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Editor's News

Upcoming Events

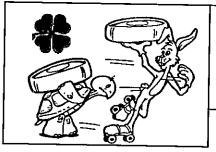
Calendar of Events

Frisco Eddie Series (Final)

Shuffleboard Directory Ads

KHOU-TV Channel 11 and the Houston Chronicle established a Columbia Scholarship Fund to help pay for the education of the children of astronauts killed in the space shuttle tragedy. Five of the seven astronauts killed had children. An account was established at Sterling Bank. Donations/Checks can be mailed to:

The Columbia Scholarship Fund, c/o Sterling Bank P.O. Box 40333 Houston, TX 77240-0333 (Donations also being accepted at any Sterling Bank.)



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/mailer cost increases. The new subscription and advertising rates will be effective <u>April 1, 2003</u> (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 userid/password 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 alot 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 Note one of the primary changes is a small charge in please. 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

-- <u>ATTENTION</u> --

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 18 for more details)

"Thank You" Eagles Aeire #450

A big thank you to the Noblesville Eagles Aerie #450. The lodge has given Butch and I the opportunity of having shuffleboard tournaments. We had the first tournament on Feb. 1, 2003. It was a women's singles, double elimination. Most of the women had never played in a tournament. They had just played at the Friday night draw partner or when anyone just wanted to knock a few weights around. But, play we did. It was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope word will get around and more women will join in on the good time. We are keeping the entry amount small with some going to Aerie #450. With a little luck and some bump-ups from the other shooter, I (Connie O) won. Second place went to Pam Benefield. Also, a thank you to Sandra Kuklenski for the best chile i have ever had. No kidding it was the best!! And, to John Devaney for his help with the food. We are hoping to have a monthly women's tournament every first Saturday. More to come on women's shuffleboard here in Noblesville. Keep knocking weight around Indiana. Thanks to Leon Black for coming to Noblesville in a snow storm to play singles too.

-- Connie Odom (Connie O) & Butch Thomas (the great Oz), IN

Nick Chaffin -- "No Splits Please"

In the process of going to shuffleboard tournaments for more than thirty years, I find one thing happening which did not happen as much in the past and which gives me big concern. The tournament starts and everything is going smoothly in whichever event is being played and then we get to the last two or four players, be it Singles or Doubles, and players decide to split the money in one way or another and the championship match is never played. I have also seen it in team events. Tournament Directors don't object because it allows them to be under a less rigid time frame. I believe though, the people running the tournament should care. Anyone running a tournament is in the business of promoting shuffleboard, and what better way to showcase the game than to play a championship match. Nearly always the play is of top quality because the players are at the top of their game. (Continued on Page 3)

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In every other sport, the championship game/series is the biggest event. I realize we are not a great spectator sport, but we should endeavor to make all championship matches something special. If at all possible, the match should be played at a decent time of day with no one playing on adjacent boards. I have enjoyed matching several championship matches as have other people with the assurance that the players were doing their utmost to win. I just think that when the tournament does not budget enough time or the players themselves for whatever reason are not willing to play a championship match, we are doing ourselves and the game of shuffleboard a big disservice.

[Editors' Comment: The "splits" that we have observed in major tournaments have been at mutually agreed upon player's decision with the money payout typically 5% or so different than if they had played it out. We have not been made aware of "splits" in any major tournaments being executed at a tournament director's discretion. If players mutually agree to execute a "split," then that seems quite different than a "split" being required by a tournament director of a major event/tournament (for example, due to time constraints) and should absolutely be avoided if at all possible. As you stated, shuffleboard is not typically a big spectator sport. If players decide, for whatever reasons, to execute a split, then it is their money and game. However, if the players want to continue to play out the finals and a tournament director prevents it, then that is a more serious concern that we have not yet observed in a major event. There is no rule, to our knowledge, that would prevent players from agreeing to a "split." Without a new "rule" to prevent players agreeing to a "split," then there would be no basis for a tournament director to disallow a "split."

We observed (on one occasion) something disturbing, where two teams (doubles) in a major event mutually agreed to a "split" and then one team member said "Now, we will flip for the 1st place trophy." Clearly, if a "split" does occur, the team that is in the winner of the winners bracket should receive the highest trophy honors if/when a "split" is executed. Flipping a coin between 1st and 2nd place trophy seems extremely bizarre, in our opinion, because a double dip has not occurred if/when players decide to "split" at some agreed upon percentage of the winner's pot at any point in time of the finals match. The winners of the winners bracket, in our opinion, should clearly be declared the "winners" and be presented the highest trophy by the tournament director if/when players do decide to "split" a winners pot for whatever reasons. Why?... because the challenging player or team has not "won" the finals match just because a winners pot "split" was mutually agreed upon. The winners of the winners bracket should be declared the highest ranked winners in any event where the championship match was not played out because they are still the highest ranked winner(s) until a double dip occurs. It seems a tournament director could enforce the highest winners trophy going to the winners of the winners bracket in a "split" situation without any special "new" rule. Any comments -- T& L French] from others on "splits"?

NOTE FROM EDITORS We have received many requests for information on how to play 3-Person and 4-Person Team events, so we've included a few optional formats in this issue on

Pages 10 & 11 in case others are interested. -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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<u>Maryland</u>

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HARVEY'S PLACE STREET, MD

APR. 11-13, 2003

Maryland State Championship

Apr. 11, 2003 6:30 pm Draw Partner \$10/Player Limit: 40 Apr. 12, 2003 1:00 pm Bring Partner \$25/Team Limit: none Apr. 13, 2003 11:00 am Open Singles \$25/Player Limit: 40 **NOTE: (SEEFLYERINSERTINOCTOBER2002ISSUEFORFULL 2002/2003 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE)** 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 tournament, Harvey's Place has \$5 Draw Partner events every Saturday night at 8 pm. Come join the fun and competition!

<u>Nebraska</u>

4TH ANNUAL O'HAROLD's HAROLD'S BAR OMAHA, NEBRASKA MARCH 21-23, 2003



The "4th Annual O'Harold's" St. Patricks Day Tournament is being held at Harold's Bar, 8558 Blondo Street, Omaha, Nebraska on March 21-23, 2003. There will be \$1,000 Added Money (Based upon maximum number of entries) and Bonus \$\$ for out-of-state entries finishing in the top three places of any event. (See Flyer Insert in the February 2003 The Board Issue for tournament details).

Friday, March 21st at 6pm is the 4-Person Draft Team event (\$20/player - entry deadline is 4pm); Saturday, March 22nd at 7pm is the Open Doubles (\$100/team - entry deadline is 12 Noon) and the Handicap Doubles (\$50/team entry deadline is 12 Noon). For additional information, contact: Jim Payne 402-697-9956 or 402-676-4827.

<u>Texas</u> 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.

<u>Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 pm</u> 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).

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<u>Friday, April 11 at Noon</u> 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.

<u>Washington</u>

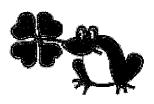
22ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SHUFFLEBOARD EXTRAVAGANZA SEASON TICKET SPOKANE, WA MAY 22-26, 2003

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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The Board Talk



It takes a lot of equipment and hard work to put on a successful tournament. Following are the companies and volunteers that made the Houston Holiday Open possible. "Thanks to all?"

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NOTE: Refer to the February 2003 of The Board Talk for additional tournament reporting on the Houston Holiday Open 2002 tournament. The February 2003 issue focused on some of the tournament highlights such as the New Years Eve party and Sol Lipkin attending the HHO 2002 tournament and the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for Darrol Nelson, David Williams, Diana Hagen, etc. This issue covers the "thank you" and winners photos.

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



1st Place: (L-R) David Williams (TX) & Jack Davis (TX)



2nd Place: (L-R) Jim Payne (NE) & Mike Taylor (TX)



3rd Place: (L-R) Gary Thompson (WA) & Dave Ramold (TX)



Flynt Preston (TX)(left) & Dan Holland (OR) (right) pictured w/ sponsor Chuck Leach (center)

4th Place: (left)

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Not Pictured: 5th/6th Place (all Texans): John Machinski &

Stringer

Tommy Vaselo tied w/ Cliff Visel & Sammie

Moore, Ronnie Moore, Chuck Leach

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Division I Doubles: (12 Teams - Continued)



2nd Place: (L-R) Mary Koteras (TX) & Silvia Martinez (TX)

3rd Place: (L-R) Jeff Womble (TX) & Stan Stinson (TX)

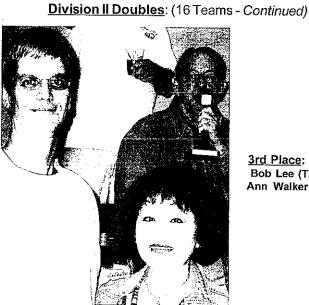
Division II Doubles: (16 Teams - Add to '4'; 1's, 2's, 3's)



1st Place: (L-R) Lynda French (TX) & Danny Green (TX)



2nd Place: (L-R) Ray McFadden & Jeff McFadden (Father/Son Team from IN)



3rd Place: (L-R) Bob Lee (TX) & Ann Walker (TX)

Division Ill Doubles: (12 Teams - Add to '6'; 2s, 3's, 4's)



1st Place: (L-R) Mike Regan & Chris Ragan (Brothers/TX)





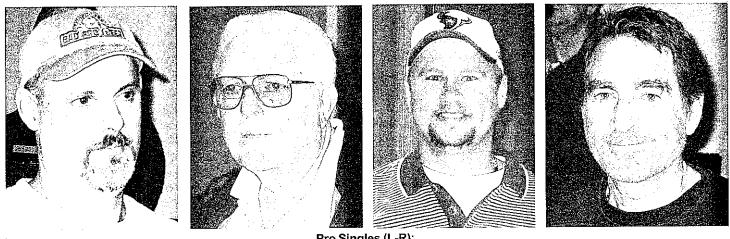
2nd Place: (L-R) **Charles Peltier** & Joe Chapman (Texas Team)

3rd: (L-R) **Tevor Wade** & Bob Hallett (Texas Team)

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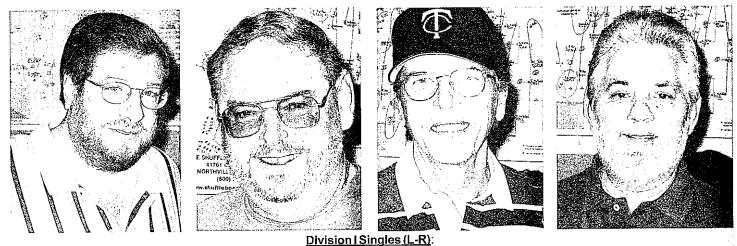
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Pro Singles: (23 Players: -1's, -0's)



<u>Pro Singles (L-R)</u>: <u>1st Place</u>: Dan Hitt (WA) (World Champ); <u>2nd Place</u>: Bill Melton (OK); <u>3rd Place</u>: Mike Taylor (TX); <u>4th Plac</u>e: Darrol Nelson (OR)

Division I Singles: (20 Players: +0's & 1's)



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



<u>Division II Singles (L-R)</u>: <u>1st Place</u>: Jeff McFadden (IN); <u>2nd Place</u>: Linda Ritter (NE); <u>3rd Place</u>: Larry Nance (TX) and not pictured: <u>4th Place</u>: John Machinski; <u>5th/6th Place</u>: Joe Parrish/Michael Miller (tie)

Division III Singles (L-R): (34 Players: 3's & 4's)



<u>Division III Singles (L-R)</u>: <u>1st Place</u>: Kyle White (TX); <u>2nd Place</u>: Mike Regan (TX); <u>3rd Place</u>: Fernando Noriega (TX) and not pictured: 4th Place: Lane Tate; 5th/6th Place: Mahlon Moore/Ferlin Kearns; 7th/8th Place:Drew Willingham/Trevor Wade



The **A/B/C Draw Team** event format is a 3-Person Team Event that can be played on one board per 3-Person Team match (two opposing teams per board) and has become a popular event, especially where there is only one board - as it allows more players to be able to play on each board. The top 1/3 (better skilled) players (based upon the Bowers' Rating System) will be drawn/designated as the "A" players; the middle 1/3 skilled/rated players as the "B" players; and the lesser skilled/rated 1/3 players as the "C" players. [*Variation:* Instead of an A/B/C Draw Team, you can do an A/B/C Draft Team where the highest rated players are assigned as designated captains and each captain privately drafts their other two players. You may also do an A/B/C Bring 3-Person Team where you have a total point criteria such as Pro A/B/C Team (add to '0' or more) and/or Amateur A/B/C Team (add to 4, 5, or 6 or more), or whatever point criteria fits your local rated/ skilled players needs, so as to accommodate the majority of your player population.]. You can play this as Single Game/ Double Elimination or Single Game/Single Elimination format. A Game win is determined when the first team reaches 15 points (or whatever point criteria the Tournament Director may specify - such as "mark" 3 or 4 points and play to "15 points") via playing in the below match sequence:

- The "A" Player will be the designated Team Captain and may coach the other team members.
- The two opposing Team Captains will flip a coin once to determine the hammer or color (winner of the flip gets choice of hammer or color) [Variation: the winner of the flip can choose hammer or his/her lineup against the other team after getting the A/B/C lineup from the opposing Team Captain (which may be preferable to some if playing a Bring Team or Draft Team event versus the Draw Team event.)]
- Match 1: "A" Players will play against their opposing team's "A" Player in the first match.
- **Match 2: "B" Players** will play against the opposing teams's "B" Player in the second match. They will shoot from the opposite end of the board from where the "A" Players started their first match.
- **Match 3: "C" Players** will play against their opposing team's "C" Player in the third match. They will shoot from the same end where the "A" Players started in the first match.
- Players will continue to rotate in the above sequence until the first team reaches 15 points.

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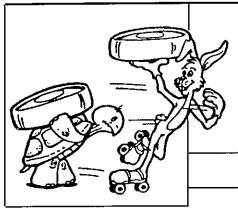
Most current Bowers' Rating is typically used to determine each players' official rating. Any unrated players must get with the Tournament Director to get a temporary rating established for entry criteria in an A/B/C team event BEFORE registering in the event.

Entry fees are determined by the Tournament Director. Some localities may have graduated entry fees with the same % of graduated winner payout or they may opt that all players have the same fixed entry fee and equally divided winner payout. Again, this can depend upon your local skilled player level spread and the tournament director's sole discretion when organizing the tournament and each event's format. One benefit of the graduated entry fee is that it can encourage both the Pro-level and Amateur level to participate. The Pro-level pays more to enter, but gets larger % payout according to the % of graduated entry fee paid and the Amateur level gets to participate/play the game for a lesser entry fee but receives lesser percentage of a winner payout if their team wins.

TEAM LINEUP:

Team Captain: _____

A Player:	
B Player:	
C Player:	



How To Play 4-Person Team

4-Person Team Sheet

FOUR PERSON TEAM EVENT

(2 Out of 3, Double Elimination)

EACH 4-PERSON TEAM EVENT MATCH WILL BE 2 OUT 3 DOUBLE ELIMINATION ON TWO BOARDS. TEAM CAPTAINS WILL PICK THEIR "A" TEAM AND "B" TEAM PLAYERS IN "PRIVATE" AND EXCHANGE THEIR ROSTER SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE OPPOSING TEAM CAPTAIN. TEAM CAPTAINS WILL FLIP A COIN TO DECIDE COLOR OF WEIGHTS (WINNER OF FLIP CHOOSES COLOR). SAME COLOR WILL BE USED FOR ALL GAMES IN THE MATCH.

FIRST ROUND OF MATCH (1ST TWO GAMES, PLAYED ON TWO BOARDS):

"A" TEAM WILL PLAY ON THE LOWER NUMBERED BOARD. "B" TEAM WILL PLAY ON THE HIGHER NUMBERED BOARD.

"A" TEAM WILL FLIP FOR THE HAMMER ON THE LOWER NUMBERED BOARD. ON THE HIGHER NUMBERED BOARD, THE OPPOSITE TEAM WILL HAVE THE HAMMER.

SECOND ROUND OF MATCH (3RD GAME - ONLY PLAYED IF FIRST ROUND TIED):

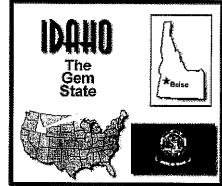
IF MATCH IS TIED AFTER THE FIRST ROUND (FIRST TWO GAMES), THE CAPTAINS WILL FLIP FOR BOARD FIRST (EXAMPLE: HEADS LOWER NUMBERED BOARD, TAILS HIGHER NUMBERED BOARD) AND THEN THEY WILL FLIP FOR THE HAMMER. THE CAPTAINS THEN PICK THEIR TEAM: ONE PLAYER FROM "A" TEAM AND ONE PLAYER FROM "B" TEAM (NO PREVIOUS PARTNERS FROM FIRST ROUND CAN TEAM UP FOR THE THIRD GAME).

"A" TEAM (Lower# Board)	"B" TEAM (Higher# Board)

NOTE: FLIP for Board in 3rd Game (if match goes to a 3rd game): Heads Lower Numbered Board; Tails Higher Numbered Board, then FLIP for hammer in the 3rd Game.

Idaho State Championships Eichard's Pub &Grill Sandpoint, Idaho Reported by: Mike Rapp

Eichard's Pub & Grill in downtown Sandpoint, Idaho sponsored the Idaho State Championship tournament. People ask: "Does anyone play shuffleboard in Idaho?" The resounding reply was "yes" when sixteen shooters lined up and



slugged it out for sixteen weeks in Sandpoint, Idaho, a quiet dki haven in the northern panhandle.

When the dust settled, Don Hinxman, who never lost a match throughout the tournament, was declared the Idaho State Singles Champion. Mike Rapp of Coeur d'Alene settled for second and Fred Palmer, who had organized the event finished in third place.

With only one board, Palmer devised a format whereby the scheduled two players had one week to arrange and complete their assigned match. This worked well for those traveling long distances.

Eichard's, a cozy little pub and grill in downtown Sandpoint, sponsored the event. Jeff Nozzoli, owner and host, observed, "Shuffleboard has been a great addition to the pub." BTW check out the menu at Eichard's --- the food is great!

-- Reported by: Mike Rapp (former Idaho State Champ)

210d AINDUAI IKAINSAIS CUty Shoot Out Elks Lodge #2088, Grandview, MO Jamuary 17-18, 2003 Reported By: Lynche Mingees MO

GOING TO KANSAS CITY... KANSAS CITY HERE WE COME... And so, just like that favorite old song, teams began arriving from Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas to the 2nd Annual Kansas City Shoot Out tournament held on Jan. 17-18th at the Elks Lodge #2088 in Grandview, MO.

And what about that SHOOT OUT -- 30 teams registered and were anxious to get started. What a way to start 2003!!! You can just imagine with 30 teams, 3 boards and double elimination, ther ewere some great games to watch. The Elks Lodge's new building provided a great atmosphere to welcome all the shuffleboard family members. They offered drink specials and great food to round out the event. They also spiced up the games by paying \$5 to each player who had the first three "4-Hangers."

Late Saturday afternoon, the winners began surfacing. They were as folows: 1st Place: Rick Pittman (Houston, MO) and Chuck Muehlhauser (St. Louis, MO); 2nd Place: Jeff Blanchat (Overland Park, KS) and Mick Moran (Mountain Home, AR); 3rd Place: Steve Taylor and Monte Rife (both of Kansas City, MO); and 4th Place: Mark Gray (Kansas City, MO) and Aland Foster (Lees Summit, MO).

Mark Gray and Johnny Wright extend a special "Thanks!" to all those who promoted this tournament and to members of the Elks Lodge and fellow shuffleboard players who helped with the last minute details.

It's only been a little over a year since we first joined this shuffleboard family at the September 2001 tournament in Houston, MO and we are overwhelmed with joy by the friendships and togetherness that we are PROUDLY now part of. What a great sport and even greater bunch of people. We are already looking forward to our "3rd Annual Kansas City Shoot Out" next year. See you down the road...

-- Reported by: Lynelle Mingee, Kansas City, MO

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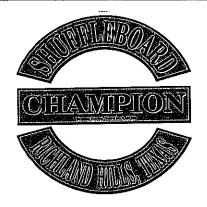
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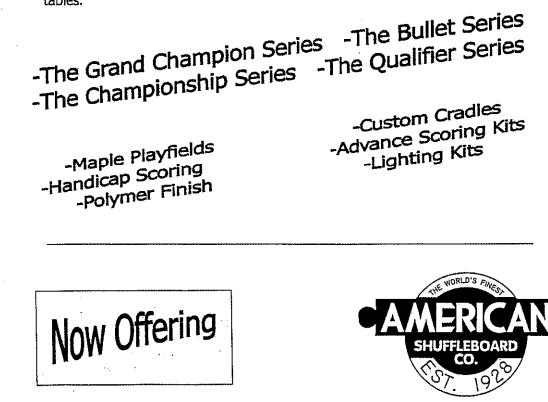
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Buzz's 17th Annual "Mud Bay Masters"

Buzz's Tavern, Olympia, WA Report & Photos Submitted By: Ruby Mitchell, WA

The 17th Annual "Mud Bay Masters" tournament was hosted by Jim Tribble (Buzz Tavern owner) and Donald Mitchell ('78 World Champion) at Buzz's Tavern, 5018 Mud Bay Rd. NW, Olympia, Washington. They both worked very hard to put on a great tournament for all to enjoy. Jim ran the tournament in memory of his dad, Buzz Tribble, who rant the last tournament in 1992. We also remembered our buddies from the Pacific Northwest who we've lost including Joe Lavin, Jack Steffenson, Chuck Norris, Russ "The Colonel" Miller, Roy Minimum and Ed Fortack. They were all great players as well as good friends. Jim's wife, Laura, was also quite busy helping out their friendly bartenders, Sandy, Lori & Shelby.

We had 22 teams for our Friday night draw which was won by Mike Waters and one of our women players, Jennifer King. They did a great job winning against some very strong teams.

Saturday, the masters tournament drew 24 teams of veterans and new upcoming players. We attracted such veterans as Darrol Nelson, Mike Waters, Mike Thorpe, Jim Frans, Charlie Gates, Jim Allis and Fred Johns... just to name a few. We also had some veteran women players like Linda Steffenson, Michelle Frans and Hazel Thorpe, along with several other great women players. All of the women put together a terrific potluck spearheaded by Paulette Kinney.

Coming out of the 70's, we enjoyed watching the Mako Brothers play fantastic together putting Darrol Nelson and Larry Pearson into the losers bracket. Dean and Frank Mako ended up taking third after playing some wonderful games. Darrol and Larry had to fight their way back through the ranks to end up playing Jim Tribble and Mike Keevil for the championship. They both played very tough games with Darrol Nelson and Larry Pearson winning. Jim Tribble and Mike Keevil took second after one heck of a battle. Mel Hohn (Fir Cone Tavern owner) and Vern Gonzales took fourth with Don Mitchell and Charlie Gates tying with Mike Thorpe and Dennis Smith for fifth place.

We are looking forward to many more years of wonderful tournaments to come out of Mud Bay's only tavern on the bay ... Buzz's Tavern. Thanks you everyone for your help and support and look forward to next year! (Winners Photos Follow) -- Ruby Mitchell, Reporting



1st Place (L-R): Larry Pearson & Darrol Nelson



2nd Place (L-R): Jim Tribble & Mike Keevil

3rd Place (L-R): Frank & Dino Mako (Brother Team)







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January 17-18, 2003 American Legion Post 73, Del City, OK Report & Photos Submitted By: Don Crall, OK

Another great weekend touranment and a bunch of great people. The American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, would like to thank all who came, most espeically all the players and for your enormous appetites for cheese burgers and beer. (Winner Photos Follow)

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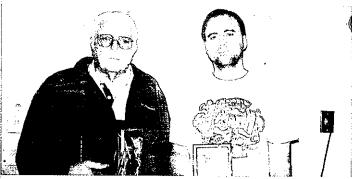
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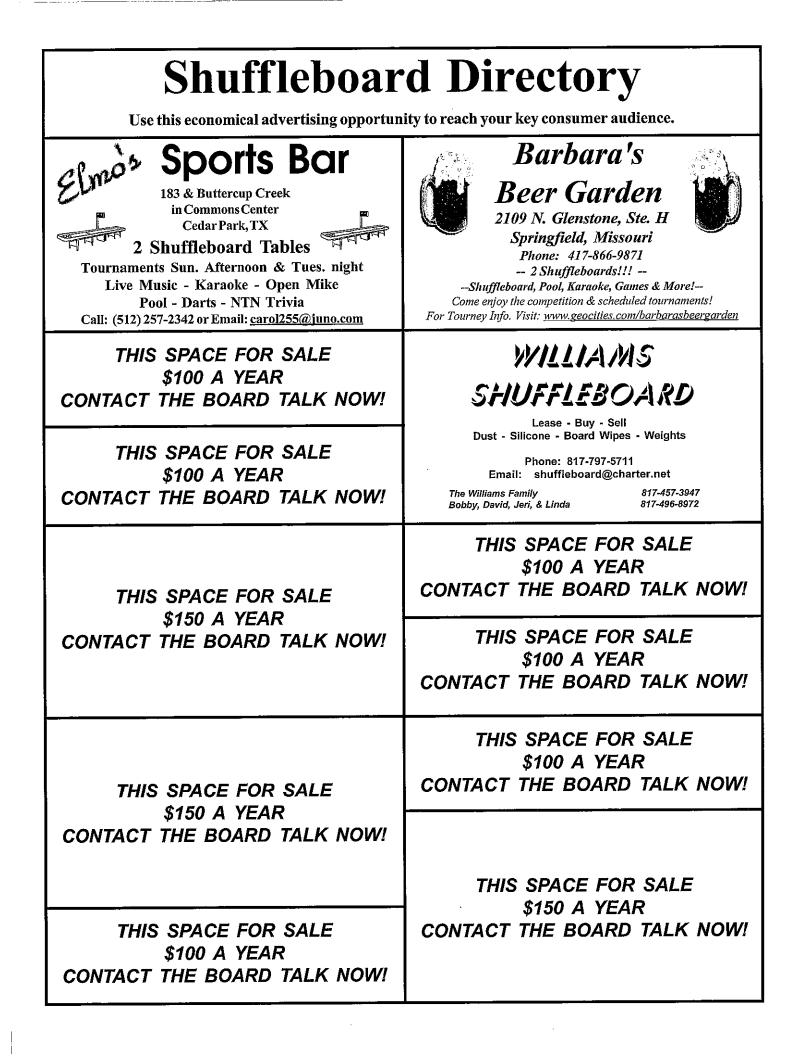


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March 14-15

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March 15

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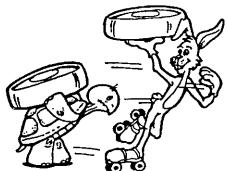
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