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9th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament

Sixshooters Billiards & Sports Bar, Phoenix, Arizona

April 25-27, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Al Salazar, AZ

On Friday April 25, 2003 the 9th Annual Bill Gibbs Tournament was held at Sixshooters Billiards and Sports Bar in Phoenix, Arizona. The first event was a handicapped A-B Draw using the Bowers Ratings for 2003 played on 6 boards. This event usually draws the largest number of players and was no exception this year. This event was single game, double elimination, with no sponsor sale due to time constraints. Winning all the way was the team of Anna Brunskill from So. Cal., and Mike Parrish, Arizona. Gil Aragon and Tony Barker both from Arizona, finished in second place with Ted Canada and Wendell Herbison, both from Arizona, in third and two more Arizona residents, Robert Price and Georgene Monarrez coming up in fourth.



1st place (L-R)
AB Draw the team of Anna Brunskill of S. California & Mike Parrish of Arizona



2nd Place (L-R)
AB Draw the Arizona team of Tony Barker & Gil Aragon



3rd Place (L-R)
AB Draw the Arizona team of Ted Canada & Wendell Herbison



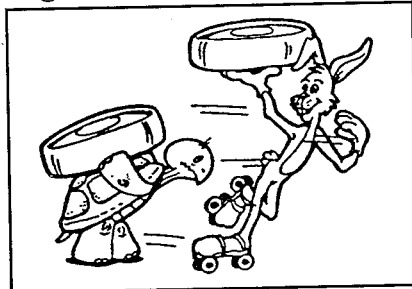
4th Place (L-R)
AB Draw the Arizona team of Robert Price & Georgene Monarrez

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Saturday morning, after the sponsor sale, the All Arizona team of Cindy Clark, Vince Meyer and Lewis Bailey were hard pressed but managed to get the job done to take first. The Arizona team of Gil Aragon, Mike Parrish and Robert Price came out of the losers bracket looking for a double dip. In third was Bob Brunskill, So. Cal., Charlie Jordan, Arizona and Linda Churchman, Arizona. Total prize money for this event was \$2565.00. (ABC Team Winner Photos on Page 7)

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Apologies for May 2003 Issue Printing/Mailing Delays...

As stated in our May 2003 issue, we had a computer disaster/crash on April 16th which required \$1,600 in computer replacements and almost 2 weeks to recover all our The Board Talk publication data saved on our system's internal disk. The 4th Class (Bulk Rate) May issues were not mailed until May 5th and the 1st Class May issues not mailed until May 6th (issues typically would have been mailed the last week of April). Fortunately, we recovered all pertinent data from the internal disk drive to the newly purchased external disk drive and were able to put out the May 2003 issue, but we deeply apologize for the unavoidable delay. We will be playing catch up on this issue and the next couple issues due to delayed content inclusion as a result of the computer crash. -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

"Thanks" to Gabby's Saloon...

All of the out-of-state players wish to extend a special "Thanks" to Gabby's Saloon and their tournament director: Danny Leach for the great time we all had playing in your Thursday night tournament (Feb. 20, 2003). The Venture shuffleboard played great, your bartender is (no doubt) the hostess with the mostest, and your local players showed us all a great time and extended some very tough competition.

A group of us piled into Tom & Lynda French's van, including Tom & Lynda (TX), Dan Holland (OR), and Texans: Don & Linda Valk, Rick McFarland, Cliff Vjssel, & Ken Strong (we were all awaiting the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament boards to arrive on Friday morning) and made a surprise arrival about 3pm to Gabby's Saloon where Danny Leach got a pre-Thurs. nite tournament draw going for us all. Later others such as Peter Craven (CA) caught a taxi to join us (returning with the original crew in the stuffed to the limit van - grin)! Then we all played the scheduled Thurs. nite tourney which was a great warmup for the Board Talk Open 2003 (see Page 3 for some photos taken Feb. 20th at Gabby's). We all had a fantastic time and encourage players who visit Vegas not to leave town without visiting/playing at Gabby's Saloon - great hospitality and lots of competition await all visitors arrival!

-- THANKS From: Out-of State Players & Board Talk 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 and to report CHANGE OF ADDRESS! (See Page 18 for more details)

Check Out "The Board Talk" Website & Send Comments to the Editors...

As stated in the prior issues our subscriber rates and advertising policies/rates changed 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 on how we might make changes to keep up with inflation of printing and mailing costs. One of the suggestions submitted to us to have some type of electronic publication in the future has been prototyped... we have created a sample electronic subscription on our new website: <http://www.theboardtalk.com> where we also put flyers of those that have purchased flyer inserts in our monthly publication. The flyers and sample The Board Talk issue are in Adobe PDF format. Please view the newly created website and send us your comments. If we should ever offer an electronic subscription it would go onto a username/password protected section of the website (which is not established at this time, but a sample issue for all website visitors to view is there) and you can send us any comments. We are still considering your other suggestions such as converting to bi-monthly (every other month) to report results and monthly to advertise upcoming events [making one issue (every other month) smaller and less costly possibly to print/mail]; and/or convert solely to bi-monthly which may limit the reported results content in order to saddle-stitch the publications page volume. Keep your ideas and comments coming in please. The new subscription and advertising rates effective April 1, 2003 are reflected on the inside back cover of this issue.

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

--Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

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

Gabby's Saloon (Las Vegas, NV) Board Talk Open 2003 "Warm-up" February 20, 2003

**Players (NV, TX, OR, CA) Enjoy Competition & Fun at Gabby's Saloon
(warming up for The Board Talk Open 2003 tournament) ...**



Indiana

**4TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME
"CLASSIC" TOURNAMENT
DAVID L'S HIDEOUT LOUNGE
YORKTOWN, IN
JUNE 13-15, 2003**

The "4th Annual Hall of Fame Classic" will be held again at David L's Hideout Lounge in Yorktown, Indiana on June 13-15, 2003. One of the tournament highlights will be the induction of **Bobby Voorhis into the Indiana Hall of Fame** on Saturday, June 14th. The one-time \$10/player registration fee will go to the Indiana Hall of Fame. There is still room for on the IHOF SUPPORTERS plaques... those that donate \$100 to the IHOF get their names listed on these plaques - one plaque hangs at the IHOF in Bourbon, Indiana and the other plaque hangs at David L's Hideout Lounge.

The tournament starts with Open Singles on Fri., June 13th at 12 Noon (\$20/player). ABC Bring Team starts at 11am on Sat. (add to '3'; no three 1's on same team; \$60/team). Sunday is Open Doubles starting at 12 Noon (\$40/team). See tournament flyer (May 2003 issue) for nearby hotel and tournament details or contact: David L's (David Greer) 765-759-7989 or Sheryl Cockerill 765-286-0944 or Glen Ingram 765-287-1239

Oklahoma

**SOUTHWEST OPEN 2003
AMERICAN LEGION POST 73
DEL CITY, OK
JUNE 29 - JULY 5, 2003**

American Legion Post 73
P.O. Box 15073
DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73155



The SW Open 2003 is being held at the American Legion Post 73, 5000 SE 24th, in Del City, Oklahoma on June 29 - July 5, 2003. The tournament will kick off with two divisions of Bring 4-Person team on Sunday, June 29. Monday will be four divisions of Singles. Tuesday will be two divisions of A/B Draw. Thursday will be the popular 6-Person Draft Team event. Saturday will be four divisions of Bring Partner events.

For tournament details, area hotels, and pre-registration form, see the flyer insert in this The Board Talk issue and/or contact: Don Crall at the American Legion (405) 670-9128, (405) 670-9120 or his home: (405) 677-7611 or email: doncrall73@aol.com

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California

**EAGLES ANNUAL "SHOOT OUT"
EAGLES LODGE #3608
EXETER, CA
JULY 3 - 7, 2003**



The "Eagles Annual Shuffleboard Shootout" is being held at the Exeter Eagles Lodge #3608, 555 Visalia Rd., Exeter, California on July 3 - 7, 2003 on 3 boards (Bowers 2003 Ratings used to determine entry criteria). The tournament will start with an ABC (limit 16 teams) on Thursday, July 3rd (signup at 9pm with play immediately following and continues next day if necessary). Saturday, July 5th is the Bring Partner Doubles. For more information and details, see the May 2003 issue's flyer insert or contact Marion Bailey at 559-798-0800 or Steve O'Neal at 559-592-9761.

California

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



The "6th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament" will be held August 29 - September 1, 2003. **Chris Danke will be posthumously inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame** during this tournament. There will be two events, two out of three Double Elimination format, played on 4 boards. Bowers 2003 Ratings in effect. 100% Pay out. There will be a \$15/player One-time Registration Fee. There will be food available all weekend and a free buffet on Saturday.

The first event will be ABC Draw on Friday, Aug. 29th with sponsor sale at 8pm and play to follow.

The second event will be a Doubles Bring Partner with sponsor sale at 3pm on Saturday, Aug. 30th.

For more information see the May 2003 issue flyer insert or contact: Marie Coulter 714-840-1825 or Rich Warren 714-536-0172.

**PLEASE SEND "TRIBUTES" FOR THE CHRIS DANKE
California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Induction a.s.a.p.
(to be included in the program booklet and/or
ceremony) to: Jolene Lembke, 11050 Bryant Rd.,
Sp#45, Yacapa, CA 92399 or call Jolene with
questions: 909-797-9685**

Nebraska

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

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

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

The flyer and registration form will be included in the July and August Boardtalk. I will email the flyer within the next week to everyone on my contact list. If you would like a copy of the flyer and I don't have your email address, please contact me.

Linda Ritter, 402-650-0554 or lritter59@cox.net.

Nevada

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

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

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with continuous A-B Draws
from 6 PM to Closing!

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

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Washington

**GRANDMASTERS PLUS
WHISTLING OYSTER
QUILCENE, WA
JULY 30 - AUGUST 3, 2003**



The dates for the Whistling Oyster Tournament in Quilcene, Washington are July 30th-August 3rd. The Singles and Handicap Singles (1.50+) will run concurrent on July 30th and 31st. August 1st will be our open animal draw. The Grand Masters Plus (no two -1's) on Saturday and Sunday. The big feed will be on Saturday. The pit is ready, but everybody should be there early for the best places.

We're planning two big draw partners weekends for warm up times. The first one is June 14th and the other is July 19th. Added money planned on both Saturdays.

Any questions call anytime 1-360-765-3436 or 9508 (See Flyer Insert for Details).

--Thanks - Bill & Sandee

Texas

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



If you missed the PRO's going head to head this year, Triple Crown Sports Bar, 13711 Westheimer (new location), Houston, Texas with Host Billy Melton are providing you another chance. We have 5 excellent in-house boards ready for this tourney at our new location. For additional information, be on the lookout for future flyers in "The Board Talk" or contact Tournament Director:

James Cummings, jrc@rver.com, 281-550-5011.

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

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

Aug 22nd 5:00 pm Open Singles \$1000/Player
2 of 3 Winners and Losers

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

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**"Dedicated to My Dad,
Bobby Goldsmith"...**

You are The Best Dad
The Greatest of them All
And Now You've Gained Fame
In Our National Hall of Fame

Such a Grand Family
The Shuffleboard Crowd
Always Having Fun
Always Gettin' Loud

We Recognize Your Character
So Proud and So True
Alot May Be Deserving
But This One is for YOU

Sorry I Couldn't Be There
On Your Glorious Day
Just Knowing That I Love You
Is All That I Can Pray

Hit, Stick and Lag You Said
And Show Alot of Class
Get That Through Your Head
Or Scratch A Broke Man's Ass

So I'll Be There Soon
I'll Be Right By Your SIDE
Congratulations To You Dad
My Heart Is Filled With PRIDE!

I Love You Dad, God Bless...

Your Son, Warren Goldsmith

Excerpt of a portion of a "Letter To The Editors"

From Warren Goldsmith (received with above poem to his dad)... Tom & Lynda: I pray this letter finds you well and happy. You don't really know me, but you will, I promise, when I'm out and about again in August 2003. So, I'm sending you a little poem I wrote for my dad in hopes that you will print it for me (you can change 'ass' to 'back' if you need to, but that's the way I wrote it... because my dad has told me that many times!). I love shuffleboard, love getting The Board Talk and seeing things like Dave Keithahn beating Darrol Nelson in Manteca. Dave K. learned to play with me, my dad, Steve Floyd, Larry Newell, and Marion Bailey at Mr. G's! Guys like Troy Tolbert, AZ Turnbo, Billy Mays, etc., etc. used to beat me when I was a kid on my dad's home board! Well, they can still beat me, for now anyway (ha ha). I thank you for your time, you're doing a great job with The Board Talk and please give a big "hello" to George & Donna Wilber for me too! *Thank you and God Bless you both,*

Warren Goldsmith

[Editors Comment: Thank you Warren for your kind words and for the touching poem you have written for your dad and shared with us and your shuffleboard extended family... Hope to meet you real soon too!!!
-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors]

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(9th Annual Bill Gibbs Tournament Con't. From Page 1)



1st place (L-R)
ABC Team of Lewis
Bailey, Cindy Clark,
Vince Meyer (Arizona
Team)



2nd place (L-R)
ABC Team Ralph
Clough (sponsor)
pictured with Arizona
team winners: Gil
Aragon, Mike Parrish,
Robert Price



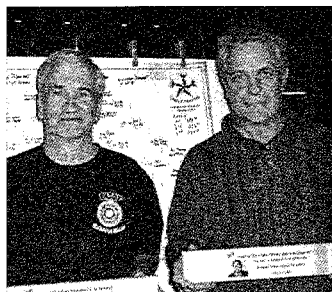
3rd place (L-R)
ABC Team of Charlie
Jordan (AZ), Linda
Churchman (AZ), and
Bob Brunskill (S. CA)

After the ABC everyone took a break and enjoyed the buffet provided by Sixshooters and relaxed watching the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, induct Bob Jacobsen into its ranks. Lary Tafoya, President of the ASHOF was master of ceremonies and Vince Meyer a longtime friend of Bob Jacobsen's presented the award. Congratulations Bob!

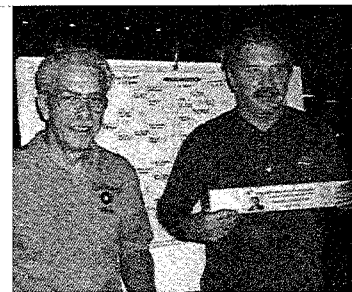
After the open doubles sponsor sale, play started in a 2 of 3 format in the winners and a single 21 point game in the losers, with the finals 2 of 3. 12 teams competed for the \$3000.00 in prize money. Bob Lewis and Wendell Herbison took first place honors and the lions share of the purse. Mike Piper and Bill Thomas took the winners to the brink but couldn't quite pull it out. Bob Jacobsen and Phil Gardner celebrated Bob's special day with a 3rd place finish.



1st place (L-R)
Open Doubles
Arizona Team of
Bob Lewis &
Wendell Herbison



2nd place (L-R) Open Doubles
Bill Thomas & Mike Piper



3rd place (L-R) Open Doubles
Bob Jacobsen & Phil Gardner

We would like to thank everyone at Sixshooters, and especially general manager Elmer Sweet, for helping us with another successful tournament. The staff and Elmer could not have been better. A very big thank you, goes out to Nancy Salazar, Linda Meyer, Linda Churchman, Terry Leahy and Wendell Herbison for all their efforts. Special recognition needs to be paid to Mickey Lewis for donating two boards and the time to deliver and set them up. And finally thanks to all our friends from California and Nevada who make this a special event. **--Reported By: Al Salazar**

In Memory of...

On Feb. 22, 2003, *Eugene L. (Gene) Clark*, a dear member of the Arizona Shuffleboard Family passed away in Phoenix. A fixture in Arizona Shuffleboard history for 30 years or more his passing will be missed by many. Born to Homer and Reva Clark on January 11, 1921 in Rowena, Texas, Gene was 82 years old and still playing board until a few short months ago. He served his country in World War II and received numerous combat related citations, awards and medals, including a purple heart. He retired from the Los Angeles, California Police Department in 1967. His endeavors included a tavern, a music studio, built and sold apartment buildings and was employed as a security officer to the federal courts. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years Patricia and is survived by his children, daughter, Jenan Salazar and son, James Clark. He had four sisters and five grandchildren.

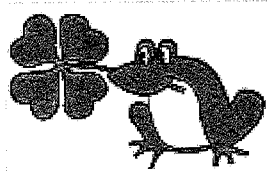
In 2000 Gene was honored by the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, receiving a lifetime achievement award in a special ceremony held in his honor. In the end Gene was plagued with numerous health problems, but always found a way to play his beloved shuffleboard and was an inspiration to us all. He will be sorely missed at every event. **-- Submitted by: Al Salazar, Arizona**

California Misc. Tourney Results

March thru May 2003

Results & Winner Photos Submitted on May 12th By: California Shuffleboard News

Rosewood Pub's St. Patrick's Day Tournament (March 15, 2003)

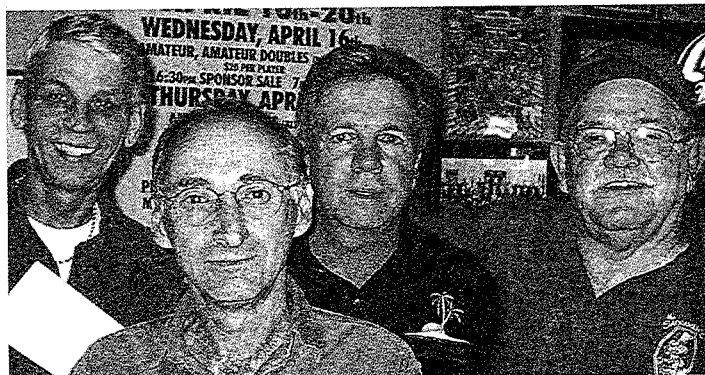


First Place (above, L-R) in the St. Patrick's Day ABC Tournament at the Rosewood Pub, Bellflower, CA. on Saturday March 15 were Huntington Beach's Ralph Clough, Bellflower's Pearl Minard & Mojaska Canyon's Vern Booth.



Second place (above; L-R) in the St. Patrick's Day ABC Tournament at the Rosewood Pub were Carl Martin, Mo Harley & Ernie Alvarez (all from Bellflower, CA).

Old Town Saloon's Easter Weekend Tournament (Easter Weekend 2003)



Open Singles event at the Old Town Saloon's Easter Tournament, Livermore, CA. (above; L-R): Saloon owner Ray Comer congratulates Roseville's Nick Chaffin (*second place*); Dayton Nevada's Chris Wyatt (*third place*); and winner Donnie Cox of Sacramento (*1st place*).



Amateur Draw Partner (left) member Helen Washburn of Livermore & Eileen Jones of Sacramento (not avail. for photo) are congratulated by Old Town Saloon owner Sandy McQuillen for their doubles win.



Winning the Old Town Saloon's A-B "Bring Partner" Doubles (pictured above; L-R) over the Easter weekend were the Oregon team of Bud Spier and Art Elliff.

California Misc. Tourney Results...

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Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill Crazy 8's Tournament Series

[Round 1 (March 22) & Round 2 (April 26)]



Round One winners (above; L-R) of the Oskars Sports Bar & Grill, Bellflower, CA - Crazy Eight Tournament Series played on Saturday, **March 22nd** was won by Karl Spickelmier by defeating Downey's Billy Maxwell by one point in the opener of the six game series. [Editor's Comment: Bill Maxwell, owner of Bill Maxwell Shuffleboard Service, is a supporter/Shuffleboard Directory Advertiser in The Board Talk - Thanks Bill!!!]



Winners (above) in the **Second Round** of the Crazy Eight Tournament Series on **April 26**, at Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill in Bellflower, CA. were L to R: Richard "Bubba" Warren (third place), Karl Spickelmier (first place) and Craig Amundson (second place). Spickelmier leads the six game series. Oskar's Round three of the series is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st.

Silver Spur's Sweetheart's Tournament

(May 3-4, 2003)



First place (left) in the Silver Spur Sweetheart's Tournament held May 3-4 went to the team of Santa Clara's Ted Fowler & Garden Grove's Kathleen Wisdom.

NOTABLE: It was Ms. Wisdom's (above right) second consecutive win at this annual event. A total of 17 teams were on hand to play on the San Bernardino lounge's two shuffleboards for this year's annual event.



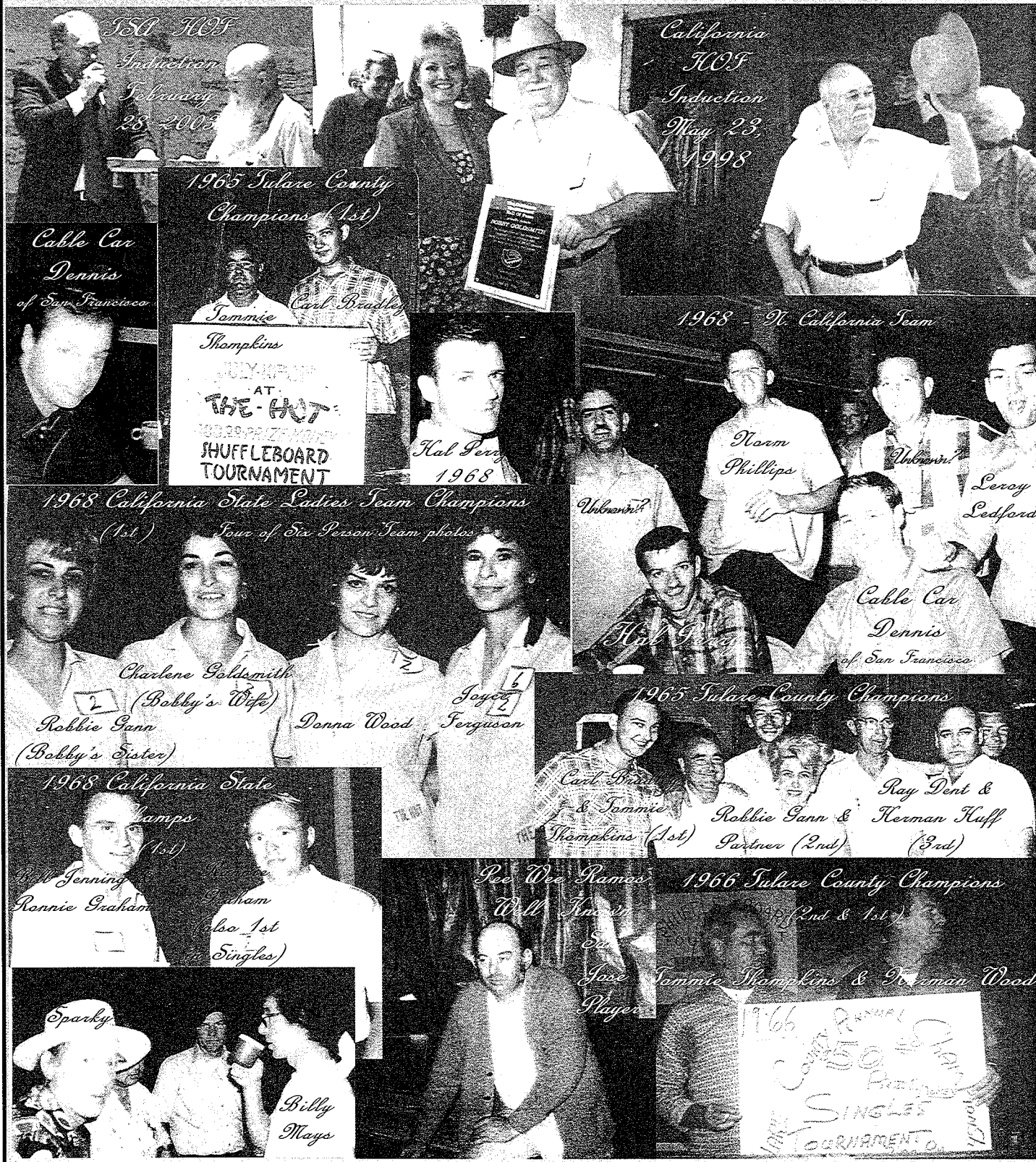
Finishing in **second place** (above) were Downey's Chris Brown and Richard "Bubba" Warren of Huntington Beach, CA.



Third place team (left) was Escondido's Kenny Hawkes and Jolene Lembke of Yacaipa, CA.

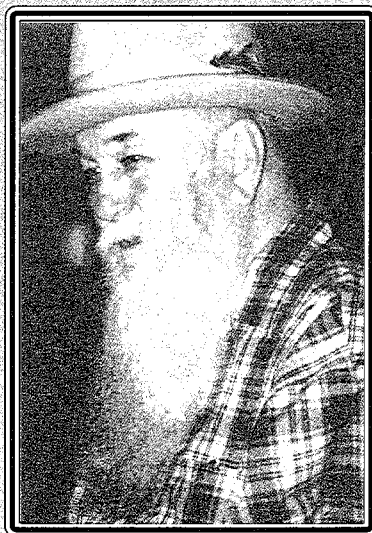
"Memory Lane..."

*A Few Historical Photos From:
Bobby Goldsmith (TSA "National" Hall of Famer-Inducted 02/28/03)*



"Many Thanks to All" ...

from Bobby Goldsmith (TSA Hall of Famer)



"I wish to thank everyone who had anything to do with my induction into the TSA National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on February 28, 2003. In fact, I'm soooo... proud I'll thank anybody whether they had anything to do with it or not.

I give special thanks to The Board Talk and all the players at the Board Talk Open 2003 tournament in Vegas. Another special thanks goes to Jolene Lembke for the years of support that she has given me. A big thank you to all my local friends and family that traveled to Vegas and shared this event with me, also my nephew Joe Scott who wrote and performed the song about me. And last, but not least, my wife for being such a 'good girl' all these years.

I am a strong supporter of 'Friendship through competition' and without the dedication and hard work of many for having the big tournaments like Vegas, Reno, and Del City, the game would not have held together and given so much pleasure to so many players."

Again, "Many Thanks" to All... Bobby G. Goldsmith

Annual Texas State Championship

Taz Country, Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

April 10-13, 2003

Winner Photos Submitted By: Missy Van Hecke of San Antonio, TX

The annual Texas State Championship tournament which is hosted in a different city each year, was held April 10-13 at Taz Country, Pflugerville (Austin area) on 9 boards (5 in-house boards & 4 loaner Grand Champion shuffleboards). The tournament started on Thursday (4/10) with two warmup draws [Pro (-1's thru 1's) & Amateur (2's thru 5's)]. Friday (4/11): Bring Partner events [Pro (Add to '0') & Amateur (Add to '5')]. Bring Partner event winners were:



**1st place (L-R)
Amateur Doubles**
Joe Chapman &
Charlie Peltier

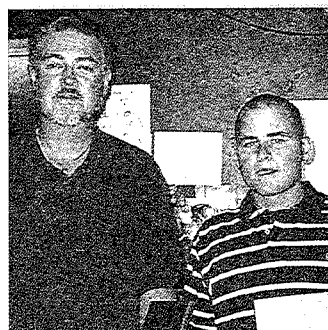


**2nd place (L-R)
Amateur Doubles**
Missy Van Hecke
& Debbie Sexton

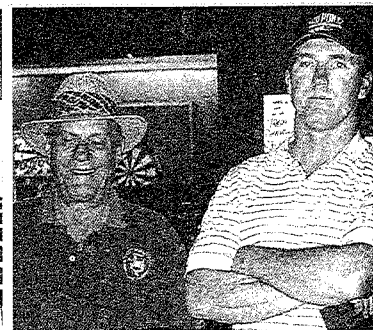
**3rd place (no pic)
Amateur Doubles**
Don & Jean Roper
(who also took 1st
place in the Thurs.
Amateur Draw)



**1st place (L-R)
Pro Doubles**
Mike Taylor &
Doug Paben



2nd place (L-R) Pro Doubles:
Flynt Preston &
David Williams Jr.



3rd place (L-R) Pro Doubles:
Johnny Ballard &
Kelly Cameron

Saturday (4/12): two Singles events [Pro & Amateur] (no pics): Pro: 1st: David Williams Sr.; 2nd: Dave Ramold; 3rd: Linda Nobles; and Amateur: 1st: Chris Smith; 2nd: Danny Norris; 3rd: David Sexton.

Sunday (4/13): A/B/C Team event (1st & 2nd Place split):



1st/2nd A/B/C place split (L-R):
Doug Paben, "Rowdy", Kevin Arafia



1st/2nd A/B/C place split (L-R):
Gilbert Baird, Missy Van Hecke, Pat Gainey

10th Annual Florida Open Tourney

Captain Merlot's Mims, Florida
March 14-16, 2003
Report & Photos Submitted By: Kathy Ring Titusville, FL

13 teams participated in Friday afternoon's **Draw Partner** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Tonia Modglin (IN) & Bill Kane (MI)



2nd Place: Ursula Badouin & Dick Smedberg (both FL)



3rd Place: Glen Ingram (IN) & Roland Harkless (MI)

10 teams participated in Saturday's **Mixed Doubles** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Carolyn & Jerry Hirschman (MI)

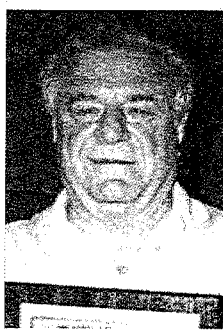


2nd Place: Brenda & Bill Kane (MI)



3rd Place: Carol Komarc & Marty Allen (both FL)

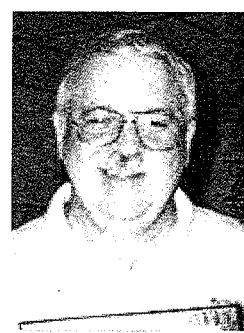
24 players participated in Saturday's **Open Singles** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Dave Macko (FL)



2nd Place: Jerry Gray (FL)



3rd Place: Glen Ingram (IN)



4th Place: John Cubine (FL)

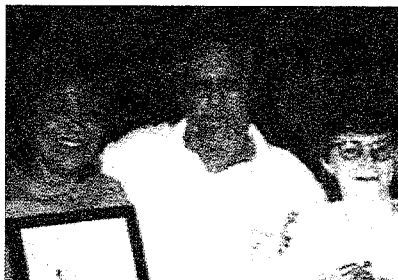
14 teams participated in Sunday's **Bring Partner** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Bill Kane & Jerry Hirschman (both MI)



2nd Place: Glen Ingram & Jim Long (both IN)



3rd Place: Carol Michelson and Sue Swindle (both FL) pictured with Rusty Nowakowski (center)

Thanks to all for coming to shuffle and have fun. We sure enjoyed having you and look forward to getting together next year. Special "Thanks" to our Indiana friend Glen Ingram for calling the sponsor sales and to Rusty & Ursula and their friends for preparing the great food. Thanks to the CFSA members, Rusty, Barrie, Kathy, Jerry, and Larry & Moose for another great tournament.

-- Kathy Ring, FL

4th Annual Cape Kennedy "Blast Off" Tourney

Captain Merlot's, Kings, Florida

March 7-9, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Kathy Ring, Titusville, FL

March was a busy month for the Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (CFSA) Back to back tournaments were held at Capt. Merlot's (formerly Fill-N-Station) two weekends in a row. The 4th Annual Blast Off was held March 7th-9th and the 10th Annual Florida Open, March 14th-16th [see page 13]. There were over 40 registered participants, representing eight states. Sponsor sales were held prior to the Friday, Saturday and Sunday events.

13 teams participated in Friday afternoon's **Draw Partner** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Carolyn & Jerry Hirschman (MI)



2nd Place: Glen Ingram (IN) & Sue Swindle (FL)



3rd Place: Harold "Moose" Whitt (FL) & Fred Miller (NJ)

13 teams participated in Saturday's **Mixed Doubles** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Glen Ingram (IN) & Ursula Badouin (FL)



2nd Place: Marty Allen, [Earl Harrington (sponsor)] & Carol Komarc (both of FL)

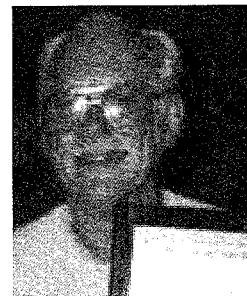


3rd Place: Carolyn & Jerry Hirschman (MI)

26 players participated in Saturday's **Open Singles** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



1st Place: Glen Ingram (IN)



2nd Place: Jim Long (IN)



3rd Place: Fred Miller (NJ)



4th Place: Kathy Ring (FL)

14 teams participated in Sunday's **Bring Partner** event (Single Game/Double Elimination). Winners were:



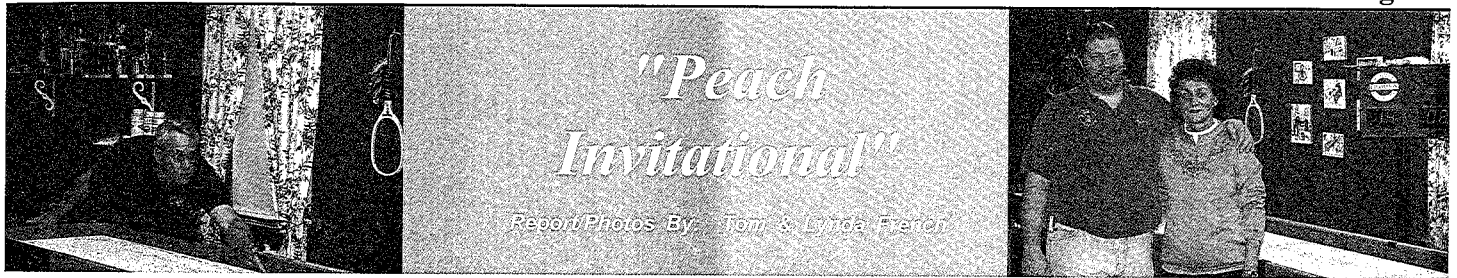
1st Place: Dick Smedberg & Marty Allen (both FL)



2nd Place: Jerry Hirschman & Bill Kane (both MI)



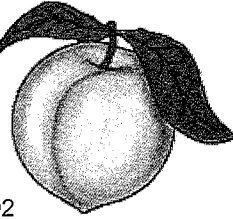
3rd Place: Glen Ingram & Jim Long (both of IN)



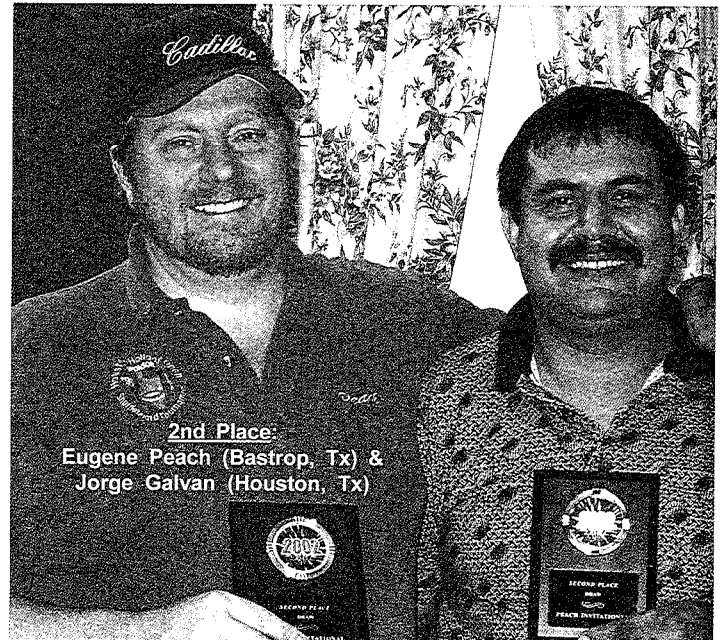
Got a home board? If so, here's some ideas to host tournament play with fellow shufflers at your home. Carol and Eugene Peach live on acreage in Bastrop, Texas. They have a detached building that is an ultimate game room featuring a beautiful *Champion Shuffleboard*, big screen TV & karaoke, cold beer on tap, and a couple of futon sofas for shufflers to crash (in addition to 2 spare bedrooms in their home). They also have a refreshing outdoor swimming pool to cool off after a tough match!

We have visited and shuffled at the Peach's home on several occasions, but one of the most creative tournaments that the Peach's have hosted was their 2002 holiday "Peach Invitational" tournament held at year end.

We thought this was a good time to tell our readers about it because it might give all of you home board owners some ideas to start planning your next in-home holiday tournament, using some of the Peach's creativeness... providing plaques to your winners. Eugene Peach got busy on the internet and ordered some customized winner plaques and honored 4 places in their "Peach Invitational" Open Draw Partner (single game/double elimination) event. The tournament started on Sat. afternoon and finished up in the wee hours Sun. morning with the finals followed by some entertaining karaoke talent before crashing!



1st Place:
Lynda French (Austin, Tx) &
Debbie Sexton (San Antonio, Tx)



2nd Place:
Eugene Peach (Bastrop, Tx) &
Jorge Galvan (Houston, Tx)



3rd Place:
David Sexton (San Antonio, Tx)
& Tom French (Austin, Tx)



4th Place:
Carol Peach (Bastrop, Tx)
&
Silvia Martinez (Houston, Tx)

9th Annual Spring Amvets Open

Pendleton Amvets, Pendleton, Indiana
April 11-13, 2003
Report & Photos Submitted By: Sonny Harris, IN

Pendleton Amvets hosted its "9th Annual Spring Amvets Open" tournament on April 11-13. The weekend started off with a Draw Partner event on Friday night. Playing all four in-house boards, we were able to play a couple of tournaments. Saturday was the Open Doubles. We had eighteen strong teams competing for \$4K. At the end of the day it was an all Indiana finish. Sunday was the Open Singles where it seemed every game went down to the wire. Thanks to all players for participating in these successful events.

Winners of the Open Doubles & Open Singles were:

Open Doubles (Saturday/18 teams)



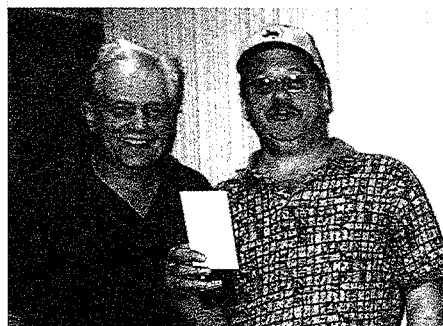
1st Place: (L-R)
Jeff McFadden &
Dave Boaz



2nd Place: (L-R)
Jim Long &
Glen Ingram



3rd Place: (L-R)
Ray Miller &
Brian Collins



4th Place: (L-R)
Terry Dowell &
Bobby Voorhis

Open Singles (Sunday)

(Used Larry Creakbaum's Revised Bracketeering of never playing the same board back to back)



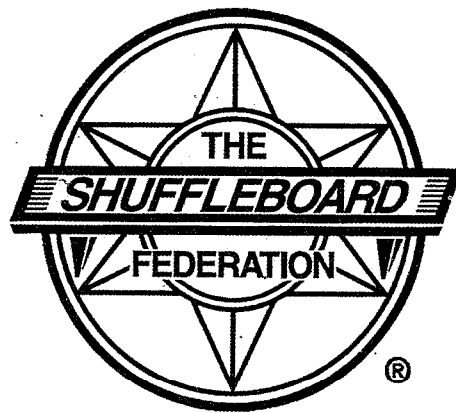
1st - 3rd Places: (L-R)
1st: Bobby Voorhis; 2nd: Jeff McFadden; 3rd: Rudy Robinson

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("Shufflers' Notebook" Continued From Page 6)

"Bobby G" Testimonial From Glen Davidson...

Rod Cameron and I met Bobby Goldsmith (Bobby "G") at the same time about 1969. He owned a tavern they called The Hut. They had a shuffleboard team they called the Hutsters out of Visalia, California. They went to Sacramento to a California State Shuffleboard tournament in 1967 timeframe. Bobby says they awarded them a good sportsmanship award for being good losers. That put the promoter, Bobby, to work and in 1968 Bob held a regional team event in Visalia at the VFW. Bobby said they had arranged for 6 boards through a distributor and at that time they didn't require money up front for entry into the tournament. He also said the pressure was on up until two days before tournament time before he started getting entry money (then the pressure started easing up and at about tournament start time the last entry was in). Talk about fine tuning! Most tournaments were that way until the Shuffleboard Federation started the promoting in Reno, NV where they made preregistration mandatory.

Rod and I played Bob some and he invited us back. On the way back Rod was driving and I was asleep. He passed the turnoff and we didn't make it back for awhile. The next trip we came through, Bobby said the churches had him moved out of the city limits and he was sure glad they did because that is where he made some *real* money. He called his new place "Mr. G's". The bar where Bobby created his own legacy and for the next ten years he promoted State & National tours at Mr G's and legendary gambling, poker, and shuffleboard. High stakes and low stakes. All the best shuffleboard players west of the Mississippi were there at one time or another and a few east of the river... namely Glen Young, Billy Mays, Portland Eddie, Hal Perry, Big Norm Phillips, Leroy Ledford, Don Cox, Fred Thuman, Troy Tolbert, Mex Tommy, Bob Miles, Pee Wee Ramos, Cable Car Dennis, Bob Hunt, Rod Cameron, and myself (the list goes on and on...). Every player on the circuit at that time was there, Doug Buhl, Freddy "Firehouse" Johns of Washington, Dave Keithahn... all of them... alot of great action which brings up the big game. Rod and myself went through Visalia again and Bobby was ready at that time to play. Rod and I matched up a game for the following Friday with Bobby G and Hal Perry. The bar was full, the stakes were \$1K (8 of 15 games). Bobby wanted to keep all the customers there all nite if possible, so we played until the wee hours of the morning. Rod and I won the match but not without some 1970-71 great games. Sportsmanship, endurance, all the players in town. Bob was, no doubt, the promoter... keeping shuffleboard alive and growing. He played the World's Champ there after a tourney one time and beat him .. they played all nite and then some. Bob was the Champ of that Match. He and Billy Mays beat Bob Miles (a former champ) and myself there at Bobby G's too. Bobby can tell you some stories all night and day about Mr. G's.

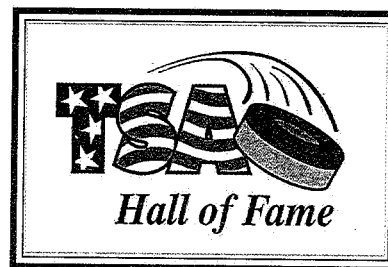
Bobby Goldsmith, the promoter of the greatest game for us in the US at a country town between Bakersfield and Sacramento where the oranges, lemons, plums, grapes are a plenty and the English Walnuts were everywhere where the fruit was not.

("Bobby G" Testimonial... Continued From Column 1)

A great farming community with a Rebel that likes gambling and shuffleboard and he owns a Hock Shop... through it all an Arkansas-er that made it good. He was invited into the California State Hall of Fame (CSHOF) and inducted on May 23, 1998 and then into the Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) "National" Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on February 28, 2003. Congratulations go out to a one-in-a-million shuffler and to his wife "Charlene" who supported him all the way and to his wonderful family. Charlene and Robbie Gann (his sister) were two of his strongest supporters along with Warren (his son), Leslie (his daughter who takes care of all of them and furnishes with grandchildren which I know that Charlene and Bobby are VERY proud of) and they tried and did well at the game too!

Bobby is a good friend of mine... forever faithful to the game. Thanks for the unforgettable memories Bobby "G"...

--Thanks, Glen Davidson



NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF the TSA (Table Shuffleboard Association) Officers is in-plan (per TSA By-Laws) to occur by year end (August 2003 or shortly thereafter).

TSA Members may volunteer to be considered to be placed on the ballot for a TSA Officer position prior to the election. All TSA members will be sent a TSA Voting Ballot to cast their vote for TSA Officers before year end.

Any TSA member that would like to volunteer for consideration for a TSA Director position or to be considered for being placed on the TSA Officer Voting Ballot being mailed out, please contact Don Valk, TSA President, at 512-288-9555 or E-Mail: donvalk@ev1.net

If you have not yet joined the TSA organization and/or if you have not renewed your membership, there was a TSA Membership Form flyer insert in the May 2003 issue or download the form from the TSA website at:

<http://www.tablesuffleboard.org>

Thanks to all current TSA members for your support of the organization. We hope that those who have not yet joined or are overdue for their renewal will consider sending in their membership dues and application/renewal form before the TSA Officer election this year (as there will not be another scheduled election until 2006/7 timeframe).

-- TSA Directors

Pendleton Amvets Open Doubles & Singles

*Pendleton Amvets, Pendleton, Indiana
March 15-16, 2003
Report & Photos Submitted By: Sonny Harris, IN*

Pendleton Amvets hosted an Open Doubles & Open Singles tournament on March 15-16. We had a great weekend of playing. The weather wasn't the greatest, but the playing more than made up for it. Pam Dowell should be sending the Singles photos at a later date.

The Open Singles winners (no photos) were: **1st:** Terry Dowell; **2nd:** Jeff McFadden; and **3rd:** Larry Creakbaum. It was a tough finals match with Terry Dowell winning the winners bracket. Jeff McFadden won the first game of the finals only to fall to Terry's great lagging in the final game.

The Open Doubles winners (photos follow) were:

Open Doubles (Over \$3,200 Purse)



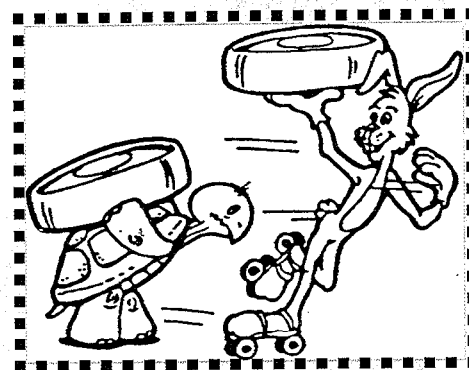
1st Place: (L-R)
Ray McFadden & John Humes



2nd Place: (L-R)
Dave Vondran &
Gary Anglin
(a tough 'duo')



3rd Place: (L-R)
Rudy Robinson &
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3-Man Open Draw
Medford Eagles #2093
Medford, Oregon

June 13-15

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

June 13-15

Bill English Memorial Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

June 20-22

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

June 21

Age 50 & Over Singles (\$25/ea)
Eagles Lodge #450
Nobelsville, Indiana

June 29-July 5 (Re: flyer insert)

Southwest Open 2003
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

JULY 2003**July 3-7 (Re: flyer insert May issue)**

Eagles Annual "Shootout"
Exeter Eagles Lodge #3608
Exeter, California

July 5-6

Open Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

July 18-20

Washington State Tournament
Brookdale Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

July 18-20

Friendship Tournament
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JULY/AUGUST 2003**July 30 - August 3 (Re: flyer insert)**

Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

AUGUST 2003**August 1-3**

Michigan Hall of Fame Tournament
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

August 15-16

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

August 14-17

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

August 15-17

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

August 21-24

Danny & Pete's Birthday Bash
Danny's Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

August 21-24 (Re: Upcoming Events)

"Don't Sing It Bring It"
Triple Crown Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

August 28-September 1

Pat Kinard Memorial Labor Day
Full House Bar & Grill
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

August 29-September 1 (Re: Upcoming

Events and/or flyer insert May issue)
9th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial
Moose Lodge #1832
Huntington Beach, California

August 27-September 1 (Re: see flyer)

Texas Open
Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

SEPTEMBER 2003**September 13-14**

3-Person Team
Red Dog Saloon
Port Orchard, Washington

September 18-21

5th Annual "Wandering the World"
Ladies Tournament
Musette Bar

Omaha, Nebraska

September 19-21

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

September 19-21

Catch the Train
Captain Merlot's
Mims, Florida

September 26-27

5th Annual Hall of Fame Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

September 26-28

A/B Bring Partner
Nifty's Fifty's Pub & Grill
Tacoma, Washington

2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

OCTOBER 2003

October 11-12

ABC Draw
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

October 10-11

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

October 10-12

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

October 17-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 17-19

Oktoberfest
Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, Florida

October 26-November 2 (flyer insert)

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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 27-29

9th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 27-30

Florida State Tournament
Eagles Aerie #4257
Merritt Island, Florida

November 28-30

Indiana State Championships
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

November 29-30

ABC Draw
BZ's Sports Bar
Burien, Washington

DECEMBER 2003

December 12-14

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

December 26-31

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

December 27-28

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

MARCH/APRIL 2004

March 28-April 4 (tentative date)

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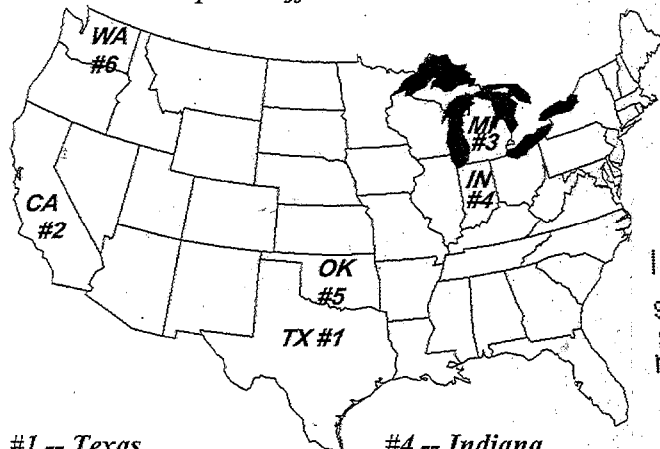
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