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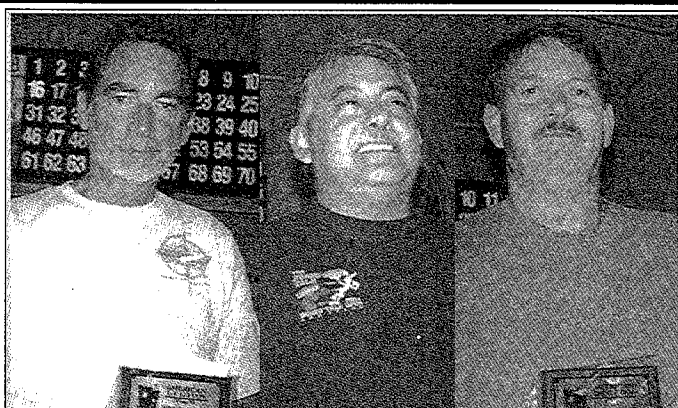
SW OPEN 2003

June 29-July 5, 2003

American Legion #73, Del City, Oklahoma

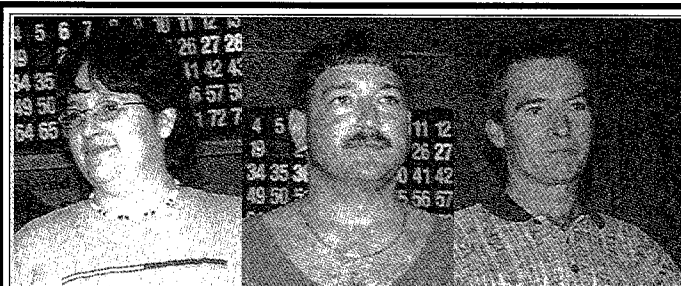
Results & Photos Submitted By: Ronnie & Joyce Gamble, Seminole, Oklahoma

The SW Open 2003 was held at the American Legion Post 73, 5000 SE 24th, in Del City, Oklahoma on June 29 - July 5, 2003. The tournament kicked off with two divisions of Bring 4-Person team on Sunday, June 29. Monday was four divisions of Singles. Tuesday was two divisions of A/B Draw. Thursday was the ever so popular 6-Person Draft Team. Saturday started the final events of four divisions of Bring Partner. Another great tournament with players from across the US & Canada enjoying the competition and fun. Don Crall and the American Legion wish to thank all players, spectators, staff and volunteers for making this tournament another successful year of fun and competition. Event's Winner photos follow:



Pro Singles: (Above L-R): Darrol Nelson (1st); Al Salazar (2nd); Mahlon Nobles (3rd); and not pictured: Bobby Voorhis (4th); Terry Dowell & Billy Melton (5th/6th); Carlos Guzman & Lenny Dell (7th/8th)

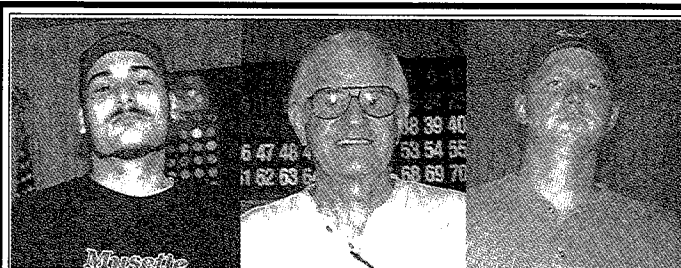
Div. I Singles: (No pictures available): Ryan Devlin (1st); Ken Simmons (2nd); Graig Amundson (3rd); Flynt Preston (4th); Brenda Williams & Ron Sosovec (5th/6th); Doug Pagen & Rick Yingst (7th/8th)



Div II Singles: (Above L-R): Mickey Moy (1st); Gary Neff (2nd); Jim Nicoll (3rd); and not pictured: Rick Stocker (4th); Ferlin Kearns & Billy Poole (5th/6th); Tom Arellano & Rick McFarland (7th/8th)

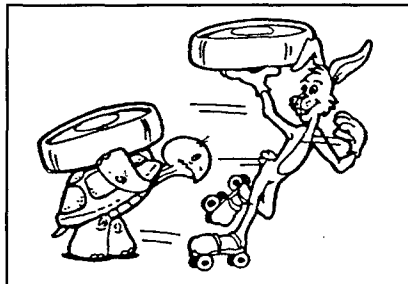
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Div III Singles: (Above L-R): Shane Hagen (1st); Jim French (2nd); Justin Voychecke (3rd); and not pictured: Steve Hansen (4th); Steve Taylor & Ron McMahan (5th/6th); Greg Wood & Lee Boyajian (7th/8th)

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Message from Ron & Debbie Bowers Regarding: Bowers' Rating System

Dear Raters & Tournament Directors:

It has come to our attention that there are numerous players listed in the rating book which do not play in tournaments. The Bowers Rating System was not designed for league players or for local players that never play in a tournament outside their home board. It was created to help tournament directors and shuffleboard tournaments, in general, by trying to get as close as possible a rating for players which attend the tournaments.

We just received notice from one of our raters that he is adding 3 new players and deleting 44 players, 3 are deceased and the remaining 41 players had not played in a tournament in over 3 years and most of them never played in a tournament at all. We really appreciate raters that stay on their toes like this... we know it is extra work for the raters, but it really helps us with our time and cost.

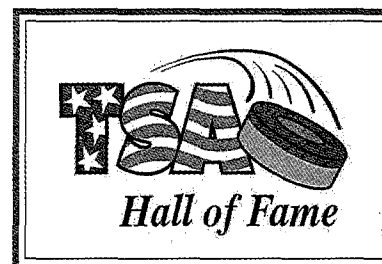
We know most of our States are okay, but some need some house cleaning. We heard a rumor (not sure if it is true or not) that some raters think that if they add more players they will in turn get to have more raters in their area.

Right now we are approaching 3,600 rated shuffleboard players. This is great if they are all playing in shuffleboard tournaments.

Donations have been 1/5 as much as usual this year and printing cost and postage have increased. We do not mind doing the ratings for free or break even, but we are not sure how many years we can afford to lose money.

We are open for suggestions on how to maintain a good rating system. Maybe we do not need to keep our website, which costs over \$500/year. One suggestion we might make is that once a year each area choose one of their main tournaments to ask players for a \$1 donation for support of the ratings. Thanks, Ron & Debbie Bowers 512-252-8188

TSA Director Election Results (Effective September 1, 2003)



Thanks to all TSA Associate Members that cast their ballots to elect TSA Directors for the next 3 year tenure. Votes were tallied and the number of TSA Directors has been expanded from 12 to 17 Directors, as follows:
[NOTE: * after last name indicates they are a newly elected TSA Director; all others (without *) are a re-elected TSA Director (incumbent)]

Arizona (1):	Al Salazar
California (2):	Bob Hunt, Hal Perry
Florida (1):	Ray Boyett
Indiana (1):	Larry Creakbaum
Michigan (1):	Jerry Siebert*
Missouri (1):	Rick Pittman*
Nebraska (1):	Jim Payne*
Oklahoma (2):	Cliff Goff, Steve Walker*
Pennsylvania (1):	Louise Freer
Texas (3):	Lynda French, Harvey Kidd, Don Valk
Washington (3):	Dave Arndt, Fred Johns*, Frank Mako

The above elected TSA Directors will soon be voting on the TSA Officers (which will serve up to a 3 year term before elections are held again) for the TSA offices of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

Again, "Many Thanks" to all of the TSA Associate Members for supporting the organization and to those that took the time to participate and cast their votes for our new slate of TSA Directors. --- Thanks, TSA Directors

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-- URGENT ATTENTION --

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Terry Dowell extends "thanks"...

Just wanted to write in and to thank everyone involved with the SW Open 2003 in Del City, OK. Pam and I had a great time seeing many of our friends, shufflers and non-shufflers alike, as well as family members in the area. We made a vacation of it, playing lots of golf, loading up on real Mexican food, and enjoying two weeks in Oklahoma.

It's always a fun time at this tournament and it was gratifying to have done well in a couple of events. I especially want to tell Johnny Wayne Crawford how much I enjoyed playing with him in the Pro Doubles. We made a great put-together team, didn't we?

In addition, I want to give special thanks to our Kentucky buds, Mike and Susie Halstead. Their generous gift to me went far beyond the boundaries of friendship. For those who don't know, they presented me with a set of weights that had belonged to my father. These weights are the old fashioned, flat, chrome-finished type with original tops. They were made by Monarch and are probably fifty years old. Dad inadvertently gave them away when he sold his shuffleboard, not realizing their monetary and sentimental value to me. Mike and Susie learned of this, searched them out and bought them for me. It is a present I will always treasure, almost as much as the love and kindness that inspired the gift.

— Terry Dowell, Indiana

Glen Davidson's Road Trip...

I'm back home after a two week trip of shufflin'. I got to Noblesville, Indiana and called on Butch the "Oz" and Connie for a night of R&R and lo and behold they were such good hosts that I stayed for twelve to fourteen days with them. Butch is trying to revive shuffleboard in the Noblesville area.

I went over early to Pendleton to look things over. They had a real nice club house sitting on one to two acres which makes a nice RV park for folks like me and four in-house boards, great food, and drinks. There were only a few players there on this Friday night before tournament time, so I took them over to the Eagles in Noblesville to help Butch's effort in getting it all going again... Round Robins on Friday night at the Eagles. There were twelve or more folks there, so that was a good start. A player from that area called "Dink" is just starting to play again after an accident that almost took his life. He was the Noblesville "Champ" for a few years. I hear that people didn't want to go there to play him at home during the 70's. Dink, I hope you can make it back with all of us "old has beens". Dink also came to Pendleton to play the Mixed Doubles with Ronna, a lady player from Noblesville. I had the pleasure of winning with Ronna one of nights we played there on a Draw Partner. Jeff, Rudy, Rocky were the players from Pendleton to participate. Butch says it's going to be an uphill battle to get it going and keep it going again. I wish to extend a big

thanks to Butch and Connie for their great hospitality and wish them good luck... hope to see you two in July.

There were 71 people at the first ever State Championship at Pendleton. Jeff McFaddin (one of the Directors) says this will be the location of all Indiana State Championships. There were discussing possibly inviting Kentucky due to their close proximity and lack of Kentucky tournaments. So, keep the game going whatever, whenever, whoever, however... do it (especially for Mike & Susie).

The Indiana group is still about the same good with a few new ones. I got to see some of the greatest games since I became "over-the-hill". Frank Blade is making his come back... he did real well. Frank and Lonzo playing Steve Auten was another great match. Jim Long... it was a sight for all to see with his passes, combos, laggs, etc. Everyone was playing with precision: win one; lose one; etc., etc. I know they played til' 4:00-5:00 am... guess who slept overtime the next day and guess who lost their first game? Frank comes over and says with a laugh "Same ole sh___" ...just like old times (huh, Frank?). Hope to see you in Oklahoma in July... I know you can do it.

Sonny Harris, the Commander of the Pendleton Amvets, and Glen Ingram hope to have an induction ceremony next year... hopefully Labor Day Weekend 2004.

Mike and Susie Halstead of Kentucky brought some folks down for the first time from the Louisville area. They said it was a great outing or rather inning, I should say.

Steve Auten came out winning after he started walking the board. Steve Hart, Indiana Hall of Famer, has got to be one of the best of them all at conducting the sponsor sales. Don't ever say that you can't get blood out of turnip because Steve does and he wins the Doubles and 3-Person team to boot! There is hope for us "Senior Citizens" yet. Steve and all... it is always a pleasure to see all of you again. My partner, Dave Boaz, and I didn't do well especially with Brian hitting a 4-3-2-2 and me coming back with real shallow 1's (but, once I got deep enough that it fell off the end of the board... it felt so good just to know that I could find the end of the board and getting one that deep game a real thrill anyway). Also got to see some of the Indiana Hall of Famers: Jim Long, Larry Creakbaum, Glen Ingram, Emmitt Wilcox, Jim DeWitt and the great lady that helped get them all inducted, being Sheryl Cockerill, Secretary of the Indiana S.H.O.F. Sheryl almost lost the Champ Tom Nolder... she says there will be a next time Tom - beware! Gregg Cockerill was there trying to learn how to beat Sheryl (his wife). Don't let him beat you Sheryl, keep him working at it, though. I almost forgot... also thanks to Rocky and his mom for a couple of nights lodging during the tournament and for the fish dinner at the house where Mike and Susie made it just in time for the feed and thanks to Jeff McFadden for all the good times and the upstairs bedroom usage at his country estate and for the quality time I got to spend with his children (thanks to the kiddos for the great memories too). Also, thanks to Rudy for the good time. I almost forgot Smitty from Summitville and Rudy won the Doubles. (to be continued next issue...) --By, Glen Davidson

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Nevada
**2003 NASC™ RENO
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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 the September 2003 issue for complete details, or visit the tournament web site at: www.shuffleboardfederation.com/2003nasc.html

NOTE: Dick Gorman, longtime shuffleboard promoter/supporter on the East Coast is receiving the Sol Lipkin award during NASC 2003. Congrats, Dick!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**"New" Shuffleboard Directory
Advertisement, starting with
this October 2003 issue:**
(Thanks to MSHOF!)
-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

**Michigan Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame (MSHOF)**

Jerry Siebert, MSHOF Director, **WELCOMES ALL**
to the "2nd Annual MSHOF Tournament"
to be held at Club Car Lounge, Durand, MI
the 1st weekend of August 2004!

Bill & Brenda Kane, New Owners of Club Car Lounge say
"You all come! We'll be awaiting!"
MSHOF Contact: Jerry Siebert, Dir. at 517-694-4652

Shufflers' Notebook...

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TSA Director's "Call for Help"...

Our TSA Directors voted/approved funds to have several display cabinets built to house and display TSA Hall of Famer plaques and other memoria. These plaques are planned to have a photo and brief history of each TSA Hall of Fame Inductee. The display cabinets are to be placed in our TSA Hall of Fame Museum space in Richland Hills, Texas.

We desperately need a good photo of each inductee and any historical information that others may have on each inductee to assist us with getting the content needed for the plaques. We request the TSA Hall of Famer and/or their family members to send us the most desirable photo to use for this purpose. For legacy players who were posthumously inducted, we need other players and family to help gather legacy photos. You can go to our TSA website and view a list of all inductees. If you have any good photographs or historical information on any of the TSA Hall of Famers, please forward to Don Valk, TSA President, 8003 Bounty Trail, Austin, TX 78749 or call: 512-288-9555 or email: donvalk@ev1.net

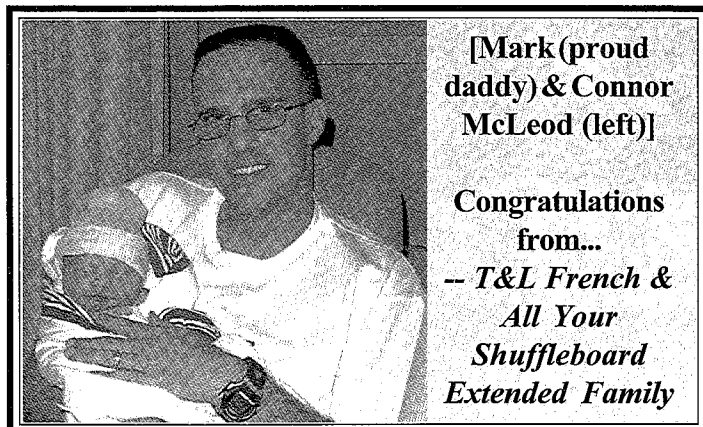
--- Thanks, TSA Directors

TSA website URL: www.tableshuffleboard.org

Connor McLeod Has Arrived...

TO ALL, Just a short note to let everyone know we have a new arrival. Connor McLeod arrived at 12:53pm on September 23, 2003. He was 3.5 weeks early and weighed 7 lb 4 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Mom and Connor are doing fine and resting nicely. We miss everyone.

THE MCLEOD FAMILY
MARK
SHANNON
ALEXIS
CONNOR



[Mark (proud daddy) & Connor McLeod (left)]

Congratulations from...
-- T&L French & All Your Shuffleboard Extended Family

From the Editors...

After having so many system problems and worm/virus attacks that crippled our system and greatly delayed the September 2003 issue, we did not have sufficient information left to put out another issue (October 2003 issue with deadline of September 14th), so we have combined all input received from September that did not get included in the late September issue already (due to it's lateness) to October 14th into one issue (so this issue is rather large).

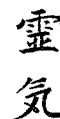
We think we have recouped most of the submissions which were lost during the system attacks (other than possibly the Deveney Memorial which is supposed to be resent to us). If any others have missing results that we are not aware of or lost during the system attacks that you wish to be reported, then please contact us, as you may need to resend. This issue (combining October/November 2003) is also a test for something several of you have suggested which was to change the publication frequency from monthly to every other month. We value your input, suggestions, and comments. Keep 'em coming!

--- Thanks, Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

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"September 2003 Issue, Pg. 28"
Misplaced text for "Oklahoma":

The text on the back cover, bottom right hand corner had the text Oklahoma misplaced. It has been corrected in this issue.

Skip's "Fall Bash" Returns

September 5-7, 2003

Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan

Report & Photos Submitted By: Bill & Brenda Kane

Another successful turnout occurred at Skip's Lounge during this year's Skip's Fall Bash on Sept. 5-7. A total of 68 shuffleboard patrons participated in this three-day tournament, including the following events: AB Draw Partner on Friday, ABC Draw Partner on Saturday, and Open Singles on Sunday. A total of \$13,830 was up for grabs. Players came from as far away as Missouri, including Jim & Donna Dunn, Steve Nowak, and Frank Edelyn. Thanks for your continued support in your travels!

On Friday, 25 teams participated in the AB Draw Partner event. After driving all the way to Houghton Lake, Michigan, couple Deanna Johns and Jim Kelsey actually drew each other. This created no problem for them to take first place, going undefeated (sponsored by Jerry Siebert). Second place winners were Dave Boaz & Jason Papa (sponsored by Joe Turcott), and third place recipients were Jim Dunn & Brenda Kane (sponsored by George Nelson). Fourth place went to Leon Black & Jimmy Kumpula (sponsored by Skip Sliwa), and 5th and 6th place went to Gene Wendling and Donna Dunn (sponsored by Richard Reist) and Jerry Hershman and Richard Reist (sponsored by Jason Papa).

On Saturday, 21 teams battled in the ABC Draw Partner Event. Fierce competition resulted in first place victory going to John Myles, Doug Stewart and George Nelson (sponsored by Glen Ingram) with Jerry Hershman, Carrie Siple (Cottrell) and Kathy Francisco (sponsored by George Nelson) finishing in second, and Bob Scott, Brenda Kane, and Dave Mitchell in third (sponsored by George Nelson). Finishing in fourth place were Vic Matteson, Linda Mitchell, and Bill Uplegger (sponsored by Skip Sliwa).

Sunday heat continued, as 15 people played in the Open Singles. Steve Auten performed a "double dip" to take first place (sponsored by Bill Kane), with Alonzo Cottrell in second (sponsored by Pat Turcott) and Glen Ingram (sponsored by Jim Long) in third close behind.

Tournament Directors Bill Kane and Brenda Kane once again did an outstanding job in ensuring the continued success of this annual event. Announcing that the sale was final on their purchase of The Club Car Lounge in Durand, the Kanes announced that they are passing the torch and will not be running this event next year. Co-Directors CoCo and Cindy Brown will do their best to fill these shoes to ensure that this event continues to be a successful annual event.

Special recognition should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Skip Sliwa (owners of Skip's Lounge) and the rest of the staff for their generous hospitality, including a great food spread prepared by Skip's better half.

Special thanks are also extended to Bracketeer Rob Kern, Co-Directors CoCo and Cindy Brown, Carolyn Perry, and assisting auctioneer Steve Auten.

If you are interested in the complete break down of events and sales, send request to: CoCo699@aol.com

A/B Draw Winners (Friday)



1st Place (L-R above):

Jim Kelsey & Deanna Johns

and 2nd Place (no picture): Dave Boaz & Jason Papa



3rd Place (L-R above):

Brenda Kane/Jim Dunn



4th Place (L-R above):

Leon Black/Jim Kumpula



5th & 6th Place Tied (L-R above):

Donna Dunn/Gene Wendling and Richard Reist/Jerry Hershman

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Skip's "Fall Bash"... (con't. from Page 6)

A/B/C Draw Winners (Saturday)



1st Place (Above):
John Myles, Doug Stewart, George Nelson



2nd Place (Above):
Carrie Siple, Jerry Hershman, Kathy Francisco



3rd Place (Left):
Bob Scott,
Dave Mitchell
and not pictured:
Brenda Kane

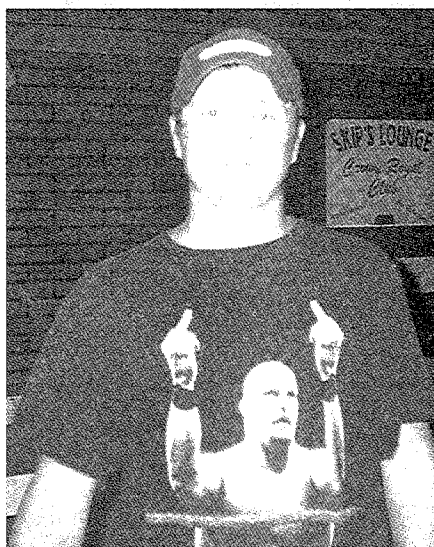


4th Place (Left):
Vic Mattson,
Linda Mitchell,
Bill Uplegger

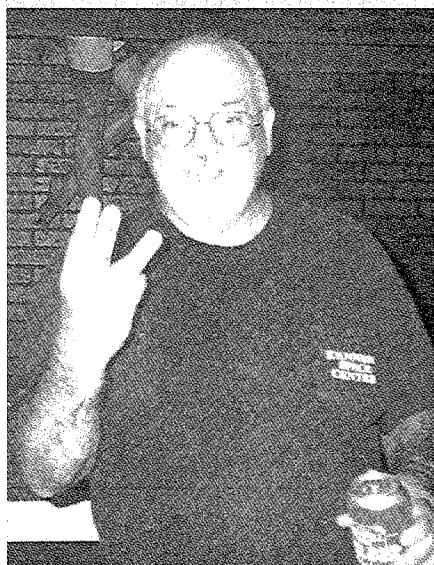
Open Singles Winners (Sunday)



1st Place (Left):
Steve Auten
(Editors Comment:
Hey, Steve... are you
getting "thirsty" after
all that hard work??)



2nd Place (Left):
Alonzo Cottrell



3rd Place (Left):
Glen Ingram

5th Annual Adirondack Open

September 5-7, 2003

Riverside Tavern, Keeseville, New York

Submitted By: Pauline Rock

Pauline Rock of Keeseville teamed up with Rob Hummer of Waterloo, NY to win the "Draw-A-Partner" competition in the 5th Annual Adirondack Open tournament held at the Riverside Tavern on September 5-7th. John Arndt of Waterloo, NY and J.D. Nolen of Indiana were runners up.

Delores Brown of Boonsboro, MD and Lonzo Knight of Sharpsburg, MD won the "Mixed Doubles" event with Pauline Rock and Rick Meyers of Liverpool, NY coming in second.

Lonzo Knight (Sharpsburg, MD) and Bill Brown (Boonsboro, MD) won the "Bring-A-Partner" shoot with Rick and Linda Meyers taking second. A hard fought third place went to Brian Kinsman (Sherburne, NY) and Mike Howerton (Ausable Forks, NY).

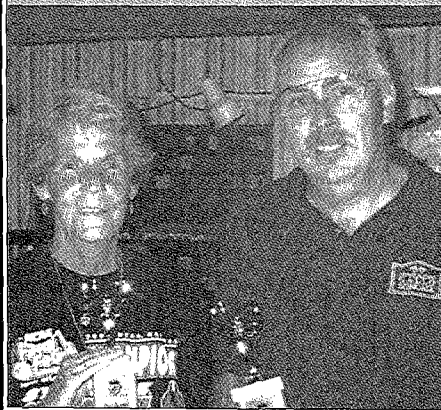
All teams entered were tough which made for some very competitive matches, everything went according to plan... a special "thanks" to Pat Bennett for running the sponsor sales and taking care of the brackets.

Might I add a special lady was absent at this year tournament, a family commitment was top priority - we missed you Louise Freer, you've made many friends in up-state New York. Thanks to everyone for your help and support and look forward to next year. Winners photos follow:

Mixed Doubles



1st Place (L-R):
Delores Brown &
Lonzo Knight



2nd Place (L-R):
Pauline Rock &
Rick Meyers

Draw-A-Partner



1st Place (L-R):
Pauline Rock &
Rob Hummer

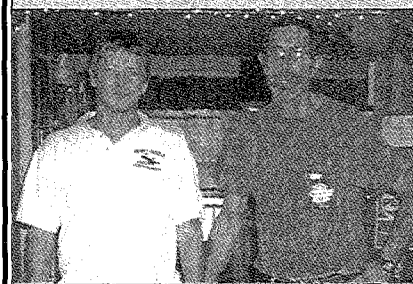


2nd Place (L-R):
John Arndt &
J.D. Nolen

Bring-A-Partner



1st & 2nd Place (L-R):
1st: Lonzo Knight & Bill Brown
2nd: Linda Meyers & Rick Meyers



3rd Place (L-R):
Mike Howerton &
Brian Kinsman



Whistling Oyster Grand Masters Plus

July 30-August 3, 2003

Whistling Oyster, Quilcene, Washington

Report & Photos Submitted By: Bill Bailey (Whistling Oyster Owner)



The Whistling Oyster Grand Masters Plus in Quilcene, Washington was another success for the players and spectators, as well as for the owners and hosts - Bill Bailey and Sandee VanWagenen. As usual, players were arriving early for the best parking spots in our R.V. Area. The weather was cooperating with the temps in the 70's & 80's.

We got off to an early start in the singles on Wednesday due to a lesser than expected amount of entries. To no ones surprise a victorious Darrol Nelson came out on the top of a very tough field of competitors. Larry Pearson & Al Pease shared with a respective 2nd & 3rd (all from Oregon & Washington).

Our Friday night draw was exciting as usual. With single elimination, there's not a big chance of anyone doing a lot of goofing off especially when all five boards were being used. Coming out on top of a field of twenty plus teams were Caveman and Frank Mako, followed by Ryan Devlin/Don Stallsworth, Nick Chaffin/Dave Arndt, John McGinnis/Alvin Orcutt. All were Oregon, California and Washington players.

Saturday was a special day for our Doubles tournament, as for Clark and Clara Kenney. They were inducted into the "Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame". A wholehearted congratulations from everyone that was there and that remember Larry and Rays Tavern in Tacoma, WA.

By Sunday evening, we had 1st place finish "Grand Masters Plus". This win make it eight out of thirteen tournaments here with five different partners for Darrol (pretty impressive) and partner Vern Gonzales. Runners up were Mike Thorpe/Ryan Devlin, 3rd place Frank Mako/Mike Olson, 4th Gary George/Tim Nugent and tied for 5th/6th were Dave Arndt/John McGinnis and Al Pease/Jim Tribble (all Washington, Oregon, and California players).

I want to take a minute to thank Sandee for the great buffet on Saturday, all of the help and all of the volunteers. Thanks to all of the players, and to Nick and Bev and John from California; Sparkey and Mike Rapp from Spokane; and to Gordy and Patty Smith from Canada for coming.

PS: Excuse the pictures, we experienced camera problems. Keep up the good work Tom & Lynda. -- Bill Bailey Reporting



SINGLES CHAMPS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place (L-R):

Darrol Nelson; Larry Pearson; Al Pease



DRAW PARTNER CHAMPS: 1st & 2nd Place (L-R):

Frank Mako/Caveman and Ryan Devlin/Don Stallsworth and no photos avail.: Nick Chaffin/Dave Arndt (3rd) and John McGinnis/Alvin Orcutt (4th)



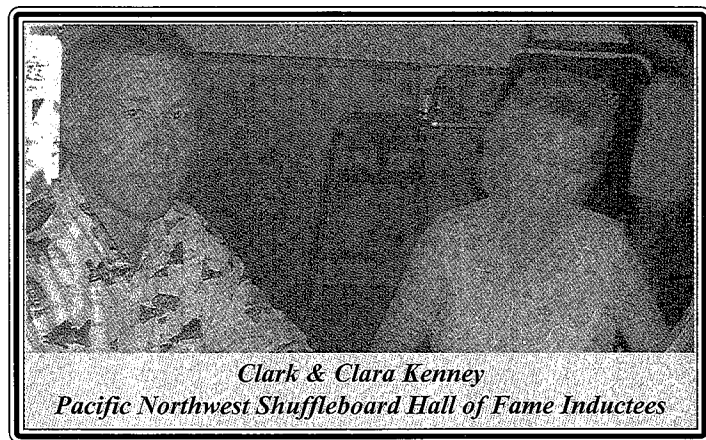
DOUBLES CHAMPS: 1st & 2nd Place (L-R):

Darrol Nelson (no photo)/Vern Gonzales and Mike Thorpe/Ryan Devlin



**DOUBLES CHAMPS:
3rd Place (L-R):**

Mike Olson/Frank Mako



Clark & Clara Kenney

Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductees

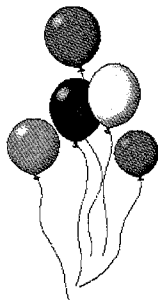
DANNY & PETE'S BIRTHDAY BASH

Danny's Sports Bar, Houston, Texas

August 21-24, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Danny Norris (Danny's Sports Bar Owner)

Danny & Pete's "1st Annual Birthday Bash Shuffleboard Tournament" was a huge success. Friday night's A/B Draw had 22 teams fighting it out. The A/B Draw paid 4 places with top honors going to Billy Mays and Mike Regan; 2nd place Johnny Wayne Crawford and Armando Gonzales; 3rd place Del Ammerman and Fernando Noriega; 4th place Linda Nobles and Ken Migas.



Saturday's Bring Partner (handicapped) also paid 4 places with the strong duo of (local favorites, first time winners, add to 6 points) Brad Stroud and Lane Tate; 2nd place in a real battle ('til 3am) Flynt Preston and Rene Roberts; 3rd place another local team of Al Sanchez and George Marx; and 4th place went to the ever present Linda Nobles and Danny Green. Congratulations to Linda Nobles who is the only player to finish in the money in both events.

Thanks to all players who participated, and my special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success, Silvia Martinez, Linda Nobles, Flynt Preston, my honey Denise, and Bracketeer extraordinaire Bill Rice. Hope to see you all again next year!



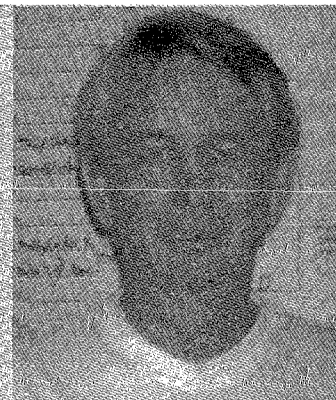
**Bring Partner
1st Place: (L-R) (left)
Brad Stroud &
Lane Tate**



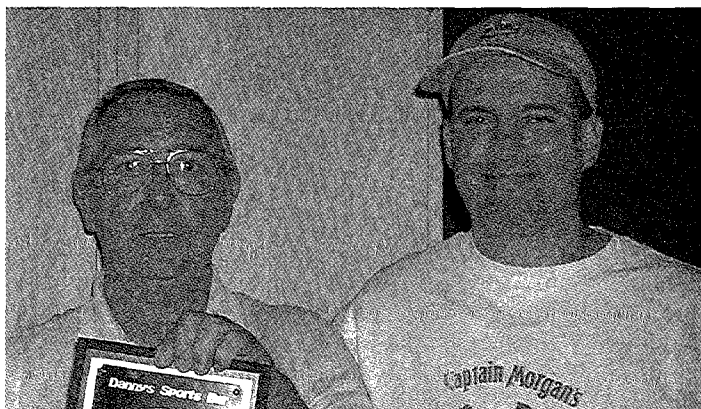
**Bring Partner 2nd Place (above):
Johnny Wayne Crawford (center) & Armando Gonzales (right)
pictured with sponsor Danny Norris (left)**



**Bring Partner 3rd Place:
Al Sanchez (above) &
George Marx (no pic)**



**Bring Partner 4th Place:
Danny Green (above) &
Linda Nobles (no pic)**



**A/B Draw Partner 1st Place (Above L-R):
Billy Mays & Mike Regan**

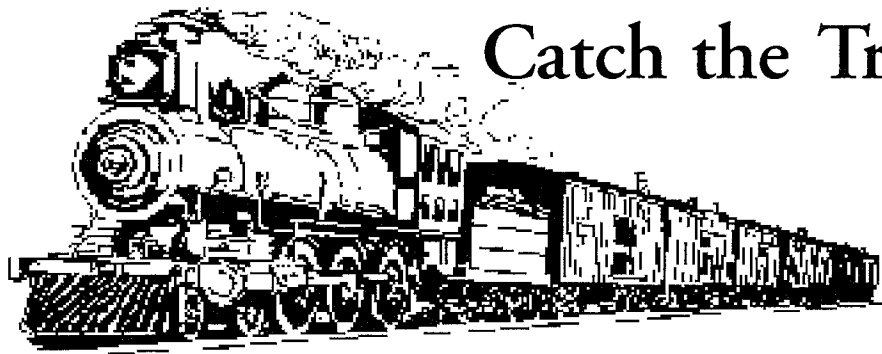


**A/B Draw Partner
2nd Place: (left) Flynt Preston &
Rene Roberts (no pic)
and**

**3rd Place (no pic):
Del Ammerman & Fernando Noriega**



**A/B Draw Partner
4th Place: (L-R)
Linda Nobles &
Ken Migas**



Catch the Train Tournament

September 19-21, 2003

Fill-N-Station

Mims, Florida

Report & Photos Submitted By:

Kathy Ring, Titusville, FL

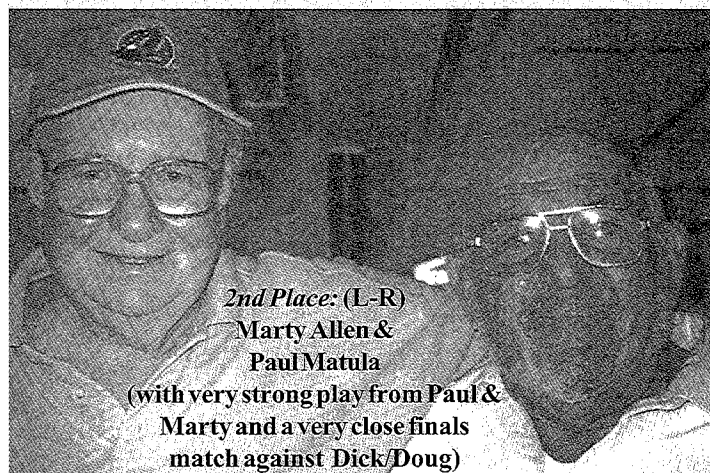
The Central Florida Shuffleboard Association hosted the "Catch the Train Tournament" at the Fill-N-Station in Mims, Florida on Sept. 19-21. There were 12 teams that participated in Friday night's two blind draws; 9 teams in Saturday's A/B Double-elimination; and 11 teams in Sunday's Bring Partner Double-elimination event. Sponsor sales were held prior to the Saturday and Sunday events.

NOTABLE: *Dick Smedberg* of Spring Hill & *Barrie McClean* of Titusville took first place in both Friday night blind draws and *Dick Smedberg* took another first on Saturday's A/B Draw partnered with *Doug Roberts* (new owner of the Fill-N-Station who has only been playing for two months). *Dick Smedberg* also took a 3rd place with *Marty Allen* on Sunday's Bring Partner.

A/B Draw (Double Elimination) Winners: (Sat.)

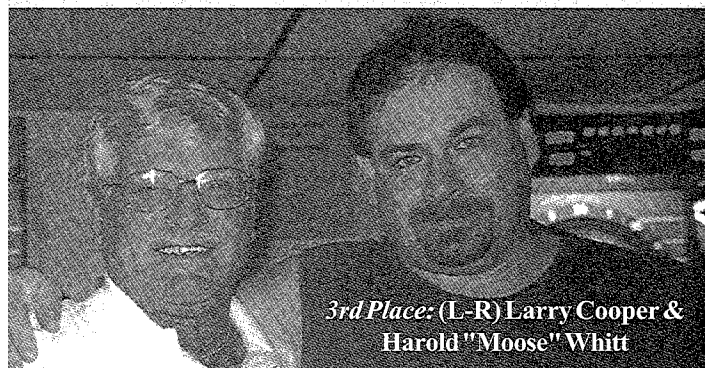


1st Place: (L-R)
Dick Smedberg &
Doug Roberts (new club owner &
new player!)



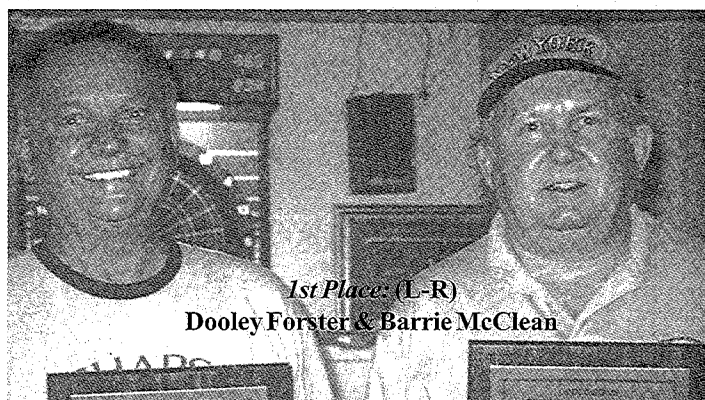
2nd Place: (L-R)
Marty Allen &
Paul Matula
(with very strong play from Paul &
Marty and a very close finals
match against Dick/Doug)

A/B Draw (Double Elimination) Winners: (con't.)

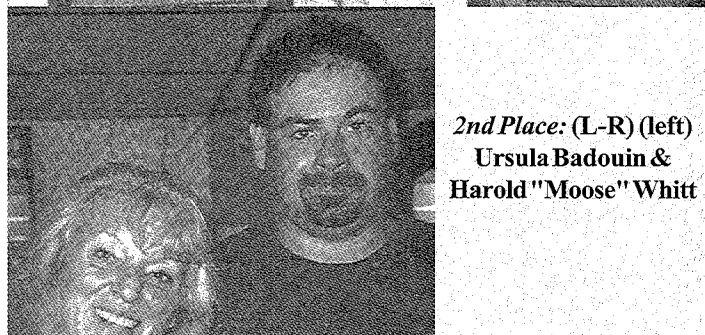


3rd Place: (L-R) Larry Cooper &
Harold "Moose" Whitt

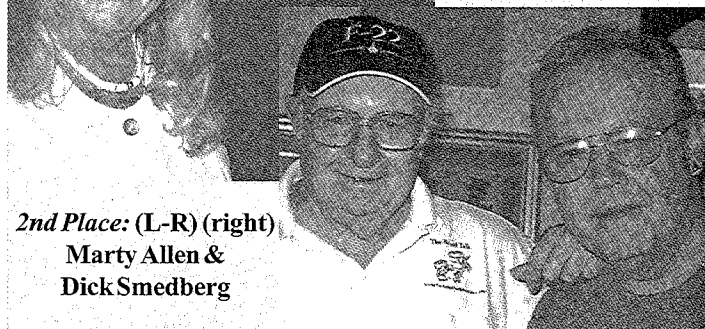
Bring Partner (Double Elimination) Winners: (Sun.)



1st Place: (L-R)
Dooley Forster & Barrie McClean



2nd Place: (L-R) (left)
Ursula Badouin &
Harold "Moose" Whitt



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

Our Place CFSA Friendship Tournament

July 18-20, 2003

Our Place Saloon, Titusville, Florida

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

Friends are the greatest



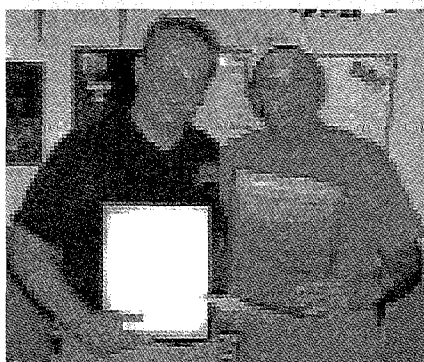
The Central Florida Shuffleboard Association held the "Friendship Tournament" at Our Place Saloon in Titusville on July 18-20. 16 players participated in the first blind draw on Friday night and 12 players in the second blind draw. Winners were: 1st Blind Draw: 1st Marty Allen/Larry Cooper (both of Mims); 2nd Dooley Forster (Merritt Island) and Tonia Modglin (Mims); 2nd Blind Draw: 1st Marty Allen/Jim Kumpula; 2nd Mama-K /Dick Smedberg (Spring Hill). Sponsor sales were held prior to the Sat. & Sun. events. Many thanks to Mama-K & Larry Kellison (Our Place Saloon owners) for a great tournament!

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



1st Place: (L-R)
Jerry Gray &
Rusty Nowakowski

A/B Draw (Dble Elim. - 9 teams) Winners: (Sat.)



1st Place: (L-R)
Dick Smedberg &
Phil Young took 1st
after an exciting
2 game final against
Marty Allen &
Newcomer
Bobby Winslow



2nd Place: (L-R)
Tonia Modglin &
Larry Cooper



2nd Place: (L-R)
Marty Allen &
(Newcomer)
Bobby Winslow

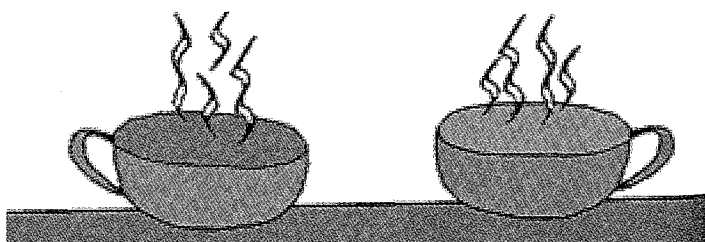


3rd Place: (L-R)
Steve Griner (newcomer
from Titusville) &
Mark Arrowood



3rd Place: (L-R)
Barrie McClean &
Mark Arrowood
(both of Titusville)

*Our lives are richer for
the friendships we share!*



Billy Melton's "Don't Sing It Bring It" Tournament

August 21-24, 2003

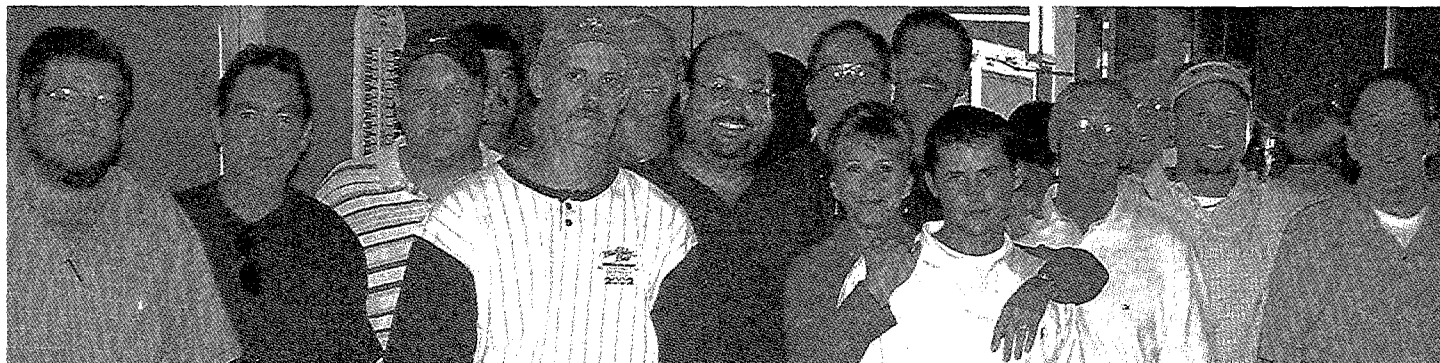
Triple Crown Sports Bar, Houston, Texas

Report & Photos Submitted By: James Cummings, Houston, TX

The "Don't Sing It Bring It" Tourney was the brainchild of Billy Melton and James Cummings. Our goal was to provide an opportunity for the best and "wannabe best" shuffleboard players, to meet and dual it out. The signature event would be a \$1000 Open Singles preceded by a warm-up \$100 Draw Partner event, followed by a \$600 Open Bring Partner. Triple Crown Sports Bar agreed to host the event with their 5 great shuffleboards and Shuffleboard Federations agreed to provide wax and silicone. Billy and I agreed if we had 10 players at the 1st tourney we would have a success. Preceding the tournament the phones were busy with Diana Hagen, Bill Melton and Danny Green rounding up interested players. Many said, "It would never happen". Would it?

Monday before the tournament, here they came. The local Pros started practicing and \$20 and \$50 draws started forming. Darrol Nelson showed up Monday afternoon, followed by Dan Hitt, John McDermott, Bill Melton, David Williams and Mike Taylor. Maybe this was going to work after all.

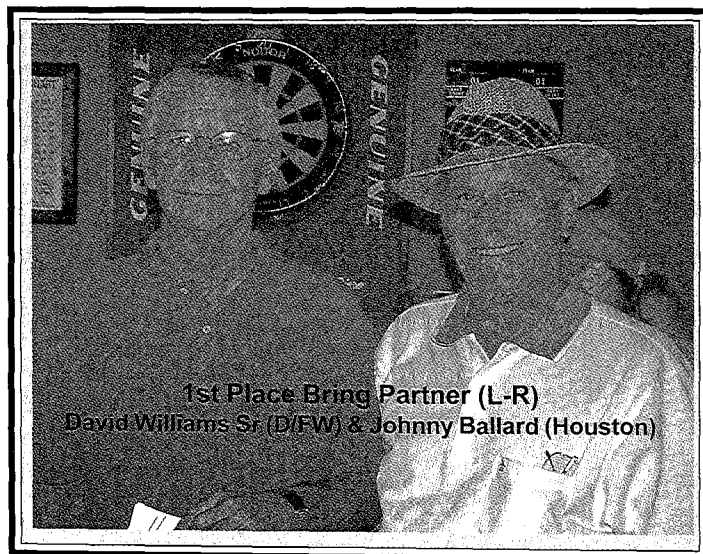
McDermott broke out his prototype "tungsten carbide" plated weights and they were the talk of the tournament as everyone asked what are those "dark weights" going down the board.



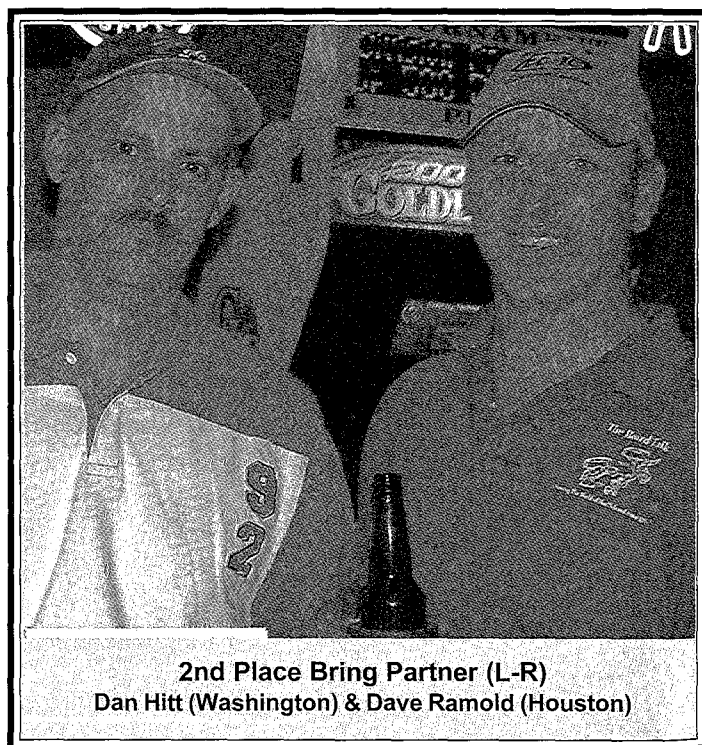
Above (L-R): Chris Smith, Darrol Nelson, Billy Melton, (hiding) Jim Payne, Dan Hitt, Johnny Wayne Crawford, John McDermott, Howard Mouton, Diana Hagen, David Williams Jr., Mahlon Nobles, David Williams, Bill Melton, Mike Taylor, Harvey Kidd and players missing from group photo: Dave Ramold and Johnny Ballard

First Event "Open \$100 Draw"

26 Players signed up, Harvey Kidd held the sponsor sale and we were off to the races. The boards were fast and everyone was looking for their lags. It was obvious from the first that Diana, Dan, and Chris Smith (a mere 1 from Dallas) were on their game. The warm-up event ended with Johnny Ballard & David Williams taking 1st, Dan Hitt & Dave Ramold taking 2nd with Diana Hagen & Flynt Preston taking 3rd.



1st Place Bring Partner (L-R)
David Williams Sr (D/FW) & Johnny Ballard (Houston)



2nd Place Bring Partner (L-R)
Dan Hitt (Washington) & Dave Ramold (Houston)

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(Chris Danke CSHOF Induction as reported by California Shuffleboard News)

Chris Danke's Inducted Into California Hall of Fame

Huntington Beach – In a moving ceremony held on Saturday, August 30, Chris Danke was inducted posthumously into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. A pioneer in ladies shuffleboard, Ms Danke's remains were found in Washington State on August 10, of last year – almost five years since her disappearance on October 31, 1997.

Her induction was held in front of a packed house at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge during a scheduled break in the action at the sixth annual Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament held over the Labor Day weekend. The state's hall of fame executive board selected the Billy Chiles tournament, which was moved two years ago to the Moose Lodge, because Ms. Danke began playing shuffleboard and grew up in the beach city.

In addition Arizona's Al Salazar, one of many scheduled speakers at the ceremony, announced that Ms. Danke would be inducted into the Table Shuffleboard Association's (TSA) Hall of Fame in the near future. Salazar is a member and Director of the TSA. Those in attendance received the news with a warm round of applause.

And later that weekend, as if planned, Northern California's top rated lady player Jane Mourgos teamed with Temecula's Jimmy Martin to capture the "Bring Partner" Doubles portion of the Billy Chiles tournament. The significance of Ms. Mourgos win was not lost among several of Ms. Danke's friends in attendance. Danke was one of the first lady players to challenge the men in big money tournaments and by doing so paved the way several years ago for lady players such as Jane Mourgos. The event drew 23 top teams with seven women competing with a combined purse of \$7,110.

Ms. Kathleen Wisdom, treasurer of the California Hall of Fame opened the induction services with CSHOF Vice President Paul Weber serving as the Master of Ceremonies. Speakers in addition to Salazar included Tony and Dottie Bastanchury, Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Secretary Cindy Clark and Frank Bentley. Jolene Lembke closed the event by reading a CSHOF plaque honoring Chris Danke's induction and contributions to the game of shuffleboard. It is to be presented to her family at a later date.

Danke's memory and name now joins Al Stewart (deceased), Hal Perry, Bobby Goldsmith, Don Cox, George Lucas, A.Z. Turnbo, Karl Spickelmier, Billy Chiles (deceased), Troy Tolbert, Porter While, Bruce Hale, Tommy Workman, Bob Brunskill, Ted Zariphes and Lembke as members of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Zariphes, Spickelmier, Brunskill and Lembke were present at the induction. The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame also distributed a booklet, prepared by Whittier's Marilyn McCracken that contained several comments by Danke's friends from all over the country. Jimmy Martin videotaped the ceremony and there were several photo albums on display featuring memories of the state's newest member.

2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS**OCTOBER 2003****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 11-12

ABC Draw
Blue Goose Tavern
Port Orchard, Washington

October 11-12

Annual Open Doubles
The Old Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

October 11-12

Hot Shot Open Doubles/Singles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

October 17-19

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 17-19

Oktoberfest
Bavarian "B" House
Titusville, Florida

October 24-25 (flyer insert)

Round Robin Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

October 26-November 2

2003 NASC™
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

NOVEMBER 2003**November 8-9**

Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 8

Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

November 20

Nebraska State Tournament
Harold's Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

November 21-23

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

November 26-30

Annual Williams' Thanksgiving
Location to be announced soon
D/FW area, Texas

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 28-30

Michigan State Championships
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

November 29-30

ABC Draw
BZ's Sports Bar
Burien, Washington

November 27-30

1st Annual Al Stewart Memorial
Oskar's Lounge
Bellflower, California

DECEMBER 2003**December 5-7**

Harvey Juniors' Tournament
Harvey Juniors
Darlington, Maryland

December 12-14

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

December 20

Mixed Doubles
Journey's End Bar & Grill
Bourbon, Indiana

December 26-31

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

December 27-28

Mixed Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

December 31

New Years Even Mixed Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JANUARY 2004

January 3

Open Singles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

January 16-18

Deveney Memorial Tournament
Musette Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

FEBRUARY 2004

February 7

Open Doubles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

MARCH/APRIL 2004

March 28-April 4 (tentative date)

3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004
(dates subject to change - will post
confirmed date/location when known)

April 3

Open Doubles/Open Singles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

MAY 2004

May 8

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

JUNE 2004

June 11-13

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

AUGUST 2004

August 6-8

2nd Annual Michigan HOF
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

August 14-15

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

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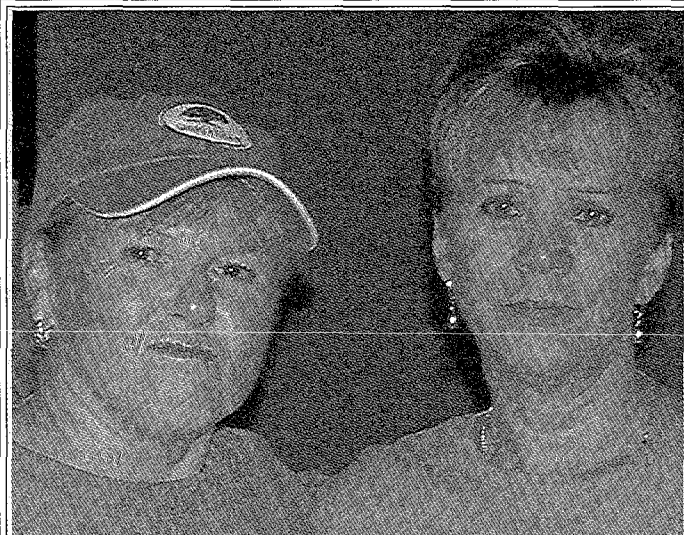
Play Your Way Across the USA (Updates)

Michigan (New Addition)

● **Madison Park Bar & Grill**, 25023 John R Road, Madison Heights, Michigan;
248-541-9305 or 248-545-6093 (new club; owners: Mike & Jason Papa)

NOTE: YOUR NEW "PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS THE USA 2003" WHICH
WAS SCHEDULED TO BE INSERTED IN THE AUGUST 2003 ISSUE HAS
BEEN DELAYED TO JANUARY 2004 (See The Board Talk, August 2003 Issue,
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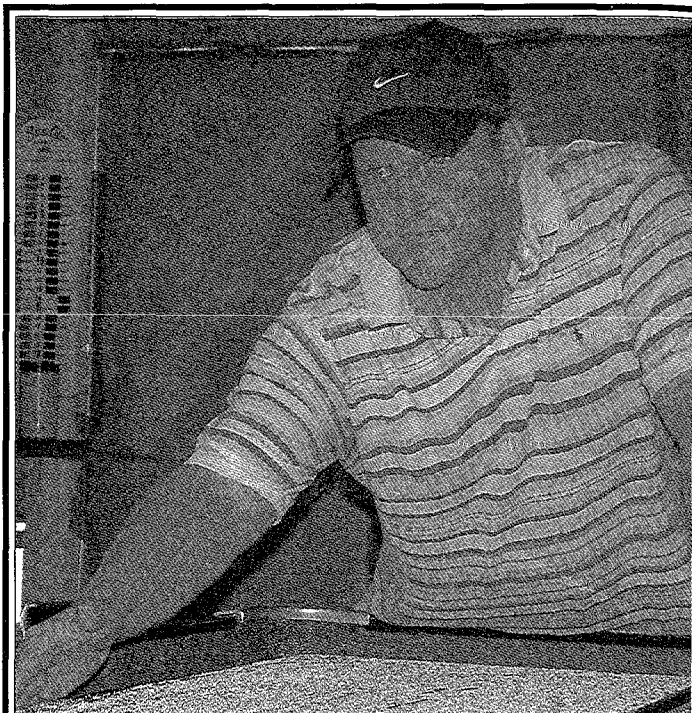


3rd Place Bring Partner
Diana Hagen (right) & Flynt Preston (no pic) both of
Houston, TX [pictured w/ Bev Lindquist (left-owner)]

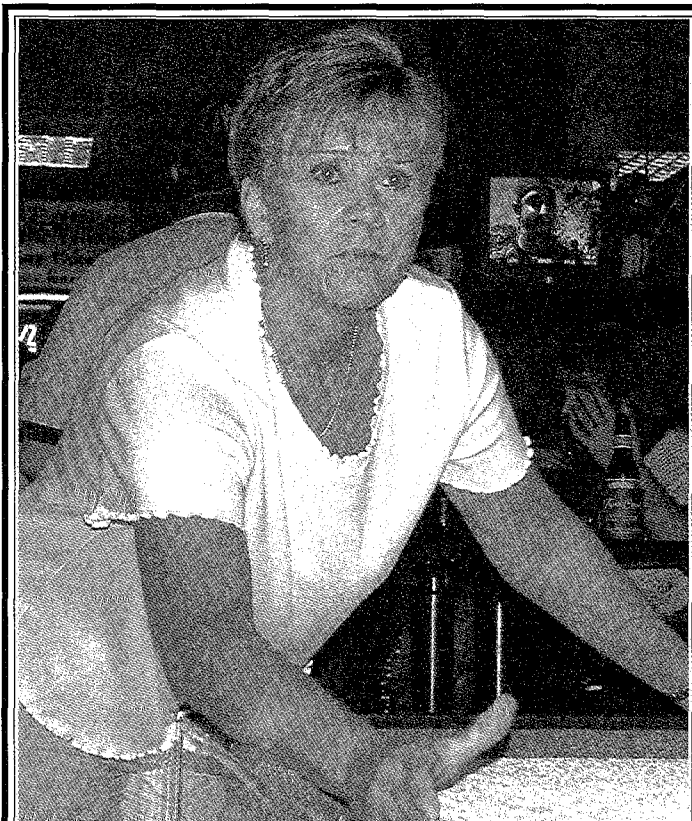
Second Event "Open \$1000 Singles"

The players started bringing up their \$1000 entry; most confident they were the best and going to win it all. At the very close of signup, I had to finally jerk the \$1000 from Chris Smith's fingers after his 3rd trip to the registration table. Walking away I heard Chris say this was the dumbest thing he had ever done. Looking at the entrants I knew we had a success with 9 of the top 11 rated players entered. Harvey Kidd held the Sponsor Sale and the big event was on. OOPS, after a false start, (I had misplaced a bye on the bracket board – which I will never ever forget) we were off to the races. Mahlon Nobles, Howard Mouton, Johnny Ballard, and Chris Smith came out strong, knocking some of the favorites into the losers bracket. Chris was playing extremely well and all raters present were definitely reevaluating his 1 rating. Diana, Chris, Billy and Howard remained in the Winner's Bracket. In the losers bracket Mike Taylor made two miraculous comebacks on Dan Hitt to move on. In the winners bracket Diana and Chris were battling it out. Tied at 1 game each with the score 14 –12 Diana placed a deep 2 with her final weight. Chris deliberated for some time. The consensus on the sidelines was that "a Pro" would stick the deep two and maybe get a roll to a three. Chris let the weight go, with the whole house watching. The shot, a left handed cross was on its way. I heard "its short... its long" from around me but no it was perfect, as it floated in for a deep three and a win for Chris and a final nail in his 1 rating. Billy Melton had found his lag and put Howard in the losers bracket before defeating Chris Smith to take the Winners Bracket. Diana and McDermott met in the losers bracket for another nail biter. John was a lag away from winning but a hanger tipped off the end of the board. Diana moved on to meet Chris again for another tough match. Diana prevailed and won the losers bracket. Billy and Diana were both on their "A" game. After a short

discussion, they agreed to split, with Billy taking 1st Place and Diana taking 2nd. This could have been a great match.



1st Place Singles
Billy Melton (TX/OK)



2nd Place Singles
Diana Hagen (Houston, TX)

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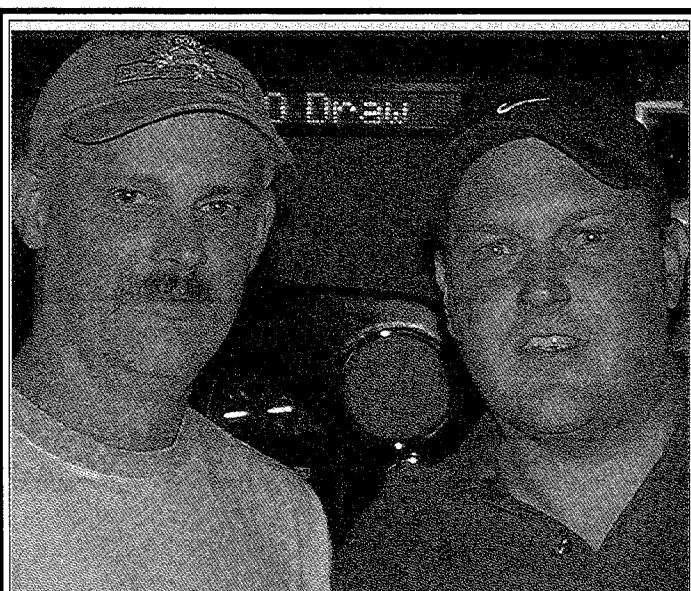
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Third Event "Open \$600 Doubles"

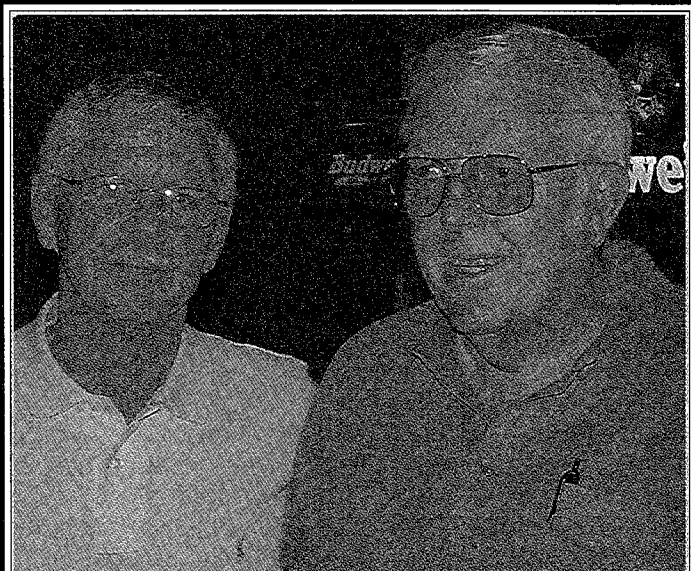
Fourteen players entered the event, with some of the top 10 looking for their last chance to be in the money. Teams consisted of Johnny Wayne Crawford/Chris Smith, Diana Hagen/Howard Mouton, Dan Hitt/Billy Melton, John McDermott/Darrol Nelson, Bill Melton/David Williams, Mike Taylor/David Williams Jr, Mahlon Nobles/Jim Payne. Dan Hitt/Billy Melton took the winners bracket with a tough match with Mahlon and Jim along the way. John and Darrol met Bill and David to see who moved to the finals from the losers bracket. After a marathon match, Bill and David emerged as winners. Their final match pitted them against Bill and Dan, no split this time. Billy Melton and Dan Hitt played extremely well and took 1st Place while 2nd Place went to Bill Melton and David Williams.

It was a great week for all, playing or just watching the top players dual it out. Someone was heard to say, "This is the best place in the country to have this type of an event". Thanks to all who participated, supported the event or just came by to see the Pros.

We will be doing this again next year the week before Labor Day. (This gives a player the chance to play in Houston and then move on to Dallas for the yearly Texas Open Tournament). Make your plans now and watch the BoardTalk for flyers. Special Thanks to the Pros who took the time to answer questions and work with some of the local amateurs during the week.



1st Place Bring Partner
Dan Hitt (Spokane, WA) & Billy Melton (TX/OK)



2nd Place Bring Partner
David Williams (D/FW, TX) & Bill Melton (Davis, OK)

*All Participants in the
"Bring It Don't Sing
It" Tournament wish to
thank all Tournament
Staff (special thanks to
James Cummings),
volunteers, and Triple
Crown Sports Bar
Owners & Staff for a
great tournament!*

*-- From: "Bring It Don't Sing It"
Tournament Participants*

Indiana's October Bourbon Winners

Bourbon had there fall doubles on Saturday, October 4th with 12 teams. Fritzi Broka ran it very well. No one even thought it was going to happen until 2 weeks before, but it went very well (except I did not win - grin!).

First place went to Jim Long & Glen Ingram; 2nd place to Rick Stocker of Muncie & Larry Brown; and 3rd place went to Leon Black of Michigan & Bob Figins of Ohio (a last minute team). Even the Bar-b-que sold out. There were no pictures. PS: Tom & Lynda: Thanks, you two are doing a great job with The Board Talk! -- Mary Brown, Indiana

Labor Day Weekend at Texas' Gold Nugget

Once again Tom Johnson's Gold Nugget hosted the 18th Edition of the Texas Open. There was a good turnout and spirited competition. We had players from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arizona, Tennessee and a wonderful group from Denison & Sherman, Texas.

Special thanks to C.W. Walker & Tommy McBurnett who setup and moved the boards; to Johnny Wayne Crawford who tweaked and adjusted boards; to Steve Burkett who handled the dust and silicon; to Jeri Williams & Sally Goff who handled the registration and entry; and to Tom Johnson who fed the participants and fans barbeque Saturday and Sunday. And last, but not least, a huge thank you to Champion Shuffleboard who loaned five of the twelve boards used in the tournament.

There are no winners photos, but the winners were:

Pro Draw: 1st Sally Goff/Mike Taylor; 2nd David Williams/Jim Payne; 3rd Phil Gardner/Jeff Womble

Division I Draw: 1st Lee Guthrie & Lee Bohemin; 2nd Betty Bumgardner & Carmen Crew; 3rd Billy Poole & David Veasey

Pro Singles: 1st David Williams, Sr; 2nd Mahlon Nobles; 3rd Mike Taylor

Division I Singles: 1st Rob Houchin; 2nd Drew Willingham; 3rd Lee Guthrie

4-Person Draft Team: 1st Brian Walker/Sally Goff/Billy Poole/Gary Williams; 2nd David Williams Sr/Mike Piper/Tom Yates/Johnny Newell; 3rd Mike Taylor/David Veasey/David Williams Jr/Mike Coons

Bring Partner (Pro): 1st Jim Payne/Jeff Womble; 2nd Brian Walker/Chris Smith; 3rd Sally Goff/Carlos Guzman

Bring Partner Division I: 1st Trevor Wade/Johnny Newell; 2nd Lee Guthrie/Mike Coons; 3rd Billy Poole/Rob Houchin

--Reported By: Bobby Williams, TX (Tournament Director)

Harvey Junior's Starts First Full Season

Harvey Junior's, Darlington, Maryland was pressed into service at the end of 2002-2003 because of the sale of Harvey's Place. Harvey Comer has added yet another board since the spring and 4 boards greeted the players as they arrived for the first of five weekend tournaments scheduled for the 2003-2004 season. Harvey Comer, host and Darlyne Belcher were on hand to greet and welcome as we were used to in years past at Harvey's Place, Street, MD. Harvey announced that the playing surface on one board is already history and negotiations are continuing to provide a substitute. The players are happy that Harvey continues his efforts to provide a place for serious shuffleboard players with five weekend tournaments this year.

Friday night opened up with a Draw Partner event using the 3 preferred boards and scheduled for completion that night. All events at Harvey Juniors are scheduled to finish the day they start. After the draw and hours later, Arnold Ledford, Street, MD and his partner Mike Miller, Aldan, PA walked to the winner's table to collect the payoff for first place. Second place money was won by Dick Gorman, Wilmington, DE and Jen Pickett, Northeast, MD. Third and final money spot was taken by Len Dell, Kingsville, MD and Anthony Todd, Glasgow, DE.

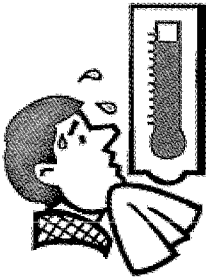
Saturday morning an open discussion was held with a final decision that a survey would be taken amongst all attending as to what each individual thought it would take to improve the tournaments at Harvey Juniors. The survey will be tabulated and a questionnaire will be developed and passed out. The results of all the suggestions will be analyzed to try to improve the tournaments.

Saturday's "Bring Partner" then convened and went into Saturday night for a strong finish. Taking first place were our "love birds" Jen Pickett, Northeast, MD and Kurt Maurer, Conowingo, MD with close second place finishers Len Dell, Kingsville, MD and Ralph McDowell, Nottingham, PA. Finishing in third place were the Sherburne, NY duo of Pat Bennett and Ryan Fuller.

Sunday was scheduled for Open Singles, which began at 11 AM in order to finish on Sunday night to provide time for the travelers to get a head start for their long distance rides. After a long afternoon, Len Dell, Kingsville, MD took first place and second place went to last year's Maryland State Champ, Wendy Davis, Wilmington, DE and finally 3rd place to another member of the distaff side, Jen Pickett, Northeast, MD.

Things are off to a good start here at "Harvey Juniors", expect changes as the season progresses. Hopefully "change" will be the name of the game to improve the remaining 4 scheduled weekend tournaments. As a reminder to folks considering coming to Harvey Junior's for future tournaments - it is on Route 1 - about 1 1/2 miles north of the previous Harvey's Place. Call Harvey at 410-457-5235 for more information. The next tournament is scheduled for December 5, 6, 7, 2003.

"Hot Summer Nights" Goes to O'Brien & Martin



Bellflower, CA. — (Reported By: California Shuffleboard News)

The team of Whittier's Tim O'Brien and Bellflower's Carl Martin upset a field of eight teams to win the Rosewood Pub's first annual "Hot Summer Nights" double's tournament on Saturday, August 9, in Bellflower. And they did it the hard way after losing their second

match of the day to second highest sponsored team in the tournament - Huntington Beach's Rich "Bubba" Warren and Bellflower's Ernie Alvarez two games to one. They came back to win all of their matches including two consecutive wins over Escondido's Kenny Hawkes and Modesto's J.R. Noel for the tournament championship.

The "Bring Partner" doubles began on time Saturday morning, following Paul Weber's Friday night auction that brought in a \$1,820 sponsor pool to go along with the \$800 in entry fees.

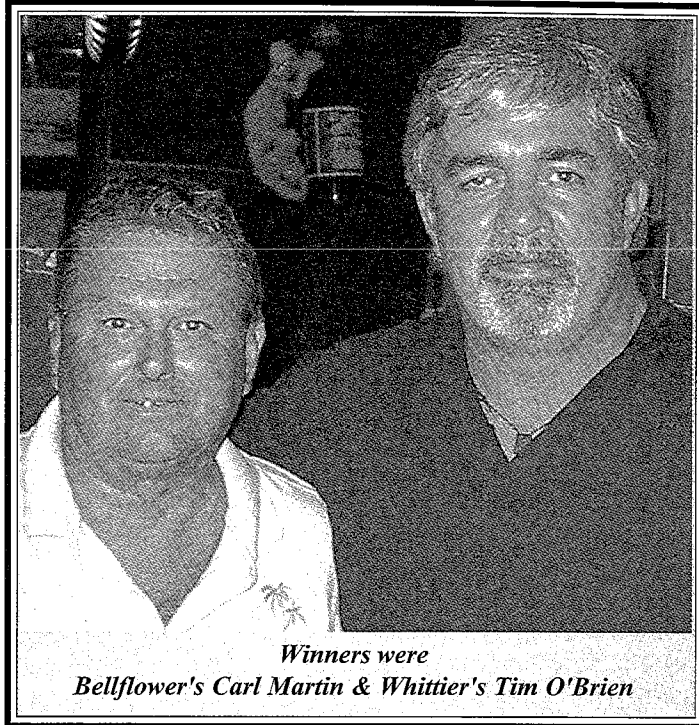
The best two out of three, double elimination tournament featured several of Los Angeles and Orange counties top players, as well as Modesto traveler Noel who made the six-hour drive to compete in the first annual event on the Rosewood's three shuffleboards. All three boards played very fast and were in top shape for tournament play.

The Rosewood provided sandwiches, Sloppy Joe's, dogs and kraut and dessert for the players and their customers on both Friday and Saturday.

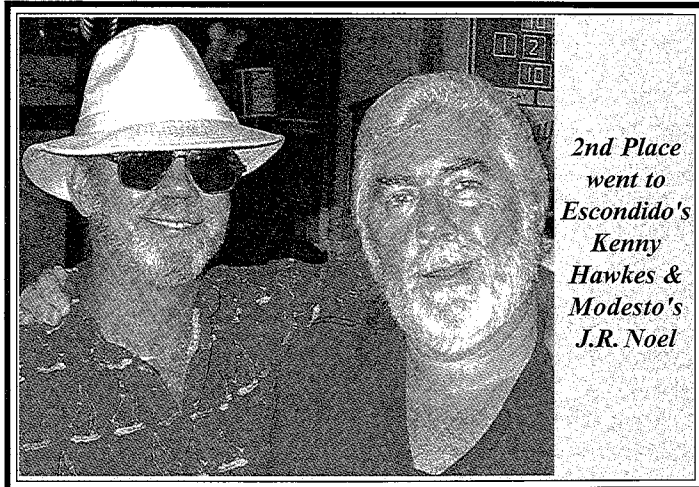
Following their second round loss the O'Brien and Martin team battled back to get revenge against Warren and Alvarez by eliminating them from the tournament finals by winning two of three games. Martin sealed the win with the score 11-6 by laggin a four-point hanger for the third game victory. The win setup the championship match against the undefeated Hawkes and Noel late Saturday night, with the challengers needing to defeat them in two matches to win the tournament championship. Warren and Alvarez, who won last year's Billy Chiles' "Bring Partner" Doubles in Huntington Beach over the Labor Day weekend, finished third in the tournament.

The first match played on board two, with O'Brien and Martin hitting every weight put on the board by Hawkes and Noel, went to the southern California team with O'Brien lagging a two to win the third and final game. Action then moved to board three for the finals with the winning team taking the first two games and the championship. In addition to winning the tournament both O'Brien and Martin received paid entry fees into the Billy Chiles Memorial Doubles.

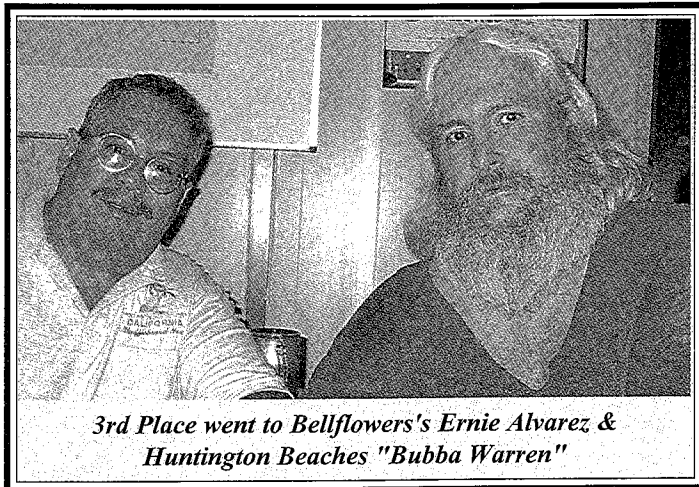
Rosewood owners B.B. Boik and Bud Taylor would like to thank the players that competed in the first annual "Hot Summer Nights" tournament and look forward to hosting another event next year on the second weekend of August.



*Winners were
Bellflower's Carl Martin & Whittier's Tim O'Brien*



*2nd Place
went to
Escondido's
Kenny
Hawkes &
Modesto's
J.R. Noel*



*3rd Place went to Bellflower's Ernie Alvarez &
Huntington Beaches "Bubba" Warren*



6th Annual Billie Chiles Memorial Tourney Results



Huntington Beach Moose Lodge #1832, Huntington Beach, CA

September 2003 - Labor Day Weekend

Report By: Bob Brunskill, CA --- [5 Photos (page 33) Submitted By: California Shuffleboard News]

The sixth Annual Billie Chiles memorial tournament was held at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge #1832 over the Labor Day weekend. Before the events got underway, Paul Weber introduced Bryan Beverly (governor of the lodge) to the cheering masses. Chuck Bowers (Administrator of the Lodge) gave a welcoming speech thanking all of the participants and guests. There was something to eat every day of the tournament, much of it provided by Anna Brunskill, Jim and Marie Coulter and their family. Ernie Alvarez did a fine job providing and cooking breakfast Saturday morning (15 dozen eggs). Many thanks to the other people who also brought food. Thanks to all the staff at the Moose who provided us with speedy refills and quarters on demand. A special thanks to Marilyn Messenger who was there early every morning getting the Lodge ready. Thanks are also in order to Iggy Smith and Skip Slaughter who did a heroic job of laying the carpet and runners and cleaning the boards.

It was nice to see Chris Chiles (Billie's widow) there as well as Eric Chiles (Billie's son) who played in the tournament.

We would like to thank Paul Weber for doing a fine job on the Calcuttas. We would also like to thank Bubba Warren for a great job organizing the tournament and coordinating with Bill Maxwell on bringing in and setting up the two additional boards. Bob Brunskill handled the ratings (8 unrated players with only one major mistake) and the brackets. Using 5 boards (3 in-house and 2 imported) the doubles event finished at 3:00 PM on Monday afternoon. Both events were 2 out of 3 (15 pts in the winners bracket and single game 21 point in the losers bracket).

Thanks to all the people who came from Las Vegas (6), Phoenix (15), Exeter (10), San Diego, San Jose, Bishop, Modjeska Canyon, Temecula, the tri-borough area (Bellflower, Downey and Lakewood) La Habra, and Yorba Linda for traveling so far and supporting the tournament. There were 11 players from Huntington Beach. There were a total of 93 registered players:

ABC only	49 players
Doubles only	12 players
Both events	32 players

There were two events starting with the ABC Blind Draw and finishing with the bring partner/add to 2.0 doubles. There were 81 players (27 teams) in the ABC event which paid six places with \$2025 entry and \$7200 sponsor monies.

First (undefeated)	Phil Fridley	Anna Brunskill	George Gray
Second	Bob Ruiz	Willie Welch	Mary McDonagh
Third	Jerry Harp	Denise Yohn	Siobhan Coulter
Fourth	Dudley Hutcherson	Kathleen Wisdom	Wally Ewing
Fifth/Sixth	Gregg McFarland	Mina Bischara	Gale Cole
Fifth/Sixth	Karl Spickelmier	Steve O'Neal	Joan Gardner

There were 44 players (22 teams) in the bring partner/add to 2.0 doubles. The sum of the ratings of each team had to be greater or equal to 2.0 using the 2003 Bowers Rating System. One team dropped out for medical reasons and their entry fee and auction monies were returned. Payout was for four places. There was \$2200 in the entry and \$4730 in the sponsor monies.

First (undefeated)	Jane Mourgos	Jim Martin
Second	Dudley Hutcherson	John Osheroff
Third	Wayne Scott	Wendell Herbison
Fourth	Bubba Warren	Ernie Alvarez

Dudley Hutcherson was the only player to finish in the money in both events.

"Calcutta Kenny" Hawkes bought the first, second, and fourth place teams in the doubles event.

The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Chris Danke included many moving tributes from Chris' Shuffleboard friends. The speakers were introduced by HOF secretary Kathleen Wisdom and the award presentation was made by Jolene Lembke (See Page 33 for ceremony photos) who always has to do a lot of behind-the-scenes work to organize these Hall of Fame events.

We had a good time and made a lot of new friends - thank you all!!!

--Bob Brunskill reporting

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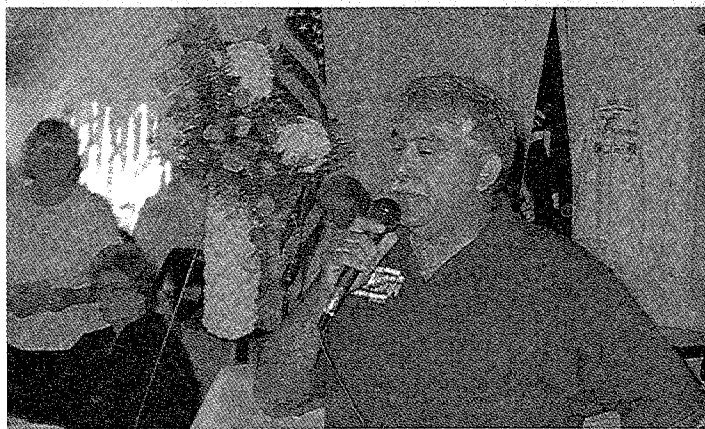
Billie Chiles Memorial... (con't. from Page 30)

Chris Danke CSHOF Induction Ceremony

(See Page 18 for more ceremony details)



ABOVE: Jolene Lembke Opens Induction Ceremony

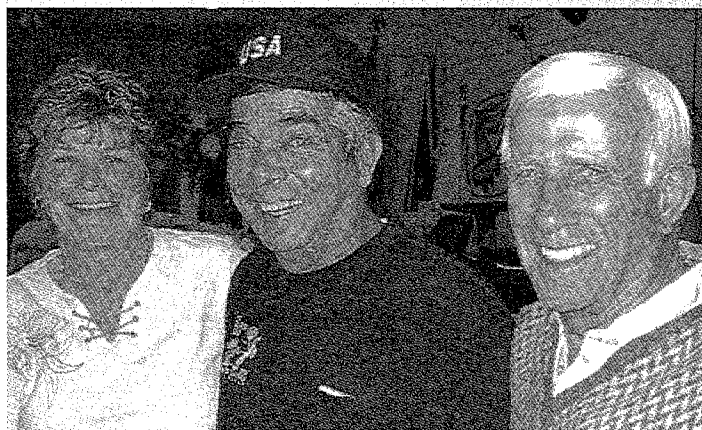


ABOVE: Al Salazar gives tribute speech

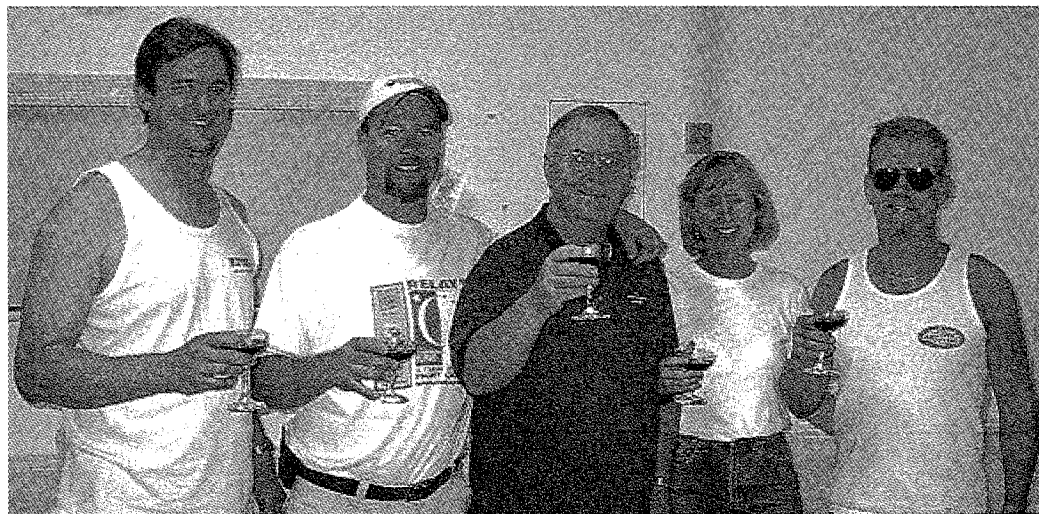
A/B/C Event Top Two Team Winners



1st Place: (Above): (undefeated team)
Phil Fridley, Anna Brunskill, George Gray



2nd Place: (Above):
Mary McDonagh, Bob Ruiz, Willie Welch



The top two Doubles teams in the Billy Chiles Memorial Tournament held on Labor Day weekend at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge were L to R: John Osheroff and Dudley Hutcherson and tournament winners Jimmy Martin and Jane Mourgos with both team's sponsor Calcutta Kenny Hawkes.

Indiana's "Nature" Tournament Reports

September 12-13th & 27th, 2003

Warsaw Eagles Aeries #1339 and Journey's End Bar & Grill

Report & Photos Submitted By: Pam Dowell

Indiana's 2003 Tournament season began with a singles event on Friday, September 12th followed by Open Doubles held on Saturday, the 13th at the Warsaw Eagles Aeries #1339 in Warsaw, Indiana. While there were just fifteen singles players and twelve teams, director Terry Dowell was pleased with the turnout. "It's pretty good, considering that most of us could just as easily be convinced to play golf or go to the lake on a weekend with weather like this. We don't really get serious about shuffleboard here in Indiana until the first frost."

Nevertheless, those who showed up enjoyed the good camaraderie of seeing friends again after a long summer. Not to mention the great free sloppy joe sandwiches and sides provided by bar manager Donna Konkle and her capable staff. "It's always a good time at the Eagles," said Ray Miller. "Then atmosphere is relaxed and those two great boards play so consistently."

Players discussed the suggestion by Glen Ingram to invite any interested Kentucky players (where there is no State Championship Tournament) to participate in Indiana's State event in November. All agreed that it was a good idea and when the petition was begun, twenty three signatures were collected. Each player voted "yes". The petition will be circulated at each succeeding tournament and a final decision will be made. Kentucky folks should contact co-directors Glen Ingram or Steve Hart if they are interested. In addition, it was suggested that some Ohio shufflers might want to play. They should call Glen or Steve, as well. "Ohio doesn't have a State Championship, either and a lot of those players regularly support our weekly tourneys," noted Jim Long. "Let's let 'em in."

The results of the two events were as follows: The Open Singles winner was Brian Collins, who won every game he played. Second in a tough bracket was Ray Miller. The Doubles match on Saturday was won by the Dynamic Duo, Jim Long and Glen Ingram. They held on to best Terry Dowell and Larry Brown who placed second. The next Open Doubles scheduled at the Warsaw Eagles Aeries #1339 will be on 12/06/03.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Dowell
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574-328-0050 Cell

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The first tournament held at new Indiana venue Journey's End Bar & Grill in Bourbon, Indiana on 09/27/03, came off without a hitch. Maybe that's because owners Mike & Lisa Koontz honed their skills running tournaments at the American Legion for many years. They were assisted by director Terry Dowell and auctioneer Mikel Johnson, as well as co-owner/manager/brother Jim Koontz. The result was an unqualified success according to those who participated.

Seventeen teams from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan playing on three in-house boards enjoyed the free barbecued ribs, beans and fixin's. The great food was prepared by Max and Joy Trowbridge, pitching in to help buddy Mike. The family support continued with sister Ann Harrell taking team photos which Lisa framed & presented to each player before the night was over.

The boards were new to nearly all of the players, but everyone agreed that they had just enough character to keep things interesting. One participant commented, "I watched nearly every team play and if one partner missed a couple of weights, his/her partner was able to lag. The situation would reverse and the first teammate would pick up the slack."

The total pot was nearly \$4,000, certainly a good one for a new place and so early in the season. Mike said, "I'm glad everyone had a good time and I was pleased to see players from our neighboring states as well as folks from the Muncie area and other points south. Of course it's especially gratifying when the local players show up to support us. The only thing that would have made it better is if Dennis (Kinsey) and I had won!"

The winners were Terry Dowell and Larry Brown in a hard-fought battle against Mary Brown and Mike Johnson. Dowell/Brown were able to hang on and double-dip the unbeaten Brown/Johnson while both teams put on a show of sensational lags and awesome slides and hides. "We got lucky," said Brownie. "I only hope I can get a ride back to Ft Wayne tomorrow. Maybe Mary will have cooled off by then!"

Third place went to Jim Long and Steve Hart, with Gary Neff and Dennis Stanz (Ohio) rounding out the money places for fourth. Everyone agreed they'd be back to play at the Journey's End. Next scheduled event will be a Mixed Doubles on 12/20/03. These games are getting more and more popular in this area and Mike encourages everyone to attend. (Will there be Christmas presents, Mike?)

--Respectfully submitted, Pam Dowell
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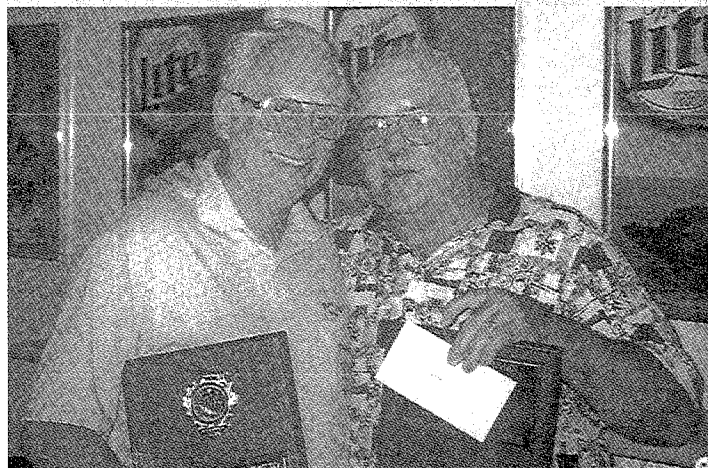
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Indiana's "Nature" Tournament Reports

****Winners Photos****

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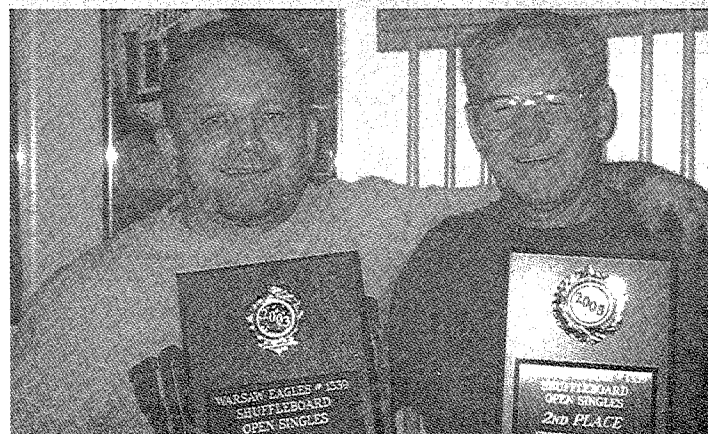
Eagles Aeries #1339 Open "Doubles" & "Singles"



**1st Place: (Above L-R)
Jim Long & Glen Ingram**

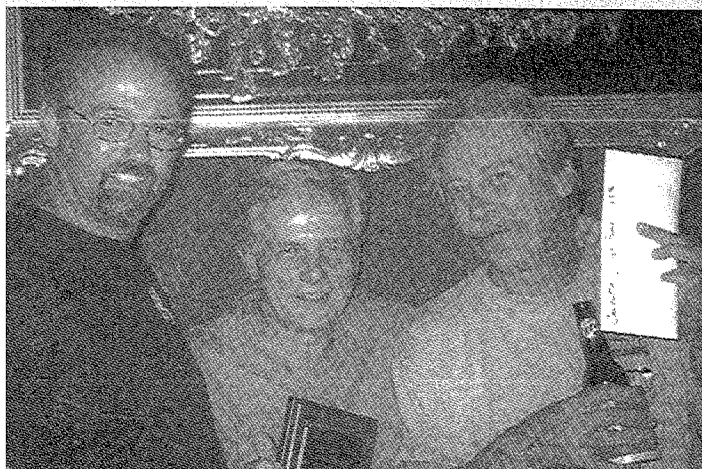


**2nd Place: (Above L-R)
Larry Brown & Terry Dowell**

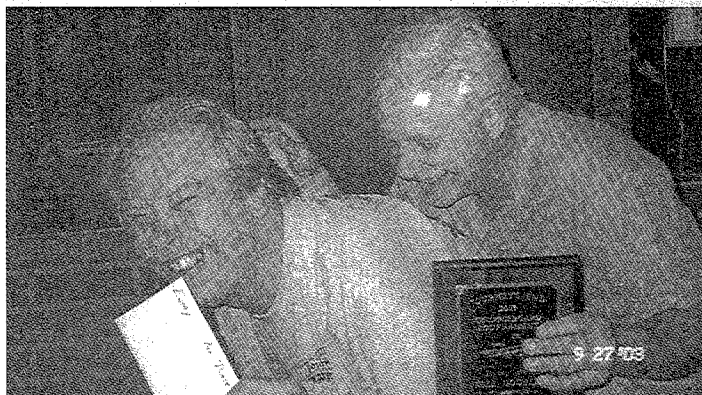


**1st & 2nd Place Open Singles: (Above L-R)
Brian Collins (1st) & Ray Miller (2nd)**

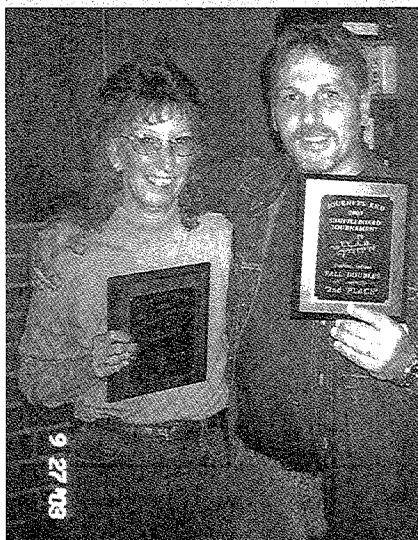
Journey's End Bar & Grill "Open Doubles"



**1st Place: (Above)
Terry Dowell (center) & Larry Brown (right) w/Jim Koontz
(Manager of Journey's End-left) presenting plaques**



**Note: Pam Dowell & Mary Brown wonder if their spouses
might just be getting a little too close! (grin)**



**2nd Place: (L-R)
Mary Brown &
Mike Johnson**



17th Annual Pat Kinard Memorial Labor Day Weekend Tournament

Full House Bar, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

August 28-September 1, 2003

Photos Submitted By: Gerald Wood, Wynnewood, OK



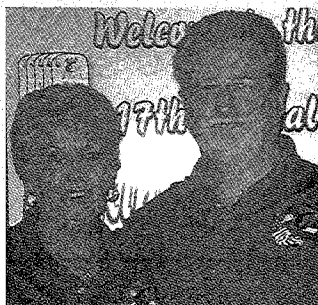
A/B Draw Winners



1st Place: (L-R left)
Jim French/
Ken Stork
(both of OK)



2nd Place: (L-R above)
Hoot Hodges (Ar)/Dub Hatley (Ok)



3rd Place: (L-R above)
Jean & Don Roper (Tx)

Open Draw Winners



1st Place: (L-R above)
Rena Fleming &
Nancy Tice (both of Ok)



2nd Place: (L-R above)
Sue Lewis & Doc Carter
(both of Ok)



3rd Place: (L-R above)
Gary Nelson (Tx) &
Hoot Hodges (Ar)



4th Place: (L-R above)
Jerry Widdoes & Ferlin Kearns
(both of Ok)

Bring Partner



1st Place: (L-R above)
Bill Melton & Patrick Linville (both of Ok)



2nd Place: (L-R above)
Jim French & Keith Oyler (both of Ok)



3rd Place: (L-R left)
Don Wilkerson &
Jerry Widdoes
(both of Ok)



4th Place: (L-R left)
Ken Stork &
Danny Baxter
(both of Ok)

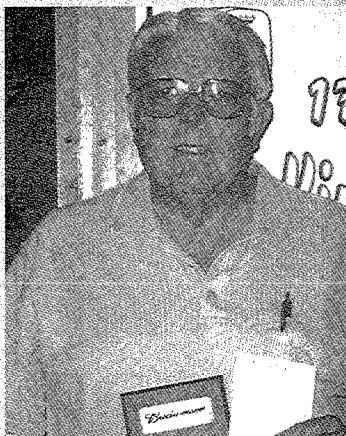
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Singles Division I Winners

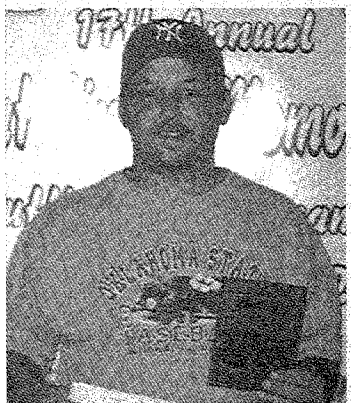


*1st Place: (above)
Brenda Williams
of Oklahoma*



*2nd Place: (above)
Bill Melton
of Oklahoma*

Singles Division II Winners



*1st Place: (above)
Patrick Linville
of Oklahoma*



*2nd Place: (above)
David Renfro
of Oklahoma*



*3rd Place: (above)
Bobby Briley*



*4th Place: (above)
Carolyn Jones*

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A/B Draw Division I (-1's, 0's, 1's)

1st Place: (L-R)
David Williams, Sr.
& Gerald Wood



2nd Place: (L-R)
Craig Amundson
& Billy Melton



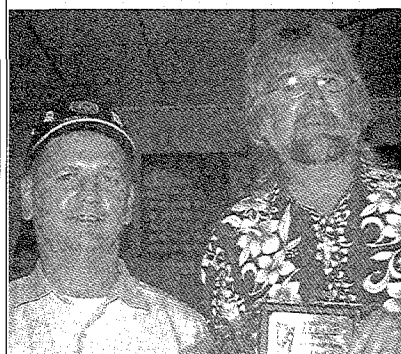
3rd Place: (L-R)
Harvey Walden
& Brian Walker

and not pictured winners:

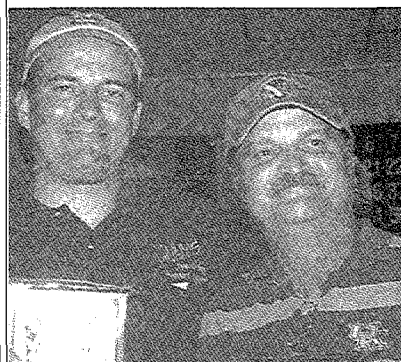
Bobby Voorhis/ Mike Piper (4th);
Harvey Kidd/Ryan Devlin &
Johnny Wayne Crawford/Brenda Williams (tie 5th/6th);
Ken Simmons/James Cummings &
Mike Koonz/Marty Shepherd (tie 7th/8th)

A/B Draw Division II (-2's, 3's, 4's)

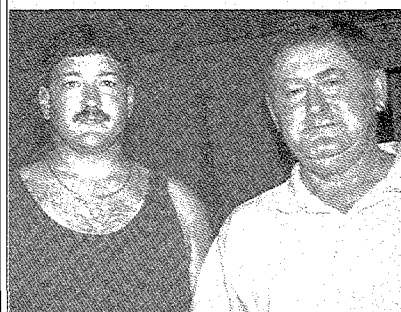
1st Place: (L-R)
Jody Berry
& Ray Evatt



2nd Place: (L-R)
Mark Gray
& John Newell



3rd Place: (L-R)
Mike Regan
& Tom Davidson



4th Place: (L-R)
Gary Neff
& Steve Taylor

and not pictured winners:

Rick Pittman/Trish Renick &
Greg Hixon/Nicole Medina (tie 5th/6th);
Lorraine Bingham/Mike Coon &
Tom Club/Carmen Barrett (tie 7th/8th)

SW OPEN 2003**M.V.P. Bonus Points/\$\$ Winners:**

David Williams, Sr. (-1 Rated Category)
Brenda Williams (0 Rated Category)
Gerald Wood (1 Rated Category)
Greg Hixon (2 Rated Category)
Steve Taylor & Steve Hansen (3 & 4 Rated Category)

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4-Person Team Div. I (add to 1; one pro/team)

1st Place: (L-R above) Dave Ramold, Brian Walker, Rene Roberts, Diana Hagen (captain)



2nd Place: (L-R above) Carlos Guzman, Rick Niblett (captain), Johnny Gardner, Dave Shewbridge



3rd Place: (L-R above) Cliff Goff (captain), Brenda Williams, Gerald Wood, Steve Walker (not pictured)



4th Place: (L-R above) Jeff McFadden, David Williams Jr, Sally Goff, David Williams Sr (captain)

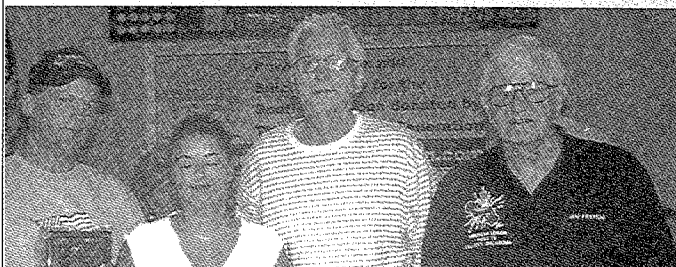
and not pictured winners:

Bobby Voorhis & Debbie Voorhis/Dave Vorndran/Gary Anglin and Karl Spickelmier/Craig Amundson/Bob Ruiz/ Jim Kennedy (tie 5th/6th);

Joe Spielman/Mike Roach/John Kosiske/Larry Zahm and Billy Melton/Johnny Ballard/Glen Davidson/Patrick Linville (tie 7th/8th)

4-Person Team Div. II (add to 9; no -1's or 0's)

1st Place: (above) Len Webster (captain), Steve Henson, Sue Webster, Geoff Crooks



2nd Place: (L-R above) Terry Yingst (captain), Danielle Bruggeman, Billy Poole, Jim French



3rd Place: (L-R above) Greg Hixon (captain), Joe Vancher, Vaughn Chavoya, Tom Coburn



4th Place: (above) Jim Kosiske (captain), Tommy Arellano, Justin Vochecke, Dewayne Nielsen

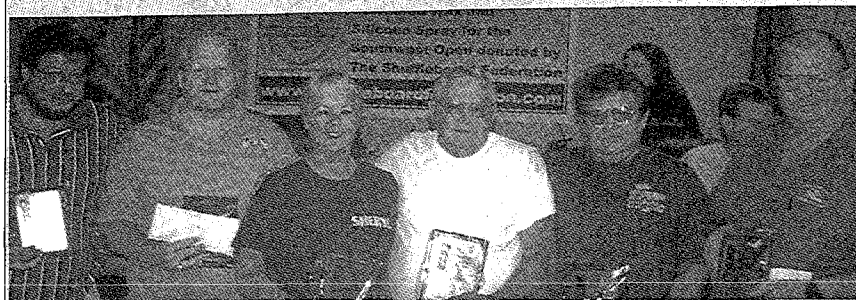
and not pictured winners:

Carol Audett/Charles Peltier/Tree Cameron/Penny Meharg and Jody Berry/Micky Moy/Rick Stocker/Margie Camp (tie 5th/6th);

Susie Halstead/Todd Brewer/Mike Halstead/DeRay Garcia and Bruce Splane/Jerry Widdoes/Joyce Gamble/Paige Hill (tie 7th/8th)

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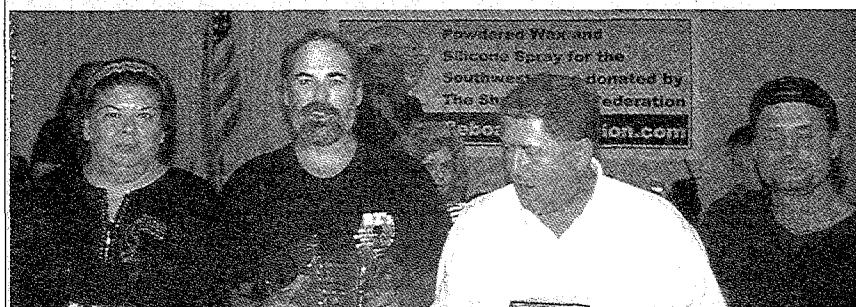
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6-Person Draft (Open to All Players)

1st Place: (L-R left) Chris Smith, Brian Walker (captain), Sheryl Cockerill, Bill Niswonger, Lee Kinley, Rick Pittman



2nd Place: (L-R left) Jean Roper, Carol Audett, Alice Patterson, Billy Mays and not pictured: Larry Pearson & Gwen Orsi



3rd Place: (L-R left) Trish Renick, Rick Gindt (captain), Steve Taylor, Todd Bowers and not pictured: Dani Bruggeman & Phil Gardner



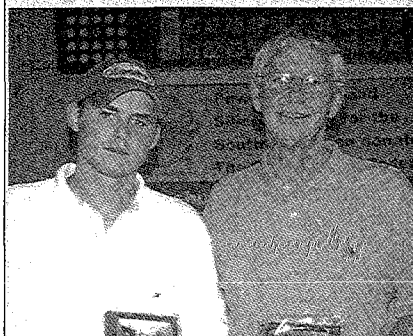
4th Place: (L-R left) Brenda Williams, Lilly Kidd, Harvey Kidd (captain), James Cummings, and not pictured: Milford Parker & Dar Cummings

and not pictured winners:

Flynt Preston/Gary Anglin/Greg Hixon/Lorraine Bingham/Mike Coon/Tom Davidson and Terry Dowell/Doug Paben/Rick Stocker/James Olson/Ray Evatt/James Morgan (tie 5th/6th); Brenda Moore/Ken Stork/Lynda French/Linda Ritter/Joyce Gamble/Carman Barrett and Johnny Wayne Crawford/Sally Goff/Bill Wooldridge/Don Roper/Penny Meharg/Lee Boyajain (tie 7th/8th)

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Bring Partner Pro Div. (Open -1's thru 4's)

*1st Place: (L-R)
David Williams, Jr.
& David Williams Sr.
(father/son team)*



*2nd Place: (L-R)
Johnny Wayne
Crawford &
Terry Dowell*



*3rd Place: (L-R)
Rick Jones &
Brenda Williams*



*4th Place: (L-R)
Jim Payne &
Bill Melton*

and not pictured winners:

*Bobby Voorhis/Harvey Kidd and
Darrol Nelson/Ken Simmons (tie 5th/6th);
Bobby Williams/Jeri Williams and
Flynt Preston/Mike Taylor (tie 7th/8th)*

Bring Partner Div. I (Open 1's thru 4's)

*1st Place: (L-R)
Greg Hixon &
Chris Smith*



*2nd Place: (L-R)
Scott Auten &
Gerald Wood*



*3rd Place: (L-R)
Gary Anglin &
Jeff McFadden*

and not pictured winners:

*Ron Sosovec/Linda Nobles (4th);
Gordie Smith/Jim Nicole and
Debbie Voorhis/Mary Brown (tie 5th/6th);
Ronnie Gamble/Sally Goff and
Mike Piper/Phil Gardner (tie 7th/8th)*



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Bring Partner Div. II (Open 2's thru 4's)

*1st Place: (L-R)
Tom Clubb &
Mark Gray*



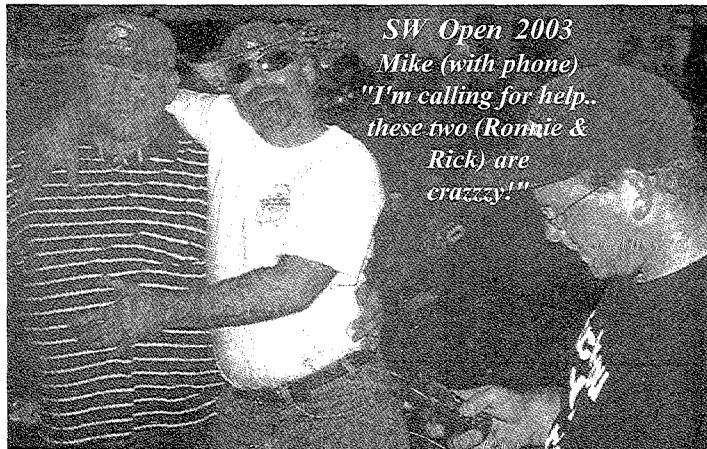
*2nd Place: (L-R)
Patrick Linville &
Carolyn Jones*



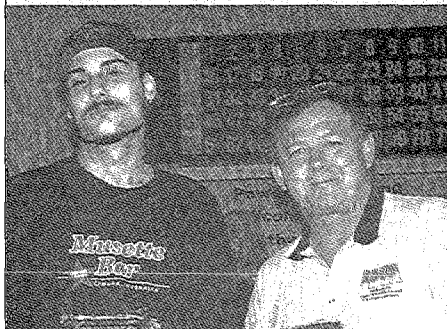
*3rd Place: (L-R)
Vickie Henning &
Mickey Moy*

and not pictured winners:

*Gary Neff/Jody Berry (4th);
Danny Green/Lynda French and
Danny Baxter/Kay Nelson (tie 5th/6th);
Mike Regan/Lilly Kidd and
Sal Mancuso/Don Roper (tie 7th/8th)*



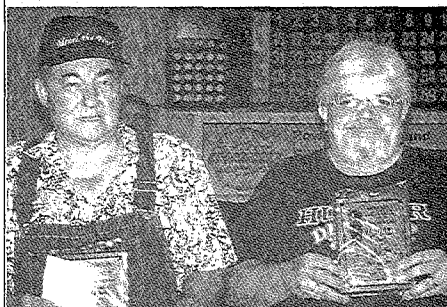
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Mike (with phone)
"I'm calling for help..
these two (Romie &
Rick) are
crazy!"*

Bring Partner Div. III (Open 3's & 4's)

*1st Place: (L-R)
Shane Hagen &
Steve Hanson*



*2nd Place: (L-R)
Nicole Medina &
Jeannie Wills*



*3rd Place: (L-R)
Mearl Dodson
& Puggs Byers*



4th Place: (Above)

*Don Crall (center - SW Open Tournament Director)
celebrates and congratulates Steve Taylor &
Glen Tubbs for their win*

and not pictured winners:

*Jim French/John Williamson and
David Chandler/Brandon Kinard (tie 5th/6th);
Tom Coburn/Pam Lee and
Haskel James/Joyce Gamble (tie 7th/8th)*

Tournament News From Washington

Nifty Fifty's Pub & Grill - Mud Bay Tavern - Red Dog Saloon
 Report Submitted By: Randy Ables, Red Dog Saloon Tournament Director

Three-Person Draw Partners Accumulated Points Tourney

We try and come up with new ways to get our players involved and keep them coming back for more. Well, this time we got three of our best supporting facilities together and asked them to agree to sponsor a Triple Play – 3 Person Draw (Both Division A & B) that would be played at their facilities over the course of the year. So with Nifty Fifty's Pub & Grill's Ken Harper, Mud Bay Tavern's Jim Tribble, and Red Dog Saloon's Dee & Larry Hudson each kicking in an extra \$200.00 sponsorship, we began our journey.

The first leg of three was played at the Nifty Fifty's Pub & Grill in Tacoma, WA. The turnout was really good and it looked like this tournament series was a hit. Then we scheduled the Mud Bay (2nd leg) Tavern, Mud Bay, WA and found out we had scheduled it on Mothers Day. This created a little conflict of interest for some of our players and we missed their presence for the matches. The final leg was played at the Red Dog Saloon in Port Orchard, WA. With all the money on the line we expected and received a good turn out of players. In all matches, the play was active and the player's intent on bringing home 1st place. There was lively discussion before – during – and after events. Laughter, hand shakes and hugs were ever present. The sportsmanship shown by our players was impressive.

When we finished our third leg, Mike Thorpe had the most accumulated points; followed closely by Larry Pearson; then a two-way tie for 3rd place with Caveman Ward and Justin Kasa dead even in points. They each earned every bit of the overall prize.

It's important to thank the sponsors and event directors for making sure we pulled this off. Special thanks go out to Mike & Kathy Keevil for coming up with this idea and seeing it through all the way. This is just another stellar shuffleboard event in a long list of exceptional tournaments we run here in the Pacific Northwest. You should come by and toss a few pucks with us! All are welcome in Washington! Many Thanks Everyone!

A Special Note: Our wonderful friend and active shuffleboard player and tournament sponsor, Larry Hudson (Red Dog Saloon) passed away before he could see what he had helped set in motion. We honor his memory every day by remembering the good he did for our sport of choice. Share his name and memory with others to keep him close.

3-Person "Division A" Winners



*3-Person 1st Place: (L-R Above)
 Mike Thorpe/Mike Waters/Mike Keevil*



*3-Person 2nd Place: (L-R Above)
 Jim Tribble/Les Burt/Larry Pearson
 and no photos:*

*3rd Place: Vern Gonzales/Frank Mako/Michelle Foran
 4th Place: Jim Foran/Gary George/Dave Forbes
 5th (tie): Rick Gindt/Tommy Campbell/Alvin Orcutt &
 Dave Arndt/Tim Nugent/Caveman Ward*

3-Person "Division B" Winners



*3-Person 1st Place: (L-R Above)
 Drew Skinner/Junelle Schrum/Justin Kasa*



*3-Person 2nd Place: (L-R Above)
 Judy George/Bill Walker/Sharon Nugent
 and no photos:*

*3rd Place: Cheri Schrum/Linda Walker/Kathy Keevil
 4th Place: Randy Ables/Rob Heidel/Kimberly Olson
 5th (tie): Robert Wade/Vera Brown/Dee Hudson &
 Robert Issa/Jerry Gibson/Marci Putnam*

In Memory of...

"Bellflower" Bruce Hale

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Excerpt From the Orange County Register September 23, 2003:

Bruce Hale, 67, of Irvine, owner of Newport Plastics, died Sept. 19, 2003, of cardiomyopathy.

Private services. Arrangements by McCormick & Son Mortuary, Laguna Hills.

Survivors: Wife, Willa; daughter, Dawne Meeks; seven grandchildren.

Larry Hudson

Red Dog Saloon Owner, Port Orchard, Washington

Born Sept. 6, 1935, 67, in Absarokee, Montana - passed away on August 28, 2003 in Seattle, Washington.

Survivors include wife, Dee Hudson who owns the Blue Goose Tavern in Port Orchard, Washington

*and host/hostess to many tournaments including the famous
annual Valentine's Sweetheart Tournament.*

Neil Garvin

Corpus Christi, Texas

Neil Garvin, 61, passed away at his Corpus Christi, Texas residence on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 after a long illness. Neil served in the US Navy including service during the Vietnam conflict, and held the rank of Chief AMS at his retirement in 1979. He was employed with the Corpus Christi Army Depot as a sheet metal worker for 20 years until his illness prevented him from working. He owned and operated a shuffleboard business and was known to many as the "Shuffleboard Guy". He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife Judy; son Jeff of Cedar Park; parents, Elmer & Evelyn Garvin (both 86 years old) and brother Larry of Zanesville, Ohio; one granddaughter, Keitha; nephew Chance and numerous other relatives and a host of friends. Memorial held Oct. 17th. Memorial contributions may be made to Christus Spohn Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Neil has been responsible for promoting shuffleboard play in Texas, most especially in the coastal area and into Central Texas. If it had not been for Neil, there would be little to no play on the Southern Coast of Texas. For those who wish to send cards to the family, address to:

Judy Garvin (his wife) at 1421 Casa Grande Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Neil's family wishes to thank all friends, family, and hospice staff for their prayers and friendship.

Bill "Holley"

Longtime Player from OKC Area

*Service held in Yukon, Oklahoma on Sept. 27, 2003. No additional information
available at this time.*

*Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are extended to the friends and families of
Bruce, Larry, Neil, and Bill...*

---T&L French, Editors/Publishers & Entire Shuffleboard Community

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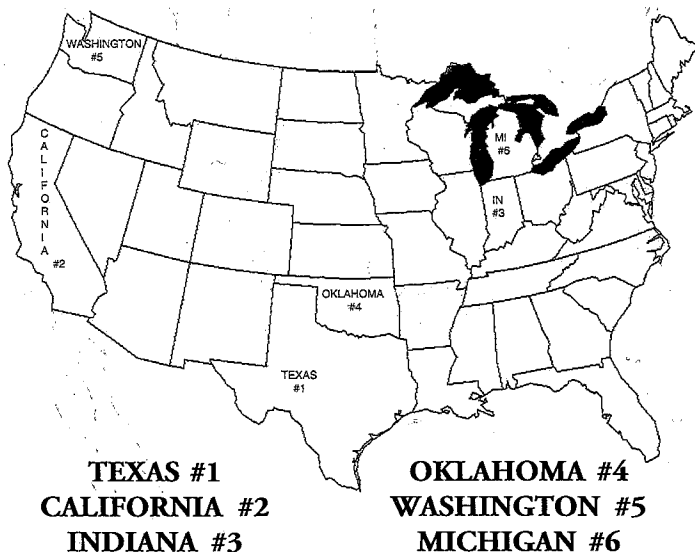
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