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4th Annual Indiana Hall of Fame Classic

July 13-15, 2003
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

Report & Photos Submitted By: Glen Ingram of Muncie, Indiana

David L's Hideout Lounge hosted the 4th Annual Indiana Hall of Fame Classic tournament on July 13-15th.

The highlight of our tournament was on Saturday, July 14th... the induction ceremony for two deserving players, being Lester "Les" (Whitey) White and Bobby Voorhis into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. We had a great induction ceremony and wish to thank the family of Les Whitley and Debbie and Bobby Voorhis for their participation in this great event. Bobby was a little reluctant to be inducted, but we told him he would probably be a two or three time inductee just like football or baseball Hall of Famers!?!

All of this is possible because we have facilities and people who back shuffleboard by providing a place to play and people who love this game and the players... so we wish to also thank David Greer, owner of David L's Hideout Lounge, for his strong support and to thank the people who donated to our Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame... we have added the following additional donors' names to our Indiana Hall of Fame "Donors Plaque": Marty Allen of Ohio/Florida; Jerry Siebert of Michigan; Bill & Brenda Kane of Michigan; Mike Koontz of Indiana; and Dennis Kinsey of Indiana.

Indiana players have to be proud when so many out-of-state players donate to our Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame showing that others across the country also hold alot of respect and support for Indiana players. When you see these supporters in your travels and at tournaments be sure to thank them for their support and donations.



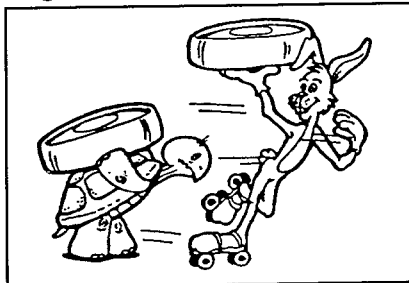
Above: Glen Ingram (left) presents HOF award to "Les" White's wife Connie & son pictured with C.W. & Pam Kiser



Above: Bobby Voorhis proudly accepts his HOF award with wife Debbie (left) congratulates Bobby and definitely "Stands by her man all the way!"

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Regarding Subscriber Problems...

Re: August 2003 Issue, Page 2

Regarding Subscriber Problems...

I just finished reading this month's BT [August 2003 Issue] and wanted to respond to Tom and Lynda's article regarding declining subscriptions. The fact that Lynda and Tom work their butts off to put BT out every month, and make little or no money does suck. On the other hand... I really don't know all the details, but I would imagine they knew going into it that it would be somewhat of an altruistic undertaking. Regardless of all that, the line in their article that did kind of hit me was the last one, "We plea to all to help us... if everyone truly wants this publication to stay alive and well". Is it possible that BT could suddenly vanish? Would that not mean the end of shuffleboard as we've come to know it? How would the shuffleboard community communicate? Certainly, online communications are really only used by a small percent of the players, and even then, websites and a publication like Board Talk would still be necessary.

The "Ranking of States..." is cool. States that are rated significantly higher in the "Rated" department than the "Subscriber" department need to wake up. One suggestion I have is a possibly more blatant statistic, namely, the percent of rated people that are subscribers (for each state).

Anyway, there are lots of things going on in California (i.e. discussions, debates, and experimental tournament formats) that are aimed to furthering and growing this great sport of ours. BoardTalk is a major component of shuffleboard's future success, and it's something that already exists. Shouldn't we do something?

--Eddie Brayman, CA

[Editors Response to Eddie: Thanks for expressing your concerns and support of The Board Talk. Wish we could clone you and others that are such great supporters that appreciate and recognize the need to promote and keep our

communication channel and sport alive and well for many more years.

We, too, thought the "Ranking by States" of both rated players and The Board Talk subscribers produced some meaningful and interesting results. But to run statistics on the number of Rated Players that are subscribers would be much more difficult mostly due to the name changes, address changes, spelling of names, etc. differences between the rated player list and the publication's subscriber list probably would be difficult (if not impossible) to accurately cull out. The Bowers Ratings are updated and produced on an annual basis and Name or State changes for players are only known if a Rater knows of the changes and turns those changes in with their annual rating sheet to the Bowers. The Board Talk list (being a monthly publication) typically has more current name and address information than what might be reflected in the annual rating sheets. So, one could not easily run an application to compare names between the two lists, as they are often not identical or even close. So, it would have to be a manual name by name lookup where you would have to make some assumptions to know when two names are really a match (or might be a match) by name and state.

Kudos to you and others from California and the Northwest shuffleboard population for trying to work jointly on tournament formats, etc. to better attract, promote and continue to grow our great sport. Once you and your counterparts have accumulated some valid data that might be of interest or help to other shuffleboard communities, you should share it through The Board Talk. Anything that can help keep our sport alive and growing for many years to come should be shared with others.

Thanks again for taking the time to express your support and thoughts. -- T & L French, Board Talk Editors]

September 2003 Issue Late to Press

We deeply apologize for the lateness of this issue getting to press. Our system has been swamped and crippled with the Blaster and SoBig.f@mm computer viruses. -- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

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-- ATTENTION --

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4th Annual Indiana HOF Tournament

(Photo Collage - See Tournament Details starting on Page 1)



Nebraska

**5th ANNUAL "WANDERING THE
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- 12 boards (8 Champion Boards and 4 house boards).
- Special rates will be available at local hotels for shuffleboard players.
- Transportation will be provided to/from the airport and hotels.
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Nevada

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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

2003 NASC™ RENO

*Spread the word
that
Dick Gorman
will be
receiving the
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*Dick Gorman has been and
continues to be a longtime
supporter and promoter
of shuffleboard
(especially on the East Coast) and
has been a longtime reporter,
supporter, promoter of
The Board Talk, receiving "The
Board Talk Pioneer Reporter/
Promoter" Award in 2002!
Congratulations Dick!*

*Another Well Deserved Award!
— T&L French, Editors/Publishers*

Shufflers' Notebook

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Thanks and Congrats from Betty Parrish...

The Michigan Open was a terrific success Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to Bill and Brenda Kane and "Company" who work diligently to keep the game of shuffleboard alive in this state. Shuffleboard players everywhere should realize that these tournaments do not "run" themselves and make it a point to commend those who use their precious free time and hard work so that the rest of us can enjoy ourselves. Thanks Kane and Company... I don't know what Michigan would have done without you these past few years.

YOU GO INDIANA!

The entourage of Indiana players who constantly support our state games is phenomenal. Other than state championship games, any shuffleboard events include Michigan and Indiana players together. It's to the point where one stops to think "he/she's" not one of "ours", they're Indiana players. But you know they are "ours". Indiana is our "sister state" in every sense of the word. In every aspect of the game they (Indiana) pitches in to help. They auction, clean boards, run round robins and help keep things running smoothly. New players are encouraged and both states come "hungry" for good shuffleboard and the harmony of being with good friends and "family" shuffleboard seems to bring to all of us. It sure is a wonderful "family" to belong to.

CONGRATULATIONS TO "BOBBY VOORHIS"!

Many years ago, a lady who only played as a sub on a last place shuffleboard league team, ventured down towards Detroit to check out the Hoop-la-la about a really BIG shuffleboard tournament. Her jaw dropped when she saw the crowd and heard that most of the people had hotel room as well! Who-ever heard of such a thing? Somehow this gal got persuaded to join in a Pro-Am event. As a "late" entry, she didn't draw a Pro but drew a local player she had seen around. Not good! Directed to go to the outside end of her assigned board, all she was told is to "try to hit something". The opponent of her end introduced himself and realizing that she was nervous and not getting any help from her own partner, (gone for many years now) began to try and calm her down. He asked her where she lived, where she played, etc. He complemented her on some shots, she relaxed a little and enjoyed the game. When the game was over her "new" shuffleboard acquaintance began to critic her game and explain further what would be going on at the tournament for the rest of the weekend. Never one to turn down some good advise she decided "the bad boy knows his stuff!" She was further impressed with all the games going on and sat and watched top-notch players for hours. She called

her family down and decided to stay for the weekend herself. She never knew what hit her. There was a family reunion going on at the hotel at the same time. She was literally rescued from their mist by a guy called Kitty who had come from Texas with the great Earl Kelly. Kitty further explained the game as they watched from Diana Hagen and Earl Kelly shoot their game. She was told "who" players were, where they hailed from, and how good they were. What a game! If that first day had not worked out like it did, the lady probably would have cut her losses and gone home vowing never to play the game again. Instead she was treated with kindness, consideration and had established many friendships lasting to this day. She's traveled far and wide to play shuffleboard. Taking a plane and staying in a hotel to play the game became no big deal. But one thing that remains as clear as the day it happened is who the first Pro was that not only was her opponent, but here first "mentor" as well. The Pro was *Bobby Voorhis* and the *lucky lady* was *me!* On June 14th, Bobby Voorhis was inducted into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Bobby, you deserve the honor and you very definitely have earned it over the years. I just wish I could have been there on your "special" day like you were for me so many years ago and all the years that followed.

--Betty Parrish, MI

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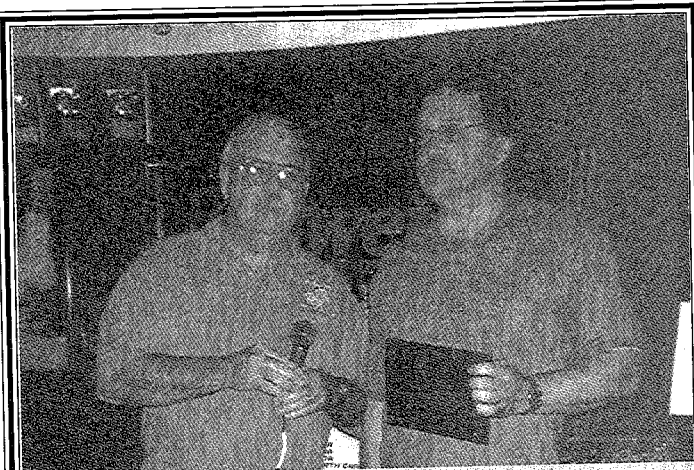
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"August 2003 Issue, Pg. 8"

Caption under photo should read:

"Above: Sue Miller enjoys watching the video of Russ' life which was prepared and presented during the TSA Hall of Fame ceremony. The video showing on the television at the top right corner shows **Russ and Sue Miller** in their early years... A video that Sue will watch many times and one that she will dearly cherish forever!"

Indiana HOF "Classic" ... (Con't. from Page 1)



Above: Glen Ingram (left) presents Bobby Voorhis his well deserved Indiana HOF award.



Above: Bobby Voorhis gives his acceptance speech

This Indiana HOF ceremony and great tournament was a big success... thanks to the players and supporters that showed up and played. A special thanks to Linda Ritter and Mickey Moy who came to play from Omaha Nebraska. We also had great support from our neighbor Michigan thanks to Bill & Brenda Kane, Jerry Siebert, Steve & Bob Auten, Wayne, Jimmy the Cop, Jerry Hershman, Carol & Martha & Roland Harkness, Rob Kern & wife (who did an excellent job helping with the brackets). Last (but not least) thanks to our neighbor Rick Boyer.

We had great support from some locals who don't often play in our sponsor sales. Many thanks to Jim Davis, Rick Thomas Gary Williams, Bobby Collins and all our regular buddies and helpers and to C.W. & Pam Kiser for the catering service.

We were a little crowded but are working on a little rearranging of the seating for next years' Indiana HOF "Classic" tournament.

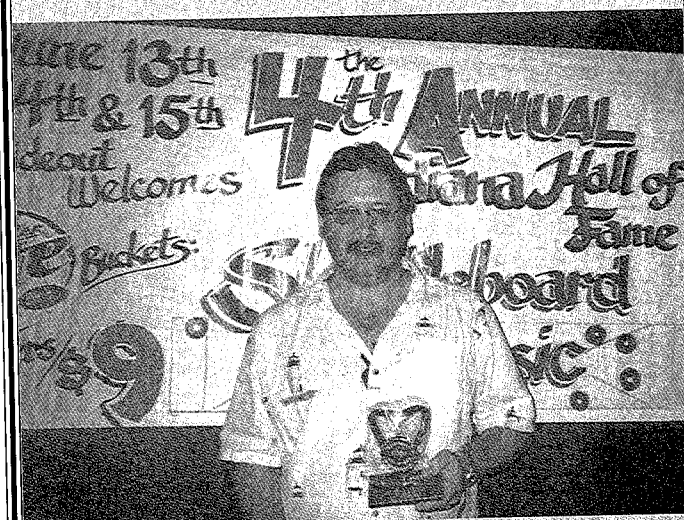
We had a great tournament and a great HOF ceremony. The tournament yielded some new winners too.

In the Singles on Friday, we had 31 players show and we were scared we might have to go to the big bracket chart, but it worked out and the winners were:

Singles Winners (Friday)



1st Place: (left) Tom Nolder, upsetting his mentor/teacher and partner!



2nd Place: (above) Bobby Voorhis

and no photos available:

3rd Place: Dave Boaz

4th Place: Brian Collins

5th/6th Place: Jim Long/Jim DeWitt

WHAT A WAR!

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Indiana HOF "Classic" ... (Con't. from Page 6)

In the A-B-C on Saturday, we had 57 players/19 teams which again was bigger and better than last year's tournament and Sunday was Open Doubles. Winners were:

A-B-C Winners (Saturday)



1st Place: (L-R)
Jeff McFadden,
Mickey Moy,
and Dave Boaz



2nd Place:
John Humes,
Rudy Robinson,
and Stacy Smith



3rd Place: (L-R)
Rick Stocker,
Pam & Terry Dowell



4th Place: (L-R)
Gary Neff,
Jeri Ingram,
and Jim Long

Open Doubles (Sunday)



1st Place: (L-R)
Bobby Voorhis
& Rickey Royal



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



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

4th Place: (L-R)
Rick Stocker & Larry Brown

Again, many thanks to all who attended and to all those who helped make this 4th year Indiana Hall of Fame "Classic" tournament a great success. We look forward to seeing everyone (and more) next year.

-- Reported By: Glen Ingram, Muncie, Indiana

Lester J. "Whitey" White - Indiana HOF Inductee History Induction Ceremony Held on June 14, 2003

Lester J. "Whitey" White started promoting shuffleboard in the 1970's and was involved in shuffleboard for over 25 years. He ran tournaments in Indiana and Ohio and started a Ladies Shuffleboard League in Muncie at Borders Bar. He recruited players from Indiana to Portland which was the start of the Central Indiana Shuffleboard League. The league had as many as 32 teams with sponsor sale and a single elimination bring your own partner format with participants coming from Yorktown, Muncie, Ingalls, Portland, Summitville, Anderson, Fairmont and Chesterfield. Under Whitey's leadership the league ran smoothly. The league went on for several years and his wife Connie and Don "D.C." Criswell helped the league continue after his untimely death in 1981.

The Central Indiana Shuffleboard League presented Whitey with a plaque for his accomplishments. He was a teacher, promoter, record keeper, and ran many tournaments in Indiana.

Players Comments:

- "If it hadn't been for Whitey, there wouldn't be a Delaware County Shuffleboard League" -- C.W. Kiser
- "Good promoter of the game!!" -- Dave Welch
- "First name I heard when I started to play."
-- Jeri Ingram

[Editors Comment: Below is an article reprint about Lester J. White (1930-1981) which was published in the Muncie Weekly News on Thursday, November 26, 1981 (Page 5, Opinion section, by Thomas Thornburg) which gives a great insight to his life.]

MUNCIE WEEKLY NEWS THURS., NOVEMBER 26, 1981

Opinion

Lester J. White 1930-1981

Going Around

by

Thomas Thornburg

When March comes gusting north out of South Munsee next time around and the earth turns over and comes to taw at the vernal equinox in solemn obedience to immutable law and the children begin to hit the street and hop their hop-scootch or come to taw in an eternal game of Mother-May-I? according to their shrill obedience to that same immutable law; when you catch the brilliant surprise of the crocus crowning under the late inevitable heavy wet of incredible beauty along the boulevard we all wait for; when the ground hog who lives at the bend in the river wakes up and comes out to look for his shadow and finds it; when you walk on down the street and catch a kid shucking his coat and kicking a can along, doo dah, doo dah, and you ask him how much wood he thinks a wood-chuck could chuck if a wood-chuck could chuck wood; next spring in our Saturday when those of us who are going make it through this winter now fallen upon us have made it through, we are all going to be the less for it, one winter older all of us, brothers and sisters, one season shorter in our time in time, because when we lose a man like Lester J. White we cannot double the bet and recoup our losses, no way, because Lester J. White was a unique and rare human being and he is dead. Whitey's gone.

Lester J. White served honorably in the Air Force and the Army of the United States of America. An aircraft pilot and a soldier for his country, he saw a

town than the most of us do. Energetic and helpful, street smart and more than a little academically learned, Whitey was witty and funny and charitable. He helped people when people needed help, and when he found out what a full time job of helping people is, he never once shirked it. If a man was down on his uppers and needed a drink, Whitey bought that drink; when Whitey saw a man hungry, he fed that man; when a woman on this side of the bar was weeping in her beer, Whitey listened and provided the hanky; and when men and women helplessly in love did their damndest to break every bone in Love's body, Whitey did what he could to mend the break. He was some man, all right; all wool and a yard wide, he had the look of far horizons in his eyes, but was built close to the sidewalk and never forgot it. And when someone started wiping down the shuffleboard and snaking the dust can down its serpentine path over the glossed surface; when the warm-ups began and the pucks started chucking into the far end, bang, bang, bang, click, bang, Whitey's eyes would light up like stars in December.

Whitey was a shuffleboard player; he was expert with his right hand and he had a left to match it; he could go down the right side or the left and leave the puck hanging on the precipice, just leave that stainless steel saucer gyroing in place there like the surface tension on a rim shot of tequila while your mouth fell open in disbelief, men on the wrong side

and he could do this: he could bump yours and leave his; he could go cross-court or he could play it straight; he could set up a Maginot Line right in your own back yard or he could go for broke; right hand English, left hand English, or no English at all, and when he wanted to he could make that puck play back up, buddy. And then one bright day Whitey stopped playing.

Whitey stopped playing so he could take the time to set up tournaments so that other people could share the pleasures he found in playing shuffleboard. Whitey set up the Midwest Calcutta Shuffleboard Tournament. He set up the brackets and seeded the seeds; he collected the entry fees and he got the names down in black and white and spelled proper; he iced the beer, swabbed the deck, picked up the money and put down the bets. Then he fed the jukebox and the game was on. It was full-tilt boogie and have a beer on the house in one of the funniest and most exciting cultural phenomena you are ever not going to see again this side of the Pecos. Players from Bill and Joe's in Anderson, The Hideout in Yorktown, The Hoghouse in Ingalls, The Palace in Fairmont, Buss's in Marion. The

Don Criswell's Border Tavern and shot their hearts out, their pockets flat, and their minds awry, the sun rose and the sun fell; the moon came out, took a look and went back in; stars fell on the sidewalk and we gave them away for

souvenirs. What a dizzy day that was. What a bright memory Whitey gave us all. And now he is done giving Saturdaytown everything he gave us because he is gone.

What can we say, brothers and sisters, in the court of immutable Law? Serving the same mysterious sentence we all do, what these poor sentences I have tried to share with Lester White. I do not know what he gave you, but he gave me a star for my memory's pocket. Warm. Bright. Precious. Goodbye, Whitey. Thank you.

Bobby "Bobby V" Voorhis - Indiana HOF Induttee History Induction Ceremony Held on June 14, 2003

Over 27 years ago (at the tender age of 10-11), Bobby stood on a coke crate and started throwing weights on Palace Bar's shuffleboard in Fairmount, Indiana. Bobby practiced shuffleboard when he was supposed to be working for Bussy (his dad) stocking and cleaning the bar. When Bobby turned 20 years old, he started bartending at the Palace Bar and helped start the Grant County Shuffleboard League.

Bobby won his first tournament at the American Bar in Portland. His partner was Gogie Hoheimer from Fairmount. Bobby's first regular partner was Jerry "Radar" Warr. In the early 80's they won their fair share of tournaments. Jerry taught Bobby a lot about the game including discipline and patience.

Believe it or not, Bobby and Rick Stocker *flew* (as most folks who know Bobby, know he does fly) to Texas for his first tournament out of Indiana. In Texas, Bobby found out he had a lot more to learn about shuffleboard.

Among Bobby's accomplishments are, first place singles in Fort Worth, Las Vegas, Reno, Houston (TX), Del City (OK) and many cities in Michigan and the Indiana State Championship.

He has taken many singles and doubles events and is always supportive of participation in team events. He has taken first place in doubles in Omaha, Austin, Las Vegas, Bourbon (IN), Houston (TX), Del City (OK), and again many other cities in Michigan and Indiana, including taking the Indiana State Doubles Championship partnered with his wife Debbie Voorhis.

Bobby said the biggest prize he ever won was Debbie in 1990 where they married in a little chapel in Las Vegas.

Players Comments:

- "Not only tops in Indiana, but tops in the U.S.A.!"
-- Pam Dowell
- "The only player I've ever seen who can have a great time, make you think you are great... and beat your ass!!!" -- Jeff McFadden
- "My mentor and teacher!" -- Tom Nolder

***Congratulations
to Bobby "V"
and the
Family of
Les "Whitey"
White for the
well-deserved
Indiana
Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame
Inductions
for these two
great players and
promoters
of Shuffleboard!***

-- Shuffleboard Community

1st Michigan Hall of Fame Tournament

Club Car Lounge, Durand Michigan

August 1-3, 2003

Report & Photos Submitted By: Jerry Siebert, Holt, MI

The 1st Michigan Hall of Fame tournament was held at the Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan on August 1-3. The event was well attended by many Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio shuffleboard supporters.

On August 1st, multiple Draw Partner tournaments were held. The mini-tournaments provided a good opportunity to learn the boards.

On August 2nd, the Mixed Doubles and Open Doubles ran simultaneously with many players participating in both of these events. 19 teams played in the Mixed Doubles and 26 teams in the Open Doubles. Winners were:

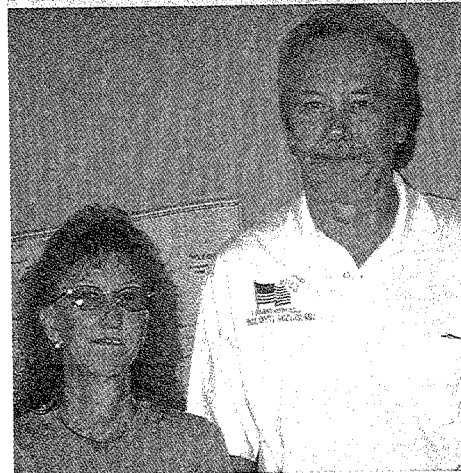
Mixed Doubles Winners:



1st Place: (L-R)
Steve Auten &
Carrie Cottrell
of Michigan



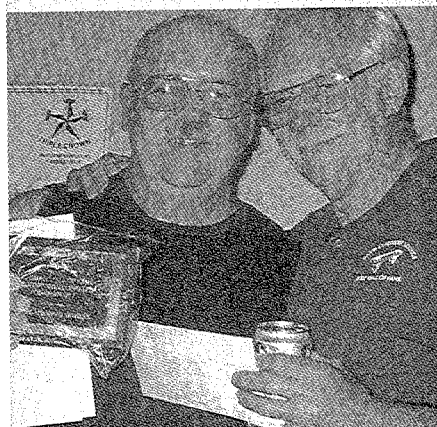
2nd Place: (L-R)
Frank Blade &
Sandy Blade
of Michigan



3rd Place: (L-R)
Mary Brown &
Larry Brown
(Indiana Team)
and

4th Place: (no photo)
Jody Berry &
Gary Anglin
(Indiana Team)

Open Doubles Winners:



1st Place: (L-R)
Glen Ingram &
Jim Long
(Indiana Team)



2nd Place: (L-R)
Roland Metvier &
Jerry Siebert



3rd Place: (L-R)
Jim Kelsey &
Dennis Bittner



4th Place: (L-R)
Frank Blade &
Jeff Cottrell

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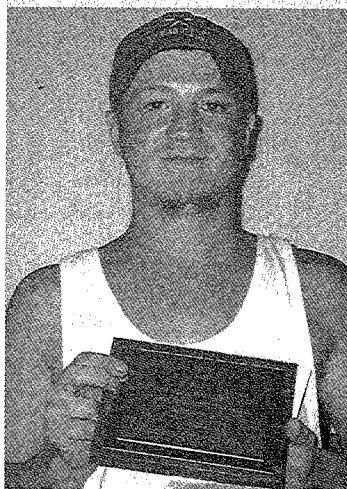
The Michigan Hall of Fame presentations were made during a break in tournament play on Saturday. Betty Parrish, representing the Michigan Hall of Fame presented a plaque commemorating deceased members of the Michigan Hall of Fame. Ceylon Davis of Lansing, Michigan and Gene McLeod were inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame. Nameplates for the two new inductees appear with the nameplates of the deceased members. The plaque will hang in the Club Car Lounge in Durand.

Awards of Appreciation
from the Michigan Hall of
Fame were given to Sara
and Jerry Siebert (pictured
right) and Cindy and CoCo
Brown (no photo available)



The Open Singles was held on August 3rd with 16 entries. Winners were:

Open Singles Winners:



1st Place: (above)
Alonzo Cottrell (MI)



2nd Place: (above)
Glen Ingram (IN)



3rd Place: (above)
Glen Ingram (IN)

Larry Creakbaum drew up the brackets for this tournament using his method to ensure no back-to-back games on the same board. He did an excellent job.

This 1st Michigan Hall of Fame tournament was a great success. Tournament participants paid a registration fee that went to the Michigan Hall of Fame. In addition, one 50/50 Drawing was held on Saturday with 1/2 the proceeds going to the Michigan Hall of Fame. These funds will be used to support Michigan Hall of Fame activities.

Michigan
Capital, Lansing
26th state
State bird, robin
State flower, apple blossom



-- Reported By: *Jerry Siebert*

Kelso's American Legion Post 25 Hosts Tournament to Honor Bergie Bergquist

June 13-15, 2003

American Legion Post 25, Kelso, Washington
Report & Photos Submitted By: John Hyatt, WA

A tournament was held to honor Jerry (Bergie) Bergquist at the American Legion Post 25 in Kelso, Washington on June 13-15, 2003. 14 teams played on Friday night as a warm-up to the Saturday Draw tournament to honor Bergie.

Saturday's Draw tournament was to honor Jerry Bergquist for his years of sponsorship of the game of table shuffleboard was a great success as was to be expected considering the guest of honor! Local player Billie Pack received the prestigious honor of drawing Bergie as a partner.

The tournament was stopped for a while for the ceremonies and as a packed house looked on, the presentation of honors was given to Bergie for his years of continuous sponsorship and for being a long standing ambassador of goodwill in our world of table shuffleboard. As the personal commentaries came to close Jimmy Allis brought the American Legion bell to Bergie and allowed him to do what was one of his loves. Bergie rang the bell, as he had done so many times for us at his own Shamrock Tavern, for a house round for his friends.

It is this commentator's thought that so many times we wait too long to honor our greats, giving us only a posthumous chance at showing our feelings. I am glad to say that we did not let our chance pass us by.

"We love you Bergie!"

Many tears and accolades later the tournament continued.

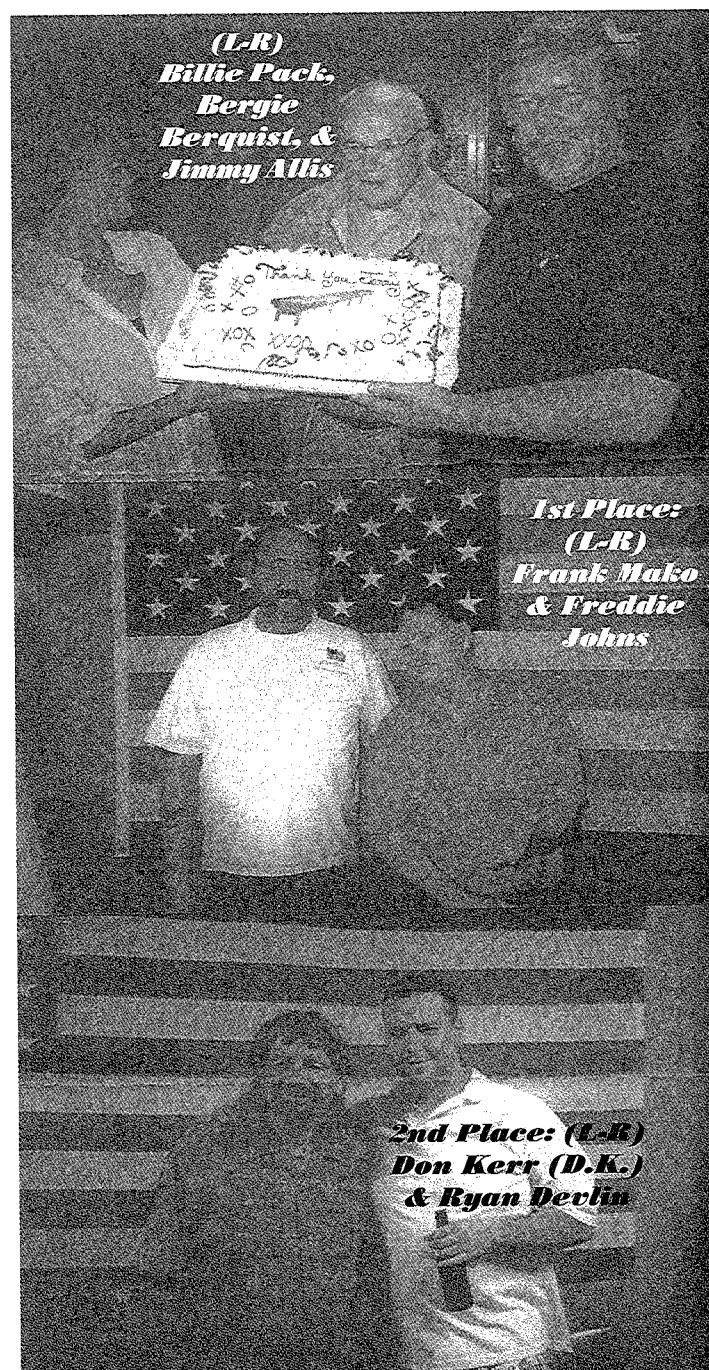
17 teams vied for the big win but it was the team of Past worlds' champion Firehouse Freddie Johns and Frank Mako who would succeed in going through the whole field undefeated to take first place honors.

The second place team of Don (DK) Kerr and an up and coming young local player Ryan Devlin defeated all except Freddie and Frank. This put them in a hard fought face off with Steve Wilson and John Hyatt that went to the final points giving Wilson and Hyatt their final loss and DK and Devlin their final shot at capturing the overall win. It was not to be, though, a Freddie and Frank proved their worth for the first place slot by defeating them two straight games.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this special tournament a success.

"And to you Bergie, Thanks for the memories!!!!!!"

-- Reported By: John Hyatt



Depot St. Chill & Grill's 3rd Annual A/B Bring

July 18-20, 2003

Depot St. Chill & Grill (previously known as Cattleman's Saloon), Rogue River, Oregon

Report & Photos Submitted By: Art Elliff, OR

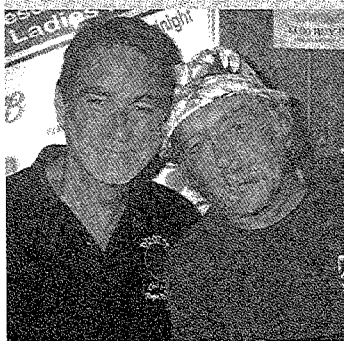
The 3rd Annual A/B Bring Partner tournament was played on three boards with a record of 25 teams at the Depot St. Chill & Grill (previously known as Cattleman's Saloon) in Rogue River, OR on July 18-20th. Two of the boards were furnished by Steve Fisher and Danny Holland of Winston, Oregon. Wonder if this is why Danny won? (grin) Two players from Southern California arrived a week early. Most of the players were in by Thursday and we had a record of 15 out-of-state players. Because we were using a 2 of 3 format, we started play Friday night immediately after the 7pm sponsor sale. Due to this early start and setting a limit on center of the board player conferences/discussions during the tournament, we were able to finish by 5:30pm Sunday afternoon. We tried to encourage the players to wipe the boards from ends to center so you wouldn't have a pile of wax in the ends and you so you wouldn't have to dig your weights out of the wax at the ends of the board. Now, for the important part... the winners were:

A/B Bring Partner Winners:



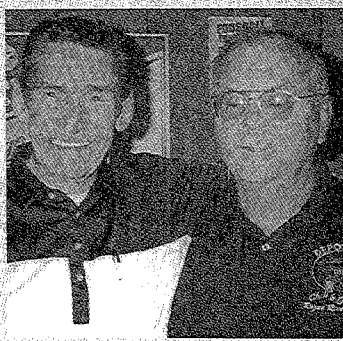
1st Place: (above - Centered L-R)

Kevin Calloway & Danny Holland pictured w/ sponsors Jim Martin (far left) and Ted Curtis (far right)



2nd Place: (above - L-R)

Darroll Nelson &
Donn Cameron



3rd Place: (above - L-R)

Tut Kile &
Jim Martin

A/B Bring Partner Winners: (Con't. from Col. 1)



4th Place:

(left - L-R)
Israel Ochoa &
Mike Kinney



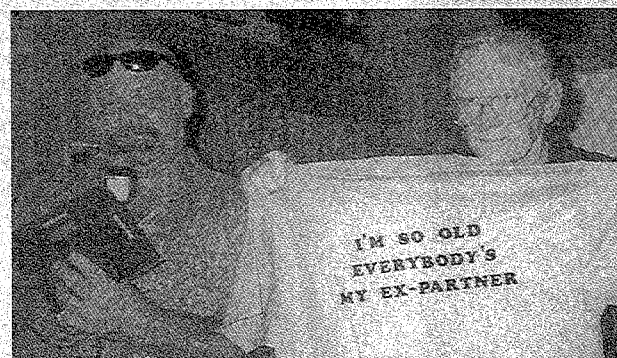
5th Split:

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Eddie Braymen &
Jane Mourgos
(California Team)



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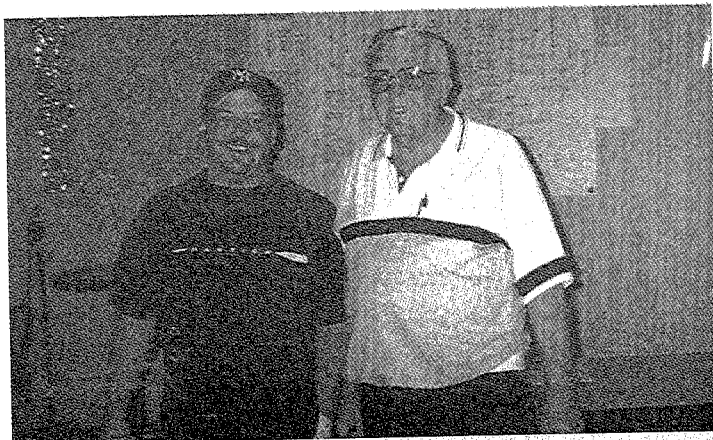
(left - L-R)
Joe Cupp
(1st tournament!)
&
Glen Redding



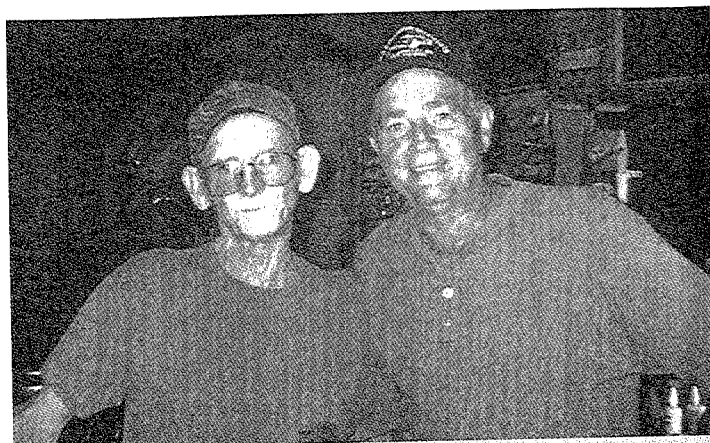
**Tournament Director Art Elliff receiving award for helping
Southern Oregon Shufflers**



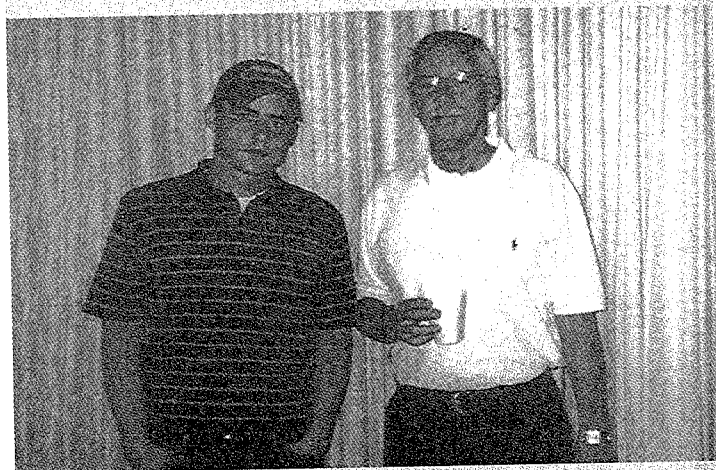
*Full House Bar Doubles Tournament
June 13-15, 2003
Submitted By: Gerald Wood, Wynnewood, OK*



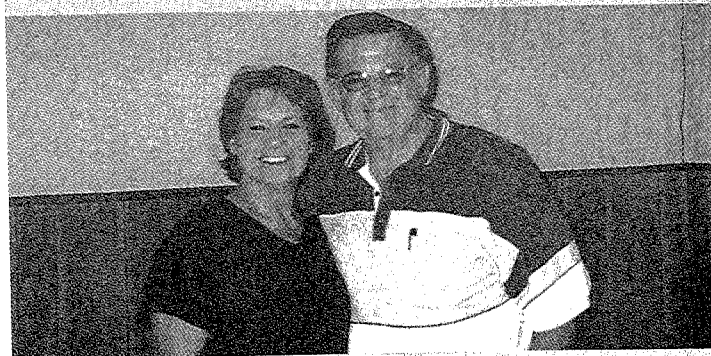
1st Place: (above L-R)
Patrick Linville & Bill Melton (both of Oklahoma)



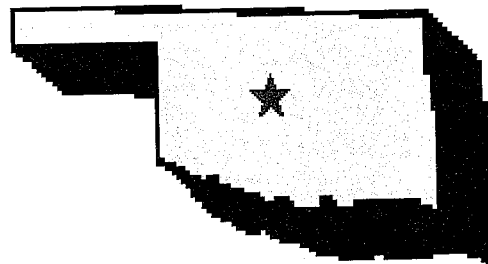
4th Place: (above L-R)
Weldon Lambert & Lynn Tice (both of Oklahoma)



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



3rd Place: (above L-R)
Jett Williamson & Ken Stork
(both of Oklahoma)



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State flower: mistletoe

2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS**SEPTEMBER 2003****September 5-7**

3rd Annual Cancer Benefit Tourney
Texas Rose
Hutchins, Texas

September 5-7

14th Annual Fall Bash
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 5-7

5th Annual Adirondack Open
Riverside Tavern
Keesville, New York

September 13-14

3-Person Team
Red Dog Saloon
Port Orchard, Washington

September 18-21

5th Annual "Wandering the World"
Ladies Tournament
Musette Bar
Omaha, Nebraska

September 19-21

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

September 19-21

Catch the Train
Captain Merlot's
Mims, Florida

September 26-27

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

September 26-28

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

September 27

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

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 (flyer insert)

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
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October 24-25 (flyer insert)

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

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2003/2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2003

November 8-9

Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

November 8

Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

November 21-23

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

November 27-29

9th Annual Thanksgiving Tourney
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 27-30

Florida State Tournament
Eagles Aerie #4257
Merritt Island, Florida

November 27-30 (flyer insert)

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

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 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

JANUARY 2004

January 3

Open Singles
David L's Hideout Lounge
Yorktown, Indiana

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

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(Updates)

Florida (Club Name Change & New Owner)

● **Our Place Saloon** (previously **The Last Hideaway Tavern**), 6815 Riveredge Drive, Titusville, Florida; 321-268-1088 (new owner is Mama-K)

Texas (New Addition)

● **Kiotee Club**, 623 S. Mirick St., Denison, Texas; 903-465-0447

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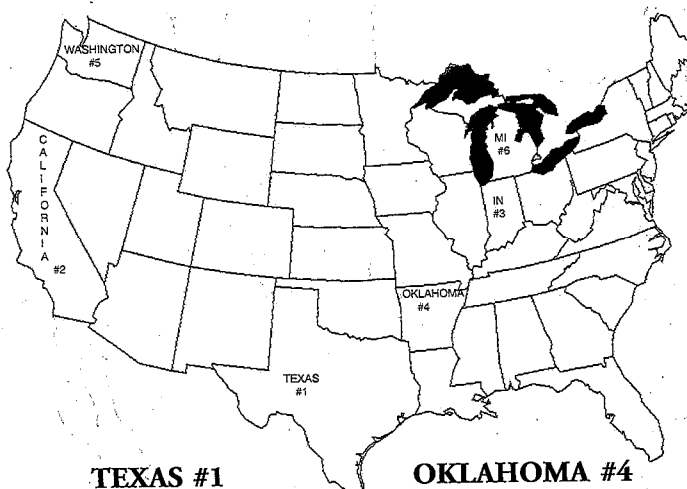
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