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3rd Annual Developmentally Disabled Tournament



May 23, 2002

The Season Ticket, Spokane, WA

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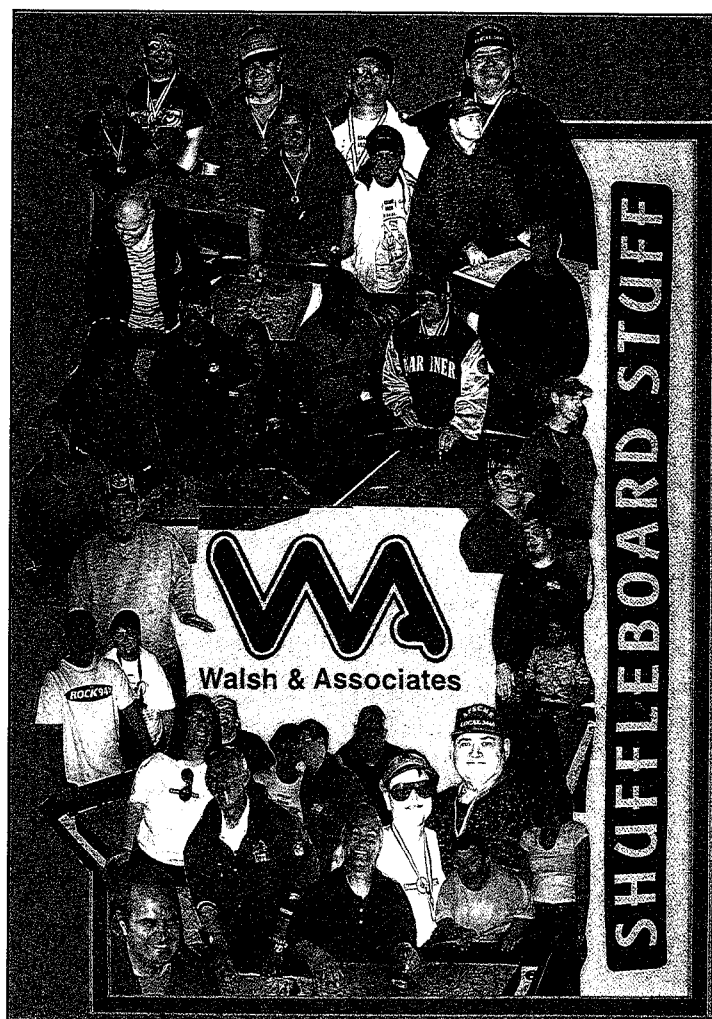


This is the 3rd year that Spokane's Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza Tournament has included this very special Developmentally Disabled (DD) Adult tournament. Once again, it proved to be outrageous fun. With close to 30 players, the emotional gauntlet is running when these very "special" players compete. We invite everyone to come and share in this great charity event. We guarantee you will laugh alot, smile alot, and likely even cry a little. There are plenty of hugs to go around, and you will never look at shuffleboard the same again. Come experience some genuine fun! We wish to extend a big thanks to our two most generous sponsors: Jim Walsh of Walsh & Associates and to the Randazzo brothers at the Season Ticket for their \$1,000 each sponsorship and many thanks to all sponsors. A special thanks to Frank Mako for helping out this year with the DD Adult tournament. Great photos Frank! [Photo Collage of DD Tournament in next column].

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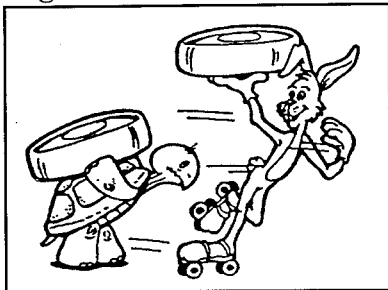
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[Editors Comment: For more on this DD tournament event and other Memorial Day Tournament News from Washington State and across the country... turn to page 8 of this issue. There was alot of Memorial Day tournament activity this year -- some reports are not yet in, but hopefully will be submitted in time for inclusion in the August 2002 issue. -- T&L, Editors]

(Memorial Day Tournament News Con't. on Page 8)



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Thanks From Eddie Brayman...

Just wanted to thank everyone for their kind words and support, and thank Lorraine Bingham for her beautiful article. Thanks to you, everyone has called me except Pres. Bush. What's the problem, couldn't you get a Board Talk delivered to the White House? Only kidding honey, you know I love you. Anyway, the old noggin is doing fine. Right now I'm in the process of getting 2nd opinions from everyone but the mailman. This past week at the Manteca tournament was a great distraction. Shuffleboard is great for whatever ails you. Oh yeah, that's why so many of us are playing this crazy game, isn't it?

Anyway, thanks once more for your prayers and all that. Now I really understand what they mean by "The Shuffleboard Family".

—Fast Eddie Brayman, CA

Hats Off to the Full House from Gary & Kay Nelson...

For those of you that haven't made it down to the Full House in Wynnewood, Oklahoma... you need to make plans to attend. This is one of the Best Places to go play shuffleboard. The 4th Annual Washita Handicap Tournament was a great success as usual. Over 40 players in every event. Our special thanks to Gerald Wood for getting us to the park and picking us up when we were all settled in and ready to go play! Special Thanks to our dear friends Ronnie & Joyce Gamble for the use of their car to go back and forth to the Motor Home (had to let the dogs out), and all the Oklahoma players for a great time playing and visiting. From Tulsa to Arkansas over to Tennessee up to Nebraska, the players always

come here to compete. Hats off to Bill Melton for winning the singles and to Jim Payne for giving him a really tough game to finish second. We played in every event and that's a first for us - Oklahoma sure knows how to make you feel at home!!

—Gary & Kay Nelson, D/FW, TX

Indiana Players Dominate Michigan Open...

The Michigan Open was held Memorial Weekend at the Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan [Editors Comment: See Page 10-11 for tournament results/details]. There were many players from Michigan, Indiana, and across the country. Nick and Bev Chaffin came from California and it was nice to meet them. Frank and Judy Edelen came from Missouri.

Each of the events had a good turnout. The Mixed Doubles had 25 teams and there were 32 total players in the Singles Open and Singles Handicap events. Congratulations to all winners!

The tournament was smoothly run by Bill and Brenda Kane. They had their regular group of assistants that did a good job. Rob Kern, the reliable bracketeer, handled all the events and ran multiple tournaments at the same time. Dennis Bittner provided free food on three days and it was greatly appreciated by everyone at the tournament.

Bill and Brenda put a lot of effort into the tournaments they run. For this tournament, they offered a variety of great shirts to commemorate the event, including a cute ladies shirt. 50/50 drawings were run to contribute to the Michigan Hall of Fame. They provided or organized the prizes for tickets buyers that didn't hit the 50/50 cash split. Having run tournaments myself, I understand all the work it takes to have a successful tournament. Directing tournaments is quite a responsibility.

Right now Bill and Brenda run 3 tournaments a year in Michigan. I would like to commend them and thank them for their efforts. Remember the meaning of the word "open" when you put it in the words Michigan and shuffleboard. Everyone should experience a tournament run by Bill and Brenda Kane. See you next year at the Michigan Open!

—Jerry Siebert, MI

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

(See Page 27 for more detailed information)

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #20 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, stories, or funny pictures

Wedding Bells "Ring" in Vegas!

"Congratulations to Chris & Barbi (Levasseur) Passariello!"

-- Congrats From: Tom & Lynda French & the Entire Shuffleboard Community!

For all those players who were in Vegas participating in the "1st Annual Board Talk Open 2002," you are sure to recognize this lovely couple - Chris Passariello and Barbi Levasseur (now Barbi Passariello). We (the Editors) asked them to share this great story with their shuffleboard family.

After Chris' big win with Bobby Voorhis in the Pro Bring Partner event, Chris and Barbi were leaving the Plaza Hotel/Casino with their parents, when they spotted a sign that said "Weddings -- \$25".

Well, Chris kept teasing Barbi, saying when she put up her \$12.50, he might match it. They joked with their family about such a low cost wedding.

One day shortly thereafter, just for fun, Barbi put her \$12.50 on the kitchen counter before leaving for work.

When she returned from work, Chris had matched her \$12.50 and said to her "Well, are we going to do it?" Barbi responded, "Are you kidding?"



*Chris & Barbi Passariello
The Chaples of the Bells
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 20, 2002*

Chris said, "No, I'm not kidding." So, Barbi said, "Yes"... and the plans were on!

Four days later, on April 20, 2002, they were married at The Chaples of the Bells in Las Vegas, Nevada!

Chris and Barbi asked that along with this story we extend the following message to their shuffleboard family: "God Bless, From Our Hearts to Yours... Chris & Barbi!"

We (Editors) enjoyed this story and know others will too. We wish these two a long life of happiness together! Well deserved! Congrats, Chris & Barbi!
[Editors' Comment: Okay, now who's next? We celebrated two wedding anniversaries during the tournament (Harvey & Lilly Kidd of Houston, Texas and Mahlon & Linda Nobles from D/FW, Texas) and we already had one

wedding during the tournament... being Jerry & Wanda Williams of Austin, Texas (who were very late for their own wedding due to Jerry playing in the finals of the 6-Person team event). So, who will it be next year? Surprise us, okay?

-- T&L French, Editors

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN 2002 AMERICAN LEGION POST 73 DEL CITY, OK

American Legion Post 73
P.O. Box 15073
DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155

JUNE 30-JULY 7, 2002



The American Legion Post # 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, OK is now accepting registrations for their annual *Fourth of July Tradition* - the "SOUTHWEST OPEN 2002" tournament. There are 13 events scheduled (see flyer in the June 2002 issue for details) with play on 31 Boards. For registration or event questions and/or details contact: Kathy Yingst at 918-742-2261 or e-mail: swopen@swbell.net. For any other information, contact: Don Crall at the American Legion: 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120 or e-mail: doncrall73@aol.com [See Flyer Insert in the June 2002 The Board Talk issue for more information and "Registration" form.]

California

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY EAGLE LODGE #3608 EXETER, CA JULY 3-7, 2002



The Eagle Lodge #3608, 555 Visalia Rd., Exeter, California is hosting their Annual 4th of July Tournament on July 3-7 on 3 boards (RV Parking Available, Plus Several Hotels Nearby). Bowers 2002 Ratings (Bowers' whole number rating - no decimals). Tournament starts on July 3 (Wed.) with the signup for the **A-B-C** (\$25/person; 16 team limit; 2/3 double elimination) and sponsor sale at 9 p.m. with play starting immediately after the sponsor sale and continuing on July 4 (Thurs.). Friday is finish A-B-C (if needed) and sponsor sale for **Bring Partner Doubles** that evening. Saturday, July 5 the Bring Partner Doubles starts (must total 2 points or more - no decimals; \$100/team; 16 team limit; 2/3 double elimination). For more info. contact: Marion Bailey 559-798-0800 or Steve O'Neal 559-592-9761. (See Flyer Insert in the June 2002 The Board Talk issue for more details on the tournament and hotel options)

Colorado

BALLOON INN'S 2002 TOURNEYS ARVADA, CO JULY - DECEMBER 2002



The Balloon Inn, 4660 Wadsworth Bypass, Arvada, Colorado (ph#: 720-533-4822) has the following upcoming tournaments scheduled from July - December 2002:

•CONEHEAD CLASSIC IV (A-B-C Blind Draw) August 16-18, 2000

A-B-C Three Person Blind Draw; Entry \$25/person; 2/3 Double Elimination to 21 points (winner bracket) and Single Game to 21 points (loser bracket); Sponsor Sale Fri. August 16 at 7:00 p.m. with A-B-C play starting afterward (approx. 8 p.m.).

•SINGLES ROUND ROBIN (Neg. Handicap) October 11-13, 2002

Singles (neg. handicap); \$30/person; play everyone 1 game to 15 points; maximum 3 point negative spot; Sponsor Sale Fri. October 11 at 7:00 p.m. with play starting afterward (approx. 8 p.m.).

•13th ANNUAL SANTA CLASSIC (Bring Partner) December 13-15, 2002

Bring Partner Open Doubles; Entry \$120/person; 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.

In Fond Memory of... Linda Bell



Linda Bell (pictured right above - HHO 2000 tournament), long-time soul mate of James Cato (Houston, Texas shuffler - pictured left above) and a great supporter of our sport, expired on June 2, 2002 with interment at Houston Memorial Gardens on June 8th.

Washington

GRAND MASTERS TOURNEY WHISTLING OYSTER QUILCENE, WA AUGUST 1 - 4, 2002



The Whistling Oyster, 294903 Hwy. 101, Quilcene, Washington will be hosting the annual "Grand Masters" tournament Aug. 1-4 on 5 excellent in-house boards. **Open Singles on Aug. 1** (Thurs.); \$500 Added with 24 players; \$100 entry (2 of 3 15 pt. winners bracket; single 15 pt. losers bracket); sponsor sale at noon w/ play afterwards. **Open Draw on Aug. 2** (Fri.); \$25/person; no sponsor sale - starts at 6 p.m. sharp; single 15 pt. game. **"Grand Masters" on Aug. 3-4**; \$100/team (2 of 3 15 pt. winners bracket; single 17 pt. losers bracket); \$500 Added with 28 teams; sponsor sale at NOON on Aug. 3. For more information contact: Bill Bailey 360-765-9508 or Jim Manders 360-681-2391 or Mike Waters 360-275-4286 or email: vanwagenen@worldfront.com (See flyer inserted into this July 2002 Issue for room accommodation options and more tournament details)

Indiana

BOURBON SUMMER PRO-AM AMERICAN LEGION POST#424 AUGUST 2-3, 2002

On August 2-3 a Bourbon Summer Pro-Am tournament will be hosted at Bourbon's American Legion Post #424, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, Indiana.

The tournament will start on Friday Aug. 2 with Pro Singles (limit 16, \$100.00 entry, first 16 0's and 1's) and Amateur Singles (limit 24, \$30.00 entry, 1's, 2's, 3's, etc.) both starting at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 3 at 1:00 pm., is Pro-Am Doubles (24 team limit; teams must add up to 2.25 /team; \$40 entry). Bowers 2002 Ratings Used. If unrated, 5 local players will rate you (this is only a local rating for this tournament).

To ensure your spots, please send your entries to American Legion Post #424, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504 (Attn: Fritzi Broka, Tournament Director) or call Fritzi at 574-342-2023.

New York

DEW DROP INN TOURNEYS WATERLOO, NY URGENT NOTICE: CLUB CLOSED AS OF JUNE 23, 2002

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York (which previously had advertised all the 2002 tournament plans for Draw Partner/Bring Partner and the Nationals) is sad to report the closing of Dew Drop Inn on June 23, 2002. Therefore, all tournaments previously advertised in "Upcoming Events" and the "Calendar of Events" have been cancelled. Tracie Fridley at Dew Drop Inn (315-539-5729) gave a parting word to us (The Board Talk Editors)... "All shuffleboard tournaments (including the Nationals in August) are cancelled and we will be closed as of June 23rd. I will miss everyone very much and no one can ever take the many memories of shuffleboard away from me. Many Thanks, Tracie Fridley"

URGENT MESSAGE to: Shuffleboard Clubs & Establishments from the Editors...

PLEASE READ:

The Annual "Play Your Way Across the USA" JUNE 2002 Edition is being delayed until AUGUST 2002 due to several establishments having "expired" subscriptions and they will be deleted from this "free" annual publication unless renewal is received before July 14, 2002. PLEASE CHECK THE BACK COVER ABOVE YOUR ADDRESS to see if you have an "expired" subscription or "overdue" Shuffleboard Directory Ad. Players should check with their favorite local establishments to see if they have expired subscriptions or if they would like to subscribe (if they are not already a subscriber or Shuffleboard Directory Advertiser) so that their establishment can be listed in this annual "free" listing if they subscribe or have a Shuffleboard Directory Advertisement. PLEASE renew or subscribe or purchase a Shuffleboard Directory Ad before July 14, 2002 to be listed in this "free" annual publication that is mailed to all subscribers (insert in the August 2002 issue) that lists your establishment as a place to play. Thanks, Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors

Texas

TEXAS OPEN/CHAMPION SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT GOLD NUGGET ARLINGTON, TX AUG. 28 - SEPT. 2, 2002

The Texas Open/Champion Shuffleboard tournament will be held at the Gold Nugget, 2602 W. Division Street, Arlington, Texas on Aug. 8 - Sept. 2 on 12 Champion shuffleboards (same boards & supplies as used in the 1st Annual Board Talk Open 2002 - Las Vegas tournament.) The tournament will start on **Wed. Aug. 28 at 7 pm with a 4-Person Bring Team** (2 Divisions - 2 of 3 dbl elimination): Div. I (add to 1; \$200 entry; one pro allowed) and Div. II (add to 10; \$100 entry; no pro allowed). **Thurs. Aug. 29 at 7 pm will be Singles** (3 Divisions - handicap entry fees - See flyer insert for details). **Fri. Aug. 30 at 7pm will be Draw Partner** (2 Divisions - handicap entry fees - See flyer insert for details). **Sat. Aug. 31 at 2pm will be 6-Person Draft Team** (All Play - \$50 entry fee - 4 of 7 dbl elimination). **Sun. Sept. 1 will be Bring Partner** (2 Divisions - Div. I: Add to 0 & Div. II: Add to 4 Handicapped - See flyer insert for details). Monday Sept. 2nd will be finish up the Bring Partner events (if needed) and \$20 & \$50 Draws. For more information, contact Bobby Williams 817-265-7045 or 817-657-7310; or Jeri Williams 817-657-7306 or 817-496-8972; or David Williams 817-451-9583. (See flyer inserted into this July 2002 Issue for room accommodation options and tournament details)

LATE ADDITION: Brookdale Pub & Grill, Tacoma, Washington, JULY 27 - 28, 2002 - 1st ANNUAL "B-C" Draw Partner & Pro-Open Draw Partner "B-C" DRAW YOUR PARTNER Each "B" rated player will draw a "C" rated player. Draw at 11:00 a.m.; Entry \$20.00/player; Double elimination; 2 out of 3; 15 point games in the winners bracket and one 17 point game in the losers bracket. **PRO-OPEN DRAW YOUR PARTNER** This event is for players rated, 1, 0 or -1's ONLY. No lower rated player may participate in this event. Draw at 11:00 a.m. Entry Fee \$50.00/player. Double elimination; 2 out of 3; 15 point games in the winners bracket and One 17 point game in the loser's bracket. 4 quality shuffleboards. 2002 Bowers rating to be used. All unrated players contact Mike Keevil for a rating for these events only. For More information contact Mike Keevil at 253-536-0345, 253-219-9177. E-Mail: ToleTown@aol.com.

California

5th ANNUAL BILLY CHILES MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT MOOSE LODGE # 1832 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA AUG. 30 - SEPT. 2, 2002

The 5th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial tournament is being held at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge 1832 on August 30 (Friday) - September 2, 2002. There will be 2 events, 2/3 double elimination, with play on 4 boards: The first event will be an A-B-C Draw (\$25/player entry fee) and second event will be Bring Partner (\$50/player; must add to 2.0). Sponsor sale is on Saturday at 6 P.M. Bowers 2002 Rating in effect. \$10 one-time registration fee. BBQ on Saturday. 100% Pay Out. For more details and information contact: Marie Coulter at 714-840-1825 or Rich Warren at 714-536-0172.



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Oklahoma

4TH ANNUAL WANDERING THE WORLD WOMEN'S BEST WESTERN MOTEL TULSA, OK SEPT. 19-22, 2002



The 4th Annual "Wandering the World Women's Tournament" will be hosted by Sally Goff at the Best Western in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sept. 19-22, 2002 on 12 Champion Shuffleboards (8 boards for the women and 4 boards for the men). There will be a \$20 one-time registration fee and all participants must stay at the Best Western (with exception of locals). **For details see flyer insert or contact Sally Goff: 918-245-8298 (H) or 918-596-9437 (W).**

Oklahoma

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

American Legion Post 73

P.O. Box 15073
DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155



The third 2002 Heartland Handicap tournament scheduled for 2002 (hosted at the American Legion Post 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, OK on 7 boards) is to be held on Oct. 18-19 and will kick off on Fri. with a *Draw Partner at 7:00 PM* (\$25/player entry); and Sat. with a *Bring Partner at 3:00 PM* (\$50/team); Bowers' Ratings will be used; maximum spot of 4 points. For more info. call the American Legion: 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120 or email: doncrall73@aol.com

Nevada

13th ANNUAL NASC™ SANDS REGENCY RENO, NV OCT. 26 - NOV. 3, 2002



The 13th Annual North American Shuffleboard Championships™ return to the Sands Regency Hotel October 26 - November 3. One of the highlights of the 2002 NASC™ is the addition of two new events, a 3-person team event for -1's, 0's, and 1's (team must add to 0) and one for 2's, 3's, 4's (team must add up to 7). The 3 person team events will be the lead off events and will start Saturday night and conclude Sunday afternoon.

The rest of the schedule will remain pretty much the same, with Pro/Am starting Sunday afternoon, all doubles events beginning on Tuesday, all amateur singles beginning on Wednesday, Pro Singles and Amateur Team starting on Thursday night. The Draw Partners will begin on Saturday and Crazy Eights on Sunday.

Participants will have a chance to win a brand new regulation size Ambassador Shuffleboard Table from Venture Entertainment. The Ambassador is the official shuffleboard table of the NASC™ and WCT™. Participants will receive one free ticket for every event they enter. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the tournament or through our website.

For more information, call The Shuffleboard Federation at 800-380-3033 or visit the official 2002 NASC™ website: www.shuffleboardfederation.com/2002nasc.html, where you can print registration forms and access all the latest tournament information.

*****End of Upcoming Events*****

In Fond Memory of... Jerry Thurman

We (The Board Talk Editors/Publishers) were informed that Jerry Thurman, shuffler from Austin, Texas passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2002 (reportedly from bone cancer). No other information available at this time.



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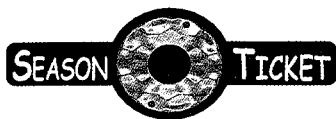
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21st Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza



May 23-27, 2002

Season Ticket, Spokane, WA

Results & Photos Submitted By: John Rostollan, WA



Spokane's "21st Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza" was held May 23-27 with the tournament opening on May 23 with an inspiring event -- the "3rd Annual Developmentally Disabled Adult (DDA)" tournament [See page 1 of this issue] and was held at the Season Ticket in beautiful Spokane, Washington (jointly hosted by Bangham, Lagg & Wynn). This years tournament was truly one to remember.

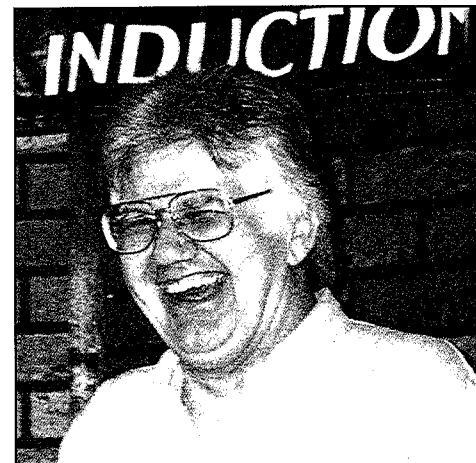
The induction of Steve Kalamarski into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on May 25, 2002 during the tournament is another one of the most precious memories we will take from this tournament [photo from front page of the induction program pictured to the right - center of this page]. Steve was surrounded by his friends and family. It was a grand event, cherished by all. There were at least 80+ attendees at Steve's induction ceremony.

The Northwest Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame
Inducts



Steve Kalamarski

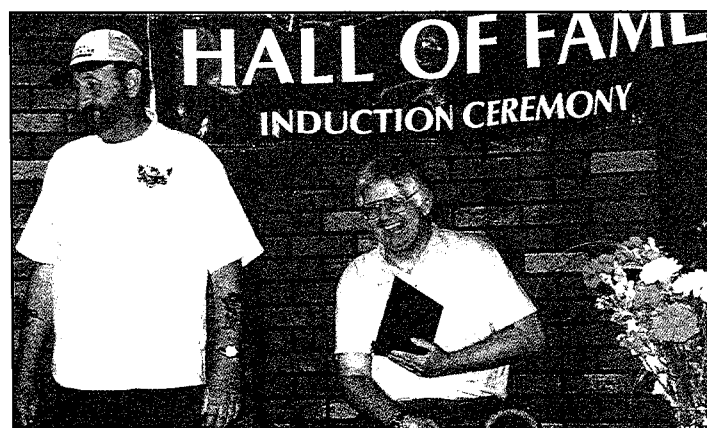
May 25th, 2002



Could Steve have been more pleased with his induction and so many friends & family there to celebrate this special day with him? We think not!



Steve's friends & family support him on this special day!



Frank Mako (left), Founder & President of the NW Shuffleboard HOF (who also took 1st Place in the Div. B Singles during this tournament), presents Steve Kalamarski (right) with his HOF plaque & honors.

The A-B-C-D Draw went off without a hitch. Earl Cole, Danny Holland, "Laggin'" Lisa Langston and Eric Hansen took top honors. Bob Shirley, Mike Rapp, Dee Hudson and Jane Redinger gave it a valiant effort, placing second. The Open Singles played out well too. Mike Thorpe kept a fierce John Fisher at bay, while Dan Hitt and John Rostollan took third and fourth places respectively. Frank Mako dominated the Div. B Singles, with Curtis Treadwell and Kevin Calloway battling for second and third places respectively. The Doubles event was evenly matched throughout.



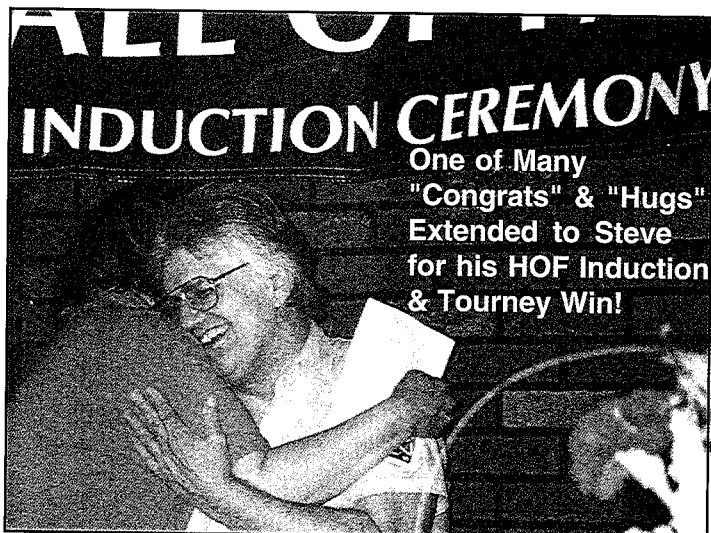
Above: Div. A Doubles (L-R): Splitting 1st Place bragging rights were Mike Pond/Bob Shirley and Earl Cole/Melody Marine (this was a nice birthday present for Earl!)

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21st Annual ... (Con't. from Page 8)



Div. B Doubles: boasted a repeat win for Curtis Treadwell and Lisa Langston (pictured left) who split 1st Place bragging rights with Steve Kalamarski and John Henry (pictured below - BTW... John travelled the farthest to attend this tourney - from Council Bluff, Iowa). Also Notable: Curtis Treadwell also took 2nd Place in Div. B Singles! Congrats Curtis!



One of Many "Congrats" & "Hugs" Extended to Steve for his HOF Induction & Tourney Win!

Thanks again to all of our attendees and participants with a special thanks to our out-of-town and out-of-state participants.

Bangham, Lagg and Wynn and the Season Ticket plan to host the tournament again next year. Thanks to everyone who attended this year and hope to see even more players and participants at the 22nd Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza in 2003! -- John Rostollan, WA

(Memorial Day Tournament News Con't. Page 10)

16th Annual Handicap Doubles

March 1-3, 2002

Arnold's Tavern, Lincoln, NE

Report & Photos By: Pam Worley, NE

Arnold's Tavern, Lincoln, Nebraska held their 16th Annual HC Doubles tournament on March 1-3. There was a \$1,000 added to make the purse a total of \$1,800. We had a total of 20 teams and paid 6 places. Everything went smoothly to make it a very fun tourney. We had a large turnout from Omaha and Lincoln and two teams from Clarkson.

Everyone enjoyed the good food that we had on Saturday and Sunday. We even had "Mom's famous potato salad".

Handicap Doubles Winners:

(Notable: Bill Stutzman & Mike Roach won this tourney 2 years in a row and Mike won 1st place 6 years in a row!)



ABOVE: 1st Place & 2nd Place HC Doubles: (L-R)
1st Place: Mike Roach (Omaha) & Bill Stutzman (Lincoln);
2nd Place: Ron Campbell & Paul Leacox (both of Lincoln)



ABOVE: 3rd & 4th Place HC Doubles: (L-R)
3rd Place: Duane Nelson & Larry Zahn (both of Lincoln);
4th Place: Vicki Laws (Steve Stutzman (host)) & Larry Lewis (both of Lincoln)



ABOVE: 5th/6th Place HC Doubles (split): (L-R)
Dean (Cactus) Lopour & Russ Novotny (Clarkston Team)
and Jim Payne & Steve Hamilton (Omaha Team)

New Record for Michigan Memorial Weekend!



Great Service with a Smile (staff):
George, Pam, Bonnie (& Stacey-no pic)

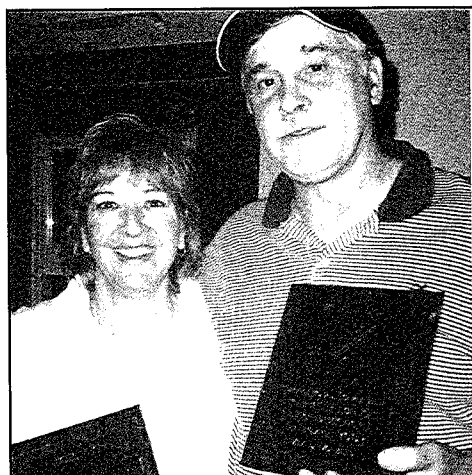
May 2002
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan
Report & Photos Submitted By: Steve Brown, MI



The "Michigan
Memorial Mascot" &
Weekend
Spectator

The Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan once again brought in new records for this year's annual Michigan Memorial Day Tournament. Tournament Directors Bill and Brenda Kane once again continue to demonstrate their enormous enthusiasm in organizing another successful turnout this year. Total money included in this weekend's payouts exceeded \$28,000, with seven events paying a total of 26 winners over four days. *A total of 91 players participated, including 66 Michigan players, 15 Indiana players, 6 players from Ohio, 2 players from Missouri, and even Nick and Bev Chaffin participated all the way from California!* [NOTE: My apologies expressed to those not pictured, as multiple film developing problems occurred resulting in unpublished pictures. We experienced multiple problems with pictures for this tournament, as my digital camera had some programming errors, and Brenda Kane's camera was inadvertently switched to "panoramic" view. -- Thanks, Steve Brown, MI] Winners' photos follow:

Mixed Doubles - Fri.:



LEFT(L-R)
**Mixed Doubles
1st Place:**
Michigan's
Terrie & John
Tischler
(sponsored by
Bob Querback)



LEFT(L-R)
**Mixed Doubles
2nd Place:**
Cheryl Cockerill
& Glen Ingram
(Indiana Team)
sponsored by
Steve Auten
(not pictured)



ABOVE (L-R) **Mixed Doubles: (3rd - 6th):**
3rd Place (no picture): Bobby Voorhis and Jodie Berry;
4th Place: Sandy Blade & Jerry Siebert (sponsored by
Roland Metivier-not pictured); and
5th/6th Place: Dennis Bittner/Jackie Meagher and
Larry Creakbaum/Rose Zissler

Three-Man Pro - Sat.: NOTABLE: In Saturday's Three-Man Pro Event, Indiana players proved their skills by dominating the event.



LEFT(L-R)
**3-Man Pro
1st Place:**
Gary Anglin,
Larry
Creakbaum, &
Bobby Voorhis



ABOVE (L-R) **3-Man Pro 2nd Place:** Ray Miller, Jim
Long & Mike Koontz (w/ sponsor: Richard Reist)



LEFT(L-R)
**3-Man Pro
3rd Place:**
Brian Collins,
Beef Camp, &
Glen Ingram

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New Record for Michigan Memorial Weekend...

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Three-Man Amateur - Sat.: NOTABLE: In Saturday's Three-Man Amateur Event, Michigan players took control in sweeping all places.



**LEFT(L-R)
3-Man Amateur
1st Place:**
Leon Black,
Carolyn Perry, &
Dennis Stantz

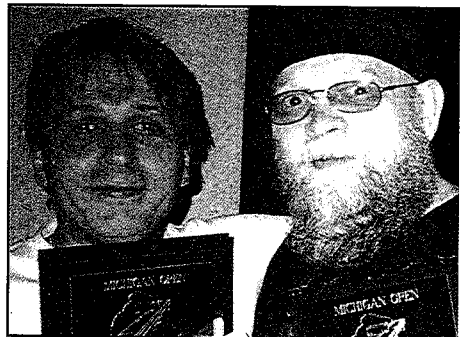


**LEFT(L-R)
3-Man Amateur
2nd Place:**
John Addington
(Cow John),
Brenda Kane, &
Dan Kent



**LEFT(L-R)
3-Man Amateur
3rd Place:**
Cassie Shubert,
Richard Reist, &
Barb Wilson

Pro Doubles - Sun.:



**LEFT(L-R)
Pro Doubles
1st Place:**
Mike Johnson
(bracketeer) &
Buddy Broka



**LEFT(L-R)
Pro Doubles
2nd Place:**
Jerry Siebert &
Frank Blade;
**3rd Place: (no
pic)** Jim Long &
Glen Ingram

Amateur Doubles - Sun.:



ABOVE (L-R) Amateur Doubles 2nd Place:
Mike O'Dell & Tom Shultz; and **not pictured:**
(no pics) 1st Place: Leon Black & Jodie Berry;
3rd Place: Doug Queen & Jim Kelsey (last minute
team); **4th Place:** Dennis Stantz & Bud Esterline

Pro Singles - Mon.:



LEFT (L-R) Pro Singles 3rd Place:
Frank Blade; and **not pictured:**
(no pics) 1st Place: Bobby Voorhis;
2nd Place: Glen Ingram; **4th Place:**
Dennis Bittner

Amateur Singles - Mon.:



ABOVE (L-R) Amateur Singles: 1st Place:
Butch Thomas (last year's 2nd place winner); **2nd Place:**
Dawn "don't call me Perkins" Brookins; and **3rd Place:**
Dean Caddick (his first shuffleboard tournament!)

As always, owners Dennis and Sue Bittner and staff of The Club Car Lounge once again displayed tremendous generosity and warmth to the participants and spectators of these events. Special thanks and recognition also goes to co-directors CoCo and Cindy Brown, Bracketeer Rob Kern, Carolyn Perry, Theresa Stephens, Alonzo Cottrell, and "Master Auctioneer" Mike Johnson. A special thanks also goes to Triple Crown Sponsor Scott for his continual support of the donation of the Triple Crown Weights which were raffled off and won by Bob Querback. It is the support of these individuals that keep these Tournaments growing every year!

-- Steve Brown, MI

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3rd Annual Texas Memorial Weekend

May 23-27, 2002

Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, Texas

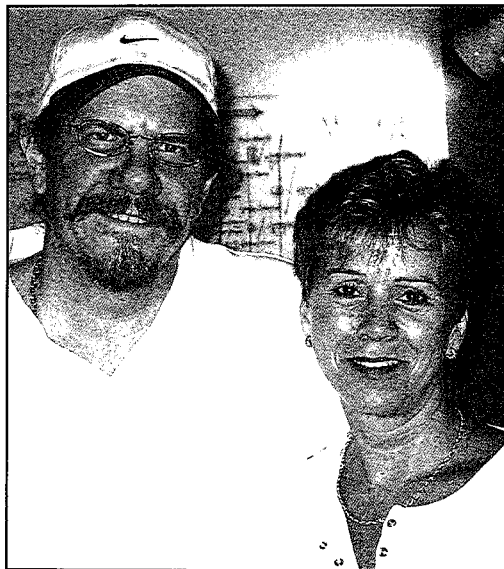
Results & Photos By: Tom & Lynda French



The 3rd Annual Texas Memorial Weekend tournament was held at Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, Texas on May 23-17. As usual, Tournament Director Jack Scott and his great staff along with Danny Sport's Bar staff organized a great tournament. Players came in from across the State of Texas and elsewhere to enjoy the Houston hospitality and competition. The players who travelled the farthest were J.R. Noel of California and Jim Kosiske & Patti of Nebraska. Noteworthy: Jim Kosiske has attended the Texas Memorial Weekend tournament yearly since its debut three years ago! The tournament started on May 23 with warm-up robins and side matches on the eight tournament boards.

On Friday, May 24 the Blind Draw events (2 Divisions) started at 7pm. Winners were:

Div. I Blind Draw (-1; 0; 1, 2 -- no two -1's or 0's):



**LEFT (L-R)
1st Place:**
Bill Rice (Mr.
Bracket Man)
& Diana Hagen
(both of
Houston)
sponsored by
Gilbert Baird
(not pictured)

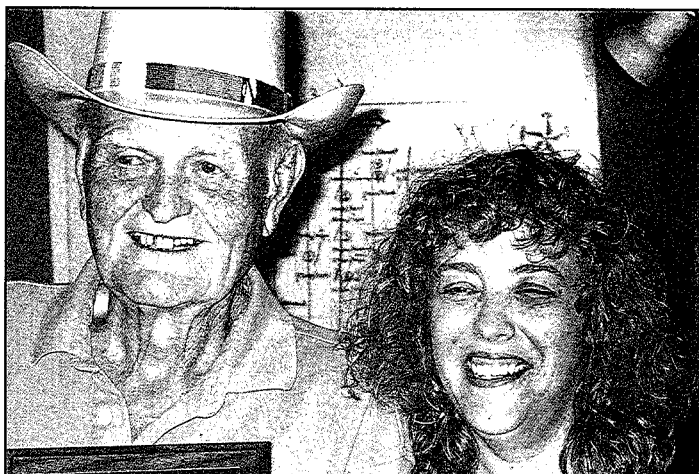


**LEFT (L-R)
2nd Place:**
Dell
Ammerman
(Houston) &
Mike Taylor
(Austin)
sponsored by
Mike Bradley
(not pictured)

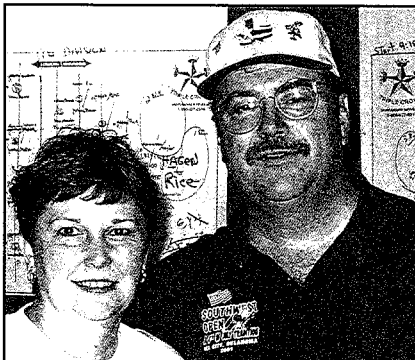


**LEFT (L-R)
3rd Place:**
Howard
Mouton
(Houston) &
Tom French
(Austin)
sponsored by
Mike Bradley
(not pictured)

Div. II Blind Draw (2, 3, 4 Handicap Play):



ABOVE (L-R) 1st Place: Jim Bramlett aka "Rainbow" and Denise Klein (both of Houston) sponsored by Jim Bramlett... This was Denise's first "1st Place" trophy!



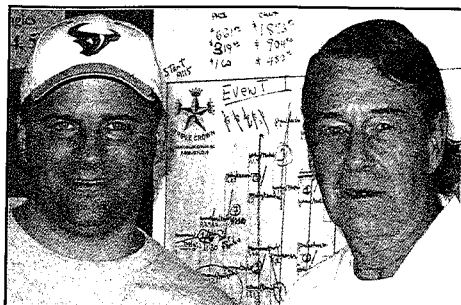
**LEFT (L-R)
2nd Place:**
Charma Migas
& James
Cummings
(both of
Houston)
sponsored by
Dave Ramold
(not pictured)

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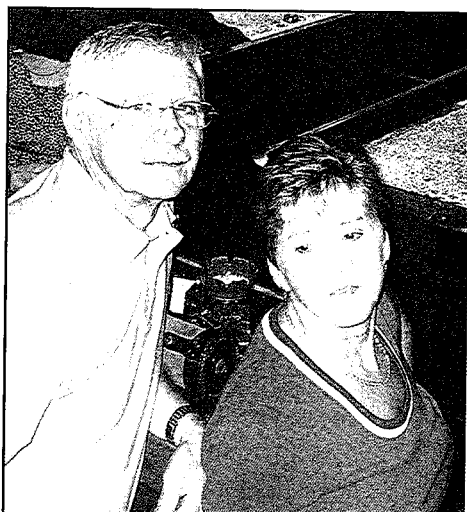
Div. II Blind Draw (2, 3, 4 Handicap Play) con't.:



**LEFT (L-R)
3rd Place:**
Chris Ragen
& Chuck
Leach (both
of Houston)
sponsored by
Jim Kosiske
(not pictured)

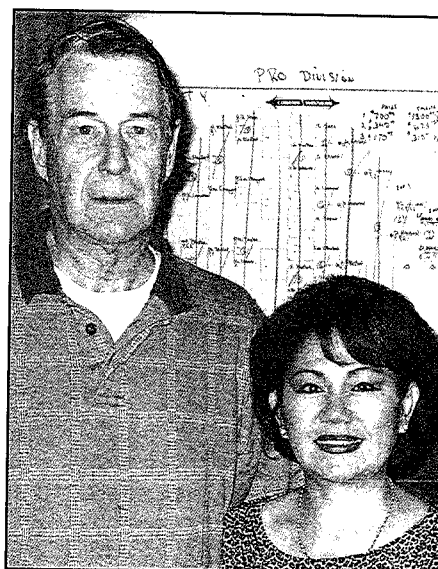
On Saturday, May 25 the Open Singles (3 Divisions) events started at 2 pm. Winners were:

Open Singles (-1, 0, 1, 2 -- Handicap Entry):

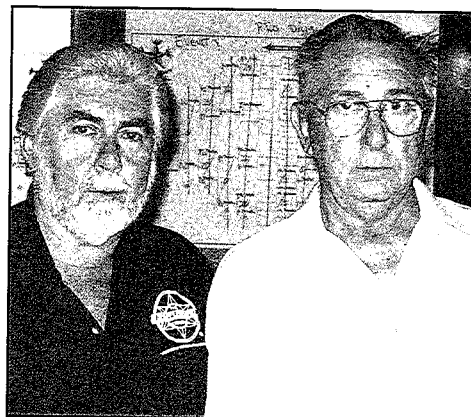


**LEFT (L-R)
1st Place:**
Diana Hagen of
Houston (right);
and **2nd Place:**
David Williams
of D/FW (left)
NOTABLE:
Both were
sponsored by
Mahlon Nobles

3rd Place: Kelly
Cameron of
Dayton (no pic.)

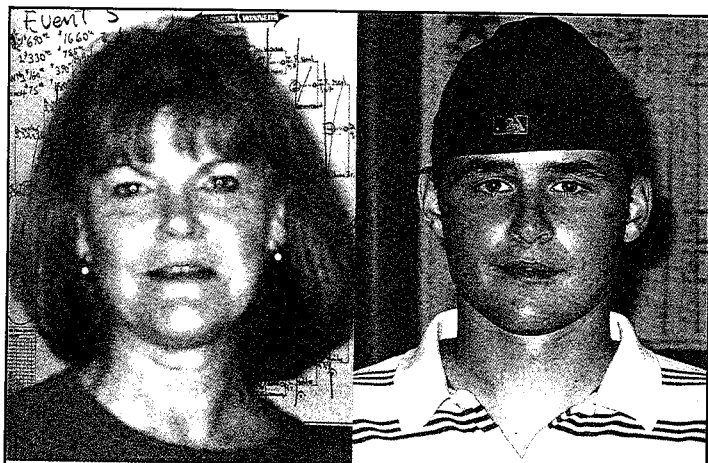


LEFT 3rd Place:
Ann Walker of
Houston (right)
pictured with
sponsor Chuck
Leach



LEFT 4th Place:
J.R. Noel of
California (left)
pictured with
sponsor Billy
Mays

Open Singles (1, 2, 3 -- Handicap Play):



ABOVE (L-R) 1st Place: Linda Nobles of D/FW
sponsored by "proud hubby" Mahlon Nobles; and
2nd Place: David Williams, Jr. of D/FW sponsored by
Diana Hagen

Open Singles (3, 4, 5 -- Handicap Play):

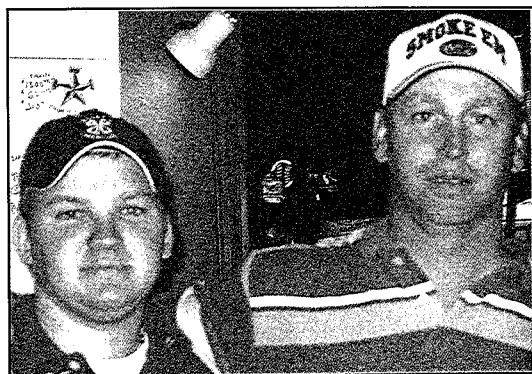


ABOVE 1st Place: Mike Ragen of Houston (left)
pictured with sponsor Dave Ramold

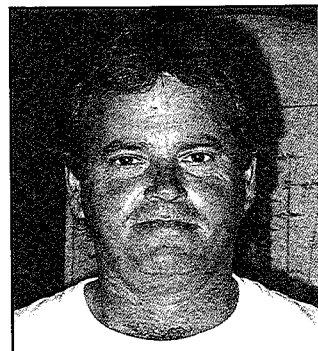
3rd Annual Texas Memorial Weekend...

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Open Singles (3, 4, 5 -- Handicap Play) con't.:



**LEFT (L-R)
2nd Place:**
Kyle White
of Austin
pictured w/
sponsor
Dave
Ramold



LEFT 3rd Place:
Roy Peltier of Houston
(sponsored by Billy
Mays - not pictured)

On Sunday, May 26 the Bring Partner (3 Divisions) events started at Noon. Winners were:

Bring Partner (Add to 0 -- 2 of 3 Winners Bracket):



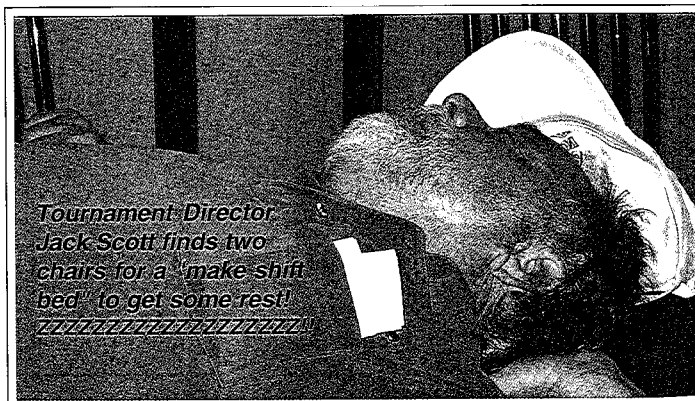
ABOVE 1st Place: Brian Walker (left) & Dale Koteras (right) both of Houston - pictured w/ sponsor David Sexton of San Antonio (center)



ABOVE 2nd Place: Jorge Galvan (center left) & Diana Hagen (center right) both of Houston - pictured w/ sponsor Danny Norris (right) and Denise Klein (left)



ABOVE 3rd Place: Carlos Guzman (left) & Jeff Womble (right) both of D/FW pictured w/ sponsor Tom French (center)



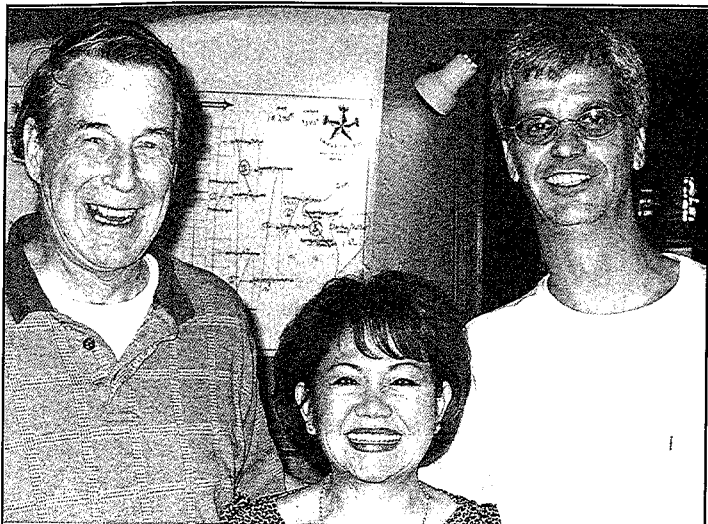
*Tournament Director
Jack Scott finds two
chairs for a "make shift
bed" to get some rest!*

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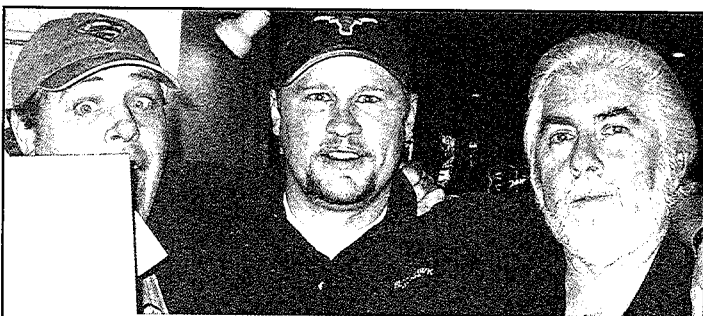
Bring Partner (1, 2, 3 -- Add to 4 -- Handicap Play):



ABOVE 1st Place: Ann Walker (center) & Bob Lee (right) pictured w/ sponsor Chuck Leach (left)



ABOVE 2nd Place: Lynda French of Austin (left) & Danny Green of Houston (right) pictured w/ sponsor Carlos Guzman (came real close to a double dip against Ann Walker & Bob Lee, but were a couple points short on 2nd match!)



ABOVE 3rd Place: Jimmy Britt (left) of Houston & J.R. Noel of California (right) w/ sponsor Mike Taylor

Bring Partner (2, 3, 4 -- Add to 6 -- Handicap Play):



ABOVE 1st Place: Al Sanchez & Roy Peltier (Houston)



**LEFT (L-R)
2nd Place:**
Don Meehan &
Kathy Orlando
both of Houston
(sponsored by
Mike Taylor)



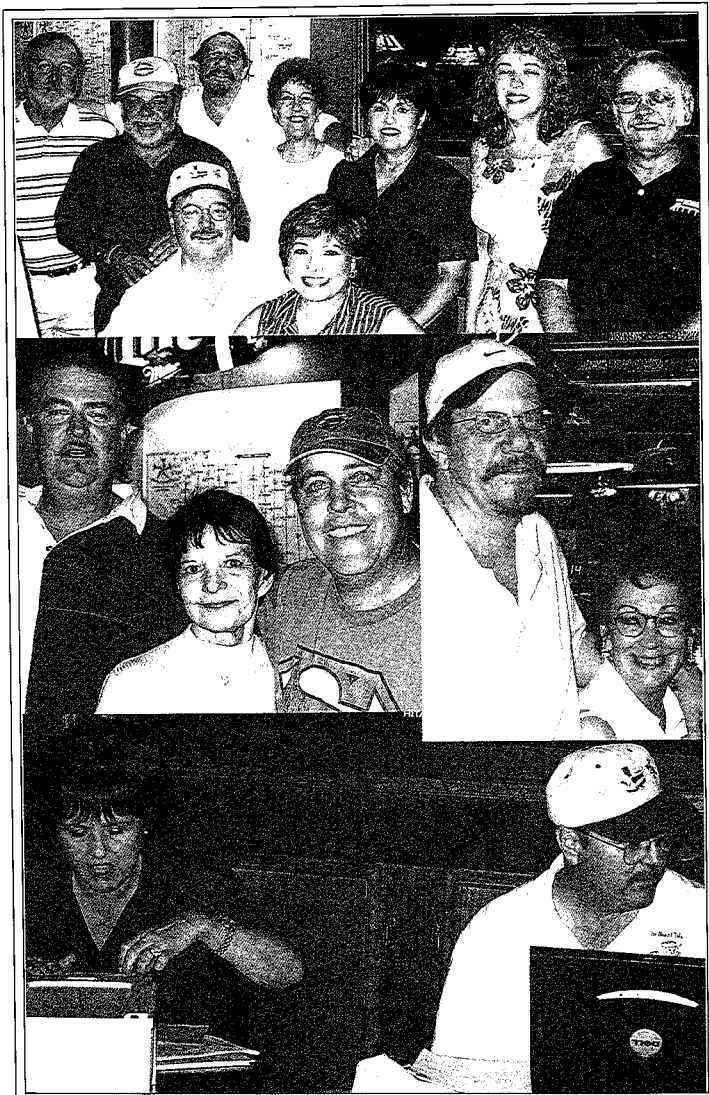
ABOVE (L-R) 3rd Place: Darlene Cummings & Sue Griffin both of Houston (sponsored by Jack Scott)

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3rd Annual Texas Memorial Weekend...

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Monday May 27 was draws and robins. Once again, this was most definitely a very successful Houston Memorial Weekend tournament. Jack Scott would like to thank all the tournament staff and Danny's Sports Bar and staff for making this Memorial Weekend tournament one of the most "memorable" yet. Jack extends a special thanks to tournament staff: Pete Worsnop (flyers & communications), Kathy Orlando (clerical), Flynt Preston (sponsor sales), Jimmy Britt (spotter), Bill Rice (Bracketeer), Wayne Hammond (board maintenance), Tom & Lynda French (reporters & photographers), James & Darlene Cummings (computer setup & pari-mutuel), Denise Klein (computer backup), Sue Griffin (registration), Silvia Martinez (desk staff & handling the monies) and also extends a great big "thanks" to Danny's Sports Bar for hosting the tournament and to their professional staff and cooks for providing the best service and food to be found! Collage of some staff:



If you haven't attended this Memorial Weekend tournament yet, it's a great one to put on your agenda for 2003!
-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers



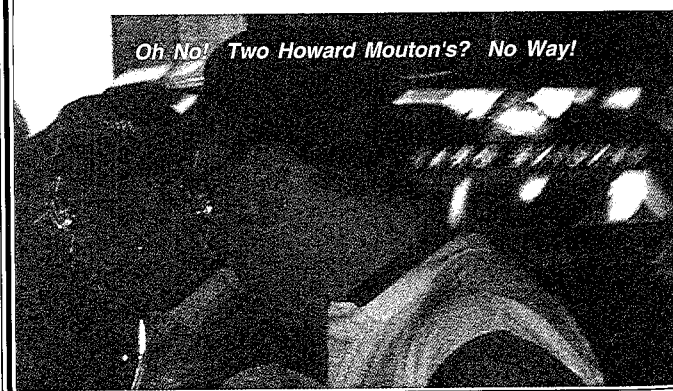
Above (L-R): Patti & Jim Kosiske (NE) & J.R. Noel (CA)
"Travelled the Farthest Award!"



Above: Linda Nobles & David Williams Jr. battling out their final Singles match - Brian Walker & Dale Williams look on!



Above: Bill Rice, David Williams & Mahlon Nobles enjoy observing a tough match!



Oh No! Two Howard Mouton's? No Way!

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1st Annual Memorial Day Weekend Festival



"Let's Shuffle!"

May 23-27, 2002
Brookdale Pub & Grill, Tacoma, WA
Results & Photos Submitted By: Kathy Keevil

"Let's Shuffle!"



The Brookdale Pub & Grill hosted their 1st Annual Memorial Day Weekend Festival of Shuffleboard on May 23-27, 2002. The turn-out was fantastic with 60 people registered to play in multiple events, from all over the United States. The overall points winner for the Memorial Day Week-end Festival of Shuffleboard was Ryan Devlin, from Longview Washington. Ryan played in all the events and had 42 points. The prize for most points during the week-end was \$200.00. Great Job Ryan!

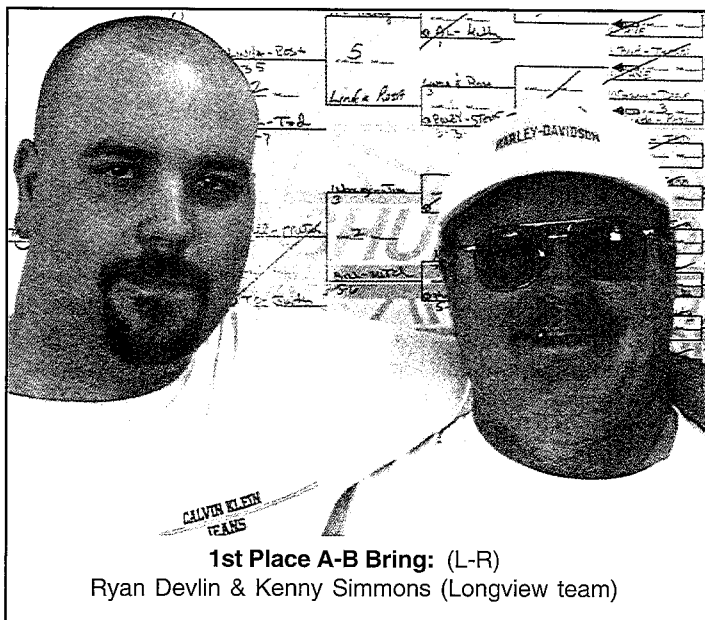
We would like to take this time to thank the following Sponsors for making this tournament such a great success:

•Miller High-Life; •Triple Crown Shuffleboard; •Eagle Shuffleboard; •Champion Shuffleboard; •Venture Shuffleboard; and •The Shuffleboard Federation.

A big thank-you also should go out to Ken Harper, owner of the Brookdale for his most generous contributions to make this a tournament of tournaments. The Brookdale staff worked diligently the entire week-end with a great sense of humor. Les and Eileen Eades (former owners of the Dixie Belle) made the trip. We had drawings for shirts, caps and banners. We raffled off three sets of weights during the week-end. The winners of the weight raffles were: Andy Haller, Kathy Keevil, and Jason Andrew. Thanks to all the sponsors who provided the weights and to those who purchased the tickets.

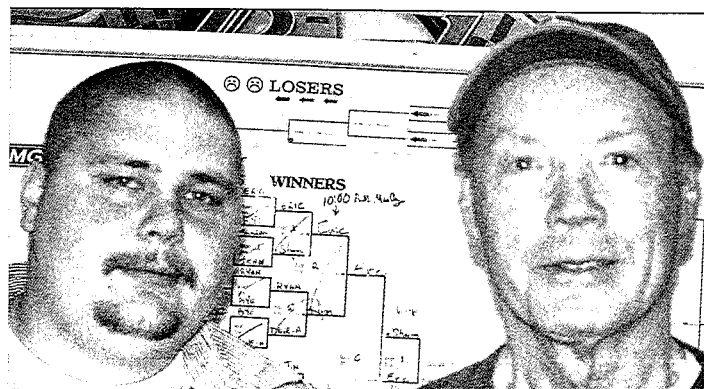
There were 21 teams in attendance on Thurs. and Fri. to see who was the best matched team for the A-B Bring Partner and 12 teams for the Pro-Am Draft Team event.

A-B Bring Partner Winners (21 teams):



1st Place A-B Bring: (L-R)

Ryan Devlin & Kenny Simmons (Longview team)



2nd Place A-B Bring: (Above L-R)

Justin Laderback of Tacoma & Tommy Campbell of Burien

3rd Place A-B Bring: (no picture)

Bud Spiers and Israel Ochoa both of Medford Oregon

4th Place A-B Bring: (no picture)

Gary George (aka the "Wild Thing") of Tacoma & Dean Johnson of Shelton

Pro-Am 4-Person Draft Team Winners (12 teams):



1st Place Pro-Am Draft Team: (L-R)

Bill Wooldridge (D/FW, TX), John Edwards (OR), Israel Ochoa (OR), and Mike Keevil (captain - WA)



2nd Place Pro-Am Draft Team: (L-R)

Robert Wade (Cowboy), Rick Gindt (captain), Ted Ausbun, and Jason Andrews (all from Washington)

3rd Place Pro-Am Draft Team: (no picture)

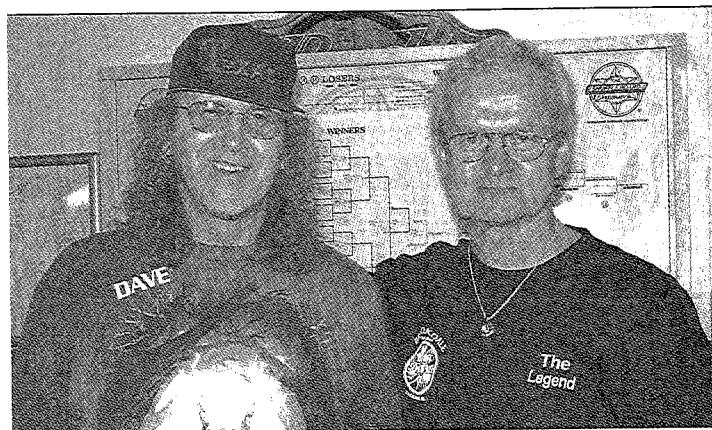
Sharon McDonnell (WA), Georganna Brand (OR), Les Burt (captain - WA) and Don Stallsworth (OR)

1st Annual Memorial Day Weekend...

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On Saturday we started the Open Doubles & Division II Doubles. The two Legends of Shuffleboard are now holding the Championship Title of the 1st Annual Brookdale Memorial Day Festival of Shuffleboard Open Doubles Event.

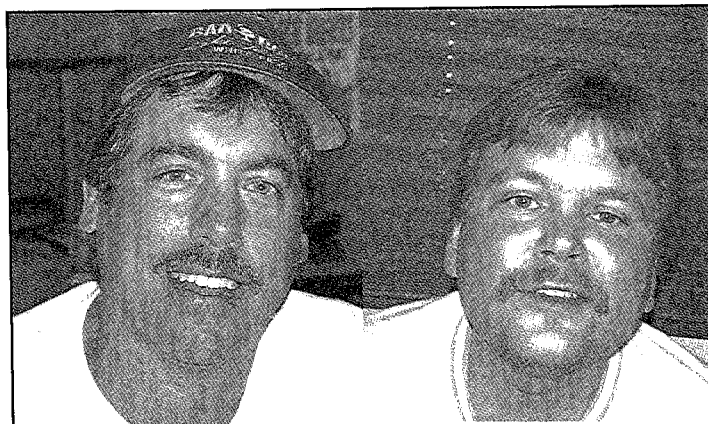
Open Doubles & Div. II Doubles Winners:



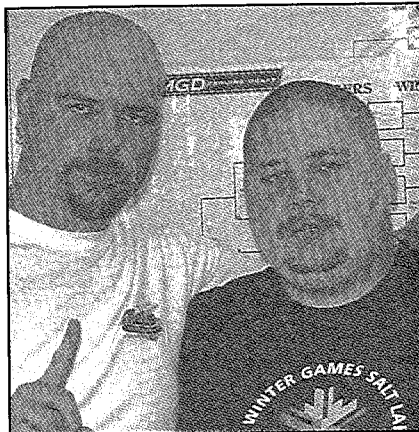
1st Place Open Doubles: (L-R)
Dave Arndt aka "The Wizard" and Jim Foran aka "The Legend"



2nd Place Open Doubles: (Above L-R)
Gary George and Mike Keevil (both locals)



3rd Place Open Doubles: (L-R)
Tim Nugent of Tacoma and Mike Olson of Longview



1st Place Div. II Doubles: (L-R) Ryan Devlin of Longview and Justin Laderback of Tacoma
(no pictures):
2nd Place Div. II Doubles: Rosa White (WA) & Patty Preymak (CAN)
3rd Place Div. II Doubles: Hazel Thorpe & Linda Steffensen

On Sunday and Monday we had Pro & Div. II Singles.

Pro Singles & Div. II Singles Winners:



Pro Singles: (L-R)
1st Place: Bud Spiers of Medford, OR;
2nd Place: Tommy Campbell of Burien, WA; and
3rd Place: Rick Gindt (Tacoma, WA)



Div. II Singles: (L-R)
1st Place: Eric Uhrn of Tacoma who took a few years off from playing to finish college and is back - Welcome Back Eric!
2nd Place: Sharon McDonnell of Tacoma (she played on her birthday - Happy Birthday Sharon!)
3rd Place: Judy George (local - Tacoma)

Again, many thanks to all the players and those that helped us and a special thanks to Brookdale Pub & Grill (who also provided a great buffet meal on Saturday) and their service staff... a great job! The Food was Great! Not too many left-overs. Thanks to all!

-- Kathy Keevil, WA

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 91 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- July 2002 Issue

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They had actually done pretty good, considering the money Eddie had won at the Blackjack Tables. However, the inevitable wait along with the endless searches and all, made what might have been a fairly enjoyable ride into a pure pain in the ass! All in all, it took almost three hours to complete a flight, which lasted less than 30 minutes.

They would be landing at the Ontario Airport; which was in the San Bernadino area of Los Angeles county. They were going to be picked-up by an old shuffleboard friend who lived in that area. Her name was Darlene, and she would be able to fill them in on all the current action.

They met as planned, and were finally able to get out of the terminal after another avid search and interrogation. They had to make arrangements for another 7-day car rental also, so it (once more) took a while before they could settle down in Darlene's Double Trailer set up near the small town of Visalia.

Darlene had her house keeper set-up two Very nice guest rooms for the boys, and after looking around the inside, and then exploring the exterior area with it's lush tall evergreens and view of the mountains, Jack made a declaration: "OK! This is the spot I want to come back here and settle down some day!"

After they got all settled, including one of Darlene's all out Fried Chicken Dinners (with homemade biscuits) and All the other trimmings, they settled into the Family Room - whereby they could lay out some planning for the trip.

A rough draft of the plan was starting to develop (with some Wild Turkey bourbon) to help give it some flavor, of course. They would spend part of tomorrow's day playing at the Howling Wolves Tavern. Now Eddie and Darlene had both figured it would be a good 'Jumping-off' spot, mainly because it was lust Monday today. They wanted to match Jack up with Eldon Childers, whose Father was one of the greats.

Darlene knew that Eldon usually arrived at the tavern at least by mid-morning as a rule, so they all decided to turn in fairly early, in anticipation of tomorrow's action. This arrangement should prove to be a good "warm-up" for Jack. The rest of the

week would find them working their way through San Bernadino, then Pomona, and several other towns during the week finally ending up in Downy, on Thursday, or Friday, which is where the "Big Guns" of Southern Cal. would for sure be waiting for them. The name of the game in this part of the Country was 'WORD TRAVELS FAST' and that was no joke to be sure!

In fact, there WERE several players just 'biting at the bit' in anticipation of their arrival - some of which Eddie really didn't want to have anything to do with.

Eddie wondered just who these 'undesirables' could be AND what will their presence do to 'stir-up' things in a most 'Unpleasant' sort of way!

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In Fond Memory of... Vera Wasson

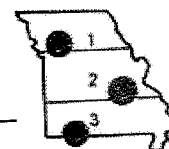


Vera Wasson (above), manager of Barbara's Beer Garden in Springfield, Missouri passed away on May 22, 2002 after a short battle with cancer. No other information available at this time.

Steelville Country Club's A-B-C Tournament



May 31 - June 1, 2002
 Steelville Country Club - Steelville, Missouri
 Results & Photos Submitted By: Woodie Cockrum, Sr.



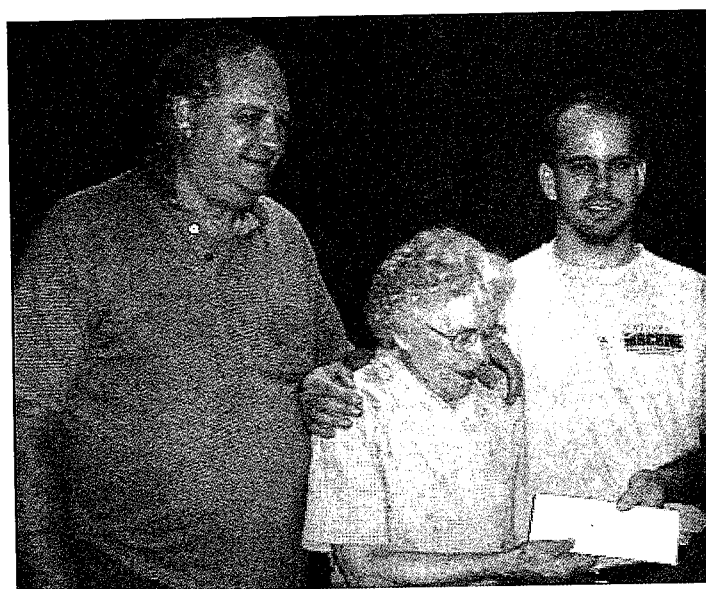
Just outside of the town of Steelville is a marker unlike any other marker in America. The marker placed there by our government, It reads the center of the United States population. In other words there is as many people to the West as there are to the East. Three miles to the west of Town is a place called Steelville Country Club. It's about as unique as the other marker, since there is no Golf Course there. It's a private Club owned and operated by it's members. It's only open to the public on special occasions like the A-B-C Shuffleboard Tournament held the May 31st and June 1st. The players were happy to play out in the Country and the members were happy enough to have us by adding \$100 to the pot. This was our first major A-B-C tournament held in the State and it was the 2nd largest entry of players in any of our tournaments. It is my belief the A-B-C tournaments will take Center Stage in our State tournaments because that's where most of the players are. We were not short of players. People don't mind the larger entry fees they just want to compete with a chance to win. Most of these players never play in our bring partner tournaments because they feel they are not good enough.

Our tournament director, Larry Cothran, made a big step in the future of the Missouri Shuffleboard. It shows players do have a chance to compete in any tournament.

First place left to right went to : Mark Gray, Rich Steger and Carroll Cassidy. 2nd place left to right Florence Hicks, Jill Hajek and Terry Rose. 3rd, left to right Curt England, Jane Jefferies and Larry Romay. 4th place left to right Shirley Gilliam, Charlie Riley, Steve Taylor and tournament Director Larry Cothran. There were players from all over the State. Thanks to the St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia and Springfield players who drove over a 100 miles to play in this tournament. Most of all thanks to the locals for the welcome they gave us. Some even made room in their homes for out-of-town players. Photos of winners follow:(paid 4 places)



ABOVE: A-B-C 2nd Place: (L-R)
 Florence Hicks, Jill Hajek, and Terry Rose



ABOVE: A-B-C 3rd Place: (L-R)
 Curt England, Jane Jefferies, and Larry Romay



ABOVE: A-B-C 1st Place: (L-R)
 Mark Gray, Rich Steger, and Carrol Cassidy



ABOVE: A-B-C 4th Place: (L-R)
 Shirley Gilliam, Charlie Riley, and Steve Taylor
 pictured with Tournament Director Larry Cothran

Balloon Inn A/B Doubles

April 19-20, 2002

Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado

Report By: Char Waugaman & Photos By: Candy Lepore



It was great to see the participation of "first time" tournament players and some "old timers" (who have not played in tournaments in eons) join us for this "A/B Bring Your Own Partner Doubles" event. The requirements were for the -1 thru 2 rated players to team up with 3 and 4 rated players which produced some interesting and challenging matches for all.

Two days of "2 out of 3 matches" in both the winners and losers brackets, resulted in first place honors going to Morey Balins and Bill Shino. Bill has been making the two hour drive to the Balloon Inn from Merino, CO for several years to participate in our tournaments. Thanks, Bill, and a well deserved "Congratulations"!

After a hard fought finals match, the team of Kevin Kelly and Mike Brunner took second. Great to see Mike Brunner playing again!

Third place went to Caveman and Billy Clyde Miller. B.C., you haven't lost a step. We hope to see you in future tournaments and maybe we can convince your wife, Sheri, to join us too.

Thanks to all the players who entered this fun and competitive event. A special recognition goes to Bill Wolfe and Russ Brown for not only hosting the tournament but for playing in it as well. The Balloon Inn staff and food were outstanding as usual. Winners photos follow:



ABOVE (L-R): 1st Place: Bill Shino & Morey Balins; and 2nd Place: Mike Brunner & Kevin Kelly



LEFT (L-R): 3rd Place: Billy Clyde "B.C." Miller & Caveman

Mother's Day at Frankies!

May 2002

Frankie's Pub

Report & Photos By: Kathy Keevil, WA

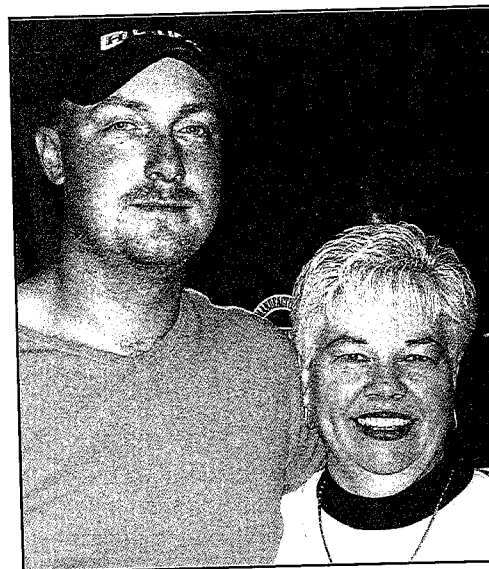
On Mother's Day, Frankies' Pub hosted a Pro Doubles & Div. II Doubles. The Open Doubles was a match of excitement as Rick Gindt and Tommy Campbell came back through the losers' bracket and double-dipped the team of Darrol Nelson and Mike Thorpe (photo missing of Darrol/Mike - may be submitted for a later issue). Winners were:

Pro Doubles & Div. II Doubles Winners:



1st Place Pro Doubles:
(Left: L-R)
Tommy Campbell & Rick Gindt

(no pic)
2nd Place Pro Doubles:
Darrol Nelson & Mike Thorpe



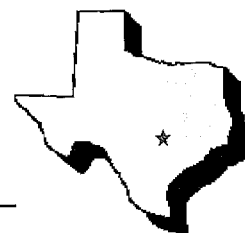
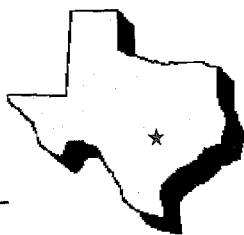
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(Left: L-R)
Randy Ausbun & Kathy Keevil



2nd Place Div. II Doubles:
(Above: L-R)
Dave Ausbun & Ted Ausbun

Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Inducts Fred Harris of Amarillo



May 2002
Amarillo, TX

Reported By: Bobby Williams, Texas HOF Chairman
(Supplemental Report & Photos Submitted By: Glen Davidson, OK)

Fred Harris of Amarillo, Texas was inducted into the Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in May 2002. Fred was born in Sulphur Springs in 1934 and started playing shuffleboard in 1954 (48 years ago!). He was for years mostly a sessions player and played all the great players including Billy Mays, Bill Melton, Rod Cameron, and Glen Davidson and managed to win his share. But more importantly, he was a great promoter and helped other players learn to develop. He was instrumental in promoting shuffleboard in Amarillo, Texas.

The induction ceremony was held at a huge party hosted by Gwen and Brady Jones at their beautiful residence. Great food and a few beers and cocktails were consumed. Johnny Wayne Crawford presented Fred the induction plaque and several people including Glen Davidson and Danny Hersom offered words of tribute. Johnny reported that there was great picking and singing going on until the wee hours of the morning. Congratulations Fred! --Bobby Williams, TX

Message from Glen Davidson on Fred Harris' Induction:

Fred Harris of Amarillo is now in the Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Brady and Gwen Jones hosted the induction ceremony at their home at a time when they usually have a big annual eat-out at their home -- only this year it included the induction ceremony for Fred. Gwen spent six months planning the grand event and alot of time and planing to ensure we all had plenty of food and entertainment.

A group of us played shuffleboard at Janet's Bar on Friday night (she was absent, as her pool team was playing in a pool tournament in Vegas -- playing for the big money). The "Great One" (JWC) showed up and played with us at Janet's Bar the night before the induction ceremony -- we only had 8 players but closed them down at 2 am (some of us had slight hangovers, but the ceremony did start on time the next day). Fred's family was there as well as old friends of the family and some guitar picking and singing did take place before and after the ceremony. Jason (Fred's youngest son and already great singer at the age of 20) and Danny Hersom payed tribute to Fred at his finest hour. They sang a song that was just right for the occasion. Hugh, Fred's oldest brother, a celebrity in his own right played some Fiddle Hoedowns. Hugh has played the fiddle at the Amarillo Steak House for over 25 years (this is the steak house that is advertised across America that will give you a 72 oz. steak if you can with all the trimmings). Fred says they do have to give one away once in awhile. Fred's other brother who plays music at the old Amarillo Steak House also picked for us all. His daughters were



*Fred Harris (above right & below center)
is congratulated by his brother and aunt (above)
and other family members (below) for his
Texas Hall of Fame Induction
May 2002*



there too -- they all enjoyed seeing their dad inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame. Words of praise was given by Brady Jones. Danny Hersom and Ron Glover praised Fred for his shuffleboard abilities and friendship for 30 years. Johnny Wayne Crawford, Texas Hall of Fame Director, filled in for Bobby Williams (HOF Chairman) presented the award plaque to Fred at the closing of the ceremony after the tributes. Johnny Wayne also gave attendees a brief history on the Texas Hall of Fame prior inductees and about how many more they had to go. Fred was a bit emotional when he accepted the plaque and thanked all friends and family for being there -- then he went over and sung a song and danced with his daughters. Another great player that is a Legend in his own time. Thanks to all for the memories.

--Glen Davidson, OK

Thanks from Betty Parrish of Michigan...

June 12, 2002: Dear Shuffleboard Friends, Thank you so much for everything during my illness. The calls, cards, visits and flowers have been wonderful.

The reason I send cards is because of Donna Wilber and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula. When my illness began a few years ago and I would get a card, I felt better and I began trying to pass it on. With Jimmy and Olga's cards, I always checked the postmark wondering where they were. Not long ago, I got a card from Greg and Trudie Broka from Ohio. I was having a really bad day, yet through my tears I began to laugh at the memories of my last Ohio tournament when I drew Greg as a partner. All in fun we bickered all day and managed to place second.

More memories... I was very humbled to be voted into the Michigan Hall of Fame. I wish Marie Sweeney and Trish Tolsdorph were still with us, as they were so good to me. I thank Michigan players for the honor, but I feel that if you enjoy something, do something back for it to enrich it for the next person. Kane and company work very hard towards Michigan shuffleboard events. They are doing a great job. Lots of folks have thanked me for helping them over the years, but I guess without a doubt Carrie Cottrell is my pride and joy. She knew the game, we worked on self confidence. She's got it down now.

I was so pleased to see Beverly Chaffin from California in Durand. Although I didn't get to stay long, I was able to talk with her awhile. The last time I was in Reno, Beverly was undergoing brain surgery. She looks great. Hold in there lady.

Please take care of one another and yourselves, my friends. I wish shuffleboard players around the country would designate one month when the action is slow for medical checkups and all health issues. You just cannot be too careful.

-- **Love to All, Betty Parrish**, 662 S. Doyon Drive, Waterford, MI 48327

[Editors Comment: Along with the above open letter from Betty Parrish, we received a note from Betty thanking us for the recent article and update on her condition in The Board Talk. She stated she is in alot of pain, but moving around much better and enjoying the sunshine -- hair is coming back and she reads lips pretty good now and says she can't complain. Her grandma (a Texan) used to say, "Girl, don't you waste daylight..." and she always tries not to. We all wish Betty a speedy recovery and thank her for the very meaningful and heartfelt letter full of love, thanks, and great memories. -- T&L French, Editors]

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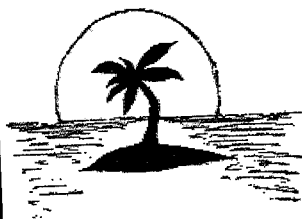
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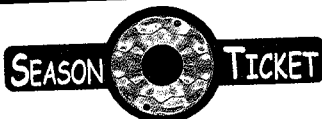
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June 30 - July 6

Southwest Open 2002
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July 3-7

Annual 4th of July Tournament
(ABC & AB Bring)
Eagles Lodge #3608
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July 4-7

4th of July Tournament
Oskar's Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

July 20

Monthly (3rd Sat.) Tournament
Harbor Point
Garland, Texas

July 19-21 (new date)

Washington State Tournament
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

July 27-28

1st Annual "B-C" & Open Draws
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August 1-4

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~~August 1-4 (cancelled; club closed)~~

~~Nationals Tournament~~
~~Dew Drop Inn~~
~~Waterloo, New York~~

August 2-4

Taz Weekend Tournament
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

August 16-17

3rd Annual Ladies Only
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

August 15-18

The Crazy Canucks (multi-events)
A.N.A.F. 314
Burnaby, B.C. CANADA

August 16-18

Conehead Classic
Balloon Inn (Phone: 720-533-4822)
Arvada, Colorado

August 17

Monthly (3rd Sat.) Tournament
Harbor Point
Garland, Texas

August 29-September 2

Winston 2002 - Rural America
99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe
Winston, Oregon

August 28-September 2

(See Flyer Insert in this issue)
20th Annual Texas Open
Gold Nugget Sports Bar
Arlington, Texas

August 30-September 2

5th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial
Moose Lodge #1832
Huntington Beach, California

SEPTEMBER 2002

September 6-8

4th Annual Adirondack Open
Riverside Tavern
Keeseville, New York

September 6-7

13th Annual Board Talk Tourney
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 14-15

Open Doubles
Tim's Bar & Grill
Kelso, Washington

September 19-22 (See Flyer Insert in the June 2002 issue)

4th Annual Wandering the World
Women's Tournament
Best Western Motel
Tulsa, Oklahoma

September 22-23

Rated Draw
Red Dog Saloon
Port Orchard, Washington

September 27-28

5th Annual Missouri HOF Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

OCTOBER 2002**October 4-5**

32nd Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

October 5-6

5th Annual A-B-C Draw
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

October 11-12

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

October 11-13

Singles (Neg. HC) Round Robin
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado
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October 19

Monthly (3rd Sat.) Tournament
Harbor Point
Garland, Texas

October 18-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
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October 27 - November 3

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NOVEMBER 2002**November 9-10**

14th Annual Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 16

Monthly (3rd Sat.) Tournament
Harbor Point
Garland, Texas

November 21-24

Nebraska State Championships
(Details To Be Announced Soon)
Omaha, Nebraska

November 27-30 (Details Soon)

Williams' Thanksgiving Classic
(Draw, Singles, & Bring Partner)
Gold Nugget Sports Bar
Arlington, Texas

November 28-30

14th Annual Indiana State Tourney
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

November 28-30

8th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 28-December 1

Thanksgiving Tournament
Oskar's Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

DECEMBER 2002**December 11-13**

13th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

December 26-31

Houston Holiday Open 2002
Sheraton Brookhollow
Houston, Texas

December 21

Monthly (3rd Sat.) Tournament
Harbor Point
Garland, Texas

December 28-29

ESA Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
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***NOTE:** Contract negotiations and dates are complete. This 2nd annual The Board Talk Open 2003 will start on Monday, February 24th and end with doubles playoffs (if needed) on Sunday, March 2, 2003. Event flyer and pre-registration form will start in the August 2002 issue. We hope that confirmation of this date will assist all in setting your local tournament plans for the 2003 Calendar of Events. We look forward to seeing many of you in Vegas again in 2003!

CALENDAR REMINDER: Easter falls on April 20, 2003. The Canadian Open is typically held during the Easter timeframe. So, for those planning local tournaments where they plan on Canadian player participation, you may want to try to avoid having a local or major shuffleboard event during Easter timeframe.

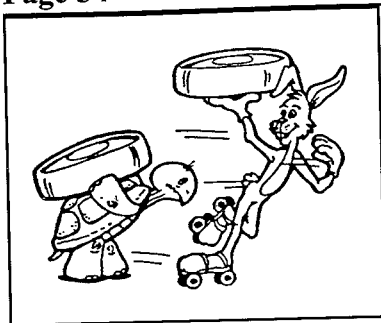
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Shufflers' Notebook

(Continued from Page 2)

Fellow Shuffler (Troy Thornton) Asks For Our Help In Cancer & Medical Research...

To begin with I would like to introduce myself to those in the shuffleboard community that may not know me. My name is Troy Thornton. I have lived here in Houston, Texas for 17 years. For 13 of those I have been working with computers at Grocers Supply. I install and support software and do some programming. With my free time I am trying to get back into shuffleboard. Since the age of seven my life has been ruled by post traumatic epilepsy. Because of this condition I have been taking various medications - dilantin, phenobarbital, tegretol, neurontin, topamax and carbatrol.

July 3rd of last year a vagus nerve stimulator was implanted to help with the seizures. At that time I was taking 600mg of topamax and 1500mg of carbatrol daily. As of November the topamax has been eliminated. Carbatrol is being gradually decreased and I should be off of it by next March. The stimulator has been a tremendous support in my life.

Unfortunately, the stimulator is not a cure for epilepsy. Neither is there a cure for cancer. To cancer I have lost my grandparents, my father and six months ago my wife Julie. Julie and dad each had melanoma skin cancer. Their tumors were excised followed by surgery to remove lymphnodes. Dad's cancer spread to his brain five years later. Julie's cancer metastasized to her liver in only one year. They each died only a few months after the cancer reappeared.

Julie was the one true love of my life and nothing can bring her back. However, I do wish to thank MD Anderson and Grocers Supply for all the efforts made to help her, myself and our family. MD Anderson does more than try and treat disease - they treat people and I commend them for it.

Grocers Supply is more than a job. GSC is filled with a sense of concern for others. This strengthens the community that is Houston. I also wish to thank the shuffleboard community for their support during Julie's illness and since then.

But I wish to do more than say thank you. I wish to promote a new idea. The use of home and business computers to help medical research. I said a new idea but I have learned that it is already in practice. In fact, results began appearing in the first 24 days.

The project I am speaking of is being done to link specific proteins to childhood leukemia. The computer company Intel began a philanthropic project with the American Cancer Society, the National Foundation for Cancer Research, Oxford University and United Devices out of Austin. This began in April of last year. Currently one million people are helping make this happen. The problem is that only one million people are helping make this happen. Most personal computers sit at a desk and spend the majority of time doing nothing. This is a resource which should be realized for its potential. Everyone has a family member or friend which has been affected by cancer. Everyone that has heard about this new way of helping medical research has wanted to be a part of it. Promoting this so that it becomes as common as a computer is what is needed. The program operates like a screensaver. It uses the available resources of your computer. It does not slow down your computer system because it only accesses available resources not in use.

Please take a few minutes and look at:

www.intel.com/cure or at www.ud.com. Hope some of you can consider helping cancer research in this small way.

--Thank You, Troy Thornton, Houston, TX

Russell Girdler (Letter to Editors)

(Letter to the Editors - May 21, 2002): Dearest Tom & Lynda: I wanted to pass this letter along with my gratitude in taking over the "Board Talk," following the Wilbers' retirement. They performed an excellent service and an accomplishment, which I have cherished from the onset. I am writing from Anchorage, Alaska and am a long time shuffler. My father, Russell Girdler, owned the "Be Gee Tap" years ago in Peoria, Illinois. I was born in Peoria and was taught shuffleboard by some very strong players, including my father. I continue to play in local tournaments and almost always place in first or second. Granted, I am not allowed all the free time that I once had in my younger years to enjoy a game I have loved since I was 17, but I still have the inner drive that has always excelled me to be the best at what I did.

The enclosed newspaper article [**Editors' Comment: See Page 35 for excerpt of the article**] reveals the upbringing by my mother, father and those that assisted in my learning of the shuffleboard game in my early years. I was raised with respect and always felt "what comes around goes around." I hope that you enjoy the article as it is very true and has been verified. It goes to show that shuffleboard players are good, honest people. I appreciate the "Board Talk" and look forward to receiving it every month! --Sincerely, Russell Girdler, 1020 Allison Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99515

(Girdler Story/Newspaper Excerpt - See Page 35)

Russell Girdler of Anchorage Alaska

"Good will comes easy for Alaskan"

(and Reflects Well On Shuffleboard Player's Honesty & Integrity)

[Editors' Comment: See Shufflers' Notebook, Page 34, for letter from Russell Girdler - after reading his letter and the Peoria Star newspaper clipping he sent us, we thought all fellow shufflers would be interested in reading the newspaper excerpt below. To get a full copy of the article, go to <http://www.pjstar.com> and search for March 20, 2002 articles in their archives, titled "Good will comes easy for Alaskan, by Phil Luciano or call 800-225-5757, Ext. 3155 to request copy of original article. Great story! Thank you, Russell Girdler for sharing with us! Excerpt from newspaper follows (by Phil Luciano, March 20, 2002, Peoria Journal Star.)]

[Excerpt follows: "Like many cities, Peoria spends a lot of money and time on self-marketing.

But sometimes the best civic promotion comes from natives who act as good-will ambassadors for their hometown.

You've likely never heard of Russell Girdler. But, there's a fellow in Alaska who has a great reason - actually 60,000 of them - to be thankful that Girdler grew up in Peoria.

"I was raised to respect one another," says Girdler, 41, who grew up in the blue-collar Averyville neighborhood on Peoria's North Side.

"Everyone in the neighborhood was elderly. Though I held three newspaper routes throughout my younger years, I was expected to shovel all the neighbors' walks when we had snow. I wouldn't dare ask for a penny in return.

"My mother would cook large quantities of food. Me and my two brothers would deliver it to neighbors.

"My parents instilled such ways in me."

Girdler now lives in Anchorage, Alaska, where he works for a firm that rents construction equipment. Days after a recent car wreck, Girdler had to go to a hospital, Health South, for follow-up tests.

He went to find a restroom. As he walked in, he helped a guy in a wheelchair exit through the tricky doorway.

Inside the empty room, a jacket was hanging from a stall for people with disabilities. He figured the jacket belonged to the guy in the wheelchair.

Girdler felt through the jacket in search of identification, just to make sure he'd return it to the right person. He felt the right pocket and detected a huge lump. He reached in and pulled out a wad of \$100 bills thicker than his fist. Another pocket stored a similar stash.

"I stood in this restroom holding more hundred dollar bills than I have ever seen before, let alone have in my possession," he says.

He admits that he thought of dashing out with the booty.

"I stood for a few minutes," he says. "Finally, my upbringing kicked in."

He stuffed the cash back into the pockets and headed outside, looking for the guy in the wheelchair. But before he got far, a man ran up to him.

"Oh!" he blurted. "You've found my jacket!"

He nervously said he'd flown in from Kodiak, a two-hour flight away. In Anchorage, he planned to buy a commercial vehicle - though he didn't explain why he'd come to the hospital or carry so much cash.

Girdler said he'd need to see some ID. He suggested the two go to the reception area so a hospital employee could witness the transaction.

Before the receptionist, the man pulled out a photo ID from the jacket. The picture, of Don Davenport of Kodiak, matched the gent standing before Girdler. Satisfied, Girdler handed over the jacket.

Davenport mentioned that the jacket held \$60,000. He said thanks and ambled out.

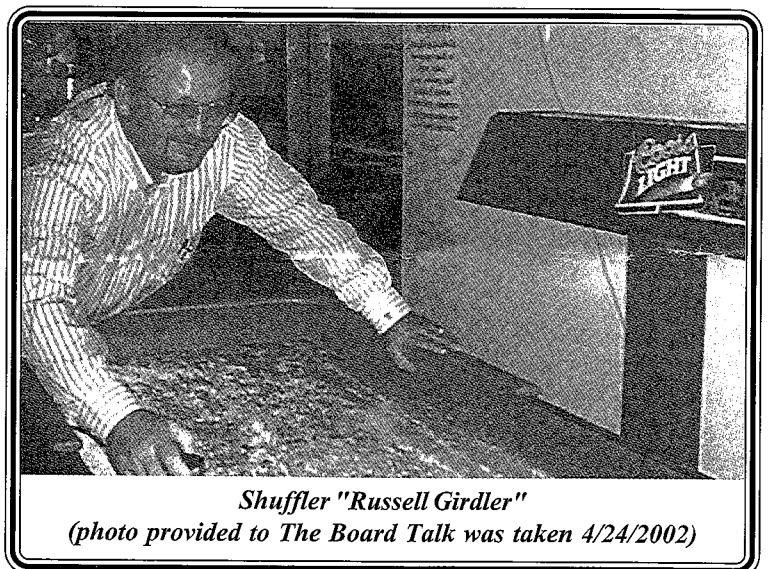
The receptionist looked stunned, as much over the cash as Girdler's honesty.

"Other people probably would have taken it," says the receptionist, who didn't want his name in print. "It's amazing, that's for sure."

To that, Girdler says, "I was the true lucky person- to have had a mother and father that raised in a good way."

Every year, Girdler comes back to Peoria to see kin. He always stops at Springdale Cemetery to visit his parents.

"Now when I stop and see Mom and Dad, I cry with tears of love about the values that they instilled in me," he says. "



Shuffler "Russell Girdler"

(photo provided to The Board Talk was taken 4/24/2002)

"Gentleman George Ostrom"

(Former Basketball Player Turns Shuffler - Excerpt Story on George Ostrom, Colorado Shuffler)

[Excerpt on George Ostrom, Colorado Shuffler follows below, along with some photos of George provided to The Board Talk by California Shuffler Pete Craven. Below excerpt comes from Westword titled "Get a Job" by Bill Gallo, June 15-21, 2000 Edition, Sports section, page 21. To view entire article go to:

<http://www.westword.com/issues/2000-06-15/sports.html/print.html>]:

[Excerpt]: Much of the time, a top shuffleboard player's toughest opponents are booze and sleeplessness. This demanding and beautiful late-night game, in which players hand-slide chrome weights along a length of polished wood sprinkled with slick dust, has inhabited smoky barrooms from Pennsylvania to Oklahoma to Oregon since the 1930s. But it has never quite gotten its due. Certainly, pool outranks it in the popular imagination, thanks to movie heroes like Fast Eddie Felsen and Minnesota Fats. But for pure renegade energy and outlaw defiance, shuffleboard players are hard to beat. Like cowboys, bikers and bank robbers, they go their own way. Always have. Always will.

George Ostrum has played shuffleboard at the highest level -- which is to say, on the hustle and for tournament stakes -- for more than two decades. What's more, he has inspired in scores of new players an appreciation and a love for a game that has always lived in the shadows. So on Saturday, when Ostrum ("Gentleman George" to his friends) became the second player inducted into the Colorado chapter of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, the tribe was uncommonly happy. The scene was Arvada's Balloon Inn, a local shuffleboard mecca, on night two of the second annual Bill English Memorial Open Doubles Tournament. The ceremony was a surprise, attended by top U.S. players from ten states.

"I had no idea," said the slim, silver-haired former basketball player. "It meant a helluva lot to me. Mostly, it meant I had the respect of my peers. I've played this game for forty years, and I can still play with anybody. But this is the greatest moment of my life."

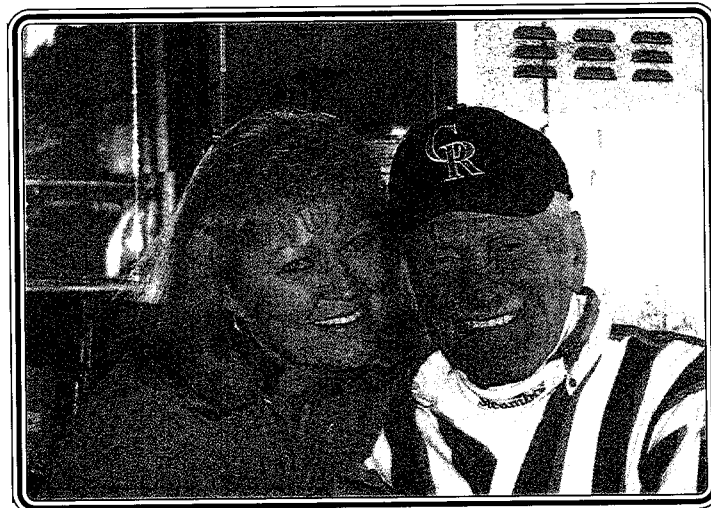
At age sixty, Ostrum is grateful to have a life. He has spent much of the last three years in hospitals and on crutches, and for a spell he vanished into Denver's mean streets. It was a steep fall for a guy who had played on Colorado State's NIT-invited basketball teams of 1960 and 1961 and who was once -- for a couple of weeks, anyway -- a member of the Denver Rockets of the old American Basketball Association. Luckily, loyal friends in the shuffleboard fraternity pulled Gentleman George back from the brink. His life and his game are now on the mend.

"He taught me how to play and how to win," said his current doubles partner, a world-class daredevil named Rick Boyer. "I been winnin' ever since." But that first lesson was expensive. The night in 1978 when Boyer met first met and played against Ostrum, in Denver's Candlelight Lounge, Gentleman George took him for a cool \$260.

The day will come, said Shuffleboard Hall of Fame founder Glen Davidson, when Ostrum will join legendary road hustlers like Bob Miles, Porter White and Granville Humphrey in the national chapter: "He was a trailblazer, a pioneer. George is still a great player. Even though he likes to party. Like the rest of us. In bars."

After three nights and two days at the Balloon Inn, a shuffleboard marathon awash in beer and whiskey and interrupted only by catnaps, cigarettes and the occasional slice of cold pizza, Ostrum and Boyer finished third among the tournament's sixteen teams. "I love George," one opponent allowed, "but I still wanna kick his ass every night of the week." [End of Excerpt]

[Photos Below Provided To "The Board Talk" by Pete Craven (taken while George was visiting and shuffling with his dear friends Char Waugaman & Co. at Balloon Inn in 2002)]:



Taz Country's 4-Person Draft Team

June 14-16, 2002

Taz Country, Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

Report By: Ron Bowers & Lynda French
(no pictures taken)



Taz Country, 1406 F.M. 1825, Pflugerville/Austin, Texas hosted their first 4-Person Draft Team event June 14-16, 2002. This was a great tournament bringing in players as far as California to play (being J.R. Noel, who again was the player who travelled the farthest - See 16 of this issue where J.R. was also one of those who travelled the farthest to attend another Texas tournament in May - the Memorial Weekend Tournament at Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, Texas).

The tournament kicked off with an A-B Draw (no sponsor sale) on Friday evening where first place was taken by Ron Bowers and Glen Bennight with second place honors going to Don Valk and Linda Anthony.

Then on Saturday (w/ sponsor sale), the highest rated registered players became team captains and drafted up their 4-Person Draft Teams. Teams were evenly matched, so competition was strong. First place was nabbed by Mike Taylor's team (team members all from Austin/Pflugerville area: Mike Taylor, Lynda French, Gene Criminger (Taz Country owner) and Tammy Utt (Taz employee)) and second place honors went to J.R. Noel's team (team members: J.R. Noel (California), Tony Fiumara (Georgetown, Tx), Neil Garvin (Corpus Christi, Tx), and Tina Wade (Pflugerville, Tx)).

Sunday featured another A-B Draw with J.R. Noel and partner Gene Criminger (Taz owner) splitting the pot with Ron Bowers and partner Sean Sutton (Taz employee).

Everyone had a great time. It was great seeing all of our out-of-town friends again - the Peach's coming in from Bastrop; the Sexton's and James Fiebrink from San Antonio; J.R. Noel from California, etc. If you have never been to Taz Country to play, put it on your agenda. There are 5 in-house boards and a club full of fun and shuffleboard competition. Taz Country Owners: Gene & Sarah Criminger are great hosts who definitely run a great club where the good southern hospitality abounds.

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Maryland League Players' Profiles



Left: **Jen Pickett** (MD League Player) lives in Rising Sun, MD and works for N.B.N.A. in Delaware. Jen has been playing less than 5 years and in a very short time has gone from a rookie to near "pro" level player. She travels to other states and plays and

wins! Jen is a real class gal (tiny frame, huge smile and always carries herself with composure and game). She plays on Market Street Cafe's League #2 Team. She is one of those that is likely to win the Championship for the 2001/2002 season. Thanks Jen for all you have given back to this game and for being my friend. Love Ya, Brenda Wallace, The Board Talk League Play Reporter

Right: **Carol Hampton** (MD League Player) lives in Charlestown, MD and is retired from Dupont Corp. of America. She plays on Market Street's #1 Team. Carol has been playing for years and is a staple of shuffleboarding in our area. She has a great insight on life and living.



Our communities adjoin and we have been partners in civic activities too. I hope to see Carol joining the Hall of Fame in Maryland one day. Well deserving lady! With love from us all Carol! Love ya, Brenda Wallace, The Board Talk League Play Reporter

League Players' Corner

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Arizona League Play Results

Submitted By: Wendell Herbison, AZ Reporter

A-League Results:

Billiards	127
M.V.P.	125
Alexanders	89
Billiards#2	88
M.V.P.#2	85
Ironwors	78

B-League Results:

Bullocks	92
Rumors	80
16th Street	79
West Side	72
Rumors#2	68
Enochs	43
Waggin Tongue	28



A-League: 1st
Place: (L-R)
back row: Paul
Messina, Al
Salazar;
front row: Bob
Lewis, Larry
Tafoya



B-League: 1st
Place: (L-R)
back row: Bob
Reeves, Hank
Dreckman,
Howard
Glemming;
front row: Gene
Clark, Ray
Rothenbusch

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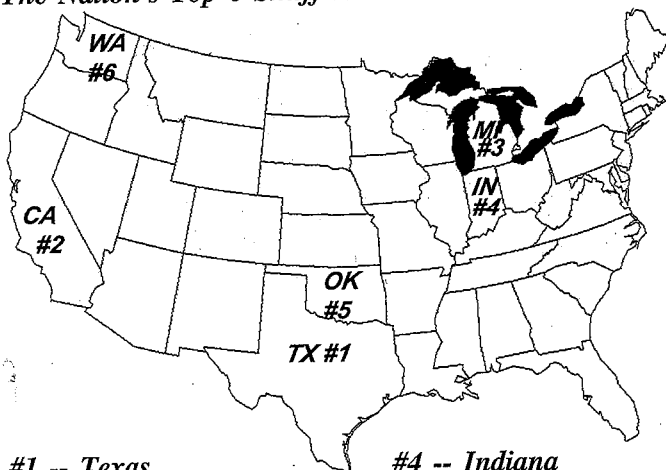
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