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7th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament

April 26-28, 2002 Family Billiards, Glendale, AZ Results & Photos Submitted By: Al Salazar, Arizona



The 7th Annual Bill Gibbs Tournament, held in memory of a very popular Phoenix area player, was held on April 26 - 28. The events were held at Family Billiards in Glendale on 5 boards. With the participation of the California players the tournament was another success. With round robins on Thursday and the three events over the weekend there was plenty of shuffleboard for everyone. With turkey, ham, roast beef and all the fixins, and Alice Arredondo's famous chicken wings on Sunday there was plenty of food for everyone too.

The A-B handicapped draw was held Friday night and finished up at 2:00 am. This event used the Bowers Ratings with the top half of the field being the "A" players and everyone else the "B" players. Six places were paid to the field of 32 teams with no auction due to time constraints. At the top of the list was the team of Wendell Herbison

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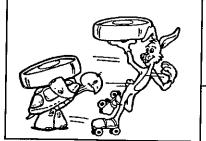
of Arizona, and Terry Leahy of Oklahoma. They went through the event without a loss. In second place was Gil Aragon, Arizona and Vicki Hunt, Northern California. Third went to Ken Vardin and Robert Price, both of Arizona. Bob Brunskil, Southern California, and Joan Gardner, Arizona, made it to fourth and Al Salazar, Arizona, and Rich Huebenthal, Arizona, along with J.R. Noel, Northern California, and Don (Rooster) Cary, Arizona, tied for the 5th and 6th spot.

10:00 am Saturday morning was the start of the A-B-C draw team event. Crowd favorite Joe Munez, of So. Cal., ran the Sponsor Sales of 8 teams. Al Salazar, Bud LaChapelle, Arizona, and Paul Messina, Arizona, were almost double dipped but held on for the win. Bob Lewis, Arizona, J.R. Noel, and Mary Ellen Scott, Arizona, almost pulled it off but took second. Cindy Clark, Arizona, Wayne Scott, Arizona, and Vicki Hunt were third.

After a dinner break the Open Doubles got under way. The field of 10 teams got play under way after the auction and finished on Sunday. This was a two of three, double elimination in both winners and losers brackets. Bob Hunt, No. Cal., teamed up with Al Salazar, to take first from last years winners, Bob Lewis, and Wendell Herbison, who had to settle for second this year. Bob Brunskil and Bob Jacobsen, Arizona took third place money. Every "Bob" in the event finished in the money.

This years tournament featured a double winner in Al Salazar. Wendell Herbison had a 1st and a 2nd. Directors Al Salazar, Alice Arredondo, and Bob Lewis, would like to thank everyone for their participation and help in giving us another good tournament. We were pleased to see our friends

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Thank You Gordie Smith...

We would like to thank Gordie Smith, owner of Eagle Shuffleboard, for the beautiful board he finished with a picture of Russ "The Colonel" Miller on it. He put the picture in the middle on the rail so it wouldn't distract people while they were playing. We know the Colonel is always with us and where he loved to be, around shuffleboard and shuffleboard players. The board has found a permanent home at The Brookdale Inn, in Spanaway, WA. Stop by and see it if you are ever in the Tacoma area. You will be impressed.

Gordie would like to do a similar board in honor of Chuck Norris but he is having a difficult time finding a picture suitable for what he wants. He would like a picture of his face, if possible, or any picture you think might be acceptable. If you have such a picture please send it to, Michelle Foran, 4025 E. McKinley Ave., Tacoma, WA, 98404. We will see that Gordie gets it.

--Thank You, Jim and Michelle Foran, WA

Glen Reports on Vegas Trip...

Our visit to Vegas was an exciting time for us both (me & Madge). The tournament going again in Vegas was a shufflers' dream. The tournament staff (Tom & Lynda French, Tournament Directors; Bill Rice, Bracket Official, et. al.) did a great job! It was a sight to behold with 28 great playing shuffleboards furnished by Champion Shuffleboard and Kelye Stites of Champion Shuffleboard with the \$5K added pot sponsorship donation.

-- ATTENTION --

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)

All the boards and the space to stage the tournament was a great setup. Kelye Stites and his brother Lindsay also played in every event and seemed to really enjoy themselves. It was great to get to spend time with them too. All of the players there including myself say "Thanks and we will be looking forward to the next year!" Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors and 1st Annual Board Talk Open Tournament Directors, awarded myself a "Board Talk Pioneer 'Subscription Hustler' Award" which was my "Oscar Award" beings as how it was real close to the Oscar Award timeframe. I felt like I was in Hollywood getting an Oscar. Many thanks to The Board Talk and Tom and Lynda French for the award and plaque.

Chris Passariello and Bobby V downs Darrol Hagen and Mike Kinney for the Doubles Championship. Diana Hagen and Darrol had some great matches in Singles with Diana taking the 1st Place honors. Great playing by all!

Madge and I were nearby visiting relatives before the tournament and I frequented Gabby's Saloon and played with Chris Passariello, Balboa Ron, Phil, Detroit a newcomer to the game called Gabe, Jeff Keyes and Theresa, Danny Leach, Danny O'Dare and wife Goldie, Jim Golden and wife Devonna and son, Dorothy, Thomas, Frank & Connie (Hall of Fame Chairman & Secretary) all participated in the Vegas tournament, so we still have lots of local players there too. All played at Gabby's on 1 board in Las Vegas. All except Chris P. and Frank are under a '0'. We all had a great time playing at Gabby's and then on to the 1st Annual Board Talk Open at the Plaza Hotel/Casino for a fun filled week of competition. Bye for now. --Glen Davidson, OK

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #19 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures

1st Annual Board Talk Open 2002 Tournament!

"Guess Who?" Shirts & More

Photos Taken at Tournament & Submitted by Art Cassata, Las Vegas, NV





Austin, TX (D.V., of course!) Above: (hint) The "Ultimate" Board Adjuster Tournament Official from



Above: (nint) B.N. shares the Indiana



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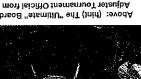




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Washington

FOREST FESTIVAL A-B **BRING PARTNER** FIR CONE TAVERN SHELTON, WA **JUNE 1-2, 2002**



The Fir Cone Tavern, 114 W. Cota, Shelton, Washington is hosting their annual Forest Festival A-B Bring Partner tournament on June 1-2. The entry fee is \$50/team. The number of places played out will be based on the number of teams. The Fir Cone has three very fast boards and the winners bracket will be played out on Saturday. Loser bracket games will start on Sunday. Sponsor sale at 11 a.m. with play starting immediately following. This is a double elimination event. Two out of three 15 point games in the winner's bracket. One game to 17 in the loser's bracket. Friday night there will be a \$10 single elimination A-B Draw. Start time is at 7 p.m. sharp. The Fir Cone features one of the best Saturday night feeds in the State of Washington. RV parking is available and limited, come early for the best spots. For more info. on this tournament or other tournament at the Fir Cone Tavern contact Jeanette Hohn at 360-426-2221.

Texas

4-PERSON DRAFT TEAM **TAZ COUNTRY** PFLUGERVILLE, TX JUNE 14-16, 2002



Taz Country, 1406 F.M. 1825, Pflugerville/Austin, Texas (phone: 512-990-5526) is hosting A-B Draws and a 4-Person Draft Team event June 14-15. 2002 Bowers Ratings Used. No Registration Fee.

Friday, June 14th will be a warm up A-B Draw (no sponsor sale) at 8 p.m.; single game/single elimination; \$20/person entry fee.

Saturday, June 15th will be the 4-Person Draft Team at 1 p.m. (sponsor sale); \$30/player; 2/3 Game, double elimination.

Sunday, June 16th will be an A-B Draw at 1 p.m. (sponsor sale); \$30/player; single game/double elimination. Contact: Ron/Debbie Bowers 512-252-8188 or ronbowers@jump.net

(See Taz Country Tournament Flyer inserted into the May 2002 issue for more details)

Nebraska

JOEL (PAPPY) RAHN MEMORIAL "OPEN SINGLES", PICCOLO'S BAR & JOE'S DUCK INN OMAHA, NE

JUNE 7-9, 2002

Piccolo's Bar (13336 Millard Ave.) & Joe's Duck Inn (13328 Millard Ave.) in Historical Millard will be jointly hosting the 2nd Annual Joel (Pappy) Rahn Memorial "Open Singles" Tournament on June 7-9, 2002. There will be four shuffleboards, \$40 entry fee, sponsor sale at 7 p.m. on June 7 with play starting immediately afterwards. Door Prizes and T-Shirts available! Raffle: all proceeds will go to the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) and/or the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) Hall of Fame Museum efforts. Food, Fun, and Friends! For more information, contact: Joe's Duck Inn (402) 895-9987 (or) Piccolo's Bar (402) 895-9988 (or) Char Rahn (402) 331-5407 (or) Marty Shephard (402) 533-4840 or email Marty: shepardenterprises@huntel.net Also: Nebraska State Championships to be held

Nov. 21-24, 2002. Mark your calendar now.

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN 2002 AMERICAN LEGION POST 73 American Legion Post 73 **DEL CITY, OK** P.O. Box 15073 DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73165 **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 this issue for details) with play on 31 Boards. Register early (before June 15, 2002) and save! For registration or event questions and/or details contact: Kathy Yingst at 918-742-2261 or e-mail: swopen@swbell.net. For any other information, contact: Don Crall at the American Legion: 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120 or e-mail: doncrall73@aol.com [See Fiver Insert for more information and "Preregistration" form. Pre-Register and secure your event slots!]

California

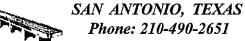
ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY EAGLE LODGE #3608 EXETER, CA JULY 3-7, 2002



The Eagle Lodge #3608, 555 Visalia Rd., Exeter, Californai 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, 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 this issue for more details on the tournament and hotel options)

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

Colorado

BALLOON INN'S 2002 TOURNEYS ARVADA, CO



JUNE - DECEMBER 2002

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

•BILL ENGLISH MEMORIAL (Open Doubles) June 21-23, 2002

Bring Your Own Partner; Entry \$120/team; 2/3 Double Elimination (winner & loser bracket); "Open Doubles" Sponsor Sale on Fri. June 21 at 7 p.m. followed by \$20 Blind Draw; Open Doubles play begins Sat. June 22 and continues through Sun. June 23.

•CONEHEAD CLASSIC IV (A-B-C Blind Draw) August 16-18, 200

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.



Congratulations
to
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-- Tom & Lynda French & Entire Shuffleboard Community!

Indiana

3RD ANNUAL HOF CLASSIC DAVID L'S HIDEOUT YORKTOWN, IN JUNE 13-16, 2002

The 3rd Annual Indiana Hall of Fame "Classic" tournament will be held June 13-16, 2002 at David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana on June 13-16. June 13 at 6 p.m. \$10 robins; June 14 at 6 p.m. Singles (\$30/person); and June 15 at 11 a.m. A-B-C (\$60/team; add to 3 or more; only one -1 or 0 per team). For more info. call David Greer (765) 759-7989 or Glen Ingram (765) 287-1239 or Sheryl Cockerill (765) 286-0944. (See flyer inserted into the May 2002 Issue for more details)

New York

DEW DROP INN TOURNEYS WATERLOO, NY JUNE 2002 - DEC. 2002

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York is hosting several Draw Partner/Bring Partner and Nationals tournaments on 4 in-house boards through Dec. 2002: The remaining Draw Partner/Bring Partner 2002 tournaments are to be held on: Jun. 1-2, 2002; Oct. 5-6, 2002; and Dec. 7-8, 2002. Each tourney to be held on Sat. (Draw Partner-\$20/player) at 2 PM and on Sun. (Bring Partner-\$20/player) at 12 Noon. Bring Partner events have sponsor sales. The second Nationals tournament will be on Aug. 1-4, 2002; starts on Thurs, with \$5 & \$10 Warm-Up Round Robins at 7 PM; Fri. at 6 PM Singles (\$30/player); Sat. at 10 AM Mixed Doubles (\$30/team); Sat. at 4 PM Draw Partner (\$15/player); and Sun. at 12 Noon Bring Partner (\$30/team). Most events have sponsor sales. For more info., contact Tracie Fridley at Dew Drop Inn: 315-539-5729.

"New" Shuffleboard Directory Advertiser
Starting with this June 2002 Issue ...
Thank you Eagles Lodge #3608!
-- From: Tom & Lynda French, Editors



Eagle Lodge # 3608

555 Visalia Rd., Exeter, California

Annual 4th of July Shuffleboard Tournament Questions - Call Marion Bailey at 559-798-0800



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.

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 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. If expired, please renew before July 14, 2002 to remain listed on this "free" annual publication mailed to all subscribers that lists your establishment as a place to play. Thanks,

Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors/Publishers

"New" Shuffleboard Directory Advertiser
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Thank you Dusty's Pub & Grill!
-- From: Tom & Lynda French, Editors



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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



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_{tm} 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_{tm} and WCT_{tm}. 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_{tm} website:

www.shuffleboardfederation.com/2002nasc.html , where you can print registration forms and access all the latest tournament information.

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

Jerry Sabourin...

We (The Board Talk Editors/Publishers) were informed that Jerry Sabourin, Missouri player, passed away on or about April 6, 2002. No other information available at this time.

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7th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial ... (Continued from Page 1)

Wes and Eileen Eades (former owners of the Dixie Belle) make the trip. Photos of the winners follow:



1st Place A-B Draw Wendell Herbison Terry Leahy (no picture)

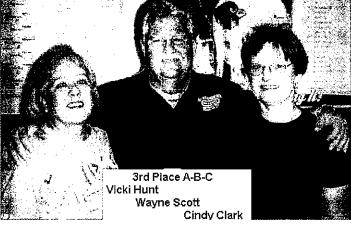
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NOTE:

3rd Place A-B H/C Draw (no picture): Ken Vardin and Robert Price, both of Arizona

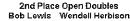
5th/6th Place A-B H/C Draw: (no pictures): Al Salazar, Arizona, and Rich Huebenthal, Arizona, along with J.R. Noel, Northern California, and Don (Rooster) Cary, Arizona



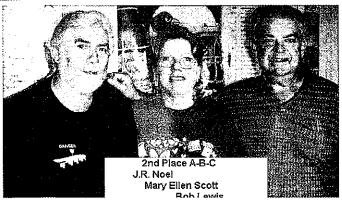


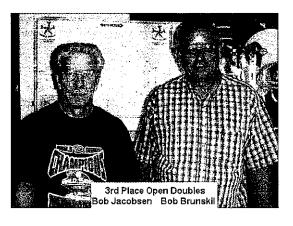
First Place Open Doubles Al Salazar Bob Hunt











This annual tournament is held on the last weekend of April each year and with the help of our friends and families will continue for many more years. Please join us in saying a prayer for our companion Bill Gibbs and for all the players who we have lost through the years. NOTEABLE: Lewis had two second place finishes. Also, Ken Vardin is having bypass surgery the week of May 6th. Our prayers are with him and we are all wishing him a successful surgery and speedy recovery. --Al Salazar, AZ

2002 WCT™ FEATURED OUTSTANDING PLAY



April 2-7, 2002 Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, Reno, NV Report & 3 Photos Submitted By: John McDermott



The 2002 WCT™ held April 2-7, 2002 at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada featured outstanding play from many of the best players in the world. Unfortunately, the turnout was disappointing. It is obvious that there is insufficient support from the pros for this to be a viable event in its present format. The players who did attend were unanimous and vocal in expressing their desire to see the event continue and pledged to do whatever they could to help. Several players also came forward to say that they would be willing to help insure the future of the WCT™ by making significant financial contributions to help offset the tournament expenses. We are grateful to all who came and pledged their support. More about our plans for the 2003 WCT™ later in this article.

The handicap draw was won by Bobby Voorhis and Dan Holland who defeated Bill Walker and Pete Craven in the finals. In third place was the team of John McDermott and Rick Gindt (aka "King of the Tequila Bar").

In the Open Doubles, it was Darrol Nelson and John McDermott in first place. They came out of the losers bracket to beat Bill Melton and Bobby Voorhis, who had beaten them in the first round of the event. Third place went to Mike Kinney and

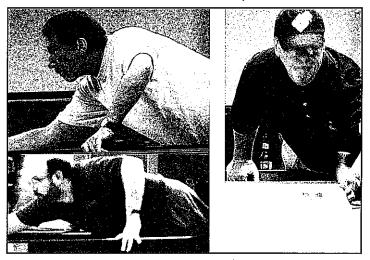
Dan Holland. Al Pease and Rick Gindt finished fourth. In an unbelievable finish, Darrol Nelson took top honors in the Round Robin Singles. He was tied in the win column with Joe Hudson and Nick Chaffin. The first tiebreaker was head to head, but with Joe beating Darrol, Darrol beating Nick and Nick beating Joe, it was still a three way tie. The second tiebreaker was total points scored, that dropped Joe into third, but left Darrol and Nick still tied, which necessitated going to the third tiebreaker, which

was points allowed. Darrol won that, by giving up a total of six points less than Nick, who finished in second.

Second place was nearly as close, with a three way tie in the wins and losses column between Bill Melton, Al Pease and John McDermott. Bill finished in fourth, winning the tiebreaker by beating both Al and John. Al also beat John, which left him in fifth place and John in sixth.

For 2003, several steps are being taken to insure a more substantial turnout. We are going to add a 3 person team event as the opening event. The format and entry fee for the Open Doubles and Round Robin Singles will remain the same and there will be a Ladies Singles and Ladies Doubles and possibly an amateur singles.

Spots in the singles will be offered first to anyone who played in either the 2001 or 2002 WCT Round Robin Singles. Any of those players who wish participate in the 2003 Tournament must send a 500.00 deposit by July 31, 2002. After that, anyone else who wants to play will have to shoot their way into the tournament by winning a qualifying tournament. We have already approached a couple of bar owners about hosting a qualifier and received an enthusiastic response. Any other bar owners who are interested in hosting a qualifier should contact The Shuffleboard Federation at 800-380-3033. (Three Photos Taken/Submitted, as follows):



ABOVE: Darrol Nelson (above top left), Joe Hudson (above right) and John McDermott (above bottom left) stretching out to make those WCT champion shots!

[Editors' Comment: John McDermott informed us when he sent these results & 3 photos on May 14, 2002 that Laura Rebecca was having foot surgery that day and will be in a cast for some time thereafter. We all wish Laura a successful surgery & speedy recovery! If you wish to send a card to Laura Rebecca, the address is: P.O. Box 549, South Lyon, MI 48178]

Michigan Open "Tune-Up" Results



April 26-28, 2002 Club Car Lounge Durand, Michigan Report & Photos Submitted By: Bill Kane, MI



Michigan players got together in Durand at the Club Car Lounge for an impromptu "Tune-Up" before the Michigan Open. And what a turn out! 37 registered contestants! Friday, April 26th, 16 teams participated in a Draw Partner event that paid out three places. Saturday we had a Handicapped Doubles event and Sunday was Open Doubles. Winners were:

Draw Partner - Fri. April 26th (16 teams):



LEFT(L-R) 1stPlace: Jim Kelsey & Alonzo Cottrell



ABOVE(L-R) 2nd Place: Alonzo Cottrell & Brenda Kane pictured with sponsor Vic Mattson



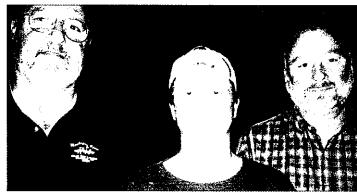
2nd Place: John Addington & Dennis Bittner



LEFT(L-R) 3rd Place: Deanna Johns & Rich Lilly



LEFT 3rd Place: James Smith (left) & Charlee Magoo (right) (sponsored by Vic Mattson)



Handicap Doubles - Sat. April 27th:

ABOVE 1st Place: Dennis Bitner (left) & Gene Wendling (right) pictured with sponsor Alonzo Cottrell (center)

Michigan Open "Tune-UP"... (Con't. from Page 10)



ABOVE 1st Place: Steve Auten (right) pictured with sponsor Jerry Siebert (left)

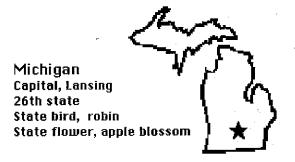


LEFT
2nd Place:
Gene Wendling



ABOVE **3rd & 4th Place:** Dennis Bitner (left - 3rd Place) and Tom Meagher (right - 4th Place)

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Michigan Open on May 24-27, 2002 at the Club Car Lounge! --Bill Kane, MI



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Indiana Results & News



Sportsman's Open Doubles

April 20, 2002 Sportsman's Lounge Muncie, Indiana Results Submitted By: Marcia Brown, IN

An open doubles elimination April 20, 2002, held at the Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana, had 13 teams vying for a purse of \$2700. The awesome duo of Bobby Voorhis and Jim Martin (California visiting Indiana?) sailed through the winners bracket to capture 1st place. 2nd place winners were Beef Camp and Brian Collins and Dave Welch and Sheryl Cockerill captured 3rd place. As always our host, Rudy Parris, added \$100 to the tournament payout. Watch the Board Talk for the next set of events to be held at the Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie, IN.

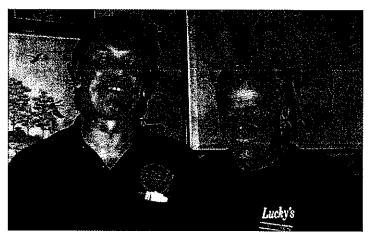
— Submitted By: Marcia Brown, IN

Palace Bar

March 9th & April 27th 2002 Results Palace Bar Fairmont, Indiana Results & Photos Submitted By: Bobby Voohis, IN

Results and winner photos from the last two tournaments held at the Palace Bar in Fairmont, IN:

March 9. 2002: The team of Mike Koontz and Jim Long barely edged out first time cashers of Danny Watson and Byron "Greek" George. Bill Niswonger and Vickie Morgan came in third.



ABOVE (L-R) March 9th: 1st Place: Larry Brown & Terry Dowell came out of the loser's bracket & beat Bobby V. & Ricky Royal (not pictured: March 9th: 2nd Place: Bobby Voorhis & Ricky Royal)



LEFT(L-R) March 9th: 3rd Place: Jodie Berry & Mary Brown

April 27, 2002: The team of Mike Koontz and Jim Long barely edged out first time cashers of Danny Watson and Byron "Greek" George. Bill Niswonger and Vickie Morgan came in third.



LEFT(L-R) April 27th: 1st Place: Mike Koontz & Jim Long



ABOVE (L-R) April 27th: 2nd & 3rd Place Teams: Byron "Greek" George/Danny Watson (2nd Place); Vickie Morgan/Bill Niswonger (3rd Place)

PS: We had a great time in Vegas and you guys (Editors/Tournament Directors, etc.) have got a lot of potential there. See you all in Del City soon!

-- Submitted By: Bobby Voorhis, Fairmont, IN

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Indiana Results & News... (Continued from Page 12)

41st Annual Bourbon Spring Doubles

May 4, 2002 American Legion Bourbon, Indiana Report & Photos Submitted By: Jerry Siebert, MI

The 41st Annual Bourbon Spring Doubles was held on May 4, 2002 at the American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana. Draw Partner events were played on Friday during the day and evening, and the sponsor sale for the Doubles was held on Saturday morning. Mike Johnson did a good job handling the sponsor sales.

Buddy Broka has done a good job adjusting the Legion boards. All five boards were tournament quality boards. Fritzi Broka, Tournament Director, waxed most of the boards after each game and she watched over the boards closely to be sure they were sprayed when they needed to be. 16 quality teams participated in the event, so three of the Legion's five boards were used for the tournament.

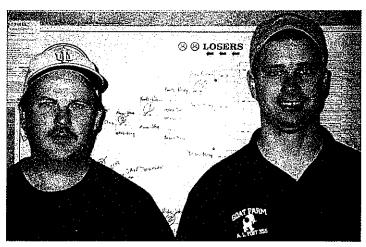
Fritzi hand-made leather and wood plaques for the 1st and 2nd place winners. Winners were:



ABOVE: 1st Place: The Indiana Team of Jim Long (left) and Glen Ingram (right) (w/ Sponsor: Richard Reist (center))



LEFT (L-R):
2nd Place:
The Michigan
Team of
Jerry Siebert
and Frank
Blade



ABOVE (L-R): **3rd Place:** Indiana Team of Dave Vordran & Gary Austin



ABOVE (L-R): **4th Place:** The Michigan Team of Steve Auten and Alonzo Cottrell

More and more events are going to be held at the Legion in Bourbon. If you want flyers for these events, send Fritzi your address and she will send you flyers for the tournaments. You can reach Fritzi at: 574-342-2023. --Jerry Siebert, MI

Florida March Madness 2002





Florida Shuffleboard really took off in 2001 and in 2002 the Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (C.F.S.A.) held three back to back tournament in March 2002 -- the Florida Open "Warm-Up", the Florida Open, and the annual Blast-Off. All 3 had great success and there were ten states represented. Thanks to Triple Crown for their donation of a set of weights and The Shuffleboard Federation for the wax. It was a real blessing to have two fine establishments, the Moose Lodge #2304 and the Fill-N-Station (both in Titusville, FL) to hold our three March Madness 2002 tournaments. The best way to say it, most all records were broken in every respect. Job well done by the C.F.S.A. and the C.F.S.A. wishes to thank everyone!

Florida Open "Warm-Up" 2002 - March 9-10, 2002

This tournament held at the Fill-N-Station had a Draw Partner and a Bring Partner event -- winners were:



LEFT (L-R):
Draw Partner
1st Place:
Harold "Moose"
Whitt (sponsor
Mark Arrowood)
and Barrie
McClean



ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 2nd Place:**Dick Smedburg/Jim Long



ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 3rd Place**: Larry Cooper/Marty Allen



LEFT (L-R):
Bring Partner
1st Place: Glen
Ingram
(sponsor Larry
Cooper) and
Jim Long



ABOVE (L-R): Bring Partner 2nd Place:
Marty Allen/Dooley Forester



3rd Place:
Alvis Ramey/Tonia Modglin

Florida Open 2002 - March 15-17, 2002

This tournament held at the Moose Lodge #2304 had Draw Partner, Mixed Doubles, Open Singles, and Bring Partner events -- winners were:



LEFT (L-R): **Draw Partner 1st Place:** Glen
Ingram/Dave
Macko



ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 2nd Place**: Bill & Brenda Kane



ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 4th Place**: Marty Allen/Doug
Rembock

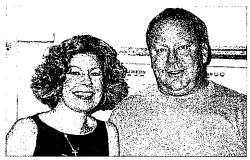


ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 3rd Place:**Tonia Modglin/Jim Long

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Florida March Madness 2002... (Con't. from Page 14)

Florida Open 2002 - March 15-17, 2002 (con't.)



LEFT (L-R):
Mixed Doubles
1st Place:
Louise Freer/
Dave
Shewbridge

"Blast-Off" 2002 - March 22-24, 2002



LEFT (L-R): **Draw Partner 1st Place:**Marty Allen & John
Cubine (newcomer)



ABOVE (L-R): **Mixed Doubles 2nd & 3rd Place:** Pete Cummings/Pauline Roch (2nd Place); Glen Ingram/Ursula Badioun (3rd Place)



ABOVE (L-R): **Open Singles 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place:** Glen Ingram (1st); Alvis Ramey (2nd); Louise Freer (3rd)



ABOVE (L-R): Bring Partner 1st & 2nd Place: Dick Smedberg/Marty Allen (1st); Bill Brown/Lonzo Knight (2nd)



LEFT (L-R): **Bring Partner 3rd Place:** Mike Miller/Jimmy

"The Cop" Kumpula



LEFT (L-R): **Draw Partner 2nd Place:**Jim Long & Carol
Kormac



LEFT (L-R): Draw Partner 3rd Place: J.T. Swindle/Dave Macko





ABOVE (L-R): **Mixed Doubles 1st Place:** Marty Allen & Carol Kormac being congratulated by Host Larry Cooper

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Texas State Championships

April 25-28 2002

Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, Texas Results Submitted By: Brian Walker Photos By: Brian Walker & Frenches



It was the Spring of 1999, flood and all, the Texas State Shuffleboard Championships were born in Houston, Texas at Danny's Sports Bar. After being played in Austin and Ft. Worth the following two years, it found its way back home to Houston again at Danny's Sports Bar.

Before I begin telling you all how big of a success this tournament was and all the winner information, I need to start with a sad note. During the tournament, on Saturday evening around 10:30 p.m., I was told that Rod Cameron passed away. He will join the like of fellow Texas shufflers, Earl Kelly, Jimmy Taylor, Little Ray Hartness and many more. Rod influenced many players with his sheer great playing and words of wisdom. Many things he told me personally over the years I will never forget. Rod is a member of the Texas and National Halls of Fame. Saturday afternoon after we all heard of Rod being in the hospital and not doing well, Mahlon Nobles grabbed hold of an empty beer pitcher and started passing it around. Within about 15-20 minutes there was over \$1,000 in the pitcher. Early that same evening there was over \$1,500 in it and Mahlon and Bob Shaw guaranteed \$2,000 even if they had to make up the difference. Well, they didn't need to make up the difference because the Texas shufflers opened their wallets with their hearts and had over \$2,100 in that pitcher. Also another \$300-\$400 was collected for flowers and funeral. Rod loved Texas, Rod loved Texas Shuffleboard, Rod loved shuffleboard...period! Isn't it ironic that his passing comes on a day when a majority of Texas shufflers were present at the same time, at the same place. Tree, Kelly, and the rest of the Cameron family our hearts go out to you as your loss is our loss as well.

Well, now on to a more positive note. We got things rolling on Thursday evening with a warm-up draw. In the amateur draw no two 2's could draw if possible. We had the same number of 2's as we did 3's and 4's. Coming out on top splitting 1st and 2nd place was Bob Lee/Tom Migas (both of Houston) and James Cummings (Houston)/Gene Criminger (Austin's Taz Country owner); 3rd place was shared by Ann Walker/Mike Regen (both of Houston) and Denise Klein (Houston)/Cliff Visel (Austin/Michigan). In the pro draw there was a split for 1st and 2nd place between Billy Mays (TX/OK)/Doug Paben (Austin)

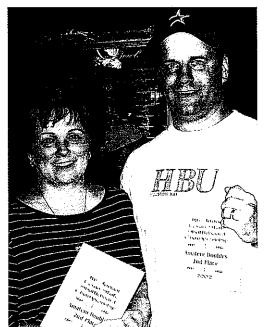
and Brian Walker/Jorge Galvan (both of Houston). 3rd place was split between Diana Hagen/Harvey Kidd (both of Houston) and David Williams (D/FW)/David Sexton (San Antonio).

Friday evening started the two Bring Partner events and winners were:

Bring Partner (Add to 4 or more)



ABOVE (L-R) 1st Place (Houston) Team: James Cummings & Steve Edwards pictured with sponsor David Sexton



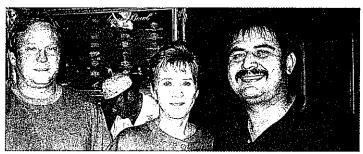
LEFT (L-R)
2nd Place
(Houston)
Team: Mary
Koteras &
Chris Regan
(sponsored by
Chris Smith,
not in picture)

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Texas State Championships... (Continued from Page 16)



LEFT (L-R)
3rd Place
(Houston)
Team:
Femando
Noriega &
Silivia Martinez



ABOVE (L-R) Sponsor Mike Bradley congratulates his **3rd Place (Houston) Team:** Diana Hagen & Jorge Galvan

Amateur Singles (39 Entries)



ABOVE 4th thru 5th/6th Place: (L-R) 4th: Nancy Rice & Jack Scott of Houston; 5th/6th shared by: Jim Bramlett (Rainbow)/Sammi Stringer and Roy Peltier/Al Sanchez (all of Houston)

Pro Bring Partner (Add to 0)



LEFT 1st Place: Danny Norris (left) & Tournament Director Brian Walker (right) congratulate Jorge Galvan (center) on his 1st Place Championship win!



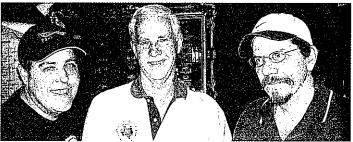
LEFT **2nd Place:**Sponsor Danny Norris
(left) & Tournament
Director Brian Walker
(right) congratulate Ann
Walker (center) on her
2nd Place win.



ABOVE (L-R) Sponsor Denise Klein congratulates her **1st Place Team:** Billy Melton (Houston) & Tom French (Austin)



ABOVE 3rd thru 5th/6th Place: 3rd: Gilbert Baird (left) congratulated by his Sponsor Mahlon Nobles; 7th/8th: Jimmy Britt (sponsored by Eddie the bartender); 5th/6th: Rick McFarland (sponsored by Mahlon Nobles); 4th: James Cummings (sponsored by Steve Edwards); and not pictured winners: 7th/8th: Del Ammerman (sponsored by animal doc "Fuzzy") and 5th/6th: Eugene Peach (sponsored self)



ABOVE (L-R) Sponsor Jimmy Britt congratulates his **2nd Place Team:** J. W. Crawford (D/FW) & Bill Rice (Houston)



Capital: Austin 28th state State bird: mockingbird State flower: Muchannet

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Texas State Champs...(Con't. 17) Heartland Open American Legion Post 73

Pro Singles



ABOVE (L-R) Sponsor Chuck Leach congratulates 1st Place Pro Champ: Billy Mays (of Dallas/OK)



ABOVE (L-R) Sponsor Mahlon Nobles congratulates **2nd Place Pro Champ:** Bob Shaw (Dallas/FW)



LEFT (L-R) 3rd Place Pro Champ: Dale Koteras (Houston) being congratulated by his Sponsor Bob Lee

The 2002 Texas State Championship was a huge success and everyone reported they had a good time. There were 84 registered players from across the Lone Star State with nearly \$30,000 paid out in total prize money.

I would like to thank the following people who made this tournament a success: Ken "Doc" Strong for a wonderful job getting the boards ready for play; Denise Klein and Silvia Martinez for the exceptional job handling the registration monies (you girls are a great team!): Bill Rice who I think is the best bracket man in the business; Harvey Kidd for his usual great humorous sponsor sales; James Cummings for the player race track (for those you who aren't familiar with this - James put together a program that keeps track of the odds of all the players and you can place a little sponsor wager on your favorite players); and Danny Norris for all you do for the Houston shuffleboard and providing us with the 4 in-house shuffleboards and as usual a great wait staff that takes good care of us shufflers; and last but not least to all the players and spectators that participated and supported the annual Texas State Championship events. PS: The 2003 Texas State Shuffleboard Championships will be held at Taz Country (watch for details).

-- Brian Walker, 2002 Tournament Director

April 19-20, 2002 American Legion Post 73 Del City, Oklahoma

Report By: Kathy Yingst Photos By: Don Crall



NOTABLE: If Kenny would have worn his Dockers, they probably would have won (inside joke between me & Kenny).



ABOVE (L-R) 1st Place: Dave Davidson (local) & Jim "JFK" Kennedy (Tulsa)



ABOVE (L-R) 2nd Place: Ferlin Kearns & Ed White (both locals)



LEFT (L-R) 3rd Place: Brad Lawry & Kenny Hawkes (Tulsa Team)

Bring Partner - Sat. & Sun. April 20-21 (18 teams): NOTABLES: The Texans did it again in the Bring Partner. Jack and Drew came through the losers bracket and double dipped John and JFK.



ABOVE (L-R) 1st Place: Drew Willingham & Jack Davis (Texas Team)



ABOVE (L-R) 2nd Place: John Cason & Jim Kennedy (Tulsa Team)



LEFT (L-R) 3rd Place: Linda Ritter (Nebraska) & Bill Melton (local)

We wish to extend a special "thanks" to the Nebraska flashers (Linda Ritter and Danielle Bruggeman) for coming up. Jack Davis missed a few weights because of them, but it didn't affect his play too much since he won. -- Kathy Yingst, OK



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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 90 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- June 2002 Issue

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

[In last month's episode, we found Eddie's Partner Jack, losing the 1st game and then coming back to win the 2nd game in a "Best out of Three" match off for \$400. With Eddie's prompting, he snuck by on the 2nd game, but it looked like this last game would center on whose lag was the hottest -- REMINDER TO ALL: FRISCO EDDIE'S STORIES ARE "FICTIONAL."]

The final game was, for the most part, a weight for weight event, with the majority of the weights deep. This precluded any good chances for "wraparounds." Anytime Jack tried to put up a shorter shot, Chris would Hit and Go. As a result, the lag was the name of the game.

Things were going pretty equal until Chris started to dump in nothing but solid threes on his lags. Jack was fighting back as hard as he could, but the consistent threes he was facing began to have a psychological effect on him.

All Eddie could do was watch Jacks decline - there was nothing he could do about it, and he knew what Jack was feeling... because he had been there himself before. Finally, with the score of 10 to 13 in Chris' favor, and his hammer, he let go with the final blow. It was a deep deuce lag, and with it also, Jack's moral was shot, and he had no desire to challenge back.

Eddie went up to Chris to pay him the \$800 stake that was up. As he handed him the money, he said: "What's the chance of you and I having a go at it so I have a chance to get even?" Chris kind of smiled as he replied: "Sorry Eddie, I got it from Jack, and the only way you can get it back — is the same way I got it."

They spent the rest of the night with some drinks, and of course, telling "War Stories" with their friends from Las Vegas. They had some serious gambling to do the next day, so they begged off at around midnight. They really had a good time, and everyone was laughing like hell as they departed.

The next morning, they didn't get going until around 10 a.m., so they decided to go for the Brunch Buffet at the Sahara. It was "so-so," and at least sent them off with full stomachs for gambling endeavors. Eddie had learned that your best odds were off the strip, and head for where the "locals" play.

Their first stop was just the other side of I-15, and also on Sahara Blvd. It was called the Palace Station.

Jack didn't know too much about serious play, so Eddie just had him watch -- for 15 minutes, while he showed him a little bit about "21," or commonly called Black Jack. He selected a \$25 minimum table. To Jack's amazement, Eddie won their \$400 from the night before back -- in just under 14 minutes!

Eddie backed off then, and laid the \$5 tables, and 25-cent Poker machines, until he was able to teach Jack enough about them so he could be on his own. After that, Eddie settled down to some serious Black Jack. In about four hours of play, he was close to \$5,500 winners! He knew when to cash in, and after he did that, he started hunting around for Jack. It didn't take long to spot him. He was all excited -- because he was \$150 to the good!

They had an excellent meal at a very fancy restaurant in the Venetian Hotel/Casino. Some German guy who was always on TV owned the place. His name was "Puck" or something. Eddie knew this was going to be expensive, because there were only four main entrees on the menu — and NO prices listed!

It was the best meal they had ever had in a restaurant, although the tab was equally as amazing. After finishing their 2nd bottle of wine (at \$150 a pop) they decided to go and get a good nights rest, as their flight to L.A. would be departing at 10 a.m. the next morning.

They headed out for the airport at 7 a.m., and then had a 2-hour check-in for the 30-minute flight to L.A. They felt good once they were airborne. They had some fun, and most of all; Jack got a little "seasoning" while they were there. He would need it all for this stop, because this... was the Big Time.

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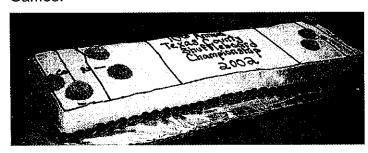


March 15-16, 2002
Eagles Lodge, Houston, Missouri
Results & Photos Submitted By: Rick Pittman, MO



This tournament is the oldest in the Club History. It always draws a lot of good amateur players and this year, was no exception. With 20 teams vying for the top honors. The competition was fast and furious. We knew the field of players was well balanced, with the *large* interest in the sponsor sale. On Friday night.

First round action always has a few surprises; this night was no exception. With a couple of the higher priced teams falling to the "Luck of the Irish" the stage was set for that long trek back through the losers bracket. So when the smoke cleared, Tony Pelton and Hoot Hodge finally hit the wall, settling for fourth place. After winning 5 games in a row, John Stenger and Rick Pittman took third place, after losing to the eventual second place winners Manny Lane and Steve Lindsey, 15 to 14. This was one the toughest games of the tournament. Both teams had and missed some great scoring opportunities. With Chuck Muehlhauser and Mick Moran waiting in the wings, the championship game was set. It seemed like Manny and Steve were going up hill from the very first weight. So in the end Chuck and Mick blow through the tournament undefeated. Congratulations guys, Great Games!



ABOVE: We had a beautiful "Shuffleboard Cake" as the center piece for our St. Pat's Celebration Dinner. The cake was made by Carmen Thill, and probably the **BEST** Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner that the club has ever prepared.

Thanks to Chef Don Wilson, and his crew Joe Kirkman and Terry Miller. Also thanks to Carol Pittman, Bev Jones, and the Ladies Aux. they made sure we had something to snack on, anytime the club was opened.

. I would also like to thank Tony and Becky Leier, for running such a great tournament. Next Year, tentative dates are March 14-15, 2003. We have good food, good times, and GREAT shuffleboard.



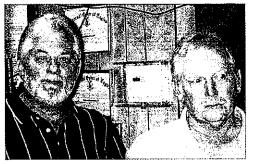
ABOVE: 1st Place: (L-R) Mick Moran/Chuck Muehlhauser



ABOVE: 2nd Place: (L-R) Manny Lane & Steve Lindsey



ABOVE: 3rd Place: (L-R) Rick Pittman & John Stinger



LEFT: 4th Place: (L-R) Tony Pelton & Hoot Hodge



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LEFT (L-R):

Bring Partner

1st Place:
Glen Ingram/Jim
Long (the
Indiana team!)



LEFT (L-R): Mixed Doubles 3rd Place: Jim Long & Pat Grav



LEFT (L-R): Bring Partner 2nd Place: Marty Allen/ Dooley Forester



ABOVE (L-R): **Singles 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place:** Glen Ingram (1st); Jim Long (2nd); Larry Cooper (3rd - "A Very Happy Larry Cooper"- owner & operator of the Fill-N-Station)



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1st Annual DeVeney Memorial



January 18-20, 2002

Musette Bar, Omaha, NE

Reported by Shelly Hagen, Musette Bar

(Shelly was delayed in reporting results - awaiting receipt of the photos)

Photos By: Shaun DeVeney



The Musette Bar in Omaha held the 1st Annual Bill & Jolene DeVeney Memorial tournament the weekend of January 18, 2002. Both Bill and Jolene Deveney passed as a result of a single car accident following a shuffleboard league night in January 1998. They left behind four great sons, two of which now enjoy the game of shuffleboard.

The tournament was a huge success. Don Landrie and Mike Roach won their third consecutive tournament at the Musette Bar. With a field of 33 entries, it was quite the battle. Joe Spielman and Tim Trader finished second place after being double dipped by Don and Mike. Third place went to Don Zahm and Tim Piccolo. Fourth place honors went to Cyndi and Chuck Busch. (Cyndi, did you win a koozie for a four point lag?)

Overheard conversation between players in their twenties: Question: "How do you think they come up with ratings for everyone?" Answer: "I don't know but I think that if you are in your 20's you are a four (4); if you are in your 30's you can be a two (2) or a three (3), but you have to be over 50 years old to be rated a zero." So, I ask all of you young zero's... "where does that put YOU when you're fifty (50)?"

Thanks for your support of this tournament and for all the help provided by everyone. Although some of you may not have been blessed to have known Bill and Jolene personally, your presence was in spirit of how they were-- giving and caring people. *Thanks again, Shelly Hagen, Omaha, NE* (Winners Photos and Letter from Shaun Deveney follow)



ABOVE (L-R): **1st Place**: Mike Roach & Don Landrie pictured with Shaun DeVeney



LEFT (L-R):
2nd Place:
Don Zahm &
Tim Piccolo
pictured with
Shaun DeVeney



LEFT:
3rd Place:
Chuck Busch
(left) and Cyndi
Busch (right)
pictured with
Shaun DeVeney
(center)

Message from Shaun DeVeney & Family:

A few months late, but I would like to personally thank everyone who came out and played (33 great teams) and to everyone who couldn't just for stopping in. All of your support and excitement for the DeVeney Memorial really touched me and my family a great deal. I have had the great pleasure to know and to have met many of your, and I have to say you all are the greatest group of people I know (and this includes my recent [March] Vegas tournament experience). I was glad to have met alot of the great names who made all of this possible for our new generation of shuffleboarders to enter into. This great game can only get bigger now and I just hope when the time comes we can give enough of what we have learned from you to the new players like you all have done for me.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who made this tournament possible, for the support, and for the love for the game that you all have given me.

"We lag and never worry about the fall, I guess that's just the SHUFFLER in us ALL!" --Sincerely, Shaun DeVeney & Family PS: This was my brother Doug's first tournament and he's played a few since. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to show him the ropes!!

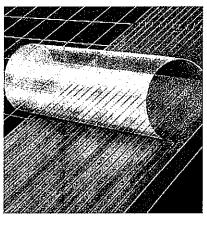
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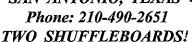
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Rod Cameron Oct. 3, 1930 - Apr. 27, 2002

arrived, so many got to visit Rod before his sudden collapse on Friday night (unfortunately, we did not). The Shuffleboard Way kicked in quickly, raising monies for the family to assist with expenses. All who knew Rod over the years had high respect for him as a great player and friend and will miss him. Our hearts, love, and prayers go out to the family.

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

Special Message from "The Family of Rod Cameron" ...

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent us flowers, If so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day,

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much for whatever part.

--Sincerely,
Family of Donald Patrick "Rod" Cameron

[Editors' Comment: Thanks to the Rod Cameron Family for the beautiful "Special Message from 'The Family of Rod Cameron'..." Our prayers and love are with all your family. Rod will be greatly missed by all of us. You may contact the family at: Tree Cameron, P.O. Box 1665, Dayton, TX 77535-5665]

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June 7-9

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*NOTE: Contract negotiations include the above potential dates which we wanted to share with all so that you may start planning and setting local tournament dates based upon the following options we are currently considering in our negotiations with facilities at this time for our "2nd Annual The Board Talk 2003" tournament. At this time the first option (Feb. 24-March 2, 2003) above is looking the most favorable, but is not absolute. We hope that sharing our inprocess plans will assist you in setting your local tournament plans for the 2003 Calendar of Events that might fall within this timeframe. We will inform everyone (via The Board Talk) when a final decision and contract has been negotiated and finalized for our Vegas 2003 tournament. Easter falls on April 20, 2003 (Easter was on March 31, 2002 this year) so our current options at this time should not conflict with the Canadian Open 2003 which is typically held at Easter time.

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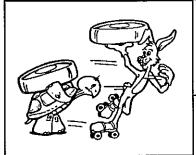
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Shufflers' Notebook

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Smedberg Visits Al Stewart...

(Letter to the Editors)

Thanks for the article in this month's The Board Talk (May 2002 issue) regarding Al Stewart that included his new contact information (re: Al moved from California to Florida). I was able to contact him and advise him of an old California buddy of his that I pal around with, plus was able to advise him of a tournament this past weekend in Titusville -- we were all thrilled when Al showed up with his son and daughter-in-law on Friday nite -- they watched and talked with everyone -- then Sunday they came back and Al and his son played too -- they both played welled and vowed to practice up and give it another try in the future -- Al still has a very smooth left hand -- anyway, I think they really had a good time and we all appreciated meeting them. Thanks to The Board Talk for putting us in touch him. Regards, Dick Smedberg, FL

Updates on George Wilber's Medical Problems...

We had a note from Donna Wilber with updates on George's medical problems and their plans for attending the SW Open in Del City. They have talked to Al Stewart recently and made tentative plans to see him in Del City. However, when George wasn't snapping back from his surgery, they made an appointment with his family doctor (not the surgeon) to see if something else might be wrong. The doctor ordered a number of tests, including an ultrasound on his leg. The doctor's appointment was on Wednesday (mid-May), the ultrasound and blood tests were scheduled for that Friday. While they were doing the ultrasound, they detected a blood clot and called the doctor's office who ordered them to immediately take him across the street to the Emergency Room. So they spent the rest of the day there with multiple blood tests, EKG's and cat-scans, and finally got a room in the hospital about 6 p.m. that night. They hooked him up to a heart monitor to make sure the clot didn't invade his heart and lungs.

He seems to be doing O.K. and back home. They are not sure yet what procedures will have to be done besides the blood thinner injections into his stomach, and/or what his restrictions will be (so plans for Del City are in limbo again). In the meantime, Donna came down with the worst cold of the season. At this point, Donna said "I'm just thankful we went to the doctor when we did, and that I didn't push him to navigate, which at times I really wanted to do. We'll keep you posted. Keep him in your prayers..." So, please keep George and Donna in your prayers and let's hope he recovers quickly and we can all give him (and Al Stewart) a big hug and well wishes personally in Del City.

--Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

Thanks from the Bowers...

Ron & I wish to thank Tom and Lynda French and the participants of the 1st Annual Board Talk 2002 tournament in Vegas for the generous donation from the raffle that had for support of the Bowers' ratings. This was the largest donation we have ever received and it is greatly appreciated. We had a wonderful time at the tournament too.

We would also like to thank Lorraine Bingham again for printing the 2002 Rating booklets for free, what a nice job she did. She had printed up extra booklets to sell at the Vegas tournament (\$10 each) to donate additional monies to the rating system. She sold three of them and gave us the monies in Vegas. She would have sold more, but the remainder of them disappeared from beneath the desk shortly after announcing that they were available for sell. They announced multiple times over the microphone during the tournament, asking for whomever took them to return them to the front desk, but they never reappeared. Lorraine has been so supportive of all shuffleboard entities and tournaments, including the rating system. Lorraine spent alot of time and money publishing the booklets and we were saddened when this incident happened, knowing the proceeds from the sell of the booklets was going to support the rating system.

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

--Sincerely, Debbie Bowers, TX

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Thanks from Bruce Hale...

(Letter to the Editors - April 11, 2002)

It is with great appreciation that I received the Pioneer Award. I was disappointed that I was unable to attend this year (1st Annual Board Talk Open 2002) due to some physical problems of which I am overcoming. I hope to do some traveling soon.

I do not know where the years have gone. I threw my first puck in a little bar outside Boston, Massachusetts in 1958. I really did not understand the game until the early 1960's when I came to California.

The shuffleboard people have become not only my friends, but also my family. I want everyone to play and enjoy this game as much as I have.

Everybody needs to work and support this great game for the betterment of the sport. I sincerely appreciate what you folks are doing in George and Donna's footsteps.

If I can ever be of service, I will do whatever I can to support our great game.

-- Best regards, Bellflower Bruce (Santa Ana, CA)

Thanks from Dick Gorman...

(Letter to the Editors - April 15, 2002)

Thank you for the Pioneer Award that you have presented to me. I appreciate your thoughts very much and it is already hanging in my office. It is nice to be recognized.

As for my eyes - hopefully the last surgery has been completed (number 6). I got my first new lens yesterday. I am seeing better and hopefully it will get better with a little bit of being used to it. Things are a little confusing now.

When it does get better, I hope to make one of your The Board Talk Open tournaments in Las Vegas. I am anxious to get my next The Board Talk (May 2002 issue), so we can learn what happened. I have heard that your Vegas extravaganza was a

I have heard that your Vegas extravaganza was a good and am looking forward to reading all about it.

-- Sincerely, Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE)
[Editors Comment: Bruce & Dick, thank you both for such nice letters of appreciation for your Pioneer Awards. You are both very much appreciated by the shuffleboard community and the current and former The Board Talk Editors (us and the Wilbers) and are most deserving of your awards. We missed you this year in Vegas and hope to see you both at a future tournament. We pray you both have speedy recovery. -- T&L French, Editors]

Delayed Texas Hall of Fame report from Bobby Williams...

(Report: January 14, 2002 - delayed inclusion in publication due to lost photos which were recently found and submitted by Steve Edwards of Houston)

At the Houston Holiday Open 2001 tournament, Mickey Baugh, a Texas shuffleboard player for many years, known and respected by all who know him, was inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. His family and many friends attended the ceremony and celebrated this well deserved honor with Mickey (See Photos of Mickey, et. al. below).

Thanks also to Jack Scott and his crew who did an excellent job of making everyone feel welcome at this great annual tournament and for supporting the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies during your tournament. Best wishes to Lynda French - we wish her a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her in Vegas soon.



LEFT(L-R)
Bobby
Williams
presents
Mickey Baugh
his Texas Hall
of Fame
Induction
plaque and the
family
celebrates with
Mickey (See
Below Photo)

Congrats, Mickey!



-- Thanks, Bobby Williams, D/FW, Texas

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tourney



February 9-11, 2002

Market Street Cafe, Charlestown, MD

Report & Photos Submitted By: Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, MD

Joyce Pyle Tourney Director

The annual Nelson Renzo tournament was held at Market Street Cafe on Feb. 9-11th with Joyce Pile as our Tournament Director. My apologies for the delay and not getting all the winner photos returned to me, so there are some missing winner's photos. The weekend was a great success with 16 teams on Draw Partner; 22 teams in Bring Partner; and 12 teams in Mixed Doubles. The New York crew was to be applauded for their attendance! Thank you New York! Kenny "Van" was greatly missed this year. But, he was remembered from last year very much. We also missed you Stevie Bennett of New York - stay away from the ER room - next year huh? As usual, Chip & Bobbi Spangler showed great hospitality and manners, along with super food the entire weekend. Thank you goes to states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and New York. We need Texas there sometime?!?!? Hope to see all of you all in 2003! We are given the opportunity to have friendship through U.S.A.S.B. (USA Shuffle Board).

Draw Partner Winners (16 teams):



ABOVE: Draw Partner 1st & 3rd Place: 1st Place: John Gardner (Chestertown, MD) & Lonzo Knight (Hagerstown, MD); 3rd Place: Bill Brown (Hagerstown, MD) & Mike Miller (Philly, PA) and no pictures: 2nd Place: Bill Pollock (Philly, PA)/Chuck King (Hagerstown, MD); 4th Place: Judith Iseman (Chestertown, MD)/Sharon Canino (Albany, NY)

Bring Partner Winners (22 teams):



LEFT (L-R): Bring Partner 1st Place: Rick Niblett (Salisbury, MD) & Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) and no pics: 2nd: Sharon & John Canino (Albany, NY); 4th: Lonzo Knight (Hagerstown) & Bill Pollack (Philly); 5th: Louise Freer (Philly) & ???



LEFT: Bring
Partner 3rd Place:
Curtis Dean (Rising
Star, MD) & Jim
Wallace (Port
Deposit, MD)

Mixed Doubles Winners (12 teams):



ABOVE (L-R): Mixed Doubles 1st & 2nd Place: 1st Place: Dave Shewbridge (Pasadena, MD) & Louise Freer (Philly); 2nd Place: Rick & Linda Meyers (New York team)



ABOVE: Mixed Doubles 3rd & 4th Place: 3rd Place: Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) & Judy Iseman (Chestertown, MD); 4th Place: Curtis Dean & Steph O'Neil (both of Rising Star, MD)





Maryland League Play & More Tourney News!



Market Street News!

March 15-16, 2002 Market Street Cafe, Charlestown, MD Report & Photos Submitted By: Joyce Pyle, Sudlersville, MD

I am a new reporter for Market Street Cafe in Charlestown, Maryland. We have two teams in the Cecil/ Harford County Shuffleboard League, of which there are sixteen (16) teams. Market Street II team just won 1st place honors for this season, the last one of March 15-16. On Friday, March 15th, was a Draw Partner event with 12 teams. It was great having some of the New York shufflers back again. When it was over, coming out in the first spot was Dick Losee of Earleville, NY and Joyce Pyle (Tournament Director) of Sudlersville, MD; second place was taken by John Canino of Baldersville, NY and Lindsay Hall of Baltimore, MD; third place was Wayne Todd of Wilmington, DE and Brian Anderson of NJ.

The Bring Partner event on Saturday, March 16th, had a good turn out. There were 12 teams again. We were missing some of our regular players whom traveled to Florida for a tournament there. Taking first place honors were Joe Williams and Paul Havey of Philadelphia, PA; second went to Dick Losee of Earlville, NY and Steve Bennett of Sherburne, NY; and taking third place was two of our own Market Street II shooters: Jen Pickett and Kurt Maurer of Conowingo, MD.



ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 1st Place:** Joyce Pyle &
Dick Losee



ABOVE (L-R): **Draw Partner 2nd Place**: Lindsay Hall &
John Canino and **no pic: 3rd Place**: Wayne Todd & Brian
Anderson



ABOVE: **Bring Partner 1st Place:** Joe Williams & Paul
Havev



ABOVE: Bring Partner 2nd Place: Steve Bennett & Dick

Losee



LEFT: Bring Partner 3rd Place: Jen Pickett & Kurt Maurer

Since this was the last tournament for this season, I (Joyce) would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" those whom gave me a hand... Carol Hampton, Keith Leonard, Louise Freer, Brenda Wallace, Jen Pickett, Chuck King, Dick Losee and last but not least Greg Hladky for taking care of the boards & getting the wax ready. Also Jim Dennis for taking "unnoticed" pictures (when you least expect him) then adding the cute captions on them.

Thanks to our great hosts Bobbi & Chip Spangler! We hope all the shufflers have a great and safe summer. Will be looking forward to seeing everyone back this Fall.

-- Thanks, Joyce Pyle, Sudlersville, MD

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(League Players' Corner - Series #17)

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Buckalews 3rd Annual Winter Tourney Results!

April 11, 2002 Report Buckalews, Long Beach Island, NJ Report & Photos By: Cid Floriani, Beach Haven, NJ



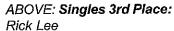
New Jersey Capital: Trenton 3rd state State bird: eastern goldfinch State flower: purple violet

The 3rd Annual "Singles" Winter Tournament was held after 8 weeks of hot competition on Long Beach Island, New Jersey... First place went to Albert Gomez, a long time Beach Haven Arts & Crafts Dealer and veteran of the old cut throat shore leagues and shuffleboard mentor to many. Second place was secured by local hotshot Glen McPherson, also a member of the old bar traveling leagues. Third place, surprisingly enough, was taken by first time player and fast learner, Rick Lee (at least he told us it was his first time tournament).



LEFT: Singles 1st Place: Champ Al Gomez pictured with his favorite shuffleboard groupie, Betsy!







ABOVE: **Singles 2nd Place:** Glen McPherson

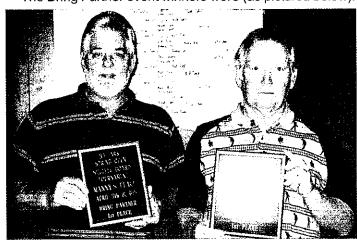
-- Thanks, Cid Floriani, Beach Haven, NJ

Arkansas Open Handicap Tourney Results!

April 5-6, 2002 American Legion Post 6, Pocahontas, AR Report & Photos By: Manny Lane, Pocahontas, AR

The Arkansas Handicap Open was held at the Pocahontas American Legion Post 6 on April 4-6, 2002 with a Draw Partner on Friday and a Bring Partner on Saturday with a fine group of 13 fun loving players with Louisville, KY and Missouri players well represented.

The Draw Partner event was won by the team of Steve Lindsey (Houston, MO) and Manny Lane (Pocahontas, AR). The Bring Partner event winners were (as pictured below):



LEFT (L-R): **Bring Partner 1st Place:** The Little Rock Arkansas Team of Tony Pelton & Hoot Hodge



LEFT (R-L): **Bring Partner 2nd Place:** The Houston Missouri Team of Steve Lindsey (right) and John Stengel (center) pictured with tourney director Manny Lane



LEFT (L-R): Bring Partner 3rd Place: Scott Townley and Rick Pittman (Houston Missouri)



Maryland State Championship

April 19-21, 2002 Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland Report By: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware



The long awaited, much disputed event seemed long overdue, but on the scheduled weekend of April 29-21, 2002, the annual event was held at Harvey's Place, Street, MD. The week was an all time record heat wave and the competition was the same and new competitors were anxious for the chance at the competition. You didn't have to be from "Maryland" to down this title said Harvey Comer - it's open to anyone, but we do use the Bowers' Rating System to help level the competition.

Friday night was the Draw partner event with the airconditioner going full blast to overcome the extreme temperature and the emotion of the competition. As the partners evolved, the winners started toward the winner's table. First place money went to Kurt Maurer (Conowingo, MD) and Dave Shewbridge (Pasadena, MD); second place went to Ryan Fuller (Sherburne, NY) and Wayne Todd (Newark, DE); and third place went to Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) and Jim Wallace

went to Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) and Jim Wallace (Port Deposit, MD).

The event was to start at 1 p.m., but the doors opened

for practice on the 4 in-house boards at 10 a.m. and they swarmed in! There was lots to prove and there were players there to prove it. Finally, after a long day and evening, the surprise father-son team from Philadelphia, PA of Greg Hager (long-time competitor) and his first time tournament player son Doug Hager (who didn't lose a game all day) took first place... their names will be permanently inscribed as "Maryland State Champions 'Bring Partner' 2002". The second place team from Sherburne, NY of Pat Bennett and Ryan Fuller played extremely hard too. Interesting a listoff team from Pennsylvania of Louise Freer (Landsdale) and newcomer (and we hope future repeater) Diane Weinhold (Pottsdown) earned a well deserved third place. Fourth place was won by the dedicated and well deserving husband-wife team of Faye and Wayne Todd from Newark, DE. So much for Maryland players in the Bring Partner Championships.

As you imagine, Saturday evening the normal draw partner weekly event was held and was a little more crowded than normal (mostly due to the to the Bring Partner participants who were already knocked out of that event) and just because of the competition, the entry fee was doubled. When this was over, the Bring Partner event had ended. Taking first place in the weekly draw partner was Hostess Darlene Belcher & Dick Gorman of Wilmington, DE with second place money going to Cid Floriani (Long Beach, NJ) & Arnold Ledford (Street, MD).



Congrats to Jen Pickett Maryland State "Open Singles" Champ 2002

The search for the Maryland State "Open Singles" Championship began in earnest on Sunday morning and the new young turks were ready to show their practice was for real. Towards the end of the evening Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) showed up with the hammer at 14-13 and made her shot and became the first woman to become the Maryland State Singles Champion! Second place winner, Dave Shewbridge (Pasadena, PA) gave up reluctantly and made Jen go to the last weight (but he smiled and said "Jen deserved it and was a true competitor!"). The rest were relatively new shooters... Philadelphia's new turk Mike Miller played real hard all day to take third place. followed by Jen's boyfriend and another young player Kurt Maurer (Rising Star, MD) in fourth place. Not to be outdone was another lady in fifth place: Fave Todd (Newark, DE) who is another real competitor. This year's winners may have

changed the winner's circle for a long time.

Harvey Comer, owner of Harvey's Place, said he was really happy about this years tournament results and is looking forward to next season. The few number of tournaments seems to be popular (with other establishments picking up new dates) and we will continue the Singles Event in the third day of the tournament. Harvey said to look for other improvements next year for play on the 4 in-house boards. Darlene Belcher provided her expertise in providing two hot meals "gratis" to all players... Great food!

Watch for the "2002-2003 Harvey's Place Tournament Schedule" in The Board Talk this Fall (September). You all come - you will have a great time! --Dick Gorman, DE



Maryland Capital:Annapolis 7th state State bird: Baltimore oriole State flower: black-eyed Susan

Indiana Results & News... (Continued from Page 13)

1st Annual Spring Garage Tourney David L's Singles Tourney Results

March 30, 2002 Gary Anglin's Garage Indiana Results Submitted By: Mary Brown, IN

Gary Anglin held his 1st Annual Spring Garage Tournament on March 30, 2002 while most players were in Vegas. Although there were not that many teams, it is always fun playing in the garage and with 2 boards this time hoping for more teams. After all was done it was Jim Long & Mike Koontz in first (sponsored by Justin Anglin). Host Gary Anglin and Dave Vondron of Muncie took second place.



ABOVE: 1st Place: Mike Koontz (left) and Jim Long (right) pictured with sponsor Just Anglin.



ABOVE: 2nd Place: Gary Anglin & Dave Vondron (right)

PS: Thanks to Tom & Lynda French for the great job they are doing with The Board Talk. Hope to see many of you at the SW Open in Del City.

-- Marv Brown, Indiana

February 23, 2002 David L's Hideout Lounge Yorktown, Indiana Results Submitted By: Glen Ingram, IN

We held an unscheduled "Singles" tournament at David L's Hideout Lounge on Feb. 23 and I was amazed at the good turnout with just one week's notice to players. We will probably make this into an annual event since it turned out so good. We had 25 players show up and they were all ready to play. We had a \$4,500 pot and it had some surprises and alot of hard fought battles - in the end it was Glen Ingram finishing first and Steve Hart second, Brian Hall third, Dave Welch fourth, with Tom Massie and Mary Brown finishing fifth and sixth. At the same time out tournament was going on we had 24 players playing across town in the Delaware County League at the Red Dog Saloon... amazing? Thanks to all who played and support shuffleboard in the Muncie area.

-- Glen Ingram, Indiana



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

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1st Annual Board Talk Open 2002 Tournament! "Thank You, Tournament Staff!"



Photos Taken at Tournament & Submitted by Art Cassata, Las Vegas, NV





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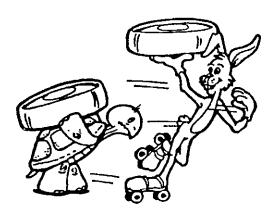
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LEFT: 3rd Place: Hark May & William Bailey

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