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Board Talk Open 2003

*Bobby Goldsmith's TSA National Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony Was Outstanding!!*

On Friday, February 28, 2003 Bobby Goldsmith was inducted into the TSA National Hall of Fame during the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament held at the Plaza Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas Nevada. The ceremony and testimonials were outstanding. The ceremony was opened by TSA President, Don Valk. TSA Directors participating in the ceremony were Officers: Don Valk (Pres.), Al Salazar (VP), Ray Boyett (Treas.), Lynda French (Sec.) and TSA Directors: Larry Creakbaum, Cliff Goff, Hal Perry and Harvey Kidd. Hal Perry, Freddie Johns, Troy Tolbert and Joe Scott were among those giving touching testimonials. Joe Scott (Bobby Goldsmith's nephew who is a professional musician and song writer) then sang two great songs (one especially written about his uncle's life and shuffleboard career and one patriotic song he wrote about the 911 tragedy). Bobby was presented his award trophy and expressed his gratitude to: TSA Hall of Fame sponsor, Jolene Lemke; all who signed the nomination petition; all TSA Directors; all attendees; and a very special thanks to all his family and friends who have stood behind him through his life and shuffleboard career; and giving a special thanks to his loving, understanding wife.

**Don Valk (TSA President)
Presents Bobby's Trophy Award...**



BOBBY GOLDSMITH'S SHUFFLEBOARD CAREER AND MISCELLANEOUS "MEMORABLE MOMENTS"

Bobby Goldsmith (nka "Mr. G") was born in Marmaduke, Arkansas, but when he was seven years old, someone told his father, "Go West, young man!"... So, the family packed up and moved west. Bobby says if you have ever seen the movie "Grapes of Wrath" that it depicted his family perfectly. The only difference was, the old truck in the old truck in the movie made it all the way to California, but the Goldsmith's truck didn't. It gave up the ghost in Kingman, Arizona. So, the family sold all their belongings and they put Bobby's little sister, Robbie, and his mother on a train and Bobby and his dad hitchhiked from Kingman to Visalia and settled two miles from "Mr. G's" current spot.

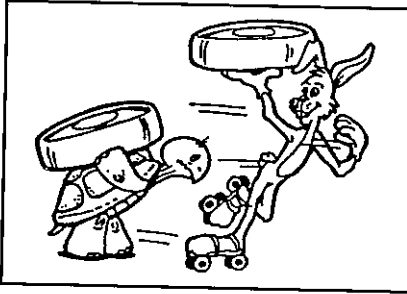
Through the years, Bobby has been involved in a wide variety of interests. He played semi-pro baseball, raised a few horses, raised a whole lot of pigs, did a few rodeo shows as a calf roper, fought a whole lot of roosters, and collected old Cadillacs, clocks and antique guns.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard Scene in NYC...

"Tournament Phil" Reports on the Shuffleboard Scene in NYC...

For all the shuffle-heads in The Big Apple (and I know there have to be SOME), I thought I would give you a synopsis of the shuffleboard scene in Manhattan. Basically, there isn't one, which is to say that there aren't any places (that I know of anyway), where you can show up and play a game for a beer with a decent player. That being said, there are two places that have tables. At 21st and 3rd, there is "Plug Uglies", a neighborhood bar with a decent, but slow table.

On 36th and 10th, there is the "Gold Rush" bar, which has a slightly longer and better table, but the lighting is poor and the clientele is a little sketchy. I would recommend Plug Uglies as the better of the two places to play, but you may want to clarify the rules before you start. The reason I suggest this is because the last time I was there, my friend I played against two guys who were adamant that THEY knew the rules and we didn't. Clearly, these were not "Board Talk" readers, because they played the following rules: 1. A puck that is half of the way over the line (who determines that?) counts as the higher value 2. The game is to 21 points. 3. The long foul line is used, and anything short of that gets swept off of the table and 4. If you have the hammer and neither teams scores, the hammer doesn't switch. Needless to say, there was some heated "discussion" regarding the rules, but, in the end, my friend and I decided to be nice and agreed to play by their rules.

Back in January, there was a sign in the window saying that there would be a tournament every Tuesday, and being the "money" player that I am, I came in from New Jersey to ask about it.

It turns out that they had a few "tournaments" (the biggest one was 4 teams), but stopped having them due to lack of interest. The interesting thing about the tournaments was that the bar was matching the \$10 entry fees 100% (not a bad deal in my book). I gave my card to the bartender and a guy there, and told them to tell any money players to give me a call if they want to part with some "Lincolns", "Hamiltons" or "Jeffersons". I may see if I can get enough people together to have a tournament in April, and I encourage any "Board Talk" readers in the Tri-State area that are interested, to contact me at:

philipdooman@email.msn.com

As they used to say on the Warner Brothers cartoons, "That's all folks!!!!". -- Submitted by "Tournament Phil" Dooman

-- ATTENTION --

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 and to report CHANGE OF ADDRESS! (See Page 14 for more details)

Updates on Julie Hartman (MO)

March 14, 2003

To the many, many friends and supporters of Julie,

I know there are many of you wondering if Julie has received the cards and letters you have sent her.

The answer is yes if you have not received them back. I think she has been moved 5 or 6 times since she has been there so if you put a housing unit number in the address (which you were probably told to) they may have been delayed or maybe even returned to you.

I know some people included stamps and envelopes which were removed but she still received the letters.

Anyway I will try to update you on Julie, I am not very good at this sort of thing so maybe you can read between the lines and figure out what I am trying to say.

I did get to visit her Saturday, Feb.1 and again Saturday, Feb.15. I think she was moved twice during those two weeks. Hopefully, she will be settled until her release which should be about May 3 or before.

Julie is trying to make the best of a bad situation and I think she is doing as good as can be expected under the circumstances. Her day normally starts at 400 A.M. and ends at 10:00P.M. This does not give her much free time. If you have sent her cards and letters but have not received a reply this is probably the reason. Just Saturday she expressed the wish she had time to answer each and every card and letter but that is just not possible. Believe me, You have no idea how much each and every one of those cards and letters mean to her. They are very, very important to her and please keep them flowing. When she gets an accumulation of them she packs them up and mails to me. As of last Saturday she had sent me 244 and said she had another packet ready to be mailed. I noticed several people have mailed her several times, that is really great. Even if you have mailed her just once, believe me, she appreciates it so much. Please pass this on to others that may be wondering how she is doing and encourage them to write also, even if you don't know what to say just sign a card and send it to her. Her mailing address is: Julie Hartman, W.E.R.D.C.C., P.O. Box 300, Vandalia, Mo. 63382. Julie does have phone privileges but they are very limited and she usually saves that time for her Significant Other, that is me, anyway that is what they call me up there. Thank each and every one of you so much for your continued support, please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

--Charlie Riley, MO

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

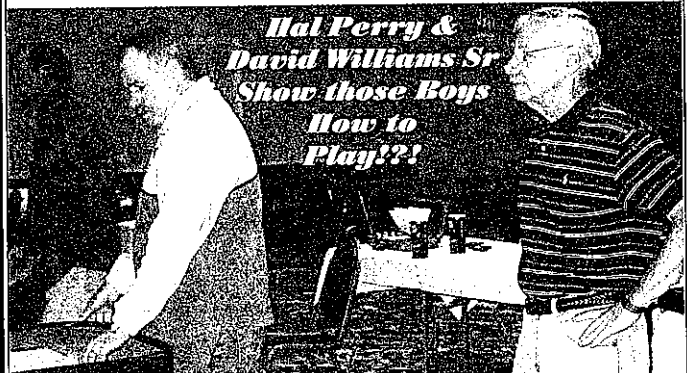
Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or miscellaneous tournament fun pictures



ABOVE: Proud 1st Place Winners of the Div. II Bring 4-Person Team Event at the HHO 2002 tournament decided to have shirts made to reflect their sentiments and permanently record the great "memory" of playing as a team and winning! [See March 2003 issue, Page 6 for full writeup and winner photos]

US OLD FOLKS
DID IT!
 HOUSTON OPEN 2002
 4-PERSON TEAM
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Board Talk Open 2003 (Las Vegas, Nevada) Williams' & Perry's Having Fun With Father/Son Challenge Matches!



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 David Williams Sr.
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David Williams Jr.
 &
 Steve Perry
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Steve Perry
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 going to pull now?"

Steve Perry
 "Hum... Not so bad...
 alright?"

Maryland**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
HARVEY'S PLACE
STREET, MD****APR. 11-13, 2003****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
 Apr. 13, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40
 Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, MD, Ph#: (410) 836-8881. All events are to 15 points, 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, Harvey's Place has \$5 Draw Partner events every Saturday night at 8 pm. Come join the fun and competition!

Arizona**9TH ANNUAL BILL GIBBS MEMORIAL
SIXSHOOTERS BILLIARDS & SPORTS
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
APRIL 25-27, 2003**

The 9th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament, has been moved to Sixshooters Billiards and Sports Bar, 3337 W Peoria Ave., Phoenix, Az., 602-993-5035. Sixshooters is a very large, clean, full service facility, within walking distance of motels and restaurants. There will be 6 boards, 4 in-house and 2 boards and supplies donated by Lewis Shuffleboard. The first event will be an A-B handicapped draw on Friday night at 7:00 pm. Top half of the field will be the A's and the bottom half will be the B's, decided by the Bowers ratings. This will be single game double elimination, with a \$20.00 entry.

On Saturday morning at 11:00 am the A-B-C draw will start with a sponsor sale and play beginning immediately after. This event will be single game double elimination, with a \$20.00 entry. A's, B's, and C's will be determined by the Bowers ratings. An Arizona Hall of Fame induction for Bob Jacobson is scheduled for 5:00 pm Saturday night. The Open Doubles sponsor sale is scheduled for 6:00 pm with play starting right after. This will be 2 of 3 in the winners bracket and a single 21 point game in the losers. \$50.00 entry per player. Contacts: Al Salazar 623-583-7035, Bob Lewis 602-242-6782, or Alice Arredondo 480-763-0127.

Texas**TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
TAZ COUNTRY
PFLUGERVILLE, TX
APRIL 10-13, 2003**

The annual "2003 Texas State Championship" tournament will be held at Taz Country, 1406 FM 1825, Pflugerville, Texas (located in Three Points Shopping Center) on 8 or 9 boards from April 10-13.

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Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 pm there will be two warm-up draws (no sponsor sale): 1) *Pro Draw* (-1 thru 1's), \$50/ player entry, no two -1's may be partners; and 2) *Amateur Draw* (2 thru 5), \$25/player entry, 2's cannot be partners. Both events: single game/single elimination (no handicap).

Friday, April 11 at Noon there will be two bring partner events (sponsor sale at noon): 1) *Pro Bring* (Add to '0'), \$150/team entry; and 2) *Amateur Bring* (Add to '5'), \$80/team entry. Both events: single game/double elimination (no handicap).

Saturday, April 12 at Noon there will be two singles events (sponsor sale at noon): 1) *Pro Singles* (-1's entry \$150; 0's entry \$100, & 2's entry \$75), 2 of 3 games winners bracket & 21 point games in losers bracket; and 2) *Amateur Singles* (1's entry \$100; 2's entry \$75; 3's-5's entry \$50), single game/double elimination. There are no handicap points in either event (handicap entry fee only).

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm there will be A/B/C Draw (no sponsor sale - \$30 entry, single game/double elimination). Players remaining in the Singles finals cannot enter the A/B/C Draw. Challenge boards available, if preferred.

There is a one-time tournament registration of \$20. The Bowers 2003 Ratings will be used. All players must be residents of the State of Texas.

For more information, contact Ron or Debbie Bowers at 512-252-8188 or email: ronbowers@jump.net or Taz Country 512-990-5526. Lodging option: Crossland Studios, IH 35 in Round Rock, Texas, rooms starting from \$39/night. Call: 512-671-7872 for reservations.

Washington**22ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY
SHUFFLEBOARD EXTRAVAGANZA
SEASON TICKET
SPOKANE, WA
MAY 22-26, 2003**

Bangham, Lagg & Wynn and the Season Ticket will jointly host the "22nd Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza" on May 22-26, 2003 at the Season Ticket. Tournament play will be on 12 great-playing boards. In addition to the scheduled events, there will be round robins as time and board availability permits.

We are proud and honored this year to be hosting the TSA Hall of Fame (posthumous) induction ceremony for Russ "The Colonel" Miller. Russ was an essential part of shuffleboard in the Northwest and a supporter and promoter of the game for many years Nationwide. He truly deserves this award and recognition. We encourage and welcome all of Russ' friends, family, and peers to attend this program and induction ceremony.

Thursday will kickoff the tournament with the DDA (Developmentally Disabled Adult) Event. This is a heartwarming day for all involved and we invite all to attend this event. The tournament will again have the A/B Singles & Doubles events on the weekend with an A-B Handicap Draw "warm up" event on Friday evening. **For more info. see enclosed flyer and/or contact: Dan Hitt (509) 251-7000.**

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The "New" Board Talk Subscription & Advertising Rates Effective April 1, 2003!

As stated in the December 2002 and March 2003 issues, our subscriber rates and advertising policies and rates have changed effective April 1, 2003. Policies and rates had to change primarily due to the two postal increases since we took over the publication in December 2000 and due to printer/mailler cost increases. *The new subscription and advertising rates are effective April 1, 2003 (Exception: For current "Subscribers" and "Shuffleboard Directory Advertisers", the new rates will not become effective until your annual "Subscription" or annual "Shuffleboard Directory Ad" becomes renewable).*

We wish to thank all of you who have submitted your recommendations and suggestions. Several of the suggestions are still under consideration such as: some type of electronic publication in the future; converting to bi-monthly (every other month) to report results and monthly to advertise upcoming events [making one issue (every other month) smaller and less costly possibly to print/mail]; and/or convert solely to bi-monthly which may limit the reported results content in order to saddle-stitch the publications page volume. Keep your ideas and comments coming in please. *The new subscription and advertising rates effective April 1, 2003 are reflected on the inside back cover of this issue.*

Note: *One of the primary changes in our advertising policy is a small charge for a write-up in the "Upcoming Events" (which typically requires from 1-5 pages per issue). For those advertisers purchasing flyers, the flyer rate includes an accompanying "Upcoming Events" 1/4 page for each month that the flyer is inserted in the document, if you submit the text that you wish to be included in the "Upcoming Events" section at the time that you purchase a flyer insert. The "Calendar of Events" remains free to all subscribers and/or advertisers.* --T&L, Editors

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OOPS... From the Editors...

ERROR CORRECTION - MARCH 2003 ISSUE

(Below HHO 2002 6-Person Team had name errors below the photo in the March 2003 Issue, Page 7.
Names Corrected in below picture)



2nd Place: Rick Niblett (captain), Silvia Martinez, Lilly Kidd, Johnny Gardner, Greg Gray, Stan Stinson

NOTE FROM EDITORS

We have received many requests for information on how to play 3-Person and 4-Person Team events. See the March 2003 issue, Pages 10 & 11 in case others are interested.

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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President's Day at the 133 Club

133 Club, Manteca, California

February 13-17, 2003

Reported By: Eddie Brayman

The 133 Club in Manteca, CA held its 3rd annual Presidents' Day tournament on Feb. 13-17. There were 3 events including an ABC, Amateur Doubles, and Open Singles. In 1st place in the ABC was the team of Steve Perry, Bob Crum, and Chuck Corcoran. Nick Chaffin, J.R. Noel, and Rich Porter took 2nd place, while Eddie Brayman, Art Eliff, and George Goldsmith finished 3rd. In the amateur doubles 1st place went to Jimmy Olson and Pete Craven, 2nd to J.R. Noel and Virgil Jones, and 3rd to Chuck Corcoran and Lorraine Bingham. The 1st place winner of the Open Singles was (surprise, surprise) Darrol Nelson. 2nd place went to Nick Chaffin, and 3rd place went to Steve Perry.

A-B-C Team Event Winners:



1st Place: (L-R)
Steve Perry, Bob Crum, & Chuck Corcoran
(sponsor Lorraine Bingham, bottom left corner)



2nd Place: (L-R)
JR (Danger) Noel, Rich Porter & Nick Chaffin
(pictured with sponsor John Azevedo)



3rd Place: (L-R)
George Goldsmith, Eddie Brayman & Art Eliff (not pictured)
with sponsor Steve O'Neal

Amateur Doubles Event Winners:



1st Place: Jim Olson (left) and Peter Craven (right)
pictured with sponsor John Azevedo (center)



2nd Place: JR (Danger) Noel (left) & Virgil Jones (right)
pictured with sponsor Jim Olson (left)



3rd Place: (L-R)
Lorraine Bingham & Chuck Corcoran

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*Spread the word about
The Board Talk ...
Get your fellow shufflers &
favorite establishments to
subscribe and advertise!*

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Singles Event Winners:



1st Place: Darrol Nelson (center)
pictured with sponsors Lorraine Bingham & John Azevedo



2nd Place: Nick Chaffin (right)
pictured with sponsor Joe Hudson (left)



3rd Place: Steve Perry (left)
pictured with sponsor Chuck Corcoran (right)

Many Thanks to all the players and spectators that attended the 2nd Annual "Board Talk Open 2003" at the Plaza Hotel/Casino (Feb. 23 - Mar. 2, 2003). A Special Thanks to all the Tournament Staff & Volunteers who made the tournament run smoothly.

This April 2003 The Board Talk Issue features the TSA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Bobby Goldsmith which was held during the "Board Talk Open 2003" tournament.

The May 2003 The Board Talk Issue will feature the actual tournament report and winners photos. Since we didn't start our journey/drive back home from the tournament until March 3rd, there was not sufficient time to get the results & winners photos into this April Issue. Again, MANY THANKS to ALL! -- T&L, Editors

Bobby Goldsmith's TSA HOF Induction ... (Continued from Page 1)

In 1964, Bobby bought a bar, the Hut, which had a 17' shuffleboard in it. When his customers went down the road to play on a regulation length board, he quickly learned that his was not regulation size. So, out went a wall and Bobby extended the building. Thus, began the long story of the game of shuffleboard for Bobby Goldsmith and that's when his days of regulation shuffleboard began!

It was common occurrence for Bobby to set up sessions at the old Hut and later at Mr. G's. Many great players graced the door there, where they always knew there would be action. Just to name a few: Bob Miles, Glen Davidson, Rod Cameron, Glen Young, Troy Tolbert, Leroy Ledford, Hal Perry, Big Norm, Cable Car Dennis, Billy Mays, Portland Eddy, Pee Wee Ramos, A.Z. Turnbo, Billy Chiles, and the list goes on and on.

Through the years, the game of shuffleboard has given Bobby many thrills, such as playing Billy Mays for 26 hours straight, and best of all, winning! Bobby never kidded himself into thinking that he was the player that Billy was, but, as he says, "I was, for one day!"

Bobby's family is, and has been for many years, involved in shuffleboard. His dad, "Curly," was the horse collar player. His mom did a lot of cooking for the players when they came to town. His sister Robbie Gann plays the game like a real trooper. Son Warren Goldsmith and son-in-law Russ Langton play. In fact, Bobby and Russ teamed up in the Bring Partner event during the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament and played quite well [Editors Comment from Tom French: "They did a good job of beating me and my partner in this event... it was a great honor to play with them eventhough they beat us!"]. His wife Charlene and daughter Leslie also play, but they like it best in the rooting section.

A serious heart problem has curtailed Bobby's active shuffleboard playing, but nothing has lessened his love for shuffleboard. His heart will always be with the game and the many friends and associates that he has become so close to through all his years in shuffleboard.

Bobby feels the big tournaments in Las Vegas and Reno have been a godsend to the game. It is his hope that they will continue to unite the players in a great sport that deserves recognition. It was once said that for ten years, Bobby was the glue that held the players together in California and he loved every minute of it (and still does)!

Testimonials, Thanks, & Congrats Given...



***"Congratulations Bobby From All Your
Family, Friends, &
Shuffleboard Extended Family!"***



***Joe Scott
Gives
Testimonial
&
Sings Two
Touching
Songs***

Bobby Goldsmith's TSA HOF Induction... Misc. Photos - Continued from Page 8)



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TSA (Table Shuffleboard Assn.) "Election of Officers & Directors" Planned for 2003...

TSA Meeting (Feb. 28, 2003) Minutes/Summary:

The Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) held an open meeting on February 28, 2003 at the Plaza Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada during the 2nd Annual Board Talk Open 2003 tournament (just prior to Bobby Goldsmith's TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony). The meeting was called to order by Don Valk, TSA Pres. at 2:08pm. Al Salazar gave the benediction. TSA Officers & Directors present were: Don Valk (Pres.), Al Salazar (VP), Ray Boyett (Treas.), Lynda French (Sec.) and TSA Directors: Larry Creakbaum, Cliff Goff, Hal Perry and Harvey Kidd. Absent Directors were: Dave Arndt, Louise Freer, Bob Hunt, Frank Mako. Eight of the twelve TSA Directors were present. Wendell Herbison from the Arizona Hall of Fame organization was also present for the meeting.

The first item of discussion presented by Don Valk was the fact that nomination and election of officers (per TSA By-Laws) should occur three years from August 2000 (when the last appointed Director accepted office, being Cliff Goff). Don Valk also reiterated that at the last TSA meeting (held in July 2002 during the SW Open in Del City, OK) that a majority vote was made by Directors that the number of Directors could be increased by up to 20 Directors if/when needed (rather than the current limit of 12 Directors) to provide a broader geographic coverage if/when the current Directors felt that there were qualified/willing candidates of other geographies to warrant/justify vote and expansion beyond the 12 Directors of specific geographies already in office. Areas of potential expansion discussed were Missouri, Michigan, and potentially one additional in the Northwest.

Ray Boyett brought up discussion of whether or not the TSA Associate Membership at large would be allowed to vote in the upcoming TSA Officer and Director elections... currently planned to occur in the August 2003 timeframe and that only TSA Associate Memberships would be able to volunteer for a TSA Director position. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the TSA Associate Members would be able to cast a vote on the ballots prepared by the current Directors in the TSA 2003 Election of Officers & Directors and that any new TSA Director or Officer candidate volunteers must be TSA Associate Members in order to volunteer. Also, a Motion was made, seconded, and passed for the TSA to purchase advertisements, such as flyers, in The Board Talk to solicit new members before the election.

Don Valk agreed to get all TSA Directors a current list of TSA memberships which would also include any new potential members who signed up during the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament (or thereafter) upon his return to Austin.

The TSA President requested that we solicit any TSA Associate Members who would like to volunteer to be considered as a candidate for the upcoming election as a TSA Officer or Director to get in touch with him as soon as possible, so that the TSA Officer and Director ballots may be prepared, reviewed by all current Officers & Directors, and be distributed in the August 2003 timeframe (or the earliest possible month thereafter.) After preparing the ballots, the TSA President will send ballots to all TSA Associate Members and hopefully have all TSA Officers & Directors voted/decided and announced during 3rd or 4th Quarter of 2003.

Motion was also made, seconded, and passed that the TSA Treasury would reimburse Don Valk for costs of supplies and printing of the TSA Associate Membership cards.

Discussion of the best and most economical way to acquire the greatly needed TSA Hall of Fame display cabinets for placement in the TSA Hall of Fame Museum (TSA Museum space donated, renovated by, and located at Champion Shuffleboard, 7216 Burns St., Richland Hills, TX) which is renovated and ready for placement of display cabinets. Don Valk and others may get estimates on what the cost might be for purchasing or having display cabinets built. Once estimates are acquired, any acquired estimates will be distributed to TSA Directors. TSA Directors would then have to vote before approving any such expenditure. Hal Perry also mentioned that he could probably get display cabinets built/made at cost of the supplies, but if an economical alternative were found nearer to the museum facility in Texas that it might be less costly than having to ship cabinets from California to Texas. Don Valk mentioned that a local cabinet professional, Scott Harrington of Austin, Texas had indicated he might be able to provide a reasonable quote to consider as an option for acquiring custom display cabinets.

Discussion on planning for the upcoming TSA HOF induction ceremony for Russ "The Colonel" Miller to be held in Spokane, Washington at the Season Ticket followed... Since the TSA is very limited on monies/budget to afford to pay TSA Officer/Director's travel expenses to conduct induction ceremonies, typically those TSA Directors living near or attending a tournament where the TSA HOF petitioners and inductee family have decided to hold a ceremony will conduct the TSA HOF induction ceremony (due to TSA very limited monies/budget). However, this does not make TSA Director representation equal at all ceremonies. There are typically more TSA Directors already attending major tournaments and they absorb their own travel costs because they live near or plan to attend the major tournament anyway... therefore, in situations where the petitioners and/or inductee and/or the inductee's surviving family (posthumous) opt to have the TSA National Hall of Fame ceremony at a local facility (not one of the 4 major tournaments - which is quite common especially in a "posthumous" induction ceremony) there is not equitable TSA Director representation compared to ceremonies performed at a major tournament. There was discussion that the goal should be to have at least two TSA Directors present to help conduct any/all induction ceremonies if at all possible... but again the discussion of limited TSA funds if there were not one or more TSA Directors able to attend any ceremony and absorb all/part of their own travel expenses. So, Don Valk ask that all Directors please let him know if they will be attending and able to help conduct the upcoming TSA HOF induction ceremony being held at the Season Ticket in Spokane, Washington on Memorial Day Week. Don Valk agreed to make contact with the two TSA Directors from that area and requested all other Directors to let him know if they will be attending this specific tournament. Lynda French will do the induction booklet and agreed she would coordinate gathering the data for the program booklet from the petitioner/sponsor Dan Hitt and/or Jim Foran.

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm. All meeting attendees then went back to the Plaza Hotel/Casino ballroom to participate in the Bobby Goldsmith TSA HOF Induction ceremony.

-- Minutes/Summary by Lynda French, TSA Secretary

PS: If you would like to become a TSA Associate Member, renew your annual membership or wish to volunteer to be considered as a candidate for a TSA Officer or Director in the upcoming 2003 election, please contact Don Valk at 512-288-9555 or email: donvalk@ev1.net

26th Annual Blue Goose Mixed Doubles 2003

February 7, 2003

Blue Goose, Port Orchard, WA

Report & Photos Submitted By: Bill Walker, WA

On Friday the 7th of February the motor homes started arriving in Port Orchard, Wa. for the 26th edition of the Sweethearts Mixed Doubles. A pall was cast on the event this year as long time sponsor and owner of the Blue Goose Tavern, Dee "Mother Goose" Hudson fell while decorating the day before and was recovering at the local hospital with a broken leg. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the boards soon.

Friday night saw 21 teams competing for the prize in a single elimination open draw. All was finally decided when Judy George and partner Mark Moore polished off Don Mitchell and Dave Forbes to garner the top spot. The teams of Jim Manders-Rick Gindt and Larry Pearson-Justin Kasa tied for 3rd.

Saturdays festivities began at noon with a drawing for door prizes provided by local businesses, and was followed by the induction of local legend Mike Waters of Tahuya into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in a ceremony Emceed by Jim Manders. Speakers included Jim and Michelle Foran and Gary George. Mike's induction plaque cited him to be "a great player, a mentor of others, and promoter of the game. This award was overdue and Mike is truly deserving of this honor. Congratulations Mike on this award.

Upon completion of this ceremony 31 teams began the quest for the title of Sweethearts 2003. This years tournament, as last years, was played in 2 houses with the Goose's sister tavern, The Red Dog Saloon also providing space and 2 boards. A transportation van was provided and was available to ferry players between the 2 locations.

After 30 hrs. of grueling play, Mel and Jeanette Hohn of The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton came out of the loser's bracket to take the measure of former Champions Mike and Hazel Thorpe, double dipping them to win the coveted title. Others finishing in the money included Dan Hitt-Melody Marine 3rd, Mike Waters-Cheri Schrum 4th, Rick Gindt-Jackie Anderson and Jeff Kersting-Judy George tied for 5th, and Tim-Sharon Nugent and Kenny Simmons-Jennifer King tied for 7th.

As usual the lady Geese did their masterful best in providing a buffet dinner on Saturday Evening with plenty of leftovers to munch on throughout the day on Sunday.



1st Place: (L-R)
Jeanette & Mel Hohn



2nd Place: (L-R)
Mike & Hazel Thorpe



3rd Place: (L-R)
Dan Hitt & Melody Marine



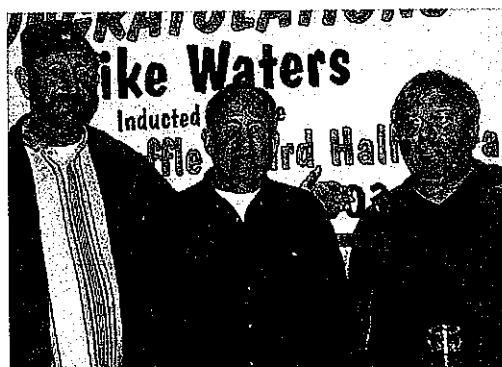
4th Place: (L-R)
Mike Waters & Cheri Schrum



5th/6th Place (tie):
(L-R) Jeff Kersting & Judy George and Rick Gindt & Jackie Anderson



7th/8th Place (tie):
(L-R) Tim & Sharon Nugent and Kenny Simmons & Jennifer King



Mike Waters
(center)
Inducted in the
NW Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame
(Frank Mako (left)
& Jim Manders
(right))

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tournament

February 14-16, 2003

Market Street Cafe, Street, MD

Report & Photos Submitted By: Louise Freer, PA

Market Street Café hosted its fourth tournament of the season in memory of one of Maryland's finest promoters of the game of shuffleboard: Nelson Renzo. Players from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware gathered to honor the memory of Nelson, and of course, play shuffleboard.

The weekend started out with the Friday night Draw Partner event. Fourteen strong team teams competed for lots of \$\$\$\$ and in the end it was Johnny Gardner (DE) and Rick Niblett (MD) in first; Rick Meyer (NY) and Mike Miller (DE) in second; Shannon Rutledge and Jeff Miles from Maryland in third; and the final money spot taken by Linda Meyer (NY) and Kurt Mauer (MD).

Saturday's Bring Partner again saw fourteen strong teams competing for even more money. First Place went to Rick Meyer and John Canino of New York; second place went to local team Jim Dennis and Rick Greider; third place went to another local team, Jen Pickett and Kurt Mauer; and the final money spot was taken by Dave Shewbridge (MD) and Johnny Gardner (DE).

Sunday's Mixed Doubles was cancelled due to inclement weather – you could call 2 foot and a declared state of emergency "inclement weather," but almost a dozen hearty souls were there to play shuffleboard into the wee hours of the night. Good food, good company, and *Shuffleboard...* let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

The owners, Bobbi and Chip, would like to thank all of the players for participating in this successful event. We shuffleboard players would like to thank Bobbi and Chip for their excellent hospitality and for providing one of the best atmospheres around in which to hold tournaments.

Reasonably priced accommodations are very close by; for information call Market Street Café at 410-287-6374 or contact Louise Freer at l_freer@yahoo.com.

Also look for information on the newly formed Cecil & Harford County shuffleboard League Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CecilHarfordleaguemembers/>. All are welcome to join the group, and we hope to see the membership grow. (For Delaware County, PA shuffleboard news, join us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/easterndelcoleaguemembers/>) Hope to see 'ya there!

Draw Partner Winners:



1st Place:
Johnny Gardner & Rick Niblett



2nd Place:
Mike Miller & Rick Meyer



3rd Place:
Shannon Rutledge & Jeff Miles



4th Place:
Linda Meyer & Kurt Mauer

Bring Partner Winners:



1st Place:
John Canino & Rick Meyer



2nd Place:
Jim Dennis & Rick Greider



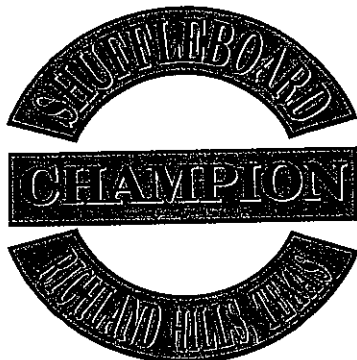
3rd Place: (L-R)
Kurt Mauer & Jen Pickett



4th Place: (L-R)
Dave Shewbridge & Johnny Gardner



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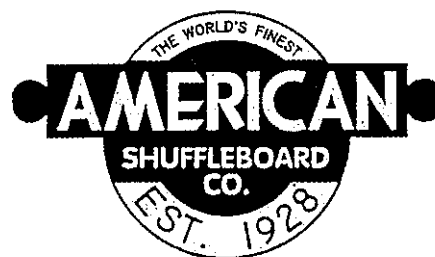
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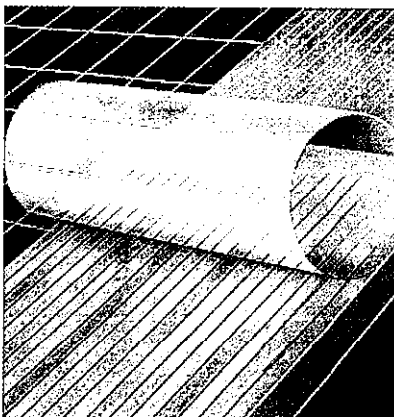
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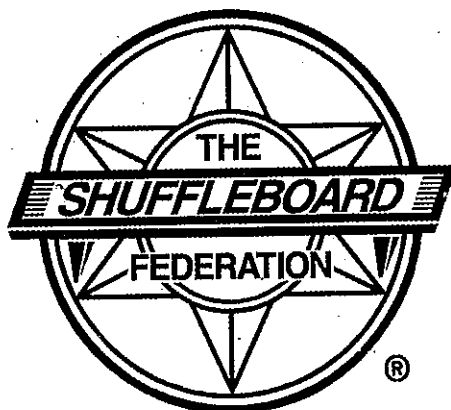
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"B" House - Valentine's Day Tournament

February 14-16, 2003

Bavarian House ("B" House), Titusville, FL

Report & Photos Submitted By: Kathy Ring, FL

The CFSA Valentine's Day Tournament was held Feb. 14-16 at the "B" House in Titusville. Two, single-elimination, draw partner events were held Friday evening with nine teams participating. Sponsor sales were held prior to the Sat. and Sun. events. In the first draw, Barrie McClean and Carol Horcher both of Titusville took 1st place. Jerry Gray of Cocoa and Rusty Nowakowski of Mims were the 2nd place team; In the second draw, Barrie McClean & JT Swindle of Titusville took 1st. Kathy Ring & Dave Macko both of Titusville were 2nd.

Nine teams participated in Saturday afternoon's double-elimination, draw partner event. Marty Allen of Mims & Kathy Ring took 1st place. 2nd place went to Larry Cooper & Ursula Badouin both of Mims. Sue Swindle of Titusville & Rusty Nowakowski came in 3rd.

In Sunday's double elimination, bring partner event, 10 teams participated. 1st place team was Marty Allen & Dick Smedberg of Spring Hill. Dave Macko & Jerry Gray came in 2nd. The 3rd place team was Ursula Badouin & Pat Gray-Thompson of New Hope, Alabama. Thanks to Ursula & Rusty for another great tournament. Winners photos below:

Bring Partner Winners (Sun.):



1st Place: (L-R)
Marty Allen &
Dick Smedberg

Draw Partner Event Winners (Sat.):



1st Place: (L-R)
Marty Allen &
Kathy Ring

2nd Place: (L-R)



2nd Place: (L-R)
Pat Gray-Thompson
(of New Hope, Alabama)
& Ursula Badouin



2nd Place: (L-R)
Larry Cooper &
Ursula Badouin



3rd Place: (L-R)
Rusty Nowakowski &
Sue Swindle

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MAY 23-24-25-26

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(PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK OF THIS PAGE)





PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration helps everyone and helps the tournament run smoothly. Please pre-register. *Pre-registration is due by May 10, 2003.* (Events May 23-26, 2003) (Prepare below form & mail to Dan Hitt)

NAME: _____ NICKNAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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NOTE: SPECIAL DRAWING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PARTICIPANTS

I PLAN TO PLAY IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FRI. 23rd at 7PM: <u>A-B Handicap Draw</u> (\$20/entry) | <input type="checkbox"/> SUN. 25th at 11AM: <u>Div. A Doubles</u> (Add to 0)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT. 24th at 10AM: <u>Div. A Singles</u> (Handicap Entry) | <input type="checkbox"/> SUN. 25th at 11AM: <u>Div. B Doubles</u> (Add to 4)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT. 24th at 10AM: <u>Div. B Singles</u> (Handicap Entry) | <input type="checkbox"/> I need a Doubles Partner or |
| | MY DOUBLES PARTNER IS: _____ |
| | * DOUBLES FINALS ON MON. 26th IF NEEDED |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I will need a room (Check <u>Single</u> or <u>Double</u> Room). | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Room <input type="checkbox"/> Double Room |
| Circle Dates Room is Needed: 22 23 24 25 26 | |
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| (You MUST pre-register by May 10th and state t-shirt size above to guarantee correct t-shirt size) | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A-B HANDICAP DRAW (All Players) | <u>\$ 20.00</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DIVISION A SINGLES (Rated -1) | <u>\$100.00</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DIVISION A DOUBLES (Add to 0)** | <u>\$ 50.00 (each)</u> |
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May 18 - May 26, 2003

Date	Time	Event	Entry Fee
Sun, May 18	2:00pm	A/B Draw Warm Up Single game in winners bracket, single game in losers bracket. No auction.	\$20 per player
Mon, May 19	6:00pm	A/B Draw 2 out of 3 in winners, single 15 pt. game in losers. Auction begins at 8:00pm.	\$25 per player
Tue, May 20	6:00pm	A/B Draw Play is continued and completed Tuesday night.	
Wed, May 21	6:00pm	Doubles - Bring Partner - Add to 3 Use whole number rating (for example 0.50 (1) and 1.50 (2) add to 3). Double elimination, 2 out of 3 in winners, single 15 pt. game in losers. Auction at 8:00, play will immediately follow.	\$40 per player
Thu, May 22	6:00pm	Doubles - Bring Partner - Add to 3 Play is continued and completed Thursday night.	
Fri, May 23	7:00pm	Pro Doubles - Bring Partner 2 out of 3 in winners and losers brackets. Auction at 7:00. Play may begin Friday night.	\$100 per player
Sat, May 24	9:00am	Pro Doubles - Bring Partner Play continues. Play will be paused around 7:00pm for Singles Auction.	
Sun, May 25	9:00am	Pro Singles 2 out of 3 in winners and losers brackets. Pro Doubles may run into Sunday.	\$100
Mon, May 26	9:00am	Pro Singles Play is continued and completes on Monday.	

Depending upon the turnout, round robins will be held during the days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Pro Doubles and/or Singles subject to single 15 pt. game in loser bracket if a surprisingly large number of players show up.

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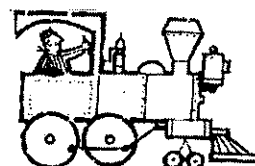
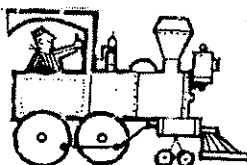
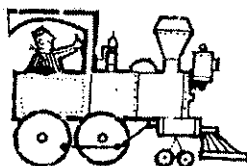
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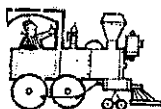
MONDAY - MAY 26 OPEN & AMATUER DOUBLES

SIGN UP 12 NOON - SPONSOR SALE 12:30

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Friday 5/23	2	7pm	A/B Draw.	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$50
	3	7pm	A/B Draw. Handicapped Play.	2, 3, 4	\$30
Saturday 5/24	4	12pm	Open Singles. 2 of 3 winners. Mark 3. Single game (15) losers. Handicapped Entry.	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$125, 100, 75, 75
	5	12pm	Singles. Handicapped Play	1, 2, 3	\$60
	6	12pm	Singles. Handicapped Play	3, 4, 5	\$30
Sunday 5/25	7	12pm	Bring Partner. Add to 0. 2 of 3 winners. Mark 3. Single game (15) in losers.	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$150 / Team
	8	12pm	Bring Partner. Add to 4. Handicapped Play	1, 2, 3	\$100 / Team
	9	12pm	Bring Partner. Add to 6. Handicapped Play.	2, 3, 4	\$60 / Team
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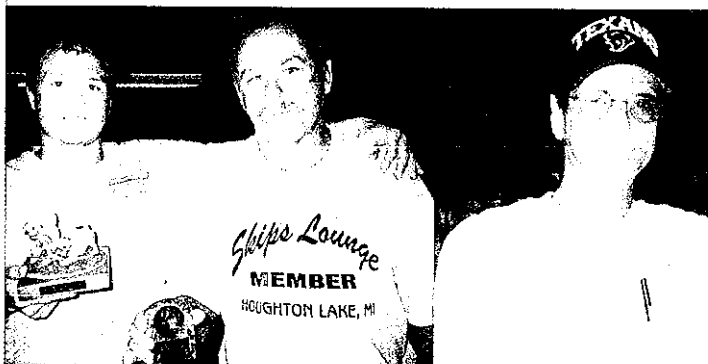
Report & Photos Submitted By: CoCo Brown, Orion, MI

Delayed partial results from Skip's Annual Board Talk Tournament

As previously published, information and pictures were lost for this tournament due to a computer crash. Although it was believed that recovery of this information and pictures was likely, it is my regret to state that the extent of the file damage on my computer was not recoverable. After extensive attempts were made to gather information regarding results of this event, some of this information was fortunately obtained (special thanks to Bill and Brenda Kane for their recollections and backup pictures).

For those of you who placed in an event but are not listed here, I extend my most sincere apologies. The winners & photos recaptured shown below. --CoCo(a.k.a. Steve Brown)

Open Singles Winners



1st & 2nd & 3rd Place: (L-R)
Alonzo Cottrell (1st), Bill Kane (2nd), Jerry Siebert (3rd)

A-B Draw Winners



1st Place: (L-R)
Alonzo Cottrell &
"Jimmy the Cop" Kumpula

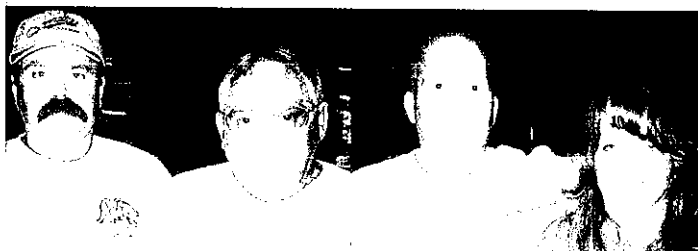


2nd (above) & 3rd (no pic) Place:
(L-R) Dick Smedberg (FL) &
Bob Querback (MI) - 2nd;
Bob Auten & John Myles (3rd, no pic)



4th Place: (L-R)
Bob Scott &
Dean Caddick

A-B Draw Winners (con't)



5th/6th Place (tie):
(L-R) Mike O'Dell & Bill Niswonger and
Jim Kelsey & Deanna Johns

A-B-C Team Winners



1st Place: (L-R)
Gary Englin,
Linda Mitchell,
Bill Haskins



2nd Place: (L-R)
Ron Palmer,
Gina Galligan,
Skip Sliwa



3rd Place: (L-R)
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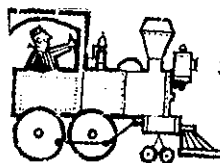
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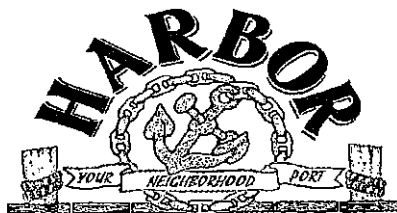
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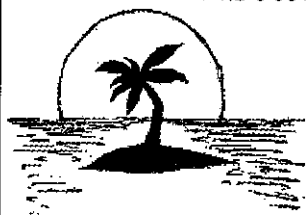
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April 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

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Harvey's Place
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April 11-13

Amvets' Doubles & Singles
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

April 17-20

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April 18-20

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

April 19

Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

April 25-27

A/B Doubles Tournament
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

April 25-27

9th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial
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April 26

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Palace Bar
Fairmount, Indiana

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May 16-18

Amvets' Doubles & Singles
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May 18-26 (flyer insert)

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22nd Memorial Day Extravaganza
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May 21-26

2nd Annual Memorial Day Festival
Brookdale Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

May 22-26 (flyer insert)

4th Annual Memorial Day Tourney
Danny's Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

May 22-26 (flyer insert)

Wachita Handicap Memorial Day
Full House Bar
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 22-25

Memorial Day Tournament
Honky Tonk Saloon
Sherburne, New York

May 23-26 (flyer insert)

Michigan Open (Memorial Weekend)
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

May 23-26 (flyer insert)

5th Annual Memorial Day Tourney
Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

May 30-31

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Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

May 30-31

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June 13-15

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Arvada, Colorado

June 20-22

2nd Annual Mixed Doubles
Nifty's Fifty's Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

June 29-July 5 (flyer insert)

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American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

JULY/AUGUST 2003

July 18-20

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AUG/SEPT. 2003

August 1-3

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Durand, Michigan

August 15-16

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Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

August 15-17

CO.NE.HEAD Classic V (A/B/C)
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

August 28-September 1

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SEPTEMBER 2003

September 18-21

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September 19-21

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September 26-27

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September 26-28

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OCT./NOV. 2003

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3rd Annual Columbus Day Tourney
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October 10-12

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November 27-29

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November 28-30

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New Year's Day A-B Draw

January 1, 2003

Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, WA

Report & Photos Submitted By: Dwayne Dibley, WA

On New Year's Day in Shelton you have hangovers, parades, football, and shuffleboard. Plus an added feature: for those of you who do not know this, shuffleboard is the only sure cure for a hangover. Well, except for that time thing. However, time will pass anyway so why not play shuffleboard. The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington did just that... played shuffleboard... of course, they always play at the Fir Cone the premiere tournament and money shoot tavern in the North West. If you want a lesson, come to the Fir Cone.

Hall of Famer and local legion Dick Doak is always ready to give a lesson. In fact, he is responsible for teaching most of the B players in this tournament how to play. As far as that goes, he is also responsible for teaching most of the A players. Dick may have taught them all they know, but he didn't teach them all he knows. This was evident this weekend as Dick Doak and Lynn Southmayd won the winners bracket and the tournament. Mike Strayer and Bart Nelson showed a lot of heart and inspiring play to win second. Orville Backlund and Ryan Strayer put together a string of come from behind upsets to lay claim to third place. Fourth place went to Bill Bailey and Jeff Struts. Jeff's first tournament, how many of us can claim fourth in our first tournament? Congratulations Jeff.

Once again the Fir Cone with the support of the Shelton Shuffleboard Community put on an excellent feed on Saturday, in time for the Rose Bowl. However, this was the first time there was a complaint about the food. A player told the bartender that they spent a lot of money getting a good buzz and didn't appreciate the good food ruining the buzz. Besides, there is a meal in every can. Short of this, everyone else enjoyed the meal. Winners photos below:



1st Place: (L-R)
Lynn Southmayd &
Dick Doak



2nd Place: (L-R)
Bart Nelson &
Mike Strayer



3rd Place: (L-R)
Ryan Strayer &
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13th Annual Santa Classic

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Balloon Inn

Report By: Char Waugaman & Photos By: Cindy Lepore

The Santa Classic is one of our oldest and most traditional tournaments at the Balloon Inn. After 13 years it still draws some of the best doubles teams from Colorado and other states. This year was no exception. Many thanks to two Nebraska teams for making the trip, Tim Piccolo & Jim Keller and Mike Roach & Larry Zahm.

The Balloon Inn sweetened the pot with a \$500 contribution. Par of which was given to the out-of-state players who finished in the top three places. After two days of a 2 out of 3 game format in both the winner and loser brackets, Travis Anderson and Dave Cowan would face the undefeated team of Kevin Kelly and Ron Sosovec, in a close and hard fought match. First place honors went to Kevin and Ron while Dave and Travis would settle for second and Larry Zahm and Mike Roach would claim third. Great job to all and a big "Congratulations!"

Thanks to all who participated, to our Nebraska neighbors and again to our hosts Russ Brown and Bill Wolfe for the generous contribution. A special thanks to Rick Boyer, Dennis Bird and all the others who helped move the 3rd board from the Red Lion to the Balloon Inn.



1st Place: (L-R)
Kevin Kelly & Ron Sosovec



2nd Place: (L-R)
Travis Anderson & Dave Cowan



3rd Place: (L-R)
Mike Roach &
Larry Zahm
(Nebraska Team)



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13 Shufflers (-1 to 3+) played. Above Photo: Bill Wolfe (Host), Tighe Levan (1st), Char Waugaman (2nd split w/ Morey Balins - guess who got the \$??), Kevin Kelly (3rd), Russ Brown (Host), Morey Balins (2nd split w/ Char) and special "Honeymooner" Guests not pictured: Bobby & Jeri Williams (Thanks for stopping by!)

CO.NE.Head Classic IV

August 16-18, 2002

Balloon Inn

Report By: Char Waugaman & Photos By: Cindy Lepore

We were afraid we were going to have to change the name of the tournament to the "CO.Head" this year. But four Nebraskans saved the day and surprised us at the last minute with their presence to keep the CO.NE.Head tradition alive. Thanks to four Huskers (Shelly Hagen, Linda Ritter, Mickey Moy and Marty Shepard) for making the trip to Colorado for this fun "3-Person Blind Draw" event. Also to one dedicated Californian, Gary Johnson, who plans to make the trip every year. We hope so, Gary!

Format was 2 of 3 games to 21 points in the winner's bracket and single game in the loser's bracket which provided for plenty of fun and play for everyone.

A real nail biting final match between Dave Cowan (Captain), Linda Ritter and Gary Johnson against Rick Boyer (Captain), Candy Lepore and Phyllis Raia went down to the wire with Dave Cowan's team coming out on top. Congratulations to both teams. Special recognition goes to Phyllis Raia. It's great to see her playing again and in her "oh so much fun" form.

Third place honors went to Ron Sosovec (Captain), Gail Cowan and Don Garrison. Thanks Don Garrison and Bill Shino from Sterling, Colorado for making the trip every year.

As always, thanks to Bill Wolfe and Russ Brown for hosting the tournament and providing us with a great staff and food. Again, we would like to thank those players from NE and CA for joining us in CO and we hope to see more NE's next year! Winners of the A-B-C were:



1st Place: Gary Johnson, Dave Cowan, Linda Ritter (foreground),

pictured with sponsor Russ Brown (right)



2nd Place (L-R): Phyllis Raia, Rick Boyer, Candy Lepore pictured with sponsor Travis Anderson



3rd Place (L-R):
Gail Cowan,
Ron Sosovec,
Don Garrison

Humor:

Mike Brunner (right)
just can't believe
Travis Anderson's
implants are for real!



Arizona HOF Tourney

January 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Wendell Herbison

The Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame tournament included election of officers. There were 36 players that showed up for the election and the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame added \$5 to the pot for each person that voted.

Winners of the A-B-C were:



1st Place: (L-R)
Bill Thomas,
Alice Arredondo,
Tony Barker



2nd Place: (L-R)
Richard Lysy,
Cindy Clark,
Al Salazar



3rd Place: (L-R)
J.D.,
Ted Canada,
Phil Gardner

(Continued Column 2)

3rd Annual New Years Eve Mixed Doubles

December 31, 2002 - January 1, 2003

David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana

Report & Photos Submitted By: Glen Ingram of Muncie, IN

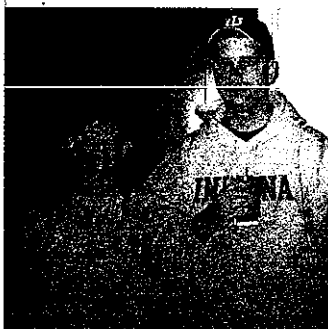
David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana hosted the 3rd Annual New Years Eve Mixed Doubles on Dec. 31, 2002 with a great turnout of 17 teams and growing each year. Notable: A big surprise in the finals was Taya Keesling (has only been playing two years or so) who won her first "sponsor sale" tournament on New Years Day partnered with Larry Nance. David and Becky Greer provided food and party favors and many thanks to all the others who also brought food for the grand party (won't list names, as I might forget somebody). You all know who you are and a personal thanks to each one of you shuffleboard lovers and supporters of the game. Winners photos follow:



1st Place: (L-R)
Taya Keesling & Larry Nance



2nd Place: (L-R)
Tonia Modglin & Robbie Collins



3rd Place: (L-R)
Jody Berry & Gary Anglin



4th Place: (L-R)
Glen Ingram (too tired to stand!) w/ wife Jeri

New Years Eve Fun at David L's



New Years Eve Fun at David L's (con't.)



David L's Winter Singles "Back Again"

January 4, 2003

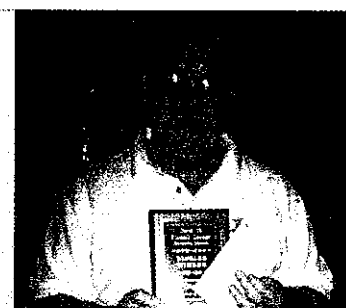
David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana

Report & Photos Submitted By: Glen Ingram of Muncie, IN

David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana hosted the Winter Singles on Jan. 4, 2003 with 20 players showing up for this event (which was Saturday following the New Years Eve Mixed Doubles tournament) and had a \$3,000 pot. Thanks to all that showed up and to Larry Brown and Brian Collins for doing the brackets. Winners were:



1st Place:
Dave Boaz (w/ Jeri Ingram sharing the spotlight!)



2nd Place:
Glen Ingram



3rd Place:
Jeff McFadden

and no picture:
4th Place: Larry Nance

24th Annual Fir Cone Masters

February 22-23, 2003

Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, WA

Report & Photos Submitted By: Dwayne Dibley & Mel Hohn

2003, for 24 Years the Fir Cone Tavern Shelton, Washington has been hosting the Master's Shuffleboard Tournament. Does that tell you something about the addictive nature of shuffleboard? Perhaps the Surgeon General should put a warning label on the side of our tables? Or at least come up with an organization to assist addicts in kicking the habit, (SA) Shuffleboard Anonymous.

Well believe me, everyone at the Fir Cone this weekend was an addict. This long weekend started off on Friday night with a single elimination A-B draw that lasted until the wee hours of Saturday morning. Mel Hohn, TBK and Ryan Strayer won the draw. Gary George and Francisco Ahumada finished second, and Mike Keevil and newcomer (translated, new shuffleboard addict) Rick Thayne tied for third with the team of Curt Grothen and Sharon Nugent.

Many players in the North West compare the Fir Cone Masters to the Rose Bowl – The Granddaddy of them all. It is quite an accomplishment of skill and endurance to get your name on the trophy and your picture on the wall. The competition will always be stiff at the Masters so only the best will survive to the end. This year the best of the best are Larry "The Big Unit" Pearson and Jeff "Two Ton" Kersting. I could fill volumes about the inspirational play of these two, but Winners Fir Cone Master's – what else need be said. Second place went to Nels Anderson and Mike Thorpe. Curt Grothen and Ray Olson finished a strong third. Fourth place was Gary George and Jim Tribble. Fifth place was a tie between the team of Al Pease and Rick Gindt and the team of Alvin Orcutt and Dave Forbes.

Shuffleboard amazes me. These players compete with no mercy on each other, but yet there is a deep caring towards each other. I have never seen such fierce competition and complete friendship before. The owners and staff at the Fir Cone told me that shuffleboard players are people just like anyone else, except that they are classy people. I agree.

The Fir Cone Tavern and the Shelton Shuffleboard Community once again provided an excellent feast. The next tournament at the Fir Cone is the "15th Annual Forest Festival", the last weekend in May.



2nd Place: (L-R)
Mike Thorpe &
Nels Anderson



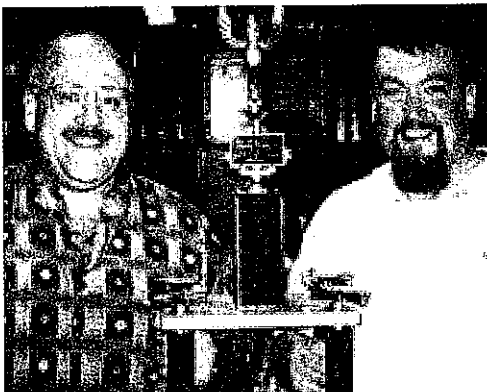
3rd Place: (L-R)
Curt Grothen &
Ray Olson



4th Place: (L-R)
Gary George &
Jim Tribble



5th/6th Place (tie):
Alvin Orcutt & Dave Forbes and Al Pease & Rick Gindt



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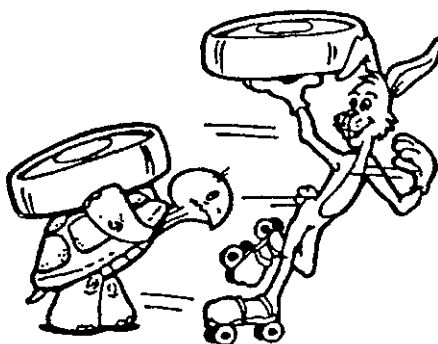
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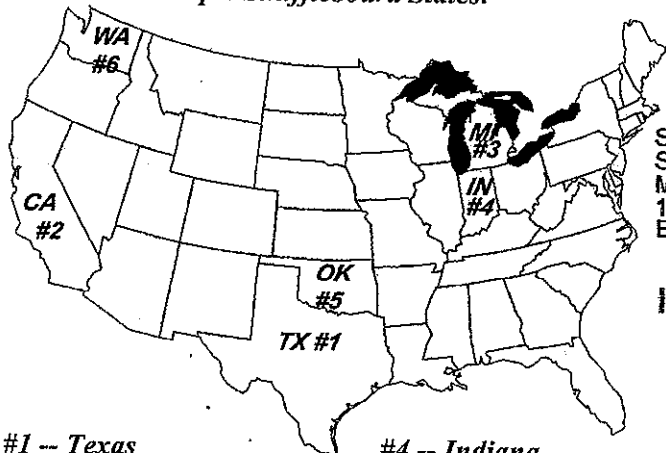
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