Saturday night. Jim Stoops handled the team photos for the ABC event, while Ms. Jan Manes took pictures of the Open teams.

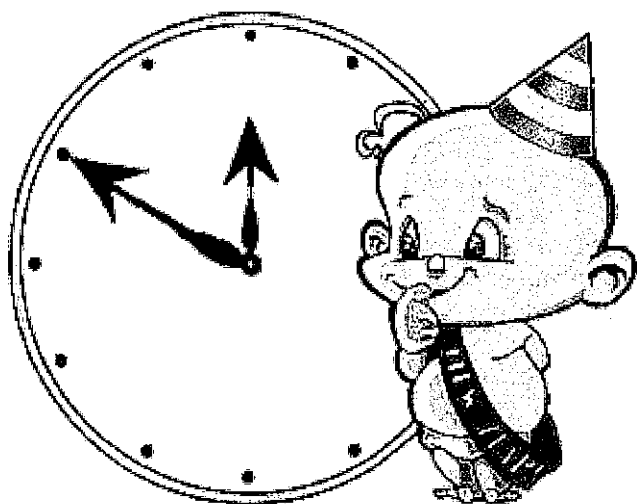
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Oscar's 5th Annual ...

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Players from Orange and San Bernadino counties as well as several local players were on hand to make the tournament a successful event. Traveling the farthest were Oklahoma's Shari Faust and Kenny Hawkes.

In other news, California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame President Jolene Lembke announced during the Thanksgiving Tournament, that the next inductee would be Ted Zariphes of Temecula. The next major tournament scheduled for Southern California is at Ted's ET's Sports Lounge in Temecula on President's Day weekend (February 16, 17 & 18). Billy Maxwell will be bringing in two additional boards for the AB Draw and Open Double events. Ted's induction will take place during this tournament. For more information on the tournament contact Ted Z. at (909) 694 8282.
Tournament Director: Paul Weber (562) 531-0663
Press Contact: Robert Davidson (562) 804-1636



Fond Memory of... James Anderson, Jr. Oct. 21, 1940- Dec. 4, 2001

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. -- Proverbs 3:27"

James Anderson, Jr., a great promoter of shuffleboard, after a couple years of bravely battling cancer, passed away on Dec. 4, 2001 and had a burial at sea by U.S. Navy on Dec. 8, 2001 from the Brass Dolphin, Downey, California. Eulogy: Mark Anderson, Brian Rainwater, Tim O'Brien, and friends and relatives.

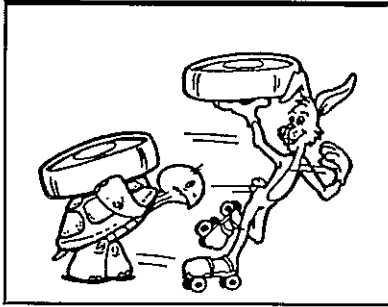
James was a player at and served as one of the tournament officials during the Las Vegas Extravaganza I - IX (9 years) tournaments, was previously a bartender at the Dixie Bell, and was very well known, loved, and respected by his family and friends. He is survived by daughter Diane, son Mark, Auntie Evelyn, Uncled Kenneth, Auntie Katherine, their families, and, in his words, "the best shuffleboard people around."

His children say that their dad would have been happy to know that everyone loved him so much. They believe he is in a better place and is no longer suffering. They stated "He came into this world without friends, but left with countless friends that cared for him so deeply."

*** "You only go around once in life, so why not enjoy the trip?" ***

Fond Memory of... Jim Linton

Jim Linton of Anaheim passed away on December 11, 2001. The last time many of us saw him was at the Silver Spur in San Bernardino on the first of September when he was in his wheelchair roaring around the place. We all will miss him. -- Bob & Anna Brunskill



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard (Con't. from Page 2)

Shuffling in New York/New Jersey!

I have been trying to organize a shuffleboard league in New York City or North Jersey (unsuccessfully, so far) and I know of good long boards in both areas. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact me. Thanks!

--Philip Dooman (Contact information below)

E-mail: philipdooman@email.msn.com or Call: 908-241-0832, or Write: Philip Dooman, 47D Colfax Manor, Roselle Park, NJ 07204.

Gordie Smith Thanks Jim Foran!

At Nasc Reno this year, they honored JIM FORAN with the Sol Lipkin Award and a number of people got up to speak and congratulate him. I have trouble getting up in front of people and speaking. I did talk with Jim after he received his well deserved award, but wanted to put out a thanks publicly via The Board Talk too. I just want to thank Jim for not only being my good friend, but it was Jim that brought the players to Canada for the Crazy Canuck Tournament. Without Jim, this comrade would not have happened. Jim is the person I look up to both as a player and a person. Jim and Russ ("The Colonel") were two of my best friends. So now that Russ is gone, I am still very fortunate to have a friend like Jim. It's hard to explain how a person feels, especially me, about all my U.S. friends because I have a ton of friends in the U.S. and feel very blessed to have these great friendships.

-- Gordie Smith, Canada

Thank You Flint Preston and All My Shuffleboard Friends!

"Thank You" Flint! Because of you, I have been given the honor and pleasure of meeting the most wonderful people in the world by you introducing me to the World Of Shuffleboard. Across the U.S.A. - shufflers have given me their love, hugs, kisses, tears, and financial support. I am a very very lucky person to know each and every one of you and wish to send this great big "Thank You" with love to all of you! Many thanks to all!

-- Kathy Orlando, Humble, Texas

It's Time For "Kid Spooks"!

This is an appeal to nominate "KID SPOOKS" into the "TSA National Hall of Fame". I desperately need all the information that anyone has on him and 20 signatures for the TSA nomination petition. Please contact me at 321-269-3914 in the mornings after January 13, 2002 about "KID SPOOKS" or e-mail me: shuffleboardme@hotmail.com. I know he was from New Jersey and was a World Champion and was one of the top players from the State of New Jersey from the late 1930's into the mid-1940's. He gave exhibition and was the best trick shot artist of his day. I believe he wrote articles for "Shuffleboard World" magazine and used different names at different times in his life. So, please, if any of you have information or documentation to accompany the nomination application, please send me copies. Thanks!

--Marty Allen, FL & OH

[Editors' Comment: Al Stewart recently placed a writeup on Kid Spooks in the July 2001 issue (page 36 & 37) of The Board Talk. We (Editors) personally did some internet research and found a copy of one Kid Spook's articles that you mention (copy also in the July 2001 issue) and by searching the internet at: <http://vitals.rootsweb.com> and <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com> we found that Kid moved from N.J. to California and apparently married and had 2 or 3 children (at which time he appeared to disappear from the California shuffleboard scene). We think he was born on Sept. 17, 1920 and died May 18, 1969. His last known address was Norwalk County, Los Angeles, CA (zip 90650). We did not write the State of California to determine cause of death or verify these facts absolutely. His given name was Frank S. Mykietyn and the article by him reprinted in The Board Talk July 2001 issue was from a June 1950, Page 2, "Shuffleboard World" issue. He may still have living family in California.]

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Michigan State Championship a Great Success!

The 16th Annual Michigan State Championships was a great success! The tournament was held at the Club Car Lounge in Durand over the Thanksgiving weekend. Bill Kane was ably assisted in handling all the events by Brenda Kane, Coco and Cindy Brown, and the ever efficient bracketeer, Rob Kern.

There were many players entered in the Mixed Doubles, Open Doubles, Div. I & II Singles, and the Women's Singles. Players came from many areas of Michigan, including Pontiac, Detroit, Lansing, Saginaw, Durand, and other locales. I was very glad to see Mike Papa and Bill Myers again, plus all the regulars that enter Michigan tournaments on a regular basis.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Michigan championships. The tournament was well run, the competition was strong, and everyone had a great time. I am looking forward to another 16 years of Michigan championship tournaments!

— Jerry Siebert, Michigan

*** END OF SHUFFLERS' NOTEBOOK ***

Sportsman's Lounge Open Doubles Results!

December 8, 2001

Sportsman's Lounge

Muncie, IN

Report By: Marcia Brown, IN

An Open Double was held at Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana on December 8, 2001 and had 15 teams vying for a purse of \$2850. The awesome duo of Glen Ingram and Jim Long sailed through the winners bracket to capture 1st Place. 2nd Place winners were Greg Massie and Brian Collins and Bobby and Deb Voorhis claimed 3rd Place.

As always our host, Rudy Parris added \$100 to the tournament winner's payout. The next Open Doubles tournament at the Sportsman's Lounge will be held January 5, 2002 - followed by another Open Doubles tournament on April 20, 2002. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! A great place for shuffleboard companionship!

Indiana Champs...

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"MIXED DOUBLES" (con't.):



LEFT: 2nd Place: Sheryl Cockerill (left) & Terry Dowell (right)



LEFT: 3rd Place: Gary Neff (left) & Kristy Redman (right)

"LADIE'S SINGLES" (Nov. 25, 12 players):



ABOVE: 1st & 2nd Place: Sandy Burke (1st) & (no picture) Sheryl Cockerill (2nd)



ABOVE: 3rd Place: Mary Brown

Thanks to all those who helped make this tournament possible: Sonny Harris, Joe Hopkins, Terry Dowell, Jeff McFadden, Jim DeWitt and all the AMVETS staff who worked hard taking care of customers. Sonny Harris and Char are always the best hosts. Thanks to the Indiana players who make the tournament a success. The 14th Annual State Tournament will be held at Lucky's Tavern on Nov. 28-30, 2002.

October Fest 2001 Tournament

October 2001

Bavarian "B" House, Titusville, Florida

Report & Photos Provided By: Charley Thompson

"The October Fest" shuffleboard tournament was a good warm-up for the Florida State tournament being held on Nov. 23-25, 2001. There was plenty of good food and some very good shuffling.

Many thanks to Rusty and Ursula for all the great food and to Pat Gray and Sue Swindle for all their help with the 50/50s. Winners were:

"SINGLES" Winners (Friday):



LEFT: 1st Place:
Rusty Nowakowski (left) presents 1st Place Honors to Alvis Ramey (right)



LEFT: 2nd Place:
Rusty Nowakowski and Glen Carew (right)



LEFT: 3rd Place:
Sue Swindle (left) and Dick Smedberg

"BRING PARTNER" Winners (Sunday):



LEFT: 2nd Place:
Marty Allen



LEFT: 1st Place:
Jerry Gray (left) and Alvis Ramey
[Editors' Comment: Way to go Alvis - three 1st places!]



LEFT: 3rd Place:
Dick Smedberg



LEFT: 2nd Place:
Dooley Forster (left) and Ursula Badouin

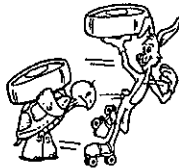
"A-B DRAW" Winners (Saturday):



LEFT: 1st Place:
Gary Shiels (left) and Alvis Ramey (right)



LEFT: 3rd Place:
J.T. Swindle (left) and Carol Komarc



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NOTE: See Footnote Description at top of Page 2 of Flyer (Time*, Entry Fee, Limits***)**

#	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 registered for tourney & banquet)	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) - \$2,500 Added Pot 2 of 3 Double Elimination Winner Bracket; 2 of 3 loser bracket (if time allows)	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 DIV. BRING (no two -1's) - \$2,500 Added Pot (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	DIV. 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	DIV. II BRING (Add to 6 or more) (Rated: 3 thru 5) NOTE: SUNDAY. 03/31 complete Events 7-9 (if needed).	03/30 (Sat.) - 12 Noon	\$60/team	32 teams (Rated: 3 thru 5)

REGISTRATION FORM: (ONE PLAYER PER FORM)

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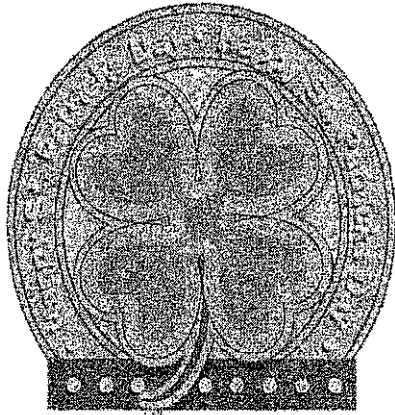
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Sat	7:00pm	OPEN DOUBLES	\$100 per team
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Draft Team - Double elimination, Match is best 2 out of 3 games to 15
4 person teams, Highest rated players will be captains

**** ENTRY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY AT 4:00PM ****

Open Doubles - Winners bracket 2 of 3 games, Losers bracket 1 game

Handicap Doubles - Single game to 15, double elimination

negative spot, no players rated better than 2

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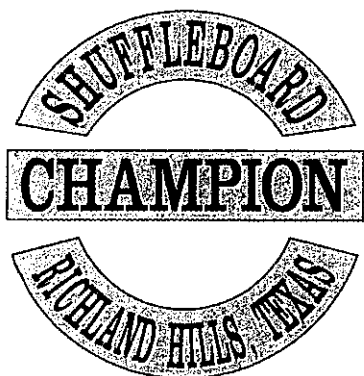
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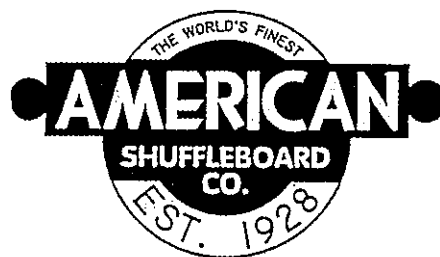
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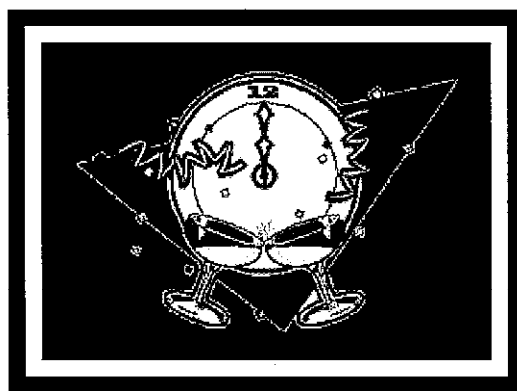
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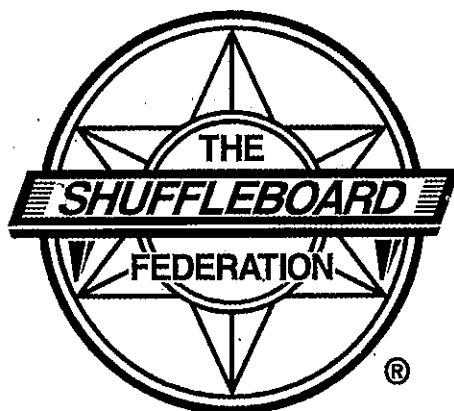
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Bavarian "B" House, Titusville, Florida

Report & Photos Provided By: Charley Thompson



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State bird: mockingbird
State flower: orange blossom

This year some new champions were crowned and a first for Florida - husband and wife both take their event's Singles Championship! Congrats to Alvis and Brenda Ramey for some mighty fine shooting! *Alvis Ramey* is the Men's Singles champion, in a close second with the "Pioneer of Florida Shuffleboard", Marty Allen. The ever popular J.T. Swindle placed third and last year's champion, Chris Boyett, took fourth. *Brenda Ramey* is the Women's Singles champion with second place going to last year's champion, Kathy Ring, and Carol Mickelson taking third place.



A Florida First!
Alvis & Brenda Ramey
Singles 2001 Champions !

"OPEN DOUBLES" (Saturday):



LEFT: 1st Place: *Dick Smedberg and Ursula Bodouin (right)*



RIGHT: 2nd Place: *Dooley Forster (left) and Marty Allen*



LEFT: 3rd Place: *Gray Shiels (left) and Carol Mickelson*

"MIXED DOUBLES" (Sunday):



ABOVE: 1st & 2nd Place (left to right): *Pat Gray/Alvis Ramey (1st); Jerry Gray/Brenda Ramsey (2nd)*



LEFT: 3rd Place: *Dick Smedberg (left) and Carol Komarc (right)*

"MEN'S SINGLES" Champs (Friday):



ABOVE: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place (left to right): *Alvis Ramey (1st), Marty Allen (2nd), J.T. Swindle (3rd)*



LEFT: 4th Place: *Chris Boyett*

"WOMEN'S SINGLES:" Champs (Friday):



ABOVE: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place (left to right): *Brenda Ramey (1st), Kathy Ring (2nd), and Carol Mickelson (3rd)*



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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 86 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- January 2002 Issue

In last months episode we found Eddie praying that the "hustling" trip they were about to embark on would go smoothly, and without a bunch of problems (like all the previous one's he'd been on).

For the next two weeks Eddie started to develop a plan for their trip to Southern California. He had a feeling that it might be a good idea to take a weekend shot at Las Vegas on the way, just to "warm" Jack up, and let him play on some unfamiliar boards. They could make this a kind of work and "pleasure" stop before matching up with the top competition they would be facing in L.A.

He presented his plan to Shelli and Jack, and they were both for it. Everything was in place at the Blue Moon, so they decided to start their journey the following Friday. In concert with Eddie's advice, Shelli set up all the travel, and other arrangements for them. They would fly out on Fri. morning, pick up a rental car at the Airport, and check in at the Sahara Hotel/Casino on the north end of the Strip. She made reservations for their departure to L.A. on Monday morning. With this plan, they could stay on the boards for the first two days, then relax, and maybe due a little "gaming", and even pick up a show on Sunday night. Eddie knew a man in Las Vegas who's handle was "Fearless Frank", and he had called him to get all the info on where the action was, and what to expect and all.

Shelli said a tearful good-bye to Eddie at the Airport. Even though it would only be for a couple weeks, she was still going to hate being away from him for even that short a time. Eddie assured her that if there was even a "hint" of any trouble, they would abandon the whole thing and come home.

The flight to LAS was uneventful, and they were on the ground in about an hour and fifteen minutes. They picked up their rental car with no problems, and headed out for the Sahara Hotel. They had quite a bit of time, so they departed the airport on Las Vegas Blvd. Eddie wanted to show Jack what the "Strip" looked like. He was really impressed with all the glitter of the buildings and all. Eddie told him to: "Wait until tonight -- you'll really dig it when it's all lit up".

After they checked in and had their bags brought up, they took their first look out of their window. What a view they had!

They could see partially down the strip on their left, and on the right, they had a perfect view of the Stratosphere Tower. It was supposed to be the tallest single standing structure West of the Mississippi. After seeing the Catapult on the top of the building operate, Jack said: "The first thing I want to do is go on that thing, ok?!" Eddie laughed and said: "Alright my friend, but we better do it right now -- before we have lunch. Otherwise, we might have to come back here and have you change before we go anywhere -- because I'm thinking you might just "Hurl" all over yourself!"

They had another really nice view of the City from the top of that Tower, and Eddie "watched" as Jack was shot upward by what was really a "Marten Baker ejection seat" that they use in jet fighters. After the ride was over he said: "Hey, I'm ready to do that again!" Eddie just laughed, and said: "Hey, we didn't come here for a kiddy show -- we've got some serious business here, and it's about to start in a few hours. Lets go back to the Hotel and have an early supper, so we can get in some practice on the Board we'll be playing on tonight.

They could almost have walked to the Bar they would be playing at. It was called the "House of Bottles Bar", and it was just a few blocks past the Stratosphere. They were glad they drove though, as the neighborhood kind of deteriorated a little bit as they got closer to the place.

After they got inside and were served their drinks, they asked the bartender if they could have the weights so they could throw a few. He said "sure" and handed them the case. There weren't hardly any people there yet, so they had the Table to themselves. Eddie had heard from his friend Frank, all about the shape the board was in. So before they started, he said to Jack: "Alright 'Top Gun' -- I'll bet you ten bucks right now, that you can't lag a deuce or better on at least one of your first two shots.

They waxed the board first, and then Jack took his first shot. He let go on his lag just like he would on an average table. The weight was so fast -- that it almost knocked out the backboard on the other end of the Table! Jack and the Bartender were both laughing away at that -- and also when his second shot went sailing right of the end too! All Jack could say was: "Man -- I have NEVER seen a board as fast as this in my life!"

Just about then Fearless Frank walked in the front entrance. He and Eddie shook hands, and gave each other a hug. They made introductions all around, and after a short time of reminiscing, Frank told Eddie to go on and get some practice in -- because he had to get things set up for the tournament. About twenty minutes later, the players started to show up, and in no time the place was packed. There were a couple other guys show up who would help Frank on and off and their names were "Quickshot Craig", and "Teddy the Alphabet".

Cards were then drawn to see who would be partners. By a minor miracle, Eddie and Jack ended up as partners. After the names and positions of play were logged in on the board at the end of the Table, Frank hollered out..."Let the games begin!"

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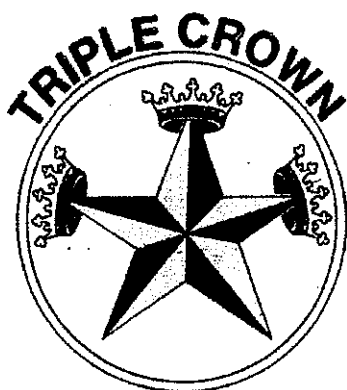
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Holiday Classic at Harvey's Place



December 7-9, 2001
Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland
Report By: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware



The festive and busy holiday season was kicked off at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland on Dec. 7-9, 2001 on their four in-house boards, using the Bowers 2001 Ratings as the handicap measure which levels the skill and provides alot of interest and competition. "If your good, you have to be real good to win!" Early dates were selected so that the traveling players wouldn't have other family holiday conflicts during this busy season. It also marked the end of the warm and dry weather in the northeast which changed to the typical winter cold and wet days the same weekend. Holiday greetings were extended by all at this scheduled 2nd weekend tournament of the shuffleboard season.

Friday night at 6:30 PM started with the "Draw Partner." After a long evening, the winners emerged. Leading the way to the finals and receiving the majority of the winners monies were Mike Miller (Philadelphia, PA) and Dave Shewbridge (Pasadena, MD). Second place was won by Gene Long (Lancaster, PA) and Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) with third place going to Louise Freer (Lansdale, PA) and Jim McDaniel (Darlington, MD). Fourth place was taken by Jim Dennis (Perryville, MD) and Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE).

Most players left early to get rest for the Bring Partner event scheduled for Saturday afternoon and the race for a trophy jacket and money. This is where the Bowers Rating System really helps to level out the field and give everyone an equalized change to win. Taking the winners trophy jackets and first place winners was the team of Kurt Maurer (Conowingo, MD) and Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) - congratulations to both for their efforts. The real surprise was the second place team of Bobbie Breneman and Anthony Todd (both of Newark, DE) - congratulations to this team also for a real effort. Third place went to Louise Freer (Lansdale, PA) and Ron Ness (Philadelphia, PA - great player, but has not played in many tournaments). Finally, fourth place went to Lindsay Hall (Baltimore, MD) and Gene Long (Lancaster, PA).

While the Bring Partner event was finishing up, a \$10 Draw Partner (not handicapped) event was held on the open boards. Sixteen players entered and as you would suspect the results changed. Winning the lion's share of the pot were host Harvey

Comer and Louise Freer. Taking consolidation money were Dick Gorman and Gene Long.

Action never ends at Harvey's and the regular Saturday Draw Partner event started a little late (boards being used to finish up the other events). Taking first place were Lindsay Hall (Baltimore, MD) and Wayne Todd (Newark, DE) and taking second place were Darlyne Belcher, our hostess, and first time money winner Sherri Downes of Darlington, MD.

Sunday was reserved for the Trophy Jacket dash for the Open Singles which began at 11 AM, using the Bowers 2001 Ratings for handicap determination. Charging toward first place were some familiar names on this weekend, but leading them to first place, the money and champion jacket was from Saturday's winning team of Kurt Maurer (1st Place) and Jen Pickett (2nd Place). So this was really a great weekend for this special couple! Taking third place was Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE) and Len Dell (Baltimore, MD).

It was a great day to be with friends and competitors at the beginning of the Christmas Season and we were treated to individual stuffed breasts of chicken, mashed potatoes, string beans, rolls and great deserts provided to all our shufflers by our hostess, Darlyne Belcher. Harvey Comer, our ever gracious host, invites everyone to the Mason-Dixon Classic at Harvey's Place, home of four in-house boards, on February 22-24. Advanced registration assures players of competing. Call Harvey Comer at 410-836-8881 to let him know. Come participate in the battle of the North and South!

[Editors Comment: Dick Gorman, as many of you know, has undergone a series of eye surgeries. He was scheduled for the 5th eye surgery on Monday, Dec. 10th and doesn't know how long his healing process will be to be able to read, write and report tournament events to us. We ALL wish you a speedy recovery Dick!]

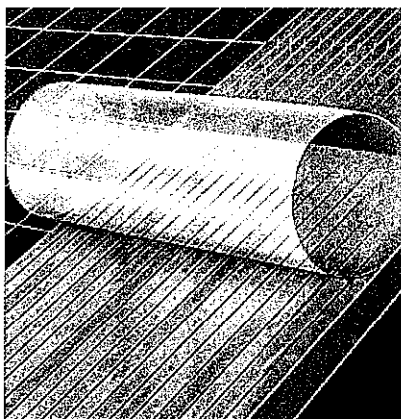
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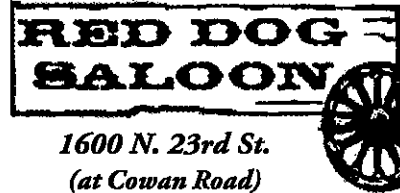
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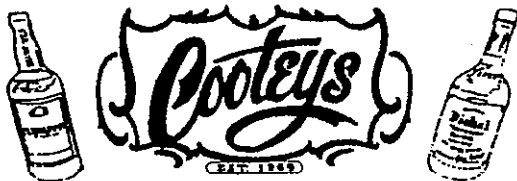
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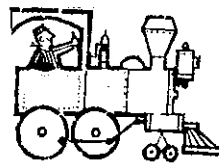
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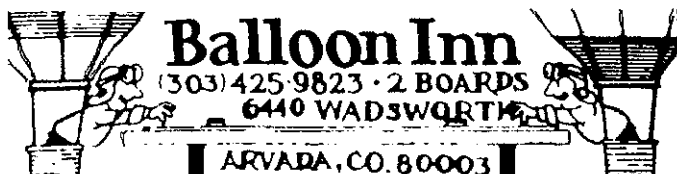
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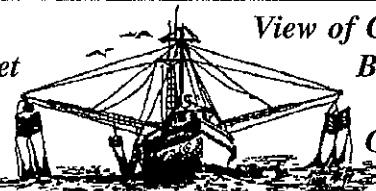


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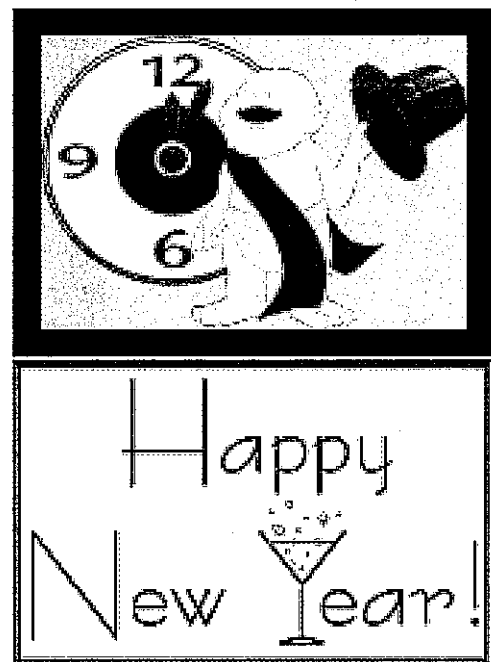
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2002 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JANUARY 2002

January 5

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

January 12 (See Ad, Page 5)

A-B \$5 Draws (6 PM to Closing)
Fiasco Cocktails
San Antonio, Texas

January 18-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

January 19-20

CFSA's "Winter Fest" Tourney
KT's
Cocoa, Florida

FEBRUARY 2002

February 2 (see flyer insert)

Winter Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

February 2-3

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

February 9-11

Nelson Renzo Tournament (Draw,
Bring, and Mixed)
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

February 9-11

Nelson Renzo's Draw, Bring, Mixed
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

February 13-18

President's Day Tournament
Old Town Saloon (*Previously held
at Blinky's Tavern*)
Livermore, California

February 15-17

Taz Weekend Tournament
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

February 22-23

He/Her Tournament
Barbara's Beer Garden
Springfield, Missouri

February 16-18

Presidential Weekend Tourney
E.T.'s Sports Bar
Temecula, California

February 22-24 (See Sept. '01 flyer)

Mason Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

February 23-24

22nd Annual Masters (Doubles)
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

MARCH 2002

March 9-10

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

March 15-16

Spring Fling (Draw & Bring Partner)
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

March 15-17

Florida Open
Moose Lodge # 2304
Titusville, Florida

March 15-17 (see flyer insert)

3rd Annual O'Harold's
St. Patrick's Tournament
Harold's Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

March 15-17

Florida Open
Moose Lodge 2304
Titusville, Florida
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March 22-24

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

March 26-31 (See flyer insert)

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



APRIL 2002

April 2-7

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Reno, Nevada

April 4-7

Nationals Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

April 19-20

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

April 20

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

April 19-21 (See Sept. '01 flyer)

Maryland State Championship
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 25-28

Texas State Championship
Danny's Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

JUNE 2002

June 1-2

Forest Festival (A-B Bring)
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

June 1-2

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

June 14-16

Taz Weekend Tournament
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

JULY 2002**June 30 - July 6**

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

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Nationals Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

August 1-4

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August 2-4

Taz Weekend Tournament
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

August 18-20

Taz Weekend Tournament
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

August 30-September 1

Washington State Tournament
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

OCTOBER 2002**October 5-6**

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

October 11-12

2nd Annual Columbus Day Tourney
Devonshire Inn
St. Louis, Missouri

October 18-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

NOVEMBER 2002**November 9-10**

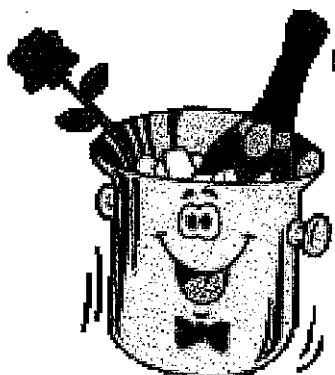
14th Annual Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 28-30

14th Annual Indiana State Tourney
Lucky's Tavern
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DECEMBER 2002**December 7-8**

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Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York



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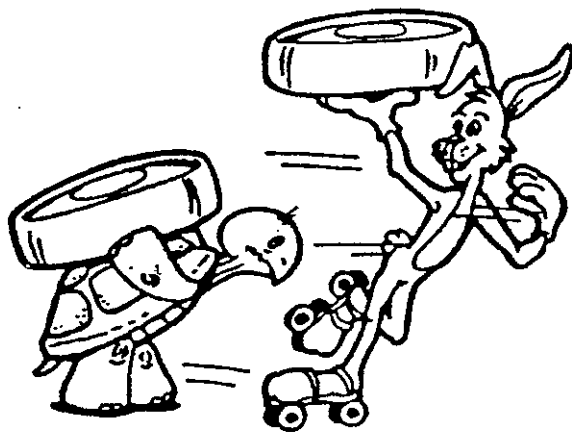
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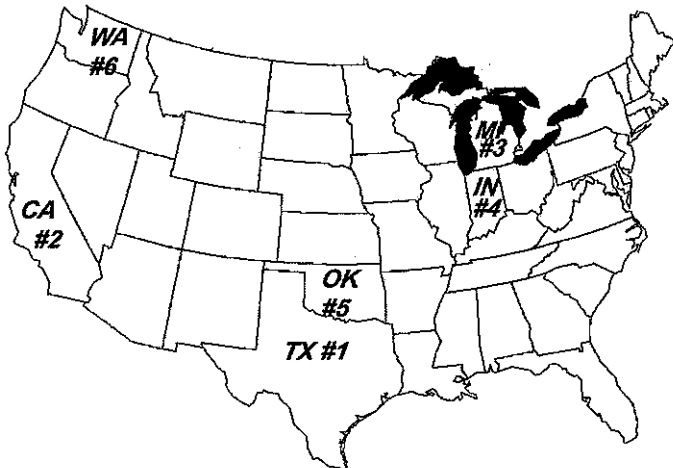
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