

# The Board Talk

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## NASC 2003

October 26-November 2, 2003 \*\*\* Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, Reno, Nevada

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Attendance was up more than 25% for the 2003 North American Shuffleboard Championships<sup>TM</sup>, shuffleboards longest running major tournament. There were many highlights, including the presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award to Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Delaware. Sol presented the award to Dick, who he has known for many years, making the presentation a special moment for both of them. The Sol Lipkin Award is given "In recognition of extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the sport" (See Photo Collage, pg. 12).

The text on Dick's plaque included the following:

*As one of our sports greatest ambassadors, your tireless efforts in running countless tournaments, introducing many players to the game and everything you have done to promote our sport puts you in a small group of the most respected names in the shuffleboard community. Your leadership has laid a foundation which will allow shuffleboard to grow and prosper for many years to come.*



Sol Lipkin (above rt.) presents "Sol Lipkin Award" to Dick Gorman (left)

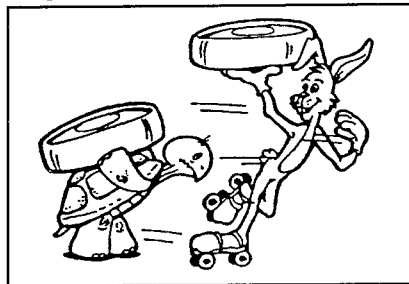
The Friday night before the tournament was a special night for two very special people in the shuffleboard community, as long time soul mates Lorraine Bingham and Jim Olson were married at a chapel near the Sands (See Photo Collage, pg. 3).

The tournament raised \$700 for Ron & Debbie Bowers to help support their efforts with the Bowers Ratings, which have played such a major role in the growth of shuffleboard at the tournament level. This money was raised through a \$2.00 per player donation from The Shuffleboard Federation and from the generosity of a few of shuffleboards biggest supporters, Harvey and Lilly Kidd of Texas and Jim and Lorraine Olson of California. Harvey and Lilly won one of the top prizes in the raffle, 10 free nights at the Sands Regency for the 2004 tournament, and promptly donated it back to be auctioned off to support the Bowers Ratings. Jim and Lorraine were the high bidders for that package.

Along with the Bowers Ratings, The Board Talk has also helped to make tournament shuffleboard what it is today. It is therefore very troubling to see the current situation that threatens both of these entities. That situation is the lack of support from the majority of the shuffleboard community. I hope everyone reading this will take a moment to reflect on what will happen to our sport if either one or both of these fold up. It would set shuffleboard back decades. With only about 20% of the rated players being Board Talk subscribers, there are more than 2,000 free loaders out there. Some of you may have personal reasons or issues with The Board Talk and the Bowers ratings. have had philosophical differences with both. That however does not excuse anyone's lack of support. I think it is time for Lynda, Tom, Debbie and Ron to put together a list of rated players who are non subscribers and publish it so that the rest of the shuffleboard community can pressure/embarrass them into doing their fair share.

Back to the tournament. Official tournament activities commenced with the singing of the Canadian and U.S. National anthems by legendary singer, Joanie Millar. Many first time participants were in attendance, taking advantage of a free spot in free Pro/Am Draft Team Event, courtesy of our host, the Sands Regency Hotel Casino.

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# Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

*News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard*

## Note from Idaho's Mike Rapp to The Board Talk Editors...



Mike Rapp here... I surely do enjoy your Board Talk news letter and I am wondering if you could use some good ole feedback from the Pacific Northwest. My favorite bar up here is "B-Z's". B-Z's is blessed to have the Idaho State Champion tearing them up! --Submitted by: Mike Rapp

## Dear Board Talk Friends... (from Betty Parrish of Michigan)

Dear Board Talk Friends,

I sincerely hope that everyone reading the Board Talk February 2004 issue enjoyed the article on Sol Lipkin and the USS Theodore Roosevelt as I did.

I met Sol many years ago and over time I have been fortunate to look through his photo albums on two different occasions and sit and talk with him as Tom and Lynda were able to do at the Houston Holiday Open 2003 tournament. Oh, how I wish I could have been at "that" tournament!

Sol has always regaled me with his stories and his memories of shuffleboard. Our conversations have been a very "special" treat for me.

Over the years I have told my father (an ole Navy man) and many friends about the shuffleboard being aboard a submarine and was met with complete disbelief. Now, armed with an old Board Talk that Sol autographed for me years ago and the February 2004 issue, I am prepared to "defend" my story that there truly was a shuffleboard on a submarine and I "do" know the man who put it there! Thank you Sol!

Thank you Lynda and Tom! You made my day! You continue to strive to get the world of shuffleboard out across

the country, and keep those of us who can't be there, attuned to the ever changing sport we all love.

Folk's "I" am one of the "stragglers" that Lynda kept on the mailing list even though my subscription had expired. Reason for "any" of our not keeping up with our responsibilities have no merit here. We need to support not only each other, but The Board Talk as well. I have "never" in all the years I have played the game seen anyone in need turned away by generosity, help and understanding from shuffleboard players. Players across the country are a "tight" and "caring" group who "together" work to make this "serious" miscarriage, get the ball rolling for Tom and Lynda and the continuation of Board Talk for the enjoyment of each and every one of us.

Yes, I paid my subscription and sent Lynda a Valentine's Day card signed that she was truly a "sweetheart" for keeping me on the mailing list. A little appreciation goes a long way these days.

I have also "bought" myself a birthday card. When the time comes around, I am sending it in care of The Board Talk with my annual subscription renewal. I am buying my "own" birthday present,... my annual subscription, as it's definitely something I want. Maybe those of you out there who just keep "forgetting" to put it in the mail may think it's a good idea for you also. Last year I sent my daughter-in-law a Board Talk subscription for her birthday.

In Michigan, shuffleboard is "breaking" out like Spring. Folks are talking of Florida and Indiana tournaments and our own upcoming Michigan Open on Memorial Day Weekend. The Kane's Club Car Michigan Open this year may interest some of you out-of-state players and old players right here in Michigan that have not come out for awhile and some of you Hall of Famers. This year the Michigan Open will be dedicated to the Pioneers and Legends of shuffleboard. We will be honoring George and Donna Wilber for "all" of the tremendous contributions they have made towards our sport, not only in Michigan, but across the country as well. We'd love to have many of you join us... if not, it would be nice to drop George and Donna a card of appreciation for a "Job Well Done" even if you can't be present on this very "special" day.

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## *Jim Olson/Lorraine Bingham Wedding During NASC 2003! Congrats!*

On Friday, October 24, 2003, Jimmy Olson and Lorraine Bingham walked down the aisle in Reno, Nevada. Friends and family were present to witness the transition of Hurricane Lorraine Bingham to Mrs. Hurricane Lorraine Olson. The ceremony was simple, yet tasteful. The best man was the groom's sister, the maid of honor was a guy, and the rest of the attendees were a bunch of burnt out shuffleboard players. (for more photos visit: <http://home.comcast.net/~ebrayman01> )



(Above) Lorraine is anxious (but ready) for the big day!



(Above) Distinguished Wedding Guests start filing into chapel...

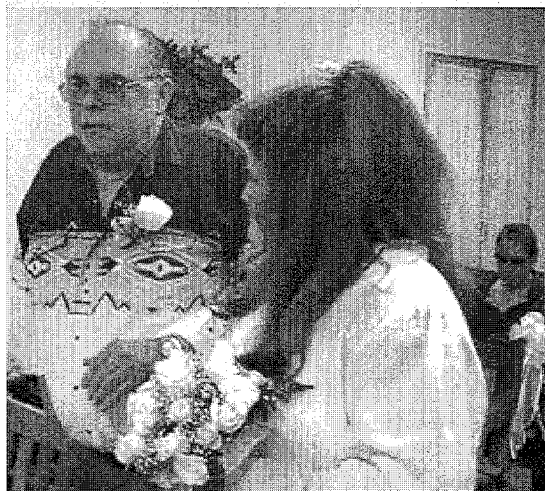
(Right)  
"Best Man" (yes, the  
Best Man is a woman!)  
eyeballs camera...



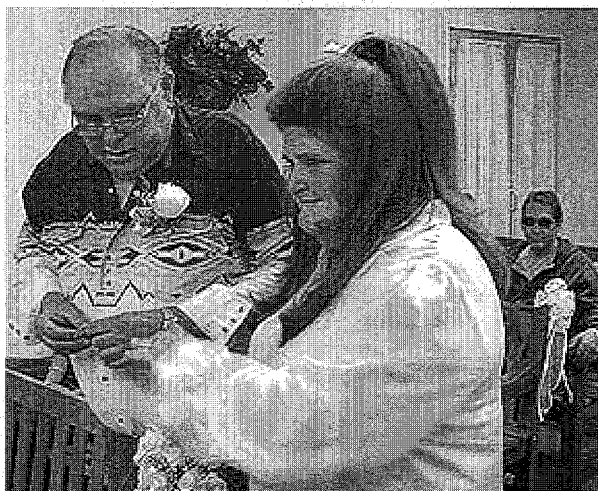
(Above) Minister & "Best Man" are ready & waiting... Keithahn takes photos, Brayman gets rings...



(Above) "Dumm, dumm, d' dumm!" coming down the aisle...



(Above) Jim turns orange and Darrol gets caught snoozing (background) "wake-up boy, there's a wedding going on... no time to snooze!"



(Above) Rings are exchanged & Darrol wakes up smiling!!!



(Above) Wedding Bliss!



(Above) Happy Relief.. "It's over...we're hitched now!"

## Arizona

### **10th ANNUAL BILL GIBBS MEMORIAL SIXSHOOTERS BILLIARDS PHOENIX, AZ APRIL 23-25, 2004**

The 10th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament, will once again be held at Sixshooters Billiards and Sports Bar, 3337 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix, Az., 602-993-5035. This year will feature 8 boards provided by Mickey Lewis Shuffleboard. Sixshooters is a very large, clean facility located within walking distance of motels, restaurants, and shopping.

The first event scheduled for 7:00 pm Friday night, is a A-B handicapped draw. The top 1/2 of the field will be the A players and the bottom 1/2 will be the B players, using the Bowers Rating System. The will be a single game, double elimination event with a \$20.00 entry and no sponsor sale.

On Saturday morning the A-B-C is scheduled for 11:00 am. Play will begin immediately after the sponsor sale. This is also a single game, double elimination event, with a \$20.00 entry. The A players will be the top 1/3 of the entries, the B's will be the next 1/3 rated players, and the C's will be the bottom 1/3 players. Ratings will be determined by the Bowers Ratings where possible.

Sixshooter will host a buffet around 4:30 pm Saturday. The open double sponsor sale is scheduled for 7:00 pm with play beginning immediately after the sale. This event is a 2 of 3 match in the winners bracket and a single 21 point game in the losers. Entry is \$50.00 per player. Contacts: Al Salazar 623-583-7035, email alsalazar@cox.net, Alice Arredondo, 480-763-0127, Bob Lewis, 602-242-6782.

## Colorado

### **BALLOON INN, ARVADA, CO 2004 SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE**

#### APRIL 24, 25 & 26 - A/B DOUBLES

Bring your own partner:

-1 thru 0 rated players must play with 3.0 and up rated players

No two 1's can play together

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per team

Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games in winners & losers brackets.

Sponsor Sale: Friday April 24 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Friday following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. April 26.

#### JUNE 18, 19 & 20 - BILL ENGLISH MEMORIAL

TWO DIVISIONS: OPEN DOUBLES AND DIVISION II DOUBLES

Bring your own partner.

Entry Fee: Open Doubles \$120.00 per team, Div. II Doubles \$60.00 per team.

Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games in winners & losers brackets.

Sponsor Sale: Friday June 18 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Friday following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. June 20.

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#### AUGUST 13, 14 & 15 - CO.NE.HEAD CLASSIC V

A-B-C Three Person Team Blind Draw

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per person

Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games to 21 points in winners bracket & single game to 21 points in losers bracket.

Sponsor Sale: Friday August 13 at 7:00 PM. Tournament play begins Fri. Aug. 13 following sale and continues thru Sun. Aug. 15.

#### OCTOBER 15, 16, & 17 - ROUND ROBIN (MYSTERY FORMAT)

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per person

Format: Play every team (format to be announced later)

Sponsor Sale: Friday October 15 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Friday following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. Oct. 17.

#### DECEMBER 10, 11, & 12 - 15TH ANNUAL SANTA CLASSIC

TWO DIVISIONS: OPEN DOUBLES AND DIVISION II DOUBLES

Bring your own partner.

Entry Fee: Open Doubles \$120.00 per team, Division II Doubles \$60.00 per team.

Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games in winners & losers brackets.

Sponsor Sale: Friday December 10 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Fri. following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. Dec. 12.

## Texas

### **5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY DANNY'S & TRIPLE CROWN HOUSTON, TX MAY 27-31, 2004**

The Houston shuffleboard community has made several changes to improve and accommodate this growing Memorial Day weekend tournament. For the first time the Pro Singles will be 2/3 in winner bracket; 21 pt. in loser bracket and the Pro Bring Partner will be 2/3 in both brackets. The number of boards will be increased from 8 boards to 13 boards this year and specified boards will be available for side games sooner than in prior years.

For more information on the tournament, please see the flyer inserted into this issue and/or visit the website at: <http://www.shuffleboard.cc> or contact Tournament Director Jack Scott at 832-788-1845.

We look forward to seeing many of you again this year for a fun and competitive Memorial Day weekend!

## Texas

### **TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD NUGGET ARLINGTON, TX APRIL 29-MAY 2, 2004**

The Texas State Championship tournament will be held at the Gold Nugget, Arlington, Texas on April 29-May 2. There will be two A/B Draw events, starting at 7pm on Thurs., April 29; two Bring Partner events, starting at 5pm on Fri., April 30; three Singles events starting at 1pm on Sat., May 1. **See flyer insert for details** or contact: Brian Walker (713) 898-3798 or Bobby Williams (817) 797-5411 or David Williams Sr (817) 451-9583.

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Washington

**SPOKANE'S 23RD MEMORIAL DAY  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
SEASON TICKET  
SPOKANE, WA  
MAY 27-31, 2004**



On May 27-31, Memorial Day week-end, Bangham, Lagg & Wynn and Season Ticket will host the 5 day multiple event tournament that is being held for the 23rd consecutive year in Spokane. This years' event promises to be one of our best with an array of celebrations and divisions A & B singles and doubles with a warm-up event on Friday night.

Thursday, May 27th the holiday week-end begins with our 5th annual "Double D" (Developmentally Disabled Adult) tournament. This event has become quite an experience for all our participants that are able to come early. Last year we had 50+ players who competed for medals, t-shirts and hats. These folks gear up for this event all year and to witness it is truly a blessing.

Friday, May 28th, will be an A/B Handicapped Draw with a \$20 entry; single game/single elimination (mark the spot, no sponsor sale) WINNER TAKE ALL!!! The sponsor sale for A & B Singles starts at 6pm with play for the A/B Draw immediately following, giving everyone a chance to play and practice the 6 beautiful boards. More boards are available if PRE-REGISTRATION warrants, so please let us know if you plan to attend!!

Saturday, May 29th, we will finish up the A/B (if needed) and start both the A & B Singles at 11am. Our Singles will again be handicapped entry fee by rating (*see flyer insert for details*), 2 of 3 in winner bracket/15 pt. single game in loser bracket. Season Ticket will open at 9am for breakfast and practice. At 4pm we will take a break in the action to serve our "famous feast" featuring Dervin's deep-fried turkey!! After everyone dishes up, we are going to celebrate Frank Mako of Chehalis, Washington being inducted into the NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Frank has supported and sponsored the game all over the nation. He is the founder of the NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and currently sits on the B.O.D. for the TSA National Hall of Fame. Frank is very deserving of this recognition and we are very proud to be honoring him here in Spokane.

Sunday, May 30th, brings the doubles event for both divisions A & B. Sponsor sales will be start at noon with play immediately following. The A Doubles is add to 0; \$50/player; 2 of 3 winner bracket; 21 pt. singles game in loser bracket. B Doubles is add to 4 (no decimal); \$25/player; 2 of 3 winner bracket; 21 pt. single game in loser bracket. Doubles events will be finished on Monday (if needed). Our \$500+ Added \$\$\$ (depending on event participation) will be given out in \$50 Drawings throughout the main events on Saturday and Sunday **\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ONLY PLAYERS THAT PRE-REGISTER (\$20 fee & completed form) BY MAY 15TH PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE ADDED \$\$\$ DRAWINGS!!!!**

If anyone has any memories or memorabilia/photo's for Frank Mako that you would like to share for his induction booklet, please send them to Dan Hitt at address on the enclosed flyer insert.

Bangham, Lagg & Wynn proudly supports and uses the Bowers' Rating System for all our rated tournaments.

For more information on Spokane's 23rd Annual Memorial Day Extravaganza or Frank Mako's induction into the NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, contact Dan Hitt at (509)251-7000 or (509)483-7615 or *see the flyer inserted into this April 2004 issue.*

Oklahoma

**6TH ANNUAL WASHITA HANDICAP  
FULL HOUSE BAR & GRILL  
WYNNEWOOD, OK  
MAY 27-31, 2004**



On May 27-31 (memorial day weekend), the Full House Bar & Grill, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr Street, Wynnewood, Oklahoma (phone#: 405-665-2715) is be hosting their 6th Annual Washita Handicap tournament on 7 boards. All events will be single game/double elimination handicap events with a maximum -4 handicap spot in each events.

Thursday, May 27th at 7pm will be an A-B Draw (\$25 per player entry). Friday, May 28th at 7pm will be an Open Draw (\$25 per player entry; Pro's & O's cannot draw up as partners). Saturday, May 29th at 5pm will be a Bring Partner (Pro's & O's cannot be partners); \$25 per player entry fee. Sunday, May 30th at 3pm will be two divisions of singles: Div I Singles (-1,0,2) \$50 per player entry fee; Div. II Singles (2,3,4) \$30 per player entry fee. Monday, May 31st will be "finals" if needed. For more information on the tournament event details and motels *see the flyer inserted into this April 2004 issue* or contact: Gerald Wood at 580-272-3115 (cell) or 580-759-3293 (home).

California

**4th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY  
133 CLUB  
MANTECA, CA  
MAY 28-31, 2004**

On May 28-31, the 133 Club, 133 West Yosemite Ave., Manteca, CA is hosting their 4th Annual Memorial Day tournament. There will be 3 events: ABC (Fri. May 28) with registration at 5pm (sponsor sale 6pm and play immediately after) and ABC play resumes at 9am on Sat.; Add-to-3 Open Doubles (no two -1's) on (Sat. May 29) with sponsor sale at approx. 3pm for both the Add-to-3 Doubles and Open Doubles; and Open Doubles (Sun. May 30) with play starting at approx. 1pm (sponsor sale was afternoon before). The ABC and Add-to-3 Doubles are 2/3 Winner bracket and single 15 pt. game in loser bracket and the Open Doubles is 2 of 3 in both winner and loser brackets. Entry is \$20/player (ABC); \$50/player (Add-to-3 Doubles); and \$100/player (Open Doubles. For more info. *See the flyer insert.*

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Since moving this tournament from Vegas to Reno in 1991, the Sands has been a terrific host/sponsor. Their contributions to the prize money now exceed \$125,000. They also put up the money to buy the 24 Venture Ambassador Shuffleboard Tables and Eagle Shuffleboard Scoreboards used for the NASC<sup>TM</sup>, insuring that quality of the tournament would be second to none. With their help, there will be a few surprises for this years tournament to help celebrate the 15th anniversary of the NASC<sup>TM</sup>, which will take place from October 30 through November 7.

For the first time, the majority of the added money from the Sands was given out in a random drawing. Everyone who entered the tournament got a free ticket in the drawing, which resulted in 43 people winning \$200. This proved to be very popular with everyone in attendance, especially the winners. The drawing took place immediately after the presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award. It was a lot of fun giving out the money, which probably came in handy for most of the winners, many of whom had been in Reno for a week already. We are going to expand the Friday night party this year. Stayed tuned to The Board Talk for more information.

The continued success of the NASC<sup>TM</sup> would be impossible without the loyalty and support of the tournament staff, most of whom have been with us for many years. On behalf of everyone who attended, we would like to thank Rob Kern, Kathy and Terry Yingst, Bill Maxwell, Mike and Kathy Keevil, Gordie Smith, Joe Ozanich, Lyndon "Coach" Baize, Linda Ritter, Rick Gindt, Steve Hart, Mickey Moy, Justin Lauderbach and Lorraine Bingham. Greatly missed this year was Rick Boyer who was unable to attend. This is the first time I have run this event was run without him and he was missed by his many friends. Rick's support over the years has been instrumental in making the NASC<sup>TM</sup> the tournament it is today.

Looking ahead, by popular demand the 3 Person Bring Team events will be replaced by two 4 Person Bring Team events, an add to 1 and an add to 9. Another change, based on player feedback is that the singles events will be moved forward so that everyone is not already worn out by the time they get to those events. The schedule for the 2004 NASC<sup>TM</sup> will include the Pro/Am Draft as the lead off event, followed by all four singles events, two Draw Partner events, the Four Person Bring Team events and the four Bring Partner Doubles events. Regarding the Draw Partner events, one will be for -1's, 0's and 1's, the other will be for 2's, 3's 4's and 5's. For all the latest information on the 2004 NASC<sup>TM</sup>, stay tuned to The Board Talk or visit the tournament web site, [www.2004nasc.com](http://www.2004nasc.com).

Competition at the 2003 NASC<sup>TM</sup> kicked off with the Pro/Am Draft Team event followed by 3-Person Teams (3 events: Add to 7, Add to 5, & Add to 0); Doubles (4 Div.), Singles (4 Div.), and the A/B Draw (Winner Photos follow, starting in Column 2).

### Pro/Am 6-Person Draft Team Winners



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
(back row) Bill Cowan,  
Chris Smith,  
Rick Greider,  
Jim Payne (captain) &  
(front row) Jen Pickett,  
Kurt Maurer



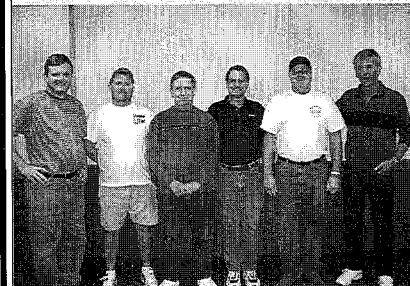
**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
Greg Hixson, Bob  
Brunskill, Al Christle,  
Steve Hart(captain),  
Susan Teible  
& Ron McMahan Jr



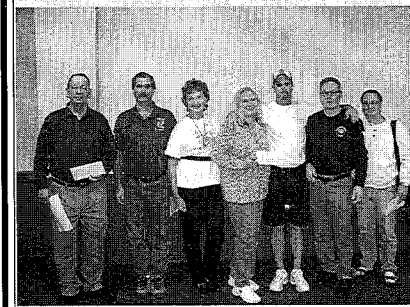
**3rd Place (Left L-R):**  
Jim Mortensen,  
"Coach" Baize,  
Jim Poole, David  
Williams Jr(captain),  
Jim Nicoll  
& Bud Spier



**4th Place (Left L-R):**  
Char Waugaman,  
Bill Melton(captain),  
Linda Meyer,  
Dave Shewbridge,  
Faye Todd  
& Jim Dennis



**5th Place (tie)  
(Left L-R):**  
Rick Shaw,  
Randy Ables,  
Ray Olson,  
Steve Jourdan,  
Ken Simmons(captain)  
& Rich Miller



**5th Place (tie)  
(Left L-R):**  
Harvey Kidd(Sponsor),  
Tom Parr,  
Sharon Huhlke,  
Debbie Spier,  
Jeff McFadden,  
John Canino &  
Bill Loos (captain)

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**3-Person Team (Add to 7) Winners**



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Geoff Crooks,  
Laura Henry,  
Terry Henry



**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
Barbara Kinney,  
Mike Hedges,  
Jo Cook



**3rd Place (Left L-R):**  
Steve Jourdan,  
Rick Greider,  
Jim Dennis



**4th Place (Left L-R):**  
Rony Phillips,  
Anna Brunskill,  
Ralph Clough

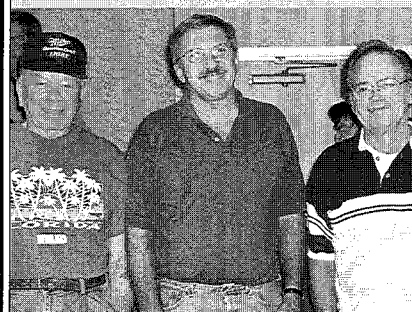


**5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):**  
Carol Cowan,  
Harry Orda,  
Shirley Aldridge



**5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):**  
Nancy Baker,  
Virgil Jones,  
Faye Todd

**3-Person Team (Add to 5) Winners**



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Jimmy Kumpula,  
Phil Gardner,  
Harvey Comer



**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
Linda Ritter,  
Chuck Corcoran,  
Lorraine Olson



**3rd Place (Left L-R):**  
Bill Cowan,  
Jim Nicoll,  
Tom Parr



**4th Place (Left L-R):**  
Shane Hagen,  
Mickey Moy,  
Larry Zahm



**5th Place (tie) Above L-R):**  
Steve O'Neal,  
Bob Brunskill,  
George Goldsmith



**5th Place (tie) Above L-R):**  
Mike Parrish,  
Sharon Chandler,  
Jeff McFadden

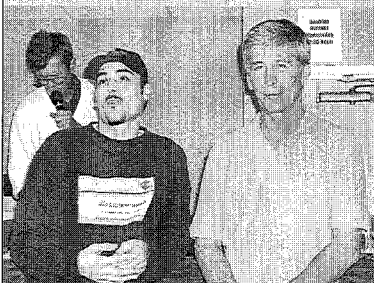
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**Division III Doubles Winners**

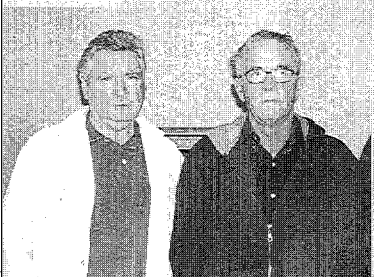
**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Sue Lewis &  
Steve Jourdan



**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
Shane Hagen &  
Rich Miller



**3rd Place (Left L-R):**  
Barbara Crum &  
Chuck Corcoran



**4th Place (Left L-R):**  
James Stuart &  
Mike Carew



**5th Place (tie)**  
**(Left L-R):**  
Jucian Sprague &  
Erol Otus



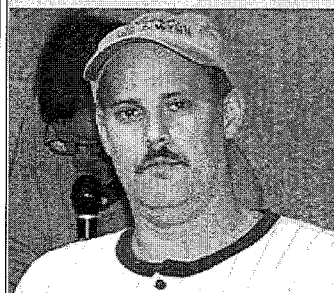
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**(Left L-R):**  
Timi Kale &  
Dan Glasscock

**Pro Singles Winners**

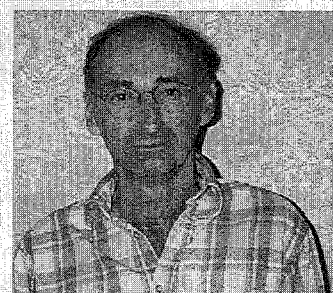
**1st Place (Above):**  
Darrol Nelson (returns to  
winners circle after 3 yrs)



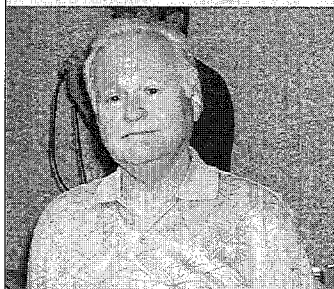
**2nd Place (Above):**  
Bill Melton



**3rd Place (Above):**  
Dan Hitt



**4th Place (Above):**  
Nick Chaffin



**5th Place (tie) (Above):**  
Bob Hunt



**5th Place (tie) (Above):**  
Bobby Voorhis

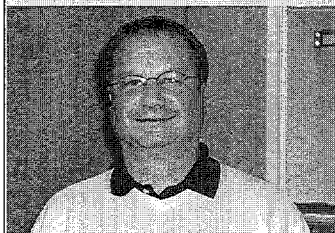


**(Above) Captains (and staff) in 6-Person Team Draft Room**

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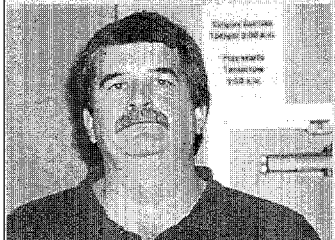
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**Division I Singles Winners**

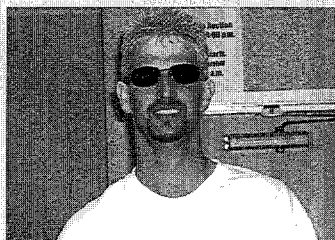
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**2nd Place (Above):**  
Ron Sosovec



**3rd Place (Above):**  
Jim Payne



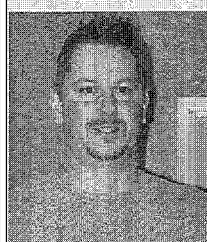
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Jeff Womble



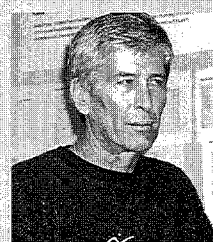
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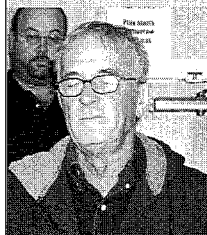
**1st Place (Above):**  
Ty Baine



**2nd Place (Above):**  
Rich Miller



**3rd Place (Above):**  
Ken Griggs



**4th Place (Above):**  
Mike Carew

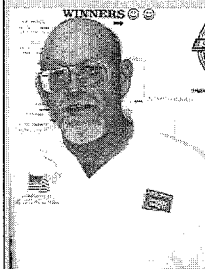


**5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):**  
Chuck Corcoran & Lee Boyajian



The action concluded with the A/B Draw (no photos avail.), which was won by Linda Ritter and Jeff Womble, followed by Neil Fetter and Jim Nicoll in second, David Williams, Jr. and Harvey Comer in third, Jim Payne and Wendy Davis in fourth, and Ken Simmons and Steve Kalamarski tying Bob Jacobsen and Tom Yates for fifth.

(NASC 2003 "Sol Lipkin Award" Collage... See Page 12)

**Division II Singles Winners**

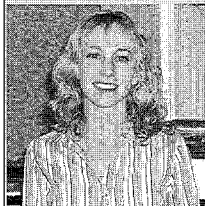
**1st Place (Above):**  
Rick Stocker



**2nd Place (Above):**  
Justin Lauderbach



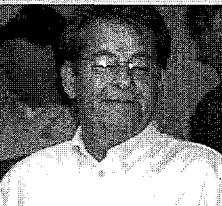
**3rd Place (Above):**  
Mickey Moy



**4th Place (Above):**  
Jen Pickett



**5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):**  
Lorraine Olson & Mike Parrish



# *NASC 2003...*

## *Dick Gorman Receives "Sol Lipkin" Award*

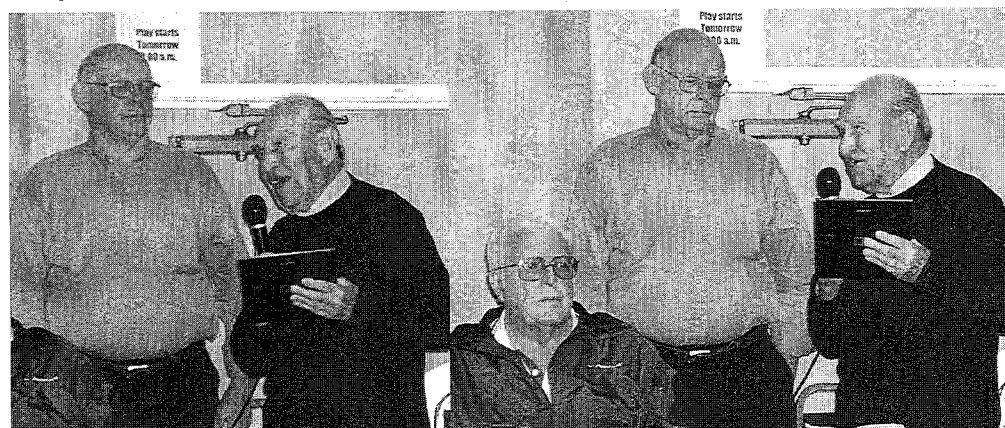
### *Congrats to Dick for a well deserved honor!*



John McDermott (above) of Shuffleboard Federation pays tribute to Dick Gorman



Faye Todd (above) pays tribute to Dick Gorman



Sol Lipkin (above) presents "Sol Lipkin Award" to Dick Gorman as Bill Melton watches on...



Dick Gorman gives acceptance speech!



Dick Gorman & Billy Melton  
Anxiously await Joanie Millar's  
singing performance!



Joanie Millar's performance begins...



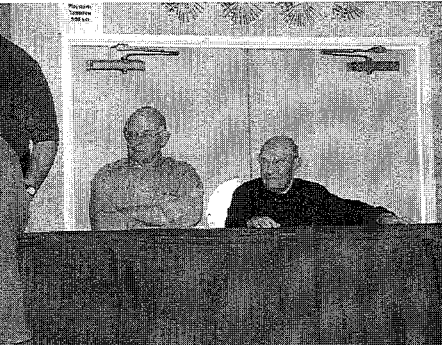
Hey, Jr. are you going to run away??



Joanie Millar's sings to Dick...



Friends gather to congratulate Dick (above)...



Dick Gorman & Sol Lipkin (above)...  
longtime friends...

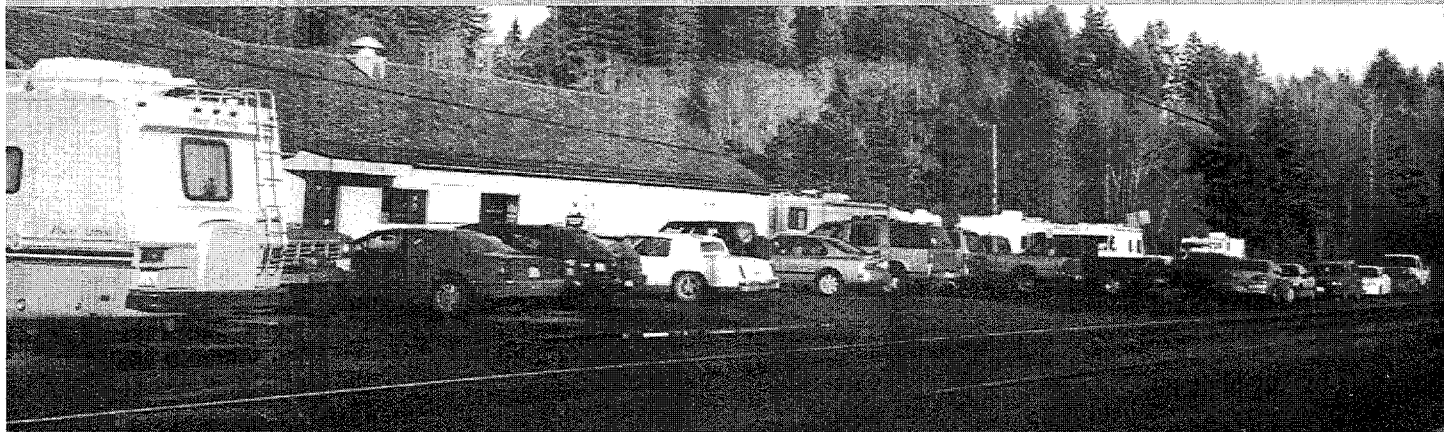
(center photo: Harvey Comer, Nancy Baker, Dick Gorman, Wendy Davis, Faye Todd, Bobbi Brenneman and Wayne Todd (front center))



# Buzz's 18th Annual Mud Bay Masters

January 24-25, 2004 Buzz's Tavern, Olympia, Washington

Report & Photos Submitted By: Ruby Mitchell



**Olympia, WA:** We had another wonderful tournament at Mud Bay which hosted 25 teams. Everyone had a good time with Jimmy & Laura Tribble as our host.

Our Friday night Open Draw brought us 24 wonderful teams to participate at Buzz's. We had some of our local players that Mitch has been working with their play. One of the teams, which were our locals, Sean Howden & Vicky Lusher, played a good game for their first time in a draw. It was a fun night with 1st & 2nd split by Dick Heflin & Rick Shaw and Fred Johns & Dan B.; then a 3rd and 4th split by Bill Maxwell & Mike Olson and Jimmy Tribble & Rick Gindt.

Buzz's Saturday Open Doubles went off fine with the sun out and wind blowing on the bay. We are surrounded by beautiful Mud Bay and all of its' wildlife. Our tournament had 25 teams which included one of our local teams, Mike Irvine & Sean Howden. They did quite well for first timers. We had teams from as far north as Vancouver, Canada to as far south as Rouge River, Oregon. The Mud Bay Masters Tournament ended on Sunday evening with my beloved husband, Donald Ernest Mitchell and his partner, Nells Anderson winning the tournament. Charlie Gates and Mike Olson played a tough game against Don (Mitch) and Nells, but went home with 2nd place. Mitch and Nells made a wonderful team as they were laggin' and hitting weights when needed, coming up through the losers bracket to become the Champions! Third place went to Tommy Campbell & Rick Gindt with 4th place going to Tim Nugent and Justin Lauderbach; 5th place tie went to Mark Minimum and Jim Manders and Jimmy Allis and John Fisher.

All in all, we had a wonderful time with Jimmy and Laura Tribble and their bartenders, Laurie and Katie. Great food on Saturday and snacks on Sunday.

We invite all to come and visit us at Buzz's Tavern in Mud Bay for our His/Her Tournament on May 15th. Look forward to seeing you! --Ruby & Don Mitchell and Laura & Jimmy Tribble. [See Col. for photos] -- Report & Photos by: Ruby Mitchell

## Open Doubles Winner Photos



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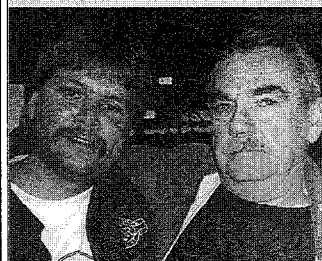
Contact For Questions: Jim Tribble 360-866-4323 (Home) 360-866-8335 (Tavern)

**January 23, 2004 Friday Night Open Draw**  
**\$10.00 Entry Starts @ 7:00**



**1st Place (Above L-R):**

Don "Mitch" Mitchell & Nells Anderson



**2nd Place (Above L-R):**

Mike Olson & Charlie Gates



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

Tommy Campbell & Rick Gindt



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

Justin Lauderbach &  
Tim Nugent

# Ingredients for a Successful Tournament!

February 13-16, 2004 T's Cocktails, Modesto, California

Report & Photos Submitted March 5, 2004 By: Eddie Brayman (Tournament Director)

**Manteca, CA:** Pick a good time... say, Presidents' Day weekend, find a good bar with a friendly owner and great bartenders, surrounded by lots of hotels, and finally, induct Fred Thumann into the HOF. This year's annual Northern CA shuffleboard tournament was hosted by T's Cocktails of Modesto. A whopping 103 players showed up to get in on the 4 day, 4 event showdown. Total prize money came to \$49,785. Dan Hitt was the big winner in the open events, placing 1st in the open singles, and 1st in the open doubles with his partner, Dave Keithahn. Ty Bayne and Warren Goldsmith took 1st in the add-to-3 doubles, and were on the 1st place ABC team which also included Mick Medlin.

Bill Maxwell furnished the 6 brand new Venture shuffleboard tables. Billy's hard work and support were vital to the success of the tournament. Thanks, also, to Dave Keithahn, for all of his assistance in setting up the boards and putting up the lights.

Lorraine Bingham-Olson did a phenomenal job putting together Freddy's HOF booklet, which included lots of color photos and 37 testimonials.

The tournament staff consisted of Jane Mourgos, Lorraine Bingham-Olson, Dan Mourgos, and tournament director, Eddie Brayman. Special thanks to John McDermott, Bubba Warren, and Joe Hudson, for their never-ending support and advice.

-- Reported by: Eddie Brayman, Tournament Director

<http://home.comcast.net/~ebrayman01/shuffle2004/presday/presday2004.htm>

## Doubles (Add to 3) Winners



**1st Place (Above L-R):**

Ty Bayne &  
Warren Goldsmith



**2nd Place (Above L-R):**

Jolene Lembke &  
Charlie Busch



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

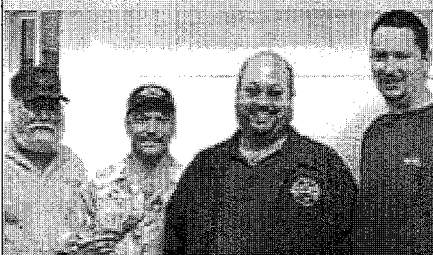
Cindy Clark &  
Jane Mourgos



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

Anna & Bob Brunskill

## A/B/C Team Winners



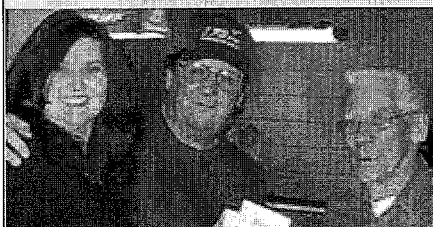
**1st Place (left L-R):**

Mick Medlin,  
Warren Goldsmith,  
(John McDermott  
standing in for  
sponsor, Lorraine  
Olson) & Ty Bayne



**2nd Place (left L-R):**

Gary Johnson, Bob  
Brunskill, Steve Fisher  
(sponsor), & Young  
Bob Davidson



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

Dixie Debbie Merhoff,  
Ted Curtice &  
Jim Alford  
(sponsor: Dave  
Brennan - no photo)

**4th Place (No Photo Available):** Jane Mourgos,  
Chuck Corcoran, Barbara Crum (sponsor: Jim Martin)

## Pro Doubles Winners



**1st Place (Left):**

David Keithahn (center)  
& Dan Hitt (right)  
pictured with sponsor  
Steve Fisher (left)



**2nd Place (Left L-R):**

Al Pease &  
Darrol Nelson



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

Hal Perry &  
George Camara



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

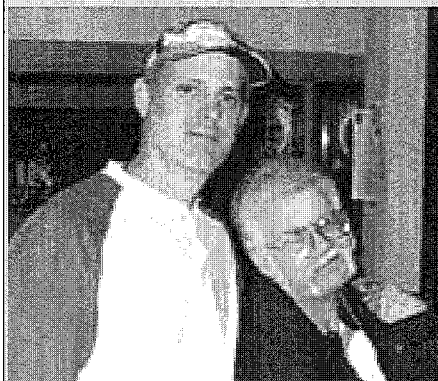
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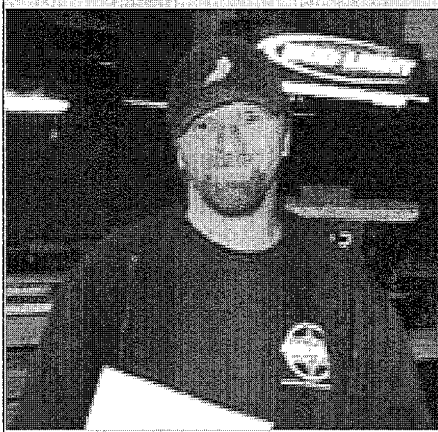
**Pro Open Singles**



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Dan Hitt  
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Steve Kalamarski

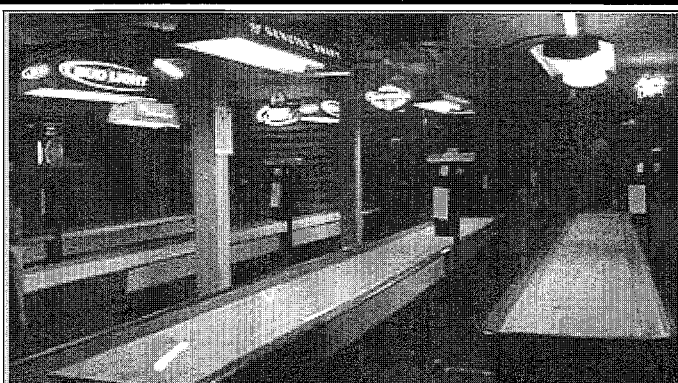


**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
John McDermott  
pictured w/ sponsor  
Kenny Hawkes



**3rd Place (Left):**  
Dan Holland  
(sponsored by  
Steve Fisher,  
not in photo)

**4th Place  
(no photo):**  
Nick Chaffin  
(sponsored by  
J.R. Noel)



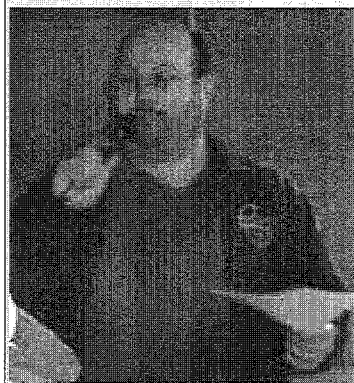
(Above) Many "Thanks" to Bill Maxwell  
for furnishing the 6 Venture shuffleboards and to  
Dave Keithahn for assisting to setup the boards!

**Fred Thumann**

*Inducted into the  
California Shuffleboard  
Hall of Fame (CSHOF)!*



(Above)  
**Fred Thumann (CSHOF Inductee) being  
congratulated by Tourn. Director: Eddie Brayman**



(Left)  
John McDermott  
gives testimonial  
for Fred Thumann



(Above) Many "Thanks" to Tournament Helpers:  
Lorraine Olson and Jane & Dan Mourgos

## 7th Annual Frank Kane Memorial Tournament

February 27-28, 2004

Ulena's Bar, St. Louis, Missouri

Report & Photos Submitted March 5, 2004 By: Jack Murphy

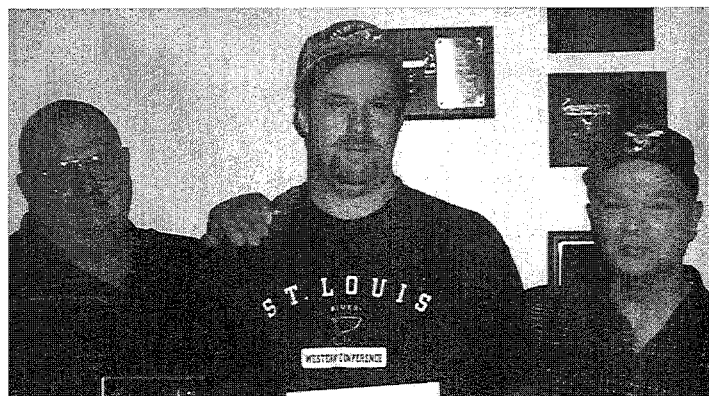
Ulena's Bar hosted the 7th Annual Frank Kane Memorial Tournament in St. Louis, MO on Feb. 27-28. Friday night was an Open Draw as the players partnered up and got better acquainted with each other and the boards. The seeding and play took place on Saturday. It was a great tournament with local teams being joined by players from Houston, MO and Arkansas. Thanks to out-of-town friends.

Taking 3rd place was the fine shooting team of Frank Edelen & Jack Murphy. They made it through the winner's bracket until they were handed their first loss one game out of the winner bracket finals. After defeating 2 more teams in the loser bracket, they were handed their second loss by the eventual 2nd place winners, taking 3rd place.

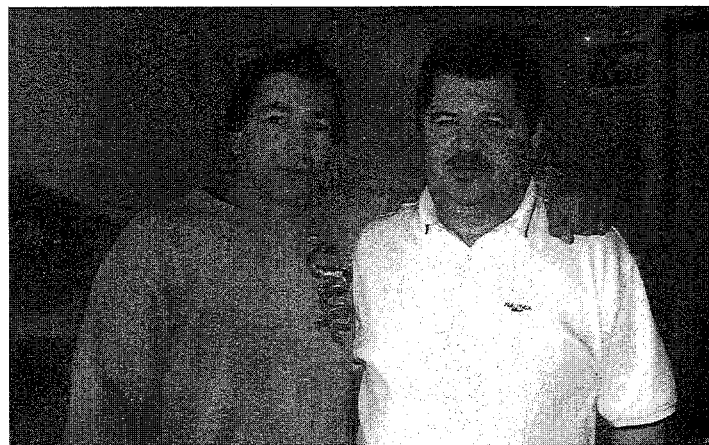
2nd place honors went to the last minute entry team of Mike Hill & Robert Kasza. From the opening round through their final match, Mike & Robert displayed some very competitive, consistent shooting. They shot tough in the final winner's bracket game, then came back through the loser bracket to again face the eventual champions, lost, but captured 2nd place for all their efforts.

The Championship honors went to the out-of-town team of Rick Pittman & Mick Moran. From beginning to end they played strong and rose as the only undefeated team in the winner's bracket. Rick & Mick sent the 2nd place champs to the loser bracket only to face them again one game later. Their tough shooting dominated again as they defeated them again and sealed the Championship as the only undefeated team.

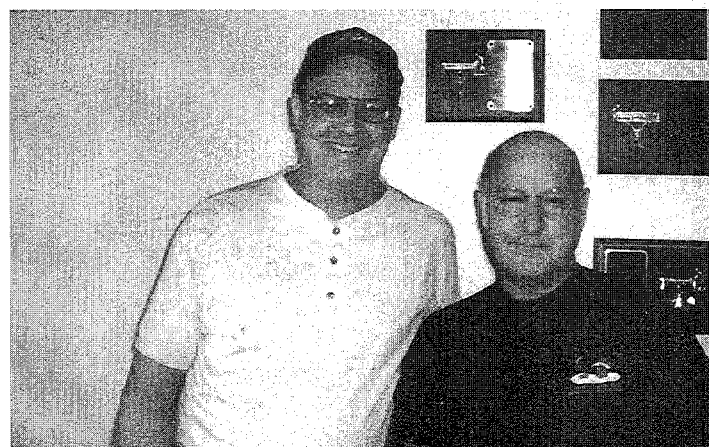
Thanks to Ulena's owner, Sanna Clark and to John Sittington & Pamela Burnett for their gracious service and warm welcome. Thanks to Frank Edelen for running the Friday night draw and bracket assistance and thanks to Mary Curtis for her HOT chili. Hope to see all next year! [Winner Photos in Column 2] -- Report By: Jack Murphy



**1st Place (Above):**  
Rick Pittman (left) & Mick Moran (right)  
with sponsor Pat Marshal (center)



**2nd Place (Above L-R):**  
Robert Kasza & Mike Hill



**3rd Place (Above L-R):**  
Jack Murphy & Frank Edelen



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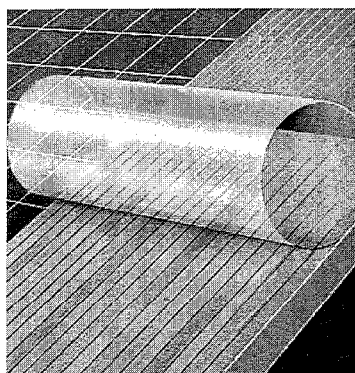
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Sincerely, Michelle Glandon

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# Balloon Inn Hosts Morey Balins HOF Induction & 14th Annual Santa Classic Tournament

December 12-14, 2003 -- Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado

Report Received March 2, 2004 From: Char Waugaman (Photos by: Tighe Levan)

**Arvada, CO:** The Santa Classic Open Doubles has always been a special tournament in Colorado since it's inception 14 years ago by the former owners, Ron and Gwen Vogt. This year's annual event was extra special as we honored the induction of Morey Balins into the Colorado Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

The "Round Robin" tournament with 2 out of 3 game matches proved to be competitive and fun for all. In addition, four teams were recipients of added money by the Balloon Inn for winning four secret random matches. Way to go!

After the win/loss records were tallied, Morey Balins and Grady McGovern would finish in first place with one more win than the second place team, Jim Payne and Larry Zahm from Nebraska. Congratulations to all!



**Winners (Above):**

Jim Payne & Larry Zahm (pictured left) took 2nd Place; Morey Balins (center) & Grady McGovern (far right) took 1st Place; being congratulated by Host: Bill Wolf (to the left of Grady McGovern)



**Ron Sosovec & Larry Zahm (left L-R):**

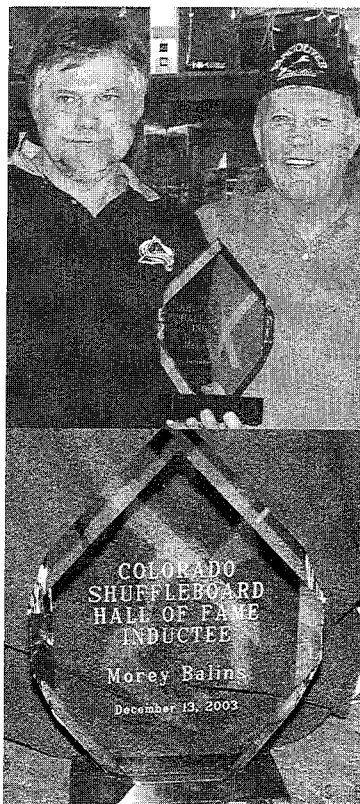
"Sherri Miller (Bartender) lie'd Soso and Larry!"

Thanks to the out of state players, Tighe Levan (Mass.), Jim Payne (NE), Larry Zahm (NE), Marty Shepard (NE), and to Don Garrison and Bill Shino from Sterling, CO for making the trip. Morey would like to express a special thank you to Travis Anderson and Kathi Lloyd for their work on the induction ceremonies, to Ron and Gwen Vogt for the cactus garden, to Bonnie English for the Silver Bullion Coin, to Kelly Mossholder for the roses, to Sheri Miller for the video and to the Balloon Inn hosts Russ Brown and Bill Wolfe for the great food.

-- Reported By: Char Waugaman, Colorado

## COLORADO TSHF INDUCTS MOREY BALINS

(By: Kathi Lloyd & Photography by Char Waugaman)



**Morey Balins & Travis Anderson (left L-R):**

Morey Balins became the third Colorado player to be inducted into the hall of fame on June 13, 2004 during the Santa Classic Open held annually.

Morey joins Bill English and "Gentleman George" Ostrom as one of the truly great shuffleboard players from Colorado in sharing this well deserved honor from his peers.

Over the years Morey's skill at the game and smooth delivery of weights has earned him the nickname "Maurice the Release", and rightfully so. In addition to his incredible lagging ability, his sense of fair play and good sportsmanship is exemplary. In more recent years Morey has focused his attention on teaching newer players the fundamentals of the game, and tutoring seasoned amateur players to help them improve their technique and understanding of the various strategies of the game. Congrats and way to go Morey!

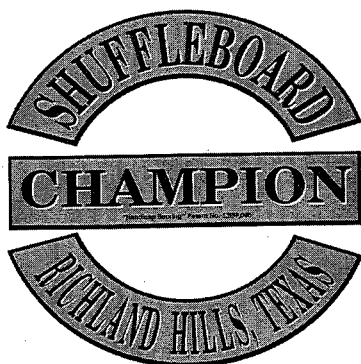
## MOREY BALINS COLORADO TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

(By: Char Waugaman)

Morey began playing shuffleboard in the early 70's and, like other sports he excelled at the game very quickly. His love for shuffleboard only grew stronger when he met Bill English and they would partner up always looking for that next money game. From time-to-time Bill would remind Morey "It's not your wife, it's not your life, it's just your money."

Then came the road trips. Morey with several of his friends and partners, George Ostrom, Bill English, Rick Boyer, Grady McGovern, Jody Slack and numerous others would hit the road for out-of-state tournaments. One of his first and most memorable was in 1979 at the "World Series of Shuffleboard" in Portland Oregon at the Black Cat Tavern. Where Morey and George Ostrom partnered up to play against some of the best in the country and what an awakening. The boards had "go arounds" unlike the flat boards they were used to in Colorado. Both were extremely happy to leave there with a 3rd place trophy.

Most recently, one of his proudest accomplishments was in 2000 at the North American Shuffleboard Championships in Reno at the Sands Regency. Morey and his long time friend and partner, Rick Boyer, would take first place in the Pro Doubles event. This was definitely big considering the competition but certainly special since they had partnered up and just seem to donate money in this tournament for several years. While being a great player himself, Morey is also a huge ambassador of the game. He dedicates his time to being a captain and teacher on beginner and amateur teams in leagues and tournaments and to helping players who want to learn or improve their game. From the Colorado Shuffleboard Players, "Thank You, Morey, for your support of the game and a well deserved Congratulations to a great person and player!"



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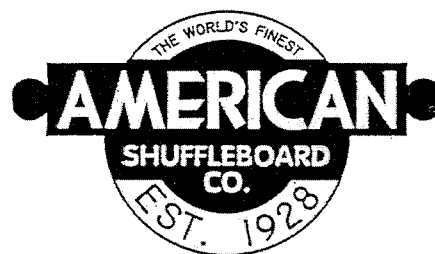
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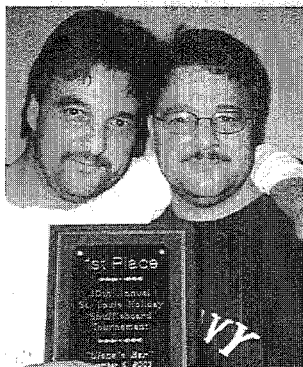
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So many of you keep asking about my health and I want to tell you all that I appreciate your concerns more than you will ever know. I'm "getting better" everyday. It's been slow, I do need more surgery, but so far it's not a "demand". I have been at the boards a few time although my first attempt at throwing a "few" weights turned out as it did. About 9 months after I came home from the hospital, I went into Lake Side with Slick. I threw 4 weights and fell and broke my hip. It's as "funny" now as I imagine it was then, because after the initial "shock" of the fall, One Arm John Myles (my beloved friend) was the first one to get to me and try to help me up. Now, it certainly wasn't funny at the time but here are John and I, two handicappers trying so diligently to get me "off" the floor. A couple pins in the hip and it has never given me another problem. The other day on one of my "rare" trips out, Jerry Siebert was giving me some tips to help me with my balance, etc. It will come.

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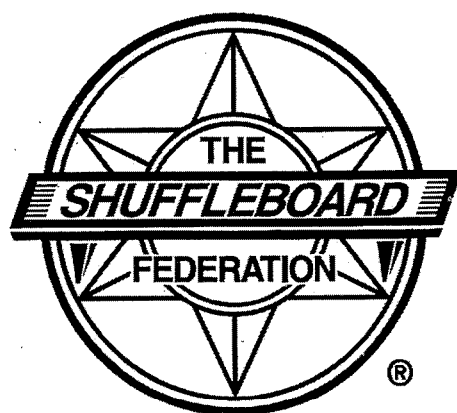
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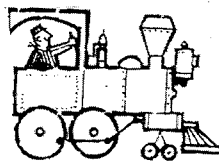
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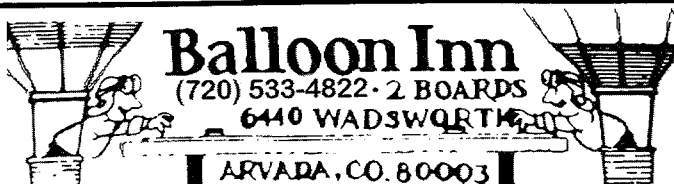
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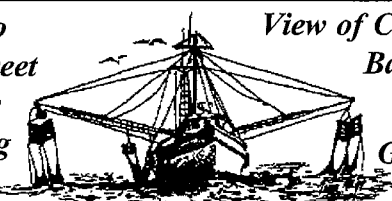
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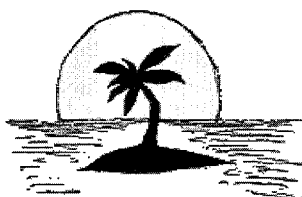
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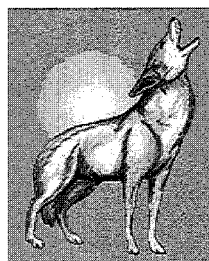
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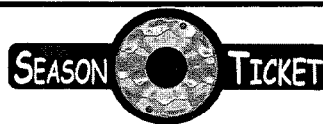


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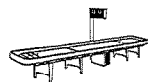
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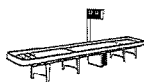
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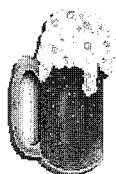
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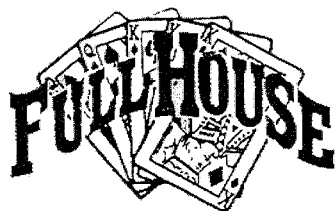
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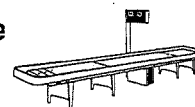
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Reported on March 8, 2004 By: Gary Anglin & Mary Brown

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**Bourbon, Indiana:** BOURBON IS BACK!!! With a new tournament director Gary Anglin (of Gary's Garage) the Bourbon American Legion has had 2 very successful tournaments! On Jan. 24th a Mixed Double was held with 19 teams and close to \$3000 in total money... 1st place went to Pam & Terry Dowell; a close 2nd went to Mary & Larry Brown; 3rd place went to Tournament Director Gary Anglin & Jody Berry; and 4th place went to Vicki Morgan & Mikel Johnson.

### Bourbon Mixed Doubles Winners:



*1st Place (Left L-R):*  
Terry & Pam Dowell



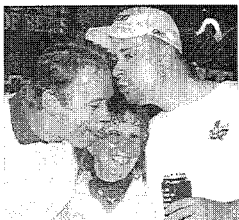
*2nd Place (Above L-R):*  
Larry & Mary Brown



*3rd Place (Above L-R):*  
Jody Berry & Gary Anglin

Then on Feb 28th an Open Singles with 30 players showing up... 1st Mikel Johnson; 2nd Glenn Ingram; 3rd Gary Anglin; 4th Bobby Voorhis; and 5th/6th Dennis Kinsey and Larry Brown (no winner photos, as yet).

A lot of the credit for these great tournaments also goes to the Ladies Aux. for the food, Rick Stocker for getting the boards ready to play, and Auctioneer Mikel Johnson & Gary Neff for the brackets. We would also like to thank all the Michigan and Ohio players who always make this a great time! **DON'T FORGET THE UPCOMING 43RD ANNUAL SPRING DOUBLES ON MAY1st WITH A FIRST TIME SUNDAY OPEN SINGLES ON MAY2nd (See flyer insert). HOPE TO SEE YA'LL IN BOURBON!!!**



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## Spickelmier wins Crazy 8 Opener at Oskar's!

March 6, 2004

Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill, Bellflower, California

Reported on March 8, 2004 By: California Shuffleboard News

**Bellflower, California:** Karl Spickelmier, last year's Crazy Eight Series champion at Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill, opened up this year's edition of the six tournament run by winning the first round on Saturday, March 6, over 13 other entrants.

The Bellflower pro qualified for the tournament finals by scoring 38 points on Oskar's four well-maintained boards. Cerritos' Joe Muniz was next with a score of 34 points. Next came qualifiers Mick Diana of Bellflower and Yorba Linda's Bob Brunskill. In a tie for the two final qualifying positions were Whittier's Tim O'Brien, Downey's Gary Jones and Bellflower's Ernie Alvarez forcing a two-frame playoff for the final spots in the finals.

Jones and O'Brien narrowly won out in an exciting lag off on Oskar's Board Four to finalize the two remaining playoff places.

In the 16 frame finals it was all Spickelmier as he scored 39 points—ten points ahead of the second place tie that involved Muniz and O'Brien.

Spickelmier took home \$208 in entry fee and hick money. The next Crazy Eight event is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, at Oskar's. The series championship is determined by a points system based on consistent finishes in each tournament in the series.

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### Crazy 8 Top 3 Winners (Above L-R):

Bellflower's Karl Spickelmier (1st);  
Whittier's Tim O'Brien (tie for 2nd);  
and Cerritos' Joe Muniz (tie for 2nd) were the  
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Opener at Oskar's in Bellflower

--Report & Photo By: California Shuffleboard News



## Warsaw Eagles #1339 -- Indiana News!

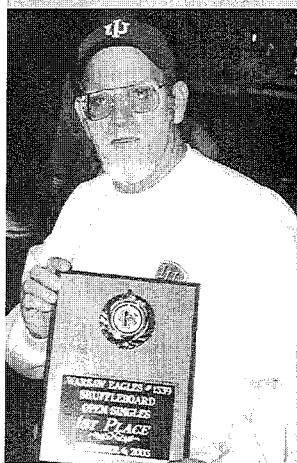
December 5-6, 2003 & February 13-14, 2004 -- Warsaw Eagles #1339, Warsaw, Indiana

Report & Photos Submitted March 5, 2004 By: Pam Dowell

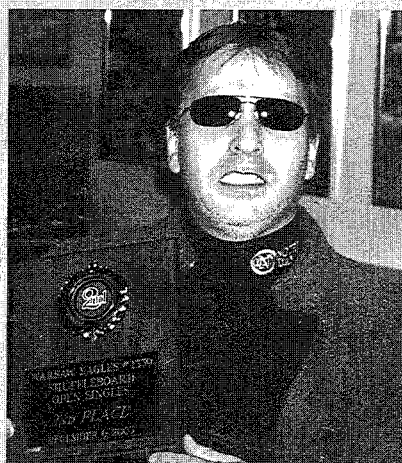
### Eagles "Walking" Event

**Warsaw, IN (Dec. 5-6, 2003):** In order to encourage greater participation from local players, tournament director Terry Dowell offered a 1/2 off entry fee for non-rated players in the Eagles "Walking Event" on Dec. 5th. Of the 20 Singles entered, six were eligible to take advantage of the sale. One of those players, Dave Schieisman drew the lucky number and played for free. In addition, Terry taped a \$5 bill at each end of the two boards, to be paid to the first player who lagged a four on that end. Three bills went Friday night and the last was won during Saturday's Doubles.

#### Singles Winners (Friday)



**1st Place (Above):**  
Rick Stocker



**2nd Place (Above):**  
Mike Johnson

#### Doubles Winners (Saturday)



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Terry Dowell &  
Greg Massie



**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
Rick Royal &  
Bobby Voorhis

**3rd Place (no photo):**  
Mary Brown &  
Deb Voorhis

### Valentine's Mixed Doubles

**Warsaw, IN (Feb. 13-14, 2004):** The temperature was hovering in the mid-twenties and the wind made it seem 15 degrees colder, but it was toasty inside Eagles Aerie #1339 on Valentine's Day. The cold weather didn't keep 21 mixed doubles teams from playing their "hearts" out. It didn't keep Alonzo & Theresa Cottrell (MI) from leaving their baby boy for a well-deserved mini-vacation. It didn't keep Phil & Barb Short (OH) from getting some tournament experience and winning a game or two. It didn't keep Dave Arnett & Doris Carroll from scoring some upsets on their home league board. Nor did it keep Terry & Bev Sidle (OH) from dancing their socks off until dark-thirty, once they became eligible for the party bracket. Although the day became another day before it was all over, complimentary champagne, roses for all the women, a killer band and heart-shaped steaks on the dinner menu, ensured that a good time was had by all. "It's tough to predict the turnout for a February event in Indiana," noted Terry Dowell, tournament director. "With all the snow Northern Indiana has had, we might have had just seven or eight teams show up. It's great to see so many local teams as well as the out-of-state players who made the trip. Next year we'll get another board, if it looks like we'll have such a terrific response." Bill Niswonger generously donated a set of old American weights and a lovely wooden case to be raffled off. The \$300 proceeds will be split between a contribution to Ron & Deb Bowers' Rating System and the purchase of an ad in the Board Talk detailing Indiana's 2004/2005 tournament schedule. The prize was won by Lee Kinley. Draw Results (couldn't draw your own) Partner on Friday were: 1st: Jody Berry/Jim Long; 2nd: Sheryl Cockerill/ Bobby Voorhis; & 3rd: Deb Voorhis/Glen Ingram. Saturday's Sweetheart Mixed Doubles winners below:

#### Sweetheart Mixed Doubles Winners (Saturday):



**1st Place (Above L-R):**  
Mike Johnson/Sheryl Cockerill



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



**3rd Place (Above L-R):**  
Jim Long & Vicki Morgan



**4th Place (Above L-R):**  
Deb & Bobby Voorhis

The next scheduled event at the Warsaw Eagles is a true round robin limited to 16 teams, to be played over the course of Friday night, April 9 and Saturday, April 10. Entry is \$300 per team. Contact Terry Dowell to reserve a spot.

--Report & Photos By: Pam Dowell, Warsaw, Indiana

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# 1st Annual Texas-Oklahoma Open

February 12-16, 2004 -- Kiotee Club, Denison, Texas

Report & Photos Received March 1, 2004 From: Linda Nobles, Houston, Texas

**Denison, Texas:** What a great place to host a shuffleboard tournament. Plenty of room for the 12 boards which were rented from Champion, with plenty of room for more when the tournament grows, which we are sure it will when the word gets out about the great people and the great location.

Our hosts, Johnny Newell and Doug Parks went out of there way to insure everyone was comfortable and having a good time. Dennis Weager provided homemade stew and homemade chili during the tournament, and Jerry Dorsey (JD), a fishing guide on nearby Lake Texoma, fried up some delicious stripper for us on the last day. Johnny Wayne Crawford arrived early and had the boards playing great before the first event which was singles.

There were 12 entries in the Pro Division I and 16 entries in Division II. Pro Division winners were: First place went to Bill Melton. Beating his dad to win second place honors was David Williams, Jr. giving third place to David Williams, Sr. Division II winners were first place Patrick Linville who came back to double dip J.K. Plyler who took second place. Third place went to Doug Parks and fourth place to Jack Crews.

Everyone woke up to about 3" of snow on Friday morning which was beautiful, but kept away the out-of-towner's that were planning on driving in for the weekend events. Jim Payne (NE) and Ron Sosovec (CO) couldn't believe they came all the way to Texas and still ended up in the snow. Silvia Martinez from Houston was thrilled to see it. *[You don't get to see much snow in Houston (See photo on top right of Column 2)].*

Friday's event was handicap draw partner which in spite of the snow had eighteen teams entered. First place went to the team of Bill Melton and Sally Goff. Taking second was Mahlon Nobles and Billy Mays. Third place went to Ferlin Kearns and Ruthie Atherton. Fourth place went to David Williams Sr. and Nance Tice. If there could have been an Honorable Mention award, it would have gone to Jerry Dorsey (JD) and his partner Jack Crews, who with a combined handicap of 7 put down some great, very low handicap teams to finish in 5th place. Great job guys!!!

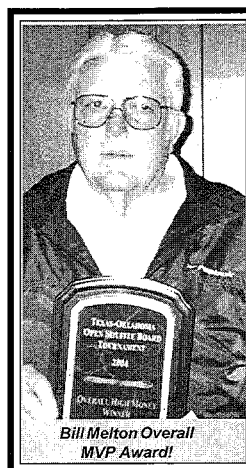
Saturday's event also had eighteen teams entered for the bring partner. First place honors went to Bill Melton (again) and Billy Mays who came back from the loser's bracket. Second place went to Brad Lowery and Carolyn Jones. Third place was Mahlon Nobles and Linda Nobles, and fourth place went to Jim Kennedy (JFK) and Jim French.

Sunday's event was scheduled to be a four person draft team, but because of the weather keeping players away it was decided to have an A-B Draw. Mahlon and Linda Nobles took first place and Bill Melton and Clint Wilson took second place.

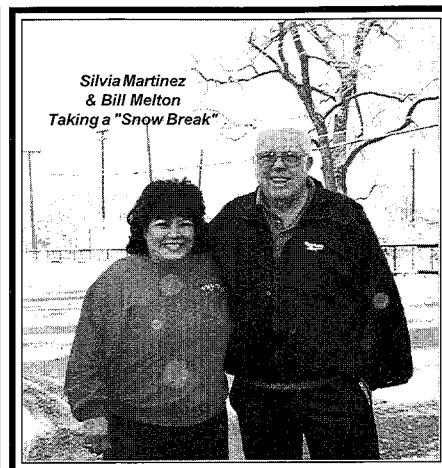
Our hosts provided a beautiful plaque for the MVP of the tournament, which went to Bill Melton who finished in 1st place in 3 events. Congratulations Bill!!!

Even with the bad weather there were 51 registered participants, and all agreed it was a great tourney in a great place with great hosts. Hope to see all of you at next year's tournament.

-- Report & Photos By: Linda Nobles, Houston, TX



Bill Melton Overall MVP Award!



Silvia Martinez & Bill Melton Taking a "Snow Break"

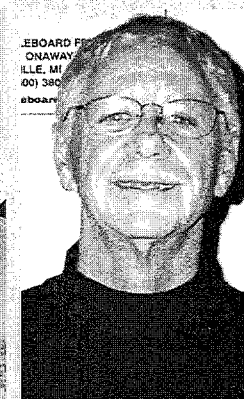
## Pro Div. I Singles Winners: (12 Entries)



1st Place (Above):  
Bill Melton



2nd Place (Above):  
David Williams, Jr

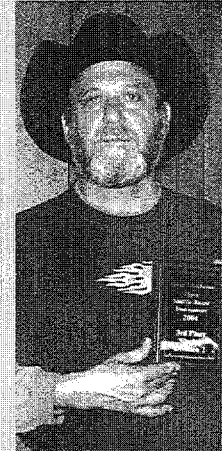


3rd Place (Above):  
David Williams, Sr

## Div. II Singles Winners: (16 Entries)



1st Place (Above):  
Patrick Linville



3rd Place (Above):  
Doug Parks



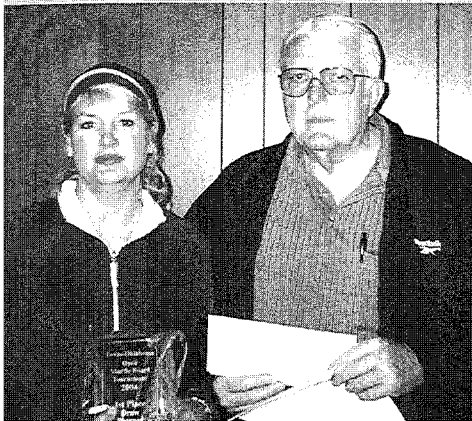
4th Place (Above):  
Jack Crews

NOTE: 2nd Place (no photo available): J.K. Plyler



(Texas-Oklahoma Open... Continued From Page 30)

**Draw Partner (Handicap) Winners: (18 Teams)**



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Sally Goff & Bill Melton



**2nd Place (Left):**  
Mahlon Nobles (left)  
& Billy Mays (right)  
pictured  
w/ sponsor  
Ronnie Gamble  
(center)

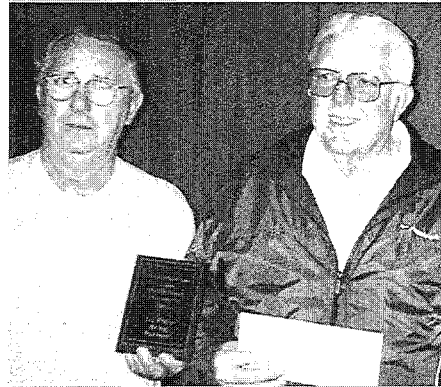


**3rd Place (Left L-R):**  
Ruthie Atherton &  
Ferlin Kearns



**4th Place (Above L-R):**  
David Williams Sr & Nancy Tice w/ sponsor Gerald Wood

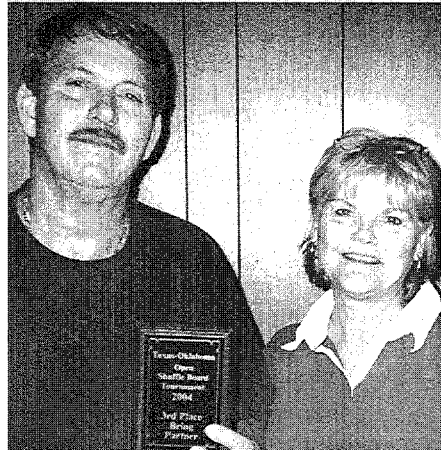
**Bring Partner (Handicap) Winners: (18 Teams)**



**1st Place (Left L-R):**  
Billy Mays &  
Bill Melton



**2nd Place (Left L-R):**  
Brad Lowery &  
Carolyn Jones



**3rd Place (Left L-R):**  
Mahlon & Linda Nobles  
(who also took a  
first place in Sunday's  
A/B Draw)



**4th Place (Left L-R):**  
Jim (JFK) Kennedy & Jim French



## Mason-Dixon Classic at Harvey Jr's...

February 20-22, 2004 at Harvey Jr's, Darlington, MD  
By: Dick Gorman (Submitted on March 3, 2004)

**Darlington, Maryland:** The Mason-Dixon Classic was held at Harvey Jr's, Darlington, MD on Friday, Saturday and Sunday – February 20- 22. Finally the weather cooperated for a weekend of cool, but sunny skies (a big relief after all the snow we have been having for this part of the country this year).

Typical of all weekend events at Harvey Jr's – the Friday night warm up was a draw partner event using the Bowers Point System. A full evening provided the first place winners of Wendy Davis, Wilmington, DE and Cid Floriani, Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Len Dell, Baltimore, MD and host Harvey Comer, Darlington, MD, took second place. Third place was won by Arnold Ledford, Street, MD and Anthony Todd, Newark, DE. As far as the North-South battle (Mason-Dixon) it was a draw 3-3 with both first place winners from the north.

Saturday Bring Partner event – always the most popular event at Harvey Jr's was won by a duo from the south side of the border – Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, MD and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, MD, second place (again) went to Len Dell, Baltimore, this time with partner Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, MD. Third place went to the mother and son team – Faye Todd, Newark, DE and son, Anthony Todd, Newark, DE. North-South – 4 from the south, 2 from the north.

As announced a different type of event will be held on Sunday's of the 3-day tournaments. This Sunday an A-B Draw Partner event provided the interest. (Last tournament was a 3-person draft team event). Taking first place for the first time at Harvey Jr's was Brian Anderson, Spray Beach, NJ and his partner Jim Dennis, Perryville, MD. Second place went to host Harvey Comer and his partner Anthony Todd, Newark, DE (third time placed in the money this weekend).

Of course this is really a warm up weekend in anticipation of the next tournament to be held at Harvey Jr's – the Maryland State Championships – April 2 – 4th which will include Friday night – Draw Partner; Saturday – Bring Partner, and Sunday – Singles. These state championships are opened to entries from any state and are based on the use of the Bower's Rating System.

Thanks to our hostess, Darlyne Belcher for the great food and to Jim Dennis for bringing the crab balls. A moment of silence was held on Saturday for the passing of Judy Iseman's mother and Buddy Brammer's mother. Please keep them in your prayers. All participants are invited to make advance registration by calling Darlyne Belcher or Harvey Comer at 410-457-5235.

## Tournament of Champions...

February 27-28, at Moose Lodge #1832  
Huntington Beach, CA

Report By: Bob Brunskill Photos By: California Shuffleboard News

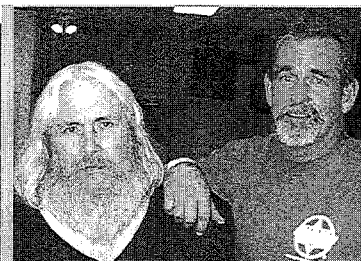
**Huntington Beach, California:** The Huntington Beach Moose Lodge Tournament of Champions (held February 27 and 28) was a big success. There were 22 players vying for \$3,320 in entry fee and sponsor sale monies. There was \$1300 added to "entry fee" pot that comes from \$1 per player being held back from the Wednesday and Saturday tournaments. The requirements to qualify for this tournament are to win a Wednesday or Saturday tournament. The Moose now has three boards. This was a big help in finishing the tournament Saturday night while playing one round Friday night. As usual, Marie Coulter and Kathleen Wisdom (sisters) have done a fine job of running this tournament for almost twenty years. In charge of the brackets was Bob Brunskill. The 2004 Bowers Ratings were used.

Many thanks also go to the bartenders and servers for an outstanding job. The Ladies of The Moose served a delicious breakfast Saturday morning. The Coulter family, as always, served everyone a big dinner Saturday night. Thank you from all the shuffleboard players and many thanks also to all the women that brought food. Anna Brunskill sold bowls of soup for \$2 with the proceeds going to the Bowers Rating System.

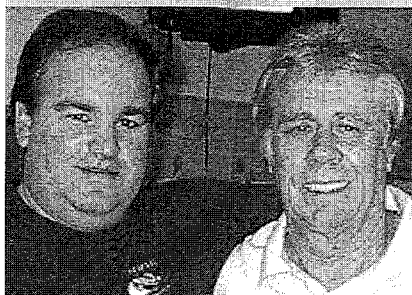
Thanks to Paul Weber for doing a fine job on the sponsor sales. The three top sales were the same amount with two of them finishing first and second. Tom Thornton (Big T) and his brother Bobeeo were new tournament players this year though they are experienced players. --Bob Brunskill reporting (Photos Courtesy of California Shuffleboard News)



1st Place (Above L-R):  
Tom Thornton & Bob Brunskill



2nd Place (Above L-R):  
Rich (Bubba) Warren & Bobeeo Thornton



3rd Place (Left L-R):  
Tony Phillips &  
Jerry (Humdinger) Harp

# 2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

## APRIL/MAY 2004

### April 16-18

April Showers Tournament  
Market Street Cafe  
Charlestown, Maryland

### April 16-18

Annual Spring Tournament  
Amvets Post 26  
Pendleton, Indiana

### April 17-18

Round Robin Draws  
Whistling Oyster  
Quilcene, Washington

### April 23-25

10th Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial  
Sixshooters  
Phoenix, Arizona

### April 23-25

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post# 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

### April 24-26

A/B Bring Partner Doubles  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### April 29-May 2 (See Flyer Insert)

Texas State Championship  
Gold Nugget  
Arlington, Texas

### April 30-May 2 (See Flyer Insert)

43rd Annual Bourbon Spring  
Doubles & Open Singles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### May 8

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

### May 14-16

May Flowers Tournament  
Market Street Cafe  
Charlestown, Maryland

### May 14-16

Mixed Doubles  
Buzz's Tavern  
Olympia, Washington

### May 27-31 (See Flyer Insert)

5th Annual Houston Memorial Day  
Danny's & /Triple Crown Sports Bars  
Houston, Texas

### May 27-31 (See Flyer Insert)

23rd Memorial Day Extravaganza  
Season Ticket  
Spokane, Washington

### May 27-31 (See Flyer Insert)

6th Annual Washita Handicap  
Full House Bar & Grill  
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

### May 27-31

Annual Memorial Day Tournament  
Oskar's Bar & Grill  
Bellflower, California

### May 28-31 (See Flyer Insert)

4th Annual 133 Club Memorial Day  
133 Club  
Manteca, California

### May 28-31 (See Flyer Insert)

Kane's Michigan Open  
Kane's Club Car Lounge  
Durand Michigan

## JUNE 2004

### June 11-13

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

### June 12-13

Round Robin Draws  
Whistling Oyster  
Quilcene, Washington

### June 18-20

Bill English Memorial  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

## JULY/AUG/SEPT. '04

### July 4-10 (See Flyer Insert)

SW Open 2004  
American Legion Post# 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

### July 28-August 1

Grand Masters 2004  
Whistling Oyster  
Quilcene, Washington

### August 6-8

2nd Annual Michigan HOF  
Club Car Lounge  
Durand, Michigan

### August 13-15

CO.NE.HEAD Classic V  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### August 14-15

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

### August 20-21

5th Annual "Ladies Only" Tourney  
Eagles Club  
Houston, Missouri

### September 2-6

Annual Labor Day Weekend  
Full House Bar & Grill  
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

### September 16-19

6th Annual Wandering the World  
Ladies Tournament  
Amvets Post 26  
Pendleton, Indiana

## OCT./NOV. 2004

### October 15-17

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post# 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

### October 15-17

Round Robin (Mystery format)  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### October 30-November 7

2004 NASC  
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino  
Reno, Nevada

### November 25-28

Annual Thanksgiving Tournament  
Oskar's Bar & Grill  
Bellflower, California

## DECEMBER 2004

### December 10-12

15h Annual Santa Classic  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

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February 2004  
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September 2004  
October/November 2004  
December 2004

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May 10, 2004  
June 10, 2004  
July 10, 2004  
August 10, 2004  
October 10, 2004  
November 10, 2004

If we can do at least 2 or 3 bi-monthly "test" issues in 2004, it should be enough for us to measure the savings (if any). Also, we would like to get feedback on electronic versus hardcopy to evaluate, as this is another suggestion we have received from many of you – provide a hardcopy and an electronic subscription option. To consider this suggestion we must do a "test" and as many subscribers that have email to help us in that test effort.

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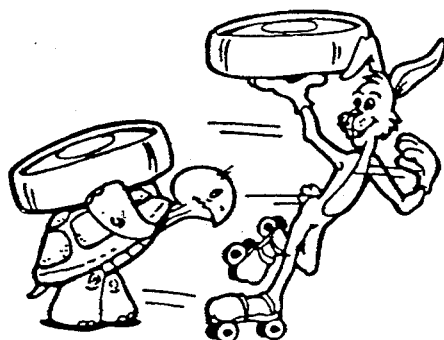
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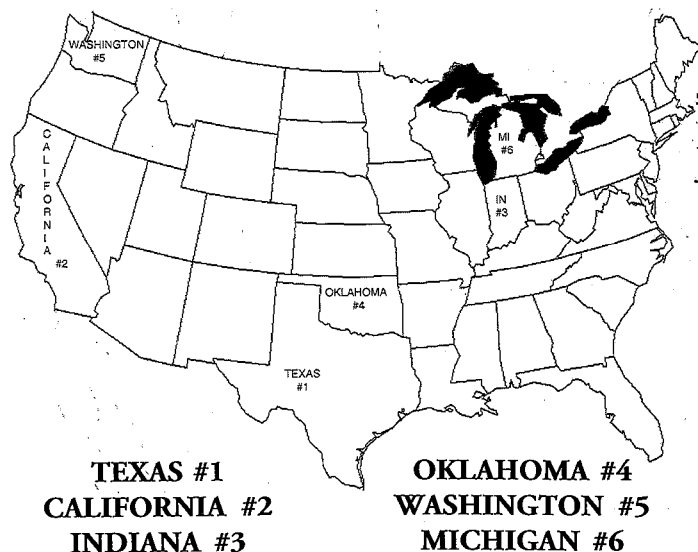
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