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Winston 2003

Hitt Shines in Open Events & Bingham Olson Shines in B Events

Labor Day Weekend 2003

99 Tavern & Willee's Cafe, Winston, Oregon

Results & Photos Submitted By: Steve Fisher, Oregon

Winston, Oregon: "Winston 2003" improved in monetary terms for the fourth straight year; with \$25,300.00 total purse including \$9,075. in the Open Singles. The six-event Labor Day tourney was played on eight boards in two neighboring locations (99 Tavern & Willee's Cafe).

Dan Hitt, of Spokane, left the tourney with the lions share of prizes from the Open events. Hitt held off a monster charge by Nick Chaffin to win the singles. Chaffin had won three straight games in his attempt to double dip Hitt, when the momentum turned in favor of the new Rural American Champion.

Hitt, teamed with Winston player Dan Holland to repeat as tournament champions in the Open Doubles. Once again, strong lagging from the Hitt end, coupled with effective hammer control from Holland created early leads in both championship games. Nick Chaffin and Joe Hudson claimed 2nd place while Bob Hunt and Dave Keithahn finished 3rd.

Lorraine Bingham Olson had a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finish in three of the five events she entered. "Hurricane" and local Kevin Callaway won the Open Blind

Draw and she teamed with partner Jimmy Olson to place runnerup in the B Doubles. A 3rd place finish in the B Singles summed up a fine overall performance for her.

The tourney started with an A-B draw. Dan Holland and Linda Walker (Port Orchard, WA) beat Doug Buhl and Bill Walker to win the 30 team event. Jim Tribble and JB Burgess placed third.

The B-Singles (+ .51 Bowers and above) had 35 participants. Ryan Devlin (Kelso WA) survived the field to win the event. Ted Curtice (Bonanza, Or) placed second, while Lorraine Bingham Olson finished third.

Frank Mako (Chehalis, WA), and Dan Glasscock (Rogue River, OR) snuck past Jimmy Olson and Lorraine Bingham Olson in the finals to win the B-Doubles event. Max Sena (WA) and Israel Ochoa finished third.

Everyone was pleased with the Venue, organization, and conditions of play. This was the 4th annual tourney in Winston with an average participation of 72.25 registered players.

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WINSTON Tournament Champs (Past & Present)

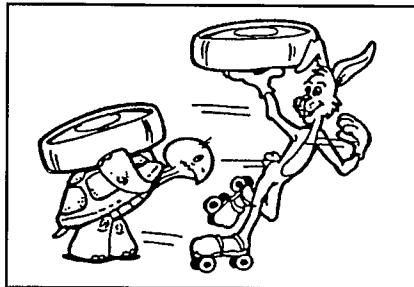
Open Singles Champions

2000- Darrol Nelson, Doug Buhl (Split)
2001- Dudley Hutcherson
2002- Darrol Nelson
2003- Dan Hitt

Open Doubles Champions

2000- Darrol Nelson & Doug Buhl
2001- Chuck Norris & Hal Perry
2002- Dan Hitt & Dan Holland
2003- Dan Hitt & Dan Holland

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

TSA "Thanks" AZ Turbo...

The Table Shuffleboard Association extends a big "thank you" to AZ Turnbo of California for his donation of an original magazine, Sports Illustrated, September 4, 1967 which featured an article titled "The Hustle of Texas Billy" on pages 58-64, by Gilbert Rogin (about Texas' Billy Mays). Also thanks to Lorraine Olson of California for laminating the cover before shipment to better preserve the magazine. AZ is also donating a copy of the "Western Rules" for the TSA museum displays (Lorraine will be shipping for him soon).

The TSA would like to remind all... if submitting a TSA HOF nomination, we need more than just a signed petition. We have several potential nominations pending because all we basically received was a signed petition requesting nomination. A history is a must and at least one photo is desirable (as we are trying to design a plaque for the museum of each inductee which will have a photo and brief history on the plaque).

We must have histories of all nominees and inductees and photo if at all possible (photos needed for legacy players already inducted may be difficult to locate --- any/all help will be greatly appreciated). Visit:

<http://www.tableshuffleboard.org> for list of TSA HOF inductees to see if you can help provide history or photos on any inductees would be greatly appreciated. Also, for those submitting or gathering future TSA HOF nomination candidates to submit to the TSA Directors for consideration/vote, please view the nomination form template on our website and note that the requirements to submit a nomination MUST include more than just a signed petition of 20 or more supporters. A signed petition is not sufficient to get a nomination candidate considered for future induction. A signed petition is only ONE item required. If you can contribute, please contact Don Valk, TSA President (512-288-9555 or email: donvalk@ev1.net) or Lynda French, TSA Secretary (512-250-0327 email: lynda@jump.net). Thanks to all supporters of the TSA organization. -- TSA Directors

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Nelson's Shuffleboard Vacation Report...

Kay & I started our Shuffleboard Vacation at the Heartland Handicap in Del City, Oklahoma on Friday the 17th. Don Crall and his gang were, as always excellent hosts. All the Wynnewood gang was there along w/ countless other Oklahoma Players - this is what they mean by "Friendship in Competition", sure it hard to find a nicer bunch of players! Any tournament you can make it to at Del City is worth the drive (even if you don't come in the money!) From there we made our way to Hot Springs and then on to Little Rock on Tuesday to the VFW to play w/good friends Tony & Joyce Pelton. The bar has (3) home boards and looking to get a fourth. And let me tell you, it ain't easy to win against those Pelton folks - Kay & I never won a game! But have to admit I was more interested in the beer and conversation. Several nice Hotels close by the action, so if you get the opportunity make this a future stop! I know Kay & I will be back in the near future. You're sure to enjoy the competition and fun.

-- Gary & Kay Nelson Tx)

Bowers' Rating System

{Response from Mark Gray (Missouri):

Re: Bower Rating System; Oct./Nov. 2003 issue, pg. 2}

"Let's Support the Bowers Ratings", by Mark Gray aka "The Kansas City Kid"

What the Bowers Rating does for this great game of shuffleboard... one thing it does is it makes a more even playing field. For instance, in an ABC tournament you can have an A player up against a C player. Now, I ask you, does this promote new players? What would happen is the good players would go on to get better and the new players would probably go away. What I am trying to get at is this: people who put out the ratings list every year do not make a dime other than donations that are sent in usually by the raters. I suggest perhaps at some of our tournaments, a donation can, and if everyone donated just \$1, we can keep ratings alive. Just a suggestion!

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Bowers' Rating System

{From Woodie Cockrum, Sr. (Missouri):

Re: Bower Rating System; Oct./Nov. 2003 issue, pg. 2}

I would like to thank all who donated to the Bowers Rating System at the Steelville, Missouri tournament. A special thanks to Glen and Sandy Tubbs for their little extra. If we are going to keep the Bowers Ratings going, we need to get a little help at our tournaments for the Bowers. They started the ratings back in the early 90's in their city to help balance the skill level and get new players involved with a chance to win. It caught on quickly and it became nationwide (except a way to pay printing, postage, and supplies that it takes to keep it going).

Right now there are over 3,600 rated players and over 100 raters. Just the postage alone to get the ratings mailed out is over \$6.00 per rater.

The Bowers sent those of us that do the ratings a letter regarding the donations [and printed that information in the Oct./Nov. 2003 The Board Talk's "Shufflers' Notebook", page 2] that "Donations have been 1/5 as much as usual this year and printing cost and postage have increased. We do not mind doing the rating for free or break even, but we are not sure how many years we can afford to lose money."

The Bowers Rating System has done more for shuffleboard than anything, so PLEASE help out with a donation. Pitch in and help the Bowers!

Glen Davidson's Road Trip...

{Continued from Oct./Nov. 2003 issue, pg. 3}

I hadn't seen Smitty in quite some time. I'd about forgotten how good he plays. Jeff, Rocky, and myself went back to Summitville one night before I started they had a play off there - Tom Massey was there. The play off was won by Smitty and partner and the last game round robin that night guess who won it! Yep, Smitty and partner beat me and Massey for the pot. I think Smitty is in dead stroke! I've always called him by his last name. Sooooo, congrats to Mr. Smith. Bobby Voorhis did not show up. I know Buz (Bobby's dad) has to go to the hospital pretty often and he has two bars to run is hard... every day and night. I dropped by both bars: Fairmount and Palace on the night of the Summitville playoff and told the bartender who I was and the others... the bartender called Bobby's house and couldn't get him to come out and play. Guess he just couldn't stand the humiliation of coming out to play me. Debbie, sorry I missed seeing you too. Hope to see you on the 4th. Tell Bob to come on (I won't be playing). Hope you are doing well, we're all pulling for you Buz Voorhis.

Good luck to Jerry Siebert on his HOF tournament next year in Durand. My partner, Roland, Jerry almost beat out the champs if Jerry hadn't missed the 3 and my weight rallied back into a 2, we might of won that game.

Until Next Time...

--By, Glen Davidson

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Texas

8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN 2003
SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW
HOUSTON, TX
DECEMBER 26-31, 2003



Once again players from across the USA and Canada are preparing to attend the 8th Annual Houston Holiday Open Shuffleboard Tournament, to be held at the Brookhaven Sheraton Hotel in Houston. Tournament runs from 26th – 31st December.

There will be 28 boards supplied by Champion. These will be available for practice on the afternoons of 24th and 25th.

Some changes have been made to make your tournament experience more enjoyable. Most players, even those who live in Houston rent a room at the hotel. We call your room to tell you when it is close to your time to play. The speaker system will be connected to the hotel bar for those who prefer to relax between games in this atmosphere. In the playing area there is a full bar and food service. We supply waitresses for those who prefer to have service at their table.

The game room will have video games and shuffleboards and will be available for side games after the ballroom closes at 2am.

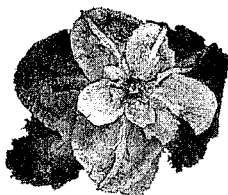
The New Years Eve Party is becoming the most popular event, even though no shuffleboard is played. We have music, party games, 20'x20' dance floor, free buffet and all the New Year party favors. Most people say this is the highlight of their visit. The party finishes at 2am but usually continues till dawn in private rooms.

The usual Sheraton room rate of \$118 is reduced to \$59 for this event. Reservations made before 15th December will receive a \$3 per day discount on your final bill. To get this rate booking must be made through the following two employees. Stephanie Endsley (713 613 0633) or Mathew Davis (713 613 0656). This rate cannot be done through the regular Sheraton booking service and must be done prior to Dec. 15th.

[Please see the flyer insert in this The Board Talk issue for complete details.]

Washington

24th ANNUAL MASTERS
FIR CONE TAVERN
SHELTON, WA
FEBRUARY 28-29, 2004



The Fir Cone Tavern Shelton is hosting the 24th Annual Masters "Open Doubles" on Feb. 28-29. Weekend action starts of on Friday night at 7:00 PM with an A-B Draw. The entry fee is \$10; this is a single elimination, 15-point game event. The Masters will start at 12:00 PM Saturday the entry fee is \$60 per team. Play will start immediately after the sale. The Masters is double elimination, 2 out of 3 15-point games in the winners bracket and one 17-point game in the losers bracket. The winner's bracket will be played out on Saturday, with loser bracket games starting at 10:00 AM Sunday. The Fir Cone has the three best boards in the Northwest. For more information call the Fir Cone (360) 426-2221. For hotel reservations call the Shelton Inn at 1-800-451-4560.

Nebraska

DEVENEY MEMORIAL
MUSETTE BAR
OMAHA, NE
JANUARY 16-18, 2004

The Musette Bar will host the Bill and Jolene Deveney Memorial Tournament January 16th – 18th.

For those of you who do not know the reason behind this tournament, both Bill and Jolene were members of the Musette Bar mixed shuffleboard league team. On their way home from a night of league play in 1998, they were involved in an accident where they were both killed. They left behind their four sons, Shaun, Doug, TJ and Timmy. Some of you are familiar with their eldest son Shaun, who is married to Linda Ritter's daughter Amy. Shaun and Amy are now proud parents of a son, Aiden. Bill and Jolene's second son Doug is showing great potential for shuffleboard and currently plays league with Shaun for the Musette Bar. The two younger boys are still minors yet to be introduced to the game.

Bill and Jolene have left behind many friends and family members that still find it hard to play and not remember the good times with them. For those of you that did not know them, they were wonderful, goodhearted people that would do anything for you.

We will have three events using a minimum of our 4 house boards. New this year is the elimination of handicapping games by adding separate divisions for the bring partner and singles. If the singles event has a low turnout, we may need to combine divisions I and II. That decision will be made Saturday by the number of entries.

A/B Draw: \$25 entry Friday @ 6pm

Bring Partner (2 Divisions) Saturday @ 1pm:

Open \$100/team
 Division II \$50/team (2003 Bowers used-must add to 4.0 using decimals)

Singles (3 Divisions) (starts immediately following doubles)

Open singles \$100
 Division I \$50 (1.50+)
 Division II \$25 (3.0+ averages)

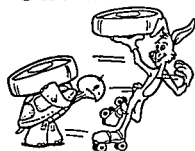
Sign ups will be taken up until brackets are drawn for each event. Call for more information or to sign up:

Shelly Hagen 402/699-0550
 Shane Hagen 402/618-6301
 Shaun Deveney 402/981-6919

We hope to see you here!!

Texas

3RD ANNUAL BOARD TALK OPEN VFW POST#5076 GARLAND, TX MARCH 26-APRIL 4, 2004



The 3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004 has just been confirmed to be held at the VFW Post # 5076, 1906 Miller Rd., Garland, Texas on March 26-April 4, 2004. An official flyer with preregistration form is inserted in this issue (will probably expand to a 4-page flyer in a later issue to include additional details and information on hotel & RV park options, etc.)

The events are basically the same as the Board Talk Open 2003, but different event sequences. For instance, in 2003 we started with the 4-person team events; the 2004 tournament ends with 4-person team events (which allows time for those that do not have a full team at the start of the tournament to get a full team together by the end of tournament - this change was based on suggestions from those attending the 2003 tournament). Another suggestion was not to start Singles immediately after the 6-Person Team event (two long events, back to back) and to make the 6-person team event 5/9 games. These suggested modifications have been made to incorporate prior year attendees suggestions. Event entry criteria is based upon the Bowers 2003 ratings (no decimals used), whole number rating (e.g., -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) to be used. The reason that the 2003 versus 2004 ratings are to be used is because the Bowers project the new ratings are not to be available until some time in February (which would be too late to start getting teams together and preregister). Any unrated player(s) should contact the tournament directors to get a temporary rating for playing in the tournament. We welcome all players!

Below is a summary of the event schedule/plans (See flyer insert for more details and preregistration form):

3/26 (Fri.) ROBINS start at Noon (Registration Desk Open from 6pm-10pm; must be pre-reg. or registered for Saturday's 6-Person Draft by 10pm - *only those that play in Saturday's 6-Person Draft team event will qualify to compete for the added Bonus \$\$*).

3/27 & 3/28 (Sat. & Sun.) 6-MAN DRAFT- (9am Draft Teams (3/27), sponsor sale and play immediately after); Finals on Sunday 3/28 (open to all players; highest rated registered players will be team captains - limit 32 teams)

3/29 (Mon.) A/B DRAW (2 Divisions); start 9am - Singles Sponsor Sale starts at 6pm)

3/30 & 3/31 (Tues. & Wed.) SINGLES (3 Divisions) (Finals on 3/31 & Sponsor Sale for Bring Partner held 3/31)

4/01 & 4/02 (Thurs. & Fri.) BRING PARTNER (3 Divisions); start 9am

4/03 & 4/04 (Sat. & Sun.) 4-PERSON BRING TEAM (2 Divisions); start at 9am (finals on Sunday if needed)

The 6-Person Draft Team, A/B Draw Div. II, Bring Partner Div. III, Singles Div. III and Bring 4-Person Bring Team are great events for newcomers to tournament play, including those not yet rated in the Bowers Ratings.

Food and drinks will be available throughout the tournament. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving breakfast, lunch, dinner (food throughout the day) with all proceeds going to the Ladies Auxiliary. The VFW is open from 8am-1am daily. Motels & RV Parking nearby. Fly into D/FW Airport.

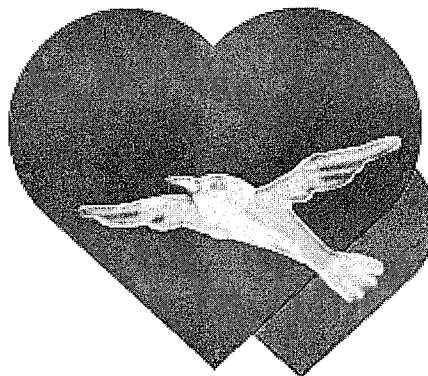
We look forward to seeing everyone again for great competition and fun! -- Tom & Lynda French, Tourn. Directors



Congrats to:

James B. Olson &

Lorraine Bingham Married On October 24, 2003 Reno, Nevada

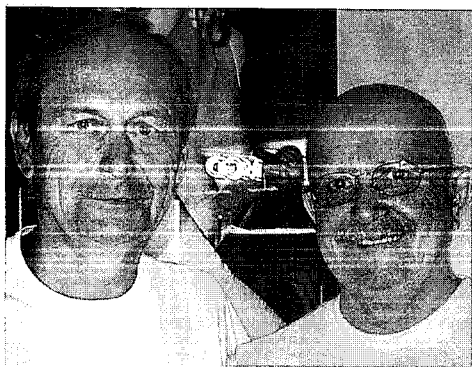


Winston 2003... *(Continued from Page 1)*

A/B Draw Winners



**1st Place
(L-R left):**
Dan Holland
(Winston, OR) &
Linda Walker
(Port Orchard, WA)



**2nd Place
(L-R left):**
Doug Buhl
(Eugene, OR) &
Bill Walker
(Port Orchard, WA)

3rd - 6th place A/B Draw winners were (no photos avail.):

3rd Place: Jim Tribble (Mud Bay, WA)/JB Burgess (Coos Bay, OR); **4th Place:** Bud Spier (Sunny Valley, OR)/Tut Kile (Rogue River, OR); **5th/6th Place:** Darrol Nelson (Cheshire, OR)/Mike Carew (Winston, OR) and Frank Mako (Chehalis, WA)/Don Cameron (Rogue River, OR)

Open Draw Winners



1st Place:
Kevin Callaway
(Winston) &
Lorraine Olson
(Santa Clara)

2nd - 4th place Open Draw winners were (no photos avail.):

2nd Place: Randy Foster/Mike Carew (Both Winston);
3rd Place: Ted Curtice (Bonanza)/Sue Thomas (Winston);
4th Place: Steve Kalamarski (Spokane)/Aaron Nelson (Portland)

Open Doubles Winners



1st Place (L-R above):
Dan Holland (Winston, OR) & Dan Hitt (Spokane, WA)



2nd & 3rd Place (above):
2nd: (left) Nick Chaffin (Roseville, CA) &
(right) Joe Hudson (Sacramento, CA)
3rd: (L-R center) Dave Keithahn (Visalia, CA) &
Bob Hunt (Sacramento, CA)

Open Singles Winners

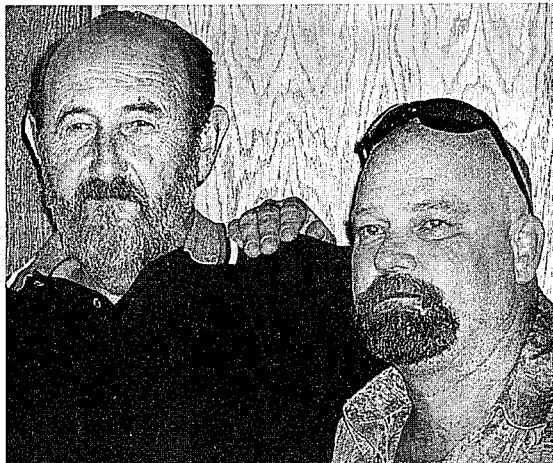
(no photos available, but most winners already have photos in other events on this page)

1st: Dan Hitt- (Spokane, Wa)
2nd: Nick Chaffin- (Roseville, CA)
3rd: Darrol Nelson- (Cheshire, Or)
4th: Doug Buhl (Eugene, Or)
5th/6th: Joe Hudson (Sacramento, Ca) and
Dan Holland (Winston, Or)

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Winston 2003... *(Continued from Page 6)*

B Doubles Winners



1st Place (L-R above):

Frank Mako (Chehalis, Wa) & Dan Glasscok (Rogue River, Or)



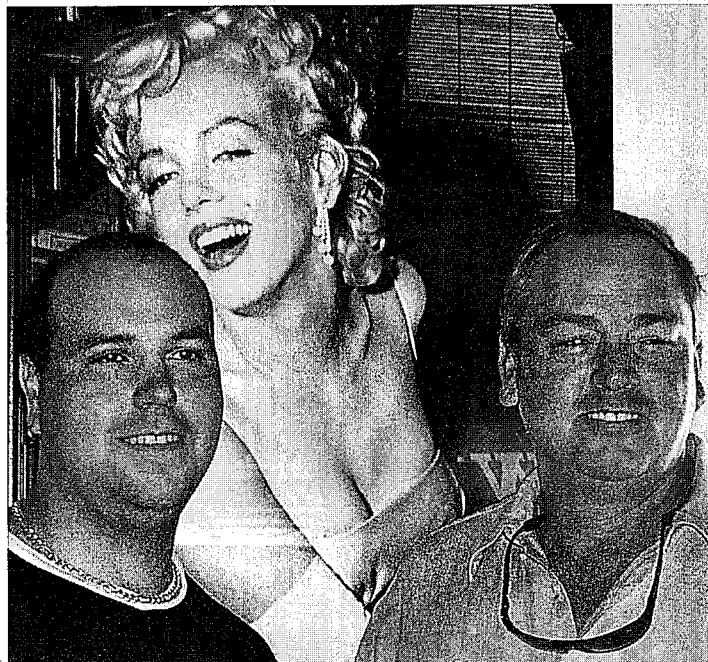
2nd Place (Above):

Jim & Lorraine Olson (Santa Clara, Ca)

3rd - 6th place B Doubles winners were (no photos avail.):

3rd: Max Sena (Longview, WA)/Israel Ochoa (Medford, Or)
4th: Nick Lindgren (Medford), Mike Lyons (Medford)
5th/6th: Bill Walker/Linda Walker (Port Orchard, WA) & John "JB" Burgess (Booze Bay, OR)/Carrisa Roberts (Coos Bay, OR)

B Singles Winners



1st & 2nd Place (L-R above):

1st: Ryan Devlin (Kelso, Wa) & *2nd:* Ted Curtis (Bonanza, Or)

3rd - 6th place B Singles winners were (no photos avail.):

3rd: Lorraine Olson (Santa Clara, CA)
4th: Jim Tribble (Mud Bay, WA)
5th/6th: Eddie Brayman (Manteca, CA) and Clyde VanOrman (Winston, OR)



Nifty Fifties... "A Perfect Tournament"

September 27-28, 2003

Nifty Fifties, Tacoma, Washington

Report By: Kimberly Olson, WA Photos Submitted By: Sharon Nugent/ESA, WA

Tacoma, Washington: Mike Thorpe told me Sunday at the Nifty's Fifty's A/B (bring your own partner) Tournament September 27th & 28th that to go through the entire tournament without losing a game is pretty rare. He'd done it once before 10 years ago. His partner, Judy George, had never done it. One team stood in their way. A team they'd previously kicked to the Loser's Bracket. A visual David & Goliath with shuffleboard weights in place of stones to sling, and team "underdog" understanding they'd have to take 4 out of 6 games to win. More importantly, a team they'd have to beat at least once for the opportunity to continue their quest for first, one game at a time.

Jim Tribble and Kathy Keevil did manage to take a game from Mike and Judy. One game wasn't enough for them to take first. It was, however, just enough to spoil Mike & Judy's "perfect tournament." Mike Keevil and Randy Ausbun took 3rd. Rick Gindt and Ryan Strayer took 4th. Tied for 5th and 6th was Alvin Orcutt and Justin Kasa, Ryan Devlin and Ted Ausbun.

Friday night's draw favored Dave Arndt and Dan Bjold for 1st, Jim Tribble and Harold (last name?) for 2nd.

14 teams entered the tournament with Gary George at the helm. Zero drama. Zero squabbles. Zero "you can't do that under these conditions at this time because the tide is high and it specifically states in the shuffleboard manual that when the sun is shining and there are no songs playing on the jukebox and I get bumped slightly after throwing my weight a foul should be called even though I was feeling a little intoxicated and inadvertently ran into the chair on my way back to my beer." Or something like that. Suffice it to say, Gary did a great job!

There was a nice potluck for the dinner break featuring fried chicken and salads and a bold move of beans by Judy. An interesting combination, beans and beers, and if I'm not mistaken she'll be serving Gas-X for dessert the next time she deems it necessary to bust out a big pot of beans. Yum.

Saturday night, upon conclusion of the tournament in lieu of Sunday's matches, I had a conversation with President Gary. Everyone else from the tournament had cleared out and gone home, either resting up for Sunday or sleeping off Saturday night. Everyone, that is, but us die-hards who are keenly disillusioned after a few beers and left with some serious visions of grandeur held under the belief "the more we drink the better we play." He had taken Alvin as a partner for some money games, and was in the midst of hustling the Olson's, ALL the Olson's present including Tina, who only came to watch (tee hee) out of \$10 an end for 5 games total.

It had been a great day of tournament play. The tavern had sported a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The bartenders were as friendly and accommodating as they could be considering how busy the place was throughout the day. Gary and Alvin were on their 3rd game slaughter against Ray and Michael when I walked up to Gary and said, "This is why I play shuffleboard. This is what it's all about. This ... and the people. It all feels so good right now." He turned to me and said, "In order to do what I do running this league and being president, I have to love the game. I really love this game." I told him I wouldn't be playing this game but for my family. They are the reason I show up for tournaments. They are the reason I keep coming back. If they didn't play, I wouldn't be here. Gary

gave me a look I couldn't quite read at the time, then turned and walked away. It was his shot, literally and figuratively.

That brief conversation resounded in my head days later: love of the people, love of the game. Which made the better argument??? Which is the reason most people play??? On Sunday Michelle Foran said many times to different people "this person is my friend." Friendships born through shuffleboard, and the many years they'd all been playing. That same morning I watched Alvin walk into the tavern to say good-bye to all his friends with such sincere warmth, exiting the stage a player and class-act example of parting being such sweet sorrow. Hugs and kisses, laughter and a few high-fives; "see you the next time we all make our way back around." The moment akin to a family gathering during the holidays when one or more of us has to leave to make our way back home.

So why do we play in tournaments few of us can barely afford knowing at one point or another we'll step away from our end of the board having just made one of those shots we'll never get back and never forget, cursing the very game with words similarly close to, "I don't know why I play this stupid game!" Gary would tell you he certainly wouldn't endure the hassles and all the hard work but for love of the game. I would tell you it's a love for the people, my family. And as if on cue Gary might give me a look that says, "They're one in the same ~ because without the people there'd be no game. And without the game, we wouldn't have met all these wonderful people who have become our family of friends." It was truly **"A Perfect Tournament!"**.



1st Place (L-R above):
Mike Thorpe/Judy George



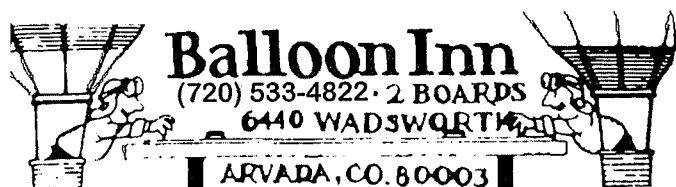
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Jim Tribble/Kathy Keevil



3rd Place (L-R above):
Randy Ausbun/Mike Keevil



4th Place (L-R above):
Ryan Strayer/Rick Gindt



Delayed Report

Originally Submitted September 3, 2003 (not received by Board Talk due to virus/system problems); Resubmitted Nov. 10, 2003
Report & Photos Submitted By: Char Waugaman, Colorado

Balloon Inn (Arvada, CO.) - February 14-15, 2003 -

"Sweetheart Open" (no photos avail.): This annual mixed doubles tournament proved, once again, to be fun and competitive right down to the finals. The semi-final match between Rick Boyer and Candy Lepore vs Ron Sosovec and Jo Cook went to the third game in a 2 out of 3 format in the losers bracket with Rick and Candy coming out on top. They then faced the undefeated team, Morey Balins and Barb Kenny. Forcing the finals to the "if match" which was also to be 2 out of 3. With some deliberation, both teams agreed to play one game to 21 since it was almost 4 A.M. After a hard fought game, Morey and Barb claimed first place. Congratulations to Barb Kenny on her first 1st place in a doubles event and to Rick and Candy for 2nd and Ron and Jo for 3rd. Thanks to all the players and a special recognition to Amy, Terry and Chrystal (first time tournament participants). We hope to see you back again. Bill Wolfe (Manager) not only played in the tournament but also made sure we had great food and were catered to during the event. Thanks, Bill!

Balloon Inn (Arvada, CO.) - April 24-27, 2003 -

"A/B Bring Partner Doubles": The "A/B Bring Partner Doubles" event requires the -1 thru 0 rated players to team up with 3.5 and up rated players and 1 thru 2 ratings to team up with 2.5 and up ratings. The format makes for interesting and competitive play for all with a 2 out of 3 games match in both the winners and losers brackets. The first place honors went to Barb Kenny and Char Waugaman after a competitive finals match against Kevin Kelly and Mike Hedges. Congratulations, again, to Barb on her second 1st place in a doubles tournament (that's two in a row) and to Kevin and Mike for a great tournament. Thanks to all the veteran shufflers and the newer players for entering this fun and competitive event. A special thanks to the Balloon Inn for the money contribution and, as usual, the staff and food were outstanding. Winners' Photo Below:



A/B Bring Doubles Event Winners: (Above)
1st Place (L-R center): Barb Kenney & Char Waugaman
2nd Place: Kevin Kelly (left) & Mike Hedges (right)

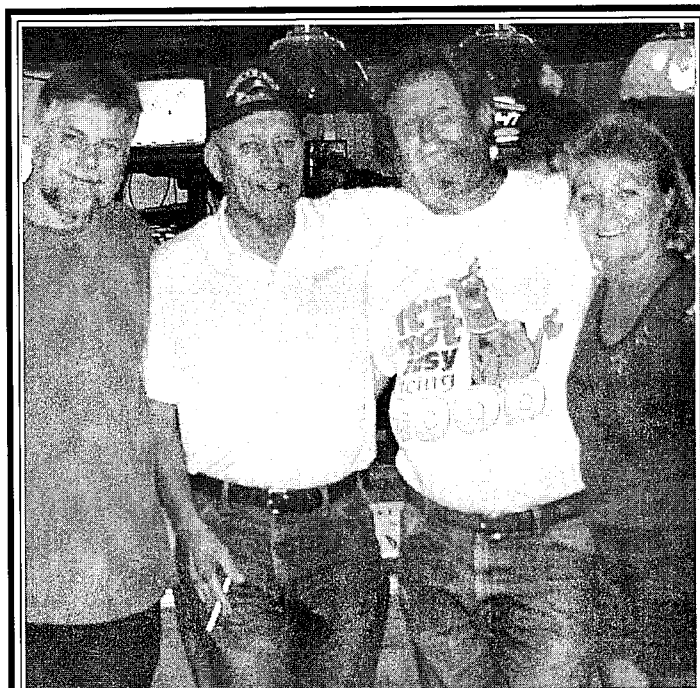
Balloon Inn (Arvada, CO.) - June 13-15, 2003 -

"5th Annual Bill English Memorial": Bill English was a huge supporter of the shuffleboard game and a great mentor of many of our Colorado players. As a member of the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and first inductee to the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, we honor his memory with this the "Fifth Annual Bill English Open Doubles" tournament. His widow, Bonnie English, carries on his love of the game and honored us with a picture poster of Bill for our tournament. Thank you, Bonnie, we miss him!

This year we formatted the event as a "Round Robin" with 2 out of 3 game matches providing plenty of competitive play for all. After the win/loss records were tallied, it came down to a one game difference between first and second. The doubles team Travis Anderson and Dave Cowan finished second and Morey Balins and Char Waugaman edged by them for first place.

The Balloon Inn contributed additional money that was distributed to the winners of 4 secret random matches. Not knowing when they were playing those games made for nice surprises for 4 teams at the end of the tournament.

A special thanks to Rick Gindt and Gary Thompson, from Washington, and Jim Payne, from Nebraska, for joining us for this annual event. We hope to see you again next year! Thank you, Morey Balins and Jim Payne for running the tournament, Gene Davis for helping with the boards and the Balloon Inn for providing additional money, an extra board and great food. Winners' Photo Below:



Round Robin (2 of 3) Event Winners: (Above)
1st Place (L-R center): Travis Anderson & Dave Cowan
2nd Place: Morey Balins (left) & Char Waugaman (right)

3rd Annual Columbus Day Tourney

Ulena's Sports Bar, St. Louis, Missouri

October 10-11, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Jack Murphy, MO

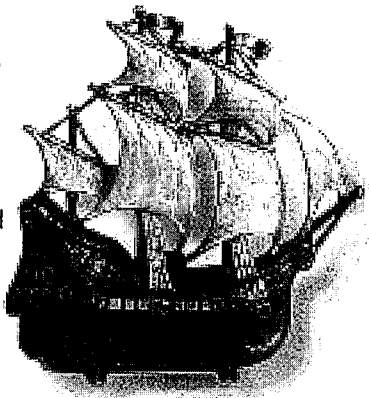
St. Louis, Missouri: Ulena's Sports Bar in St. Louis, MO, was the setting for the 3rd Annual Columbus Day Tournament. Thanks to all those who participated and we hope they will all join us again next year. Mark your calendars now for next year for Oct. 8-9, 2004!

Taking 3rd place were Steve Nowack and Frank Edelen. They fended off some stiff competition in their first couple of games until being handed their first loss in a tight 15-14 game. After being placed into the loser's bracket, Steve and Frank climbed back up, but were handed their final loss in a tough game with the eventual tournament champions, but still securing 3rd place honors. Congratulations to both!

Coming in 2nd place was the tough team of Steve Sheridan and Ennio Cardinali. Steve and Ennio breezed through the winner's bracket and reached the final round without a loss. They defeated the eventual tournament champions moving into position as the only remaining undefeated team. When that team returned to face them from the loser's bracket, Steve and Ennio suffered their first loss in a great effort that ended in a 15-14 game. They were then handed a second loss at the hands of the tournament champions, but gave it a valiant effort and ended up taking 2nd place honors. Congratulations to Steve and Ennio!

First place honors went to the fine shooting team of Chuck Muehlhauser and Mark Gray. Chuck and Mark eased by their first couple of teams and squeaked out a 15-14 victory to move into position to face the only other undefeated team in the finals of the winner's bracket. They suffered a tough loss in that game, but regrouped and beat out the eventual 3rd place team to return to face the undefeated team of Steve and Ennio. The first game ended in a tight 15-14 victory for Chuck and Mark and they went on to double dip Steve and Ennio to garner the championship. Congrats to Chuck and Mark for their 1st place honors!

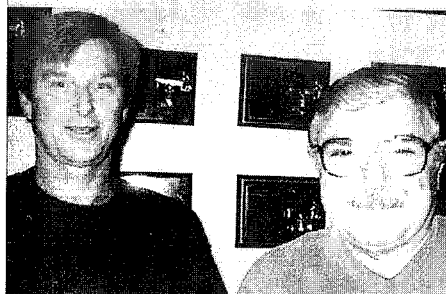
Personally, I'd like to say that I was very pleased with the efforts of all of our shooters. There was a lot of strong shooting and many a game that came down to the wire! It was exciting to watch these competitors shooting so well and equally satisfying to see all the participants enjoying the camaraderie and good sportsmanship. Thanks to all our out of town friend who were able to join us. Also, thanks, to Ulena's owner, Sanna Clark, for welcoming us and to John Sittingdown, Pamela Burnett, Frank Edelen, Steve Sheridan, Jill Romay, and Kathleen Clark for all their help and support in making this such a smooth running event.



Some Shuffleboard Friend!
Peggy Magee & Mick Moran



1st Place (Above):
Chuck Muehlhauser & Mark Gray (in hat)

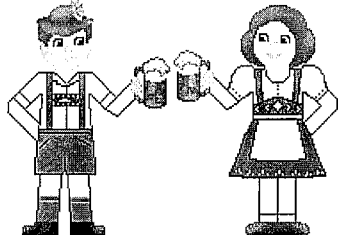


2nd Place (Left):
Ennio Cardinali & Sheridan



3rd Place (Right):
Steve Nowack & Frank Edelen

Oktoberfest



*Oktoberfest 2003 Tournament
October 17-19, 2003
Bavarian House, Titusville, FL
Report & Photos Submitted By:
Kathy Ring, Titusville, FL*

Titusville, Florida: The Central Florida Shuffleboard Association hosted the "Oktoberfest 2003 Tournament" at the Bavarian "B" House in Titusville on Oct. 17-19. On Friday evening, 10 teams participated in two single-elimination, Draw Partner events. In the first blind draw, Marty Allen (Mims) and Phil Young (New Smyrna Beach) took 1st place honors; Dave Macko and Kathy Ring took 2nd place. Sponsor sales were held prior to the Saturday and Sunday events. Winners were:

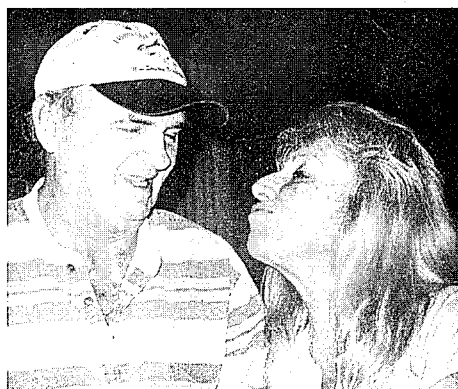
A/B Draw (Double Elim.- 9 Teams) Winners: (Sat.)



**1st Place: (L-R)
Harold "Moose"
Whitt (Mims) &
Jerry Gray (Cocoa)**



**2nd Place: (L-R)
Barrie McClean &
Larry Cooper (Mims)**



**3rd Place: (L-R)
Phil Young &
Ursula Badouin
(Mims)**

Bring Partner (Double Elimination) Winners: (Sun.)



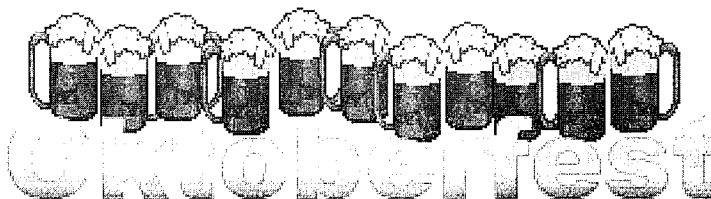
**1st Place: (L-R; ABOVE)
Ursula Badouin & Harol "Moose" Whitt
(came out of loser bracket with double-dip win!)**



**2nd Place: (L-R)
Dick Smedberg &
Marty Allen**



**3rd Place: (L-R)
Larry Cooper
& Rusty
Nowakowski
(Mims)**



Heartland Handicap

American Legion Post 73

Del City, Oklahoma

October 17, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Don Crall, OK

HEARTLAND AMERICA



Del City, Oklahoma: On Friday, October 17th, a very neat group of players came visiting with us, so we decided to play the Heartland Handicap.

Friday evening the Draw Partner team winners were:

Draw Partner (Handicap) Team Winners: (Fri.)



**1st Place: (L-R)
Ferlin Kearns &
David Renfro**



**2nd Place: (L-R)
Patrick Linville &
Glenda Nickum**

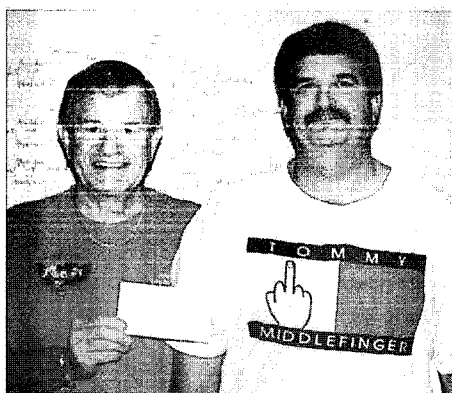


**3rd Place: (L-R)
John Williamson &
Bill Melton**

Bring Partner (Dble Elim. - 10 teams) Winners: (Sun.)



**1st Place: (L-R)
Ferlin Kearns &
Bill Melton**



**2nd Place: (L-R)
Jim French &
Jim Payne
(Nebraska)**

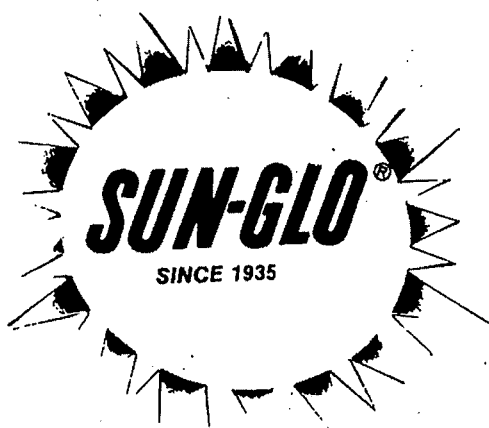


**3rd Place: (L-R)
Haskell James &
Milford Parker**

Eventhough it was somewhat a Ferlin-Bill Weekend, everybody enjoyed some pretty large envelopes when they finished.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend and the chesseburgers and shrimp was almost as popular as the shuffleboard. Thanks to all!

--Sincerely, Don Crall



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8TH ANNUAL HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN

December 26-31, 2003

To be held at the Sheraton, Brookhollow, Houston, Texas

3000 North Loop West, Houston, Texas

14 EVENTS - ALL LEVELS - 32 BOARDS

Date	Event	Sign Up Deadline	Format Description	Bracket	Entry Fees
Dec. 24		5pm	Practice and side games		
Dec. 25		5pm	Draws, Practice and side games		
Dec. 26	1	4pm Reg.	A-B Draw – Div. I	-1, 0, 1	\$50/player
Friday	2	5pm Sale	A-B Draw – Div. II	2, 3, 4	\$30/player
Dec. 27	3	9am Reg. 10am Sale	*** 2003 World Championship Open Singles; Handicapped Entry Fees 2 of 3 winners & losers (32 Best players)	-1, 0, 1, 2, 3	-1 \$300 0,1,2,3 \$200
Saturday	4		Div. I Singles 2 of 3 winners bracket	+0, 1, 2, 3	\$100/player
	5		Div. II Singles	2, 3	\$50/player
	6		Div. III Singles	3, 4	\$30/player
Dec. 28	7	10am Reg.	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 1 (One -1 Max.) 2 of 3 Double Elimination	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$200/team
Sunday	8	11am Sale	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 8 2 of 3 Double elimination	1, 2, 3	\$120/team
	9		4 Person Bring Team - Add to 12	3, 4, 5	\$100/team
Dec. 29	10	10am Reg. 11am Roll Call&Sale	6 Person Draft Team. 4 of 7 Dble Elim. 3 boards. Mark 4 and play to 15. Top rated players must be captains.	All	\$50/player
Dec. 30	11	10am Reg.	Pro Bring Partner – One -1 Max. 2 of 3 winner and loser bracket	All	\$300/team
Tuesday	12	11am Sale	Div. I - Add to 2. 2 of 3 Winners bracket	0, 1, 2	\$150/team
	13		Div. II – Add to 4	1, 2, 3	\$100/team
	14		Div. III – Add to 6	2, 3, 4	\$60/team
12/31		9am 7pm	Completion of events 11 - 14 \$50 & \$20 Draws followed by New Years Eve Party and Dance at 9pm. Free buffet.		Open play until 7pm
Wed.					

- Current Bowers Rating System in effect.
- One-Time Registration Fee \$25 before Dec. 15th
 - After 15th Dec. registration \$30 & entry fees +\$5 per event.
 - Includes New Years Eve Buffet and Free Practice Time (NO Pin Gates)
- All events Single Game/Double Elimination except 3,4,7,8,11,12.

Jack Scott, Tournament Director

For more information call Pete Worsnop 281-597-8840

Or Diana Hagen 713-896-4605 And/Or Visit the Website for more details: <http://www.shuffleboard.cc>

*Sheraton Brookhollow is located at the
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REGISTRATION FORM: (Pre-Registration deadline is December 15th, 2003)

You must send in all of your entry monies and the registration fee for Events 1-6 & 10-14 to Tournament Director Jack Scott at the address below before December 15th. There is a \$5 surcharge per person for registration and all entered events after 15th December. Entries are accepted until an event is full or the posted deadline is reached.

Only team captains may submit entries for Events 7, 8, 9 (4 person bring team). Do NOT prepay these events. There will be no addition cost for any of the three events.

Name _____ Decimal Rating _____ Whole Rating _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

EVENTS

7(\$200/Team), 8(\$120/Team), 9(\$100/Team) Division I, II, III 4 Person Bring Team. To be filled out by Captains only with complete team information (Players names & ratings)

	Name	Rating
Team Captain	_____	_____
Player 2	_____	_____
Player 3	_____	_____
Player 4	_____	_____

DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR THESE EVENTS. No late fee added.

If you are not on a team but would like to be on a waiting list check here _____

	Before 15 th Dec.	After 15 th Dec	
1. Division I A-B Draw Partner	(\$50/player)	(\$55)	\$ _____
2. Division II A-B Draw Partner	(\$30/player)	(\$35)	\$ _____
3. Pro Division Singles: HC Entry	(-1 \$300; 0-3 \$200)	(\$305, \$205)	\$ _____
4. Division I Singles	(\$100)	(\$105)	\$ _____
5. Division II Singles	(\$50)	(\$55)	\$ _____
6. Division III Singles	(\$30)	(\$35)	\$ _____
10. 6-Person Draft Team	(\$50/Player)	(\$55)	\$ _____
11. Pro Division Bring Partner	(\$300/Team)	(\$310)	\$ _____
12. Division I Bring Partner	(\$150/Team)	(\$160)	\$ _____
13. Division II Bring Partner	(\$100/Team)	(\$110)	\$ _____
14. Division III Bring Partner	(\$60/Team)	(\$70)	\$ _____
One time registration fee	(\$25)	(\$30)	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

Make registration checks payable to Houston Holiday Open and mail to:

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JANUARY 2, 2004

****A/B Draw****

●Friday - January 2nd - starts at 6pm:
A/B DRAW (top 1/2 draws from bottom 1/2 of those signed up)
\$20/player

JANUARY 3, 2004

****Singles****

●Saturday - January 3rd - starts at 12 Noon:
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March 26 – April 4, 2004 --- VFW Post# 5076, 1906 Miller Rd., Garland, Texas

11 Events - 30 or more Champion Shuffleboards - (no pin gates; free play-no quarters needed)

Date(s)	Event#/Limits	Time	Format Description	Bracket (Ratings*)	Entry Fee** (Discounted Rate to Mar. 15th)
Friday 03/26 (Late Regs Desk Open 6-10pm)		Noon - Midnight	ROUND ROBINS from Noon to Midnight. Those that are not already pre-registered for Saturday's 6-Person Draft Team can signup Friday night from 6pm-10pm at the Reg. Desk	ALL	Round Robins
Saturday 03/27 (Finals 03/28)	#1 / 192 Players Limit	9am	6 Person Draft Team. 5 of 9 Dble Elim. 15 pt. games (if time allows) winners bracket on 3 boards (May Have to Mark 3, esp. in loser bracket) ***Highest Ranked/Rated Must Be Team Captains. (Finals Sunday 03/28)	ALL (-1 thru 4)	\$50/player**
Monday 03/29	#2 / 96 Players	9am	A/B Draw Partner Div. I (no two -1's if avoidable)	(-1 thru 1)	\$60/player**
	#3 / 96 Players	9am	A/B Draw Partner Div. II (no two 2's if avoidable)	(2 thru 4)	\$50/player**
Monday 03/29	SINGLES Check-in/Sale	4pm	NOTE: Check-in for "Singles" Events # 4-6 by 4pm on 03/29 and Singles Sponsor Sales starts at 5pm (Singles Sponsor Sales Starts Monday Afternoon at 5pm)		
Tues. & Wed. 03/30 & 03/31	#4 / 48 Players	9am	Singles - Div. I 2 of 3 Dble Elim. in Winner & Loser Bracket (if time allows)	ALL	\$300/player** (-1's) \$200/player (0's&up)
	#5 / 64 Players	9am	Singles - Div. II - 2 of 3 Dble Elim. in Winner Bracket & Single 15 pt Game in Loser	1 thru 4	\$100/player**
	#6 / 64 Players	9am	Singles - Div. III - Single Game/Double Elimination (15 pt games)	3 thru 4	\$45/player**
Wed. 03/30	BRING PARTNER Check-in/Sale	4pm	NOTE: Check-in for "Bring Partner" Events # 7-9 by 4pm on 03/30 and Bring Partner Sponsor Sales starts at 5pm (Bring Partner Sponsor Sales Starts Wednesday Afternoon at 5pm)		
Thurs. 04/01 (Finals 04/02)	#7 / 32 Teams	9am	Bring Partner - Div. I. (No two -1s) 2 of 3 Double Elimination in Winner & Loser Bracket (if time allows)	ALL	\$125/player**
	#8 / 40 Teams	9am	Bring Partner - Div. II (Add to 3 or more) 2 of 3 Double Elimination in Winner Bracket & Single 15 pt. Game in Loser Bracket	1 thru 4	\$75/player**
	#9 / 32 Teams	9am	Bring Partner - Div. III (Add to 6 or more) Single Game/Double Elimination 15 pt. games	3 thru 4	\$50/player**
Sat. 04/03	#10/ 24 Teams	10am	Div. I: Bring 4-Person Team (Add to 1 or more)***Open to ALL, but no more than one -1 per team 2/3 Double Elimination	ALL	\$75/player**
	#11/ 24 Teams	10am	Div. II: Bring 4-Person Team (Add to 9 or more)*** Open to 1's thru 4's 2/3 Double Elimination	(1 - 4)	\$50/player**
Sun. 04/04	Finals Events 10 & 11 (if needed)				

- **REQUIRED:** One-time \$35 Tournament Registration Fee (free play on all boards) for all who Pre-Register by the March. 15th deadline (\$5 add'l. after 15th)
- ***Bowers Rating System Year 2003 is in effect (Bowers' Whole Number Rating Used (e.g., -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) - No Decimals**
- ****PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2004** NOTE: If event slots are still available after deadline, entry fees will no longer be discounted (each will increase by \$5 per event after the March 15, 2004 Pre-Registration Deadline).
- **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DESK OPEN: Friday, March 26, 2004 from 6pm-10pm (Reg. Desk at front of VFW Post Room)**
- *****Added Bonus \$\$ Available to all who have played in the 6-Person Draft Event.** Bonus \$\$ paid based upon total highest total points accumulated in all events played for Six (6) Championship Categories: Overall, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3-4 (to qualify for point accumulation & Bonus \$\$ you must have played in the 6-Person Draft Event on Saturday (03/27)). Each event played earns min. of 3 points and additional points earned for each event placement. 1st place earns 9 pts; each 2nd earns 8 pts; each 3rd earns 7 pts; each 4th earns 6 pts; each 5th or 6th earns 5 pts; each 7th or 8th earns 4 pts. Overall qualified pt. Champ receives \$500; other 5 categories \$300 each category. Any potential additional Bonus Sponsor \$\$ will have same qualification criteria.
- **Events are Single game, Double Elimination (15 pt.) unless noted otherwise in the above event schedule chart.**
- **NOTE:** Event Start Times, Player Limits, Mark points, etc. changes may be required depending upon number of registered participants in each event/bracket and unanticipated delays or time constraints (Any potential changes will be made at the sole discretion of the Tournament Directors). If unrated in 2003 contact tournament director to get a rating established for this tournament before submitting registration form: Tom & Lynda French 512-250-0327 or 512-619-6030
- **HOTELS/MOTELS:** Nearby Lodging 4-5 miles; RV Parking nearby at Public Elks Lodge RV parking; list of options coming in January 2004 Board Talk Issue (flyer insert). Fly into D/FW Airport.

REGISTRATION FORM: (Pre-Registration deadline is March 15th, 2004)

Please help us to know how many to plan for by registering before March 15th. You may send in all of your entry monies or a min. of \$25 per event & the full one-time registration fee for Events 1 through 9.* Balances must be paid before or when you arrive. Entries are accepted until the event is full or posted entry deadlines. Entries and registrations before March 15th receive the \$5 Discounted Entry Fee Rate per event and the Discounted One-Time Registration Fee. After March 15th the registration and event amount will be \$5 more each, so save some \$\$ by registering early. Enter Bowers' 2003 Rating. *If unrated on the Bowers 2003 Ratings, call Tom & Lynda French, Tournament Directors before pre-registering to acquire a temporary rating for the purposes of playing in this tournament.*

Name: _____ Decimal# Rating _____ Whole# Rating _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone _____ Wk Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email address: _____

Event #s:

10 & 11. DIVISION I OR II 4 PERSON TEAM (Div I – Add to '1'; only one '-1' allowed per team/ Div II – Add to 9 or more) TO BE FILLED OUT BY CAPTAINS ONLY WITH COMPLETED TEAMS. (*Only team captains may submit team entries for Events 10 and 11. DO NOT prepay for these two events - Money for these two events must be paid at the tournament, but One-Time Registration fees for each team member must still be sent in by each team member before March 15th to receive discount – just hold off paying for the 4-Person Bring Team event(s) until arrival.)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Team Captain:	_____	_____
Player 2:	_____	_____
Player 3:	_____	_____
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If you are not on a 4-Person Bring Team, but would like to be put on a waiting list check here: _____

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If you do not have a partner, but would like help finding a partner check here: _____

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November 8, 2003

Report By: Bob Brunskill, CA



*[Photos Reportedly will be sent at some later date to
The Board Talk from California Shuffleboard News]*

Huntington Beach, California: A memorial tournament for Bellflower Bruce Hale was held at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge (1832) on Saturday, November 8, 2003. Before the events got underway, all the ladies present brought a red rose to the podium as a tribute to Bruce. Also on the podium were two wonderful pictures of Bruce (one with Bruce surrounded with ladies holding red roses). These pictures were provided by Connie Zavala who was unable to come to the tournament. Mike, the manager of Newport Plastics, rang off a score of 15 points on Board #2.

Thanks to all the staff at the Moose who provided us with speedy refills and quarters on demand. A special thanks to Marilyn Messenger who was there early in the morning getting the Lodge ready.

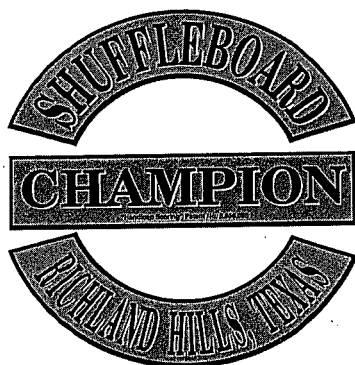
We would like to thank Paul Weber for doing a fine job on the Sponsor Sales. We would also like to thank Bubba Warren for a great job organizing the tournament. Bob Brunskill handled the ratings (13 unrated players with only one major mistake) and the brackets. Using 3 boards, the doubles event finished at 3:30 AM on Sunday morning. All matches were single game 12 point (mark 3). There were 27 teams (54 players) in this AB blind draw tournament.

The entry fees totaled \$1080 and the Sponsor Sales came to \$3870. Winners were:

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Seventh/Eighth	Craig Amundson	Mike Dearen
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We had a good time and made a lot of new friends, thank you all.

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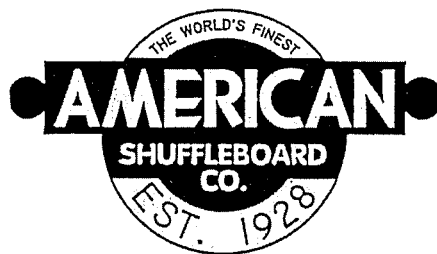
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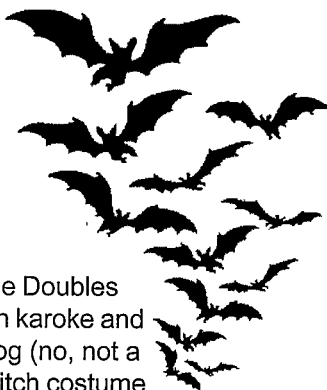
October 31 - November 2, 2003

Report & Photos (some events, no photos) By: Bill & Brenda Kane (new owners of Club Car Lounge)

Durand, Michigan: On Oct. 1 - Nov. 2, Bill and Brenda Kane hosted their first ever Halloween "Monster Board" tournament at the Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan and what a monster of a good time was had by all! On Friday night 17 teams played in the Mixed Doubles.

On Saturday, Open Doubles were played simultaneously with Division II Doubles. After the Doubles events ended, there was a Halloween Party, with karaoke and costume contest. A panel of judges picked a dog (no, not a customer's date!), a real live dog dressed in a witch costume as 1st Place (and he begged for his money!); and 2nd Place was a man in a mammogram machine (what a hoot!). 1st Place in the karaoke contest, resulting in a tie and "sing off" was Michigan's Coco Brown and Indiana's Glen Ingram, with Coco taking 1st. Although Glen was really strokin' it, Coco's "Sherry Baby" won out!

On Sunday at noon Open Singles & Division II Singles finished up the weekend. Events winners were (sorry, some winners had no pictures):



Division II Doubles (Sat.)



1st Place (L-R above):
Gene Wendling & Dennis Bittner



2nd Place (L-R left):
Wayne Atkinson &
Bobby Auten

Mixed Doubles Winners - 17 teams (Fri.)



2nd Place (L-R left):
Jody Berry & Mike Koontz
(Indiana Team)

and no photos:

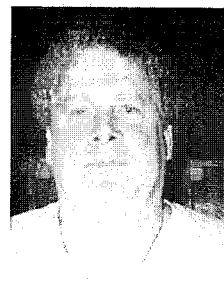
1st Place:
Glen Ingram (IN) & Linda Mitchell (Saginaw, MI)

3rd Place:
Terry & Pam Dowell
(Indiana Team)

Open Singles (Sun.)



1st Place (above):
Glen Ingram (IN)



2nd Place (above):
Frank Blade (MI)

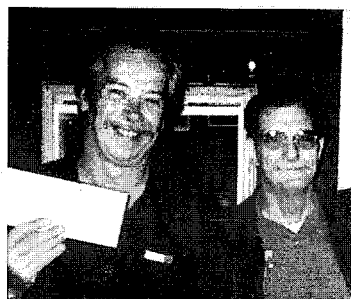


3rd Place (above):
Dave Boaz (IN)

Open Doubles (Sat.)



1st Place (L-R above):
Mike Koontz & Gary Anglin
(Indiana Team)



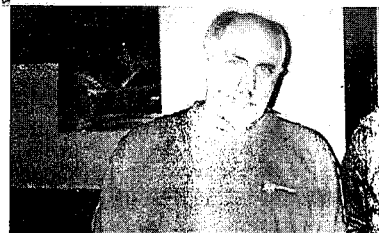
2nd Place (L-R above):
Larry Brown (Indiana) &
Jerry Siebert (Michigan)

Division II Singles (Sun.)

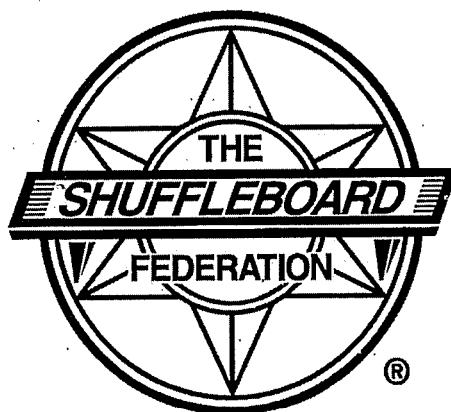


1st & 2nd Place (left):
1st: Mary Brown (IN; right)
2nd: Brian Persalles (MI; left)

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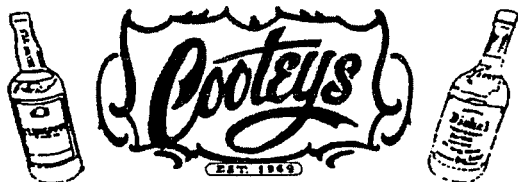
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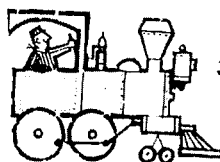
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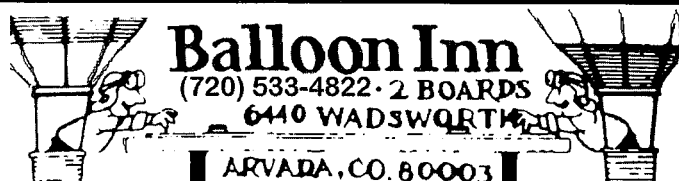
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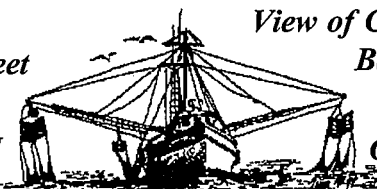


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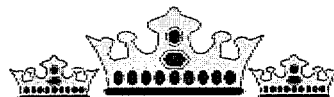
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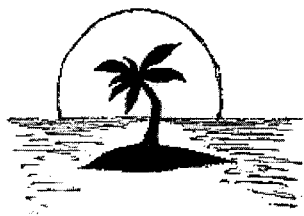


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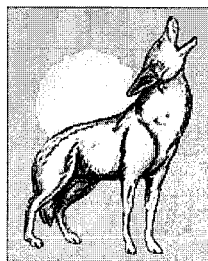


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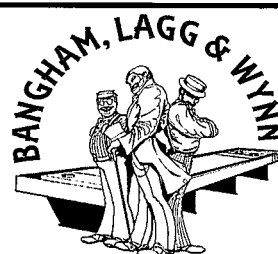
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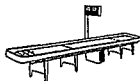
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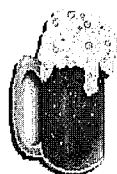
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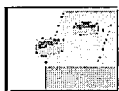
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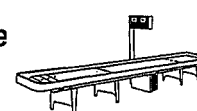
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December 31 (see flyer insert)

New Years Even Mixed Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
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BEEN DELAYED TO JANUARY 2004 (See The Board Talk, August 2003 Issue,
Page 2 for details).**

2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JANUARY 2004

January 3

Open Singles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

January 16-18

Deveney Memorial Tournament
Musette Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

January 17-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post# 73
Del City, Oklahoma

FEBRUARY 2004

February 7

Open Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

February 28-29

24th Annual Masters
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

MARCH/APRIL 2004

March 12-14

5th Annual Cape Kennedy Blast Off
VFW Post #4228
Titusville, Florida

March 19-21

11th Annual Florida Open
VFW Post #4228
Titusville, Florida

March 26-April 4 (see flyer insert)

3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004
VFW Post #5076
Garland, Texas

April 3

Open Doubles/Open Singles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

April 24-26

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post# 73
Del City, Oklahoma

AUGUST 2004

August 6-8

2nd Annual Michigan HOF
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

August 14-15

2nd Annual "Hot Summer Nights"
Rosewood Pub
Bellflower, California

MAY 2004

May 8

Bring Partner
Journey's End Bar & Grill
Bourbon, Indiana

JUNE 2004

June 11-13

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

JULY 2004

July 4-10

SW Open 2004
American Legion Post# 73
Del City, Oklahoma

OCTOBER 2004

October 15-17

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post# 73
Del City, Oklahoma



Investing Advise Humor
(Internet "Buzz" Humor Item forwarded by
Frank Bentley of California)

If you had bought \$1000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00. With Enron, you would have \$16.50 left of the original \$1,000.00. With Worldcom, you would have less than \$5.00 left. If you had bought \$1,000.00 worth of Budweiser (the beer, *not* the stock) one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the 10-cent deposit, you would have \$214.00.

Based on the above, my current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle. This is my new retirement program, I call it my 401-Keg program.

**THANKS TO ALL!
HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!**

***This December 2003 issue our
3rd Year Anniversary as The Board Talk
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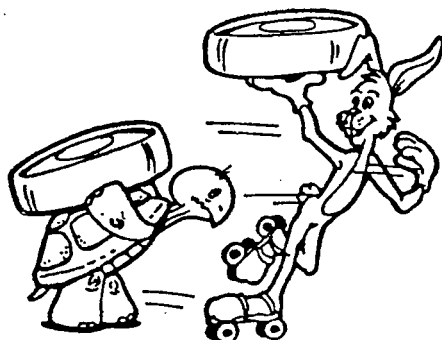
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and all of our subscribers and advertisers
for your support, confidence, and most of
all for your true friendship.***

***So, to all our great friends throughout
the World of Shuffleboard, we hope your
Holiday Season and New Year is filled with
love, peace, joy, and prosperity... and that
2004 will be one of your Best Years Yet.***

Have a Safe & Joyous Holiday Season!

***-- Tom & Lynda French
The Board Talk Editors/Publishers***

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