

The Board Talk

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3rd Annual Winston 2002 Labor Day Tournament

"Pays Tribute to Chuck Norris --- Creative Fund Raiser Nets \$1,001 Donation to TSA"

Labor Day Weekend 2002

Hosted At 99 Tavern & Willee's Cafe, Winston, Oregon

Report & Photos Submitted By: Steve Fisher, Winston, Oregon

The 3rd Annual Winston 2002 tournament was another success; with 82 total participants from six states, and nearly \$22,000.00 total purse. The six-event Labor Day Weekend tourney was played on eight boards in two Winston, Oregon neighboring locations (99 Tavern & Willee's Cafe).

This event was dedicated as a "Tribute to Chuck Norris" and included a brief ceremony in memory of Oregon's own shuffleboard star (Chuck Norris) who passed away earlier this year (January 3, 2002).

[Editors Comment: Chuck Norris' national TSA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (11/01/02) to be published soon in The Board Talk].

CHUCK NORRIS



December 10, 1941 ~ January 3, 2002

"Chuckie's" collection of t-shirts were sold at "silent" auction, and we were able to raise \$1,001 which is being donated to the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) in memory of Chuck Norris. [Editors Comment: See Shufflers' Notebook, Page 10, for note from Carol Bunch].

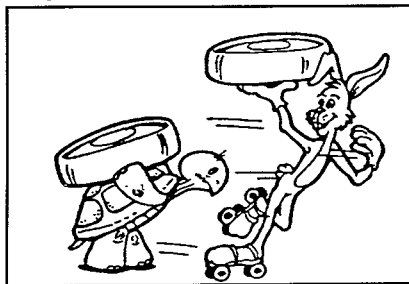
I would like to express particular gratitude to Carol Bunch (pictured below) for her attendance at the Chuck Norris Tribute, and for her generous contribution of Chuck's T-Shirts given for silent auction (as a benefit to the TSA). Furthermore, not enough can be said about

Melody Marine's contribution to the ceremony. Melody was entirely responsible for the Chuck Norris Memorabilia Flyer and compilation of the "Memory Letters" and pictures included within. Thanks to all those "friends" of Chuck who sent in a letter or picture too. Lastly, while I know it is not expected on Dan Holland's part, I would like to express a public heartfelt gratitude to him for the countless hours he pitched in on the board preparation and tournament promotion that he does so extremely well. -- Steve Fisher



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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Letter to the Editors & Shuffleboard Community...

Letter to the Editors (and shuffleboard community) (Sept. 30, 2002):

I recently attended the 4th annual "Wandering the World Women's Weekend" tournament held in Tulsa, OK. I know that a lot of work went into getting this tournament put together. I wanted to extend a huge thank you to some special people. Thanks to Sally and Cliff Goff. Their efforts went far beyond those thought possible! And thanks to all the folks who helped with the boards, bracketing, sponsor sales, and all the little details that make tournaments a success. Thanks to Melody Marine for getting the t-shirts printed and ready for sale - and thanks to Diana Hagen for her support of this ladies' tournament. It was fantastic to have her there (even though she admitted that playing with all these women makes her nervous). (con't. next column)

Wilber's Change of Address (2nd Notice)

George & Donna Wilber have moved and are in a massive renovation project. George is still not doing well. If you would like to send a note or update your address files their new address/phone number are:

*George & Donna Wilber
2725 Northwest Ave.*

*Lansing, MI 48906 ph#: 517-323-1817
email (unchanged): dgwilber@prodigy.net*

-- ATTENTION --

GOOD-BYE "RED CHECK"! Due to a change in publishers and a new process required to print and ship this monthly publication, the "RED CHECK" expiration notice is NO LONGER used (since the Dec. 2000 issue). Your subscription EXPIRATION DATE is on the back cover (top of your address line.) Please use the FORM inside back cover to renew TIMELY to avoid missing any issues!
(See Page 18 for more detailed information)

It was amazing to see so many women playing. I took a moment at one point to look around the room... 12 boards completely filled by lady shufflers of all ratings from all over the U.S.A. It was great to see the veteran ladies helping out and encouraging the new players. One of the highlights of the tournament was the Oklahoma HOF induction for Rena Fleming. It was a beautiful ceremony for someone so deserving. Keep shuffling ladies!

--Jane Mourgos, CA

Thanks from Albert Danke & Family...

Letter to the Editor: (Oct. 4, 2002)

Thanks so much for the issues of The Boardtalk, the articles and pictures on Chris were done with a lot of class and very informative. Boardtalk was given to all family members, they were pleased to know that Chris had so many good friends and was remembered by them, thank you ever so much.

--Albert Danke [Chris' father] P.S. Keep in touch, as we will.

Oops & Apologies from CoCo...



I had planned to publish the recent tournament in this month's Board Talk, but a recent computer catastrophe has prevented me from doing so. Recently, my computer crashed and I am still in recovery. I WILL be able to reproduce the article from the last event and the article will still be published (hopefully for the December 2002 issue). I lost EVERYTHING recently, and I am in the process of rebuilding my system. Although I am nearing completion, an article was not in my capabilities for this November issue. I anticipate full recovery within the next week to two weeks and will re-construct pictures and articles when complete.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (248) 391-2727. Thanks for your understanding.

--CoCo aka Steve Brown, MI

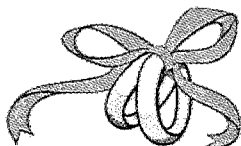
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***Wedding Vows Exchanged
July 20, 2002
- Congrats to Tim & Sharon Nugent-***



Sharon McDonnell and Tim Nugent from Tacoma, Washington exchanged wedding vows in Lakeside, Montana on July 20, 2002. Their vows were exchanged on a cruise boat which included a three hour scenic cruise around beautiful Flathead Lake, an all woman 3 piece band, a delicious catered dinner and an open bar. Many guests from Washington attended this gala event.

The bride was beautiful in a full length white dress with a long train and matching tiara. The groom and his best man, Jim Foran, wore khaki dockers and navy blue jackets. The brides brother, Jim McDonnell gave the bride away and recited some scriptures from the bible. The maid of honor, Mary Bates, from Montana wore a lavender and purple dress. Everyone was touched by the beautiful ceremony and had a great time at the reception.

When the newlyweds returned to Tacoma they had a reception at their home so the people who were unable to attend the wedding could join in this happy event. We wish them many happy years together.

--Written by Michelle Foran, WA



Maryland

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

Turkey Shoot Out

Nov. 29, 2002 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player

Nov. 30, 2002 12:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team

Holiday Wrap Up

Jan. 3, 2003 6:30 pm Robins \$10/Player

Jan. 4, 2003 12:00 pm A-B Draw \$25/Team

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tournament

Feb. 14, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player

Feb. 15, 2003 12:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team

Feb. 16, 2003 12:00 pm Mixed Doubles \$25/Team

Spring Fling

March, 2003 (Exact Dates and Events to be Announced) NOTE: Drawing and sponsor sale will start at the above times. You must be PRESENT at the posted time to play in that event. Draw Partner Events has a limit of 28 players. House will add \$100 to Open Singles Event with 10 or more players. These events will be single game, double elimination, 15 points (straight). 315 Market St. Charlestown, MD (410)287-6374

Maryland

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

Holiday Classic

Dec. 13, 2002 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40

Dec. 14, 2002 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none

Dec. 15, 2002 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

Mason Dixon Classic

Feb. 21, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40

Feb. 22, 2003 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none

Feb. 23, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

Maryland State Championship

Apr. 11, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40

Apr. 12, 2003 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none

Feb. 23, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

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

California

6TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OSKAR'S SPORTS BAR/GRILL BELLFLOWER, CA NOV. 28 - DEC. 1, 2002



Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill, 13415 Woodruff Avenue, Bellflower, California will be hosting the 6th Annual Thanksgiving tournament on Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 with two events (on four boards): ABC Draw and Open Doubles.

Sponsor Sale for both events will be held on Tuesday evening at 8:30pm, Nov. 28th with round robins after the sponsor sales.

The ABC Draw starts on Friday, Nov. 29 at 10am. Format will be 2 of 3 Double Elimination - Entry is \$25/player with a 20 Team Limit. Bowers Ratings Used.

The Open Doubles Bring Partner starts on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10am. Format will be 2 of 3 Double Elimination - Entry is \$100/team with a 20 Team Limit (-1's, 0's, & 1's cannot play together). Format subject to change based upon player response. 50/50 Drawings Daily - 100% Payback! For more information, you may contact Oskars at: (562) 925-4915.

Washington

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

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

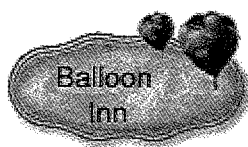
Friday night (Dec. 6) will feature 2 Warm-Up Open Draws at 7pm: \$50 entry (Rated 1 or lower; single game/double elimination) and \$20 entry (Rated 2 or higher; single game/single elimination (possible double elimination based upon time)).

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

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

Colorado

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



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

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

Texas

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



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

There will be 28 loaned Champion Shuffleboards and Shuffleboard Federation donated wax. Players coming in early will be able to warm-up with some practice and side matches on Dec. 24 & 25.

The first scheduled events will start on Dec. 26th at 5pm with two divisions of A-B Draw. Dec. 27th at 9am will be the 6-person draft team event. Also, on the agenda is 4 divisions of Bring Partner, 4 divisions of Singles, and a 4-Person Bring Team event.

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

An informational flyer with pre-registration form is inserted into this November 2002 issue.

For additional information, please view the flyer insert in this issue and/or contact the HHO Tournament Director: Jack Scott at 281-558-0237.

Indiana

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

"Amateurs This One's For You Tourney"

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

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in the Alamo City at Fiasco Cocktails!!*

Nevada**2ND ANNUAL "BOARD TALK
OPEN 2003"****PLAZA HOTEL/CASINO****LAS VEGAS, NEVADA****FEB. 23 - MAR. 2, 2003**

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

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

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

"Top Ten" Players Game!

We (The Board Talk Editors) have received a number of requests to publish once a year the "Top 10" Players in each rated category (similar to what the prior Editors did a number of years ago). So, we decided to let our The Board Talk subscribers have some fun and see how you would rate or rank the players that you have observed and/or played with or against. To get you started thinking, we have taken the actual Bowers' 2002 Ratings and run some statistics (See pages 30-32) that show how some of the top rated players are ranked based upon their 2002 rating, by 7 Categories: -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Review these stats and ranks by rated category.

After reviewing the stats on pages 30-32, then sit down and make your own list of who you think would be the "Top 10" Ranked Players in each of the 7 rated categories. You do not have to keep a player in the same rated category that they are shown in the Bowers' 2002 Rating book (e.g., you may wish to rank someone rated a '3' or '4' as one of the Top 10 Ranked 2's if you wish). Mail or Email us your personal ranking list of the Top 10 Players in each rated category -- we'll tally them and print them in the January 2003 issue (deadline for submission is December 14, 2002). Texas Billy, this is your only chance to move yourself from a '-1' to a '0' (grin)!

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

Have some fun!! --Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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Winston 2002... *(Continued from Page 1)*

The tourney started with an A-B Draw. Darrol Nelson and Don Cameron (Don's first win) beat Don Stallsworth and Art Elliff (Both of Rogue River) to win the 26 team event.

Darrol Nelson (Oregon) won the Open Singles, with Nick Chaffin of Roseville, CA. claiming second, while Dan Hitt (Spokane) placed third.

In the Open Doubles, Dan Hitt and Dan Holland (Winston, OR) "double dipped" Jim Allis and Gary George (both WA) to win the doubles while Steve Fisher (OR), and Jim "Caveman" Ward finished third.

In the first year of the Woman's Singles event, Gwyn Orsi topped local (3rd year player) Vickie Hatcher in the finals. Ruthie Miles placed third in the twelve participant event.

The B-Singles (+ 51 Bowers and above) had 35 participants. Kenny Hawkes survived a tough field to win the event, and Ken Simmons (WA) placed second, while Deano Mako (WA) placed third.

Mike Olson (WA), and Harold Krause (OR) topped locals Ken Rogers and Mike Carew to win the B-Doubles event. Local Rick Busch teamed with Don Stallsworth to place third.

Most everyone was pleased with the Venue, organization, and conditions of play. This was the 3rd Annual Winston tourney with an average participation of 74.33 registered players over the 3 years (with 82 registered players this third year).

A-B Draw

- 1st- Darrol Nelson (Cheshire, OR), Don Cameron (Rogue River, OR)
- 2nd- Don Stallsworth, Art Elliff (Both R. River, OR)
- 3rd- Bob Hunt (Sacramento), Steve Kalamarski (Spokane)
- 4th- Kenny Hawkes (Temecula, Ca), Kevin Callaway, Winston, Or)
- 5th- Glen Redding (Coos Bay, Or), Tut Kile (Rogue River)
- 6th- Al Hudson (Springfield, Or), JR Noel (Modesto, Ca)
- 7th- Mike Rapp (Idaho), Harold Krause (Portland)

Woman's Singles

- 1st- Gwyn Orsi- (Omaha, NE)
- 2nd- Vickie Hatcher- (Winston, OR)
- 3rd- Ruth Miles- (Portland)

Open Singles

- 1st- Darrol Nelson- (Cheshire, Or)
- 2nd- Nick Chaffin- (Roseville, CA)
- 3rd- Dan Hitt- (Spokane, Wa)
- 4th- Doug Buhl- (Eugene, Or)

B Singles

- 1st- Kenny Hawkes- (Temecula, Ca)
- 2nd- Ken Simmons- (Longview, WA)
- 3rd- Dean Mako- (Longview?)
- 4th- Butch Davis- (Medford, Or)
- 5th/6th- Glen Redding (Coos Bay, Or), John Rostolin (Spokane)

Open Doubles

- 1st- Dan Hitt (Spokane), Dan Holland (Winston)
- 2nd- Gary George (Tacoma), Jim Allis (Kelso)
- 3rd- Steve Fisher (Winston), Jim "Cavemen" Ward (Frank's, Wa)

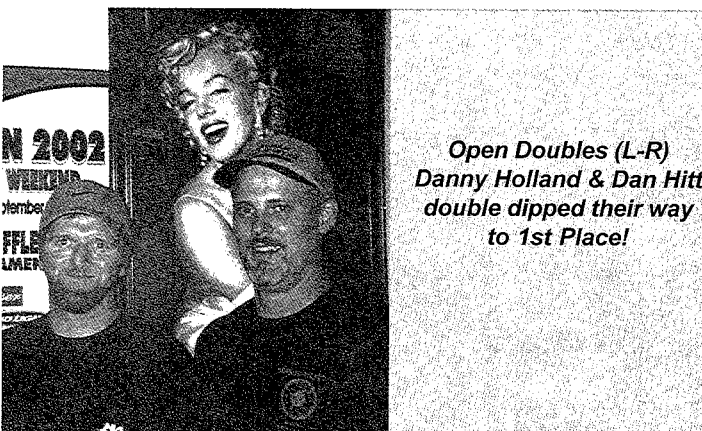
B Doubles

- 1st- Harold Krause (Portland), Mike Olson (Longview)
- 2nd- Mike Carew (Winston), Kenny Rogers (Medford)
- 3rd- Rick Busch (Winston), Don Stallsworth (Rogue River)
- 4th- Don Cameron (Rogue River), Von Thomas (Winston)
- 5th- Darla VanOrman (Winston), Randy Foster (Winston)
- 6th- JR Noel (Modesto, Ca), Virgil Jones (Elverta, Ca)

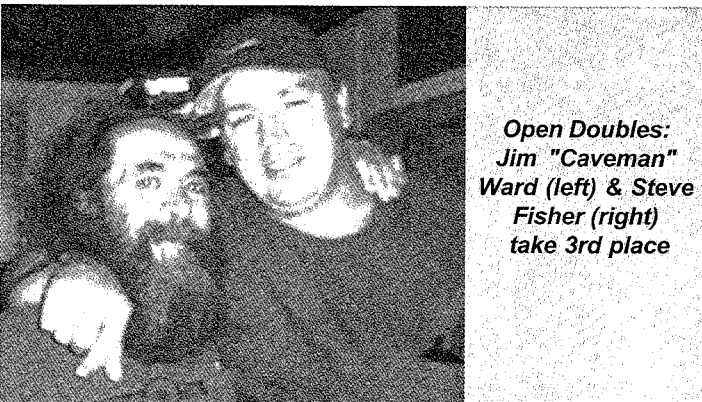
Below are some of the winner photos. My apologies for not having more photos of the tournament and winners.



Open Singles: (L-R)
Nick Chaffin (2nd), Darrol Nelson (1st), & Dan Hitt (3rd)

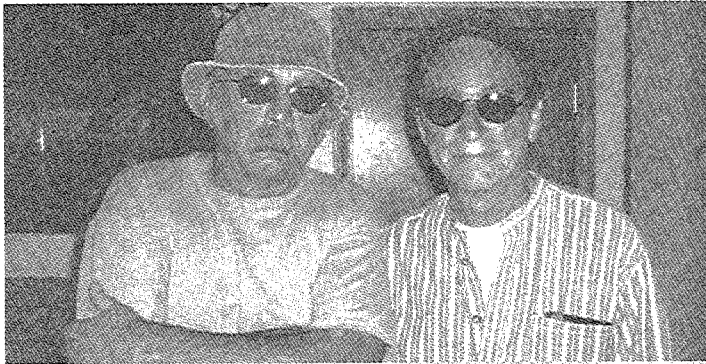


Open Doubles (L-R)
Danny Holland & Dan Hitt
double dipped their way
to 1st Place!

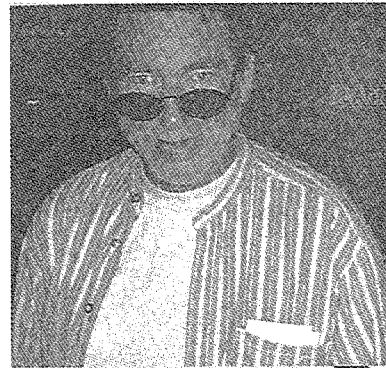


Open Doubles:
Jim "Caveman"
Ward (left) & Steve
Fisher (right)
take 3rd place

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**A-B Draw 1st Place (L-R)
Don Cameron & Darrol Nelson**

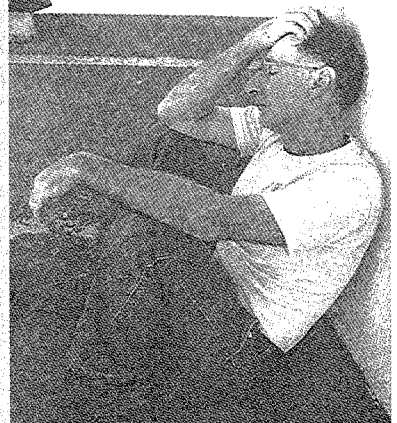


"Hey Nick, did that Singles match wear you out?"



**B Singles (+.51 & higher)
Kenny Hawkes (1st) & Ken Simmons (2nd)**

"No, Darrol... you just made my hair hurt, that's all!"



**B Doubles 1st Place
Mike Olson (left) &
Harold Krause (not
pictured)**



**Enjoying Winston 2002 & the Chuck Norris Ceremony: (L-R)
Carol Bunch, Darrol Nelson, Melody Marine, and Doug Buhl**



**B Doubles 3rd Place
Rick Busch (left) &
Don Stallworth (not
pictured)**



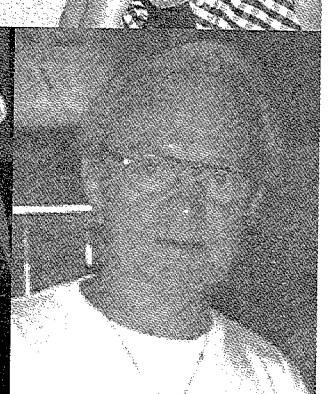
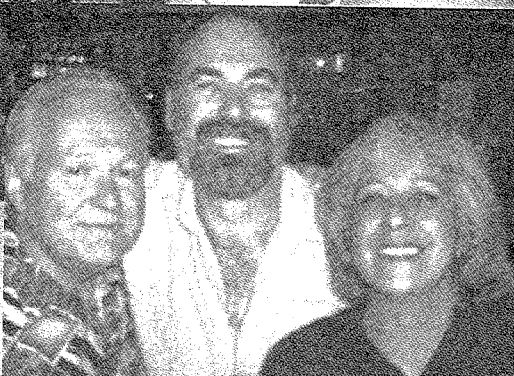
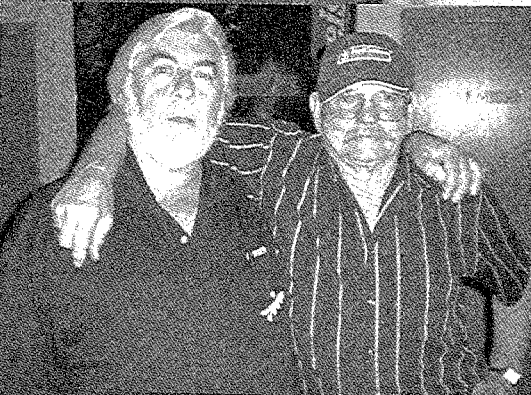
**Winston 2002
Youngest Spectator!
Steve Fisher (proud dad)
with Forrest Fisher, age
7 months**

Winston 2002

(82 Registered Players! Misc. Photos!)



**Winston 2002
Blues?**



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

"Women's Tourney a Blast!"

To all you guys who think you're hot stuff and such great shuffleboard players well I've got a news flash for you. Look out fellows. I just got back from the Wandering Women's Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma and these women are fierce competitors and can really play the game. This is the first women's tournament I have played in since 1995 and it was great. I had an absolute blast! Frankly, I can't remember when I have had so much outright fun at a tournament. Late nights, shuffleboard and cards, it was wonderful. Oh, by the way special thanks to Steve and Jim for passing me all those damn 2s in the card game.

First, I want to especially thank Sally Goff for inviting me this year and I definitely look forward to coming back again. I know it was a lot of work but you did a terrific job. This is a great women's tournament and needs to be supported. I think something like forty-two players took part in this year's event and I would like to see us get fifty or sixty players next time. It's great camaraderie, super fun and, of course, outstanding shuffleboard. I met so many nice women from all across the country. I encourage all women players regardless of rating or experience to make plans to attend the next one, which will be held in Omaha, NE in 2003 (typically held in Sept. each year).

I also want to be the first to congratulate all the players who managed to get into the money especially Jeri Williams who won the Singles and Sherry Fisher who was my partner in to Open Draw (and played absolutely great) and Mickey Moy who was my partner in the Doubles. More than once these gals bailed me out of trouble. Congratulations, you all played great. This was not an easy tournament. The competition was tough.

For those of you who did not win, don't give up. Your day will come. When I wasn't up at the boards myself, I had the opportunity to watch a lot of other games and saw some tough matches and really great shuffleboard being played everywhere. I have been at this game for almost eighteen years and I wasn't always a good player but I never gave up and just kept practicing and playing at every opportunity. I love shuffleboard. It's an absolutely great game and it thrilled me to no end to see so many really top-notch women players out there. I know it's frustrating at times, but we put our pants on just like the guys and play every bit as good as most of them do, if not better.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Rena Fleming on her induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. It is a well-deserved honor that was long overdue. You have done so much for the game as a player, promoter and supporter and I am glad your fine efforts have finally been justly acknowledged.

--Diana Hagen, Houston, TX

Fund Raising Ideas from Carol Bunch...

What do you do with 32 shirts, 10 hats, 4 jackets, and a couple of sweatshirts that are from different shuffleboard tournaments in different states, mostly home games? Well, I thought about that a lot as I was sorting through clothes one day and I thought, I cannot give them to someone who does not know what a shuffleboard is and could give a rats butt anyway... so, I came up with the idea that I would put them up for sale at a tournament that Chuck had played at and if I made 50cents to a dollar for each one, then I could donate the money to the TSA National Hall of Fame in Chuck's memory and name... WOW...!

Steve Fisher and Melody Marine came up with the idea to do a silent bid on them. This was done at the Memorial Day tournament in Winston, Oregon. Chuck (Norris) and Hal Perry took first place last year. The shirts were placed on a pool table and jackets on chairs and the madness began. I had to leave within a few hours of the start of all this and was awed at the bids already on several shirts. So, needless to say that when I was told that \$701 was made on the sale with another \$300 thrown in by two others, I almost cried. What a wonderful group of people. This just goes to show the togetherness of the shuffleboard family and it will be with great pride that the money will go to something that Chuck loved, believed in, and lived for.

I also want to say thank you to everyone's kindness and hard work at this tournament and especially Steve Fisher and Melody Marine. Melody, thank you for all your time and effort on the brochures of Chuck and we, his family, will treasure them forever... GREAT JOB!

And, even if the idea was mine, might I suggest that if you find yourself in my position and don't know what to do with all the shuffleboard items and have no room for them, that you do the same as I did. I think it is a marvelous idea and it would help any local organization, your local tournament, anyplace and it will keep not only the memory of that person alive in the shuffleboard community, but will give you some peace knowing you are sharing. THANKS AGAIN.

-- Carol Bunch, OR

Balboa Ron Invites All to Vegas...

My apologies for not getting Frisco Eddie submitted for the Nov. issue - not feeling too perky, but hope to get the next series in time for the Dec. issue.

Any shufflers coming to Vegas are invited to play with us at Gabby's Saloon - tournaments are held every Thurs. at 6pm and on Sat. at 1pm.

-- Balboa Ron Schweikert, NV

(Shufflers' Notebook - Continued on Next Page)

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

Spokane Washington Players Take "Road Trip" to Winston 2002 (Oregon)...

On Labor Day weekend, in VERY Rural America (Winston, Oregon) a group of us from Spokane, Washington had the opportunity to go on a "road trip" to have a really great time with some really good friends.

We have shared tournament advice and experience back and forth with the "Winston-ites" for a few years now and have found it to be helpful and beneficial for both our events.

This year the Northwest lost our beloved Chuck Norris. Carol Bunch, his life partner of 22 years agreed to participate in a tribute to Chuck at the Winston 2002 Rural America tournament in his home state of Oregon, and participate she did!!! With the most giving idea anyone has come up with in a long time, Carol offered Chuck's many years (and memories) of shuffleboard T-shirts to be raffled for a donation to the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (TSA) in Chuck's memory. She was sure that would make Chuck very happy, as he loved this game so much.

We weren't sure how to go about it and decided on a silent auction. Everyone got involved in the sharing of their good times and memories of Chuck and by noon on the final day of the event \$701 had been raised and a couple players put in an additional \$300, giving a grand total of \$1001 donation to TSA. THAT friends is positive proof that when we work TOGETHER for the good of the game GREAT things can happen.

The hospitality of the tournament directors, bartenders, and staff of Willie's Cafe and 99 Tavern was more than any "out-of-towner" could expect. A special thanks to Dorothy Fisher for opening her home to us, and sharing that BEAUTIFUL son of theirs [Editors Comment: See Page 8 for photo of Forrest Fisher, 7 months old]. Kudo's to Steve, Danny and all the "Locals" of Rural America... we can't wait until 2003!!!
--Thanks for the Great Time & Hospitality...
Bea Gilman, Steve Kalamarski, Mike Rapp, John Rostollan, Dan Hitt & Melody Marine (all of WA)

Thanks to the Editors...

Dear Tom & Lynda:

Thanks for all your hard work. You're doing a great job!

-- Bjerne & Vivian Sunde, Madison Heights, MI

[Editors Response: Thanks for your kind words and continued support of The Board Talk!]

Pat & Charley Thompson Moved...

To Our Dear Friends Lynda & Tom:

Thank your for getting our The Board Talk to us after the move from Florida to Alabama. Charley and I want to let you and all our shuffleboard family and friends know that we are still playing the #1 game of shuffleboard here in Alabama. We have two boards where we play. One is about 3 miles and the other is about 12 miles at the Eagles in Huntsville. We live in New Hope, Alabama, a town of about 800 population. We would love to hear from all our friends who would be coming this way to stop by and let's play some shuffleboard.

We are looking forward to the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament in Las Vegas and can't wait to get there!

Thanks for everything and hope to hear from you and others soon,

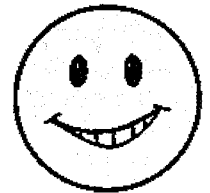
--Pat and Charley Thompson

2000 Old Gurley Pike

New Hope, AL 35760

Ph#: 256-723-2501

[Editors Response: Thanks for nice note. Glad you got moved and settled in. We really look forward to seeing you both in Vegas again in February 2003 too! You two did great the first tourney... between your wins and sponsorships! If we get to Alabama, we'll certainly stop by for some shufflin' and fun!]



Oops! Photos & Report Delayed...



The Warsaw Eagles #1339 hosted their first "Fall Tournament" on Sept. 27-28, 2002 which I had planned to report with photos in this November 2002. But, Walmart has a tracer on my photos and I have delayed the results report to reconstruct and acquire all the photos. Sorry for the delay - will submit for the Dec. 2002 issue.

Look for the next scheduled events at the Warsaw Eagles #1339: Doubles tournament on Dec. 7, 2002 and a True Round Robin set for Feb. 7-8, 2003 (This will be a true Round Robin played on 4 boards. Entry: \$500 per team, \$20 registration fee, NO Sponsor Sale. Tournament is limited to the first 16 paid entries received) and Doubles Apr. 5, 2003. Additional details to follow. Contact Terry Dowell at 574-353-1070 or e-mail dowellshuffle@webtv.net. -- Pam Dowell, IN

Photos & Report Delayed...

The Wandering the World Ladies tourney report held in Tulsa in September is delayed due to family illness and deaths in Cliff & Sally Goffs' Family [See Page 33]. Sally said she will try to get report in for the Dec. 2002 issue. --T&L, Editors

Eagles #3911 Holds 5th Annual MSPA HOF Tourney

September 27-28, 2002

Eagles Lodge #3911

Houston, Missouri

Report & Photos By: Charlie Riley, MO

The Eagles 3911 held it's 5th. annual Hall Of Fame tournament. Sept. 27 and 28 at Houston, Mo.

There were 18 teams wanting first place and a lions share of the money. Being an add to 3 or more it was about as even a playing field as you could play and every game was a tough one.

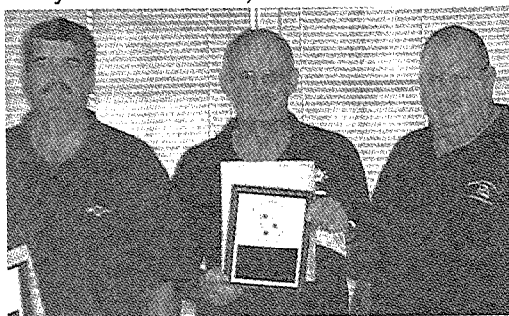
When it was all over it was Jim Payne of Omaha, Ne. and Charlie Riley of Houston, Mo. going undefeated to take first place. 2nd. place, was won by Pat Gainey of Austin, Tx. and Andy Friedhofen of Springfield, Mo. 3rd. went to locals Rick Pittman and Scott Townley of Houston, Mo. 4th. place, was Dean Pinkston of Houston, Mo. and Manny Lane of Pocahontas, Ar.

The doubles event was followed by singles handicap tournament. It was decided to mark 4 and negative handicap so it could be finished Sat. night. Coming out on top of a field of 18 players was Jim Payne of Omaha, Ne. 2nd. Barry Pipkin of Joplin Mo. 3rd. J.F.K. of Tulsa, Ok. 4th. Rick Pittman, Houston, Mo.

Once again Rick Pittman and Tony Leir did a great job of running the tournament and of course Becky Leir kept the money straight. The girls provided snacks and food throughout the tournament and was topped off with smoked pork butts Saturday prepared by Barb Head and Melissa Dunn. Thanks girls you did a great job!

Triple crown donated the M.S.P.A. a set of weights to be raffled off and were won by Delane Moore.

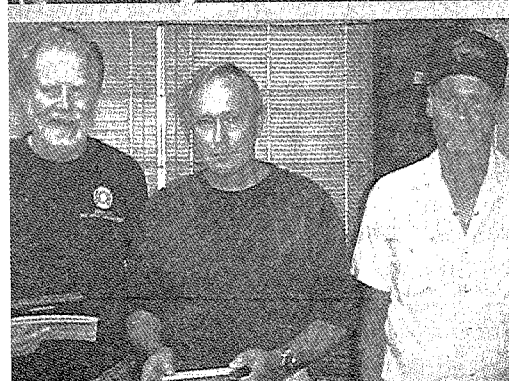
One of the highlights of the tournament was the induction of Johnny Wright into the Missouri Legends (Re: Legends Story in next column).



1st Place:

(L-R)

Jim Payne, NE
&
Charlie Riley,
MO
w/sponsor
Rick Pittman



2nd Place:

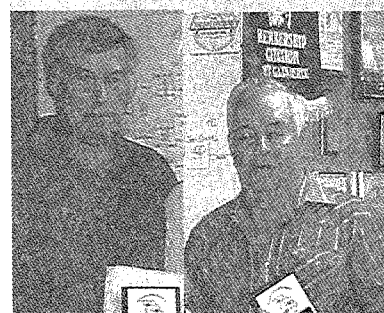
(L-R)

Pat Gainey, TX
&
Andy
Friedhofen, MO
w/sponsor
Floyd



3rd Place: (L-R)

Rick Pittman &
Scott Townley
(both of Houston, MO)



4th Place: (L-R)

Dean Pinkston, MO &
Manny Lane, AR

Johnny Wright Inducted into the Missouri "Legends"...



Johnny Wright was inducted into the Missouri Shuffleboard Legends at the annual Hall Of Fame tournament in Houston, Mo. Sept. 28, 2002.

This is a group of shuffleboard players in Missouri that have either reached the age of 60 and still playing or have played at least 30 years. All of these players have contributed much in some way to the game of

shuffleboard.

Johnny Wright is 67 years of age He started playing shuffleboard in the bars in Enid, OK. when he was 16 years old. In the 60's and 70's he played a lot with Marshall Hanson and Ron Blalock in Oklahoma City. In 88 he gave up alcohol and didn't enter bars for 10 years. In '98 he decided to get back into the game. He lived in Kansas City so he gave Woodie Cockrum a call in hopes of finding someplace close to play. Woodie brought him to Columbia, Mo. and to Houston, Mo. and Johnny found that he could still play the game very well and without drinking. He then found a couple places in Kansas City to play. They still played to 21 and keep hammer until just recently. Johnny was very instrumental in getting them to play the rules that most of the rest of the nation plays today. Today shuffleboard is growing in Kansas City and thanks to Johnny and a few others, may very well be "THE" hot spot in Missouri for shuffleboard very soon.

Johnny is a great person and very good shuffleboard player. Thank you Johnny very much for your contribution to Missouri Shuffleboard.

—Charlie Riley, Houston, Mo.

Gary Anglin's Garage - Another Successful Tournament On Gary's "2 Home Boards"!

Gary Anglin's Garage, Indiana
August 24, 2002
Report & Photos By: Mary Brown, IN

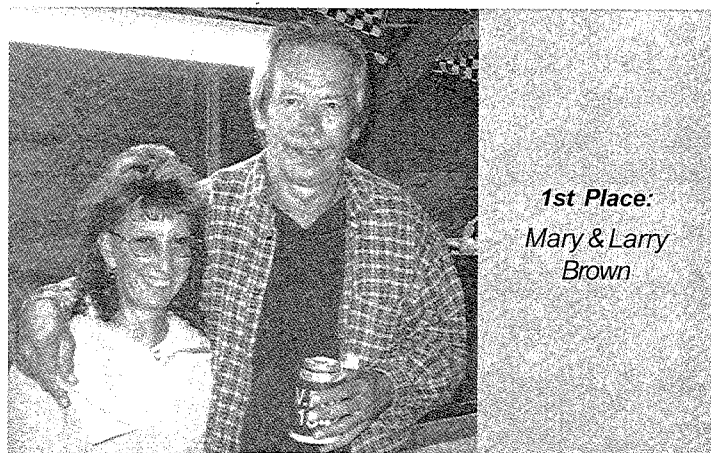
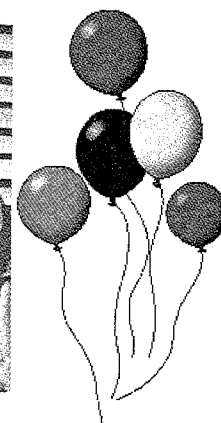
Another tournament in Gary Anglin's Garage on his home boards was held on Aug 24th with great turn out 16 teams with over \$2,000 in the winners pot. After all was over about 4:30 am, it was Larry & Mary Brown coming from the loser bracket to beat Mike Johnson & Bud Broka, 3rd was Kristie Redman & Matt Westhafer from Bourbon and 4th Host Gary Anglin & Dave Vordran from Muncie. We also celebrated the marriage of Pam and Terry Dowell and it was Bobby V's B-day!

I only have one winner photo, one of Terry Dowell and Pam (Worsham) Dowell (the newly wed love birds), and one of Gary Anglin's Mom and Stepdad, Sandy and Glen. Sandy (Gary's mom) does all the food everytime he has one of these and she does a great job!!! Sorry that we did not get pictures of all the winners this time. (Winners' Photo and Misc. photos follow...)

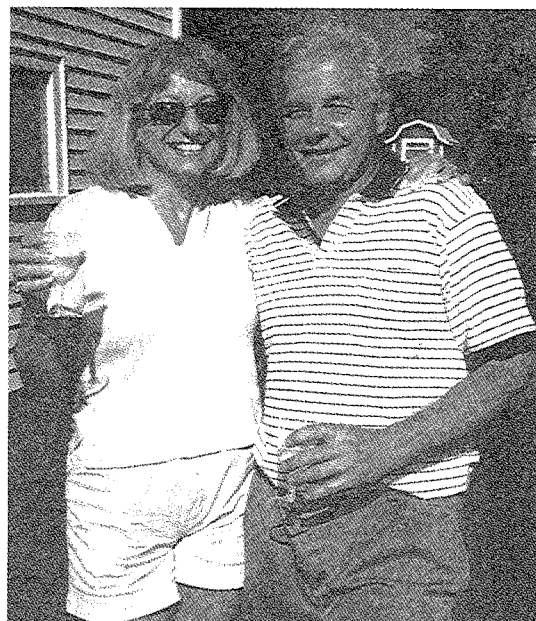
--Mary Brown, IN



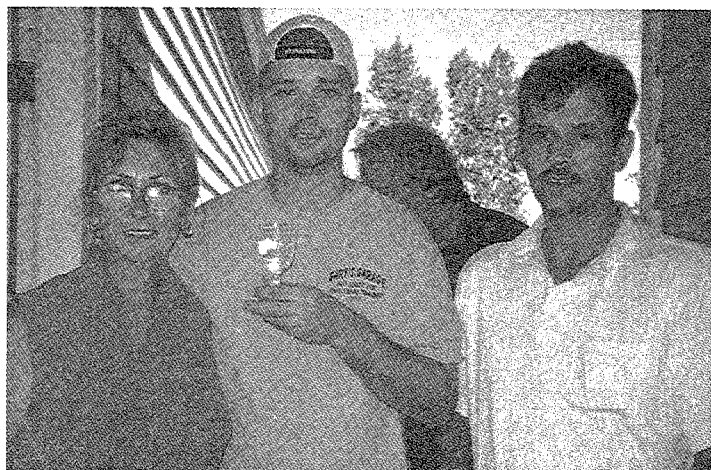
Bobby Voorhis (right) B-Day Boy toasts with Gary Anglin (left)!



1st Place:
Mary & Larry
Brown



Pam & Terry
Dowell
"The Newly
Weds"
Married on
Aug. 15, '02
CONGRATS!



A Toast to the "Host with the Most"... Gary Anglin (center)
[pictured with parents Sandy (left) & Glen (right)]

Amvets Post 26 Hosts "Fall Doubles & Singles"

Amvets Post 26, 939 S. Broadway, Pendleton, Indiana

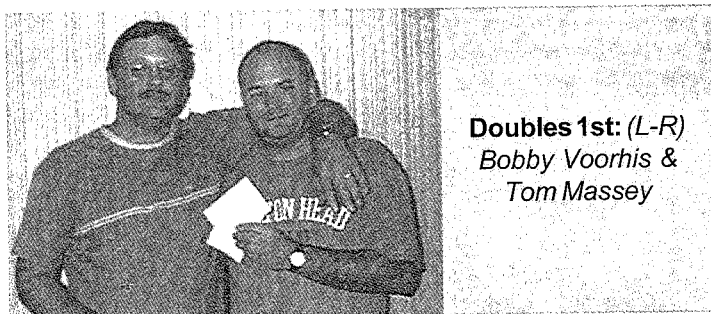
September 21-22, 2002

Report & Photos Submitted By: Sonny Harris, IN

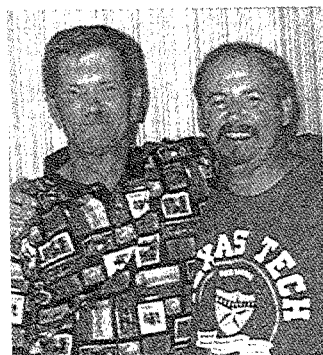
Amvets Post 26 in Pendleton, Indiana hosted the Fall Doubles & Singles tournament on Sept. 21-22. Seventeen teams signed up on Saturday (9/21) for the Fall Doubles event to see who would get the big share of the \$4,600 in prize monies and 20 walkers signed up on Sunday (9/22) for the Fall Singles event playing for the \$3,400 prize monies.

FALL DOUBLES (17 teams/34 players)

When the powder settled, Bobby Voorhis and Tom Massey took first place; Steve Hart and John Humes took second; Jim DeWitt and David Welch took third; and Dave Boaz and Jeff McFadden came in fourth. We had a great day of play. Thank you players, sponsors, and volunteers.



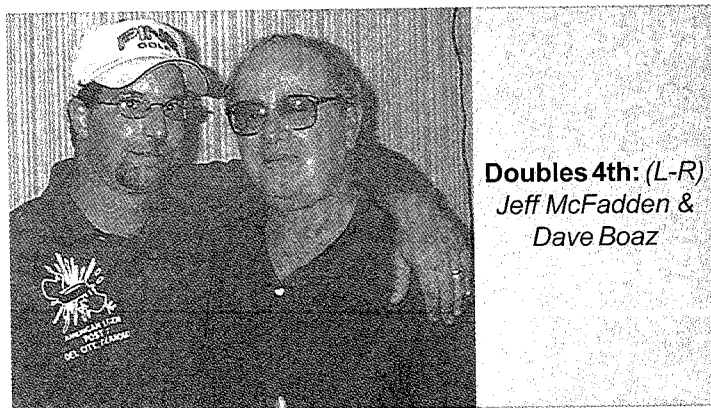
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Bobby Voorhis &
Tom Massey



Doubles 2nd: (L-R)
Steve Hart &
John Humes



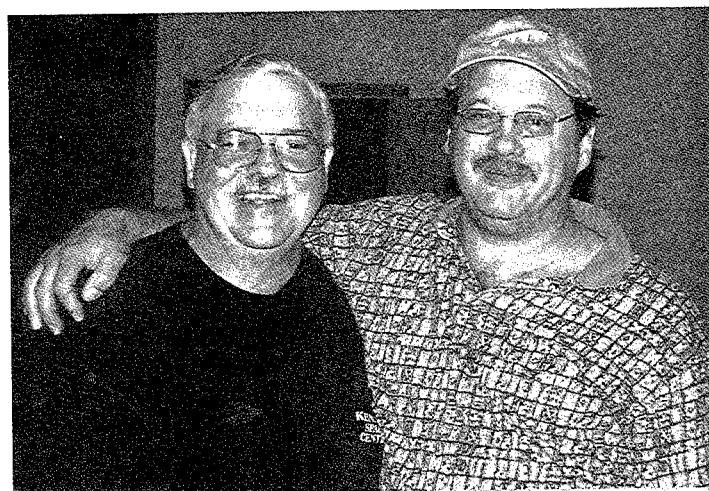
Doubles 3rd: (L-R)
Jim DeWitt &
David Welch



Doubles 4th: (L-R)
Jeff McFadden &
Dave Boaz

FALL SINGLES (20 players)

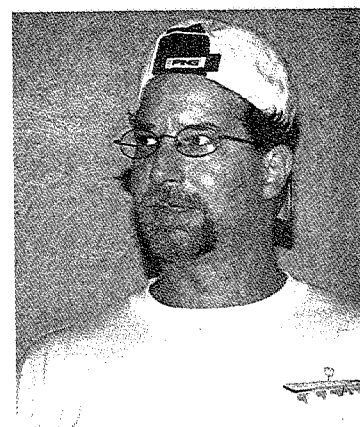
We had 20 walkers on Sunday. The big winner, Glen Ingram came from the losers bracket to beat Bobby Voorhis twice. Jeff McFadden was third and Larry Brown fourth.



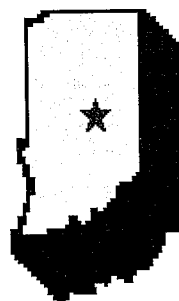
Singles 1st & 2nd: (L-R)
Glen Ingram (1st) & Bobby Voorhis (2nd)



Singles 4th:
Larry Brown



Singles 3rd:
Jeff McFadden



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

Labor Day Weekend in Huntington Beach

5th Annual "Billy Chiles" Memorial Tournament



August 30 - September 2, 2002
Huntington Beach Moose Lodge #1832
Huntington Beach, California



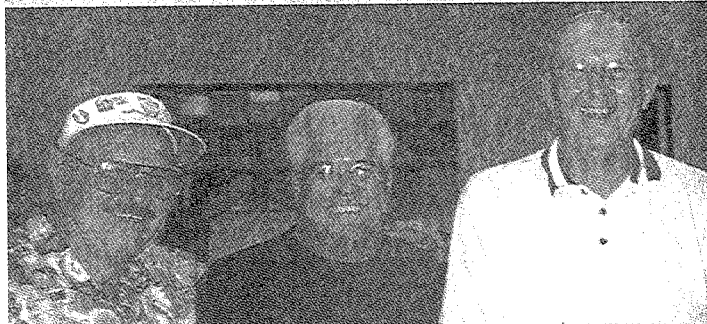
Report By: Bob Brunskill (CA) (See October 2002 Issue, Page 9 for tournament writeup)
Photos Submitted By: Bob Davidson, CA (Photos Submitted Later for this November 2002 issue)



ABC 1st: (L-R) Jim Stewart, Debbie Merhoff, Phil Gardner



ABC 2nd: (L-R) Oscar Ugarte, Anna Brunskill, George Goldsmith



ABC 3rd: (L-R) Ray Cross, Gil Aaragon, Dale Schaker



ABC 4th: (L-R) Nuala Wisdom, Jolene Lembke, Alanna Mallory



Doubles 1st: (L-R)
Richard "Bubba" Warren & Ernie Alvarez



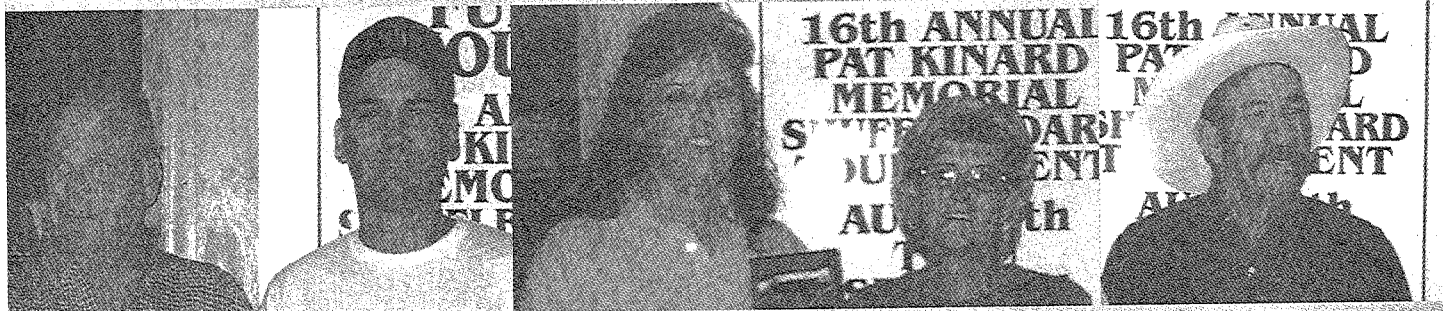
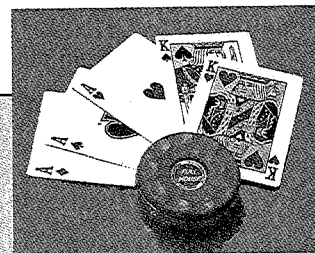
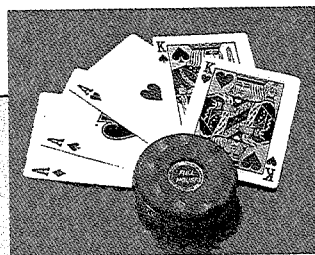
Doubles 2nd: (L-R)
Mike Dearen & Karl Spickelmier



Doubles 3rd: (L-R)
Anna Brunskill & Marion Bailey

16th Annual Pat Kinard "Memorial" Labor Day Tournament A Great Success!

August 29 - September 2, 2002
Full House Bar & Grill, Wynnewood, Oklahoma
Results & Photos By: Gerald Wood, OK



A-B Draw 1st - 3rd (Above): (L-R)

Dub Hatley/Shannon Tice (1st); Brenda Williams/Jean Miller (2nd); John Williamson/Ron Gamble(not pictured) (3rd)



Draw Partner 1st - 3rd (Above): (L-R)

Rena Fleming/Brenda Williams (1st); Brian Dial/Nancy Tice (2nd); Jeannie Willis/Shannon Tice (3rd)



Bring Partner 1st - 3rd (Above): (L-R)

Rick Jones/Ferlin Kearns (1st); Scott Woodall/Goose McAfee (2nd); David Winfro/Jean Miller (3rd)



Singles 1st - 3rd (Left): (L-R)

Bill Melton (1st); Danny Baxter (2nd); Mitch Melton (3rd)

In Fond Memory of Jack Steffensen...

"Always A Helping Hand"

February 25, 1942 - September 21, 2002

We lost our Jackson at his home in the arms of his loving family after a courageous battle against cancer on 9/21/02.

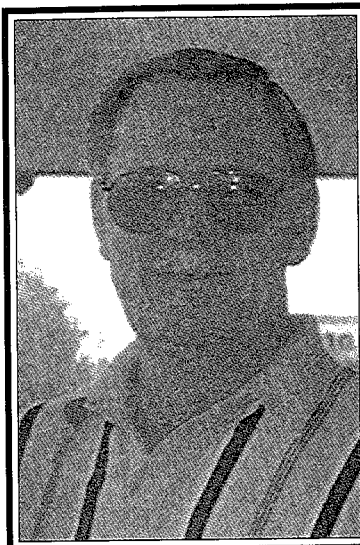
Jack was born in Badger, SD and raised in Huron, SD where his Mother (Frances) and his sister Joannie (Dave) as well as his in laws still reside. His brother Jim (Julie) live in Federal Way, WA. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack moved to Washington with his wife Linda and sons, Rick and Scott in 1966.

To Linda, his loving wife, he was her life and always will be, she had promised him all of her love today, tomorrow and forever. She would have gladly changed places with him, but God wouldn't listen...

To Scott, Rick and Terry, he was their best friend and mentor and they think he was twice the man they will ever be.

To his precious grand children Brian, Robbi-Ann, Scott Jr. and Dylan he was their hero.



To Coco he gave the true meaning of "father" in father-in-law. Besides being a good friend he was always a willing helping hand for his friends, neighbors and even an occasional stranger. Jackson thoroughly enjoyed fishing, golf and watching NASCAR, however, with Linda, his joy of shuffleboard came with a wonderful "family" of friends from near and far that meant so very much to him.

Though we must say "Good Bye" for now, please remember, on a clear night, that's not a shooting star you see, its Jackson's golf ball sailing across the Heavens as he follows behind it, once again, walking straight and tall.

At his request, no formal memorial will be held, but our home is always open.
--By Jack Steffensen's Family

In Fond Memory of

Dale Gattys...

"Missouri Hall of Famer"

It was a sad day at the Eagles 3911 in Houston, Mo. on Oct. 1, 2002.

Missouri lost one of it's Missouri Shuffleboard Hall Of Famers, Dale Gattys of Houston, Mo. at the age of 71.

Dale passed away after a lengthy illness with cancer.

We thank his family for all the time they loaned Dale to us to play shuffleboard, the game he loved so much!



-- Missouri Shuffleboard Players

Julie Hartman of MO

Needs Our Support!

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

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

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

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

Captain Merlot's "Catch the Train" Tournament

Captain Merlot's (formerly the Fill-N-Station), Mims, Florida

September 20-22, 2002

Report & Photos By: Kathy Ring, Titusville, FL

Two single-elimination, Draw Partner events were held Friday evening. In the first draw, Jerry Gray & Larry Cooper finished in 1st place and Dick Smedberg, of Spring Hill, FL & Sue Swindle came in 2nd. In the second draw, Marty Allen & Kathy Ring finished 1st with Carol Komarc, of Miramar, FL & Harold "Moose" Whitt finishing 2nd.

Sponsor sales were held prior to the Saturday Draw Partner and the Sunday Bring Partner events.

In Saturday's double elimination, Draw Partner event, Coletta Stanley, playing in her first local tournament of the year and Titusville's Dave Macko went undefeated and took 1st place over the strong 2nd place team of Harold "Moose" Whitt and Dick Smedberg. Rusty Nowakowski (host) and Carol Michelson made a fine showing for 3rd.

In the Sunday double elimination, Bring Partner event, Dick Smedberg and Ursula Badouin took 1st place over 2nd place team Marty Allen and Dooley Forster. Coming in 3rd two days in a row was Carol Michelson, this time with 87 year old Earl Harrington of Titusville as her partner.



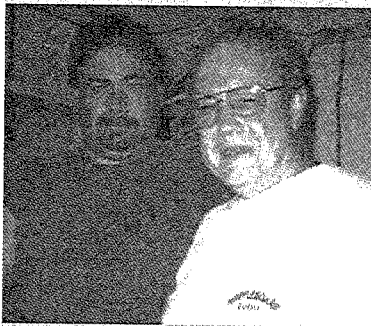
**Draw Partner (Sat.)
1st Place (L-R):
Dave Macko &
Coletta Stanley**



**Bring Partner (Sun.)
1st Place (L-R):
Dick Smedberg
(2nd day in a row winner!)
&
Ursula Badouin**



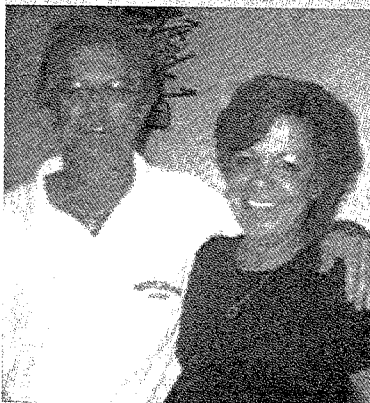
**Bring Partner (Sun.)
2nd Place (L-R):
Marty Allen
&
Dooley Forster**



**Draw Partner (Sat.)
2nd Place (L-R):
Harold "Moose" Whitt &
Dick Smedberg**



**Bring Partner (Sun.)
3rd Place (L-R):
Earl Harrington
(87 years young!) &
Carol Michelson
(2nd day in a row winner!)**



**Draw Partner (Sat.)
3rd Place (L-R):
Rusty Nowakowski (host)
&
Carol Michelson**

Thanks to our hosts, Rusty and Ursula for another fine tournament. The next exciting event coming in November at Captain Merlot's (Fill-N-Station) is the "Florida State" Tournament. It will be held over Thanksgiving weekend, November 29th – December 1st. There will be plenty of round robins leading up to the tournament. Turkey dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day and a blind draw will start at 1:00PM. Hope to see all you Florida players there.

**"PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS
THE USA - August 2002 Edition":**

Florida (Club Name Change "Only")

● Fill-N-Station, Mims, FL renamed to
Captain Merlot's, Mims, FL

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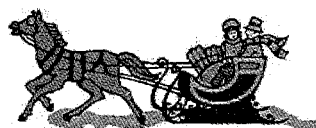
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NOTICE: ALL PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO A "TSA OPEN MEETING" and A "TSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY" TO BE HELD DURING THE HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN 2002.



The TSA Directors hope that players will make plans to attend the TSA Open Meeting in the afternoon of December 26, 2002 during the Houston Holiday Open 2002 and that players will be able to plan for participation in the following already planned induction ceremonies being held at the various tournaments:

UPCOMING TSA INDUCTION CEREMONIES:

2002 INDUCTION CEREMONIES for TSA HOF "PLAYER/PROMOTER" Category:

- 1) **Darrol Nelson** of Cheshire, Oregon - to be inducted during the *Houston Holiday Open 2002* being held Dec. 26-31, 2002 at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel ballroom.
- 3) **David Williams Sr.** of Dallas, Texas - to be inducted during the *Houston Holiday Open 2002* being held Dec. 26-31, 2002 at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel ballroom.
- 2) **Diana Hagen** of Houston, Texas - to be inducted during the *Houston Holiday Open 2002* being held Dec. 26-31, 2002 at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel ballroom.
- 4) **Chuck Norris** (posthumous induction) of Oregon - to be inducted on Friday evening, November 1, 2002 during the *NASC Reno 2002* tournament.

2003 INDUCTION CEREMONIES as TSA HOF "PROMOTER" Category:

- 1) **Bobby Goldsmith** of California - to be inducted during the *Board Talk Open 2003* tournament being held Feb. 23 - March 2, 2003 at the Plaza Hotel/Casino. TSA Induction Ceremony will be conducted on Fri., Feb. 28, 2002 at 3:30pm (before Singles sponsor sale starts at approx. 4pm). There is live music and entertainment being planned by the sponsors for this induction ceremony.
- 2) **Russ "The Colonel" Miller** (posthumous induction) of Washington. The induction ceremony is to be conducted during the *Memorial Day Extravaganza 2003* tournament, to be held at the Season Ticket, Spokane, WA in May 22-26, 2003. Details of the induction plans coming soon.

We wish to thank all the players and nomination petitioners for their support and efforts getting these deserving player's nomination petitions brought forward for vote. Your time, efforts, and support are greatly appreciated.

2002/2003 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2002

November 9

Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

November 9-10

14th Annual Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 16

Doubles Tournament
Palace Bar
Fairmont, Indiana

November 21-24 (Details Coming)

Nebraska State Championships
Omaha, Nebraska

November 23

Amateur Tournament
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

November 27-30 (Details Coming)

Williams' Thanksgiving Classic
Gold Nugget Sports Bar
Arlington, Texas

November 28-30

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

November 28-30 (Re: Upcoming Events)

8th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 29-30 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Turkey Shoot Out Tournament
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

Nov. 28- Dec. 1

8th Annual Florida State Champ
Fill-N-Station
Mims, Florida

Nov. 28-Dec. 1 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Thanksgiving Tournament
Oskar's Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

DECEMBER 2002

December 7

Doubles Tournament
Warsaw Eagles
Warsaw, Indiana

December 7-8 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Bring 3-Person Teams
Brookdale Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

December 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

13th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

December 13-15 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Holiday Classic--Draw/Bring/Singles
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

December 21

Amateur Tournament
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

December 26-31 (Re: Flyer Insert)

Houston Holiday Open 2002
Sheraton Brookhollow
Houston, Texas

December 28

Doubles Tournament
Village Inn
Muncie, Indiana

December 28-29

ESA Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

December 31

Mixed Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

JANUARY 2003

January 3-4 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Holiday Wrap Up Tournament
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

January 4

Open Singles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

FEB./MAR. 2003

February 1

Winter Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

February 14-16 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tourney
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

February 21-23 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Mason Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

February 23-March 2 (Flyer Insert)

2nd Annual Board Talk Open 2003
Plaza Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

March 2003 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Spring Fling Tournament
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

APRIL 2003

April 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Maryland State Championships
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Maryland State Championships
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 19

Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

MAY 2003

May 22-26

Memorial Day Extravaganza
Season Ticket
Spokane, Washington

JUNE 2003

June 13-15

Hoosier Hall of Fame "Classic"
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

2002 Bowers Ratings -- Top Ranked Players By Rated Category (U.S. & Canada Rated Players)

To View All Players 2002 Bowers Ratings go to: <http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com> (Bowers' Corner website)

Note: 2002 Bowers' Ratings Include 3,083 Total Rated Players (US & Canada)

"-1" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 20 of 52

Last Name	First	District	Rating	Rank	Raters
Nelson	Darrol	OR	-1	-1.218	26
Melton	Bill	OK	-1	-1.144	23
Hitt	Dan	WA	-1	-1.075	26
Voorhis	Bobby	IN	-1	-1.062	26
Melton	Billy	OK	-1	-1.054	20
Williams	David	TXDFW	-1	-1.040	22
McDermott	John	M	-1	-1.032	20
Mays	Billy	TXDFW	-1	-1.032	23
Boyer	Rick	CO	-1	-1.019	23
Buhl	Doug	OR	-1	-1.004	24
Hagen	Diana	TX Hou	-1	-0.996	22
Thorpe	Mike	WA	-1	-0.993	21
Maxwell	Bill	CA SO	-1	-0.990	9
Cox	Donny	CA NO	-1	-0.987	16
Pease	Al	WA	-1	-0.979	25
Taylor	Mike	TX Aus	-1	-0.947	24
Blade	Frank	M	-1	-0.941	18
Shaw	Bob	TXDFW	-1	-0.936	22
Mouton	Howard	TX Hou	-1	-0.931	16
Norris (Dec'd)	Chuck	OR	-1	-0.931	21

"1" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 20 of 441

Last Name	First	District	Rating	Rank	Raters
Allen	Roger	NE	1	0.500	2
Keller	Jim	NE	1	0.500	3
Phost	Lonnie	OK	1	0.500	1
Riha	Larry	NE	1	0.500	2
Alford	Jim	CA SO	1	0.510	2
Ruiz	Bob	CA SO	1	0.514	5
Waggoner	Bud	CA SO	1	0.515	2
Boyd	Fred	TXDFW	1	0.532	18
Vorndran	Dave	IN	1	0.533	3
Watson	Jay	NE	1	0.535	2
Miller	Ray	IN	1	0.539	18
Shepard	Marty	NE	1	0.541	21
Buhl	Jim	WA	1	0.548	4
Williams	Sparky	OR	1	0.550	4
Piriot	Dale	CA NO	1	0.553	8
Muehlhauser	Chuck	MO	1	0.553	17
Brown	Bob Jr	IN	1	0.553	3
Holland	Mark	M	1	0.553	3
Gardner	Phil	AZ	1	0.557	23
Steinmyer	Scotty Dog	NE	1	0.558	4

"0" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 20 of 147

Last Name	First	District	Rating	Rank	Raters
Koteras	Dale	TX Hou	0	-0.492	21
Johns	Freddie	WA	0	-0.485	26
Fisher	John	WA	0	-0.480	18
Dell	Len	MD	0	-0.447	22
DeWitt	Jim	IN	0	-0.447	6
Kidd	Harvey	TX Hou	0	-0.447	24
Huddleston	Ron	OK	0	-0.419	15
Summers	Sam	OK	0	-0.394	12
Broka	Buddy	IN	0	-0.370	12
Massie	Greg	IN	0	-0.345	6
Camara	George	CA NO	0	-0.323	17
Dowell	Terry	IN	0	-0.321	23
Moore	Brenda	TX SA	0	-0.320	17
Keithahan	Dave	CA NO	0	-0.306	17
Humes	John	IN	0	-0.303	4
Elliott	Paul	TN	0	-0.290	5
Hilburn	Bud	OK	0	-0.289	13
Newell	Larry	CA SO	0	-0.288	10
Foran	Jim	WA	0	-0.266	14
Boaz	Dave	IN	0	-0.262	13

"2" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 20 of 852

Last Name	First	District	Rating	Rank	Raters
Jones	Carolyn	OK	2	1.500	7
Booth	Vern	CA SO	2	1.500	4
Conner	Wilson	IN	2	1.500	2
Cottrell	Penny	M	2	1.500	3
Dailey	Bob	CA NO	2	1.500	3
Gertz	Bunky	MD	2	1.500	2
Jacoby	Casey	TX Hou	2	1.500	1
LeDent	Jerry	WA	2	1.500	1
Murphy	Bob	CA	2	1.500	1
Stocker	Rick	IN	2	1.500	2
Thames	Mark	CA	2	1.500	1
Dean	Curtis	MD	2	1.506	12
Deweese	Chuck	FL	2	1.508	6
Elliff	Art	OR	2	1.513	10
Worley	Maggie	NE	2	1.513	3
Scott	Wayne	AZ	2	1.516	8
Billings	Mike	Canada	2	1.517	7
Vogt	Gwyn	WY	2	1.518	5
Heuer	Alan	MD	2	1.520	2
Panaccio	Nick	PA	2	1.520	2

2002 Bowers' Ratings -- Top Ranked Players By Rated Category

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"3" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings -

Can't Determine True Top 20 of 1,072 Rated '3' Players

Top Rated Being 63 Players at 2.500 Decimal Rating

(most of which have only 1 or 2 raters which may not be representative of a true Top 20 (rather Top 63) - assumptions: could mean most of the 2.500 '3' rated players' are newer players, playing locally, and not rated by many raters until they play where other area raters have an opportunity to observe and rate them and/or if players and raters do not play in the major tournament's team events (e.g., 6-Person Team Event, where many of the raters would be designated Team Captains) the lower rated category players may not have an opportunity to be observed and rated by many raters unless the raters and the lower rated and newer players participate in the team events at major tournaments. Other assumptions??) See Page 32 for Top 37 Ranking Results for '3 Rated Players' who have 3 or more raters that rated them.

"4" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 20 of 488

Can't Determine True Top 20 of 488 Rated '4' Players

Top Rated 77 Players are at Exactly 3.500 Rating

(Only 149 of the 488 '4' Rated players were rated by 3 or more raters. The Top 77 '4' Rated Players were Rated 3.500 mostly by 1 or 2 raters each. So, same situation as '3' rated players - unable to determine Top 20 with 77 Players Rated 3.500, but only 6 of the 77 were rated by more than 2 raters)
See Page 32 for Top 40 Ranking Results for '4 Rated Players' who have 3 or more raters that rated them.

Total 2002 Bowers' Rated Players: (# rated/total rated=%)

- 1 Rated Players = 52 Players (1.7% of Rated Players)
- 0 Rated Players = 147 Players (4.8% of Rated Players)
- 1 Rated Players = 441 Players (14.3% of Rated Players)
- 2 Rated Players = 852 Players (27.6% of Rated Players)
- 3 Rated Players = 1,072 Players (34.8% of Rated Players)
- 4 & 5 Rated Players (488+31)=519 Players (16.8% of Rated Players)

TOTAL PLAYERS RATED IN 2002 = 3,083 PLAYERS

NOTE Interesting Statistic: Less than 800 Players (Rated or Unrated) subscribe to The Board Talk monthly publication! (There were less than 700 when we took over in December 2000). Why? Perhaps the next time someone peeks over your shoulder to read the publication, you could help us to encourage the peekers to subscribe rather than peek. The Board Talk must have advertisers and subscribers to survive! We need your help! Thanks T&L, Editors

"5" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 31 of 31

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Raters</u>
Brinda	Peter	Canada	5	4.500	4
Johnston	Dianna	Canada	5	4.500	4
Riley	Ted	Canada	5	4.500	4
Studer	Scott	NE	5	4.500	1
Alexander	May	Canada	5	4.510	4
Gillis	Dan	Canada	5	4.530	4
Bosch	Donna	Canada	5	4.540	4
Dunbar	Scott	Canada	5	4.550	4
Van Dn Heuvel	John	Canada	5	4.550	4
Woloshyn	Lenore	Canada	5	4.550	4
Allan	Gordie	Canada	5	4.560	4
Blanco	Rob	Canada	5	4.570	4
Kimoff	Ann	Canada	5	4.570	4
McDonald	Tom	Canada	5	4.570	4
Portius	Bob	Canada	5	4.570	4
Fox	Gerald	Canada	5	4.590	4
Shepherd	Brian	Canada	5	4.590	4
Sigsons	Ellen	Canada	5	4.590	4
Andres	Gerry	Canada	5	4.600	4
Perry	Sherry	Canada	5	4.600	4
McMahon	Ian	Canada	5	4.610	4
Bowen	Leah	Canada	5	4.620	4
Hay	Nicole	Canada	5	4.640	4
Jacquard	Steve	Canada	5	4.660	4
Toovey	Linda	Canada	5	4.670	4
Sly	Lynn	Canada	5	4.720	4
Hohmann	Christine	OK	5	5.000	1
Lane	Linda	CA NO	5	5.000	1
Lokey	Carlyn	CA	5	5.000	1
Phillips	Loretts	CA NO	5	5.000	1
Pipkin	Jennifer	MO	5	5.000	1

Board Talk Open 2002 Registrations (#reg./total reg.= %):

(Interesting Stats - Almost Same % as Bowers' Rated Cat. %)

- 1 Rated Players = 12/217 (5.5% of Players Registered)
- 0 Rated Players = 19/217 (8.8% of Players Registered)
- 1 Rated Players = 41/217 (18.9% of Players Registered)
- 2 Rated Players = 58/217 (26.7% of Players Registered)
- 3 Rated Players = 65/217 (30.0% of Players Registered)
- 4 Rated Players = 21/217 (9.7% of Players Registered)
- 5 Rated Players = 1/217 (<1% of Players Registered)

The HHO 2001 Tourney stats were similar to above percentages.

Quite interesting stats for tournament format planning in that tourney attendance %ratio appears quite similar to the Bowers' Rated %ratio.

(2002: Top Players By Ranked Category - Con't. Page 32)

2002 Bowers' Ratings -- Top Ranked Players By Rated Category

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" 3" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 37 of 1,072

(Top 37 below includes only "3 Rated" players w/ 3 or more raters that rated them - Only 2 of 63 players that were rated equivalently at 2.500 had 3 or more raters to be listed below)

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Raters</u>
Restau	Kelly	Canada	3	2.500	4
Tinker	Chris	MO	3	2.500	3
Stringer	Sammy	TX Hou	3	2.504	9
Hansen	Steve	NE	3	2.507	3
Baize	Lyndon	TX Aus	3	2.509	9
Rice	Nancy	TX Hou	3	2.510	13
Everhart	Amy	NE	3	2.513	12
Criminger	Gene	TX Aus	3	2.514	8
Romay	Larry	MO	3	2.515	4
Adams	Tim	AR	3	2.518	4
Hopper	Don	KY	3	2.520	7
Parker	Milford	OK	3	2.523	9
Shipp	Melanie	MO	3	2.523	3
Martin	Randy	OK	3	2.526	5
Grant	Doug	Canada	3	2.530	4
Polson	Mike	MO	3	2.530	3
Loos	Jeff	NE	3	2.531	8
Busch	Rick	OR	3	2.533	3
Sikinger	Tom	FL	3	2.533	3
Johnston	Carolyn	MO	3	2.540	4
Smolinski	Lewis	Canada	3	2.540	4
Coomes	Nell	NE	3	2.550	3
Pipkin	Barry	MO	3	2.550	8
Dickerson	Dave	NE	3	2.550	3
Stallsworth	Paul	OR	3	2.550	3
Bennight	Glenn	TX Aus	3	2.557	7
Lewis	Sue	OK	3	2.560	6
Cupp	Wayne	MO	3	2.563	3
Noriaga	Fernando	TX Hou	3	2.567	3
Gasnell	Shawn	NE	3	2.567	3
Venabel	Ron	TXDFW	3	2.577	3
Sexton	Debbie	TX SA	3	2.583	14
Meyer	Linda	AZ	3	2.583	3
VanOrman	Dalla	OR	3	2.583	3
Coulter	Marie	CA SO	3	2.590	5
Lee	Dave	Canada	3	2.590	4
Crown	Gretchen	MO	3	2.597	3

(Could not provide Top 40 due to so many rated exactly 2.60 after the 37th ranked '3 Rated Player')

" 4" Rated Category - Bowers' 2002 Ratings - Top 40 of 149

(Top 40 below includes only the 149 "4 Rated" players w/ 3 or more raters that rated them (only 149 of 488 had 3 or more raters) Note Only 6 of 77 players rated Equivalently at 3.500 had

3 or more raters)

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Raters</u>
Hill	Elaine	Canada	4	3.500	4
Jenson	Millie	Canada	4	3.500	4
Johansen	Crystal	Canada	4	3.500	4
Landrie	Mike	NE	4	3.500	4
McCrimmon	Peggy	Canada	4	3.500	4
McLennan	Darryl	Canada	4	3.500	4
Wood	Diane	Canada	4	3.520	4
Stetski	Dan	Canada	4	3.530	4
Holmstrom	Kerry	NE	4	3.533	3
Graumann	Les	Canada	4	3.540	4
Stetski	Dave	Canada	4	3.550	4
Williams	Jason	Canada	4	3.550	4
Richter	Ron	Canada	4	3.560	4
Gillis	Shirley	Canada	4	3.580	4
Weibe	Bert	Canada	4	3.580	4
McRitchie	Dorothy	Canada	4	3.600	4
Wick	Vi	Canada	4	3.600	4
Hannan	Dave	Canada	4	3.610	4
Noble	Sharon	Canada	4	3.610	4
Aldridge	Shirley	Canada	4	3.620	4
Cote	Emil	Canada	4	3.620	4
Donahue	Elaine	Canada	4	3.620	4
Whitewood	Ron	Canada	4	3.620	4
Ingram	Bill	Canada	4	3.630	4
Griggs	Ken	Canada	4	3.640	4
Vondrasek Jr	Paul	Canada	4	3.640	4
Colwell	Larry	Canada	4	3.650	4
Leahy	Tony	AZ	4	3.667	3
Little	Joe	NE	4	3.667	3
Moy	Mickey	NE	4	3.667	3
Deveney	Shaun	NE	4	3.700	3
Bruni	Sam	Canada	4	3.720	4
Reddy	Eddy	Canada	4	3.720	4
Heil	Diane	Canada	4	3.730	4
Mah	Bruce	Canada	4	3.730	4
Donahue	Randy	Canada	4	3.740	4
Lee	Laurie	Canada	4	3.740	4
Hagen	Shane	NE	4	3.750	4
Cooper	Ed	Canada	4	3.760	4

Now, Go to Page 6 & Play the "Top Ten" Game...

Kelso's American Legion Post #25 Holds 1st Tournament!

The American Legion Club Post #25, in Kelso, Wa. on Oct. 11-13, 2002 had their first shuffleboard tournament. The tournament was an open tournament, bring your partner (doubles). For their first tournament, they had a pretty good response, people from Canada, Washington, and Oregon (17 teams). They had Mitch (Don Mitchell) to perform and Gary George to sing. Everyone had a great time, most saying it reminded them of a lot of old friends getting together. The quality of play was stellar, the boards great. John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation donated 5 nights at The Sands Regency in Reno during the N.A.S.C. tournament, Thanks, John!!!

The winners were as follows...4th place-Ryan Devlin and Dean Mako-----3rd place-Gary George and Don Mitchell (Mitch)-----2nd place-Tom Campbell and Rick Gindt-----1st place Darroll Nelson and Jim Allis (first time those guys played together for a while).

Sorry about no pictures but this writer thinks the cameraperson just had too much fun. -- Jim Allis, WA

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In Fond Memory of Gene McLeod...

[Letter to the Editors: Saturday, October 18, 2002]

Long time shuffleboard player Gene McLeod passed away yesterday (10/17). Gene played shuffleboard all over the country, but mostly in Michigan, Missouri, and Indiana.

Two weeks ago, Gene and his son Mark partnered up. They finished third at Bourbon, Indiana's most famous tournament. That finish will be a nice memory for Mark. Mark and Shannon live here in Muncie now. Gene moved near Muncie this summer. He played in some of the local robins and we got to know him better. Gene was very nice to us and we will all miss him. --Gregg & Sheryl Cockerill, IN

Prayers Needed for...

1) **Gene McLeod Family:** Gene McLeod went into Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana mid-October - cancer had spread and he went into a coma and passed away at 11:09am on October 18th. Many of our readers knew Gene well and have been shuffling with him for many years. Mark (son) and Shay (Shannon) McLeod are holding up pretty good, but prayers and cards, etc. can help them through this very difficult time. If you would like to contact them or send a card: Mark & Shannon McLeod, 4360 West Woods Edge Ln., Muncie, In 47304 or call: 765-281-9310 or email: msmcleod@sprintmail.com

2) **Kathy Orlando** of Houston, Tx is very ill. Her cancer came out of remission. She is out of LBJ Hospital, but will be in closely monitored home care. We do not have the address yet of how to make contact with her or where to send her cards.

3) **Keep Cliff & Sally Goff** in your prayers. Cliff just lost his sister on Oct. 17th, who had been a caretaker and more like a grandmother to their daughter for many years, after a courageous battle with cancer and Cliff also lost an aunt on Oct. 16. If you would like to contact them: Cliff & Sally Goff, 4902 S. Redbud Dr., Sand Springs, OK 74063 or email: SPHILLIPS@ci.tulsa.ok.us (Cliff's sister made all the beautiful gift bird houses for all the ladies who attended the recent ladies' tournament in Tulsa even though she was so gravely ill - she insisted.) Sally has been told she must have back surgery, but due to the Cliff's sisters' condition before passing, she postponed the surgery during this interim.

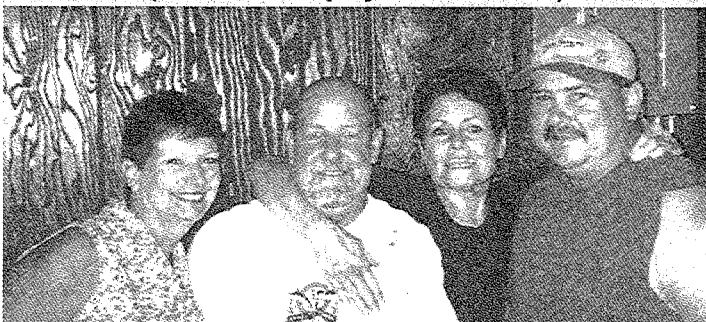
Arizona League Results...

Thursday In-House Family Billiards League (3 boards - 12 players - 11 weeks)



Wendell Herbison (35 pts); Bob Lewis (34 pts);
Rich Hubental (32 pts); Al Salazar (31 pts.)

Wednesday M.V.P. Sports Bar League (3 boards - 12 players - 11 weeks)



Brenda Lowden (16 pts); **3rd Place:** Ron Rowell (36 pts);
Sharon Chandler (23 pts); **1st Place:** Tim Schwenck (41 pts.)



George Gray (24 pts); Linda Barry (17 pts);
2nd Place: Manny Canada (40 pts); Angela (23 pts)



Judy Grimm (24 pts); Ben Charlet (19 pts); Robert Price (32 pts); & **4th Place:** Lary Tafoya (26 pts)

Arizona League Results By:

--Wendell Herbison, AZ

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