

The Board Talk

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Spokane's 22nd Annual Memorial Day Extravaganza

Season Ticket, Spokane, Washington
Submitted By John Rostollan

The Colonel, Russ Miller, the Northwest ambassador of shuffleboard, was inducted into the TSA Hall of fame at this year's Memorial Day event in Spokane. With not a dry eye in the crowd, everyone enjoyed a wonderful tribute to this great man. Larry Sawyer, hosted the induction, with Frank Mako and Bill Walker adding to the flavor. Sue Miller was showered with love and friendship from all who came to acknowledge the efforts and contributions made by her husband the Colonel. Many friends and family from the Skagit Valley journeyed to pay their respects to this true gentleman. The video tribute and tournament shirts, adorned with the bust of the Colonel, are mementos to be cherished by all. We at Bangham, Lagg, and Wynn would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to Sue Miller for allowing us to host this induction. We also offer our gratitude to the TSA for recognizing the Colonel's years of contributions and love for the game of shuffleboard. We also thank Fritz Broka of Full Moon Leather Works who makes a beautiful wood and leather trimmed shuffleboard trophy exclusively for TSA which was presented during the Colonel's ceremony to Sue Miller by Bill Walker and Frank Mako (TSA Director).

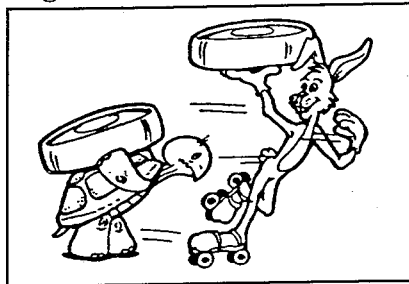


Above:
Sue Miller receives TSA trophy
(left to right)
Larry Sawyer, Sue Miller, Bill Walker, Frank Mako

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The Tournament was kicked off once again with the 4th annual Double "D" (Developmentally Disabled) event (See Page 3 for Double "D" Event's Photo Collage). This year's Double "D" event had an enthusiastic 48 participants. This tournament has taken on a life of it's own, nearly doubling in size from last year. It looks as if we created a whole new family of shuffleboard players. Word is, this is the most anticipated outing of the year for all who attend. Hats, medals, and shirts are worn for months afterward, and the trash talk starts months prior to the tourney. Only those who have been able to share in this truly genuine occasion can understand the profound impact these folks have on our hearts.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Indiana Moves up to "3rd Place" & Oklahoma up to "4th Place" & Washington up to "5th Place"!



We ran our periodic subscriber report and results are reflected on the back cover (bottom left corner). Indiana has edged up to 3rd Place in the total number of subscribers to The Board Talk monthly publication and Oklahoma has edged up to 4th Place!

This time, we ran reports on the total % (By State) of Bowers' 2003 rated players and on total % (By State) of The Board Talk subscribers.

Previously, a number of our subscribers asked us to report on all states (not just the top 6 states), so both of our reports included in this addition show all states that subscribe to The Board Talk (See Page 7) and all states that have rated players in the Bowers' 2003 Ratings (See Page 7), ranked by total % per State.

It is an interesting comparison, as many of the %/Ranking in both reports are quite similar in placement, but several such as Indiana & Oklahoma exceed expectation. For instance, Indiana accounts for only 3.94% of the Bowers' 2003 Rated Players (ranking them 12th), but they account for 8.01% of our The Board Talk subscribers (ranking them 3rd) which seems to show that a majority of the rated players in Indiana are supporters of our communication channel, "The Board Talk." We congratulate and thank all the Indiana players from the bottom of our hearts! Indiana puts alot of focus on supporting our great sport and the communication channel, The Board Talk, during their local events and for those frequent tournament travelers such as Glen Ingram, Jim Long, Bobby Voorhis, Larry Creakbaum, at non-local events. Congratulations and many, many thanks!

Oklahoma is ranked #8 in total number of rated players, but is ranked #4 in number of The Board Talk subscribers. Congrats and Many Thanks to all Oklahoma players too!

Most states are quite similar in their ranking of these two reports. For instance, Texas is ranked #1 on both; California is ranked #2 on both; Michigan is ranked #6 on both; Missouri is ranked #7 on both reports, etc. But states like Indiana and Oklahoma far exceed the expectations in percentage that subscribe to The Board Talk (based on these two reports).

-- 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 18 & Back Cover for more details)

We thought others might be interested to see where your state ranks in percentage of rated players and percentage of The Board Talk subscribers. This gives you a complete breakdown of all subscribers (not just the top 6 States), plus a report showing what percentage ranking your State holds for number of rated players in the Bowers' 2003 Ratings.

Let us know what we can do to assist in getting more players interested in subscribing to The Board Talk, especially if your state has a higher ranking in number of rated players than in ranking of number of subscribers. Subscribing and advertising in The Board Talk is the only way to keep our communication channel alive for years to come. We thank ALL of our subscribers and advertisers for their great support!

—Thanks, Tom & Lynda French, Editors

100 SUBSCRIBERS DROPPED & "PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS THE USA 2003" DELAYED!

We are very sad to report that when we just did an overdue subscriber list cleanup to get the annual "Play Your Way Across the USA - August 2003 Edition" ready to publish as an insert in this August 2003 issue, we found we had to drop 100 subscribers, including several establishments that would normally be listed in this annual "Play Your Way Across the USA" publication insert. We dropped all overdue from April 2003 backward (100 subscribers) who had far exceeded the 45 day grace period. There are still a large number of subscribers from May 2003 through July 2003 that are overdue that we have not yet dropped, who have also exceeded the normal 45 day grace period. Some of the *dropped* and *overdue* but *not yet dropped* are establishments that will not be included in the next "Play Your Way Across the USA" unless they renew quickly. **PLEASE CHECK THE BACK COVER OF THIS ISSUE JUST ABOVE YOUR NAME/ADDRESS AND IF YOU ARE "DUE" OR "OVERDUE" PLEASE SEND RENEWAL A.S.A.P.**

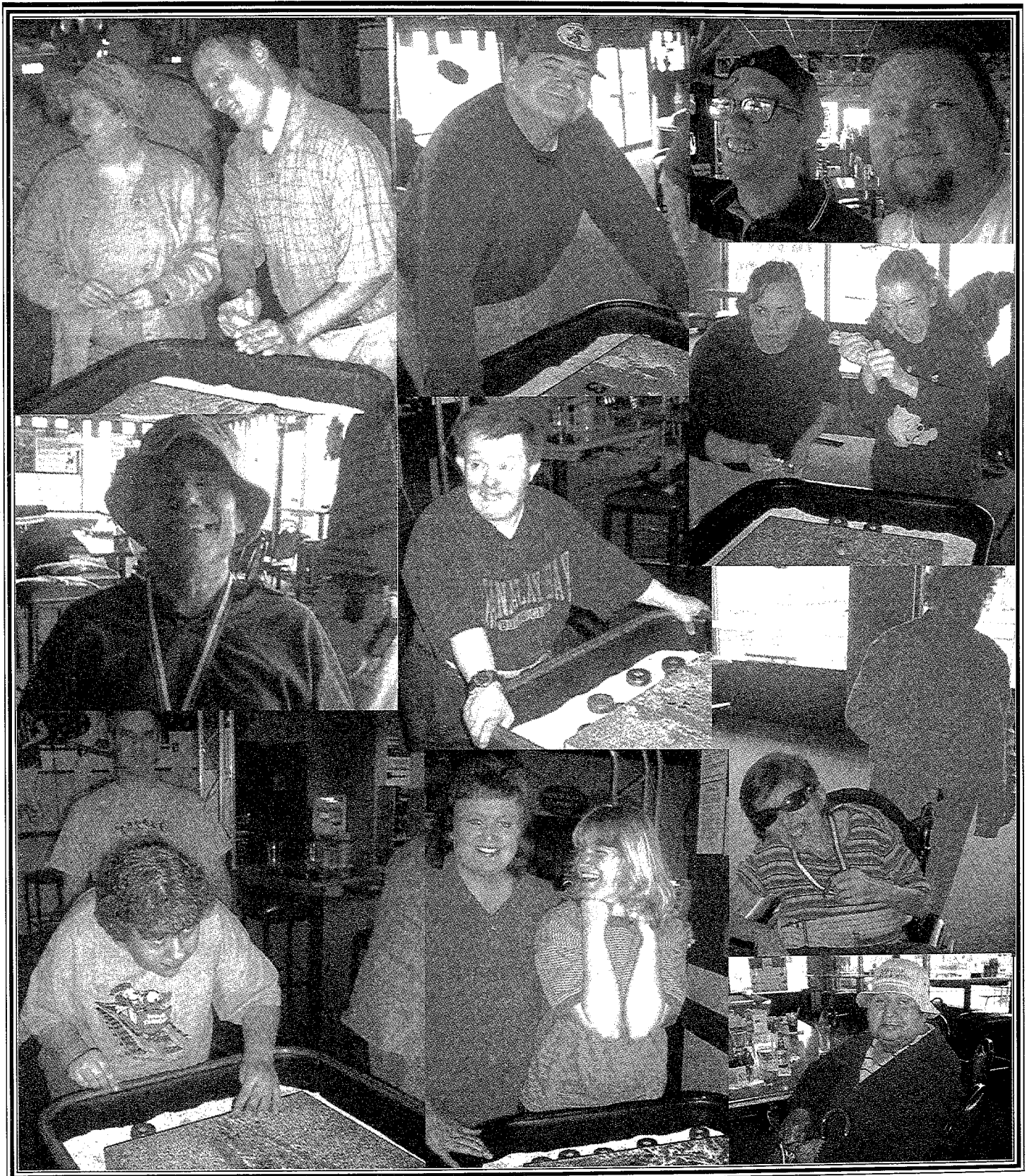
Check with your favorite establishments and ensure they are current on their Subscription and/or Shuffleboard Directory Advertisements so that they can be listed in the places to play. We have delayed the "Play Your Way Across the USA 2003" from August 2003 to January 2004 to give establishments and subscribers the opportunity to become current and be listed and receive a copy of this annual *free* publication insert that lists the places to play. We plea to all to help us... if everyone truly wants this publication to stay alive and well. —T&L French

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***4th Annual Double "D" Event
Memorial Day Extravaganza - Spokane, WA***
(Read Details of Double "D" Event on Page 1)



(Spokane's Memorial Day... continued on Page 8)

Oklahoma

**17th ANNUAL "PAT KINARD
MEMORIAL" LABOR DAY (Handicap)
FULL HOUSE TAVERN
WYNNEWOOD, OK
AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2003**

The Full House Tavern in Wynnewood, Oklahoma is hosting their 17th Annual "Pat Kinard Memorial" Labor Day Weekend Tournament Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Play on seven (7) boards. Thursday, August 28th at 7pm is the A-B Draw (\$25/player); Friday, August 29th at 7pm is the Open Draw (\$25/player); Saturday, August 30th at 5pm is the Bring Partner (\$25/player); and Sunday, August 31st at 3pm is two divisions of Singles: Singles Div. I (-1, 0, 1; \$50/player) and Singles Div. II (2,3,4; \$30/player). Finals (if needed) will be played on Monday, Sept. 1st.

All events are single game/double elimination and maximum 4 point negative handicap. For more information or questions contact Tournament Director and Full House Tavern owner: Gerald Wood at 580-272-3115 (cell) or 580-759-3293 (home) or 405-665-2715 (club). *[See Flyer inserted into this issue for more tournament details]*

Indiana

**INDIANA OPEN 2003
AMVETS POST 26
PENDLETON, IN
AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2003**



The Amvets Post 26, 939 S. Broadway, Pendleton, Indiana is hosting their Labor Day weekend Indiana Open 2003 starting Friday, August 29 - September 1. One-time registration fee: \$10.00. Play on five (5) or more boards. Acres of camping on-site (with electric hookups) and many motels close by. Friday, August 29 there will be a Mixed Doubles \$25/player with signup at 3pm and sponsor sale at 3:30pm. Saturday, August 30 there will be two divisions of 3-Person Bring Team with signup at 10am and sponsor sale at 10:30am. Pro Team division must add to 0 or more. Amateur Team division must add to 6 or more (1's - 3's) with a Pro Team entry \$50/player \$25/player for Amateur Team. Sunday, August 31 there will be two divisions of Singles (Open & Amateur) with graduated entry fees based on rating. Signup at 10am and sponsor sale at 10:30am. Monday, September 1 there will be two divisions of Doubles (Open & Amateur). Open Doubles \$100/team; Amateur Doubles \$50/team. For details on the format, entry fees, and lodging or camping questions contact the Amvets Post 26 and speak to Jeff McFadden or Sonny Harris at 765-778-7224. *[See Flyer inserted into this issue for more tournament details]*

California

**6TH ANNUAL BILLY CHILES
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
MOOSE LODGE #1832
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA
AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2003**



The "6th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament" will be held August 29 - September 1, 2003. **Chris Danke will be posthumously inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame** during this tournament. There will be two events, two out of three Double Elimination format, played on 4 boards. Bowers 2003 Ratings in effect. 100% Pay out. There will be a \$15/player One-time Registration Fee. There will be food available all weekend and a free buffet on Saturday. The first event will be ABC Draw on Friday, Aug. 29th with sponsor sale at 8pm and play to follow. The second event will be a Doubles Bring Partner with sponsor sale at 3pm on Saturday, Aug. 30th.

For more information see the flyer insert in the July 2003 issue or contact: Marie Coulter 714-840-1825 or Rich Warren 714-536-0172. NOTE: PLEASE SEND "TRIBUTES" FOR THE CHRIS DANKE California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Induction a.s.a.p. (to be included in the program booklet and/or ceremony) to: Jolene Lembke, 11050 Bryant Rd., Sp#45, Yacaiapa, CA 92399 or call Jolene with questions: 909-797-9685

New York

**5TH ANNUAL ANRIONDACK OPEN
RIVERSIDE TAVERN
KEESVILLE, NY
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2003**

Riverside Tavern will host The 5th Adirondack Open September 5-7, 2003 Friday, September 5th Draw Partner Event (sponsor sale: 6:30 PM.) Saturday, September 6th Mixed Doubles (sponsor sale: 12:00 noon) Sunday, September 7th Bring Partner (sponsor sale: 11:00 AM) Play starts immediately following sponsor sale on all three events! All events are single game/double elimination \$15 per person entry fee for each event. Come early for warm-up round robins on Thursday.

Motels & Campsites are located within 1/2 mile of Riverside Tavern: Villa Motel (518-834-7579) Blue Spruce 518-834-7155 Riverside Tavern is located in the Adirondack Region, 30 miles from Lake Placid—take interstate 87 north from Albany to exit 34 and turn right on 9N FOR 1/4 mile to South Ausable Street on right. For additional registration and lodging information, call Riverside Tavern 31 South Ausable Street, Keeseville, New York Phone 518-834-5953 --Home: Pauline Rock 518-834-9152 E-Mail pjrock66@aol.com

Texas

"DON'T SING IT BRING IT"
TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS BAR
HOUSTON, TX
AUGUST 21-24, 2003



If you missed the PRO's going head to head this year, Triple Crown Sports Bar, 13711 Westheimer (new location), Houston, Texas with Host Billy Melton are providing you another chance. We have 5 excellent in-house boards ready for this tourney at our new location. For additional information & Registration Form: See flyer insert in the July 2003 issue and/or contact Tournament Director: James Cummings, jrc@rver.com, 281-550-5011.

...Sponsor Sale and \$20 QuickPick for each event...

Aug 21st 7:00 pm Open Draw \$100/Player
 Single Game Double Elimination

Aug 22nd 5:00 pm Open Singles \$1,000/Player
 2 of 3 Winners and Losers

Aug 23rd 5:00 pm Open Doubles \$600/Team
 2 of 3 Winners 21 Pt. Losers

Note: All Money Games 2 of 3

Texas

DANNY & PETE'S BIRTHDAY BASH
DANNY'S SPORTS BAR
HOUSTON, TX
AUGUST 21-24, 2003



Danny & Pete's Birthday Bash tournament will be held at Danny's Sports Bar, 12126 Westheimer, Houston, Texas on August 21-24. Tournament will have from 4 to 8 boards depending upon number of registered participants. For more information see the flyer insert in the July 2003 issue.

Events include:

Aug 21st (Thurs.) 6:00 pm Warm-up Robins

\$20 & \$50 Round Robins until closing

Aug 22nd (Fri.) 6:00 pm A/B Draw (sponsor sale)

\$25/Player Single Game/Double Elimination

Aug 23rd (Sat.) 3:00 pm Bring Partner (sponsor sales)

Handicap -- Add to 2 or more w/ 4 point max. spot

\$25/Player Single Game Double Elimination

Aug 24th (Sun.) 3:00 pm \$20 & \$50 Round Robins

• 4-8 Boards

• Added Money Friday & Saturday

• Free Food Saturday at 6pm

• Drink & Food Specials

• For more information see the flyer insert in the July 2003 issue and/or contact: Danny Norris 281-558-8693 or Denise Klein 281-759-6525

Nebraska

5th ANNUAL "WANDERING THE
WORLD WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT"
MUSETTE BAR
OMAHA, NE
SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2003



The 5th Annual Wandering the World Women's Tournament will be held at The Musette Bar in Omaha, NE on Sept. 18-21.

- Events include Doubles, Draw Partner and Singles. There are also scheduled events for the men.
- 12 boards (8 Champion Boards and 4 house boards).
- Special rates will be available at local hotels for shuffleboard players.
- Transportation will be provided to/from the airport and hotels.
- Great raffle items, including weights and a custom weight case by "Buggs" (Dan Bruggeman).

See flyer insert in the July 2003 issue and/or contact: Linda Ritter, 402-650-0554 or lritter59@cox.net.

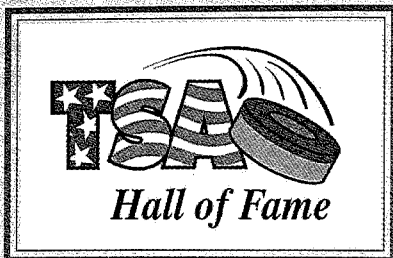
Nevada

2003 NASC™ RENO
SANDS REGENCY HOTEL
RENO, NV
OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 2, 2003



The 2003 NASC includes several exciting changes. Among them are: Free entry in the Pro/Am Draft for the first fifty people that have never been to the NASC. Players wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must sign up by August 1. Great room rates: only \$29.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday nights and \$59.00, plus tax, for Friday and Saturday. The singles and doubles format for all three amateur divisions has been changed to a 2 out of 3 winners bracket and a single 21 point game in the losers bracket. \$10,000 cash giveaway: Fifty randomly drawn players will win \$200 each in the Friday night drawing, which will take place after the presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award. The total amount of added money is based on the number of players in the Pro/Am Draft.

Please see the flyer insert in this issue for complete details, or visit the tournament web site at: www.shuffleboardfederation.com/2003nasc.html



NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF the TSA (Table Shuffleboard Association) Officers is in-plan (per TSA By-Laws) to occur by year end (August 2003 or shortly thereafter). You must be a TSA Associate Member to vote or to be considered for a TSA Director or Officer position.

TSA Associate Members may volunteer to be considered for a TSA Director or Officer position as positions become available. All TSA Associate Members will be mailed a TSA Director Voting Ballot by August 1, 2003 (should receive by August 7th) to cast their vote. Votes will be tallied on August 27th. The newly elected TSA Directors will then vote on the TSA Officers. The newly elected TSA Directors and Officers will serve a three year term.

Anyone who would like to join the TSA organization should contact: Don Valk, TSA President, at 512-288-9555 or E-Mail: donvalk@ev1.net

If you have not yet joined the TSA organization and/or if you have not renewed your membership, there was a TSA Associate Membership Form flyer insert in the May 2003 issue or download the form from the TSA website: <http://www.tableshuffleboard.org>

Thanks to all current TSA Associate Members for your support of the organization. We thank all who have renewed or joined before August 1, 2003 and who will participate in the TSA Director Election this year (as there will not be another scheduled election until 2006/7 timeframe).

In last month's July 2003 The Board Talk issue, we welcomed **Danny Green** of Houston, Texas as a new TSA Associate Member. We would now like to welcome the following 8 new members who joined in July 2003:

"New" TSA Associate Members:

Colletta Stanley (Florida);
Marty Allen (Florida);
Rusty Nowakowski (Florida);
Dick Smedberg (Florida);
Rick Gindt (Washington);
Larry Pearson (Washington);
Jim Payne (Nebraska); and
Leonard Webster (Nebraska)

Welcome and "Thanks" to all new TSA Associate Members and all those who have ensured that their renewals were submitted and current on/before August 1, 2003!

We hope that *many* more will join or renew their memberships each month and thank all of you for your continued support of our TSA organization and Hall of Fame efforts!

— Thanks, TSA Directors

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Ranking of States

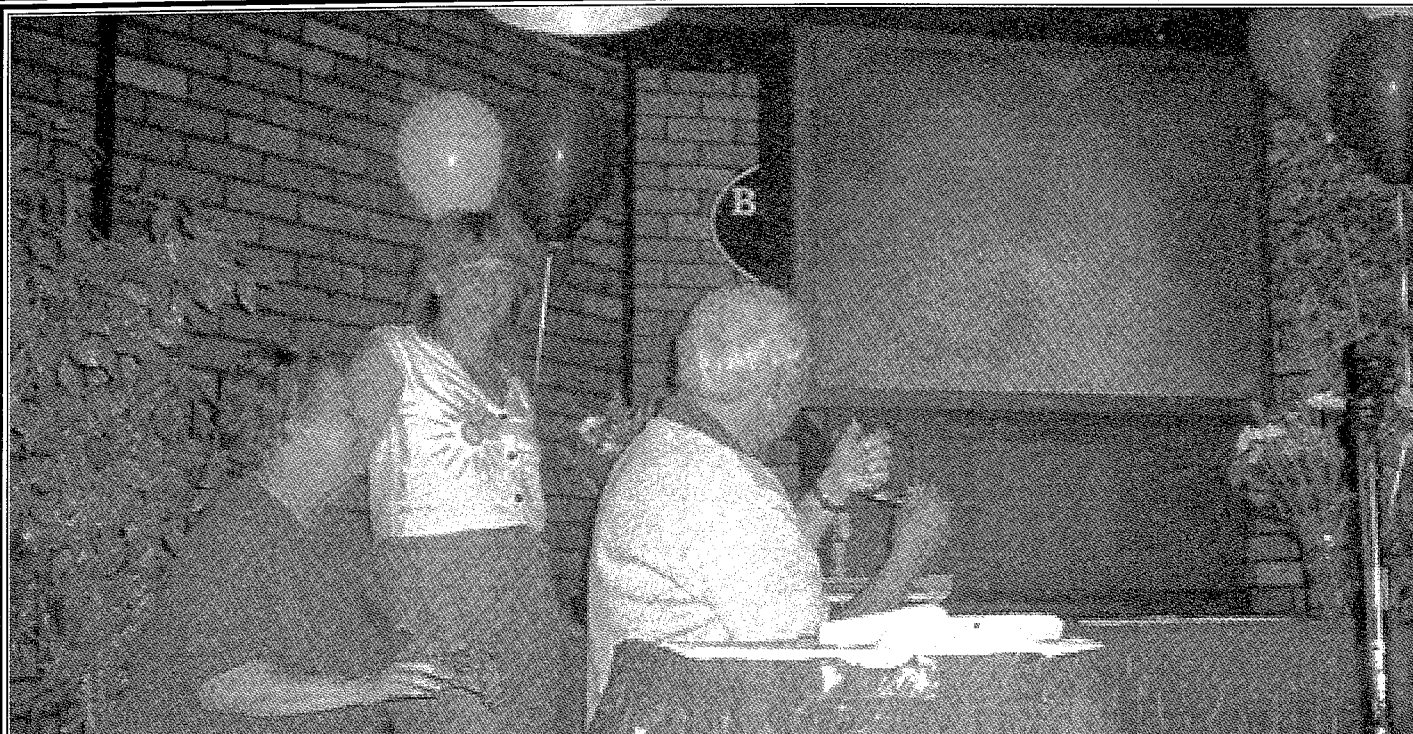
Subscribers (left column) & Rated Players (right column)

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STATE	SUBSCRIBER %	SUBSCRIBER RANKED
TEXAS	18.42%	1st
CALIFORNIA	12.55%	2nd
INDIANA	8.01%	3rd
OKLAHOMA	7.74%	4th
WASHINGTON	7.34%	5th
MICHIGAN	6.94%	6th
MISSOURI	5.61%	7th
NEBRASKA	4.41%	8th
ARIZONA	3.34%	9th
OREGON	3.20%	10th
NEW YORK	3.07%	11th
PENNSYLVANIA	2.67%	12th
FLORIDA	2.54%	13th
MARYLAND	1.74%	14/15th
COLORADO	1.74%	14/15th
ARKANSAS	1.60%	16th
NEW JERSEY	1.47%	17th
OHIO	1.34%	18th
NEVADA	1.20%	19th
ILLINOIS	0.53%	20th-22nd
IDAHO	0.53%	20th-22nd
CANADA	0.53%	20th-22nd
TENNESSEE	0.40%	23rd-25th
KENTUCKY	0.40%	23rd-25th
DELAWARE	0.40%	23rd-25th
N. CAROLINA	0.27%	26th-31st
MISSISSIPPI	0.27%	26th-31st
MASSACHUSETTS	0.27%	26th-31st
KANSAS	0.27%	26th-31st
GEORGIA	0.27%	26th-31st
ALABAMA	0.27%	26th-31st
WYOMING	0.13%	32nd-36th
VIRGINIA	0.13%	32nd-36th
VERMONT	0.13%	32nd-36th
LOUISIANA	0.13%	32nd-36th
HAWAII	0.13%	32nd-36th
MONTANA	0.00%	N/A
TOTAL	100.00%	

STATE	% RATED	RANKED
TEXAS	14.66%	1st
CALIFORNIA	9.97%	2nd
NEBRASKA	8.70%	3rd
WASHINGTON	8.14%	4th
CANADA	7.70%	5th
MICHIGAN	6.89%	6th
MISSOURI	6.21%	7th
OKLAHOMA	5.31%	8th
OREGON	5.16%	9th
PENNSYLVANIA	4.35%	10th
ARIZONA	4.04%	11th
INDIANA	3.94%	12th
FLORIDA	3.51%	13th
NEW YORK	2.73%	14th
MARYLAND	2.64%	15th
ARKANSAS	1.93%	16th
COLORADO	1.27%	17th
NEVADA	0.75%	18th
OHIO	0.68%	19th
DELAWARE	0.59%	20th
KENTUCKY	0.19%	21st-22nd
NEW JERSEY	0.19%	21st-22nd
TENNESSEE	0.16%	23rd
IDAHO	0.09%	24th-25th
ILLINOIS	0.09%	24th-25th
KANSAS	0.06%	26th
MONTANA	0.03%	27th-28th
VERMONT	0.03%	27th-28th
ALABAMA	0.00%	N/A
GEORGIA	0.00%	N/A
HAWAII	0.00%	N/A
LOUISIANA	0.00%	N/A
MASSACHUSETTS	0.00%	N/A
N. CAROLINA	0.00%	N/A
WYOMING	0.00%	N/A
TOTAL:	100.00%	

Spokane's Memorial Day... (Con't. from Page 1)



Above:

Sue Miller enjoys watching the video of Russ' life which was prepared and presented during the TSA Hall of Fame ceremony. The video showing on the television at the top right corner shows Russ and Carol in their early years... A video that Sue will watch many times and one that she will dearly cherish forever!

(pictured left to right): Sue Miller, Melody Marine, and Larry Sawyer



Above:

Caveman (center) who was a long time friend of Russ "The Colonel" Miller celebrates Russ' TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony with Sue Miller (left) and her sister Carol (right).



Above:

The "Die Hard" Group (taken on last day and final hours of the tournament)... those that lasted and stayed to the bitter end! (grin!)

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This years Memorial Day tourney offered over ten thousand dollars in prize monies. Not a bad pay out for spending a weekend with good friends, great food, and awesome shuffleboard!

The Friday night A/B draw was won by Bob Shirley and Fred Marsten (no photo).

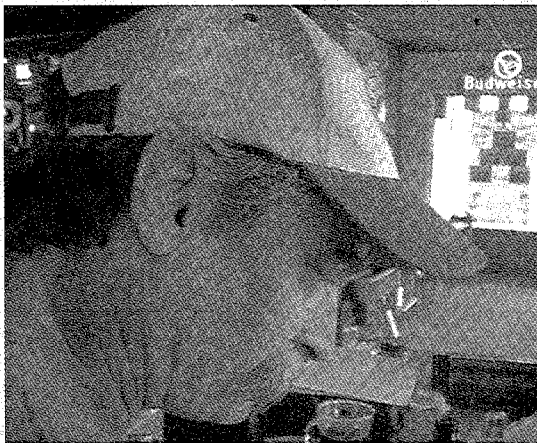
The singles event win was shared in the A division by Sparky Williams Johnny "Blue" Rostollan. On the "B" side Kevin Calloway (Oregon), took honors, with fellow Oregonian Al Hudson hot on his heels.

Singles - Div. A



1st Place (split): (above)
Johnny "Blue" Rostollan (left) & Sparky Williams (right)

Singles - Div. B



1st Place: (above) Kevin Calloway

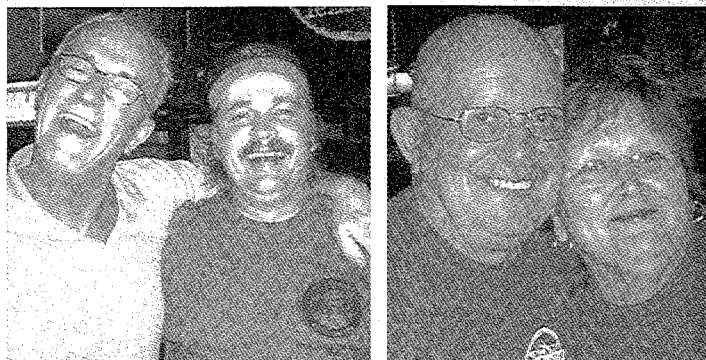
Doubles - Div. A



1st Place: (above)
Dick Doak & Dan Hitt

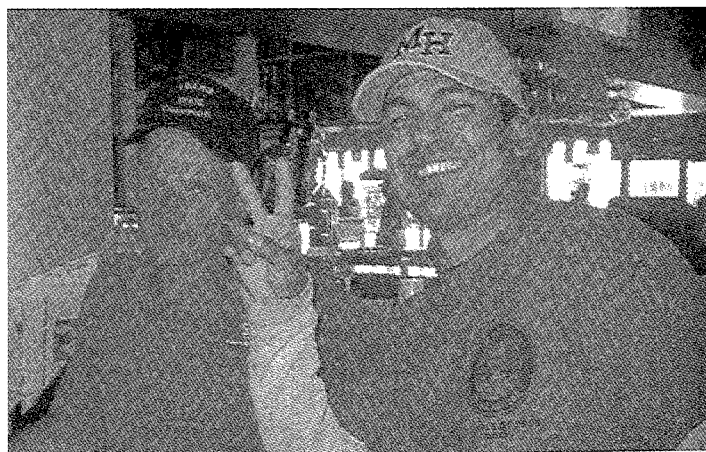
2nd Place: (above)
Rick Shaw & Danny Holland

Doubles - Div. B



1st Place: (above)
Clyde VanOrman & Mike Carew

2nd Place: (above)
Bill & Linda Walker



First Time Tournament for Mario Briones: (above)
Mario Briones (right) celebrates 1st Time Tournament [we'll be seeing more of him for sure!] ... pictured with Mike Rapp (left)

"A" doubles were won by World Champion Dan Hitt and his partner and good friend Dick Doak. Rick Shaw and Danny Holland made a valiant effort at double dipping. "B" doubles brought the Winston Oregon team of Clyde VanOrman and Mike Carew to the winner's circle. Bill and Linda Walker of Port Orchard finished second by knocking off some great teams. Good job you two! (Doubles Winner Photos: See Column 2)

Thanks again to one and all that participated in what we consider to be the best tournament we've hosted so far. Everyone who attended had nothing but good to say. All who shared in this weekend will remember it as a truly authentic good time.

Maryland State Championships

April 11-13, 2003

Report By: Dick Gorman

(Report Printing Delayed Awaiting Photos that came back unusable-so reporting w/ no photos)

In March (one month before the Maryland State Championship tournament) the new owners of Harvey's Place showed a disinterest in sponsoring the Maryland State Championship tournament and treated the players who attended the Mason Dixon tournament rather rudely. The players bucked and said no way did they want to come back there, despite the fact that they had 4 boards. What to do? We contacted Harvey Comer (former owner) first and asked if he would help us - he said no, because he would have to have a minimum of 3 shuffleboards installed in less than 3 weeks plus advertise. He said "I can and will" and he did!

Harvey Comer owned another bar in Darlington, MD and did some reorganizing and on the road to find boards - to late order brand new ones and have them installed in time for the deadline. Problems were abound. Boards sold before he could get there, boards not in condition promised, etc. etc. etc. Harvey bought two used boards, had one top re-planed and resurfaced and found another playing surface that was in nice condition, bought it, and wallah... 3 boards and ready to go!

Maryland State Championships started in a new place with 3 fresh boards (nobody had seen or played these before) on *Friday night with a Draw Partner event*. A real fun event that had a real nice payoff of 4 places. 1st Place went to Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE) and Mike Kennedy (Philadelphia, PA - welcome back from a long absence!); 2nd Place went to Nicole Bonner (Bear, DE) and Cid Floriani (Long Beach, NJ); 3rd Place went to Billy Pollock (Philadelphia, PA) and Wayne Todd (Newark, DE); and 4th Place (final spot) went to Arnold Ledford (Street, MD) and Mike Miller (Aldan, PA).

Saturday afternoon started with a gratitude ceremony honoring Darlyene and Harvey for their efforts and dedication for all their years of unselfish work at Harvey's Place for many many years. An appropriate plaque was given and now hangs at Harvey Jr.'s, the newest home of shuffleboard. Darlyene was smiling between the flowers that well presented to her by all of her shuffleboard friends (after all, we had to help ensure that she would continue to provide us with all that home cooking in the future). By the way, the hospitality continued... roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and special chocolate cake were Saturday's dinner for all players and guests. Now, what hosts -- they do all that?!?!

The real reason we were there was to find the Maryland State Champions for 2003. Last year champs plus many others showed up. The battle was on to pay four places. Appropriately, Maryland players were there to avenge and take the title back for Maryland residents - and they did (half way). The Maryland State Champions Bring Partner are Curtis Dean (Elkton, MD) and Ralph McDowell (Nottingham, PA); 2nd Place went to two champion players from

Sherburne, NY: Pat Bennett and Ryan Fuller; 3rd Place went to the Maryland team of Kurt Maurer (Conowingo) and Jen Pickett (Northeast); and final spot went to host Harvey Comer (Darlington, MD) and Anthony Todd (Newark, DE).

Sunday started with last year's Singles Champ in the line up with a host of formidable players and play they did until Wendy Davis (Wilmington, DE) was crowned the 2003 Maryland Singles Champion. Giving up hard was 2nd Place finisher Mike Miller (Aldan, PA). After a real game fight Cid Floriani (Long Beach, NJ) took 3rd Place. 4th Place was fought for equally hard and was taken by Curtis Dean (Elkton, MD). Interesting, this is the second year in a row that a female was crowned Maryland State "Singles" Champion.

As for Harvey Jr.'s, in one weekend they established themselves as a very good permanent shuffleboard spot in the State of Maryland and East Coast! What is planned for the future? First a building extension to permanently house three 22' shuffleboards in very good condition with room to add two extra shuffleboards for tournament weekends. A rebuild or refresh most of the building and a welcome to all and particularly shuffleboard players. This will be the future of two traveling shuffleboard teams, every Saturday night a Draw Partner tournament, when traveling teams out of season and Draw Partner every Tuesday night. Any traveling shuffleboard players are welcome anytime. Call Harvey Comer at (410) 457-5235 anytime and let him know you are coming... he will try to arrange for cordial shuffleboard players to meet you!

- - Reported By: Dick Gorman



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State bird: Baltimore oriole

State flower: black-eyed Susan

Forest Festival 2003

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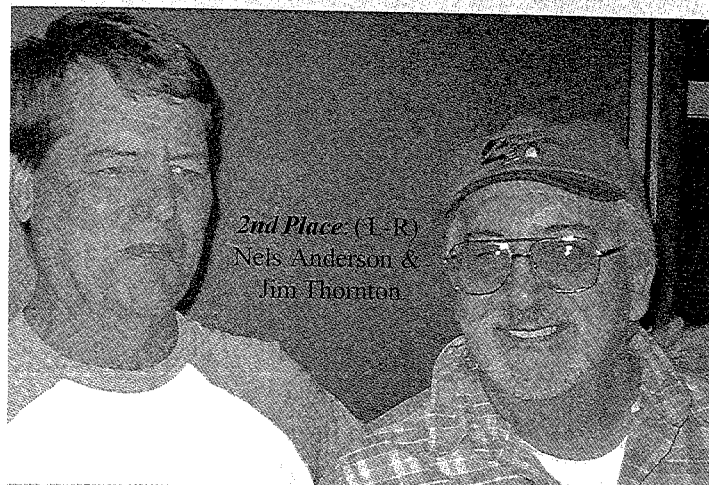
Report By: Dwayne Dibley Photos Submitted By: Jeanette Hohn

(Note: Jeanette had digital camera problems and several photos were overlayed/unusable)

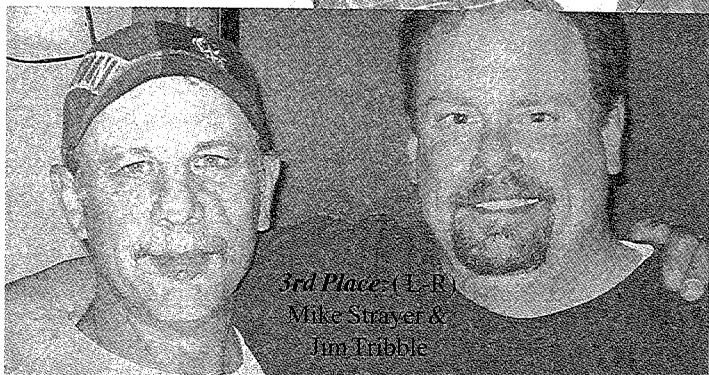
Forest Festival just seems to bring out the nostalgia in everyone. No wonder, the Forest Festival is a celebration of the men and women who created the Great Northwest, and more specifically Shelton. Therefore, a history lesson of the Forest Festival Tournament is in order. In 1987 two local shuffleboard players, jazzed up by the all the celebrations, decided to create a tournament, which would pit two Shelton Taverns against one another. The tournament was so much fun that in 1988, solely by word of mouth, the shuffleboard world (at least as far as the Northwest was concerned) showed up and the Forest Festival Tournament became one of the largest tournament in Washington. The tradition continues. For the past 15 years the Forest Festival, while maybe not one of the largest tournament in the Northwest anymore is still by far one of the most fun. Although not an ESA sponsored event, it has remained very popular in the Pacific Northwest. Four years ago the Forest Festival Tournament changed its format to an A-B bring your own partner. "A" players being 1.49 and lower based on the Bowers Rating System and the "B" players being 1.50 plus. Past winners of the A-B Forest Festival Tournament: 2002 Mel Hohn and Mike Keevil; 2001 Carl Roush and Dean Johnson; 2000 Mike Thorpe and Dennis Smith; 1999 Mel Hohn, TBK, and Jeanette Hohn.

This year's tournament was surrounded with the usual Forest Festival pedantry. Teams from all over Western Washington competed in the two-day event. Action started off Friday night with and A-B Draw single elimination event. Mel Hohn, TBK, and Mike Strayer won. Randy Ables and Mike Keevil came in second (no photo). Mel Hohn, TBK, and Jeanette "Devil Woman" Hohn won the 2003 title. Nels Anders and Jim "007" Thorton were second. "Mud Bay" Jim Tribble and Mike Strayer finished third. Fourth place went to Mike Waters and Rob Hidal.

Photo Collage of Winners:



2nd Place (L-R)
Nels Anderson &
Jim Thornton



3rd Place (L-R)
Mike Strayer &
Jim Tribble



4th Place (L-R)
Mike Waters
& Rob Hidal



2003 Title Winners
(L-R)
Mel & Jeanette Hohn



A-B Draw 1st Place (L-R)
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& Mel Hohn

Gary Anglin's "Garage Open" - Doubles Tourney

Gary Anglin's Garage

May 10, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Mary Brown, IN

Once again, Gary Anglin held a tournament on his home boards on May 10th with 11 teams competing. [Notice the beautiful wood winner's plaques presented to the first and second place winners in below photos]. As always, this tournament was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed mom's great cooking. Even the weather was great enough to play outside. First place went to Terry Dowell (Mentone, Indiana) and Rick Stocker (Muncie, Indiana). Second place went to Kristie Redman (Bourbon, Indiana) and Jody Berry (Hartford City, Indiana). Also see our Indiana Wedding News (Page 16)!



1st Place "Champs":
Terry Dowell & Rick Stocker



2nd Place:
Kristie Redman & Jody Berry

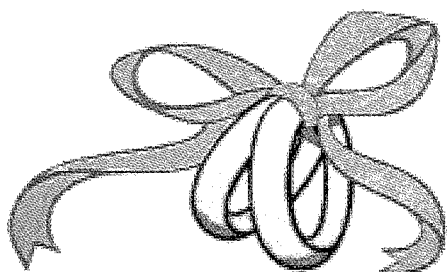
Indiana "Wedding News"!

Mike Koontz & Lisa (Gothan) Koontz

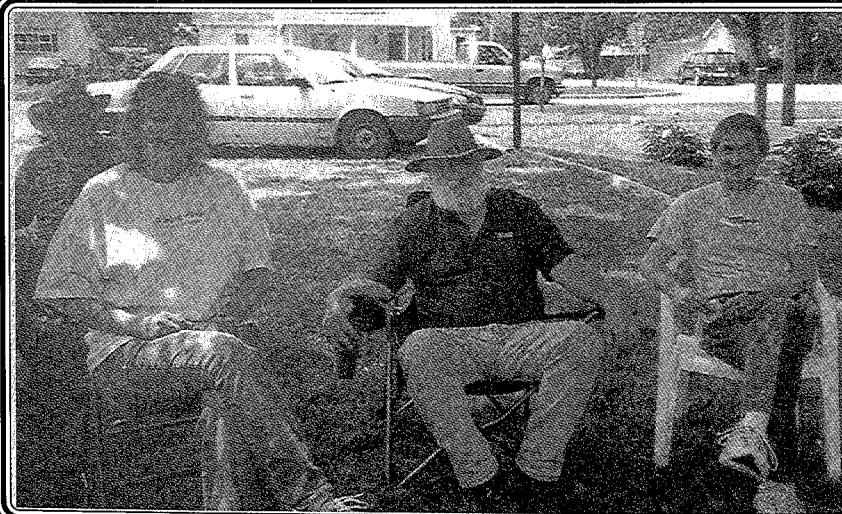
Submitted By: Mary Brown, IN

We had a marriage in the shuffleboard family here in Indiana back in January. Anyone that has ever played in Bourbon will remember Mike Koontz who has played an run tournaments here for many many years (used to wear a cowboy hat). Lisa also used to help at the Legion in the past with sponsor sales. They are both great people!

They have just bought a bar in Bourbon and put in one board and looking for another one. The bar was formerly known as the Sundown is now named "Journey's End". Mike & Lisa plan to host on hosting many tournaments in the future at Journey's End.



Lisa (Gothan) Koontz & Mike Koontz
Married: January 2, 2003



Lisa (Gothan) Koontz & Mike Koontz
pictured with Mike's shuffleboard
partner Dennis Kinsey

[Editors Comment: Congratulations to a fine couple: Mike & Lisa Koontz. Mike & Lisa have already called us and placed two tournaments at their new club "Journey's End Bar & Grill" on the Calendar of Events in this August issue (one on December 20th and one on May 8, 2004) - so, congratulations on your marriage and on the purchase of your new club! We look forward to advertising and reporting the results of your tournament events. -- Tom & Lynda French, The Board Talk Editors/Publishers]

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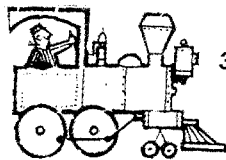
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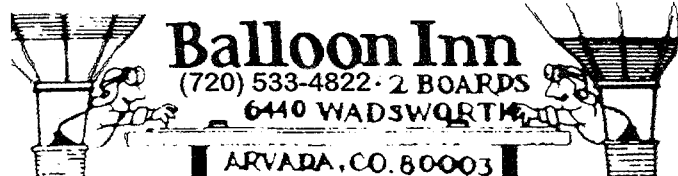
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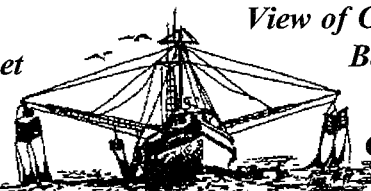
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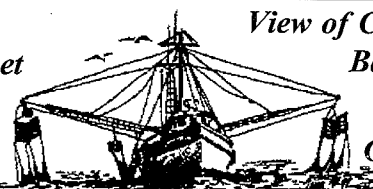
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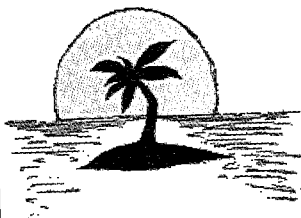
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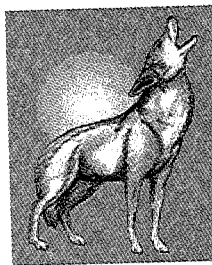


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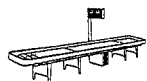
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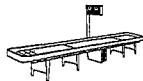
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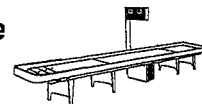
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Durand, Michigan

August 15-16

4th Annual 'Ladies Only' Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

August 14-17

Multi Event Tournament
A.N.A.F. #314
Burnaby, British Columbia

August 15-17

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

August 21-24 (Re: July 2003 flyer)

Danny & Pete's Birthday Bash
Danny's Sports Bar
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August 21-24 (Re: July 2003 flyer)

"Don't Sing It Bring It"
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Houston, Texas

August 27-September 1 (Re: June 2003 flyer)

Texas Open
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

August 28-September 1 (Re: August 2003 flyer insert)

17th Annual "Pat Kinard Memorial"
Labor Day Tournament
Full House Bar Tavern
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

August 29-September 1 (Re: Upcoming

Events and/or flyer insert May issue)
9th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial
Moose Lodge #1832
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September 5-7

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Red Dog Saloon
Port Orchard, Washington

September 18-21

5th Annual "Wandering the World"
Ladies Tournament
Musette Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

September 19-21

Annual "Fall Doubles & Singles"
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

September 19-21

Catch the Train
Captain Merlot's
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September 26-27

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Eagles Lodge
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September 26-28

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October 11-12

ABC Draw
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

October 10-11

3rd Annual Columbus Day Tourney
Devonshire Inn
St. Louis, Missouri

October 10-12

Singles Round Robin/Neg. Handicap
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

October 17-19

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American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 17-19

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Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, Florida

October 26-November 2 (flyer insert)

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November 8-9

Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 21-23

Indiana Pre-State Champ Tourney
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

November 27-29

9th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 27-30

Florida State Tournament
Eagles Aerie #4257
Merritt Island, Florida

November 28-30

Indiana State Championships
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

November 29-30

ABC Draw
BZ's Sports Bar
Burien, Washington

DECEMBER 2003

December 12-14

14th Annual Santa Classic
(Open Doubles)
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

December 20

Mixed Doubles
Journey's End Bar & Grill
Bourbon, Indiana

December 26-31

8th Annual Houston Holiday Open
Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel
Houston, Texas

December 27-28

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

MARCH/APRIL 2004

March 28-April 4 (tentative date)
3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004
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May 8

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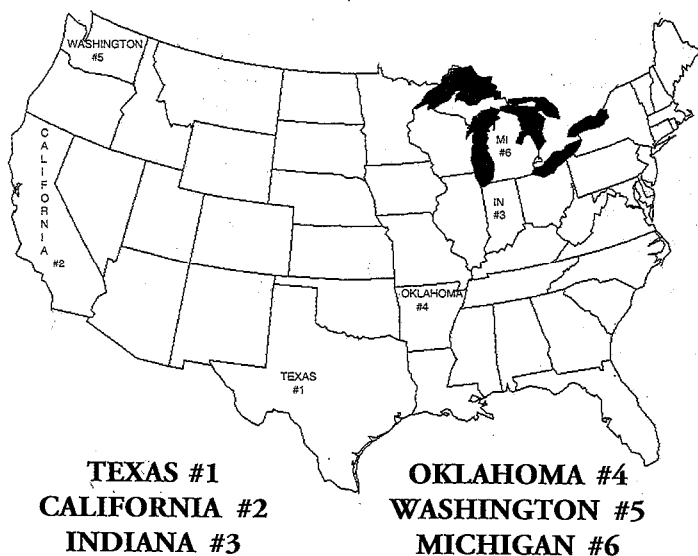
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