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Chris Danke - 5 Year Old Mystery Partially Solved!

Below Report By: Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Publishers/Editors

After returning from the Texas Open 2002 Labor Day tournament in Arlington, Texas, we received an email notification from Bill Walker - with great sadness he reported that partial remains of Chris Danke had been found by a remote area hiker on August 10th that were reportedly identified by forensic experts on August 28th to be that of Chris Danke. We found some articles online and then on September 3rd Chris Danke's father called us (found our contact information on the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame website). So, with the input from newspapers and Chris' family members, we were able to pull together this report and let the shuffleboard community know that at least part of the mystery of Chris Danke's disappearance on Nov. 1, 1997 has been solved. Up until this recent finding, Chris' case was reportedly being treated as a "Missing Person." But, now apparently an investigation with potentially foul play involved in her disappearance and death has been opened. Anyone with information about Chris Danke, Kevin Yoachum or the two as a couple that might help the investigators have



been asked to call Detective Debbie Kronk of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at: (360) 385-3831, ext. 542.

Chris was an avid shuffleboard player - a player of highly respected skill. Her disappearance and unknown fate has been a mystery for almost 5 years. She is survived by her father Albert (Bill) Danke of Michigan, her mother Rose of California, and two brothers: Michael (born Jan. 15, 1961), and Albert Jr. (born Nov. 19, 1960 - same month/day as Chris) of California. We are very sad to report this recent finding, but do hope that the investigation leads to complete closure of the mystery in the near future.

The partial remains of Chris Danke (missing since 1997) which were reported to have been found in Jefferson County near Rice Lake area were positively identified and communicated on Aug. 28, 2002 to be that of Chris.

Chris, 37 (born Nov. 19, 1959), and her boyfriend, Kevin Yoachum from Utah, had reportedly been at Larsen's Restaurant & Lounge, a local Bremerton tavern, until about 2 a.m., Nov. 1, 1997 and were reportedly headed for Port Townsend (north), according to her father. Two hours later at 4:03 a.m., Yoachum was found dead behind the wheel of Chris' 1982 BMW, which had crashed into the support of the Highway 104 overpass on Center Road between Quilcene and Chimacum heading south (oddly, if he were continuing toward Port Townsend from Bremerton it seems he should have been heading north rather than south when the crash occurred).

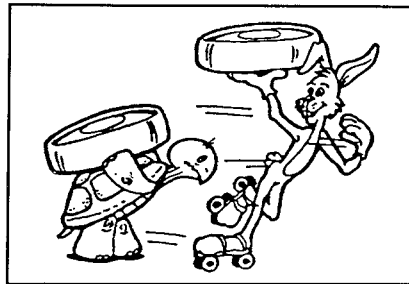
Chris Danke's fate has been a mystery to friends, family, and extended shuffleboard family who all miss her very much. The recent discovery reportedly occurred on Aug. 10th when a woman hiking at a remote property near Rice Lake (reported to be far from Kevin's crash site) found the partial remains that were later identified on Aug. 28th as that of Chris Danke. Jefferson County sheriff's detectives have reportedly not ruled out foul play in her death and the case has forensic experts and detectives assigned to and working the case.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Eddie Brayman's Surgery Was A Success...

To all concerned shuffleboarders (September 5, 2002):

Eddie Brayman spent 8 hours in surgery yesterday and the surgeon said it went real well. He may have some minor peripheral vision problems, but they are hoping they will clear up in time.

The surgeon also stated that it was the worst case he has ever seen when he went in. Eddie was extremely lucky that they did the surgery and he came out of it.

I think it is thanks to all of you who sent your prayers and well wishes.

Thank you all so very much.

Eddie will be in intensive care for the next two days. He is at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, Ca.

Sincerely, -- **Lorraine A. Bingham-Olson, CA**

Hurricane is my name.....

Shuffleboard is my game.....

Wilber's Change of Address

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 address line.) Please use the FORM inside back cover to renew TIMELY to avoid missing any issues!

(See Page 20 for more detailed information)

"Big Four" Champions? ...

The BIG FOUR: SW Open; NASC Reno; Houston Holiday Open; and Board Talk Open. Maybe we could get a Big Four Championship going where a player has to play in at least 2 of the big 4 major tournaments each year to qualify and players would put in \$25 at each tournament they attend toward a chance at winning the "Big Four Championship." The pot could accumulate until someone wins all 4 Doubles or 3 out of 4 tournaments attended in Singles or ??? This would be for all divisions and you must play (and have put in your "Big Four" \$25 qualification fee at registration time for each major tournament) in at least 2 of the 4 major tournaments each year. The winner pot could get really big until someone has won three or four Singles events (for instance).-- **Butch Thomas of Indiana ("The Great Oz")**

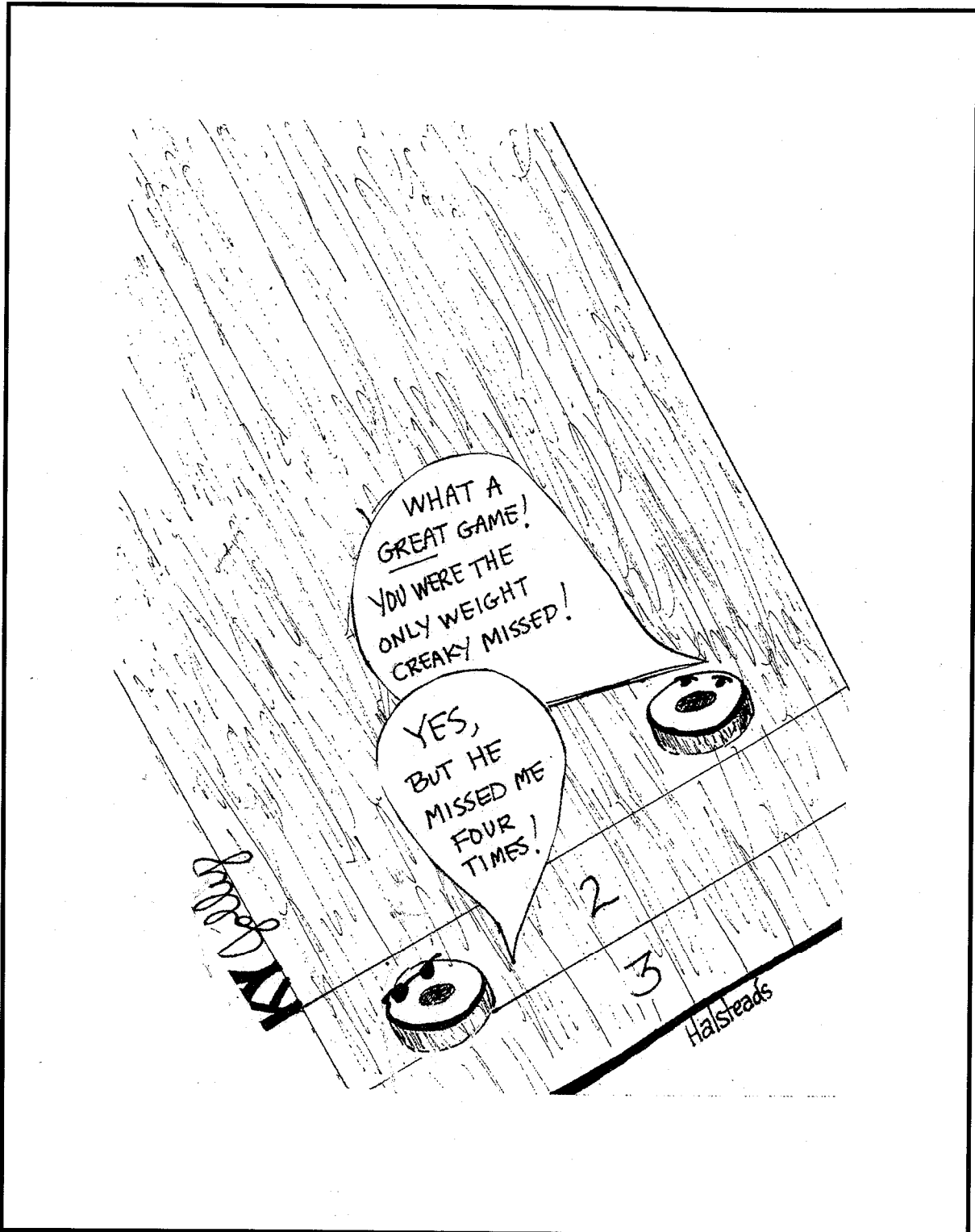
[Editors Comment: We like your concept of having a Big Four Championship. Maybe we could use the MVP points accumulated and set a total point criteria for the Big Four to determine final winner of a Big Four Championship. For instance, the SW Open is the largest tournament in the Big Four. In 2002 they went to 4 divisions of Bring Partner and Singles. Other tournaments may only have 3 Divisions for these two events. So, having a Big Four Winner for each division might be difficult - it may need to be something like until you have taken 1st place in 4 Singles events (regardless of the division you won in) and attended at least 2 of the 4 major tournaments each year or some type of total point accumulation would determine a championship winner. We hope your suggestion yields some ideas or comments from other Tournament Directors and players. We (speaking for the Board Talk Open) like your concept of a "Big Four Championship" - the question is how to implement something when the number of divisions and entry criteria for each event are not the same in all 4 tournaments and, of course, it would require all tournament directors to agree and keep track of the cumulative monies collected from each tournament for this purpose to manage the winners pot, etc. Ideas, comments, or suggestions from others?]

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN



Colorado

BALLOON INN'S 2002 TOURNEYS ARVADA, CO

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2002

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

SINGLES ROUND ROBIN (Neg. Handicap)

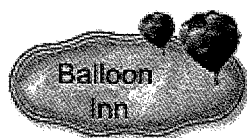
October 11-13, 2002

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

13th ANNUAL SANTA CLASSIC (Bring Partner)

December 13-15, 2002

Bring Partner Open Doubles; Entry \$120/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.

Maryland

HARVEY'S PLACE 2002/2003 SCHEDULE STREET, MD

OCT. 2002 - MAR. 2003

Memorial Tournament

Oct. 11, 2002	6:30 pm	Draw Partner	\$10/Player	Limit: 40
Oct. 12, 2002	1:00 pm	Bring Partner	\$25/Team	Limit: none
Oct. 13, 2002	11:00 am	Open Singles	\$25/Player	Limit: 40

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!

Maryland

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



Fall Classic

Oct. 18, 2002	6:30 pm	Draw Partner	\$10/Player
Oct. 19, 2002	12:00 pm	Bring Partner	\$25/Team
Oct. 20, 2002	12:00 pm	Open Singles	\$25/Player

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

Fiasco Cocktails

2250 THOUSAND OAKS (behind Dairy Queen)

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Phone: 210-490-2651

Owner: Marilyn Anderson



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**** Monthly Saturday Nite A-B Draws

6 PM to Closing

Each A-B Draw (call for Sat. A-B Draw date each month) will be \$5 Entry with continuous A-B Draws on two boards from 6 PM to Closing.

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

Indiana

31ST ANNUAL FALL DOUBLES AMERICAN LEGION POST 424 BOURBON, IN OCT. 4-5, 2002

The "31st Annual Fall Doubles" will be held at the American Legion Post 424, Bourbon Indiana on Oct. 4-5. Friday there will be \$20.00 draws all day on 5 great boards. Open Doubles sponsor sales start at 11:00 a.m. on Sat. (\$40/team). No ratings used, anyone can play, anyone can win. Will have a chicken Bar-B-Q, plus other foods. Come try your skills against Indiana's best, and have a fun time too! Any questions contact Fritz at 574-342-2023 or e-mail: fbroka@mchsi.com.

Indiana

OPEN SINGLES & DOUBLES DAVID L's HIDEOUT LOUNGE YORKTOWN, IN OCT. 12-13, 2002

The "Open Singles & Open Doubles Tournament" will be held at David L's Hideout Lounge in Yorktown, Indiana on Oct. 12-13. Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 11am will be the Open Doubles (\$50/team) and Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 11am will be the Open Singles (\$30/player). For more tournament information and/or lodging recommendations, contact: David L's (David Greer) at: (765) 759-7989 or Glen Ingram (tournament director) at: (765) 287-1239 or email Glen at: ingramjeri@aol.com

Oklahoma

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

American Legion Post 73

P.O. Box 15073
DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155



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

Indiana

A-B-C BRING TEAM/DOUBLES AMVETS POST 26 PENDLETON, IN OCT. 25-27, 2002

The AMVETS Post 26 in Pendleton, Indiana will be hosting an "A-B-C Bring Team" and "Open Doubles/Bring Partner" tournament on Oct. 25-27 on 4 boards. The tournament will start with warm-up robins on Oct. 25 (Fri.) at 6pm. Oct. 26 (Sat.) will be an A-B-C Bring Team (Bowers 2002 ratings used; no decimal; add to 3 or more; no two Pros) starting at 11 am with sponsor sale. Oct. 27 (Sun.) will be an Open Doubles/Bring Partner event starting at 1 pm with sponsor sale. Play commences immediately after sponsor sales. For more information, contact Sonny Harris at 765-778-7224 or email: charh@hrtc.net

Nevada

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



The 13th Annual North American Shuffleboard Championshiptm return to the Sands Regency Hotel October 26 - November 3. One of the highlights of the 2002 NASCtm is the addition of two new events, a 3-person team event for -1's, 0's, and 1's (team must add to 0) and one for 2's, 3's, 4's (team must add up to 7). The 3 person team events will be the lead off events and will start Saturday night and conclude Sunday afternoon. The rest of the schedule will remain pretty much the same, with Pro/Am starting Sunday afternoon, all doubles events beginning on Tuesday, all amateur singles beginning on Wednesday, Pro Singles and Amateur Team starting on Thursday night. The Draw Partners will begin on Saturday and Crazy Eights on Sunday. Participants will have a chance to win a brand new regulation size Ambassador Shuffleboard Table from Venture Entertainment. The Ambassador is the official shuffleboard table of the NASCtm and WCTtm. Participants will receive one free ticket for every event they enter. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the tournament or through our website.

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

(See FLYER INSERT in the September 2002 Issue for Pre-Registration Form & Tournament Details)

Missouri

MSPA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP STEELVILLE COUNTRY CLUB STEELVILLE, MO OCT. 17-18, 2002



The Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association presents their first Missouri State Championship on October 17-18 at the Steelville Country Club, South Hwy 8, Steelville, Missouri (phone#: 573-775-5992). Played on 4 boards. Current Bowers Rating will apply.

Qualifications: Must be a resident of the State of Missouri.

One Time \$5.00 Registration Fee For All Participants except Thursday events. Directors reserve the right to change the format, limit number of entries and mark 4 in the losers bracket. Food available including breakfast. Club will open at 8:00 A.M. Except on Sunday, they will open at 12:00 Noon.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, October 17--(Warmup) Mixer, AB Draw or ABC Draw (depending on the interest of the players)

Starting at 7:00 P.M. (call or be registered by 6:30 P.M.)

Friday, October 18-- All Participants must be registered by 11:00 A.M.

Division I: Open Singles, any one can enter-Single Game/ Double Elimination/Starting at 12:00 noon/\$50.00 entry fee.

Division II: Singles, Limited to Players rated 2.50 or more. Single Game, Double Elimination/Starting at 12:00 noon/ \$30.00 entry fee.

Saturday October 19--All Participants must be registered by 11:00A.M. (May run into Sunday)

Division I: Open Bring Partner (No -1's, 0's or 1's may partner.) (If you don't have a partner we will try to find you one) Single Game, Double Elimination/Starting at 12:00 noon/\$60.00 per team

Division II: Bring Partner, (Limited to Players rated 2.50 or more.) (If you don't have a partner we will try to find you one) Single Game, Double Elimination/Starting at 12:00 noon/ \$40.00 per team

Directors: Charlie Riley, 5861 Hogan Rd. Houston, Mo. 65483, 417-967-4394 -Larry Cothran 573-743-6673
Woodie Cockrum 573-886-0799, -Chuck Muehlhauser 314-487-1246, -Johnny Wright 816-920-6149

Jimmy Dunn 314-846-8520, -Connie McCall 417-887-7816, -Barry Pipkin 417-781-4818- Frank Edelen 314-644-5373

Accommodations: Meremac Inn 573-775-5800 (20 rooms available)--Bass Resort 800-392-3700 (call for brochure)
Indian Springs 800-392-1110, Candy Cane RV 573-775-2889.

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.

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 4 Person Bring Team.

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

An informational flyer is inserted into this October 2002 issue. Next month (November 2002) the plan is to insert a more detailed flyer along with the Pre-Registration form.

For additional information, please view the flyer insert in this issue and/or call Jack Scott at 281-558-0237.

Chris Danke... (Continued from Page 1)

Sheriff's detectives called to the scene reportedly found a skull, jaw bone, some bone fragments, teeth and what appeared to have possibly been a pair of jeans. Her family provided the xrays and dental records to the investigative team which assisted in making the positive identification on August 28th.

A forensic anthropologist with the King County Medical Examiner's Office compared the skull with head X-rays taken of Chris the year before and confirmed the identification.

Chris had received a closed head injury after she was hit by a car the year before she disappeared, her father said.

The manner and exact cause of death are still a mystery, said Jefferson County Undersheriff Ken Sukert.

"There are no signs of trauma that can be determined from the remains that we have," Sukert said.

According to The Sun (Bremerton newspaper) article of August 29, 2002: "Detectives have not ruled out the possibility that Yoachum might have killed Danke and committed suicide by crashing the car, Sukert said." "Yoachum's death was not ruled a suicide, but there was no evidence that he braked the car to avoid crashing."

Chris had lived in Bremerton about two years when she disappeared, her father said. She'd moved north from Oregon, but was originally from Huntington Beach, Calif. where she grew up. She had worked temporary construction jobs while in Bremerton, he said, but was not employed full time.

Her accident and head injury and resulting amnesia over the past year had caused ongoing disorientation problems.

Chris was an avid "Pro-level; Rated: -0.18 in 1997" table shuffleboard competitor. She was not married at the time of her disappearance and had no children. No services are planned, according to her father.

References: The Bremerton Sun (Washington newspaper) of August 29, 2002 (<http://www.thesunlink.com/news/2002/august/08291foundskulls.html>) titled: **"Found skull solves 5-year-old mystery"**, along with info. provided by Chris' father.

After receiving the above information where we learned that Chris' fate had been at least partially solved, we created a "Memorial" webpage and photo album and placed it on the Bowers Corner website at:

<http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/danke.html>

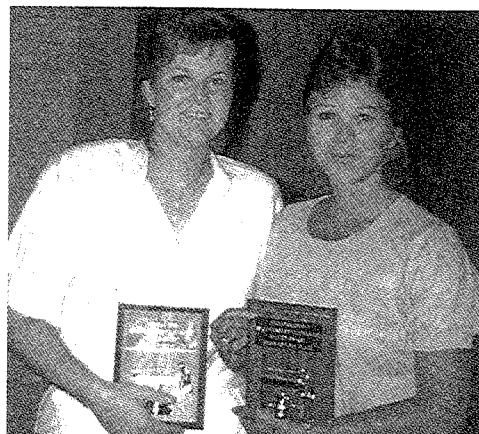
NOTE: If anyone has additional materials they would like to contribute to this "Chris Danke Memorial," please forward letters, photos, or information to:

Tom & Lynda French, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729 or email: lynda@jump.net or call: 512-250-0327 or fax: 512-249-7507. Again, if anyone has further information or details that might help the investigators, please contact: Detective Debbie Kronk of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at (360) 385-3831, ext. 542.

Please keep the Danke family in your prayers. It is a relief to them to have some closure, but a wound is reopened as the mystery behind the cause of death is yet unknown. -T&L

Chris Danke - Memory Lane...

(More Photos Coming in Later Issues...)



Chris Danke & Diana Hagen
Open Doubles
3rd Place
Michigan Playfair
Open - May 1987

(Both placed in the Women's Singles too: Chris 2nd & Diana 4th)



Chris Danke & Diana Hagen
Washington's Birthday Extravaganza Tourney - 1987 - Dallas, Texas



Chris Danke & Al Stewart
Washington's Birthday Extravaganza Tourney - 1987 - Dallas, Texas

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Chris Danke... *(Continued from Page 7)*



Chris Danke
2nd Place Womens'
Singles
Michigan Playfair Open
 May 22-25, 1987



Chris Danke & Ziggy Sliwa (Skip's father)
of Houghton Lake -
Pro-Am Draw
Skip's Annual Board
Talk Tourney - Sept.
1994 - Ziggy drew one
of the top women
players in the USA and
was very proud to grab
5th Place (See Pg 20
of Oct. '94 issue)



Chris Danke &
Rich Miller
4th Annual Draw
Partner
4th Place
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, WA
 May 6-8, 1994



Chris Danke &
Steve Wilson
DOUBLES
3rd Place
Rome's Saloon
Denver, CO
 August 19-21, 1994



Chris Danke &
Steve Wilson
Div. I Doubles
1st Place
1994 North American
Championships
 1994
 Las Vegas, NV



Chris Danke
 1992
Being
Congratulated
for her win by
Darrol Nelson



Chris Danke &
Steve Wilson
DOUBLES
2nd Place
Sportsman Tavern
Stanwood, WA
 July 1-2, 1995



Chris Danke
Open Doubles
2nd Place
 1992
Showboat Hotel/
Casino
 Las Vegas, NV

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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)



The fifth Annual Billy Chiles memorial tournament was held at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge (1832) over the Labor Day weekend. Before the events got underway, Chuck Bowen (governor of the lodge) gave a welcoming speech thanking all of the participants and guests. There was something to eat every day of the tournament, much of it provided by Anna Brunskill and the Coulters. Many thanks to the other people who also brought food. Thanks to all the staff at the Moose who provided us with speedy refills and quarters on demand. A special thanks to Marilyn Messenger who was there early every morning getting the Lodge ready.

It was nice to see Chris Chiles (Billie's widow) there as well as Eric Chiles (Billie's son) who played in the tournament.

We would like to thank Paul Weber for doing a fine job on the Calcuttas. We would also like to thank Bubba Warren for a great job organizing the tournament and coordinating with Bill Maxwell on bringing in and setting up the two additional boards.

Thanks to all the people who came from Sacramento, Visalia, San Diego, Temecula, and Phoenix for traveling so far and supporting the tournament. Dale Schasker was here with his sisters visiting his brother (Long Beach) Lloyd who was in the hospital with cancer. Sadly, Lloyd passed away on September 5.

There were two events starting with the ABC Blind Draw and finishing with the bring partner/add to 2.0 doubles. There were 51 players (17 teams) in the ABC event which paid four places with \$1275 entry and \$4360 sponsor monies.

First/Second * Phil Gardner, Debbie Merhoff, Jim Stewart
First/Second Anna Brunskill, Oscar Ugarte, George Goldsmith

Third Gil Aaragon, Ray Cross, Dale Schasker

Fourth Jolene Lembke, Nuala Wisdom, Alanna Mallory

* Undefeated - 60/40 split of first and second place money

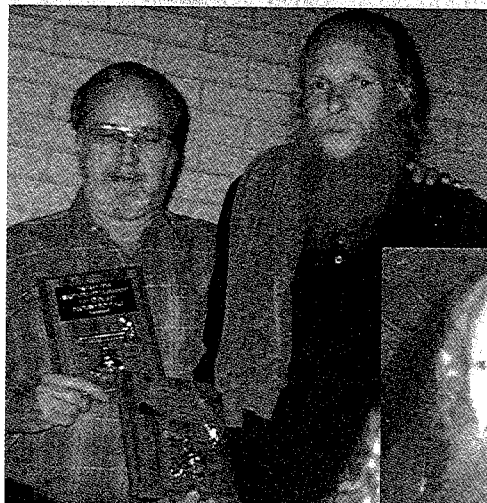
NOTE: WINNER PHOTOS NOT YET DEVELOPED - WILL SEND PHOTOS FOR INCLUSION IN NOVEMBER 2002 ISSUE.

There were 26 players (13 teams) in the bring partner/add to 2.0 doubles. The sum of the ratings of each team had to be greater or equal to 2.0 using the 2002 Bowers Rating System. Payout was for three places. There was \$1300 in the entry and \$1960 in the sponsor monies.

First	Rich (Bubba) Warren & Ernie Alvarez
Second	Karl Spickelmier & Mike Dearen
Third	Marion Bailey & Anna Brunskill

--Bob Brunskill of California, Reporting

Billy Chiles - Some Memories of 1987...



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

Thanks for "Tribute to Chris"...

To: Ron & Debbie Bowers and Lynda French:
 Thank you for the beautiful tribute to Chris (on the Bowers' Corner website)
 What a crime and a waste of a wonderful soul
 I will miss her dearly
 As she was my wife for 7 years and my friend for many years after that
 Shuffleboard was her renaissance
 What great pleasures her travels, conquests, and many friendships brought her
 I knew many of the players, but I moved from Southern California many years ago and haven't spoken with them in a few years
 Would love to hear from some of them (email address below).....

For some pre-1987 History on Chris: She grew up in Huntington Beach, CA. Her favorite hang out was the Sugar Shack, a small beach side cafe. In her late teens she moved to East Detroit, MI and stayed with her Aunt Joy. We met at work and we married and moved back to Huntington Beach. I played ball 3-4 days a week and we went to many clubs afterwards, but Chris could never master most "bar" games such as pool or darts (not that she didn't try harder than anyone else). Then one day we went to The Stockyard, a local tavern, and there she was introduced to shuffleboard. Soon she was beating the local "studs. We started playing league and we struggled at first, but she knew this was her calling. Soon we ventured to Amatos and along the way we met Troy Tolbert and joined forces. Soon Chris, Troy, Evelyn, Chuck and myself were winning the league. We began meeting more of the "players"... Karl, Jim Martin, and so on. We dabbled in a few local tourneys and more "players" appeared. Then on to our first major tourney up in Marysville, CA where we met up with Darrol Nelson, Steve, Billy Chiles, etc. Chris was hooked ... locally we moved on to the major local venues, such as the Edgewood. By now Chris had put Amatos on the map and then off to Ted Z's place, the best little warehouse in Temecula... and more national "players". By this point, Chris was intimidated by no one and resented being thought of being a "woman" player -- she was one of the guys -- by now she had met such national "superstars" as Glen Davidson ... then to the Stagger Inn ... she was gonna be a force to be reckoned with ... off to Corporate Image on so forth... competing with Diana Hagen and the rest of you great players of that era.

--Mark Monahan, MI

Email: mmarcsdaddy@aol.com

Thanks from Chris' Father...

Lynda: A note of thanks on the pages and photos that you put together for Chris on the Bowers' Corner website, the whole family appreciates it a great deal. We miss Chris very much.
 --Bill Danke, MI (Chris' father)
 Email: al29@comcast.net

The Girl Could Play!

THE GIRL COULD PLAY! (by Fritz Broka)

The Corporate Image
 The girl could play!
 The Michigan Open.
 The girl could play!
 California, Indiana.
 Washington, Oregon.
 Nevada, Colorado.
 The girl could play!
 With great pleasure.
 We got to play!
 All night, all day.
 She came to play!
 Money, no money.
 She came to play!
 Car, bus or plane.
 She came to play!
 Men or women.
 She came to play!
 Singles or doubles.
 She came to play!
 MS. CHRISSY DANKE.
 THE GIRL COULD PLAY!
 Your friend Fritz

I met Chrissy at the Corporate Image in 1987, and you could not be in the room with her without being in awe of her charm and great smile. Chrissy lived with us in Indiana for a few months and it was then when I got to know her better. She carried her charm with her everywhere. Chrissy and I teamed up for 3 tournaments while she was here and won all of them. She was one hell of a player and was always taking time to help bar players with their shot. Chrissy you are missed.

-- Fritz (& Buddy) Broka, Indiana

CHRIS DANKE MEMORIAL WEBPAGE LOCATED AT:
<http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/danke.html>

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

Thanks from VFW Post 8800 ...

Letter to the Editors (Aug. 26, 2002)

Hi Tom & Lynda, This is Bobby Waldo, Post Commander at VFW Post 8800, Startzville, Texas. I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a BIG "thanks" for spending part of your weekend at our post and participating in the Shuffleboard Tournament. It was our pleasure to have you as our guest and it appears a good time was had by all. Anytime you fine folks are in the neighborhood, please feel free to stop in and let me buy you all a cold drink.

-- **Thanks, Bobby, VFW Post 880 Commander**

[Editors' Response: Bobby, Tom & I thoroughly enjoyed being at your facility and playing in your tournament. Thanks to you and your staff for the wonderful job of hosting this weekend tournament. Please let us know when you have another one, as we would certainly like to plan for the drive to attend. Your staff and the Tournament Director (Rick McFarland) did an excellent job of planning the tournament and Don Valk brought the extra board (which played great too) from Austin and set it up to perfection. It was great getting to meet all the locals from the Canyon Lake area and seeing the San Antonio and Houston area players joining in and having such a great time. The food, service, hospitality and shuffleboard competition was great. Thanks for being such a great promoter of the sport and for hosting the tournament. Tom & I would also like to extend a great big "Thank You" to the Peipers for having us stay the night (instead of driving back to Austin) in their beautiful new home. It was a wonderful trip and it was great getting away from the Austin "bustle" for a weekend of fun with old and new friends in the beautiful Hill Country around Canyon Lake. -- **Thanks, T&L French**]

God Bless You Chris...

I knew Chris in a different way than most people saw her. We ended up being pretty good friends before I moved to Michigan. She was a caring person. She gave me a lecture about drugs at one of the big tournaments. She helped me with my game and most of all showed me that women can play just as good as men if they set their mind to it. She had feelings and I think some people chose to ignore that. She was a person trying to 'fit' in somewhere, unfortunately she chose a path that would eventually take her young life. She will be missed and I will always remember her in my heart. God Bless You Chris.

-- **Shazoom, Huntington Beach, CA**
PS: Some of my photos of Chris' "Happy Days" ca.'89-'92:



Chris with one of her dearest friends... Frank Bentley... fun at Disneyland!

Chris with other dear friends: John Fisher having fun at Amato's in Huntington Beach, CA (above), Bill Maxwell (left), Darrol Nelson & Glen Davidson during Arizona Open ca 1991 (below)

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David L's Hideout Lounge Hosts "Round Robin"

David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana

August 31-September 1, 2002

Report & Photos By: Glen Ingram, IN

David L's Hideout Lounge hosted another successful tournament on Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Planning and helpers are key to all tournaments. Jim Dewitt did a masterful job of making the round robin bracket and score sheets. He did such a good job that when the sponsor sale was over I didn't have to announce who played who on which board. By the time I payed my sponsor portion everybody was already playing. Joyce Brown did a great job with the money and brackets and David Greer ran the brackets, staying late every night - a great job! David Greer always does whatever it takes to host a great tournament at his facility and keep people coming back.

Personally, I think a complete round robin gives amateur players more for their money than an amateur format tournament because they get to play all the teams there. Look for more complete round robins at David L's Hideout Lounge in the future. Everyone at the tournament that I talked with enjoyed it and said they would come play again.

This was a \$6K tournament with 16 teams and every team finished the tournament. When all was said and done and all games played it was John Humes and Steve Hart who took first place. Second place was Tom Nolder and Jim Hamilton and finishing third was Jim Long and Glen Ingram. Fourth and final place was taken by Dave Vorndran and Gary Anglin.

We had two teams from Kentucky and one from Michigan and another team or two who wanted to play, but there was not time to add new teams - but the next one might contain a 20 team limit... WOW! I want to personally thank all who came to play or help with the tournament. By the way... David Greer is buying jackets for all the winners -- Thanks David and all who attended. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. (Winners' Photos and some candid shot photos follow...)

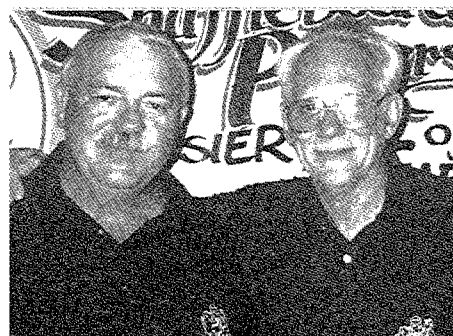
--Glen Ingram, Indiana



1st Place:
John Humes &
Steve Hart



2nd Place:
Tom Nolder & Jim
Hamilton (aka
"The Kisser")



3rd Place:
Glen Ingram &
Jim Long
(aka "the old
man")



4th Place:
Gary Anglin &
Dave Vorndran

Some "Candid" Shots!



Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 93 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- October 2002 Issue

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

[In the last Episode, we found both Jack and Eddie having done well. Eddie had played poker, and Jack shuffleboard. Eddie had made \$400, and Jack around \$300. Jack had been playing in Long Beach, and Eddie had picked him up there. They were going to stop, and try to get something to eat on their way back on their way to their Motel.]

The traffic was thinning out a little now, so they could relax a bit. Eddie couldn't relax though, because Jack had mentioned that just before he left the shuffleboard place, he had met up with this knockout babe - who had asked when Eddie was going to show up for the action. Jack said that it appeared that she knew him quite well!

Eddie was anxiously trying to get the Gals name from him... and that's where we'll pick it up. The only way Eddie could try to refresh his memory was to describe who he thought it was. He only got about halfway through, and Jack started yelling STOP - Hold it... that's Her!

With that out of the way, he didn't go into the subject any further, except to say that "they may meet up with her tomorrow in Downey. They finally found a spot that looked pretty good, so Eddie pulled over so they could get something to eat. After they had ordered, Jack asked Eddie about his poker action and all. He had a kind of interesting story to tell.

He reiterated that he had run across an old friend that afternoon while he was playing poker. Now this man's handle was "Gardena Roy". While they were waiting for the right table to open up, they had a couple of drinks.

Of course, some old war stories started to be passed around and one of the best ones was on Roy. Eddie dropped a "less than subtle" hint about one of Roy's Card playing episodes that took place right at that same place they were at!

The way the yarn went was this. He told it with a twinkle in his eyes (as it had passed so long ago). He recalled: "That night I was really 'Hot'. I had three guys 'stuck' at my table to the tune of about \$8,600. Now during those days that was a lot of money (to say the least). I had been drinking some, as usual, but I knew that it was time to 'bow out'. I tipped the dealer, and cashed out.. I then proceeded to my 'well stocked' Chevy, let out a hoop, popped the top off a jug of 'Black Berry Brandy', and was on my merry way home!"

Eddie finished the rest in his own dialog. Now it was about a 45-minute drive to Roy's House, and he was working that bottle of "BBB" over real well. By the time he got to his place, about all he was trying to do was make it up the stairs: and "Pass-out"! The end came quick then. What he had failed to notice, was the car (with three guy's in it) that had been following him home - all the way!

In short order they managed to shove him down, take All his money - and to top it off, one of them had to bust him in the head with a pistol!

Jack said: "Wow, that's quite a story! And you say he Still plays poker?" Eddie replied: "You bet he does, but now-a-days he watches his drinking when he's going to gamble big time - and you can be sure that instead of a jug in the front seat of his car, he's got something that's 'Loaded', and a lot more powerful!

They had finished their meal, and were on their way home. As they got there Jack commented: "It's been a long day." Eddie replied: "You just woke up Kid - It's just Friday...Wait until you look Monday morning in the face!"

[TO BE CONTINUED...]

In Memory of Lloyd Schasker...

***(Long Beach) Lloyd Schasker has passed away.
In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that
donations be made to the
charity of your choice.***

***There was a viewing Sunday, Sept. 8th
between 4 and 8 at:
McAulay & Wallace
902 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton***

***Burial services was held at:
Loma Vista Memorial Park
701 East Bastanchury Road
Fullerton***

Above Was Reported By: Bob Brunskill

Chris Danke... (Continued from Page 8)

December 1998

The Board Talk

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Sentiment Grows for Chris Danke Induction

Dear Friends:

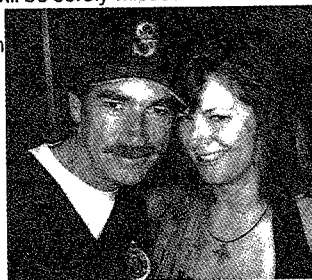
I'm afraid I have some news that isn't so good. Our good friend, Chris Danke, disappeared on Halloween night 1997 -- one year ago. The circumstances surrounding her disappearance suggest that she may have met with foul play. She has not been seen nor heard from since then by anyone. We assume that she is no longer with us -- at least in body.

Chris was someone I considered to be one of my very best friends. I also considered her to be one of the two best women players in the game for quite a period of time.

I would like to see her inducted into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Her accomplishments in our game speak for themselves. She was truly a beautiful person and will be sorely missed.

Darrol Nelson, Oregon

Darrol and Chris, one of his "very best friends."



Chris and John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.

Glen Responds....

I have waited a year for a nomination for Chris Danke from the people who knew her in California for years. Maybe if I start the ball rolling, someone else will join in.

Chris was known to all of us as a very outgoing person and a top-notch shuffleboard player, and eventually became one of the top women players in the nation.

I remember Darrol, Chris and I going to San Diego a few years back. This guy we played told me and Darrol to sit because he wanted to play the "easy

one." She beat him two or three in a row. He quit!

She played regularly at Amato's, Edgewood, Stagger Inn and other locations in California. In the late '80s or early '90s, she started the women's singles at the Edgewood. She played shuffleboard with John Fisher, Karl Spickelmier, Dudley Hutcherson, Bubba Warren, Jim Martin, Frank Dino, Hal Perry, Bob Hunt, Troy Tolbert, Joanie Swenson, George Lucas, Jim Davis, Jim Anderson, just to name a few.

The last few years she travelled and won tournaments in Indiana, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Michigan and more.



Partner Steve Wilson helped Chris become an even better player than she had been.



Chris and Glen Davidson.

We miss her, her upbeat personality, her pretty smile, and most of all, her dedication to the game and her will to win.

Life throws us some real challenges and she met hers well. She was the best ever for awhile. Rest well, Chris.

Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg, Oklahoma City, OK 73150; phone 405-733-4430

(Editor's Note: Send your photos, information and endorsements for Chris' induction to Glen.)

NOTE: There are petitioners in favor of nominating Chris Danke into the TSA Hall of Fame, being Glen Davidson, Darrol Nelson, and more. The above article was printed in the December 1998 "The Board Talk" issue. Brian Walker of Houston, Texas wrote a support letter after reading the above December 1998 article, as did others. Petitioners put the nomination petition on hold until such time Chris' fate was known. There was always hope (which somewhat diminished with the passing of each year) that Chris would return safely one day.

Anyone who would like to support the nomination petition, please contact Glen Davidson or Darrol Nelson.

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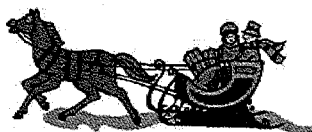
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NOTICE: ALL PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO A "TSA OPEN MEETING" and A "TSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY" TO BE HELD DURING THE HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN 2002.



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 the following already planned induction ceremonies being held at 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.
- 2) **Russ "The Colonel" Miller** (posthumous induction) of Washington being planned for 2003 (possibly May 2003) in Washington - details of induction plans coming soon.

We wish to thank all the players and 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.

"Thanks from the TSA Directors to the sponsors, supporters, and players from the Winston 2002 tournament held Labor Day Weekend at the 99 Tavern & Willees Cafe in Winston, Oregon. We have been notified that a generous donation to TSA was collected through the Chuck Norris T-shirt fund raiser raffle at that Labor Day Weekend tournament and will be sent to the TSA Treasurer soon (report on details coming in the November 2002 issue). This will greatly help with our TSA activities which depend solely upon donations and memberships. Your support and fund raising efforts are greatly needed and appreciated! Many thanks." -- TSA Directors

2002/2003 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

OCTOBER 2002

October 4-5 (Re: Upcoming Events)

31st Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

October 5-6

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

October 11-12

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

October 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Memorial Tournament
Draw Partner/Bring Partner/Singles
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

October 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

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

October 12-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Open Doubles/Open Singles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

October 12-14

Play Your Way to Reno Tourney
American Legion Post #25
Kelso, Washington (ph:360-423-9430)

October 19

Doubles Tournament
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

October 18-19 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 18-20

3rd Annual Octoberfest Tourney
Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, Florida

October 18-20 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Fall Classic Tournament
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

October 25-26

Springfield Fall Classic
Barbara's Beer Garden
Springfield, Missouri

October 25-27 (Re: Upcoming Events)

A-B-C Bring & Open Doubles/Bring
AMVETS Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

Oct. 26-Nov. 3 (Re: Upcoming Events)

13th Annual 2002 NASC™
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

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 Soon)

Nebraska State Championships
Omaha, Nebraska

November 23

Amateur Tournament
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

November 27-30 (Details Coming Soon)

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

November 28-30

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

November 28-30

8th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 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 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 (Re: 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 19

Open Doubles

Red Dog Saloon

Muncie, Indiana

JUNE 2003**June 13-15**

Hoosier Hall of Fame "Classic"

David L's Hideout Lounge

Yorktown, Indiana

***CANADIAN SHUFFLEBOARD
CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT******October 7-12, 2002***

The Canadian Shuffleboard Championships are being held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, October 7th - 12th, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport, 2120-16th Avenue NE. Hosted by the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association (SASA).

The top players from Vancouver Island & British Columbia, Southern & Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba & 2 charters in Ontario compete in the following 5 events: Mixed Doubles, Men's & Ladies Singles, & Men's & Ladies Doubles.

We are looking for unique items for door prizes and hoping that you may consider donating such an item. We are looking for donations such as your club's &/or bar T-shirts, hats, etc. The participant's would be surprised to receive a door prize from your part of the world. Our sponsors will be posted at the tournament as well as on our website.

For more information on the Southern Alberta Shuffleboard Association and the Championships, check out the SASA Website:

<http://members.shaw.ca/sasahome>

***Phone # Change & Indiana Area Code Changes
for some of the Indiana establishments in your******"PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS******THE USA - August 2002 Edition":******Oklahoma (Phone # Change Only)***

- Jetts Club, Rt. 2, Box 258-A, Wanette; 405-383-7800

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- Gabby's Saloon, 2303 E. Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas; 702-642-5303

Indiana (Area Code Changes Only)

- American Legion Post 424; 574-342-8100

- B.C.'s (Beef's) Tap, Inc.; 260-347-9965

- Lucky's Tavern; 574-834-7433

- VFW Post 1342; 574-457-4531

CALENDAR REMINDER:

Easter falls on April 20, 2003

The Canadian Open is typically held during the Easter timeframe (but no details have been submitted on the Canadian Open 2003 plans (as yet)). However, for those planning local tournaments where they plan on Canadian player participation, you may want to try to avoid having a local or major shuffleboard event during Easter timeframe.

Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (CFSA) July & August Monthly Tournaments Held!

K.T.'s Bar "Summer Fest" (July 12-14, 2002), Cocoa, FL &
Eagles Aerie #4257 "Eagles Shuffleboard Shootout" (August 23-25), Merritt Island, FL
Report & Photos By: Kathy King, Titusville, FL

The Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (CFSA) - two more tournaments were held by the CFSA and at two new locations. The results and photos from the July and August tournaments held by CFSA are as follows:

K. T.'s Bar "Summer Fest" Tournament July 12-14, 2002, Cocoa, Florida

The weekend began with two single elimination draw partner round robins on Friday night. 1st Place went to Dick Smedburg of Spring Hill, FL & K.T.'s own Donna Petronis from Cocoa, FL in the first round robin. Larry Cooper & Rusty Nowakowski, both of Mims, FL took 1st Place in the second event. (Sponsor sales were held prior to the Saturday draw and the Sunday bring partner events).

In the Saturday double elimination draw partner, 1st Place winners were Ursula Badouin & Roy Deberry, K.T.'s Sonny Johnson & Rusty Nowakowski took 2nd and 3rd. Place went to Bob Nucci of New Jersey and K.T.'s C.A. Fritz of Rockledge, FL.

In Sunday's double elimination bring partner event, Ursula Badouin & Roy Deberry took 1st Place again. If you are following our monthly tournaments, Ursula Badouin, better known at the Bavarian (B) House as the "Queen Bee" has won 1st Place five out of the last six times, at three different bars, on six different boards, with four different partners. Pretty good, huh! In 2nd Place were Rusty Nowakowski & Larry Cooper, who took 2nd in this event for the third time in a row. Harold "Moose" Whitt & Barrie McClean took 3rd Place also for the third straight time in the same bring partner event.

We would like to thank Ken & Pat Teague, our host and hostess and all the players and friends from K.T.'s who helped us make this another great tournament.

Eagles Aerie #4257 "Eagles Shuffleboard Shootout" August 23-25, 2002

Merritt Island, Florida

On Friday night, there were two single elimination draw partner events. In the first one, Ursula Badouin & Dave Macko took 1st. Sue Swindle & Dooley Forster took 2nd.

The second blind draw was won by Barrie McClean & Larry Cooper with Ursula Badouin & Rusty Nowakowski coming in 2nd.

Saturday's double elimination blind draw paired Dooley Forster & Barrie McClean.

Dooley's right rail shot stuck and won the final game to sew up 1st Place for the team.

Harold Moose Whitt & Larry Cooper took 2nd. 3rd Place went to Sue Swindle & Roy Deberry.

Sunday's bring partner event was held with many exciting games played.

1st Place was won by Dave Macko & Jerry Gray by taking two 15-14 wins over Harold "Moose" Whitt & Barrie McClean who wound up in 2nd place. 3rd place was taken by the ever present team of Marty Allen & Dooley Forster.

This was the very first CFSA event held at the Merritt Island Eagles Aerie #4257 and to say it was a success would be putting it mildly. 32 players took part in this tournament with 11 Eagles participating. Thanks for your great hospitality, food and fun!

K.T.s Bar "Summer Fest" - July 13-14, 2002



1st Place: Draw Partner (Sat.) & Bring Partner (Sun.)
K.T.s Bar "Summer Fest" - July 13-14, 2002
Ursula Badouin & Roy Deberry



2nd Place Draw Partner
July 13, 2002
Rusty Nowakowski &
Sonny Johnson



2nd Bring Partner
July 14, 2002
Rusty Nowakowski &
Larry Cooper



3rd Place Draw Partner
July 13, 2002
C.A. Fritz & Bob Nucci



3rd Bring Partner
July 14, 2002
Harold Whitt & Barrie McClean

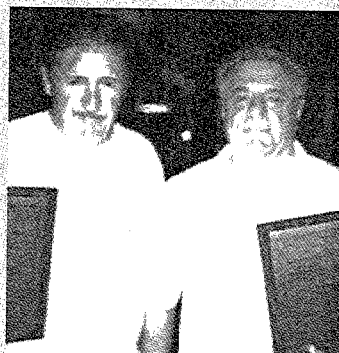
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Eagles Aeries#4257 "Eagles Shuffleboard Shootout"
August 24-25, 2002
Merritt Island, Florida



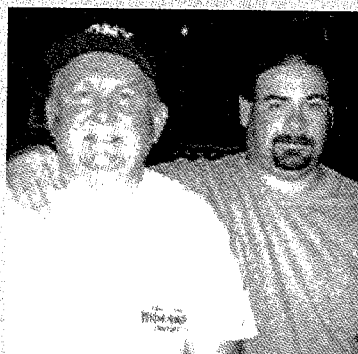
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August 24, 2002
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1st Place Bring Partner
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Larry Cooper



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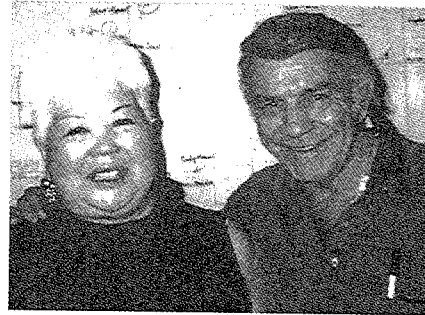
September's CFSA tournament for the traveling show will be "CATCH THE TRAIN" at Rusty & Ursula's Fill-N-Station in Mims, Florida on September 21-23. So, stay tuned for those results in a later issue.

-- By: Kathy Ring, Titusville, FL

Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame A-B Draw Tournament

M.V.P.'s Sports Bar
 Report & Photos By: Wendell Herbison, Glendale, AZ

The Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame association hosted an A-B Draw double elimination tournament at M.V.P.'s Sports Bar in Phoenix, Arizona on 3 boards. Winners were:



1st Place A-B Draw
Alice Arredondo &
Lary Tafoya



2nd Place A-B Draw
Wayne Scott &
Wendell Herbison

Monday In-House League Results (12 players - 11 weeks)



1st - 4th Place (L-R)

1st: Bill Thomas (34 wins)

2nd/3rd (tie): Wendell Herbison (32 wins)

2nd/3rd (tie): Wayne Scott (32 wins)

4th: Bud Chappell (30 wins)

--Above Arizona A-B Tournament & League Play News By:
 Wendell Herbison, Glendale, AZ

TEXAS OPEN 2002 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

Gold Nugget, Arlington, Texas
Results & Photos Submitted By: Bobby Williams, TX

We wish to personally extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who played or was a spectator at the Texas Open 2002. The tournament was a great success, but not without the hard work of many wonderful folks. There are some negative people who attend these tournaments and find flaws and dwell on problems that exist, but they are far out numbered by the great family of shuffleboard players and fans. Anyone who has run a tournament of this size appreciates how hard it is.

We wish to thank Champion Shuffleboard for their help and sponsorship in loaning the boards, especially Kelye Stites (owner) and Donald McShan (manufacturing manager). Most of all we wish to thank Sally Goff of Tulsa (who worked tirelessly even though she had been put on bedrest and medication by her doctor only a week earlier). Jim Payne of Nebraska handled the computer and did a great job. Ron Venerable and his sons along with Bill Wooldridge (all from D/FW area) moved and setup the boards. Johnny Wayne Crawford tweaked the boards into shape as well as run errands to do countless chores to help run the tournament. Steve Burkett of Tulsa kept the dust shakers full and organized. Tina Wade of Austin, who did a great job with the bracket boards, had to drive home to go to work on Labor Day after no sleep the night before. A big thank you to Tom Johnson who was a gracious host and fed everyone on Saturday and Sunday. Jack Davis and Cliff Goff handled the sponsor sales. A very special thanks to my 'bride' Jeri who flew in from Ohio so she and Sally and Tina could correct all the goofs the guys made.

One other thing... the Texas Open salutes the spirit of America on 9-11.

There was great talent and competition ... results were:

Event Winner Results - Texas Open 2002 Tournament:

4-PERSON BRING TEAM EVENTS (2 Divisions):

Pro Division: **1st:** David Williams (Sr.), Dave Williams (Jr.), Dale Koteras, Mary Koteras; **2nd:** Johnny Wayne Crawford, C.W. Walker, Greg Hixon, Carlos Guzman; **3rd:** Bobby Williams, Robert Duncan, Bobby Wright, Chris Smith.

Div II (add to 9): **1st:** Tom Yates, Tom Clubb, Drew Willingham, Mark Steelman; **2nd:** Jim French, Ron Venerable, Bill Nichols, Lee Guthrie.

NOTE: Sorry, no photos of 4-Person Team winners.



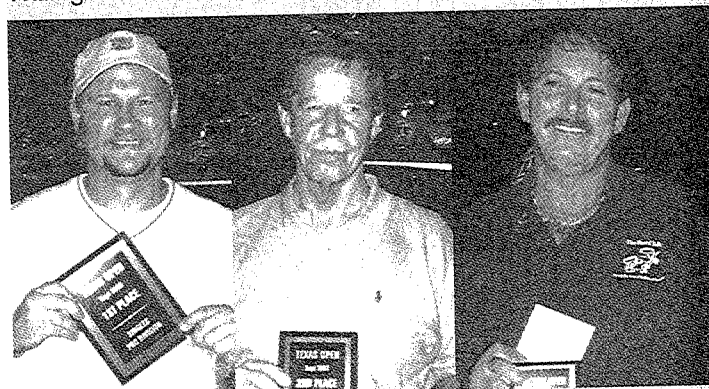
Texas
Capital: Austin
2010 state
State bird: mockingbird
State flower: bluebonnet

SINGLE EVENTS (3 Divisions):

Pro Singles: **1st:** Mike Taylor of Austin; **2nd:** Bobby Williams of D/FW; **3rd:** Mahlon Nobles of D/FW; **4th:** Dave Williams, Jr. of D/FW; and **5th:** Bill Melton of Davis, OK

Div I Singles: **1st:** Linda Nobles of D/FW; **2nd:** Chris Smith of D/FW; **3rd:** Jeri Williams of D/FW

Div II Singles: **1st:** Ron Venerable of D/FW; **2nd:** Drew Willingham of D/FW; **3rd:** Lee Guthrie of D/FW



Pro Singles: (Above) (L-R)

1st: Mike Taylor; **2nd:** Bobby Williams; **3rd:** Mahlon Nobles



Div. I Singles: (Above) (L-R)

1st: Linda Nobles; **2nd:** Chris Smith; **3rd:** Jeri Williams



Div. II Singles: (Above) (L-R)

1st: (Sponsor: Tom Clubb), Ron Venerable; **2nd:** Drew Willingham; **3rd:** Lee Guthrie (all of D/FW area)

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DRAW PARTNER EVENTS (2 Divisions):

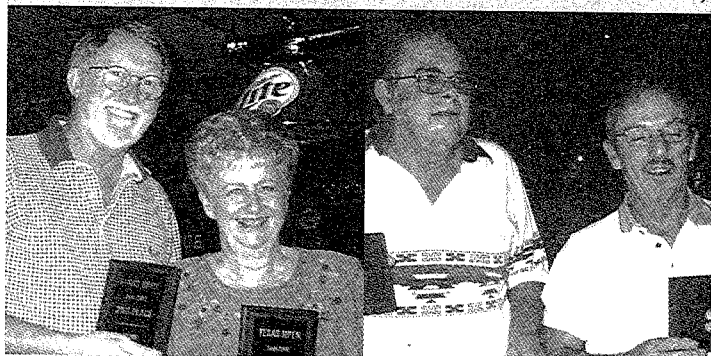
Draw Partner Pro Div.: **1st:** Johnny Wayne Crawford & Chris Smith (both of D/FW); **2nd:** Dale Koteris of Houston & Jim Payne of Omaha, NE; **3rd:** Kelly Cameron & Jorge Galvan (of Houston) - *no photo avail. for 3rd*

Draw Partner Div. I: **1st:** Mike Coon of OK & Charles Peltier of TX (*no photo*); **2nd:** Betty Bungardner & Drew Willingham (both D/FW); **3rd:** Jim Olson of CA & Lee Guthrie of D/FW



Draw Partner Pro Div.: (Above) (L-R)

1st: Chris Smith & Johnny Wayne Crawford (both of D/FW);
2nd: Jim Payne (Omaha, NE) & Dale Koteris (Houston, TX)



Draw Partner Div. I: (Above) (L-R)

2nd: Drew Willingham & Betty Bungardner (both of D/FW);
2nd: Jim Olson (CA) & Lee Guthrie (D/FW)



THANK YOU BILLY MAYS!

Special Thanks to Billy Mays who donated a beautiful cedar chest (pictured left) for raffle -- to raise monies for the Texas Hall of Fame.

6-PERSON DRAFT TEAM EVENT (All Players):



1st Place: Mike Taylor's Team (Above) (L-R)

Front: Coach Baize & Mike Taylor (both of Austin)
Back: Jim Payne (Omaha, NE), David Sexton (San Antonio), Pat Gainey (Austin & anywhere USA), George Best (San Antonio)



2nd Place: Bobby Williams' Team (Above) (L-R)

Bobby Williams (D/FW), Sue Ritter (D/FW), Mary Koteris (Houston), Evelyn Harris, C.W. Walker (both D/FW)



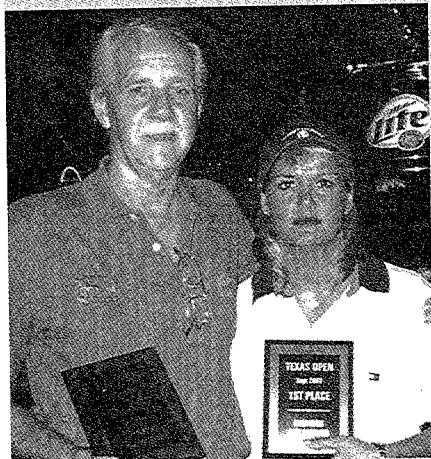
3rd Place: Cliff Goff's Team (Above) (L-R)

Jack Davis (D/FW), Johnny Newell (D/FW), Cliff Goff (Tulsa), Angie Snyder (San Antonio), Mahlon Nobles (D/FW), Danny Green (Houston)

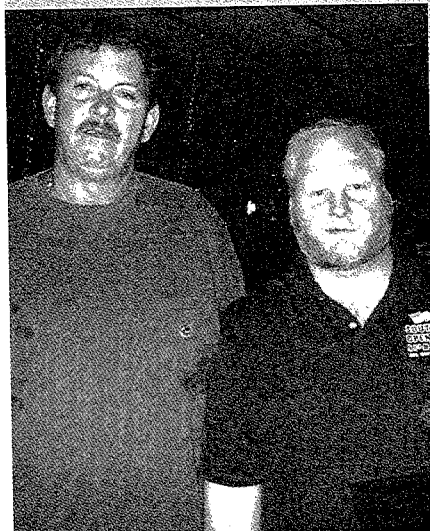
TEXAS OPEN 2002... (Continued from Page 29)**BRING PARTNER EVENTS (2 Divisions):**

Bring Partner Pro Div.: **1st:** Johnny Wayne Crawford (D/FW) & Sally Goff (Tulsa); **2nd:** Mahlon Nobles (D/FW) & Brian Walker (Houston); **3rd:** Jim Payne (Omaha, NE) & Jeff Womble (D/FW) - no photo of 3rd place.

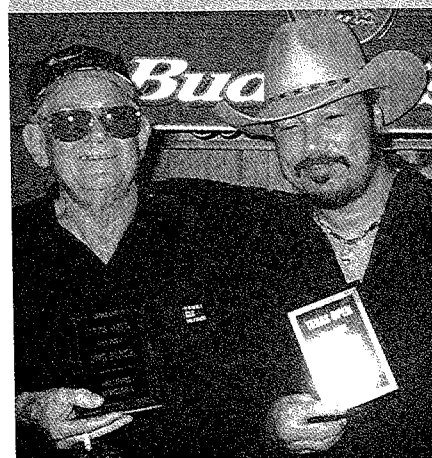
Bring Partner Div. I: **1st:** Gary Nelson (D/FW) & Drew Willingham (no photo of 1st place); **2nd:** Bill Wooldridge & Ron Venerable (both of D/FW); **3rd:** Fred Boyd (D/FW) & Linda Ritter (Omaha, NE) - no photo 3rd place



**Bring Partner Pro Div.
1st Place
(Left) (L-R)
Johnny Wayne
Crawford &
Sally Goff**



**Bring Partner Pro Div.
2nd Place
(Left) (L-R)
Mahlon Nobles &
Brian Walker**



**Bring Partner Div. I
2nd Place:
(Left) (L-R)
Bill Wooldrige &
Ron Venerable**

In Memory of Ralph Duarte...

Letter to the Editor: August 29, 2002
Lynda,

I am Ralph Duarte's daughter and I am writing to you so that you and all the shuffleboarders will know that we lost Dad. He passed away August 13, 2002. He loved the sport of shuffleboard and when he finally decided that he couldn't play like he wanted to anymore he just liked to keep in touch.

He loved going to the tourneys taking zillions of pictures and also writing many of you. He spent many a year in Reno with lots of you. Would you please let people know of his passing (he had so many friends in the world of shuffleboard) through The Board Talk. I would like to write a article about him to publish in The Board Talk, but a writer I am not. Maybe Glen Davidson or one of you could do that -- I would love to have a copy of it.

We miss him greatly.

Thank you.

Georgina McCauley (Ralph's daughter)
121 Nasaki Road
Silverlake, Washington 98645

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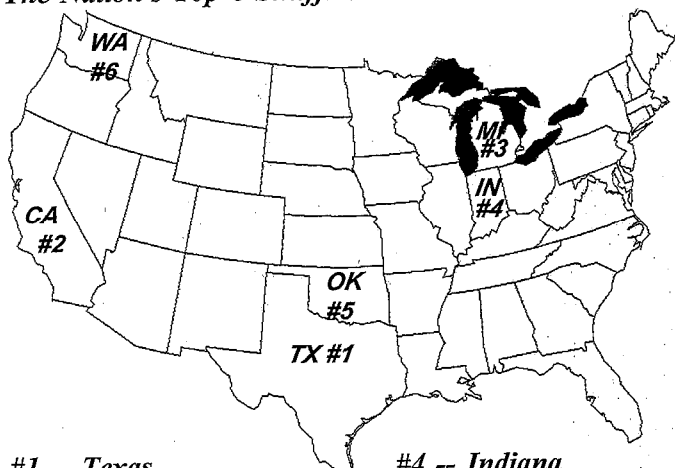
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