

The Board Talk

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"Outstanding Competition & Fun Had By All!"

Plaza Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

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Reported By: Tom & Lynda French, Tournament Directors & The Board Talk Editors

In the April 2003 issue we reported on the Bobby Goldsmith TSA National Hall of Fame induction ceremony. In this issue, we are reporting on other aspects of the tournament. First and foremost we wish to thank all of the wonderful and supportive tournament staff, volunteers, and sponsors including:

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Champion Shuffleboard for co-sponsoring and supplying the 34 Grand Champion Shuffleboards, Sun-Glo Tournament Wax and Silicon Spray, and for donating one set of American weights to the raffle.

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Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies for donating one set of Triple Crown weights to the raffle.

Additional Primary Sponsors, Staff, and Volunteers are named in the chart on page 6 of this issue. Many Thanks to Farmersville Hock Shop for donating two beautiful diamond rings for the raffle and Frank Zavala for the raffle weight case!

The number of players registered (185) was down by 29 players from the first year tournament (214 registered the first year) - mostly due to increment weather that closed airports, closed businesses, impaired road travel, etc. across the US and the lack of hotel room availability (for those that did not make timely reservations). The NASCAR race being held in Vegas during the latter part of the tournament along with the usual Vegas conventions and vacationers definitely had an adverse impact on those looking to get last minute room reservations. Most hotels were booked the last weekend and, *if found*, were at premium prices in most cases.

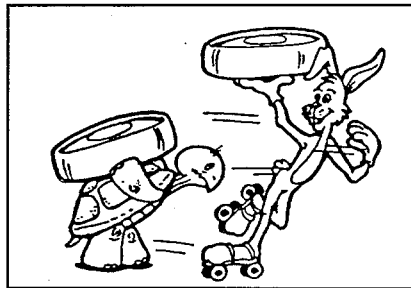
Unfortunately, when a player had to cancel a hotel room due to increment weather, illness, or family emergency, the Plaza Hotel/Casino staff would not notify us or put the cancelled tournament rooms back into our tournament room block for first grabs. So, there were some players who had made the trip (because rooms were available during the first part of the tournament and they came hoping to get a room extension from potential cancellations) and played during the week in the early tournament events that actually had to depart early because there was no hotel room available to stay for Singles and/or Bring Partner events on the last weekend. Needless to say, we were quite disappointed that the Plaza Hotel/Casino did not work with us to offer tournament room cancellations to other tournament guests that needed rooms during the latter part of the tournament. By contract, the hotel is not bound to offer us priority choice on tournament guest rooms that were cancelled, but we do wish that they would have given us some type priority and considered doing so. Lesson learned folks... make reservations for tournaments as timely as possible. One cannot always depend upon finding last minute hotel rooms in any city. When considering attending a tournament, it doesn't cost anything to make a hotel reservation because you can always cancel it. Even if you forget to cancel a reservation, the most you are typically charged is for the arrival day.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

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

We had a computer disaster/crash on April 16th which has taken us \$1,600 in parts replacement and almost 2 weeks to recover all our The Board Talk publication data saved on our system's internal disk. We had to replace our graphics card, display, keyboard, memory chips (which still are not 100% fixed), and purchase an external disk to try to recover and copy all The Board Talk publication files since Year 2000 from our internal disk. Fortunately, we have recovered all pertinent data onto the external disk and are able to put out this May 2003 issue. However, much of the May 2003 issue's intended content cannot be reconstructed in time to put into this May 2003 issue. We had to get this shortened issue out because there is alot of upcoming event advertisements and tournament flyers, so we could not further delay the printing/mailling to reconstruct the original full content of this May 2003 issue. All items have been recovered and will go into the June 2003 issue. Again, many apologies for this lengthy delay in getting this May 2003 issue printed/mailed and for it not containing all the intended tournament result content. We hope it even arrives in May!

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

Thanks to Eight "Walkers"...

I would like to thank the eight "walkers" that came to play at our Eagles Lodge #450 in Noblesville, Indiana on March 22nd. There was over \$700 in the hat. Connie Langolf went all the way to the top with Leon Black taking second for the second time in 36 days! Thanks for all the support from the Ingalls & Michigan players! A BIG BIG "Thank You"!

-- Butch Thomas "The Great OZ"

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 subscribers other suggestions such as converting to bi-monthly (every other month) to report results and monthly to report upcoming events & monthly advertisements [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.

--T&L French, 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 14 for more details)

Publication Content Information

The Board Talk reserves the right to reject any advertising or editorial contributions that the publishers deem unacceptable, either because of objectionable material or inconsistency with the newsletter's general editorial & advertising policies.

SHUFFLERS' HUMOR and FUN

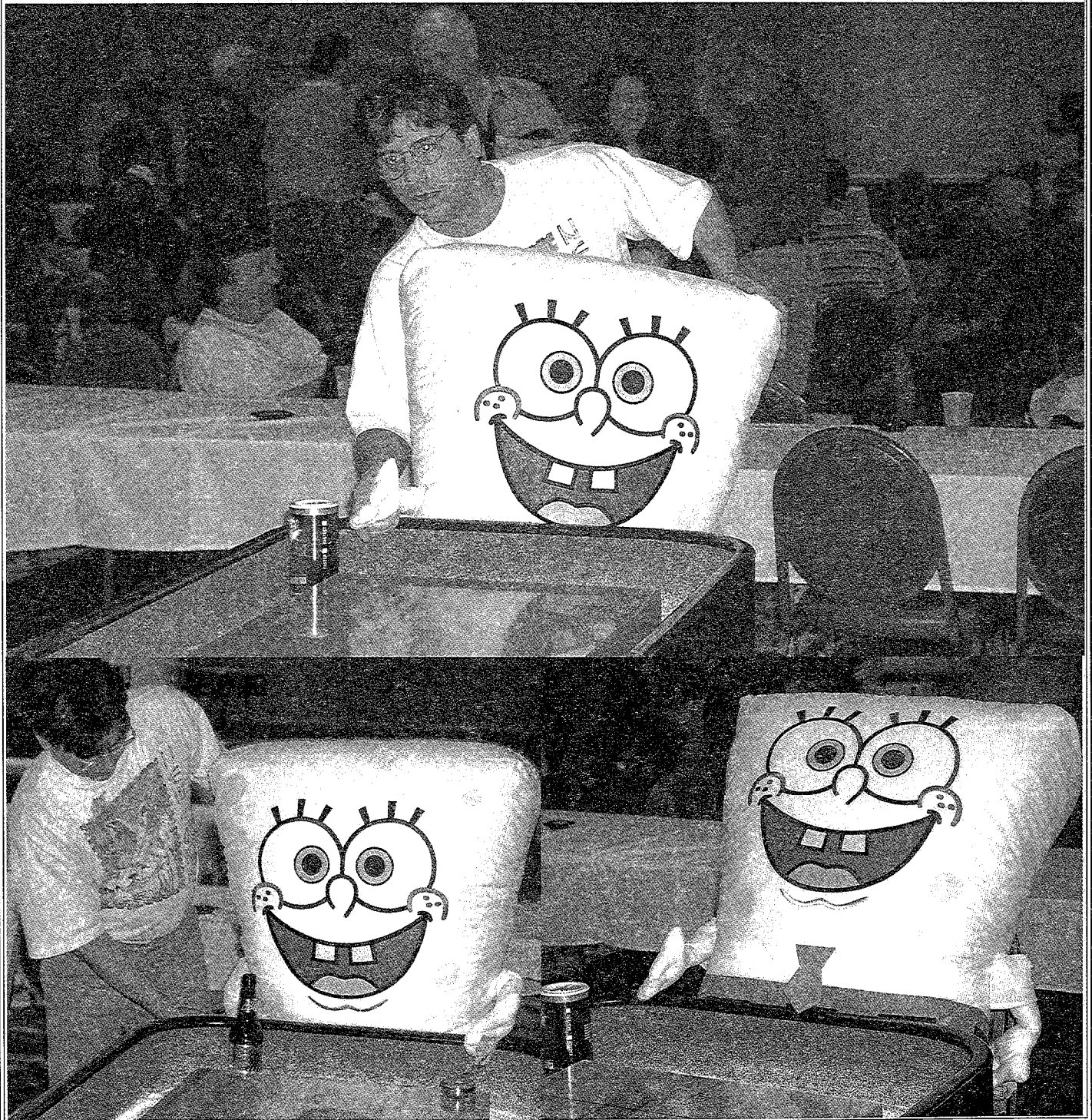
Please send in your shuffler humor, jokes, or miscellaneous tournament fun pictures

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(Las Vegas, Nevada)

Eddie Brayman Coaches HIS

"Sponge Bob Twins" ON HOW TO BE COMPETITIVE...



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. Tournament play will be on 12 great-playing boards. In addition to the scheduled events, there will be round robins as time and board availability permits.

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. We encourage and welcome all of Russ' friends, family, and peers to attend this program and induction ceremony.

Thursday will kickoff the tournament with the DDA (Developmentally Disabled Adult) Event. This is a heartwarming day for all involved and we invite all to attend this event. The tournament will again have the A/B Singles & Doubles events on the weekend with an A-B Handicap Draw "warm up" event on Friday evening. **For more info. see April 2003 issue flyer and/or contact: Dan Hitt (509) 251-7000.**

Washington

**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

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.

**Spread the word about
The Board Talk ...
Get your fellow
shufflers & favorite
establishments to
subscribe and
advertise!**

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, Yacaipa,
CA 92399 or call Jolene with questions: 909-797-9685

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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MAY 17TH

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Each A-B Draw is a \$10 Entry, played on two boards, 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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It takes a lot of equipment and hard work to put on a successful tournament. Following are the vendors, staff, and volunteers that made the Board Talk Open 2003 possible.

Thanks to all Sponsors, Staff, & Volunteers!

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| Marty Shepard | Misc. Helpers | TSA HOF Ceremony |
| Harvey Kidd | Barb Passariello | TSA Directors & Members |
| Tournament Event Support | Mary Brown | Bobby Goldsmith & Family |
| ALL Registered Players!!! (MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PLAYED!!!) | All the Many Others Not Listed By Name – MANY THANKS TO ALL SUPPORTERS | Jolene Lembke (sponsor) and Testimonials: Joe Scott, Troy Tolbert, Freddie Johns, & Hal Perry |

* *Bob Brunskill* donated historical old issues (dating back into the 80's) of The Board Talk which were to be used in raffle or auction or fund raiser for The Board Talk. They have been saved/preserved for a later fund raiser project for The Board Talk as time was needed to inventory, sort and organize the donated issues by month/year.

MVP Champions (BONUS\$\$\$ = \$2K)
2003 Board Talk Open "Champions":
(6 categories)

"Overall" (total points) Champ: (\$500)
 Ryan Devlin of Washington (46 pts)

"-1" Rated Player Champ: (\$300)
 David Williams, Sr. of Texas (32 pts)

"0" Rated Player Champ: (\$300)
 Freddie Johns of Washington (29 pts)

"1" Rated Player Champ: (\$300)
 Ron Sosovec of Colorado (39 pts)

"2" Rated Player Champ: (\$300)
 Ryan Devlin Of Washington (46 pts)

"3 thru 5" Rated Player Champ: (\$300)
 Bill Cowan of Canada (38 pts)

POINTS WERE ACCUMULATED FOR any/all players who had played in either or both of the team events (4-Person and/or 6-Person) as follows: 3pts for each tournament event entered; each 1st Place 9 pts; each 2nd Place 8 pts; each 3rd Place 7 pts; each 4th Place 6 pts; each 5th or 6th Place 5 pts; each 7th or 8th Place 4 pts.

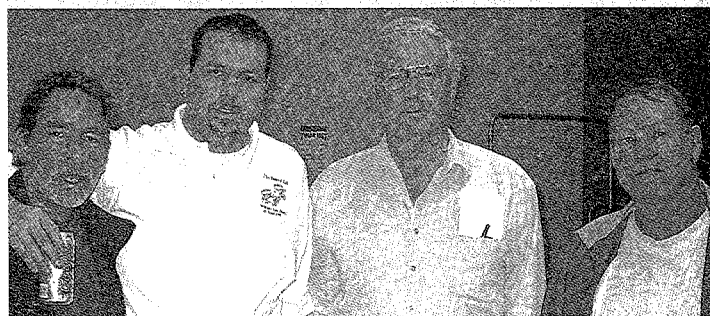
ALSONOTABLE:

**JR Noel of California won the
 "First Player Pre-Registered" Award
 for the 2nd consecutive year!**

The tournament kicked off with Events 1 & 2 (two divisions of Bring 4-Person Team) on Sun., Feb. 23rd. Winners were:

Div. I Bring 4-Person Team (Add to '1' or more):
(Open to All: 11 Teams/44 players):

1st Place (no photo avail.): David Williams Sr (captain), David Williams Jr (both of TX), Sally Goff, Steve Walker (both of OK)



2nd Place (L-R)(above): Darrol Nelson (captain) (OR), Ryan Devlin (WA), Gary George (WA), Freddie Johns (WA)

Div. I Bring 4-Person Team (Add to '1' or more):
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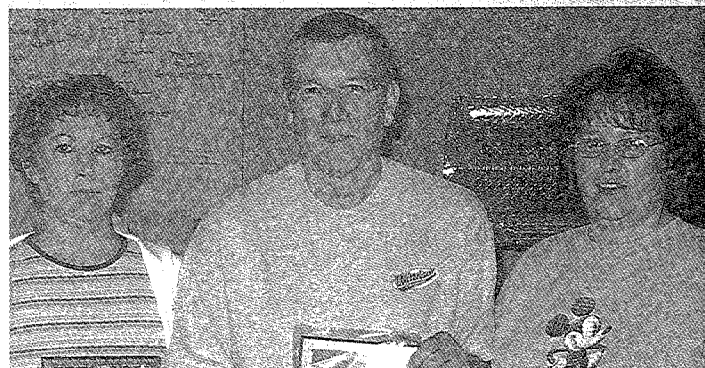


3rd Place (L-R)(above): Debbie Voorhis (IN), Chris Passariello (NV), Bobby Voorhis (captain-IN), Jeff McFadden (IN)
 [Editor Comment: Jeff McFadden is one caught by increment weather when Chicago airport closed - he was not sure whether he would get to Vegas or not - GLAD YOU DID, JEFF!!]

Div. II Bring 4-Person Team (Add to '9' or more)
(Open to 1 thru 4 Rated Players: 16 Teams/64 players)



1st Place (L-R)(above): Tom Parr (captain), Chucky Boustead, Bill Cowan, Jim Nicoll (all Canadian Team)



2nd Place (L-R)(above): Linda Ritter (captain), Jim Kosiske, Mickey Moy, Shelly Hagen (no pic) - Nebraska Team



3rd Place (L-R)(above): Ron Sosovec (captain-CO), Erik Dickes (NE), Steve Hamilton (NE), Drew Willingham (TX-no pic)

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Div. II Bring 4-Person Team (Add to '9' or more):
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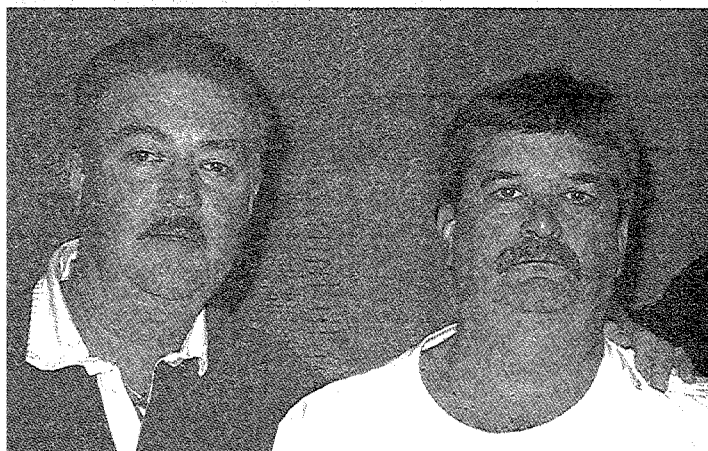


4th Place (L-R): Marty Shepard (captain-NE), Nicole Medina (NE)

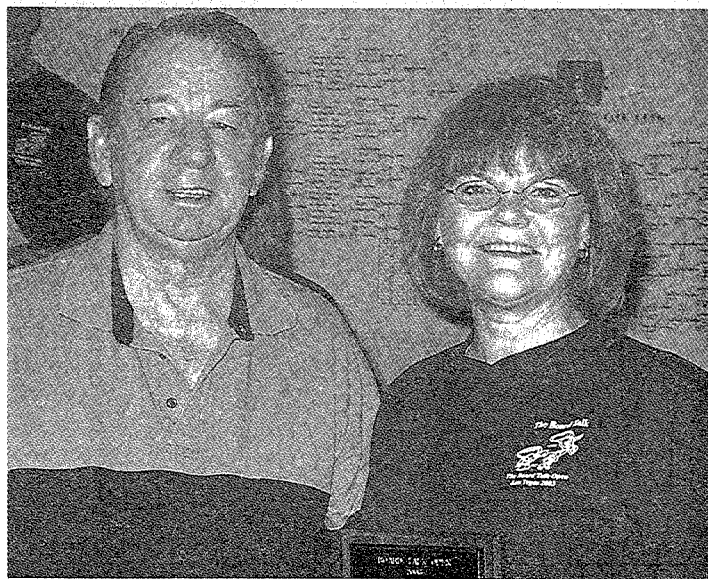
and not pictured:
 Jack Davis (TX) and
 Rondo Venclauskas

On Monday, Feb. 24, Events 3 & 4 (two divisions of A/B Draw) started at 9am. Winners were:

Div. I A/B Draw Partner (no two "-1's")
 (Open to -1 thru 1 Rated Players: 23 Teams/46 players)



1st Place (L-R)(above): Flynt Preston (TX) & Jim Payne (NE)

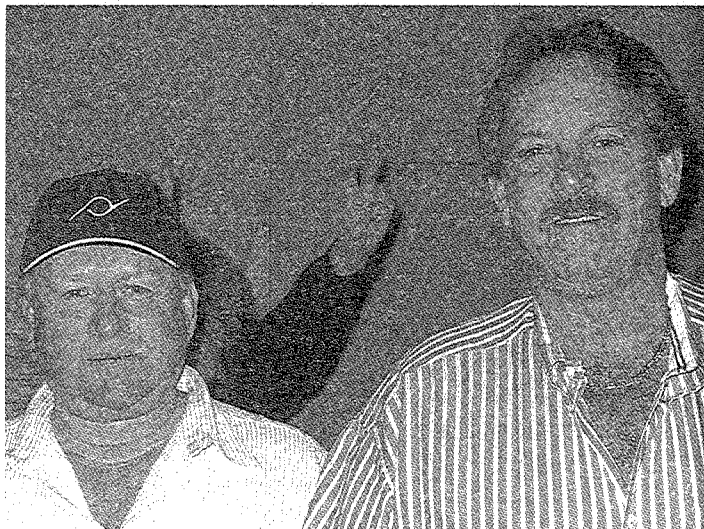


2nd Place (L-R)(above): Harvey Kidd & Linda Nobles (both - TX)

Div. I A/B Draw Partner (no two "-1's")
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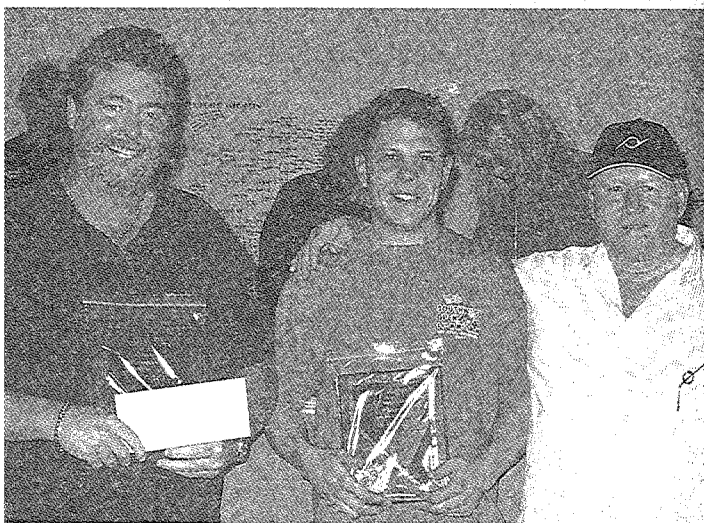


3rd Place (left):
 Danny Holland (OR) &
 Dan Hitt (WA-not pictured)



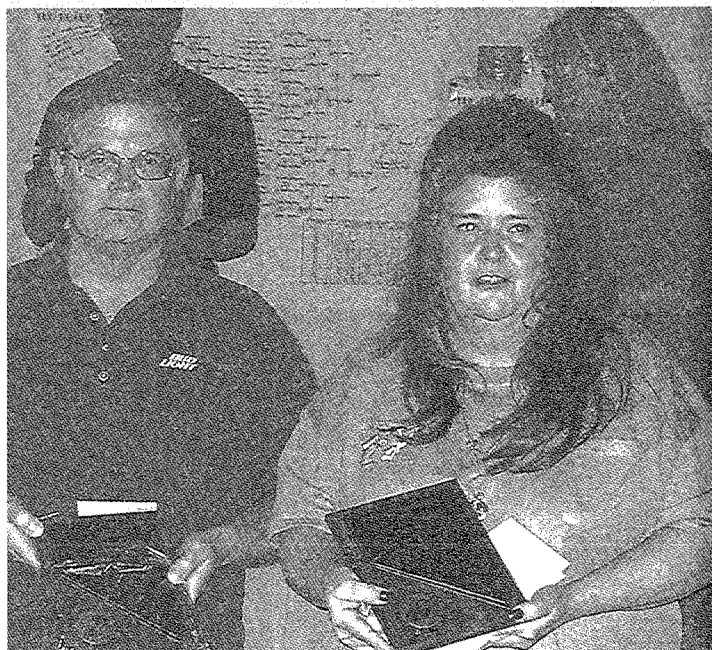
4th Place (L-R)(above):
 Ronnie Gamble (OK) & Mahlon Nobles (TX)

Div. II A/B Draw Partner (no two "2's")
 (Open to 2 thru 4 Rated Players: 29 Teams/58 players)



1st Place (L-R)(above):
 Greg Hixon (TX) & Erik Dickes (NE) pictured with sponsor:
 Ronnie Gamble (OK)

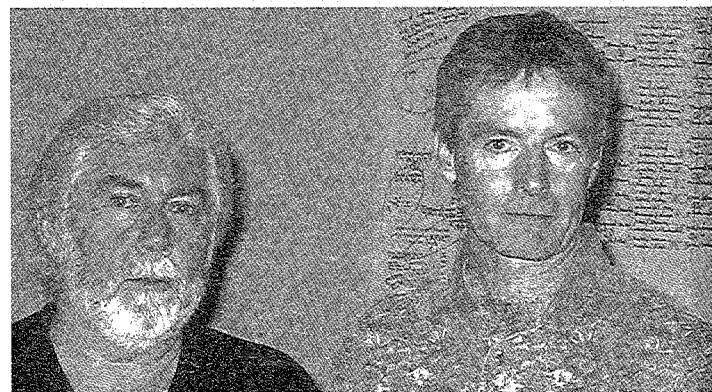
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Div. II A/B Draw Partner (no two "2's")*(Continued from Page 8, Col. 2)***2nd Place (L-R)(above):**

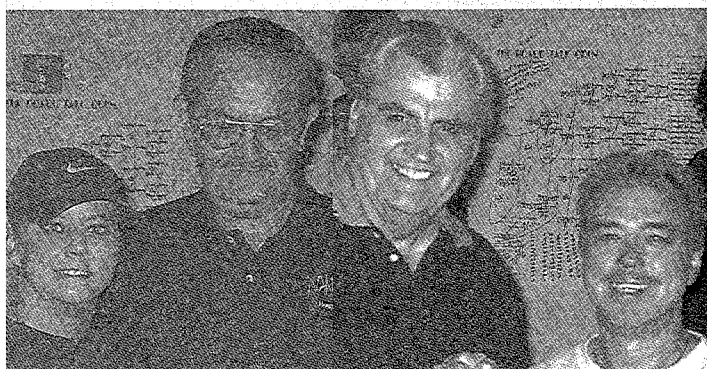
Bill Cowan (Canada) & Lorraine Bingham-Olson (CA)

**3rd Place (L-R)(above):**

Debbie Sexton (TX) & Billy Poole (OK-no pic) pictured with sponsor Denise Klein (aka "desk staff guru")

**4th Place (L-R)(above):**

JR "Danger" Noel (CA) & Jim Nicoll (Canada)

Div. II A/B Draw Partner (no two "2's")*(Continued from Col. 1)***5th/6th (tie) (L-R)(above):**Nicole Medina (NE)/Gilbert Baird (TX) and
Jim Golden (NV)/DeeRay Garcia (OK)

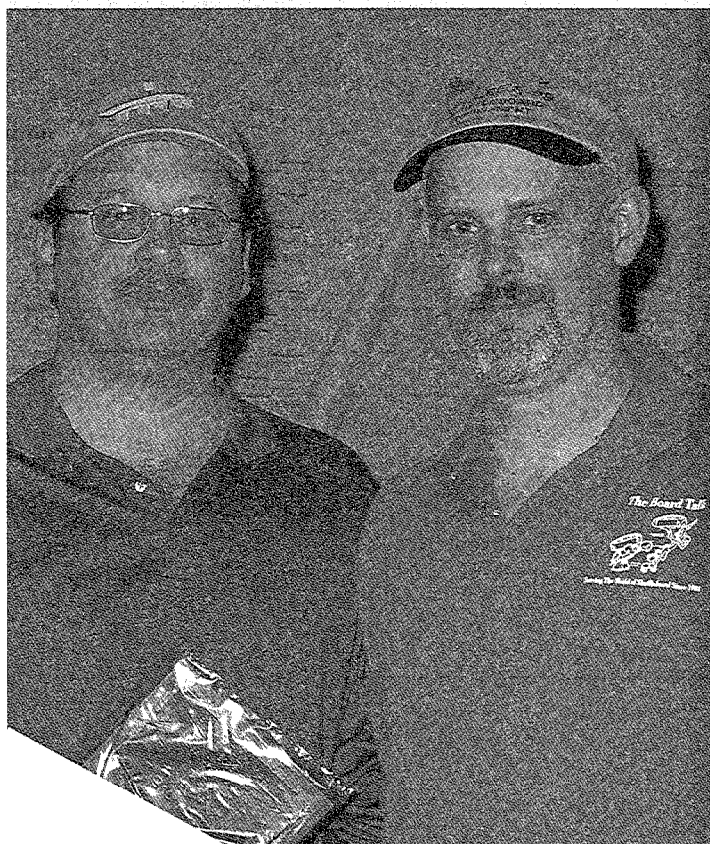
Tuesday & Wednesday (Feb. 25-26) Event 5 (6-Person Draft Team) was played. Winners were:

**6-Person Draft Team (highest rated=captains)
(Open to ALL Players: 21 Teams/126 players)****1st Place (L-R)(above):**Chris Passariello (captain-NV), Scott Townley (MO), Jim
Golden (NV), Ryan Devlin (WA),
Danny Leach, Floyd Martinez (both-NV)**2nd Place (L-R)(above):**Chris Smith (TX), Al Salazar (captain-AZ), Denise Yohn (AZ),
Pat Gainey (TX), Eric Chiles (CA), Jeffrey Keyes (NV)**3rd Place (L-R)(above):**Dub Hatley (OK), Billy Poole (OK), Steve Hammond (NE),
Diana Hagen (captain-TX), James Cummings (TX),
Rondo Venclauskas (NE)*(Board Talk Open 2003 Continued On Page 10)*

6-Person Draft Team (highest rated=captains)*(Continued from Page 9, Col. 2)*

4th Place: Jim Nicoll (CAN), Erik Dickes (TX), Bill Cowan (CAN), Bill Melton (captain-OK), Brian Dial (OK), Sue Webster (NE)

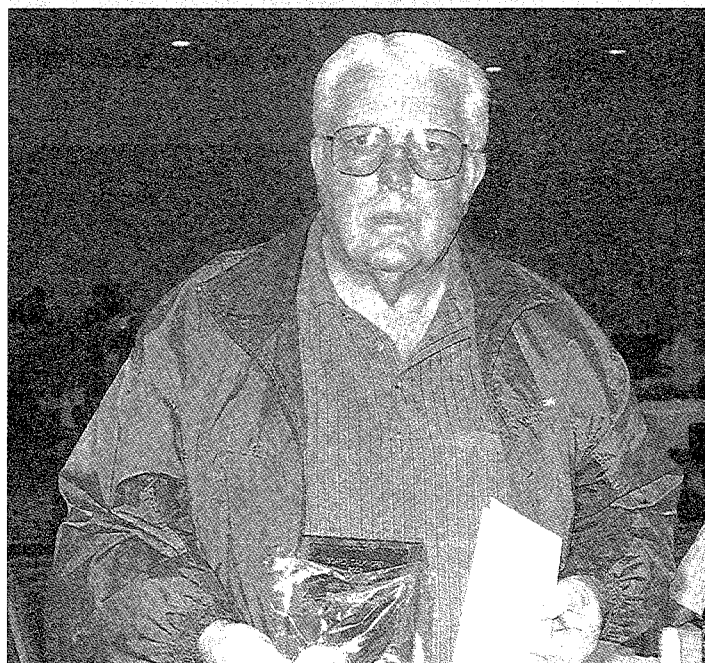
Wednesday afternoon/evening the Sponsor Sale for the Singles Events was held. Then Events 6,7,8 (3 Divisions of Singles) started on Thursday at 9am. Winners were:

Pro Singles (2/3 Both Brackets/Double Elim.)**(Open to ALL Players: 19 Players)**

1st Place (above right) & 2nd Place (above left):

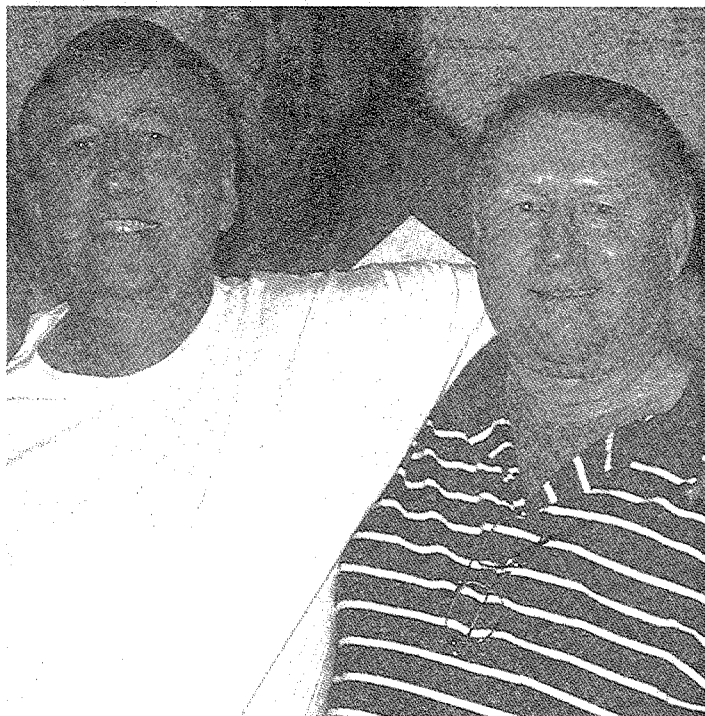
Dan Hitt (right) of WA took 1st Place
Bobby Voorhis (left) of IN took 2nd Place

Notable: this was the second consecutive major tournament for Dan Hitt to take 1st Place in Pro Singles (took 1st Place Pro Singles at the HHO 2002 In December) which is quite a feat for any Pro! He was further rewarded with a Board Talk Open 2003 Denim Tournament Jacket for this outstanding accomplishment!

Pro Singles (2/3 Double Elim. both brackets)*(Continued from Col. 1)*

3rd Place (above): Bill Melton (OK)

4th Place: Billy Melton (OK-no picture)

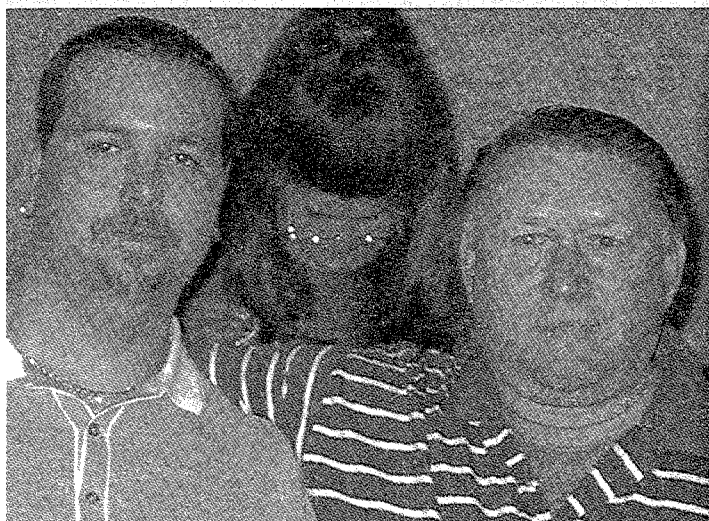
Div. I Singles (2/3 Winner Bracket/Double Elim.)**(Open to "1" thru "4" Rated Players: 50 Players)**

1st Place (above):

Ron Sosovec (CO) pictured w/ sponsor Ronnie Gamble (OK)

Notable: Ron Sosovec is the MVP Point Champ for "1" Rated Player Category (see page 6). Congrats!

Div. I Singles (2/3 Winner Bracket/Double Elim.)
(Continued from Page 10, Col. 2)



2nd Place (above):

Ryan Devlin (WA) pictured w/ sponsor Ronnie Gamble (OK)

Notable: Ryan Devlin is the MVP Point Champ for "2" Rated Players AND "Overall MVP Point Champ Categories" (see page 6). Congrats! Also Notable: Ronnie Gamble sure knows how to pick & sponsor the winners, huh?!?!



3rd Place (above):

Jeff McFadden (IN) pictured w/ sponsor Linda Ritter (NE)

Notable: Ronnie Gamble only missed one sponsorship in the top 4 places of this event - and it was Linda Ritter who apparently outdid Ronnie on this one! GRIN!

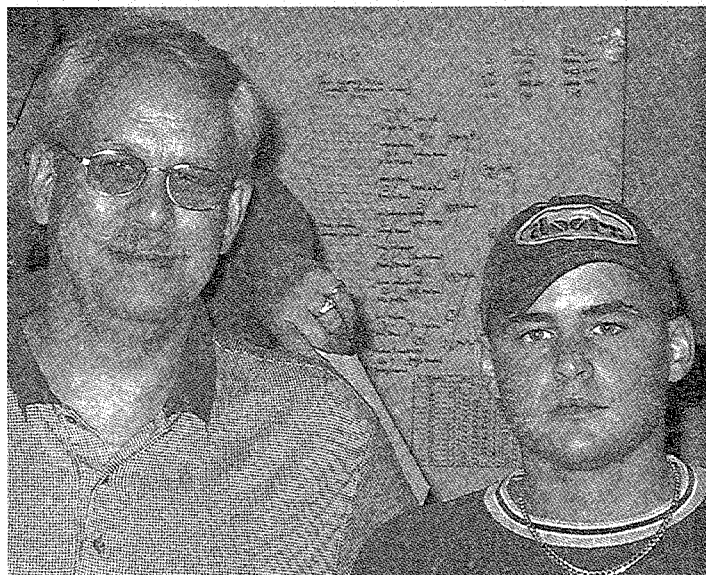
Div. I Singles (2/3 Winner Bracket/Double Elim.)
(Continued from Col. 1)



4th Place (above):

Linda Nobles (TX) pictured w/ sponsor Ronnie Gamble (OK)

Notable: Ronnie Gambles picks a winning sponsorship again! What a grin, huh?



5th/6th Place (tie) (L-R Above):

David Sexton (TX) & David Williams Jr (TX)



7th/8th Place (tie) (L-R Above):

Wendell Herbison (AZ) w/ sponsor Billy Poole (OK)
Harvey Kidd (TX) sponsor of winner Mary Brown (IN-right)

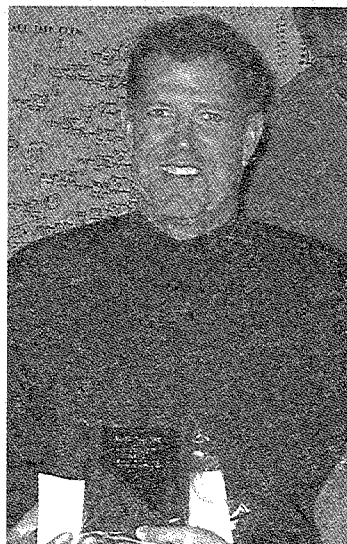
Div. II Singles (Single Game/Double Elimination)
(Open to "3" thru "5" Rated Players: 36 Players)



1st Place (above):
Mickey Moy (NE)



2nd Place (above):
Barbara Crum (Northern CA)



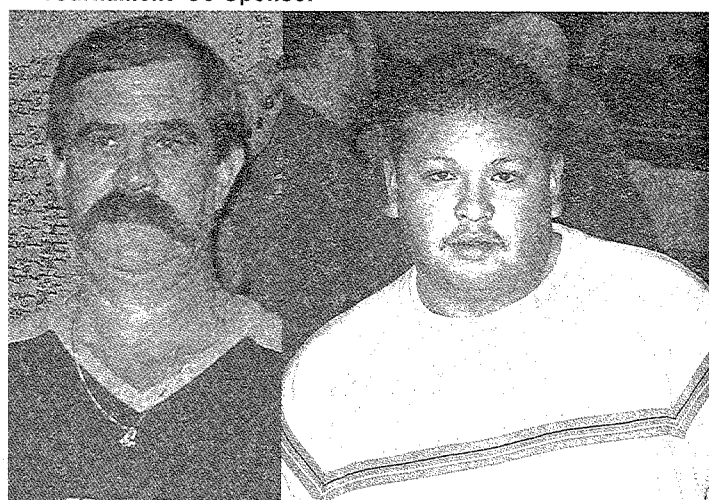
3rd Place (above):
Kelye Stites (TX)
Champion Shuffleboard
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4th Place (above):
Debbie Sexton (TX)
(BTW... sponsored by
Ronnie Gamble!)



5th/6th (tie) (above): Milford Parker (OK-no picture) tied w/
 Joyce Gamble (above left) pictured w/ hubby &
 sponsor (guess who? Ronnie Gamble, of course!)



7th/8th (tie) (L-R Above):
Tom Parr (CAN) & Gabriel Uribe (NV)

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Palace Bar "Open Doubles"...

*Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana
January 25, 2003 & March 8, 2003
Reported By: Bobby Voorhis*

On January 25th, the Palace Bar held an Open Doubles tournament. Seventeen teams vied for \$3,680 with Tom and Greg Massie taking top honors. Second place was Jim Long and Glen Ingram; third place was Tom Nolder and Jim Hamilton; and fourth place went to Terry Dowell and Rick Royal.

On March 8th, the Palace Bar held an Open Doubles tournament and, again, we had seventeen teams playing for \$3,130. First place went to Jerry Siebert and Dave Boaz. Tom Nolder and Bobby Voorhis took second. Third place went to Jim Hamilton and Jody Berry with Rick Royal and Terry Dowell taking 4th place.

Indiana League Play Completes Another Successful Season...

The Delaware County (Indiana) Shuffleboard League has completed another successful season. The play rotates among four businesses: David L's, Oasis, Sportsmans, and Red Dog Saloon. A player must compete in half the events and at least once in each bar. This qualifies the player for a final tournament. The final tournament was worth over \$3,000 this year. The prize money comes from part of the entry fee and fund raisers.

This years winners were:

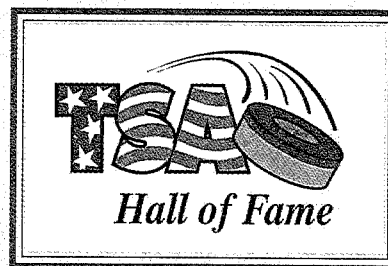
First Rudy Parris and Gary Williams
Second Bob Brown Sr. and Danny Eppard
Third Diane Young and Dave Welch
Fourth Taya Keesling and Larry Vance

The largest part of the entry fee is paid back at each event. The bars furnish door prizes at each tournament. The bars also award a prize to an individual. The prize is a combination of attendance and games won. This years individual winner was Bob Brown Sr.

We hope to renew friendships with players this summer. We plan to travel to MI, MO, and OKLA.

Reported by: --League Secretary Sheryl Cockerill

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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 is a TSA Membership Form inserted into the flyer section of this May 2003 The Board Talk Issue.

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

Red Dog Saloon "Open Doubles"

March 22-23, 2003

Red Dog Saloon, Port Orchard, WA

Report & Photos Submitted By: Sharon Nugent, WA

Tournament Director's Comments

The sun came out to shine on the Open Doubles Tournament at the Red Dog Saloon in Port Orchard, WA.

Most of the usual suspects were present with a notable, but forgiven few. The tournament got started a little ("could someone please tell the tournament director what time it is") early Saturday, but went smoothly with quite the number of upsets. Some of the persons who normally lead our tournaments found themselves fighting back from the "we didn't win category". But no matter which direction they were heading, everyone showed good sportsmanship with a "little" civility thrown in for good measure.

Sunday turned out to be just like Saturday with some of the local talent showing their knowledge of the boards and their skill for the game. Port Orchard's Justin Kasa, teamed up with Jim Tribble, took their Saturday's winning streak and turned their efforts into a strong 3rd place finish. I do believe I saw a few side ways glances and surprised expressions directed their way.

When it came down to shut up and shoot time. We found Don Mitchell and Tom Campbell dueling it out with Vern Gonzalez and Darrol Nelson for the championship. With the first match on the line in the rubber game, Vern placed an excellent hammer in the 3 at a point in the game that turned a possible trip for a double dip into a solid lead for the eventual win for his team.

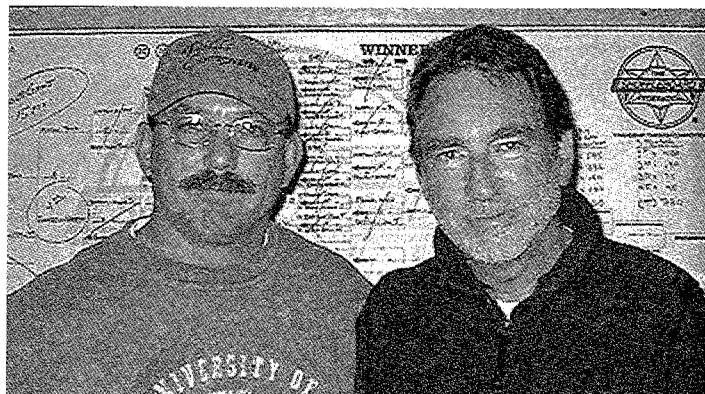
Congratulations to all who participated in this tournament. It is for you that we take time out of our lives to insure when you come to Port Orchard, we show you one hell of a good tournament!

--Randy Ables, Red Dog Tournament Director

A special Thank You goes out to all of those who helped make this happen including Larry Hudson, owner Red Dog Saloon; Justin Kasa, Tournament Co-Director; Mike Waters, Tournament Grand Poobah; Jim Manders, Tournament Mentor; Linda Walker and Vera Brown for their tireless efforts in feeding us and helping with the boards, and Peggy and Don for their work behind the scenes. --Sharon Nugent

Winners were:

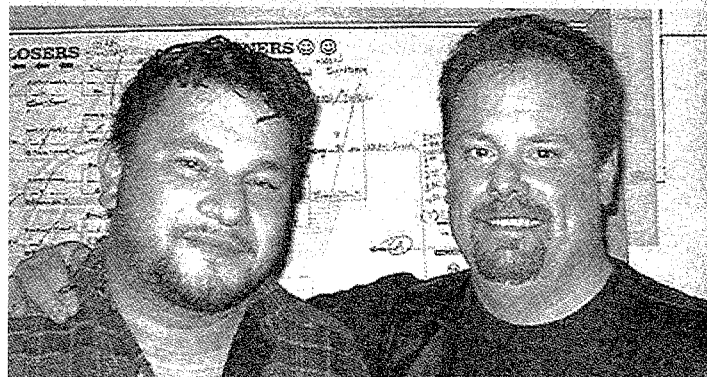
- 1st Place = Darrol Nelson and Vern Gonzales
- 2nd Place = Don Mitchell and Tom Campbell
- 3rd Place = Jim Tribble and Justin Kasa
- 4th Place = Sharon Nugent and Randy Ables
- 5th-6th tie = Ryan (Runion) Devlin and Mike Olson
Alvin Orcutt and Larry Pearson



1st Place: (L-R)
Vern Gonzalez & Darrol Nelson



2nd Place: (L-R)
Don Mitchell & Tom Campbell



3rd Place: (L-R)
Justin Kasa & Jim Tribble



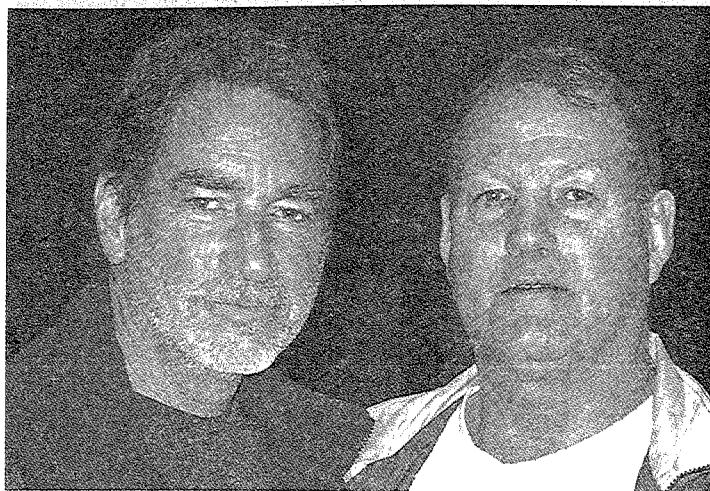
4th Place: (L-R) LEFT
Sharon Nugent & Randy Ables

5th/6th Place (tie) (no photo):
Ryan Devlin/Mike Olson &
Alvin Orcutt/Larry Pearson

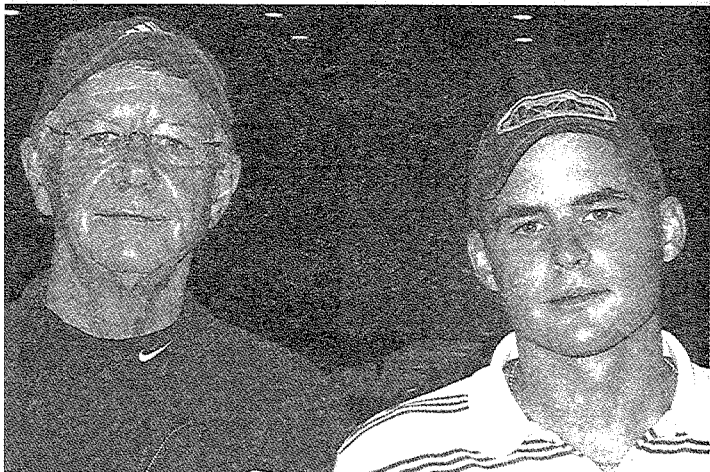
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Friday afternoon/evening the Sponsor Sale for the Bring Partner Events was held. Then Events 9, 10, 11 (3 Divisions of Bring Partner) started on Saturday at 9am. Winners were:

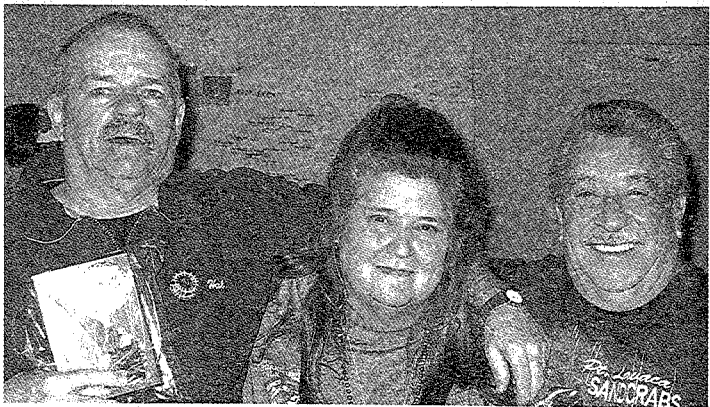
Pro Bring Partner (2/3 Both Brackets/Double Elim.)
(No two -1's: Open to ALL: 14 Teams/28 Players)



1st Place (L-R)(above):
Darrol Nelson (OR) & Freddie Johns (WA)

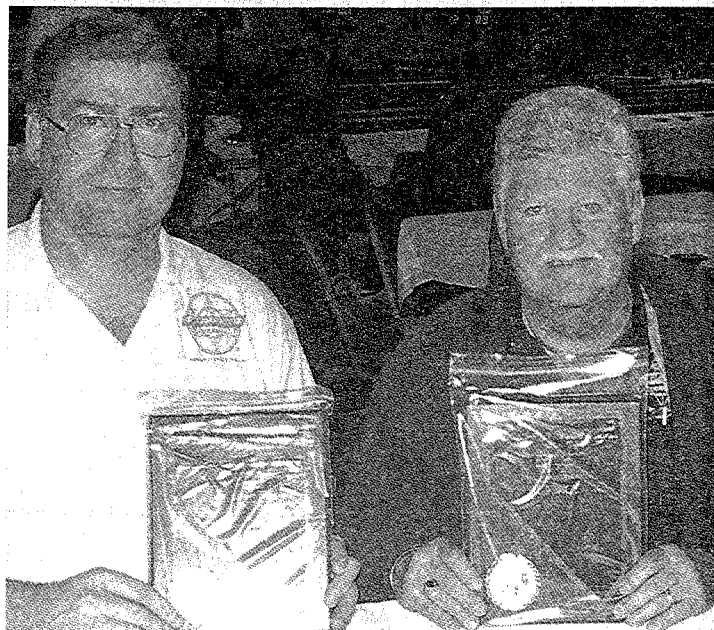


2nd Place (L-R)(above):
David Williams Sr. & David Williams Jr (Father/Son Texas Team)



3rd Place above):
Hal Perry (left - CA) & George Camara (right - CA) pictured with sponsor Lorraine Bingham-Olson (center)

Div. I Bring Partner (Add to "3")
(2/3 Winner Bracket/Double Elim.)
("1" thru "4" Rated Players: 30 Teams/60 Players)



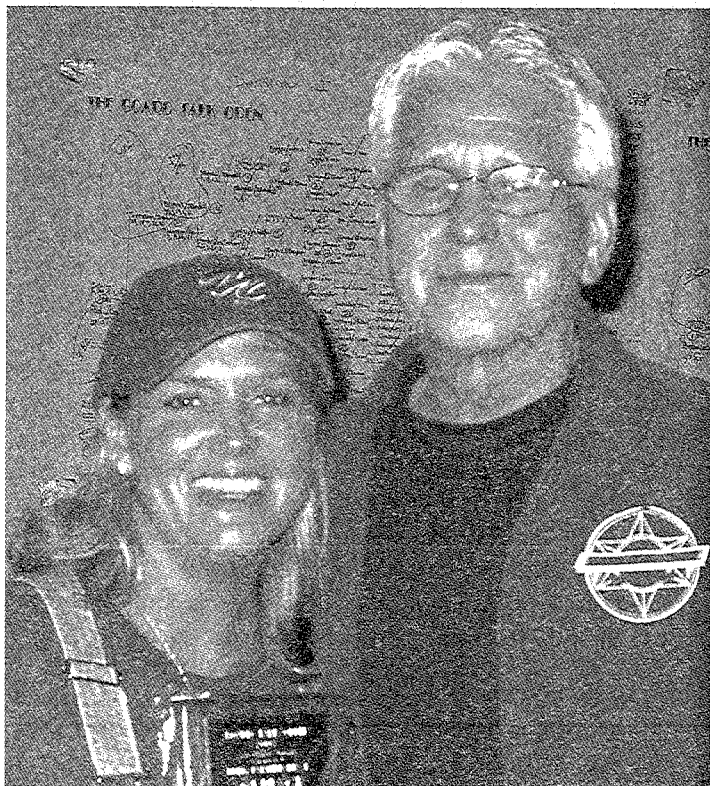
1st Place (L-R)(above): Arizona Team of
Wendell Herbison & Wayne "Scotty" Scott



2nd Place (L-R)(above):
"Lagging" Lilly Kidd (TX) & Ron Sosovec (CO)

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Div. I Bring Partner (Add to "3")
(Continued from Page 20, Col. 2)



3rd Place (L-R)(above): Oklahoma Team of Sally Goff & Billy Poole



4th Place (L-R)(above): Washington Team of Ryan Devlin & Gary Thompson



5th/6th Place tie (L-R)(above):
Husband/wife team from California:
Anna & Bob Brunskill tied w/
Nevada Team of Jim Golden & Floyd Martinez
(no photo: see Jim & Floyd Pg. 6, 6-person 1st place team)

Div. II Bring Partner (Add to "6")
(2/3 Winner Bracket/Double Elim.)
("3" thru "5" Rated Players: 11 Teams/22 Players)



1st Place (L-R)(above): Canadian Team of Tom Parr & Chucky Boustead pictured w/ Marty Shepard



2nd Place (L-R)(above): Texas Team of Denise Klein & Mike Regan

Again, thanks to all attendees, sponsors, staff & volunteers! The **3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004** is tentatively planned for **March 28-April 4, 2004**.

We tentatively reserved March 28-April 4 at the Plaza Hotel/Casino. However, primarily due to the high board transport cost round trip Texas/Vegas and union labor costs required for load/unload in Vegas, ballroom rental w/ no real comps at all offered by the Plaza Hotel, we are checking into other potentially less costly localities. Will post details when dates/locality are firm. Any comments or suggestions welcome! Thanks for all of your continued support! --T&L French

Mason Dixon Classic

February 21-23, 2003

Harvey's Place, Street, MD

Report Submitted By: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, DE

Yes, the Mason Dixon Classic was held at our long time shuffleboard establishment at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. Despite many obstacles, Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer proved to be dedicated to shuffleboard and the players. First off, we were not recovered from a snow storm of over two feet, plus a forecast of a torrential rain storm which did come and provided "black ice" and severe flooding - we think everybody that came received a phone call that their basements and homes were flooded. The weather conditions also closed some of the roads leading to Harvey's Place. Additionally, our friendly rivals at Market Street Cafe had a tournament the weekend before that ended in a snow storm that left memories of being stranded and not being able to get home. Then there was the scheduled "All Star Tournament" of the Philadelphia league the same weekend. Not enough... See the other article following this report (see page 23 - next page) titled "Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland... What Happened?" explaining that Harvey's Place was sold to new owners and when this happens despite our best efforts - some folks take it upon themselves to spread rumors that the tournaments were cancelled. They weren't and they knew it. This place is one of the few places in the US that keeps 4 in-house shuffleboards.

Back to the positive... yes, the tournament started with a Draw Partner event using the Bowers Rating System on Friday night. The last two people to draw each other at Harvey's were a father/son team who went to the end together and won the tournament: Anthony (son) and Wayne Todd of Newark, Delaware. Cheering them on was "mom" Todd Faye and watched them stuff their pockets at the winners table. Second place was won by our host Harvey Comer (how appropriate) and his partner Wendy Davis of Wilmington, DE. Third place went to our long-time and long-absent friend from Sherburne, NY, Steve Bennett and Ed Hammond of Chester, PA.

Saturday's Bring Partner event (doubtful because of torrential downpour of rain became a reality) because of a persistent host and some die hard shuffleboard players. Winning First Place (again) were our shuffleboard "love birds" Jen Pickett (Northeast, MD) and Kurt Mauer (Conowingo, MD). Second place went to Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) and Jim Dennis (Perryville, MD) "when will I get first?". Third place went appropriately to our long-time hostess Darlyne Belcher and her partner Lindsay Hall (Baltimore, MD).

Saturday nights regular (probably the last) Draw Partner event (\$20 entry) was won by Wendy Davis (Wilmington, DE) and Kurt Mauer (Conowingo, MD). Second place was won by Steve Bennett (Sherburne, NY) and Cid Floriani (Beach Haven, NJ).

Sunday morning brought sunshine (but it didn't last long, by noon it was snowing again) but it also brought a lot more entries for the Singles match. Playing doggedly and hard all day provided the ultimate winner Mike Miller (Aldan, PA), followed by Jim Dennis "when will I be first?" (Perryville, MD).

Third place Jen Pickett and in fourth place final money spot was Len Dell (Baltimore, MD).

In spirit of Mason-Dixon (North-South), we must report of the money winners: South=11; North=9 (pretty even).

The Maryland State Championship were to be held on April 11-13th (report coming next month on those results- awaiting photos).
-- Reported by Dick Gorman, DE

Harvey's Place, Street, MD

"What Happened?"

March 2003

Harvey's Place, Street, MD

Report & History Submitted By: Dick Gorman, Wilmington, DE

It is true this home of 4 in-house shuffleboards was sold. The new owners have indicated future shuffleboard tournaments are not in their plans. As we write these boards have been sold and all are gone -- with a lot of fond memories.

Now what? To the rescue came Darlyne and Harvey. The Maryland State Championships being held at another site Harvey Juniors (about a mile down the road) April 11-13. It won't be the same, but the spirit will. Harvey went to work to convert his other place and has already purchased 3 boards to accommodate us and is negotiating for 2 more boards and is in process of designing an expansion to accommodate a room that will provide space for 3 shuffleboards on a permanent basis. How's that for effort and dedication to shuffleboard in two short weeks?

First off, the Maryland State Championships will be held at Harvey Juniors and is open to residents of all states and the winners will be appropriately rewarded (report coming soon on these events and results).

A little history when Nelson Renzo decided to withdraw from the large tournament scene in the early 90's, Harvey and Darlyne jumped in with 4 in-house boards and have provided us with a minimum of 4 tournaments a year (sometimes as many as 7 and the first national Board Talk tournament ever held in Maryland where we had 7 boards for that one). This has been going on for over 10 years. During all these years, they never charged registration fees and all monies collected were returned to the players (no cutting the pot here). Many times people were stuck and Harvey and Darlyne found them beds or a place to sleep. Sometimes provided free hookups for trailers and motor homes and campers. Opened their kitchen early and brought in cooks for breakfast time.

Who will ever forget the free meals provided by Darlyne and her cooks to all participants and their guest at the 2 and 3 day tournaments -- that woman could always cook! Many of us remember when they held the national Board Talk tournament and they closed the shuffleboards down for 2 hours and invited us to a specially erected tent in the parking lot to a real "pig roast" as thanks to us for coming. What a day that was. We all remember because of the spare 3 boards had to be installed at a second site down the road so Harvey provided shuttle transportation back/forth from 9am until 12pm no cost -- no DUI's.

Well that is what Darlyne and Harvey are all about. So at the tournament in April, I hope everyone thanks them for all they have done to make our shuffleboard world fun and wish them well at their new place Harvey Juniors and what it will mean to the shuffleboard world.

We hope that many of our old and new friends will remember what this has meant to us. Look to see many old faces and friends when we say thanks to Darlyne and Harvey.

-- Reported by Dick Gorman, DE

2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

MAY 2003

May 10-11

3-Person Team (Two Divisions)
Buzz's Mud Bay
Olympia, Washington

May 16-18

Amvets' Doubles & Singles
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

May 17

Continuous A-B \$10 Draws
Fiasco Cocktails
San Antonio, Texas

May 18-26 (flyer insert April issue)

3rd Annual Memorial Day Tourney
133 Club
Manteca, California

May 21-26 (flyer insert April issue)

22nd Memorial Day Extravaganza
Season Ticket
Spokane, Washington

May 21-26

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

May 22-26 (flyer insert April issue)

4th Annual Memorial Day Tourney
Danny's Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

May 22-26 (flyer insert April issue)

Wachita Handicap Memorial Day
Full House Bar
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 22-25

Memorial Day Tournament
Honky Tonk Saloon
Sherburne, New York

May 23-26 (flyer insert April issue)

Michigan Open (Memorial Weekend)
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

May 23-26 (flyer insert April issue)

5th Annual Memorial Day Tourney
Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill
Bellflower, California

May 30-31

15th Forest Festival
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

May 30-31

2nd Annual A-B-C Tournament
Steeleville Country Club
Steeleville, Missouri

JUNE/JULY 2003

June 7-8

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 (flyer insert)

Southwest Open 2003
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

JULY 2003

July 3-7 (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 29-August 3

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 28-September 1

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

SEPTEMBER 2003

September 13-14

3-Person Team
Red Dog Saloon
Port Orchard, Washington

September 18-21

5th Annual Wandering Ladies Tourney
Musette Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

September 19-21

Annual "Fall Doubles & Singles"

Amvets Post 26

Pendleton, Indiana

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

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 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 27-29

9th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney

Eagles Lodge

Houston, Missouri

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

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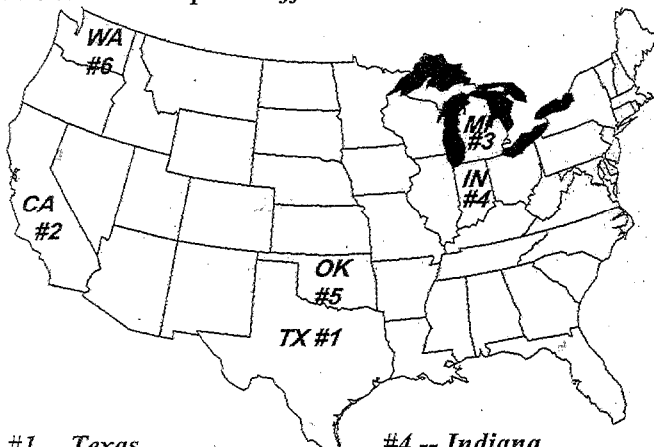
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