

The Board Talk

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Arizona Shufflers Hit the \$95.3M Power Ball Lotto!

Report by: Tom & Lynda French, Publishers/Editor

Our telephone started a-ringing when CNN let the country know that some Arizona shuffleboard players had hit a huge \$95.3 M POWER BALL LOTTO jackpot over the weekend. Callers wanted to know if we knew about it and wondered who these lucky winners were and whether they were deck/floor shuffleboard players or table shuffleboard players, etc.

So, we (The Board Talk Editors) started by calling Bob Lewis (Mr. Shuffleboard of Arizona). We learned the winners were, in fact, table shuffleboard players and played at a Mesa bar called Simpletons. In fact, Bob Lewis had installed the board at Simpletons several years ago.

Then we called the bar owner and he may be getting us some pictures of these lucky winners for publication in a later issue and we searched the internet to find an article in the Arizona Republic, Jan. 29, 2002, by Susie Steckner at:
<http://www.arizonarepublic.com/news/articles/0129lotterywin29.html>

Following summarizes some to the details we acquired from the Arizona Republic article:

Six friends from East Valley, some of whom had known each other for over a decade, decided about a year ago to have some fun and buy a group chance to strike it rich by alternating purchase of \$20 worth of Power Ball tickets each week and then sipping some suds and playing shuffleboard at Simpletons. Well, in this year endeavor they did it! They hit the \$95.3 Million Power Ball, the second largest total in Arizona. The highest payout, \$101.8 Million was won in 1995 by a northern Arizona couple. The winning numbers were 5, 14, 15, 22 and 30 and the Powerball was 31. It was the first time in almost a year that the winning grand-prize ticket for the multi-state Powerball game was sold in Arizona.

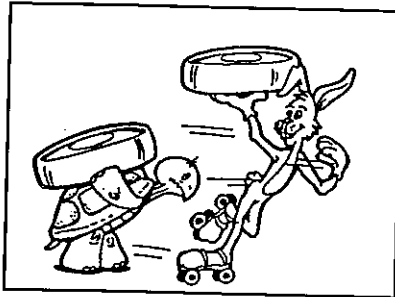
This group of shufflers decided to take the lump sum payout of \$5.2 Million each (not bad for a year of having fun and playing shuffleboard once per week when they purchased their group ticket, eh?). They merely had one in the group to purchase 20 tickets (\$20 worth) and then get together for some shuffling fun! Boy, did this idea ever turn to gold!

The lucky winners were Sandy Riggs, age 53, a Mesa mom and postal carrier; Richard (age 72) and Barbara (age 66, working part-time in the K-Mart garden center) Rogge who reportedly plan to spread the wealth among their 10 children and 20+ grandchildren; Chuck Taylor (age 54), a Mesa security guard who was the one who actually purchased that week's winning ticket at a local Mesa 7-11 and was reportedly planning to quit his job at the RV dealership; Dennis Hodgins (age 54) a manufactured-homes salesman and father had reportedly already quit his job; and Janet Kelly. By Sunday they were all informed, got together to review the numbers, and then "stunned" ...decided to go play shuffleboard! Congrats to AZ Shufflers!

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Hal Perry Shares Posthumous "Thanks" To Chuck Norris!

A few months back I traveled to Winston, Oregon to play in the doubles with the intent of playing without... GASP...drinking, an extremely tough thing to do after 42 years with Budweiser as part of your game. The closer it got to tournament time the more nervous I became. I finally strolled over to my partner with the intent of using him as an excuse NOT to do this dreadful thing. However, my partner being not only a great player, but also a kind gentleman, told me, "Hal, if you are not supposed to drink because of your medication, then that's what you should do." He added that he did not care if I missed every weight; we would live with the results.

With my partners blessing, we were off and running. I played sober and Chuck played GREAT! He played Darrol's end for the first round winners and later in five pressure pack games for the championship. It was a pleasure to watch Chuck playing the best player on this planet without giving up anything other than what he earned. So guess what? We won. Yes, thanks to Chuck Norris and his great playing, we won the tournament. Moreover, thanks to his understanding of my predicament, he helped me hold up well enough to join him at the winner's circle. Beating the best doubles team in the country, Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl, can be pretty special feeling, to accomplish that feat with a man as wonderful as Chuck makes it that much more special.

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(See Page 19 for more detailed information)

I became a close friend of Chuck Norris far too late in life. Nevertheless, in the two years we had the opportunity to get to know one another better we played two tournaments together, taking a third and a first in those tournaments...not too bad for two old guys. I think I was the real winner by being lucky enough to become one of Chuck's friends.

So, let me say one more time... "Thanks, Chuck!" The Table Shuffleboard Association's national Hall of Fame should no doubt be just around the corner.

I have spent forty-two years wishing I could step on the old pitching rubber just one more time... Now, I will spend the rest of my life wishing I could play just one more game with Chuck Norris.

-- Your "Lucky" Partner, Hal Perry, CA

Many Thanks to All from Lynda!

I just want to give a big thanks to all of you that have been supporting me during my medical fiasco since before Thanksgiving (starting with my suspicious mammogram). My biopsy was Jan. 3rd and my surgery Jan. 15th. The carcinoma was less than 1 cm. in size and the surrounding tissues and lymph nodes removed and tested from the Jan. 15th surgery all tested negative. So, as precaution I am taking radiation therapy M-F, but no chemo. The actual treatment is only 1.5 minutes per day, but getting there and back takes a small slice out of each day. I will finish my daily therapy just days before we leave for the Vegas tournament. So look forward to getting out of "dodge" and seeing many of you in Vegas real soon!

There are no words to express to all of you how much your caring, letters, phone calls, flowers, and prayers mean to me. Having such a wonderful husband, family, friends, and extended family helps me to keep a positive and determined attitude! Much love and thanks to all of you!

-- Lynda French, Editor

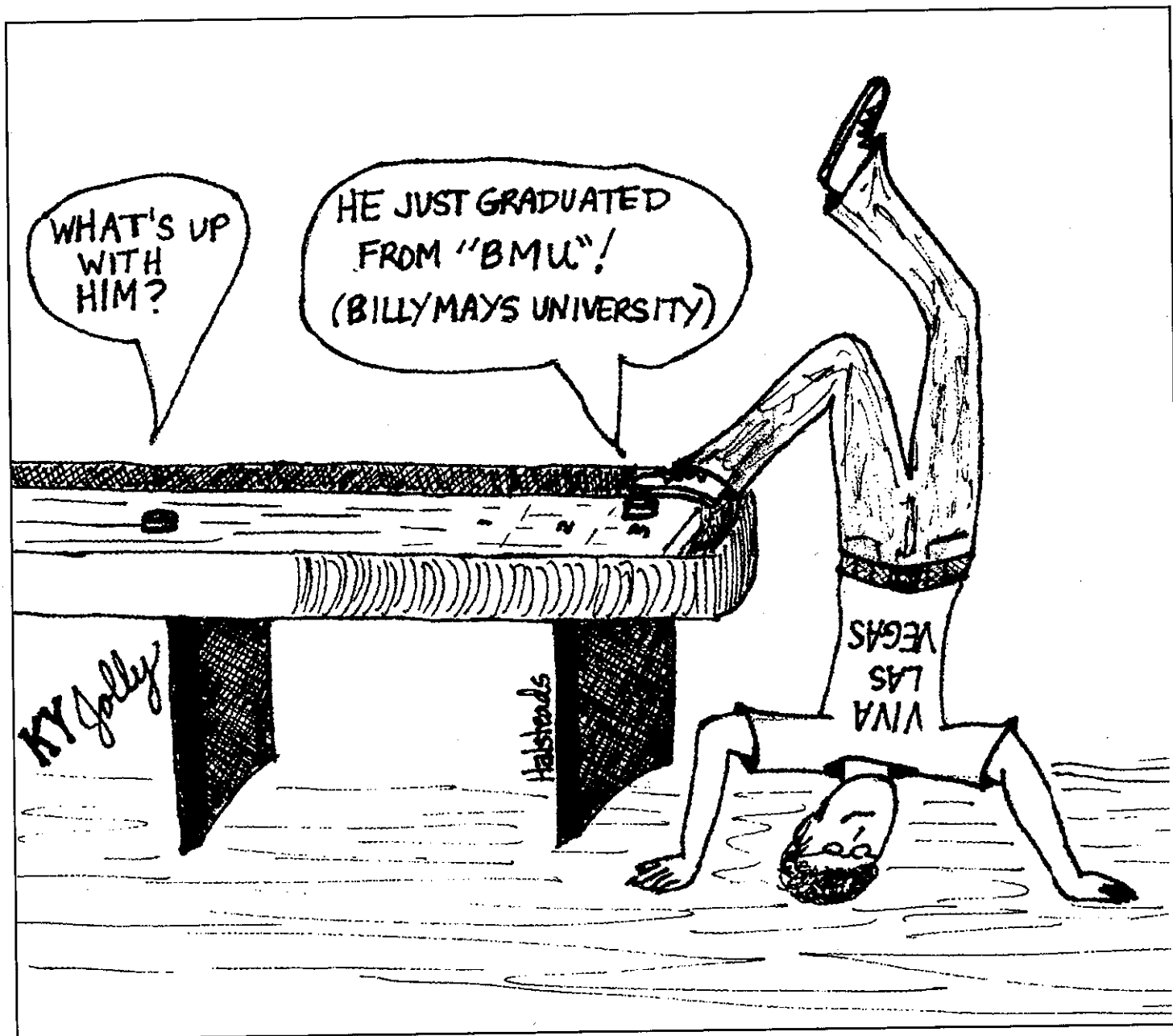
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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

Humor Series #15 - Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or funny pictures



ABOVE: Another original cartoon masterpiece by our shuffling 'duo' Mike & Susie Halstead of Kentucky!

Nebraska

O'HAROLDs ST. PATRICK'S HAROLD'S BAR OMAHA, NE

MAR. 15-17, 2002



Harold's Bar, 8558 Blondo St., Omaha, Nebraska is hosting the "O'Harold's St. Patrick's Day Tournament" on Mar. 15-17. **\$1,000 Added Money!** Fri. at 6 PM there will be a Draft Team (\$25 ea. entry) and Sat. at 7 PM will be the Open Doubles (\$100/team) and Handicap Doubles (\$50/team). Contact Jim Payne for info. at 402-697-9956 or 402-676-4827. *[See Tourney Flyer Inserted in the February 2002 Issue for More Details]*

Nevada

1st ANNUAL THE BOARD TALK OPEN 2002

PLAZA HOTEL & CASINO

LAS VEGAS, NV

MAR. 26 - 31, 2002



BOWERS 2001 RATINGS (Whole Number Rating) USED... See 1st Annual Board Talk Open tournament flyer inserted into the prior The Board Talk issues for event details. If you have not already done so, make your plans now to attend this 1st year tournament to be played on 24 Champion shuffleboards! The Tournament Registration Desk [located in the 3rd floor Ballrooms at the Plaza Hotel (downtown at 1 Main Street, Las Vegas Nevada which is at the junction of Fremont & Main)] will open up at 11:00AM on Tuesday, March 26th if you have not already pre-registered. Call us with any questions: Tom/Lynda French, 512-250-0327 or 512-751-9617 or E-mail us at: lynda@jump.net

Many thanks to all of you who have pre-registered. It's a great help to the tourney directors and administrative staff.

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Texas

SPRING FLING 2002 EAGLES AERIE #2249 CORPUS CHRISTI, TX APR. 12 - 14, 2002

The Spring Fling 2002 tournament, held annually in Corpus Christi will be sponsored jointly by the Coastal Bend Shuffleboard Association and the Eagles Aeries #2249 located at 2429 Johanna, Corpus Christi, Texas playing using the most current Bowers Ratings.

The tournament will start on Friday, April 12th at 7PM with an A-B Draw (no handicap) and sponsor sale, double elimination, \$25 entry fee. The Friday event will conclude at 2 AM on Saturday morning and resume at 9 AM on Saturday morning.

Saturday, April 13th starting at Noon will be a 4-Person Draft Team with sponsor, 2/3 double elimination, \$35 entry fee.

Sunday, April 14th starting at Noon will be Handicap Singles (2 point max. neg. spot) with sponsor sale, double elimination, \$50 entry fee.

Events will be played on 6 boards at the Eagles Aeries #2249 (phone#: 361-853-7781), B.Y.O.B., and will have a one-time registration fee of \$15 per person. Recommended Lodging: Corpus Christi Travelodge (361-289-5666 or 800-578-7878 for reservations) located at Exit #5 on I-37 @ 910 Corn Products Rd. For more information, contact Tournament Director, Neil Garvin, at: 361-854-3632.

Maryland

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

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland will be hosting the Maryland State Championship Tournament on Apr. 19-21. Friday at 6:30 PM is a Draw Partner event (\$10 entry / 40 entry limit); Saturday at 1 PM is a Bring Partner event (\$25 entry per team / no entry limit); and Sunday at 11 AM is an Open Singles event (\$25 entry / 40 entry limit). All events are 15 point games, straight, double elimination (Payoff 1 in 4) and handicaps are based upon the current Bowers Rating System. Trophy jackets will be awarded to Singles and Bring Partner winners. For more information, contact Harvey Comer: 410-836-8881.

Oklahoma**HEARTLAND HANDICAP
AMERICAN LEGION POST 73****DEL CITY, OK** *American Legion Post 73***APR. 19-20, 2002**P.O. Box 15073
DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155**OCT. 18-19, 2002**

There are three Heartland Handicap tournaments scheduled for 2002, all being hosted at the American Legion Post 73, 5000 S.E. 24th, Del City, OK on 7 boards. The first was held on Jan. 18-19; second will be on Apr. 19-20; and third will be on Oct. 18-19. All three of the upcoming Heartland Handicap tournaments will kick off on Friday with a *Draw Partner at 7:00 PM* (\$25/player entry; single game/double elimination); and Saturday with a *Bring Partner at 3:00 PM* (\$50/team; 2/3 in winners bracket if time permits depending upon number of entries; single game in losers bracket). Bowers' Ratings will be used; maximum spot of 4 points. For more info. call the American Legion: 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120; email: doncrall73@aol.com

NOTE: The American Legion Post 73 in Del City will also be hosting the annual **Southwest Open 2002 on June 30-July 7, 2002**. Visit the Southwest Open website periodically for upcoming details: <http://www.geocities.com/swopen>

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

Danny's Sports Bar, 12126 Westheimer, Houston, Texas will be hosting the 4th Annual Texas State Championship tournament on April 25-28, 2002. Bowers 2002 Ratings will be used and a \$20 registration fee. Must be a current resident of the State of Texas. Thursday, April 25, will be two warm-up draw events, starting at 7:00 PM: Pro Draw (1's thru -1 and no two -1's can draw; \$50/person entry); and Amateur Draw (2's thru 5's; no two 2's can draw, if avoidable; \$30/person entry). Friday, April 26, will be two Bring Partner events starting at 6:00 PM: Pro Bring Partner (Add to "0"; Single Game/Double Elimination; \$100/team entry); and Amateur Bring

Partner (Add to "5"; Single Game/Double Elimination; \$50/team entry). Saturday, April 27, will be two Singles events starting at 2:00 PM: Pro Singles (OPEN TO ALL: -1's/\$150 entry; 0's/\$100 entry; 1's & up /\$75 entry; 2 out of 3 in winner bracket and 21 point in loser bracket); and Amateur Singles (1's/\$100 entry; 2's/\$75 entry; 3's & up/\$30 entry; Single Game/Double Elimination/15 point games). Sunday, April 28, finish Singles events (if necessary), open games/challenge matches. Contact Danny Norris (281-558-8693) or Brian Walker (713-278-0513) or **See Flyer** for more info. Nearby Lodging: Fairfield Inn, 2400 West Sam Houston Parkway/Beltway 8; Contact Chris Meador at 713-334-2400; \$45/night tournament rate.

Arizona**7TH ANNUAL BILL GIBBS
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
FAMILY BILLIARDS
GLENDALE, AZ****APR. 26-28, 2002**

The 7th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament will be held on April 26, 27, and 28, at Family Billiards, 5814 W. Camelback Rd., Glendale, Az. (623-939-4000).

The first event will be an A-B handicapped draw on Friday night at 7:00 pm. This will be single game, double elimination, with a \$20 entry fee. Handicaps will be determined by the Bowers Rating System.

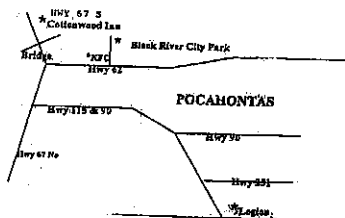
On Saturday at 10:00 am the A-B-C will start with an auction and play beginning right after. This event will also be single game, double elimination, with a \$20 entry fee per player. Saturday at 6:00 pm the open doubles auction will start, with play immediately after. This will be two out of three, double elimination, with a \$50 entry per player. Contacts: Al Salazar 623-583-7035, Bob Lewis 602-242-6782 or Alice Arredondo 480-763-0127.

Arkansas

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS "SPRING OPEN" AMERICAN LEGION #0006 POCAHONTAS, AR APRIL 6TH-7TH, 2002

The American Legion Post #0006, 61 Bellview Rd., Pocahontas, Arkansas will be hosting their Northeast Arkansas "Spring Open." There will be a Draw at 6PM on Friday, April 6th. Saturday at 2PM will be a Bring Partner. Play will be on 4 in-house boards. Bowers Rating Deficit Handicap. American Legion Post 0006, 61 Bellview Rd., Pocahontas; 870-892-5166 (legion) or contact Manny Lane at 870-892-4859

SEE FLYER
INSERTED INTO THIS
ISSUE FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

Nebraska

5TH ANNUAL DENNY BUSCH MEMORIAL, PICCOLO'S BAR & JOE'S DUCK INN, OMAHA, NE MAY 17TH-19TH, 2002

Piccolo's Bar (13336 Millard Ave.) & Joe's Duck Inn (13328 Millard Ave.) will be jointly hosting the 5th Annual Denny Busch Memorial Tournament on May 17-19, 2002. There will be a 4-Person Draft Team (max. number of players: 48 (12 Teams); \$25/player entry which starts promptly on Friday at 6PM! Lowest ranked players will be designated captains (Bowers 2002 Ratings). Next is the Handicapped Doubles (Open to all players; negative spot: max. 4 points). The Busch Family to donate \$\$\$. There will be play on 4 boards, lots of great food and fun, prizes and sponsor sales! Come join the competition and fun! Free koozie for the 1st 24 paid entries. For more info., contact Cyndi Busch at 496-3423 or 708-3668 or ccbusch@west.com or buschth4cs@aol.com.

California

2ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TOURNAMENT 133 CLUB MANTECA, CA MAY 22ND-27TH, 2002



The 133 Club, 133 West Yosemite Avenue, Manteca, California will host their 2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend tournament on May 22nd-27th. There is a one time registration fee of \$10 for all players. May 22nd at 6PM will be an A-B-C Draw (\$25/per player; 2 of 3 Winners bracket; 15 point losers bracket). May 23rd at 12 Noon will be finish up of the A-B-C Draw. May 24th at 10AM will be Open Doubles (\$100/per player; 2 of 3 Double Elimination). May 26th will be Open Singles (\$100/per player; 2 of 3 Double Elimination). All play will start immediately after the sponsor sale. Play will be on 3 or 4 boards. For more information, contact Tournament Dir.: George Camera (209) 464-5410. NOTE: See Flyer Inserted into this issue for more details.

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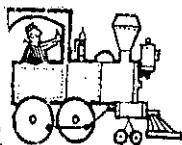
Washington

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT BROOKDALE PUB & GRILL TACOMA, WA MAY 23RD-27TH, 2002

The Brookdale Pub & Grill, 13021 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Washington presents Tacoma's ESA sponsored Memorial Day Weekend Festival of Shuffleboard on May 23rd-27th. Breakfast, lunch, dinner served anytime along with beer, well-drink special & spirits. There will be open practice starting at 6AM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the scheduled events start. The first event will be an AB Bring on Thursday starting at 6PM (\$50/team; single game/double elimination; signup from 3PM-5PM). There will be a Pro-AM Draft 4-Person Team on Friday starting at 6PM (\$25/person; 2 of 3 games/double elimination; signup 2PM-3:30PM with drafting of teams starting at 4PM). Saturday will be Open Doubles (no two -1's; \$100/team; 2 of 3 double elimination) and Women's Open Doubles & Div. II Doubles (starting at 3PM.) Sunday will be Open Singles and Women's Open & Div II Singles (starting at 6PM). Play on 6 boards. Contact: Mike Keevil 253-536-0345 for details.

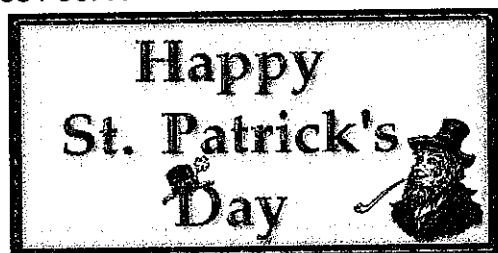
Michigan

MICHIGAN OPEN MEMORIAL WEEKEND CLUB CAR LOUNGE DURAND, MI MAY 24TH-27TH, 2002



The Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan will be hosting the Michigan Open on Memorial Day Weekend on May 24-27. A detail flyer is planned for the April 2002 issue of The Board Talk.

For more information, you may contact Bill Kane at 248-334-5677.

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN 2002 AMERICAN LEGION POST 73 DEL CITY, OK 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 at 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9120 or e-mail: doncrall73@aol.com.

American Legion Post 73

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DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155

New York

DEW DROP INN TOURNEYS WATERLOO, NY DEC. 2001 - DEC. 2002

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York will be hosting several *Draw Partner/Bring Partner* and *Nationals* tournaments on 4 in-house boards through Dec. 2002 and have provided The Board Talk with the following schedule: The *Draw Partner/Bring Partner* tournaments are to be held on: Dec. 1-2, 2001; Feb. 2-3, 2002; June 1-2, 2002; Oct. 5-6, 2002; and Dec. 7-8, 2002. Each of these tournaments are held on Sat. (Draw Partner-\$20/player) starting at 2 PM and on Sun. (Bring Partner-\$20/player) starting at 12 Noon. Bring Partner events will have sponsor sales. The *Nationals* tournaments are to be held on Apr. 4-7, 2002 and Aug. 1-4, 2002. Both of these tournaments will start on Thursday with \$5 and \$10 Warm-Up Round Robins at 7 PM; Friday at 6 PM with Singles (\$30/player); Saturday at 10 AM with Mixed Doubles (\$30/team); Saturday at 4 PM with Draw Partner (\$15/player); and Sunday at 12 Noon with Bring Partner (\$30/team). Most events of the Draw Partner/Bring Partner and Nationals tournaments will have sponsor sales. For more information, contact Tracie Fridley at Dew Drop Inn: 315-539-5729.

Shufflin' Neighbors Tournament Results!

October 5-7, 2001

Piccolo's Bar & Joe's Duck Inn, Omaha, Nebraska

Report By: Char Rahn, NE

Better late than never! The weekend of Oct. 5-7, 2001, The Shufflin' Neighbors Tournament was revived in Omaha, Nebraska. Hosted by Piccolo's Bar & Joe's Duck Inn, a Mixed Doubles, negative 3 handicap was held. A total of 14 teams took part in a really fun weekend. Thirteen teams were true Mixed Doubles. The fourteenth team was made-up of two young gentlemen who have gotten into shuffleboard hot and heavy this first year. They got special permission to play from Marty Shepard, the Tournament Director, as long as one was dressed as a female.

As you can see, they were both good sports. On Friday nite, Shaun (Shaunna) Deveney played great, and on Sat. night Eric (Ericia) Dickes carried on the tradition. On Sunday, the "girls" played in regular clothes and got fourth place. On Sunday, Eric even had time to show my granddaughters, ages 6 and 3, how to hold a pool stick and hit a ball. They took a lot of ribbing and joking from everybody all weekend and everybody had a great time.

It was another double dip tournament in Omaha. Doing the Double Dip this time, was Junior Butler and Shelly Hagen to Joe Spielman and Mickey Moy. Getting third place was Randy Nusser and Linda Ritter.

We want to thank Sam and Tim Piccolo and Joe Spielman for hosting the tournament, the bartenders for keeping up with everybody, Marty Shepard for running the tournament and sponsor sales, and everybody who helped by cleaning boards, etc. Thanks to both bars and to everyone who brought food. As usual, we had plenty to eat all weekend.

League play is in full swing here in Omaha and will end the last of March. Winners photos follow:



ABOVE: 1st & 2nd Place: (left to right) 1st: Junior Butler & Shelly Hagen; 2nd: Mickey Moy & Joe Spielman



ABOVE: 3rd Place: (left to right) Randy Nusser & Linda Ritter



LEFT: 4th Place: Pose #1 (left to right): Shaun (Shaunna) Deveney & Eric Dickes



ABOVE: 4th Place: Pose #2 (left to right): Ericia Dickes and Shaun Deveney

[EDITORS' COMMENT: It seems all you were missing for this tournament was to have our infamous "Bud Girl" from Washington join in for the entertainment or for play in your Mixed Doubles. Perhaps Shaunna, Ericia, and the "Bud Girl" could all perform for us on March 26th at the Vegas tournament banquet - after all, they are all 3 registered! grin.... --Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors]

Heartland Handicap Results!

January 18-19, 2002

American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma

Report by: Kathy Yingst and Photos/Results Submitted By: Don Crall

The Heartland Handicap was held at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma on January 18-19, 2002. *[Editors' Comment: the home of the famous SW Open - 4th of July Tradition! See Flyer insert and make your plans now to attend this year!]*

There were players from Oklahoma, Texas, and Terry and Marilu Roberts from Nebraska. The highlight of the tournament was when Don Crall (Kathy) have a break to go eat and he took care of the bracket for about two hours. Needless to say, I had to try to figure out what happened while I was gone. It was a little scary, but he actually did a fine job while I was away.

Friday/Saturday was the Draw Team event (46 players/23 teams) and Saturday/Sunday was the Bring Partner event (38 players/19 teams).

The winners list and photos (provided by Don Crall) follow:

Draw Partner - Fri./Sat.: (46 players/23 teams)



ABOVE: 1st Place: (left to right) Gary Nelson (TX) and Ken Storck (OK)



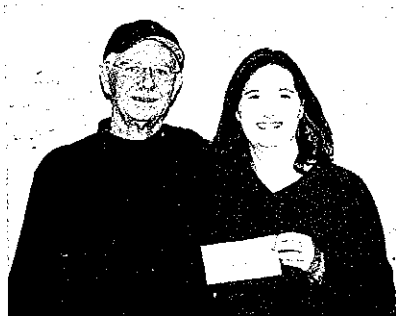
ABOVE: 2nd Place: (left to right) Drew Willingham (TX) and Bill Melton (OK)

No Picture: 3rd Place: Clyde Emigh & Hoot Hodges
[Editors' Comment: Kathy Yingst thought that 3rd Place was Rick Jones & Dee Ray Garcia, but Don Crall reports it was Clyde & Hoot - so if any error here we all apologize!]



LEFT: 4th Place:
(left to right) Mitch Milton and Patrick Linville (both of OK)

Bring Partner - Sat./Sun.: (38 players/19 teams)



LEFT: 1st Place:
(left to right) David Williams & Jeri Williams (both of TX)

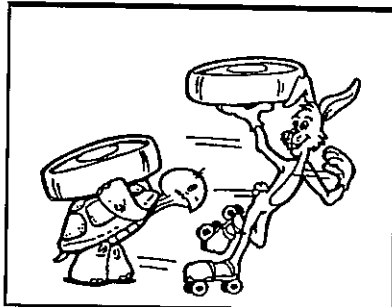


LEFT: 2nd Place:
(left to right) Drew Willingham and Jack Davis (both of TX) *[Editors' Comment: There's that Drew again!]*



LEFT: 3rd Place:
(left to right) Patrick Linville and Rick Jones (both of OK) TX *[Editors' Comment: Now, there's that Patrick Linville again too! Sounds like Patrick & Drew did well by placing in both events!]*

[Editors' Comment: This was a tourney that we (the Editors) had on our calendar to definitely attend... Jan. 18th was our anniversary and Jan. 19th was my birthday (Lynda)... but my surgery on Jan. 15th unfortunately below. --Lynda French, Editor]



Shufflers' Notebook

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

Editors Extend Get Well Wishes to George Wilber!

George has a fractured shoulder (as we previously reported in The Board Talk) and before he could have it attended to he slipped taking out the trash bag to the back of the house and received some severely torn tendons in his good leg. He has undergone surgery and Donna reports he is doing better. The orthopedic surgeon who was trying to convince George he needed surgery on his fractured shoulder ended up having to do emergency surgery to repair his torn tendons in his good leg (so the fractured shoulder has been placed on the back burner for now). The surgeon had to bore holes in his knee to reattach the tendons. He was then placed in some kind of a brace that won't allow him to move his knee. He's been using a wheel chair and walker and will be having physical therapy. Donna said, "It's a good thing we had two husky grandsons and Teri's equally strong boyfriend to get him to the doctor, up on the x-ray table, then to and from the hospital, out of the car and into the bed at home." The surgeon said it was going to be a long, difficult haul and if it weren't for his strong spirit and family support system, he would recommend a couple months at a nursing home. After all, of his four limbs, he has only the use of one -- a fractured left shoulder, an artificial right leg, an immobile left leg, and (so far) a good right arm. The men all had to go back to work after taking time off to help, so it has been a challenge for Donna to get him out of the chair, into the bed, etc.

Donna reports that George is getting better and that physical therapy will start some time after he gets out of his cast. In fact, they still have high hopes of being able to join us all in Vegas soon! We're sure George would appreciate prayers and get well wishes. You can contact him at: George & Donna Wilber, 503 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, MI 48906 or email: dgwilber@prodigy.net
George, we all wish you a speedy recovery!

-- Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors

"Thanks" From Ron & Debbie Bowers!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those which have made the Bowers Rating System successful. First, thanks to all the raters who sent in their ratings for 2002 (most were on time this year), thanks. Second, thanks to Lorraine Bingham for all the work she has done preparing the booklets for us and not charging us for the printing or her time. This, in itself, helps us out more than we can express. Third, thanks to Lynda French for her hard work keeping up our website. Lastly, thanks to all for their 2001 collections and personal donations to the Bowers Rating System in 2001: Don Crall and the Southwest Open, Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association (MSPA), Gary & Kay Nelson, Johnny Wright, Lorraine Bingham, Houston Holiday Open, Harvey Walden, Manny Lane, Linda Churchman, Rick Pittman, Frank Zavala, William Walker, Woodie Cockrum, Robert Brunskill, Pay Gainey, Chuck Muehlhauser, Dick Gorman, Tony Howard, Andrew Brorsen, Mahlon & Linda Nobles, Jack Scott, and Danny Norris.

Also, many thanks to some of the raters who sent in donations along with their 2002 ratings: John Martin, Art Elliff, Terry Dowell, Jim & Michelle Foran, Woodie Cockrum, Bob Hunt, Frank Zavala, and Dick Gorman.

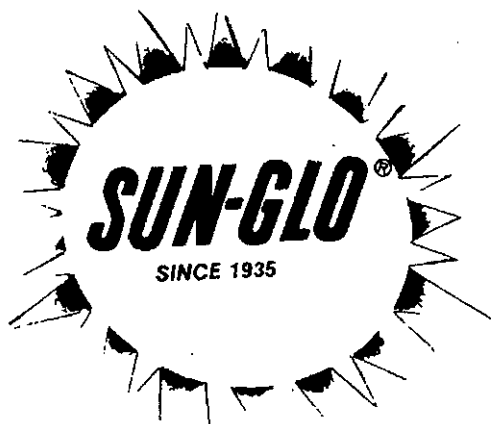
Many thanks to all of you for your contributions, support, and assistance to make the ratings a success! For those of you who are not aware that we have moved into a new home over the holidays, our new address and phone numbers are: Ron & Debbie Bowers, 801 Vincent Place, Pflugerville, TX 78660; Phone: 512-252-8188, Fax: 512-252-8082; email (unchanged): debbiebowers@jump.net

-- Thanks! Ron & Debbie Bowers, Austin, TX

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This February 2002 issue was delayed getting to the printer. We apologize for the delay.

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EPISODE 87 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- March 2002 Issue

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

[At last issue we found Eddie and his partner Jack about to begin a "draw for partners" Tournament at a place in Las Vegas, called the "House of Bottles Tavern". Everything had gone real well so far - and Eddie was hoping things would stay that way! -- REMINDER TO ALL: FRISCO EDDIE'S STORIES ARE FICTIONAL]

The "Turkey Shoot" began. Eddie and Jack weren't up until the second game, so they had a chance to get a feel for the action by watching. Most of the players were "free-handers", and this was, for the most part, an amateur affair. Most of the players were happy to see some "Pro's" show up though, as they felt it may give them a chance to improve their own games. Although the entry fee for this one was very low, the Owner of the Bar tripled the Pot, and they only paid two spots, with about 90% going to the win end, so it was worth the effort.

It wasn't a "walk" by any means, mainly because Jack had some problems pinning down the speed, and the radical drifts on the board. They ended up winning though, but not with a big margin. On "Fearless Franks" suggestion, and because they held the board having won the thing, they split up, each taking one of the less skilled players, and played doubles. They each gave pointers to their partners, while several of the others watched and listened in. They decided to take on new partners after each game, so they were able to help out several of the players - and it was appreciated. Everyone was having fun, and they couldn't even buy a drink!

After they took a break from that, Frank and "Quickshot Craig", and the both of them took a table to relax a little. While Eddie was discussing what may lie in store for them at the place they were going to play the next day with Frank, Jack had begun to notice something. For a while now, several really pretty "knockout" gals had been strolling in and out of the Bar. He mentioned to Craig that he'd "sure would like to have a date" with one of the prettiest ones that had come in.

That comment was overheard, and Craig, Frank, and Eddie gave each other little winks. Then Eddie (with a grin on his face) turned to Craig and said: "It looks like our man Jack here has fallen in love! You tend bar here - do you think you might be able to help him out?" So Craig (again with the coy little smile) said: "I see the one you mean, and I know her."

Just what would your intentions be if something could be arranged?" His reply was: "Well now, I'd probably just ask to buy her a drink, and then (if things were going good) I'd try to take her out to a late dinner, and just get to know her a little better, and who knows from there?!"

After getting a quick nod from Eddie and Frank, Chris made his reply: "Ok, Mister 'Human Tripod', here's how it's going to work. I'll go over there and speak to her - in your behalf, and when I give the 'thumbs up', you come over and I'll introduce you. Now you'll be on your own from

there ok!" Jack had a Big smile on his face then, and said: "Ok partner - let her rip!"

Eddie and Frank pretended to be making small talk while Craig strolled over to where the girls were seated. For some reason, Craig stopped to say a few words to this huge gangster looking dude who had been kind of hovering around the girls area. After a few words with the now "love of Jack's life", Craig gave the "thumbs up", and motioned him to come over. Jack's eyes went wide, and he had a Big smile on his face as he made his way over to what was surely going to be "paradise"!

When he arrived, Craig said: "Jackie, I'd like to introduce you to a friend of mine. Her name is 'Candy', and trust me, there is none sweeter." Craig bid his adieu then, and joined the others at their table. Jack just looked into her beautiful eyes - and he was totally speechless! After seeing his dilemma, Candy said: "Well now Jackie boy - why don't you just take a seat next to me here, so we can get better acquainted." After Jack regained his composure somewhat, he ordered their drinks - and a very "sincere" conversation began between the two.

Frank, Craig, and Eddie were hardly able to keep from totally "cracking up" as they watched Jack make his "pitch" to his newfound love. Now Candy didn't believe in long conversations - and as the three guys watched, Jack's face suddenly began to get redder and redder! He suddenly excused himself from Candy, and made a rather fast gait over to the guy's table.

The three tried to keep from busting out in laughter as Jack (in a rapid whisper) explained what had occurred during his brief visit with his newly found Sweetheart. He was very excited as he explained: "You won't believe what Candy told me about making a date with her! I don't believe it all, or understand it. She said we could go on three different kinds of dates. She actually said there was the "Quicky", or the "Standard", or the "Super Special". And then the "shocker" was - she said it would cost me \$50, \$100, and \$150 respectively!

Candy had Jack's eye now, and gave him a wink, and with a very sexy look...blew him a kiss. Jack said "Man, I don't know what to do? - I just can't do this thing!" Then Eddie got his attention, and looked him in the eye and said: "Jack - I think you should do the right thing". Jack said: "You do?!" Eddie said yes I do Lad. In fact, I'll even pay for half of the "Special" out of our winnings so you can keep your 'Date'. She's a hell of a chunk of woman there, and you need to 'grow a little'. We'll even standby right here and wait for you.

Jack looked at all three of them then and said: "Man, I can't do this!" About that time Candy blew him another sexy kiss, and motioned for him to come on. Jack couldn't keep his eyes off her, and then finally said: "Well I'll tell you what I'm gonna do guys - I'm just a gonna..."
(TO BE CONTINUED)

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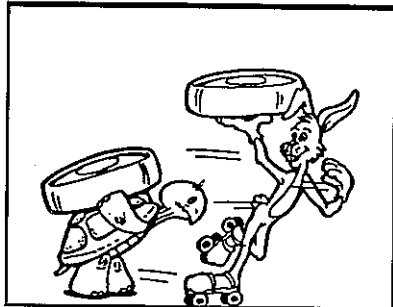


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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard (Con't. from Page 10)

"Shuffleboard?" By C.W. Walker

Shuffleboard? Here's the premise: Life is intelligence. Intelligence is a property like flesh itself and it exists in all living things.

To survive, the living must do the appropriate thing to cope with circumstances. What better describes the essence of intelligence - the ability to size up causes and their effects - then the ability to make the right response, do the right thing? Not the ability to make the right decision, mind you, because "decision" implies a conscious intellect. I am suggesting that intelligence need not be conscious - that the essence of intelligence is deeper than conscious mind.

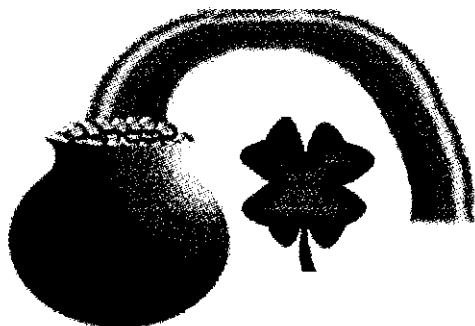
This may be an accepted premise to students of philosophy - I wouldn't know. These humble insights came to me in the sanctuary of contemplation, the game of shuffleboard.

Thus I rest my point. There is a sort of metabolic intellect down there in the fabric of life, an intellect which, among other things has evolved over the icons to negotiate the complexities of energy, economics, the getting, using and storing of energy that is the essence of life.

It is intelligence without reason. Or maybe it is reason without thought. Or maybe it is the chorus of all living things other than ourselves shouting the truth, that the power of reason we humans hold so precious is not synonymous with intelligence.

Intelligence would do the right thing. It would not undo the earth or game of shuffleboard.

-- By, C.W. Walker, D/FW, Tx



Zac Terry's "Letter to the Editors" (Feb. 4, 2002)

[Editors' Comment: This "Letter to the Editors" from Zac Terry, a good friend of Buddy & Fritz Broka and other shufflers who know him well, shows how appreciative one can be as a recipient of a "Gift Subscription" to The Board Talk (sent to him by Buddy & Fritz). Thanks Zac for this opportunity to share your thoughtful letter. We've appended your address (with your permission) for those who may want to drop you a note and we have already written to you that we'd love to publish your Billy Mays trip story when you get the story completed. Thanks for the note! -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors]

"Dear Tom & Lynda: Hello, and how are you all doing? I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health and highest spirits, not to mention the magazine is doing well. As for myself, all is well here. I am alive and kicking so I can't complain, you know what I mean!?"

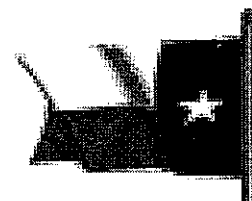
I received my first two issues of The Board Talk along with the note to let me know where it came from a few weeks ago. I wanted to write and let you all know that I really appreciate you all taking the time to write me a note. I also wanted to let you know that I am pleased to see that the magazine ended up in such good hands!

It is good to read through and see all of the familiar names and faces of the shuffle world as well as the new ones. I even saw a picture of a Buddy Broka in one of them who is a very close friend of mine. I saw a dozen other familiar faces in there too. Maybe, sometime if you are interested I could write a little story for the magazine about a little trip I took with Billy Mays and won my first tournament at Blinky's in Santa Clara, California. Let me know if you all have the room and are interested.

Well, I'm going to bring this one to an end so that I can get it in the wind. I have moved units, so I am enclosing of the address change forms as the magazine instructs. I'm planning on playing upon my release, so maybe I'll have the pleasure of meeting the two of you someday.

-- Sincerely, Zac Terry #883893

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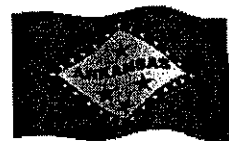
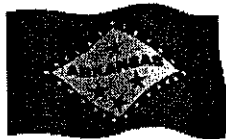
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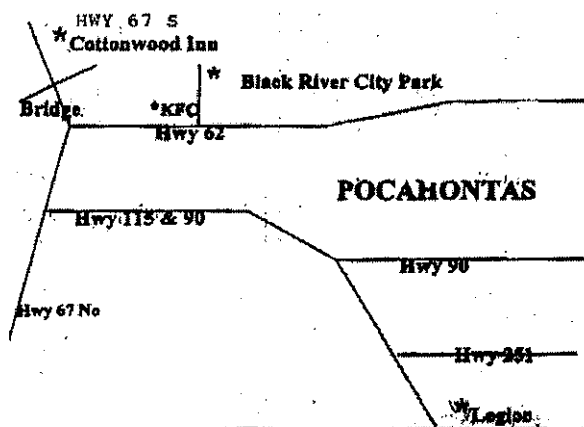
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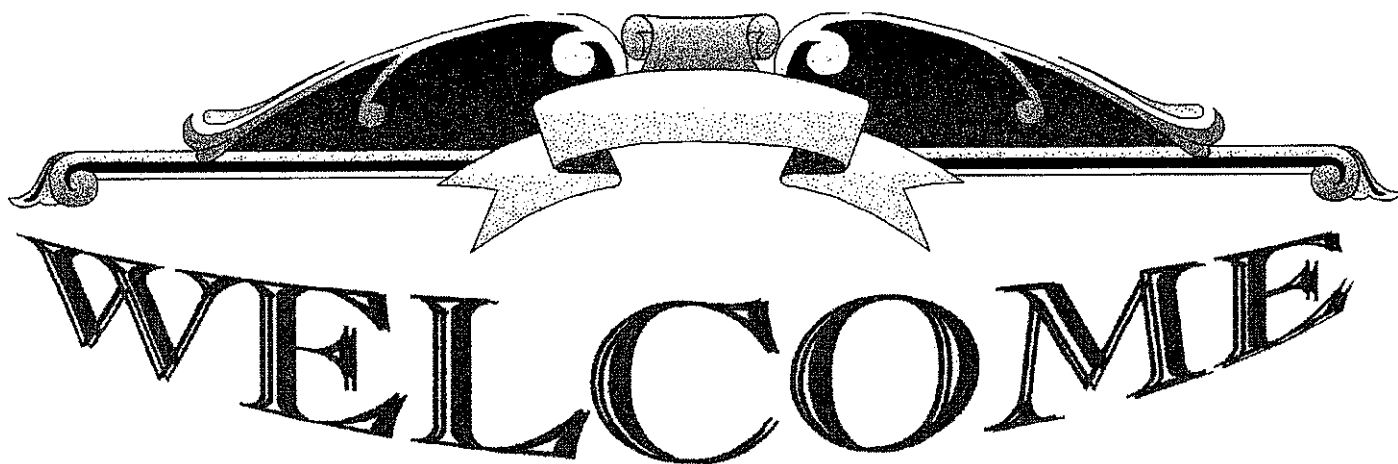


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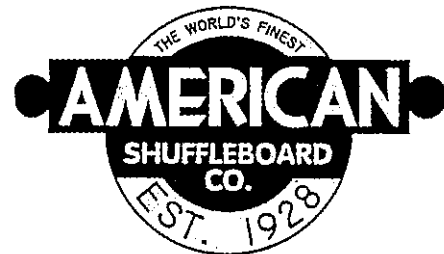
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League Players' Corner

(League Players' Corner - Series #13: New Section First Added In The February 2001 Issue)

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By: James Cummings

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ABOVE: League Officers - Pete Worsnop (President) and Andrea Dickson (Secretary/Treasurer) hand out money and trophies to team captains. 42 players entered the draw. Andrea ran the bracket board while the league members played for the \$400 pot. Players were rated from Pro's to 5's and the matches were all handicapped. After a spirited contest, Charma Migas and John Little took 1st Place, 2nd - James Cummings and Lee Stout, 3rd - Olga Vaughn and Gilbert Baird, 4th - Kevin Conlin and Pat Stout.



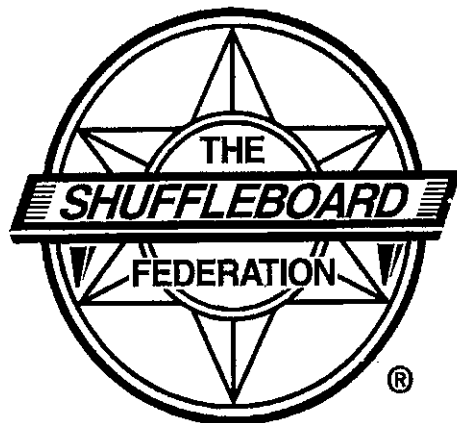
ABOVE: 1st Place: Charma Migas and John Little



ABOVE: 2nd Place – James Cummings and Lee Stout

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(League Players' Corner Continued on Page 23)



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DOUBLES Tourney

January 26, 2002

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Fairmont, IN

Results Reported By: Bobby Voorhis, IN

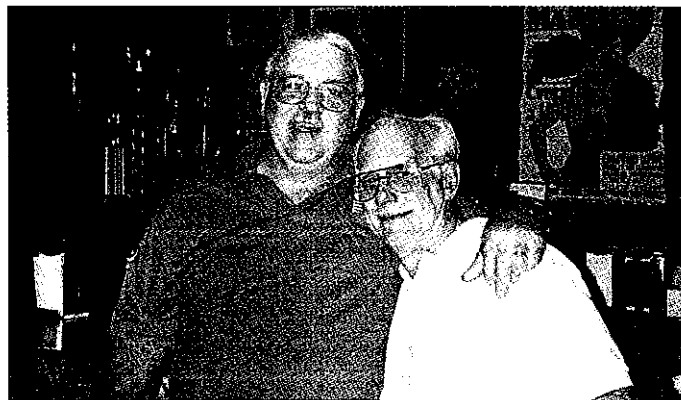


The Palace Bar, 121 S. Main, Fairmont, Indiana hosted a Doubles Tournament on January 26, 2002. There were 16 teams with a total of \$4,350 pot.

Coming out on top was the team of Tom and Greg Massie from Summitville. Second went to Jim Long and Glen Ingram. Third went to Rick Royal and Bobby V and fourth place went to Byron and Nick George. This was a father and son team and their first time in the money. Winners photos follow:



ABOVE: 1st Place: (L-R) Greg & Tom Massie



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February 2, 2002

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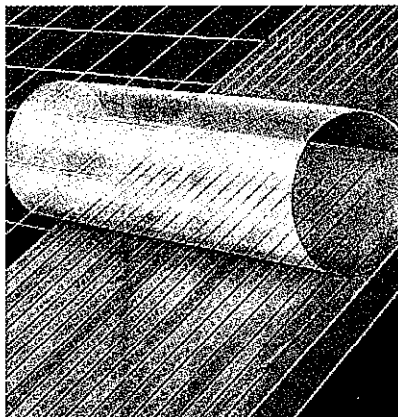
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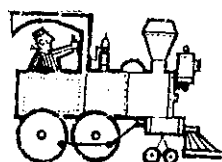
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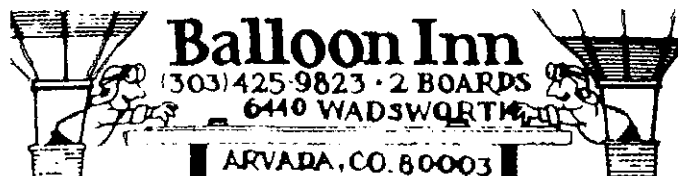
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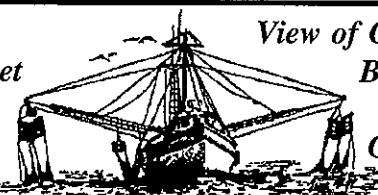
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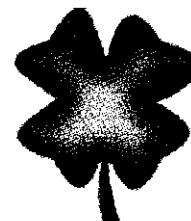
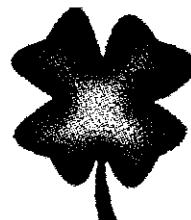
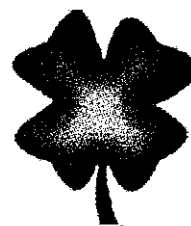
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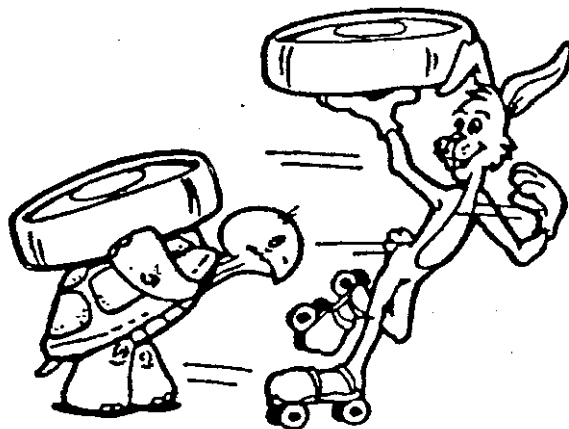
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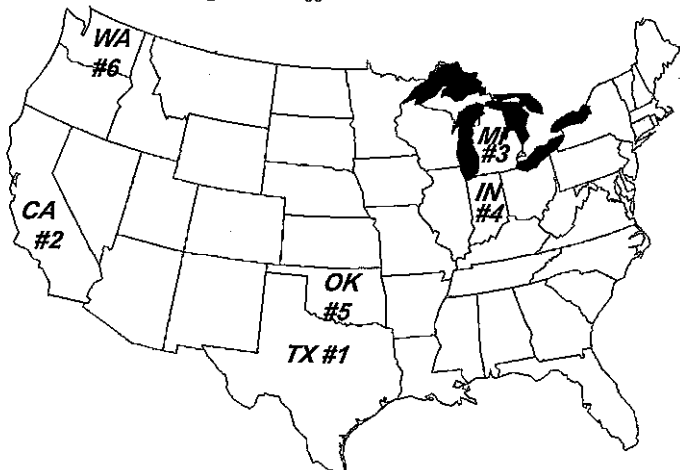
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