

The Board Talk

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7th Annual Houston Holiday Open 2002

"Sol Lipkin - Distinguished Guest Artist"

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Sheraton Brookshire Hollow Hotel, Houston, Texas
Report & Photos By: Tom & Lynda French

The attendees at the HHO 2002 had the great pleasure of spending time with Sol Lipkin who stayed through the infamous HHO New Years Eve party to celebrate the coming of another wonderful New Year -- and celebrate he did! We (Tom and Lynda French) had the great honor to spend time with Sol and his girlfriend Susan Pacifico (from Deer Park/Houston, TX). Even with all the New Years Eve activity, Sol spared a few minutes off the dance floor for us to interview him to acquire some shuffleboard history for this issue.

Sol Lipkin was born outside London, England on May 26, 1906 to Joseph and Sophia Lipkin, moving to the states when Sol was four to six months old.

Joseph (Sol's dad) was a toolmaker/machinist and worked on Pullman cars and was one of the first employed on airplanes. They settled on a farm in Steven Town, New York where Sol attended the first through the fourth grade in a one room school house where all grades were taught. It was a 2.5 mile walk to school and in increment weather sometimes the farmers would take him to school in a sled. Kinderbeck Creek was at the foot of his house. It was here he took up ice skating on club skates (which had a pin in

the center clamped to the shoes so that the skates could be expanded as the feet grew). Sol loved football and salt water fishing.

In 1942, at the age of 41, he joined the 9th Battalion VC Program Navy CB (Construction Battalion) where his wife had to sign a waiver/permission because anyone over 27 years of age could not get sea duty. He went to Iceland and was back in November 1944. He has been a Legionnaire for over 52 years and has sold over 15,047 poppies (\$940+) at a 4 day fund raiser spent at the VA Hospital and still sells poppies each year. He was the Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade four years ago and remains an active member of the American Legion and VFW since 1954 - Connecticut Farms Post 35 in Union, New Jersey and was in the VFW Post #1 since Iceland. They claim he is the youngest of the oldest "old fogies" at the Post. They spent 3 years trying to push Sol for Commander of his Post at the State and County meetings and last year put him in as Commander.

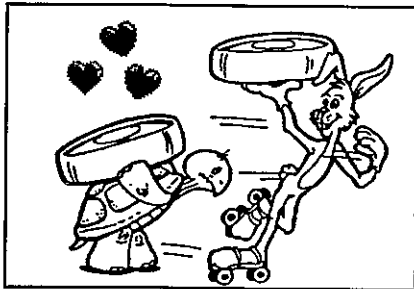
According to Sol, before prohibition (ca. 1889-90), shuffleboards were 32' long and every major hotel in Atlantic City had gamerooms with Brunswick-made billiards and shuffleboards. The weights used on the 32' boards were made of a circular brass. By 1934 (after prohibition was repealed), Sol joined a company in Newark, NJ (Modern Art Store Fixtures) who went into building shuffleboards. They built one 32' long and then went to 29' 3" cradle (28' board playing surface). There was a store in Patterson that had twenty-four (24) of the 28' boards. In the 1930's all taverns in and around Unica, NY had shuffleboards where all games were played free hand on top of the board (no side wheelers, no off rail shooting). Taverns were set up with a front bar and then a backroom restaurant/kitchen. Games were to 21 points and the losers bought the drinks. Women were not allowed in bars, so they had to go to the backroom restaurant. Tavern owners started installing shuffleboards in the backroom - thus allowing women to play shuffleboard too. Reportedly, the State of Illinois had all 12' cushion shuffleboards - no long boards allowed.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

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

As stated in the December 2002 issue, we were forced to evaluate and revise our subscriber and advertiser rates due to two postal increases since we took over the publication in December 2000 and due to printer/mailed cost increases.

The new subscription and advertising rates will be effective April 1, 2003 (Exception: For current "Subscribers" and "Shuffleboard Directory Advertisers", the new rates will not become effective until your annual "Subscription" or annual "Shuffleboard Directory Ad" becomes renewable).

We wish to thank all of you who have submitted your recommendations and suggestions. The new rates are posted on the inside back cover of this issue. Some of your suggestions are still being evaluated, such as:

- 1) Consider offering an electronic subscription requiring a subscriber user/pass to access the publication online (this is currently in the works and will be tested to see if it is a viable additional option for subscribers). This suggestion will take a lot of time to evaluate the pros and cons of having electronic only option, in addition to the hardcopy publication option that we currently have.
- 2) Convert to Bi-Monthly (every other month) instead of monthly (being considered but may not be timely enough for tournament advertising unless tournaments are pre-planned and advertised at least 3 months in advance AND it may not be a big cost saver if the publication would double in size due to only having tournament results printed bimonthly).
- 3) Maintain the monthly hardcopy publication, but every other month would include *tournament results and advertising* (same as it is currently) and alternate months would be *Upcoming Events & Advertising (without tournament results)*. Keep your ideas and comments coming in please. *Note one of the primary changes is a small charge for a write-up in the "Upcoming Events" (which typically requires from 2-5 pages per issue). The "Calendar of Events" remains free to all subscribers and/or advertisers. --T&L, Editors*

-- 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!

(See Page 16 for more details)

Support Gary Moore for OSHOF

I have been around shuffleboard for years and even though I'm only a "bad-3" (as Diana puts it), I know a good player when I see one.

Gary Moore (no doubt) should be inducted into the Oklahoma State Hall of Fame. He has played for years and still has talent even though he is unable to attend major tournaments. Please set aside any personal differences Oklahoma and get Gary Moore inducted into the Oklahoma State Hall of Fame.

-- Tree Cameron, Dayton, Texas

Thanks from David Williams

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Directors and Members of the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) Hall of Fame and all the players that submitted my name and supported the nomination petition for the great honor that was bestowed upon me at the Houston Holiday Open 2002 TSA HOF induction ceremony.

To be inducted with Diana, the greatest lady player ever and a very close friend, and Darrol Nelson, whose ability few have equalled, and to join my good friend and partner Bill Melton, was indeed quite an honor.

Thanks to all my well wishers after the ceremony, but especially to Jack Davis and Mike Taylor (a great young player who will dominate this game for years to come) who not only complemented me on my ability, but truly respected the way I "won or lost with class and integrity." That meant *very much* to me and I hope that all my peers perceive me in that same way.

Thanks also to my tremendous family who attended the ceremony: Bobby, Jeri, Laura, Gary, Amanda, Linda, Paul, Denise, and David Jr.

-- David Williams, Sr.

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(Misc. Fun Photos Below --- "Sol Lipkin" Celebrates New Years Eve with HHO Players)



Maryland

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

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tournament

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

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

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

Spring Fling

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

Maryland

HARVEY'S PLACE 2003 SCHEDULE STREET, MD FEB. 2003 - APR. 2003

Mason Dixon Classic

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

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

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

Maryland State Championship

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

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

Apr. 13, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40

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

Nevada

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



The "2nd Annual The Board Talk Open 2003" will be held again at the Plaza Hotel/Casino, One Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada on Feb. 23 - Mar. 2, 2003 - jointly sponsored by Champion Shuffleboard and The Board Talk. Last year we had 217 registered participants and anticipate a larger attendance in 2003 - events planned to be played on 30+ boards this year. Preregistration is very important. It saves our desk staff alot time at the tournament and saves you by paying a discounted rate. If you have not registered yet and would like to do so before you leave for Vegas, please give us a call as soon as possible.

After reading the enclosed flyer (Page 2, Event 11 had a typo error corrected), if you have questions, please get in touch with us. If you have not yet preregistered, please do not send prepayments that would arrive after February 15th. We leave Austin, driving to Vegas, on February 18th. You can call and let us know your are coming and what events you would like to play in, but please don't send prepayment unless the preregistration and monies can arrive before we leave for Vegas on February 18th. If you need to call us while we are in route, our cell # is: 512-636-0327. We look forward to seeing many of you at the tournament!

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

We wish to thank all the tournament sponsors from last year who contributed monies and/or supplies and/or raffle items and those that have donated this year. --T & L French

New Shuffleboard Directory Advertiser!

(See new ad on page 27)

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Texas

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



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

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

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

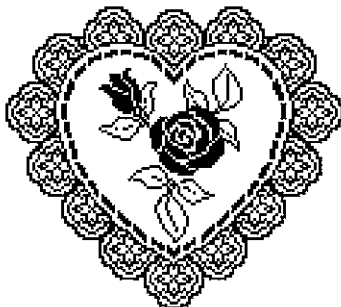
Saturday, April 12 at Noon there will be two singles events (sponsor sale at noon): 1) *Pro Singles* (-1's entry \$150; 0's entry \$100, & 2's entry \$75), 2 of 3 games winners bracket & 21 point games in losers bracket; and 2) *Amateur Singles* (1's entry \$100; 2's entry \$75; 3's-5's entry \$50),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

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

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

For more information, contact Ron or Debbie Bowers at 512-252-8188 or email: ronbowers@jump.net or Taz Country 512-990-5526.

Lodging option: Crossland Studios, IH 35 in Round Rock, Texas, rooms starting from \$39/night. Call: 512-671-7872 for reservations.

**Washington**

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



Bangham, Lagg & Wynn and the Season Ticket will jointly host the "22nd Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Extravaganza" on May 22-26, 2003 at the Season Ticket.

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

Thursday will kickoff the tournament with the DDA (Developmentally Disabled Adult) Event. This is a heartwarming day for all involved and we encourage all to attend this event. The tournament will again have the A/B Singles & Doubles events on the weekend with an all-play "warm up" event on Friday evening. Details coming in later issues. For more info, contact: Dan Hitt (509) 251-7000.

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in the Alamo City at Fiasco Cocktails!!

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In 1934 Sol worked for National Shuffleboard and marketed from tavern to tavern and started getting leagues going. The first tournament was in 1938 (Tri-State: NY, NJ, & PA) - a team tournament of 10 men: 6 players and 2 alternates with 12 teams to the league played home and home 22 games where league rules were established and used. The finals were held at National Turners (German Club with a large hall) in Newark, NJ where Congressman Fred Hartley (an avid shuffleboard player - known for Hartely Taft Act) was invited to attend. There were banners "Congressman Fred Hartley for President!". Congressman Hartley came from Washington and presented the winner trophies. Captain O'Keif Tavern won the doubles playoffs against Ryan & Nunack of Patterson, NJ. It was a great show, resulting in a great write-up for the Newark Ledger newspaper.

In 1946 timeframe, the shuffleboard playing surface length was shortened to 20' 8" due to the longer boards not being able to fit in a carrier for transport.

In 1946, Sol's extensive traveling commenced. By the end of 1946, he started flying all over the United States, traveling 25 to 35 weeks per year and then started into Canada (1955-56) with 16' boards being installed in Canada (Montreal installing 12' cushion boards) - traveling from Vancouver to St. Johns.

In 1948 was the first really large league tournament of 570+ taverns with 10 men each (ran 10 frames per game in 3 days - tied at 10 up/down to 12 frames). Leagues started cropping up all over the United States.

In 1951, Sol went to work for American Shuffleboard as Sales Director and Consultant.

In the 1959-60 timeframe, a tournament was held on the USS Theodore Roosevelt (60 day underwater submarine tournament). The finals were being played during rough seas. Score was 20-20 (21 point game). The Commander threw a short weight and then the Captain and his Lieutenant partner had a bad stroke of luck, they threw their last weight and the submarine took a sharp turn and their weight went off into the trough. Sol said no one would ever admit how this maneuver was planned and executed -- the timing was of the sharp turn was obviously planned. Sol said that a 500' tape of this underwater tournament was given to him and that later it was loaned to John McDermott. If/when John is able to locate this tape (probably in his attic, he said), the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) has requested to be able to get it copied and converted to modern media format and make copies so that other shuffleboard players can enjoy watching this historical underwater event.

In the 1970-80's timeframe, Billy Mays showed up at Sol Lipkin's office, needing 10 boards to host a tournament in Las Vegas. Sol said "deal" and Billy proceeded to run two great tournaments in Las Vegas - the strongest shuffleboard activity held in the southwest by that time.

In 1982, Sol signed on as a Consultant to Dave & Buster (D&B Restaurants) and Venture Entertainment where he is still actively marketing and consulting for both companies.

Most of today's players are familiar with the prestigious "Sol Lipkin Award" that is presented periodically (lately annually) to some of today's great promoters of shuffleboard. Sol Lipkin was never a pro-level player, but was and still is one of the best promoters and sales directors in the shuffleboard field. Having a "Sol Lipkin Award" for promoters is a most fitting award from a great legacy promoter of our sport. Karl Spickelmier of California was the most recent recipient of such award which was presented to Karl during the NASC Reno 2002 tournament.

We wish to thank Sol (and Susan) for joining all the players in the great competition (Sol even played himself) and celebration during the HHO 2002 tournament. A special thanks from us personally for taking the time to share with us some of the shuffleboard history and highlights of your life and career. You are a wonderful man and promoter of our sport of shuffleboard and are greatly admired by all of us in the shuffleboard community. What an honor and pleasure to have spent the quality time talking (and dancing - grin) with you Sol. Thanks for all that you continue to do to support the great game of shuffleboard. A very special man indeed!
PS: Sol, forgive us if we have any errors in our reporting - tough taking notes between shuffling and dancing (grin).

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors



Above: Lynda French, Sol Lipkin, Susan Pacifico, & Tom French

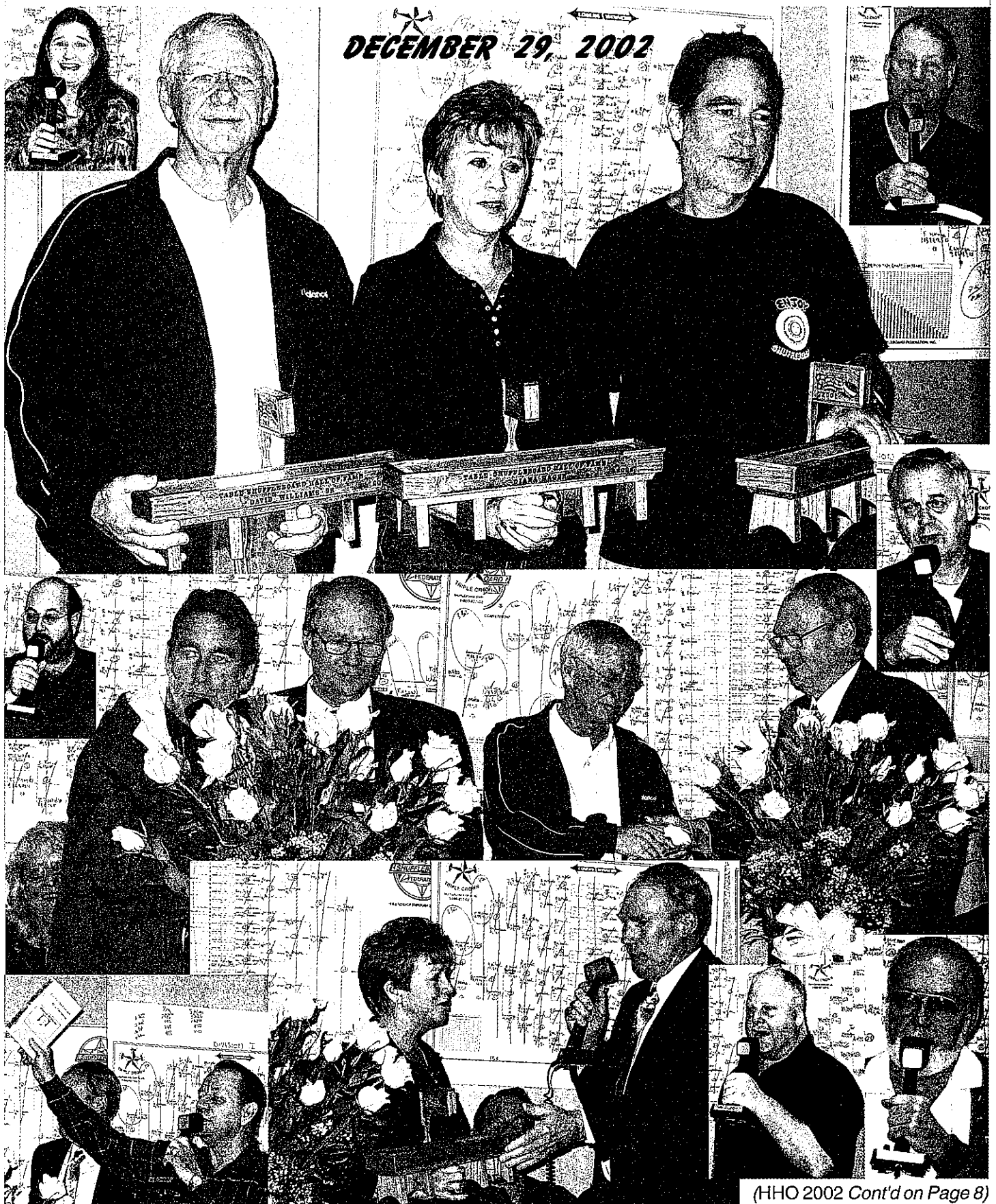


Above: Lynda French, Ron Bowers, Sol Lipkin, Tom French & Joe Spratt (long time friend of Sol Lipkin)

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The TSA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - The Three D's Are Inducted - Numerous Testimonials Given!
"Congratulations to Darrol Nelson, David Williams, and Diana Hagen!"



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DARROL NELSON - TSA "National" Hall of Fame Inductee - DECEMBER 29, 2002

Darrol Nelson



Darrol Nelson of Cheshire, Oregon was born July 7, 1943 and has been an avid shuffleboard player since 1965 when he started playing at 21 years old. He had a big fascination for shuffleboard since he first observed the game. He quit playing a couple of times, but always came back. He loved the motion of the weight as it went down the board. The late Truman Adams (TA) of Portland, Oregon was most influential and his mentor when he turned 21. His higher education of shuffleboard was in the late 70's when he started winning.

Darrol's first major victory in Singles was at the "HOT-N-TROT" in Portland against opponent Ron Harrelson. Billy Mays and Bob Miles were there at the time. Darrol's first major Doubles victory was in 1977 with Doug Buhl, again at the "HOT-N-TROT" in Portland against opponents Billy Mays and his partner Nevel (Mel) Curry from Canada. This began a partnership with Doug Buhl that continued for many years. In the summer of 1978 Doug and Darrol toured the country for 9 weeks and played 46 sessions and only lost money in 2 of the 46 sessions. They played from the west coast to the east coast and the southern states. They toured the country again in 1983.

Before 1977 there were no tournaments, as we know them today other than the Northwest Regionals. Everyone used to go into the "Black Cat" in Portland on Friday nights, they had 3 boards, and you put up your name and waited to play. The modern era tournaments (as Darrol calls them) didn't really start until the early 1980's.

The biggest purse Darrol ever won was at Billy Mays' "World Championship" at the Showboat in Las Vegas in 1984. He won the Pro-Singles event.

The entry fee at the "World Championship" was \$800 per person, with a 32 person cut-off (they had to turn players away). Darrol won \$17,500 in entry fee only, not including the sponsor sale money.

In the 80's, Darrol traveled to play at Don Valk's "US Open" at the Aquafest in Austin, Texas and played at the Corporate Image (David Williams' bar) tournaments in Ft. Worth, Texas. He also traveled and played in tournaments in Michigan, New York, Florida, Arizona, and California to name just a few.

Among some of the most memorable wins for Darrol were when he partnered with Galin Gaunt against Donnie Cox and Leroy Ledford in 1982; partnered with Steve Bjorn at the "Fir Cone Tavern" in Shelton, Washington in the early 90's; playing with Loren Lampley at "Buzz's Tavern" in Mud Bay; and winning the last President's Day Tournament at Blinky's in Santa Clara, California in 2001 where he won the Singles event against Dan Hitt, and then won the Doubles event partnered with Dan Hitt.

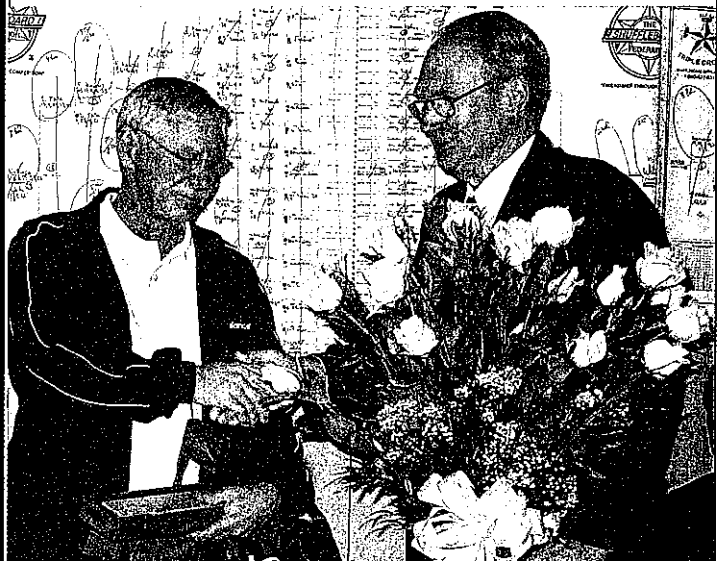
If anyone wonders where Darrol got his thumb shot, Billy Mays states that "In 1977 Darrol was playing the owner of the 'Time-Out-Tavern' on 6th Street in Seattle, Washington, and she was eating up the middle of the board against Darrol. When she took time out to go to the bathroom, Billy showed Darrol the thumbshot and Darrol never lost another game against her."

Darrol is a retired Locomotive Engineer and was a fireman previous to that. He has 4 children: 3 boys and 1 girl. He has 6 grandchildren. They all live within 50 miles of him in the Portland area.

The most influential people to him in shuffleboard were Mack Mackaronis, Doug Buhl (old time partner and great strategist), Billy Mays, and the late Truman Adams (TA) who was his mentor when he started playing when he turned 21 years of age.

Darrol's accomplishments speak for themselves. He is the best of the best in table shuffleboard, number one (1) in the world. His game is what we all strive for. He is a true sportsman, win or lose!

As stated by Dave Keithahn, a Pro from California who recently beat Darrol in a 2 out of 3 competition: "When Darrol lost I was totally blown away by the fact the he was the first person to come over to me and he grabbed me and hugged me and congratulated me on my win. That's how I will strive to conduct myself in the future. He taught me what a true sportsman really is!"

HHO2002 ... (Continued from Page 8)**DAVID WILLIAMS - TSA "National" Hall of Fame Inductee - DECEMBER 29, 2002****David Williams**

"I have been very fortunate in Shuffleboard. I played with Bill Melton for years then young Billy came along and now David Jr. is becoming a force in the game. This is such a great sport in which I have made so many wonderful and dear friends."

-- David Williams Sr.

(2002 Texas Open in Houston, TX)

David Williams is a self-employed, owner of Dave Williams Paint & Body Shop. He has 5 children, including daughters Christi, Robin, and Amy and sons Jeff and David Jr. (who has already established himself as a no nonsense competitor and rising star in the game of shuffleboard) and 8 grandchildren.

David was born in Howe, Texas and moved to Ft. Worth when he was 4 years old. He has two brothers Bobby and Gary and a sister Linda who along with Bobby's wife Jeri find it a full-time job taking care of the "boys."

David first started playing shuffleboard 30 years ago ('70s) on a bank shuffleboard. David eventually graduated from bank shuffleboard to long boards that are used today and over the years has firmly established himself as a player with many friends among competitors but few peers in terms of skill and ability.

In the late 70's when David was still developing his enormous skill, Glen Davidson and Billy Mays, using false names and presumably disguises, came to Ft. Worth to play David. Well, sometimes the unexpected happens and David defeated them both. Shortly after that Bill Melton also came to Ft. Worth to play a few games of "friendly" shuffleboard with David. Nowadays neither one of them will admit who won that session, but it was the beginning of a formidable partnership and a twenty-five friendship. Ironically, this budding relationship got off to a bit of a rocky start when Bill convinced David to go to Big Springs, Texas for a tournament, which turned out to be a keep hammer event and David was soundly beaten. Despite this resounding defeat, Bill saw enough promise in David to take him as a partner in a national tournament billed as the "World Series of Shuffleboard" held at the Black Cat Tavern in Portland, Oregon in 1981. This tournament was such a prominent event that it was even covered by the local TV station. The finals pitted David and Bill against Galin Gaunce and Billy Chiles. Well, Billy Chiles and Bill prevailed and the headlines the next day in the local paper read "Players shuffle home with \$13,000".

Over the next dozen years, or so, David and Bill successfully partnered together in many events including Reno, Las Vegas and Austin (for Don Valk's "Texas Open"). Through the years, David has also enjoyed great success in Mixed Doubles playing with Diana Hagen, the "Queen of the Jungle." Despite his prowess as a doubles player (although Diana claims she carried him), David's greatest achievements have probably been in the Singles events. Unlike other events where team play overshadows individual performance that is not the case in Singles. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide, nobody to blame. Pro-Singles is very difficult and challenging and few can claim the success that David has achieved over the years. With 15 documented Singles titles, David has won state championships and major Singles titles everywhere from Pennsylvania to Nevada and in between.

Among those titles are two victories in the "Texas Open Singles" championship game over the legendary Darrol Nelson who along with Billy Mays are unquestionably the two greatest players to ever touch a weight. In fact, the game between David and Darrol back in 1991 for the "Texas Open Single" title has been called, by some observers, one of the greatest matches in the history of the game with one possible shot after another being executed by both competitors. Since this match was being played as other events were completed, there were well over one hundred players watching this game and marveling at the expertise displayed by both David and Darrol.

Although David still excels at Singles and Doubles, in recent years he has also enjoyed great success in team events where he has probably won more team titles than any other captain.

As with most true champions, David does not dwell on past accomplishments but rather looks forward to the next challenge. Although he has won countless tournaments over the years, he is much more at ease talking about the play of others, especially the younger players like Dan Hitt and Mike Taylor and now Jr. In fact, he and David Jr. will likely be a formidable team for years to come.

As it stands, the compiled list of David's past tournament achievements is incomplete and based upon what David and Bill Melton can recall, plus what is documented in The Board Talk since 1984 and the more than 100 plaques and trophies he has on display at his body shop. Unfortunately, dozens of others have either been lost or misplaced over the years. Nevertheless, by any account it's a list we can all envy and David justly deserves to be inducted into the TSA National Hall of Fame and be recognized as one of the best players in the history of the game. As a player, David's accomplishments speak for themselves. But winning tournaments is only a small part of his contributions to the game. In addition to being a top-ranked player for more than 20 years, David is a persistent supporter and promoter of shuffleboard everywhere he goes. In addition, due to his great love and respect for the game he is always willing to assist new players as well as struggling veterans with advice/help on their game. David (and Don Valk) are pioneers in bringing major tournament play to Texas in the 1980's. Congrats!

HHO2002 ... (Continued from Page 9)**DIANA HAGEN - TSA "National" Hall of Fame Inductee - DECEMBER 29, 2002****Diana Hagen**

Diana Hagen first started playing shuffleboard in 1985. At the time she had been living in Houston for about 10 years and was tending bar at one of the local restaurants. Although she had never seen shuffleboard played before, she was drawn to the game like a moth to a flame. At the time, the venerable Howard Mouton was "King of the Hill" as far as Diana Hagen first started playing shuffleboard in 1985. At the time she had been living in Houston for about 10 years and was tending bar at one of the local restaurants. Although she had never seen shuffleboard played before, she was drawn to the game like a moth to a flame. At the time, the venerable Howard Mouton was "King of the Hill" as far as Houston shuffleboard was concerned taking on all challengers for whatever stakes they wanted to play for. Little did Howard know that when he took "Shy Di" under his wing that he was about to uncover a player with uncanny skill, one who would not only rise to the top of the shuffleboard world but would eventually help change the face of shuffleboard by opening the door to women players across the country.

Although eager to learn and play at every opportunity, few players in those early days, other than Howard, were willing to take Diana as a partner. Even Howard now shyly admits they "forced" him to take Diana as a partner since he was the one who introduced her to the game. According to Howard, it didn't take long for that scenario to change however, once everyone discovered that girl could play the game! A naturally gifted player, Diana learned quickly from not only Howard, but Glen Davidson and Billy Mays and with her patented snap release, a dead eye for sticking and a soft touch for lagging she soon established herself as one heck of a player to be reckoned with. In fact, after only three short years of playing shuffleboard, Diana was already ranked among the top players in the country, a lofty place she deservedly still holds today.

As a player, Diana's accomplishments speak for themselves. But winning tournaments is only a small part of her contributions to the game. In addition to being a top-ranked player for many years and opening the doors for the many women players who participate in shuffleboard today, Diana is a constant supporter, promoter and educator of shuffleboard everywhere she goes.

While the number of players that Diana has either introduced to shuffleboard or taken directly under her wing could easily fill a page, the number of players that Diana has helped over the years could fill a book. Houston players that owe much to Diana include Flynt Preston, Ann Walker, Silvia Martinez, Dave Ramold, Denise Klein, Jack Scott, Jimmy Britt, Bob Lee, Jorge Galvan and Wayne Hammond to name a few. Because of her great love and respect for the game Diana constantly pushes players to improve and achieve their potential. Whether she is playing or just watching from the sidelines, Diana is always willing to answer questions or show new players how to make a particular shot. At Danny's Sports Bar in Houston where she regularly plays, there is no bigger cheerleader for the game and the players who compete with Diana.

Although much of the credit for reviving big-time shuffleboard in Houston rightly belongs to Jack Scott and Johnny Ballard, neither could have done it without the efforts of Diana Hagen who got on the phone and personally called many of the top players to encourage them to attend the first Houston Holiday Open ... today, the Houston Holiday Open is recognized as one of the better tournaments in the country drawing players from Washington to Florida and much of that credit still goes to Diana for her behind the scene efforts at not only promoting the tournament but also arranging partners and teams to get more players involved. So, even though Howard Mouton likes to tell the story to let everyone know that he taught Diana how to play and is responsible for making her the champion player she is today, he exaggerated a bit... He really simply let the genie out of the bottle when he put that first American weight in her hand and showed this small-town girl how to stand at the table and shoot.

Diana's record speaks loudly. She has been a winner everywhere she has played... From local, regional, and national levels. From Houston, to Oklahoma, to Reno, to Vegas she has won Pro Singles, Pro Doubles, and team events. Although shy and unassuming away from the table, Diana never backs down from a shuffleboard challenge. She is a winners' circle icon at every tournament she attends.

Diana is always supportive of promoting tournaments and getting players involved by arranging partners and teams... Whatever it takes to get more people involved in the sport that she so loves.

Diana is a self-employed independent business woman. Although hardly showing her age, Diana is also a proud mom of 2 children (daughter Sherry & son Terry) and a very proud and doting grandma to her 6 grandchildren.

"Shy Di" is always proactive in raising money for a good cause from the Bowers Rating system to raising money for players or families who may be ill or simply down on their luck. She is team captain for one of the local shuffleboard leagues. She is an avid supporter of The Board Talk publication, getting everyone she can introduced to the publication and encouraging them to subscribe and advertise. She received the legacy "Subscription Hustler Award" which was presented to her in March at the 1st Annual Board Talk Open 2002 in Vegas. So, not only is she one of the best players in the country (a true "Super Star" champion), she is also one of the best promoters of the sport in all respects and one of the most deserving of receiving the TSA National Hall of Fame induction award.

Darrol Nelson, David Williams, Diana Hagen

"Memory Lane"



7th Annual Houston Holiday Open 2002

"Winner's List"

A/B Draw Div. I: (23 Teams: -1, 0 & 1)

- 1st Place: David Williams (TX) & Jack Davis (TX)
 2nd Place: Mike Taylor (TX) & Jim Payne (NE)
 3rd Place: Dave Ramold (TX) & Gary Thompson (WA)
 4th Place: Flynt Preston (TX) & Dan Holland (OR)

A/B Draw Div. II: (26 Teams: 2, 3 & 4)

- 1st Place: Jeff McFadden (IN) & Joe Chapman
 2nd Place: James Cummings (TX) & Charles Peltier (TX)
 3rd Place: Danny Green (TX) & Joyce Gorman (TX)
 4th Place: Danny Norris (TX) & Ray McFadden (IN)
 5th/6th Place: John Machinski (TX) & Tommy Vaselo (TX) tied w/
 Cliff Visel (TX) & Sammie Stringer (TX)

4-Person Bring Div. I: (16 Teams: Add to 3 or more)

- 1st Place: Dave Ramold (TX), Tony Pelton (AR), Gerald Wood (OK), Jorge Galvan (TX)
 2nd Place: Bobby Voorhis (IN), Jeff McFadden (IN), Dave Shewbridge (MD), & Johnny Gardner (MD)
 3rd Place: Darrol Nelson (OR), Dino Mako (WA), Lorraine Bingham (CA), Terry Yingst (OK)

4-Person Bring Div. II: (10 Teams: Add to 10 or more)

- 1st Place: Chuck Leach (TX), Ronnie Moore (TX), Mahlon Moore (TX), "Big B" Bowerman (TX)
 2nd Place: Darelene Cummings (TX), Gilbert Baird (TX), Charma Migas (TX), Ken Migas (TX)
 3rd Place: Peter Craven (CA), Jim Olson (CA), Tammy Utt (TX), Gene Criminger (TX)

Pro/Am 6-Person Draft Team: (16 Teams)

- 1st Place: Johnny Wayne Crawford (TX), Dave Shewbridge (MD), Greg Hixon (TX), Mike Rapp (ID), Vickie Hennig (TX)
 2nd Place: Rick Niblett (MD), Johnny Gardner (MD), Silvia Martinez (TX), Lilly Kidd (TX), Stan Stinson (TX), Greg Gray
 3rd Place: Brian Walker (TX), Gerald Wood (OK), Lynda French (TX), Ferlin Kearns (OK), Richard Gray (TX), Debbie Williams (TX)
 4th Place: Bill Melton (OK), Chris Smith (TX), John Canino (NY), Jim Nicoll (Alberta), Sharon Canino (NY), Bob Linder (NE)

Pro Doubles: (15 Teams - one -1 max.)

- 1st Place: Darrol Nelson (OR) & Dino Mako (WA)
 2nd Place: Dan Hitt (WA) & Dan Holland (OR)
 3rd Place: Diana Hagen (TX) & Brian Walker (TX)

Division I Doubles: (12 Teams - Add to '2' for +0, 1, 2)

- 1st Place: Dale Williams (TX) & Scott Mollere (TX)
 2nd Place: Mary Koteris (TX) & Silvia Martinez (TX)
 3rd Place: Jeff Womble (TX) & Stan Stinson (TX)

Division II Doubles: (16 Teams - Add to '4' for 1, 2, 3)

- 1st Place: Lynda French (TX) & Danny Green (TX)
 2nd Place: Ray McFadden (IN) & Ray McFadden (IN)
 3rd Place: Ann Walker (TX) & Bob Lee (TX)

Division III Doubles: (12 Teams - Add to '6' for 2, 3, 4)

- 1st Place: Chris Regan (TX) & Mike Regan (TX)
 2nd Place: Joe Chapman (TX) & Charles Peltier (TX)
 3rd Place: Bob Hallett (TX) & Trevor Wade (TX)

Pro Singles: (23 Players: -1, -0)

- 1st Place: Dan Hitt (WA) (Received World Championship)
 2nd Place: Bill Melton (OK)
 3rd Place: Mike Taylor (TX)
 4th Place: Darrol Nelson (OR)

Division I Singles: (20 Players: +0, 1)

- 1st Place: Chris Smith (TX)
 2nd Place: Dino Mako (WA)
 3rd Place: Del Ammerman (TX)
 4th Place: Tony Pelton (AR)

Division II Singles: (28 Players: 2)

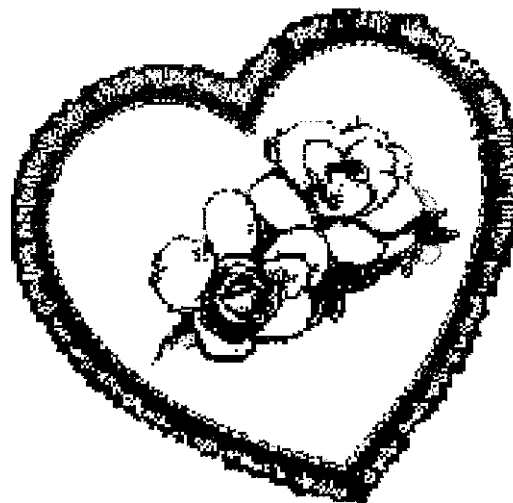
- 1st Place: Jeff McFadden (IN)
 2nd Place: Linda Ritter (NE)
 3rd Place: Larry Nance (TX)
 4th Place: John Machinski (TX)
 5th/6th Place: Joe Parish (TX) and Michael Miller (TX)

Division III Singles: (34 Teams: 3 & 4)

- 1st Place: Kyle White (TX)
 2nd Place: Mike Regan (TX)
 3rd Place: Fernando Noriega (TX)
 4th Place: Lane Tate (TX)
 5th/6th Place: Mahlon Moore (TX) and Ferlin Kearns (OK)
 7th/8th Place: Drew Willingham (TX) and Trevor Wade (TX)

NOTE: Full HHO 2002 tournament report and winner photos will be in the March 2003 The Board Talk issue.

Due to the HHO 2002 tournament having broad coverage and tournament activity with three major TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and reporting on Sol Lipkin (most honored guest of the HHO 2002) and the big New Years Eve party, we were unable to get all the winners photos in printable format and complete the full tournament report in this issue. See Page 12 in this issue for the HHO 2002 winners list. The full report on tournament results and photos will be in the March '03 issue. -- T & L French, Editors



Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

EPISODE 95 -- FINAL Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- February 2003 Issue

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

Long Beach Lil and Jack had come out winners in the Draw Partners games. Right after they had picked up their winnings, Lil had told Jack that she had to see him privately - at once. After they had received their money and handshakes and congratulations all around, Lil ushered Jack out the side door, to have a smoke - and her "very important little conference." Eddie took an interest as he watched the two of them walk out.

When they didn't return, Eddie started to play some singles with the best shooters that were there. Many of the really good players were anxious to play against the current Reno Champion. The names of challengers was full, and the majority of the games were for at least \$100. Eddie played for hours; in fact, until the Bar had to close.

Jack was nowhere to be found, so after a final search Eddie decided to take off for the hotel. Jack was last seen with Long Beach Lil, so he figured that he was probably still being "taken care of" by her. As he anticipated, there was no trace of him at the hotel room, and no message at the desk either. He left a message for a wake-up at nine o'clock the following morning. Jack's bag and cleaning gear were still there, so he figured it was just a "one night fling"!

Eddie had no problem getting right to sleep after the long (and profitable) day. He had a little trouble getting out of bed when his wake up call came through though. He finally got cleaned up and packed, as their tickets for home would mean they had to be at the Airport around 7pm that night. He left Jack's stuff in the room, figuring they (or Lil) would pick them up and they'd all meet at the Bar.

Eddie stopped and had a good breakfast on the way, and by the time he got to the Bar, he was feeling almost "human." He was surprised that there were so many early players in the place. He asked around to see if anyone had seen or heard from Jack, with negative results all the way around.

It was around 11:30 when Lil and Jack strolled into the Bar. Lil had a sly little grin on her face as she looked at Eddie, but kept on going to meet with some of her "friends." Jack was sort of gleaming as he approached Eddie. Before Eddie could ask him if he got his things from the Hotel, Jack blurted out with "Eddie - I've got some good news, and some 'not so good news'." He started with: "It looks like you're going to hire a new Bartender (and that's the bad news), but the good news is that Lil and I will be taking off for a State-wide long shuffleboard trip!

Eddie almost flipped when he heard that! He told Jack to step outside with him for a little "talk." When they got outside, Jack didn't give Eddie a chance to say anything. He started out with: "Lil has already told me all of the things that I need to know, and all of the troubles you and her had when you took your trips. I don't really care anything about the past - all I know is that Lil and I have a good chance - for the money, and also for the way I feel about her. Now we've already picked up my things from the room and we're going to be hitting the road as soon as I go back inside. So what do you think "Boss!"?

Eddie could have given him the truth about what he was headed into, but he knew it wouldn't do a bit of good. All he said as they reentered the Bar was: "Well, you're really are on your own Kid - I wish you the best of luck - and if you ever need a job, there will always be one waiting on you at my place." They gave each other a hug good-bye, but Lil didn't say or do anything, except to say with the smirk in her eye's: "You see Eddie - I've won... I've really won after all."

-- THE END (FINAL FRISCO EDDIE'S EPISODE) --

PS: I want to thank everyone of you who followed "Frisko Eddie" over the past nine or so years. This of course, includes George and Donna Wilber, and now Tom and Lynda French. To be perfectly honest with all of you, I'm just plain "burned out" with the monthly episodes.

With what I feel may be good news however, is that I have way more than would be necessary to put together - after a lot of "massaging" enough material to attempt to get a manuscript started. This project will take time; however, I believe it will be time well spent, and in the end do more for our game.

Thank you all again, "Balboa Ron"

Editors Response:

Ron, we are going to miss your monthly episodes very much and we're certain all of our readers and subscribers feel likewise. However, we fully understand with your ongoing health problems and having done this for so many years that you definitely deserve a break to pursue your manuscript project (which I am certain many of us will have great interest in when you get it published). We (and I am sure the Wilbers and others agree) fully understand how demanding a monthly obligation such as this can be. We wish you the very best in health and with your manuscript project. If we can help you in any way when you get started with your manuscript, please feel free to let us know. Best wishes and look forward to seeing you at the Board Talk Open 2003 in Vegas soon!

--Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

A Farewell To "Dad"

On January 7, 2003, Richard Harold Mills, of Wall, New Jersey, passed away after a brief illness. He was 59 years old.

Dick, or "Dad" as I affectionately called him, was a successful local attorney and one of the most avid shuffleboard players at the Jersey Shore.

I first met Dick at The Parker House in Sea Girt in the summer of 1999, and the acrimoniousness of our first several encounters made the close relationship that developed later that much more surprising and enjoyable.

Over time, I came to appreciate his many positive personality traits. Like my own father, he was an overachieving Harvard graduate with an encyclopedic mind, and a vocabulary that can only be called amazing. I once made the mistake of betting him \$20 on what the definition of assiduous was. I excitedly walked over to a friend's house to look it up, and found to my dismay that his definition was exactly what was in the dictionary. I didn't ever make that mistake again.

While he wore the title of curmudgeon proudly, underneath he was a thoughtful, sensitive man with a heart as big as Texas.

Last summer, I had the audacity to ask him to move my tandem bike for me, and, while it involved a drive of 10 minutes each way, he gladly did so. Needless to say, he got great enjoyment out of needling me over that one.

Dick's legendary sense of humor was as mischievous as it was original. One time at Leggett's in Manasquan, Dick sat on the floor with his head underneath the overhang of the bar, just so he could avoid being picked by a player who, in his words, "stinks".

Dick was an expert at heckling people, and when he was really "on" he could make me laugh until my stomach hurt. Memorial Day weekend last summer, he sat on his stool and picked apart one of my opponents until the guy was worthless as a player.

Dick loved to hear all the latest gossip, and he would revel in reporting it all back to the person being talked about, while making sure to identify the original source of the gossip (usually me). That was one of Dick's many great ways of "stirring the pot". It is a testament to the strength of his personality that he made what would ordinarily be called an annoying personality trait endearing.

While our friendship was an unlikely one, it was a good one, and one that transcended the 19 year age difference between us. I feel honored to be able to say that I was a friend of Dick Mills, and I will miss him terribly.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife Sandra Shefter Mills; two sons, Richard William Mills of San Francisco, California, and Randy Shefter Mills of Wall, New Jersey; a daughter, Holly Rebecca Mills of Boston, Massachusetts; his mother, Louise Thomas Mills of Brick, New Jersey; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Albert S. and Gail Mills of Spring Hill, Florida, William W. and Althea Mills of Quinby, Virginia, and James B. and Diane Mills of Fillmore, California; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary L. Mills, and Judith M. and Dayle Ritchey of Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

--Submitted by "Tournament Phil" Dooman



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 Club Car Lounge, Durand, Michigan
 Report & Photos By: CoCo Brown, Orion, Michigan

Another outstanding year for this annual shuffleboard event has come and gone in what is believed to be the longest running state championship in the country. Some expected and "unexpected" turn of events occurred...

In the Mixed Doubles event on November 29th, first place went to Tournament Director Bill Kane and Jackie Meagher (sponsored by Steve Auten). Second place went to Couple Steve Auten and Carrie Cottrell (sponsored by Jerry Siebert). Third place victors were Roland Metivier and Dawn Brookens (not to be confused with Dawn Perkins!) (bought by themselves).

Saturday's results for the Open Singles Event concluded as follows: John McDermott once again remains victorious retaining his title as Michigan State Champ in double-dipping Mike O'Dell in the Open Singles (sponsored by himself). This concludes McDermott's championship as the 14th consecutive title in which he participated in. Hats off to John for another outstanding performance!!

Second place in the Michigan Open Singles was won by Mike O'Dell (sponsored by tournament director Bill Kane), followed by Roland Metivier in third (sponsored by Chuck Rickless), as well as Alonzo Cottrell in fourth (sponsored by Roland Metivier).

Division II Singles occurred on the same day. On this occasion, the following results occurred: First place victor was Tom Schultz (purchased by Dawn Brookens). Second place was rewarded to Mark Trumble of Lake Orion (purchased by Chuck Rickles). Third place victor was Troy Henk (sponsored by Linda Mitchell).

Ladies Singles Event occurred simultaneously, in which the following results occurred: Cassie Schubert regained her title from a previous year as first place victor (sponsored by Dawn Brookens). Second place was awarded to Carrie Cottrell (sponsored by Jerry Hershman), and third place went to tournament director Brenda Kane (sponsored by Bob Querback).

Events this weekend also included the announcement of Trish Tolsdorf's induction into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and a plaque presented to tournament directors Bill and Brenda Kane for their ongoing support of the great game of Shuffleboard! A ceremony will occur at a later date for Trish's induction at Lakeside.

Special thanks and recognition is extended to Bracketeer Rob Kern, auctioneer Steve Auten, tournament co-directors Coco and Cindy Brown (assisted this year by Deb Kern), and as always the owners and staff of The Club Car Lounge for their continued tremendous warmth and hospitality during this event. -- Reported by: CoCo Brown



(ABOVE) Mixed Doubles 1st & 2nd Place (L-R):
 1st: Bill Kane/Jackie Meagher; 2nd: Steve Auten/Carrie Cottrell



(LEFT)
 Mixed Doubles 3rd Place (L-R):
 Roland Metivier &
 Dawn Brookings



(ABOVE) Open Singles 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place (L-R):
 1st: John McDermott; 2nd: Mike Odell; 3rd: Roland Metivier



(ABOVE) Div. II Singles 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place (L-R):
 1st: Tom Shultz; 2nd: Mark Tremble; 3rd: Troy Heinke



(LEFT) Ladies Singles
 1st - 3rd Place:

1st: Cassie Schubert
 (right);
 2nd: Carrie Cottrell
 (center);
 3rd: Brenda Kane
 (left)

(Michigan State Cont'd on Page 34)

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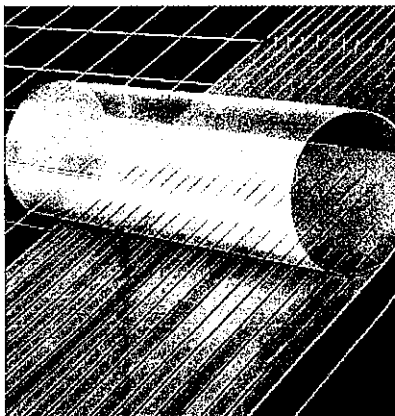
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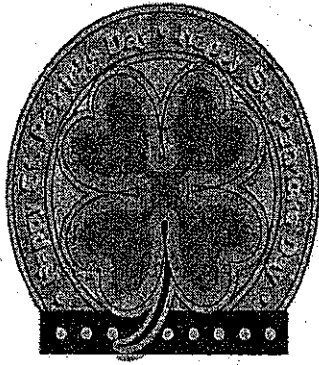
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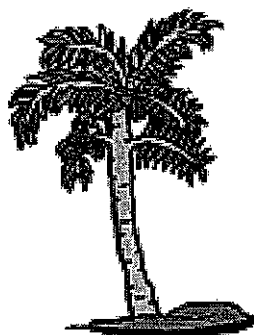
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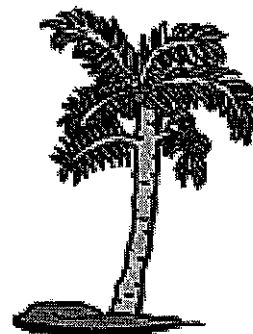
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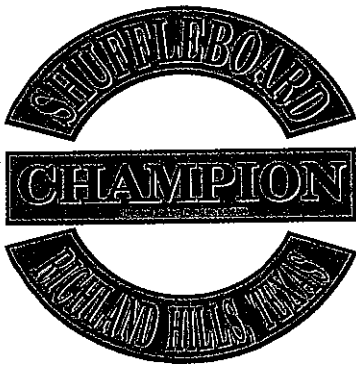
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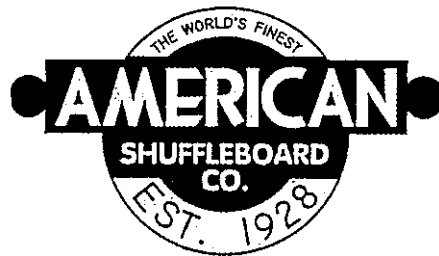
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Red Dog Saloon's "Annual Fall Classic"

November 9-10, 2002

Red Dog Saloon, Muncie, Indiana

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

The Red Dog Saloon's "Annual Fall Classic" was held Nov. 9-10. The tournament held a Singles and a Doubles event which was their first time to host a tournament and it turned out very successful with 13 teams in Doubles on Saturday and 14 "walker" in Singles on Sunday.

In the Doubles it was Steve Hart and John Humes coming out on top again with Dave Boaz and Jeff McFadden coming in second. Jim Long and Glen Ingram trailed along for third place.

The Singles on Sunday had some surprises with Mark McLeod double-dipping Jim Long for first place. Jim Long took second and Todd Brewer from Pendleton took third.

Lewis Coulter owns the Red Dog Saloon and is a very good player and supporter of shuffleboard in Muncie, Indiana and the Indiana Hall of Fame and The Board Talk magazine.

The Red Dog is a great place to play and everybody said that everything they had to eat there was very good.

Thanks to everybody for playing at the Red Dog and again Sheryl Cockerill did a great job with the money and brackets. Thanks to all...

-- Glen Ingram, Reporting



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

1st: Mark McLeod; 2nd: Jim Long



Singles 3rd Place:
Todd Brewer



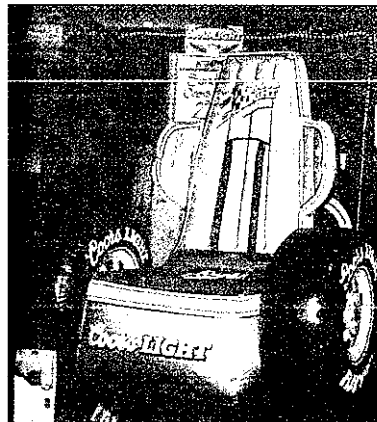
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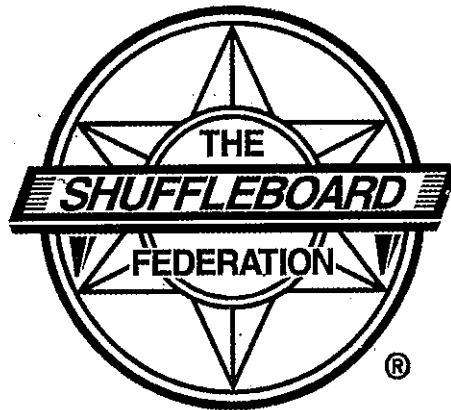
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BZ's Sports Bar Held First ABC Draw Tourney

November 30 - December 1, 2002
 BZ's Sports Bar, Burien, Washington
 Report & Photos Submitted By: Sharon Nugent, Washington

The first ever ABC Draw at BZ's held the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 30th and December 1st ... was its own little cornucopia filled to almost overflowing. There were 10 teams. (30 players total for those who haven't had their morning coffee yet. And if you have had your morning coffee and you aren't able to figure out how 30 players is derived from a 10 team ABC Draw, odds are you're probably a pool player shackled up with a shuffleboard player reading this on accident. PUT IT DOWN.)

The winning team banked wickedly with a paltry \$60 Sponsor Sale in which one of the players opted not to participate (Bad Bill!). That team was Ricky Shaw, Kathy Keevil and (Bad) Bill Lau, who is the owner of BZ's. It was his first-ever shuffleboard tournament. What a beginning!!! Did I mention his loss in the Sponsor Sale??? (tsk-tsk) (Did I mention how wonderfully lucrative it was for me? Pom-poms in hand: GO TEAM!)

Second place went to the highest Sponsor Sale; they all got their money back and more! That team was Tim Nugent, Judy George and David Prottengeier, a local player bound and determined to keep getting better, coupled with the willingness to lose a few dollars in the process to those who lost a few dollars along the way before him. Isn't the cycle satisfyingly befitting???

And what about those 2nd place runner-ups??? They competed incredibly well; almost well enough to place 1st or 2nd, but, alas, it was 3rd. If this were the Olympics they'd get the Bronze medal, which isn't too shabby by any means. But what can you wear with Bronze??? [pausing a moment to think about all the wardrobe options] This is the team that huddles up while 1st and 2nd are playing it out, thinking those thoughts filled of regret like "what if" and "if only": "what if we would've changed the time on the bracket and the 2nd place team hadn't shown up?" or "if only we had gotten here earlier and belied up to the boards instead of the bar." The Bronze medal goes to the team of Jim Tribble (Trouble to some), Cheri Schrum and Paul Roush, another local player. There were actually many local players helping promote the BZ's 1st ever ABC Draw, some who had never played in a tournament before. What a thrilling roller-coaster ride!!! Pressure??? Probably not as much as owing the government a couple thousand on April 15th, and not getting that extension form filled out. You could find them with so many drinks in hand people mistook them for a bartender: "Excuse me, can I get a ... Oh, you're a first-time player." "One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila..." and you would think "Floor" all the way up until someone shouted out "You're up on Board 1!" You would be amazed how quickly someone barely standing can sober up. They immediately resemble a deer caught in the headlights of an oncoming train fast approaching, and they're barely moving, making that slow Death Walk to the board. (eek!) Nervous laughter. Slightly trembling hands. Sweaty palms. Missed shots. They gave it all and they made the tournament. And sometimes they made the greatest shot in the world.

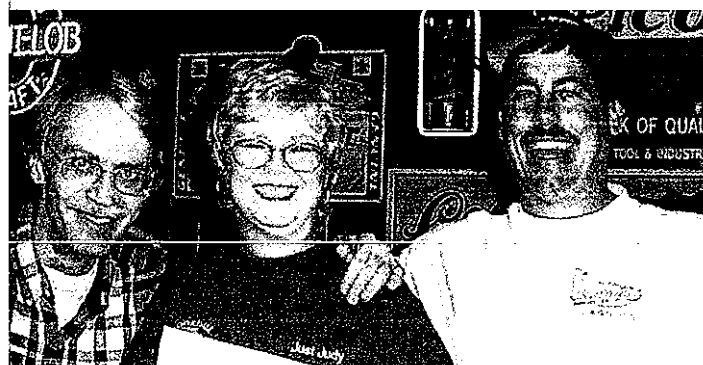
Honorable mentions for first time players are extended to Jim Coulter, Dave Finco, Jay Halverson, Elissa Landry, (Bad) Bill Lau and Tom Pandolphi. {clap-clap-clap} Take a bow. And thank you very much.

The tournament was a great success. (Bad) Bill and Cheri welcomed everyone warmly upon arrival, kept everyone fed and watered, and when it came time to say good-bye, a swift kick in

the ass followed by the locking of the doors and a heavy 'thank god it's over' sigh ended the tournament and put a close on the weekend. Thank you two very much. It was well done and much enjoyed. And a very special Thank You to all who came and participated. Hope your holidays were filled with friends and family; your homes filled with love and warmth; and may your hearts be filled with the beautiful sounds of music, tap-tapping to the beat within. Until next year!



ABC Draw 1st Place (L-R):
 Rick Shaw, Kathy Keevil, "Bad" Bill Lau (owner of BZ's)



ABC Draw 2nd Place (L-R):
 David Prottengiere, Judy George, Tim Nugent



ABC Draw 3rd Place (L-R):
 Jim Tribble (aka "Trouble"), Cheri Schrum, Paul Roush

13th Annual Mixed Doubles

Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington

November 2002

Report & Photos Submitted By: Dave Arndt, Judy George, & Sharon Nugent

Mixed Doubles, MIXED DOUBLES, what is this? That's not shuffleboard, or is it? Let's face it, from the beginning of time it has always been men and women working together. Remember Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden? It has been said that shuffleboard emulates life. Therefore, maybe Mixed Doubles is natural. Believe it, less you be banned to the Land of Nod. Not only are Mixed Doubles natural, but the increase of women shufflers has pushed Mixed Doubles tournaments to a new level, regardless of anything else.

Despite the fact that this tournament is the very next weekend after the 2002 NASC Reno tournament, this years Mixed Doubles had the best turnout in 3 years. Some of the most respected and revered names in shuffleboard turned to support this 13th annual tournament (perhaps due to being an ESA double points tournament or because NASC Reno fired up some players, or perhaps they just wanted to get out and play). Who cares the reason, they came and everyone had a great weekend of fun, friendship, and competition.

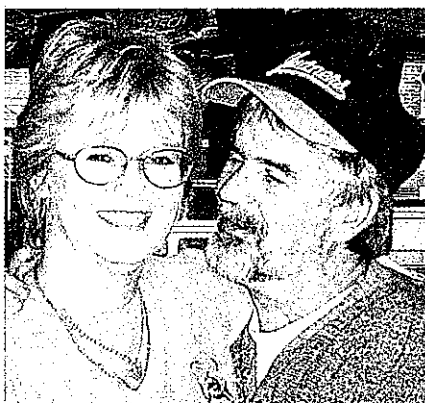
The competition started off on Friday night with a single elimination A-B Draw. Many of the local "B" players look forward to this event as an opportunity to play with some of the big names in shuffleboard, and play they did. There were some great games, but the best of all were the finals (the way it is supposed to be) between Gary George and Jim Watson and the team of Tim Nugent and local Bill Bailey. Gary and Jim won, but Bill received an education that he won't soon forget.

The actual tournament kicked off at 11am Saturday. The three very fast Fir Cone boards were ready to go, and so were the players. After two days of play the finals were narrowed down to two teams. Jeanette and Mel Hohn defeated Larry Pearson (2002 North American Singles & Doubles Champion) and Jackie Anderson two straight games in the finals to become the Fir Cone Mixed Doubles Champions for the second consecutive year, with Larry and Jackie taking second. Alvin Orcutt and Judy George finished a strong third, and Bill Walker and Vera Brown finished fourth. This tournament was Vera's first tournament back after an extended lay off. Welcome back Vera - nice job! As usual, the Shelton Shuffleboard Community out did themselves once again. The Saturday feast was fabulous. The Fir Cone would like to thank all the members who helped provide the excellent and versatile meal and wish to thank all the players who supported the tournament.

The next tournament at the Fir Cone is the 22nd Annual Grand Masters being held Feb. 22-23. For more information, contact: Jeanette Hohn (360) 426-2221.



**Mixed Doubles
2nd Place (L-R):**
Jackie Anderson &
Larry Pearson



**Mixed Doubles
3rd Place (L-R):**
Judy George &
Alvin Orcutt



**Mixed Doubles
4th Place (L-R):**
Vera Brown &
Bill Walker



Mixed Doubles tie 5th/6th Place (L-R):
Paulette McKinney/Gary George &
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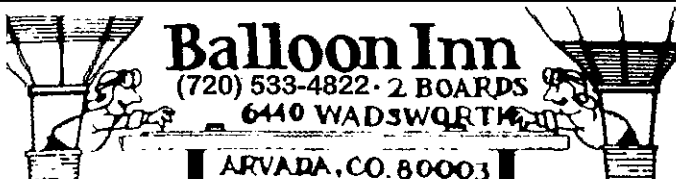
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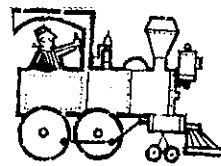
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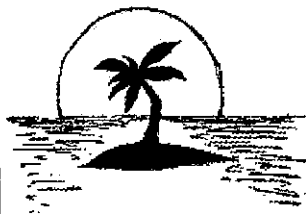
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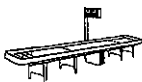
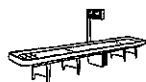
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2nd Annual Joel "Pappy" Rahn Memorial Open Singles Tournament

June 7-9, 2002

Piccolo's Bar & Joe's Duck Inn, Omaha, NE
Report & Photos By: Char Rahn & Cyndi Busch

The 2nd Annual Joel "Pappy" Rahn Memorial Open Singles Tournament was held at Piccolo's Bar & Joe's Duck Inn on June 7-9, 2002. A total of 24 players took part in the action. Format was 2 out of 3/double elimination in loser bracket and 21 point single game in loser bracket. Action on 4 boards started Friday night after the sponsor sale at 7pm.

Sunday evening it came down to Ron Sosovec in the winners bracket and Morey Balins in the losers bracket. After one set in the finals, our great friends from Colorado decided to split the Championship and be Co-Winners (just like the first year tournament). Third place went to Mike Roach; Fourth place went to Tim Piccolo; and Fifth/Sixth places went to "Junior" Butler and Joe Spielman. The first three places received tournament shirts.

I wish to thank Tim and Sam Piccolo and Joe Spielman for hosting the tournament again and also for all the great food served and to the people who brought food and to the bartenders for keeping up with us.

I want to thank The Shuffleboard Federation and John McDermott for the set of weights and to Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies in Omaha for the weights they donated. These donated weights, a box of steaks, 5 lbs of large shrimp (donated by my son Vernon), and the Board Talk shirt were raffled off and the winners were:

Federation weights: Gwyn Orsi

Triple Crown weights: Ron Miller (non-player - sold them)

5# of Shrimp: Linda Ritter

Steaks: Bene S. (patron of Piccolo's Bar)

Board Talk Shirt: Dru Frederick

Thanks to Marty Shepard for running the tournament and to everybody who pitched in on anything and everything. Thank you Ron and Morey for coming from Colorado for another tournament, we really appreciate it.

Thanks to all the players. Everybody had a good time and I really appreciate everybody that turned out to honor Joel. *Thank you, Char Rahn*



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37th State

State bird: western meadow lark

State flower: goldenrod



Singles Co-Champions:

Morey Balins (left) & Ron Sosovec (right)
pictured with Marty Shephard, Tournament Dir. (center)



Singles Co-Champions:

Morey Balins & Ron Sosovec (L-R Center)
pictured with Joe Spielman (left - Joe's Duck Inn Owner) & Tim Piccolo (right - Piccolo's Bar Owner)



Singles 3rd Place:

Mike Roach (left)
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FEB./MAR. 2003

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Yorktown, Indiana

February 8

True Round Robin
Warsaw Eagles #1339
Warsaw, Indiana

February 8-9

Sweetheart Mixed Doubles
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

February 13-17

President's Day Tournament
133 Club
Manteca, California

February 14-16

Valentine's Day Tournament
Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, Florida

February 14-16 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Nelson Renzo Memorial Tourney
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

February 15-16

Open Singles
Noblesville Eagles #450
Noblesville, Indiana

February 15

Mixed Doubles
American Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

February 15

Mixed Doubles
Bourbon Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

February 21-23

Mason Dixon Classic
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

February 22-23

25th Annual Masters Tournament
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

February 23-March 2

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

MARCH 2003

March 6-9

4th Annual "Blast-Off" Tournament
Captain Merlot's
Mims, Florida

March 7-9

Draw 3-Person Team (2 Divisions)
Brookdale Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

March 8

Doubles Tournament
Palace Bar
Fairmount, Indiana

March 13-16

10th Annual Florida Open
Captain Merlot's
Mims, Florida

March 14-16

Amvets' Doubles & Singles
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

March 15

Mixed Doubles
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

March 21-23 (See Flyer Insert)

O'Harolds 4th Annual St. Pat Day
Harold's Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

March 22

Bourbon Legion Singles
Bourbon Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

March 29

Beef's Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

March 2003 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Spring Fling Tournament
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

APRIL 2003

April 5

Doubles Tournament
Warsaw Eagles #1339
Warsaw, Indiana

April 10-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

"Texas State Championship"
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

April 11-13 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Maryland State Championships
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 11-13

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

April 11-13

Amvets' Doubles & Singles
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

April 19

Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

April 26

Doubles Tournament
Palace Bar
Fairmount, Indiana

2002/2003 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

MAY 2003

May 16-18

Amvets' Doubles & Singles
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

May 21-26

22nd Memorial Day Extravaganza
Season Ticket
Spokane, Washington

May 21-26

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

May 22-26

Memorial Day Tournament
Danny's Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

JUNE/JULY 2003

June 13-15

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

June 20-22

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

June 29-July 5

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

JULY/AUGUST 2003

July 18-20

Washington State Tournament
Brookdale Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

July 30-August 3

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SEPTEMBER 2003

September 19-21

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

September 26-28

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Tacoma, Washington

OCT./NOV. 2003

October 10-11

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

October 17-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 26-November 2

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NOVEMBER 2003

November 8-9

Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 21-23

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

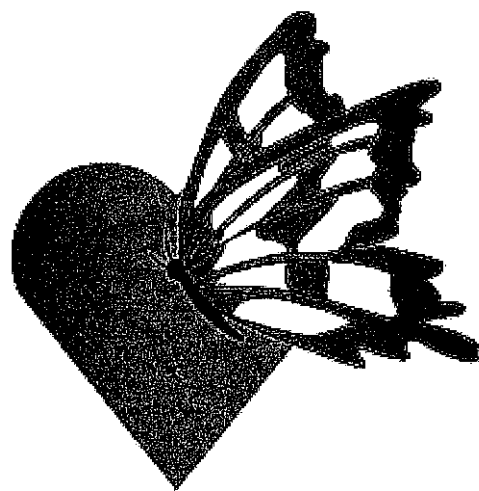
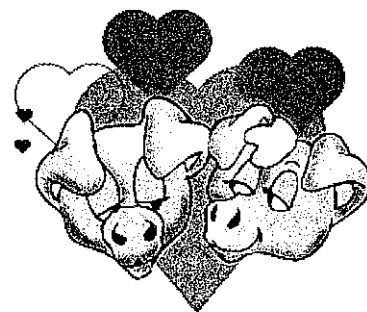
November 28-30

Indiana State Championships
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

DECEMBER 2003

December 26-31

8th Annual Houston Holiday Open
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Shuffleboard News from St. Louis, Missouri

October thru December, 2002

Ulena's Sports Bar & Devonshire Inn, St. Louis, MO
Both Reports & Photos By: Jack Murphy, St. Louis, MO

2nd Annual Columbus Day Tournament



October 11-12, 2002
Devonshire Inn, St. Louis, MO



Devonshire Inn was the setting for the 2nd Annual Columbus Day tournament on Oct. 11-12. Mark your calendars for next year for Oct. 10-11. Thanks to those who participated and we hope it continues to grow each year.

The tournament play was full of exciting shooting and close games. Taking third place were the fine shooting team of Pat Marshall and Frank Edelen. They fended off some stiff competition in their first couple games and went all the way through the winner's bracket until losing their first game to the eventual tournament champions. Coming in second was Mark Polson and Mike Simpson who were handed their first loss by the third place team, but battled their way to through the losers bracket to eventually play Pat and Frank again - getting their revenge in a 15-12 victory and then moved on to play the eventual champions where they were handed their second loss against the tough team of "Super" Sam Eveland and Steve Sheridan who stayed strong throughout the tournament, never sustaining a loss. In fact, this tough team only allowed one opponent to get a double digit score - and that was during their finals match against Mark Polson and Mike Simpson with a 15-11 final score!

Thanks to Sofija Pekic, owner of Devonshire Inn, and to tournament co-director Steve Sheridan for all their help. They, and all the players, made this a fun tournament and I can't wait to get together and plan and participate in next year's events.



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

1st: Sam Eveland, (Jack Murphy/tourn. promoter) & Steve Sheridan; **2nd:** Pat Marshall & Frank Edelen



Doubles 3rd Place (L-R):
Pat Marshall & Frank Edelen

9th Annual Holiday Tournament

December 6-7, 2002

Ulena's Sports Bar, St. Louis, MO

Ulena's Sports Bar hosted the "9th Annual Holiday Tournament" in St. Louis, MO on Dec. 6-7. An Open Draw was held on Friday night where players partnered up and got better acquainted with each other and the shuffleboards.

The seeding and tournament play took place on Saturday. It was a great and fun tournament with a lot of tight games. Taking third place was the father/son team of Dennis and Doug Thuernau. They played some tough games and beat some talented competition. Special congratulations to this team as it was their first pairing in tournament play. Taking second place was the strong team of Mike Simpson and Steve Sheridan. They played through to the finals of the winner's bracket before being handed their first loss. Congratulations guys! The first place honors went to Wayne Cupp and "Super" Sam Eveland. This team just could do no wrong. Every one of their games came down to the wire, but they hung in there and came out victorious in the end. This also marks Super Sam's second straight first place win in a St. Louis tournament! Congratulations to you both. Many thanks to Pat Marshall and Frank Edelen for all their hard work in making this event another sun and successful tournament. Also, much thanks to our Kansas City friends for their participation and support of this tournament. 'Preciate it guys!



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

1st: Sam Eveland & Wayne Cupp;
2nd: Mike Simpson & Steve Sheridan



Doubles 3rd Place (L-R):
Father/Son Team of:
Doug & Dennis Thuernau

Shuffleboard News from Indiana

"Pre-State Doubles" & "14th Annual State Tournament"

November 2002

Lucky's Tavern, N. Webster, Indiana

Both Reports & Photos By: Steve Hart, Anderson, Indiana

"Pre-State Doubles Tournament" & "14th Annual State Tournament"

November 23, 29, 30 & December 1, 2002

Lucky's Tavern, N. Webster, Indiana

The "Pre-State Doubles" tournament held on November 23 (the weekend before the 14th Annual State tournament) drew 17 teams. 1st place went to Bobby Voorhis/Tom Nolter; 2nd place went to Jim Long/Glen Ingram; 3rd place went to Dave Boaz/Jeff McFadden; and 4th place went to Greg & Tom Massie.

Then on Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 2002, Lucky's hosted the "14th Annual State Tournament" which drew great participation. As usual, Carol Westermom was a great host to make this a successful tournament. Total purse (all 4 events): \$20,836.



Open Singles 1st - 3rd Place (L-R): (35 Players)

1st: Tom Nolter; 2nd: Bobby Voorhis; 3rd: Jeff McFadden & not pictured: 4th: Gary Neff; 5th/6th: Mike Koontz/Terry Dowell



Ladies' Singles 1st - 3rd Place (L-R): (14 Players)

1st: Jody Berry; 2nd: Robin Reed; 3rd: Sheryl Cockerill



Open Doubles 1st & 2nd Place (L-R): (17 Teams)

1st: Glen Ingram & Jim Long; 2nd: Buddy Broka & Mike Johnson (no pic)

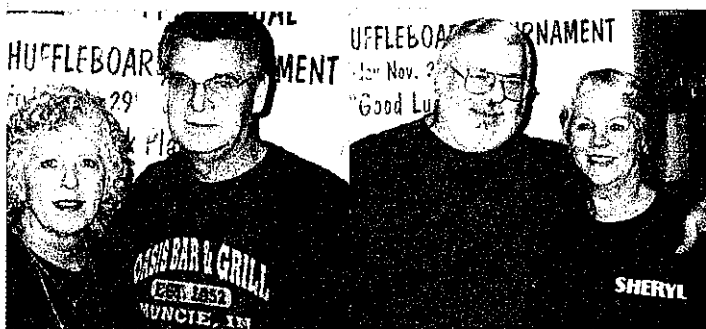


Open Doubles 3rd (L-R):
Dennis Kinsey & Mike Koontz;
4th: (not pictured)
Robby Collins & Milt Van Ausdol



Mixed Doubles 1st & 2nd Place (L-R): (16 Teams)

1st: Debbie & Bobby Voorhis; 2nd: Shannon & Mark McLeod

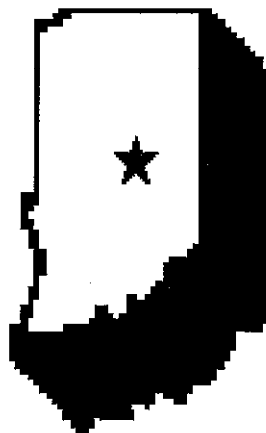


Mixed Doubles 3rd & 4th Place (L-R):

3rd: Sandy Burke/Ken Lewis; 4th: Glen Ingram/Sheryl Cockerill

Many thanks to all those who helped make this tournament successful, including Carol Westermom, Larry Creakbaum, Brian Collins, Terry Dowell, and Marge Camp. We want to thank the bartenders, waitresses, cook Carol was a great hostess and again thanks to the Indiana players who make this tournament what it is.

The "15th Annual State Tournament" will be held at Amvets Post 26, Pendleton, Indiana on November 28-30, 2003.



Indiana

Capital: Indianapolis

19th state

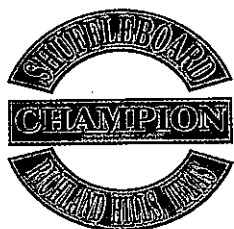
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Steve Auten (left) &
Alonzo Cottrell



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Open Doubles 2nd Place
Mike Chamaro (left) &
John McDermott



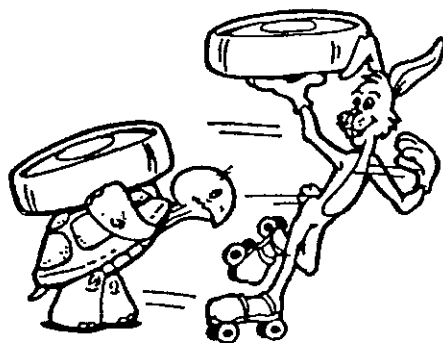
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Open Doubles 3rd Place
Bill Kane (left) &
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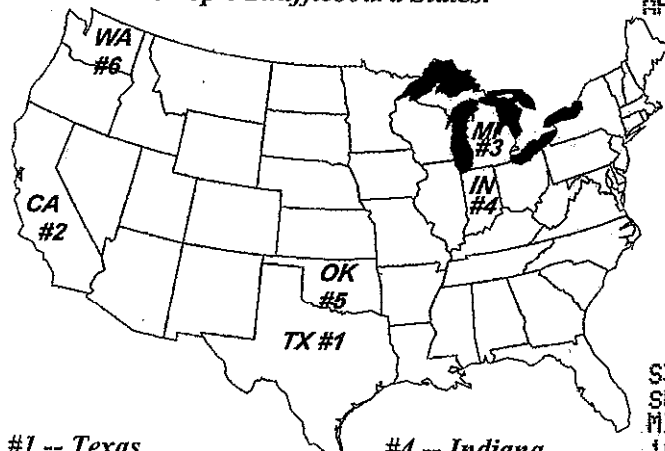
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