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Danny's & Triple Crown Sports Bars Jointly Host Annual Memorial Day Tournament in Houston

May 27 - 31, 2004

Danny's Sports Bar & Triple Crown Sportsbar, Houston, Texas
Report & Photos By: James Cummings, Houston, Texas

The Annual Memorial Open Shuffleboard Tournament is held each year over Memorial weekend in Houston with Jack Scott as the Tournament Director. This year, the 5th Annual Memorial Day Tournament was hosted jointly by Triple Crown & Danny's Sports Bars on 13 boards [Danny's (8) and Triple Crown Sports Bars (5)]. Events are split between locations which are about 5 minutes apart on Westheimer Blvd. The tournament featured 8 events, sponsor sale, "pari-mutuel" and professional staff which makes this a tournament you should fit in your schedule.

Thanks to all that attended. We had a record attendance of 115 registered players. That is up from 76 last year.

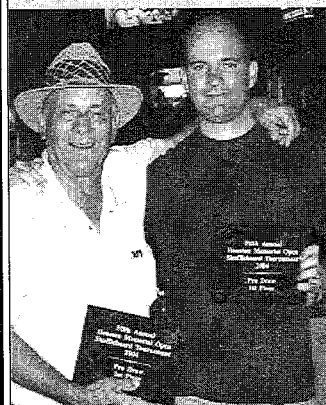
Thanks to Danny's and Triple Crown for providing such great places to play and to their staffs for putting up with some of us tougher customers for 5 days. I know I (James Cummings) was moving all around after I would order and they always seemed to chase me down.

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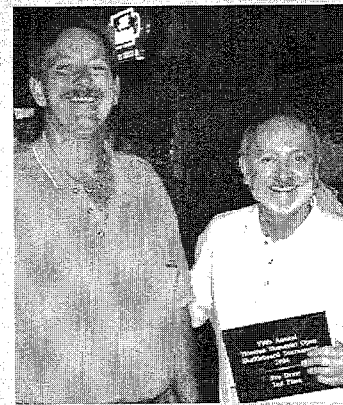
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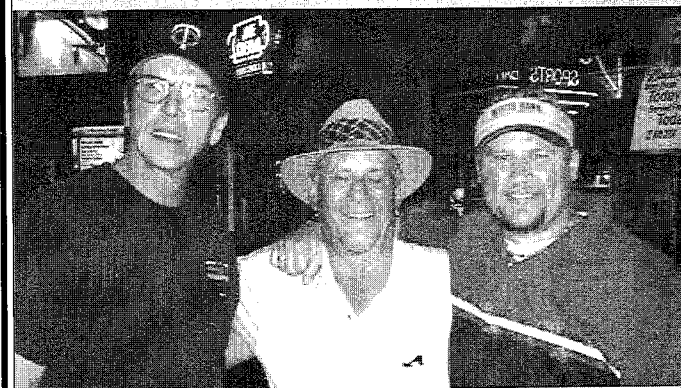
Event 1: A-B Draw (-1, 0, 1) Winners



1st Place (Above L-R):
Johnny "B" Ballard &
Mike Regan

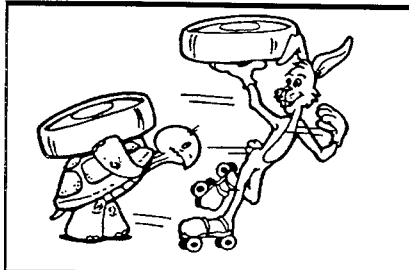


2nd Place (Above L-R):
Mahlon Nobles &
Danny Norris



3rd Place (Above):
Del Ammermann (left) & Mike Taylor (right)
pictured w/ sponsor: Johnny "B" (center)

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Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Board Talk & "Beta Test" Distribution Comments...

One Comment Received Since July 2004 Issue (See July 2004 Issue, page 18 for last month's comments)

1) Lynda, I love the e-version of board talk. You and Tom are awesome! Good job! --Sandy Tubbs, KC, Missouri Shuffler

Editors' Comments: Beta Test Status & Editors' Opinions Based on input received [Ref: July 2004 Issue, page 18]

Thanks to all for your comments and suggestions!

As we previously stated, we {Editors} are not the owners of The Board Talk (Champion Shuffleboard owns it). We are The Board Talk Editors/Publishers of the publication. Each year since the first issue (December 2000) that we took over as Editors/Publishers, Champion Shuffleboard evaluates the viability of continuing The Board Talk and we work jointly with them each year to provide financial status along with subscriber/advertiser details to assist them with whether they wish to continue the publication and, if so, in what format. Nothing is our final decision, we are the Editors/Publishers. Champion Shuffleboard is the owner. This relationship has been described in more detail in many prior issues since our first issue in December 2000.

As part of this annual evaluation with Champion Shuffleboard, evaluating the "write-offs", dropping nonpaying subscribers, trying to absorb the increasing postal and print costs (with a declining subscriber base and delayed payments for services already rendered), we decided to try some "beta tests" in 2004 to see if there are viable options for Champion to consider to keep The Board Talk afloat in 2005 and thereafter (while maintaining a reasonable subscription rate), such as: **1)** consider one or more bi-monthly issues per year; **2)** Consider electronic distribution (solely or in conjunction with a hardcopy option with varying rates); **3)** consider Quarterly distribution, etc.

Our current status shared with Champion, thusfar, includes options such as: **1)** Consider some variance of the two "beta test" options being tested now (electronic & bi-monthly); **2)** Increase subscription rates to continue any hardcopy option; and/or **3)** discontinue the publication if it does not receive enough support from the shuffleboard vendors, promoters of tournaments, advertisers, etc. to keep it going (no doubt, this is not the option we [Editors] want to see implemented).

From the feedback on "beta tests", thusfar, we have not yet reached a consensus from our existing subscriber/advertiser base. We have estimated that for every publication that we mail out to supportive paying subscribers, there are likely at least 6 or more non-paying readers of each paid issue which we send out to paying subscribers. Vendors and promoters of tournaments are the primary benefactors of the publication getting into the hands of non-paying readers. It doesn't support the future of the publication at all, but rather contributes to its' potential demise. With over 3,000 rated players and thousands of unrated and league players, having less than 20% of even the rated players subscribing is not a positive sign.

Since Champion owns the publication, they have nothing tangible to evaluate each year if all those reading the publication and submitting tournament results are not paying subscribers and/or advertisers. We have extended grace periods (in many cases for months) because subscribers do not inform us whether or not they plan to renew. It's a time-consuming expensive exercise to delete someone after 45 days grace period (the rule) and then have to add them back later. In addition, for every month we send a delinquent subscriber an issue, the cost averages roughly \$3 per issue mailed out (pure print/mail cost with no overhead included). If these delinquent subscribers do not renew, then we encounter annual losses.

Electronic "Beta Test" status: We have found that any type of "electronic only" publication is a waste of time and reaches very few people (less than 1/2 of the current subscriber base). Considering an electronic option may be a viable additional consideration, but not an electronic ONLY option.

Bi-Monthly "Beta Test" status: Bi-monthly might be a viable option for one or more issues per year, but likely not 6 issues a year as the sole option. You might be able to do one or two bi-monthly issues a year, but it is not feasible for timely event advertisements to do solely "bi-monthly" (6 issues per year).

"Quarterly" status: Quarterly seems to be the least desirable option, as the main benefit of a shuffleboard publication is for promoters and vendors to get their tournament plans out to the shuffleboard community timely. By doing so, they get more players involved in shuffleboard and the tournament promoters, vendors, and associated businesses benefit from a growing shuffleboard community as well. So Quarterly might suffice for vendors to promote their "for sell" products (such as Champion, Federation, Triple Crown, Sun-Glo, Suitco, etc.), but likely would not have much player benefit or promote tournament growth if the promoters can't advertise fully and timely all their planned events and report their tournament results. Quarterly may suffice for local level newsletters, but not national level news (with so much more activity to report at a national level). These are solely our [Editors] opinions based upon the beta test input received to-date. Thanks to all Supporters! --T&L French

-- URGENT ATTENTION --

Your subscription EXPIRATION DATE is on the back cover (top of your address line.)

Please use the FORM inside back cover to renew TIMELY to avoid missing any issues and to report CHANGE OF ADDRESS!
(See Page 14 & Back Cover for more details)

Publication Content Information

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

Basics on How to Play & Score in "Crazy Eight"

(One Commonly Played Table Shuffleboard Game)

There are several traditional table shuffleboard games that are played. The most common table shuffleboard game played in most tournaments is called "Knock Off" which was featured in the May/June 2004 issue (page 3). Other commonly played table shuffleboard games are "Crazy Eight" (featured in this issue) and "Horse Collar". This page has been dedicated monthly for instructional purposes, starting with some "how to" basics and then getting into some of the more complex strategy questions that arise as players become more familiar with the game(s). Feel free to mail or e-mail The Board Talk Editors/Publishers with specific strategy questions you may have like "when to play short weight", "when to pass weights" versus "knocking off weights" and when one might use some of the various release shots (rail, span, thumb, free hand, etc.).

Basic Overview of "Crazy Eight" Game

Crazy Eight is a singles game played with 2 or more players and is played in frames allowing all players to have an equal chance. Players alternate ends of the board between frames, each player using all eight weights/pucks [red and blue]. The Game is played until one player scores some agreed upon number of points (e.g., 1-point, 15-points, 21-points, etc.). You continue frames until a winner is determined. Scoring the agreed upon points first does not necessarily make that player the winner. Every player gets to finish that frame and the highest score that is equal to or greater than the agreed upon game point (e.g., 1-point, 15-points, 21-points, etc.) is declared the winner. If the player that scores equal to or greater than the agreed minimum required points has the hammer (the last player to play), then he/she is declared the winner. If the last player ties with a prior player, then another round must be played to determine the winner. Before a player can score, the first 4 weights (same color) must be thrown simultaneously with one hand and all 4 weights must stay on the board and be past the long foul line (the foul line furthest from the shooter). If all 4 weights do not stay on the board, then that player gets no points for that round and the next player is up to play. If all 4 weights do stay on the board past the long foul line, then the player must shoot all 4 weights/pucks (in four shots) of the opposite color and must knock off those first four weights thrown past the foul line before any points can be scored for that frame. After all 4 original weights are knocked off, the remaining weights left on the table are scored. For instance, if a player does not get all four of their first 4 weights past the long foul line, no points are scored; if a player does get all 4 weights past the foul on first throw, but does not knock them off and keep at least one of the final 4 weights on the board, no points are scored; if a player gets all 4 first weights past the foul line, knocks them all off and has at least one of the final 4 weights left on the board, points are added and count.

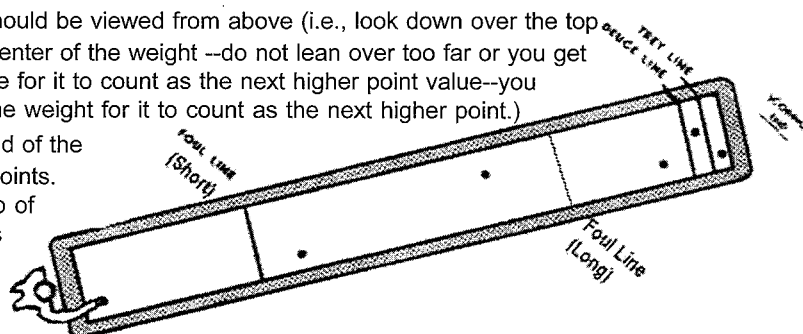
*** OPTIONAL: Sometimes players will also have a "Hickey" count which means every time a player does not score, it constitutes a "Hickey", and each player that does not score in a round puts an agreed upon amount of money into a "Hickey Jar" (e.g., \$.25, \$1, \$5, etc.) and the final winner of the game gets the contents of the Hickey Jar. This is just something that can be done to make the game more interesting, but may or may not be part of your agreed upon Crazy Eight tournament rules.

How To Play

- Take 4 weights [of same color], group them together, and throw them with one hand.
- If all 4 weights do not pass the long foul line and stay on the board, no points are scored for that round [and player gets a "Hickey" if your tournament includes a "Hickey Jar"], and next player is up on the opposite end of the board for their turn.
- If all 4 weights of the same color group did pass the long foul line and stay on the board, then player shoots the remaining 4 weights [of opposite color] one at a time and attempts to knock off the 1st 4 weights and keep at least one of the last four weights of the opposite color on the board to score points (this is great practice for knock off, making combination shots to remove more than one of the 4 weights with one shot, and to be able to either stick a final shot or lag with the weights you have left after you've knocked off all 4 weights of the original color group). If all of the first color group weights are knocked off and you still have at least one of the second color on the board and past the long foul line, this is your score; otherwise, no point is scored [and player gets a "Hickey" if your tournament includes a "Hickey Jar"]. In either case, the next player is up on the opposite end of the board for their turn.

How To Count Player/Team Scores

- Scoring (e.g., 1-point, 2-points, 3-points, or 4-points) is similar to "knock off" with the exceptions noted above where first 4 weights of the same color must remain on the board and past the long foul line, and then they must all be knocked off with the remaining 4 weights of the opposite color while keeping one or more of these weights on the board.
- A weight scores 1-point if it is located between the long foul line and the "2" line.
- Weights completely across the "2" line count 2-points; weights across the "3" line count 3-points, a weight hanging over the end of the board (a.k.a. hanger) counts 4-points, etc.
- To judge if a weight is completely over a line it should be viewed from above (i.e., look down over the top of the weight, positioning your nose approximately to the center of the weight --do not lean over too far or you get an inaccurate view-- the entire weight must be over the line for it to count as the next higher point value--you should be able to see some wood between the line and the weight for it to count as the next higher point.)
- If any portion of the weight is hanging over the end of the board (not the side) it is called a "hanger" and counts 4-points. Close calls can be checked by holding a weight so the top of a weight is along the back end of the board. The weight is then slid along the back end of the board. If it hits the "disputed" hanger the weight is indeed hanging and is worth 4-points.



Texas

**2ND ANNUAL "Don't Sing It, Bring It"
TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS BAR
HOUSTON, TX
~~AUGUST 19-21, 2004~~ POSTPONED!!!**

Billy Melton's "Don't Sing It Bring It Tournament" has been postponed until later this year (date to be announced when rescheduled/decided).

After speaking to many of the pros, we have decided to postpone the 2nd Annual Billy Melton "Don't Sing It Bring It" Tourney to a date to be named later in the year.

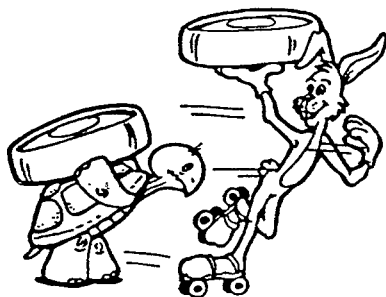
A new date will allow several key players to attend that would have otherwise been unable to make the August 19th date. We are presently notifying all players who had committed to attend. We ask that Board Talk readers pass the word to any prospective players that were planning to attend but had not pre-registered or notified us. We will post the new date for the tournament as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience the rescheduling has caused. Any questions, contact James Cummings at 281-550-5011.

--Billy Melton & James Cummings

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*Thanks for your
support &
timely renewals!
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French, Editors/
Publishers*



Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association (MSPA)



MSPA Officer Election Time!

(per MSPA by-laws)

*Nominations & Declarations were
due by August 1st.*

Election Coming In September 2004!

-- Excerpted from MSPA's "The Hammer"

Texas

**ANNUAL LABOR DAY "TEXAS OPEN"
TAZ COUNTRY SPORTS BAR
AUSTIN (PFLUGERVILLE), TX
SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2004**

The Annual Labor Day "Texas Open" will be held this year at Taz Country in Austin (Pflugerville), Texas on September 1-6. This tournament originated many years ago in Austin, Texas. After several years, it was moved to Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas [due to the Austin hosting club (Texas Mist) closing and boards were being moved to the new location (Taz Country) where Austin could not host it during the board transition year]. This year it is again being hosted in its' birthplace (Austin area). Future years hosting locality has not yet been established. We hope to see many of the former Austin participants and many new attendees join us this year at Taz Country. The Taz Country facility is a one-of-a-kind. Great music, lots of space, competitive shuffleboard play daily, and abounds with great southern hospitality.

The tournament will kick off with \$20 robins and warmup on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The first event will start on Thursday, September 2nd with a 4-Person Draft Team event where highest rated players entered will be the designated team captains (open to all players; 3 of 5 games).

Friday, Sept. 3rd will offer two divisions of A-B Draw events (Div. I for -1's thru 1's and Div. II for 2's thru 4's).

Saturday, Sept. 4th will offer three divisions of Open Singles and Sunday, Sept. 5th will offer three divisions of Bring Partner events.

For details on tournament or lodging information see enclosed tournament flyer and/or contact Ron & Debbie Bowers (512-252-8188) or Gene Criminger (512-990-5526). Backup contacts are: Mike Taylor (512-569-0959) or Tom & Lynda French (512-250-0327 or cell: 512-619-6030).

Indiana

**6TH ANNUAL WANDERING THE
WORLD WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
PENDLETON AMVETS
PENDLETON, IN
SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2004**

The 6th Annual Wandering the World will be held at the Pendleton Amvets, Pendleton, Indiana on Sept. 16-19. Events include Doubles, Draw Partner, and Singles. There will also be scheduled events for the men. Special rates will be available at local hotels for players. Transportation will be provided to/from the Amvets from hotels. Great raffle items, including weights/case. See *Flyer and Registration Form* in this July 2004 issue. Tournament Contact: Sheryl Cockerill 765-286-0944 or e-mail: sherylingregg@aol.com

Indiana

**2004 INDIANA OPEN (LABOR DAY)
AMVETS POST 26
PENDLETON, IN
SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2004**

Pendleton AMVETS Post 26, 939 S. Broadway, Pendleton, Indiana will be hosting the 2004 Indiana Open on Labor Day weekend on Sept. 2-6. Reg. Fee \$15/person.

Friday, Sept. 3rd will be the Mixed Open Doubles (\$50/team; signup by 3pm; sale starts at 3:30pm).

Saturday, Sept. 4th will be two divisions of 3-Person Bring Team [Div. I (add to 0 or more) \$50/player; Div. II (add to 6 or more); \$25/player] - signup at 10am; sale at 11am.

Sunday, Sept. 5th will be two divisions of Singles [Open Singles (\$50/player) and Div. II (\$25/player)] - Signup at 12 Noon; sale at 1pm.

Monday, Sept. 6th will be two divisions of Doubles [Open Double (\$100/team); Div. II Doubles (\$50/team; must add to 4 or more)].

For more tournament or lodging information see *enclosed tournament flyer* or contact Sonny Harris or Jeff McFadden at the Pendleton Amvets at 765-778-7224.

Oregon

**RURAL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
99 TAVERN/WILLEE'S CAFE
WINSTON, OR
SEPTEMBER 2-6, 2004**

The 2004 Rural American Championship will be hosted at two locations: 99 Tavern & Willee's Cafe in Winston, Oregon on Sept. 2-6 during Labor Day weekend. Bowers 2004 Ratings used; any unrated player participants will be rated by a House Committee. Play will be on 8 boards.

Thursday, Sept. 2nd (6pm) will be an *A-B Draw* (\$25/player entry; no sponsor sale).

Friday, Sept. 3rd will feature two events: *Open Singles* which starts at 12 Noon (open to all; \$200/player entry for -1's & 0's and \$100/entry fee for 1's and up; sponsor sale; 2 of 3 games in winners & losers bracket) and *Open Draw* which starts at 3pm (\$20/player; for those not playing in the Open Singles event).

Saturday, Sept. 4th will feature two Singles events: *B Singles* at 9am (0.51 or higher); \$25/player; sponsor sale; single game/double elimination and *C Singles* at 10am (rating TBA); \$25/player; sponsor sale; single game/double elimination).

Sunday, Sept. 5th at 9am will be two divisions of Doubles (playoffs Monday, if needed): *Open Doubles* (\$150/team; sponsor sale; 2 of 3 winner & loser bracket) and *B Doubles* (\$50/team; sponsor sale; 2 of 3 winner bracket, single game loser bracket). For more tournament or lodging information see *enclosed tournament flyer* or contact: Steve Fisher (541-679-9248) or Dan Holland (541-679-7068)

Washington

**JACK STEFFENSEN MEMORIAL &
NW HALL OF FAME INDUCTION FOR
JACK & LINDA STEFFENSEN
NIFTY FIFTY'S III
TACOMA, WA
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2004**

Nifty Fifty's III at 13021 Pacific Hwy. South, Tacoma, Washington is hosting a memorial tournament and induction into the northwest shuffleboard hall of fame in honor of Jack Steffensen. The schedule of events are as follows.

Fri., Sept. 24th @ 7:00pm, Open Draw Partners, \$10/player
Sat./Sun., Sept. 25-26th, Div. I Doubles, \$50/player (no two -1's can play together)

Sat./Sun., Sept. 25-26th, Div. II Doubles, \$25/player (must be rated 1.50 or higher in Bowers 2004 Ratings)

Play will be on 4+ boards. Both Doubles Divisions will be 2 out of 3 in the winners bracket and one game to 21 in the losers bracket. Tee shirt sales will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and play will begin immediately after. The induction ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and a potluck will be served following the induction.

We are planning on having over \$400.00 in door prizes to be drawn every hour. There is going to be lots going on and we hope to see you there.

For more information contact tournament directors Randy Ausbun or Justin Louderback at (253) 255-5188 or Michelle Foran at (253) 474-2724 or email Michelle at: mforan8@comcast.net

Colorado

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

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.

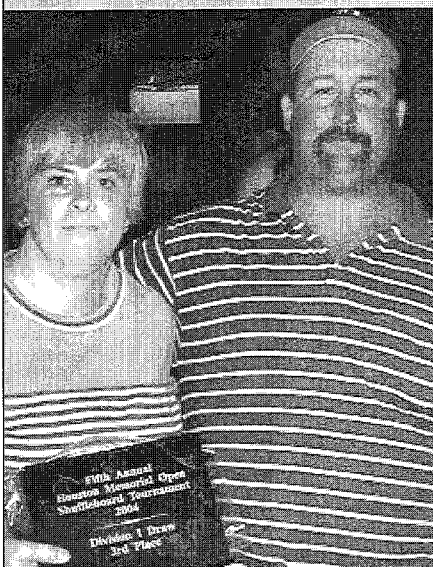
Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games in winners & losers brackets. Sponsor Sale: Friday December 10 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Fri. following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun.

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Event 2: A-B Draw (2, 3, 4) Winners

1st Place (no photo):
Brad Stroud & Brian Altman

2nd Place (Left L-R):
Lilly Kidd &
David Andrews



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Holly Kofod &
Richard Chapman

Event 3: Pro Singles (-1,0,1,2) Winners

1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):

1st: David Williams Jr;
2nd: Mahlon Nobles (photo w/sponsor, Debbie Sexton);
3rd: David Williams Sr

Trivia Question: What does the 21-gun salute stand for?

Answer:

Sum of the numbers in the year 1776 (1+7+7+6=21)

Event 4: Div. I Singles (1,2,3) Winners

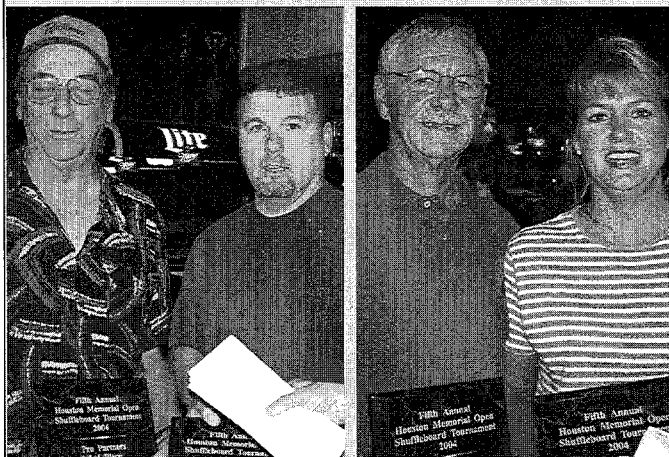
1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):

1st: Mike Regan; **2nd:** Rene Roberts; **3rd:** Wayne Hammond

Event 5: Div. II Singles (3,4,5) Winners

1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):

1st: Richard Pisarski; **2nd:** Erik Snider; **3rd:** Larry Ables

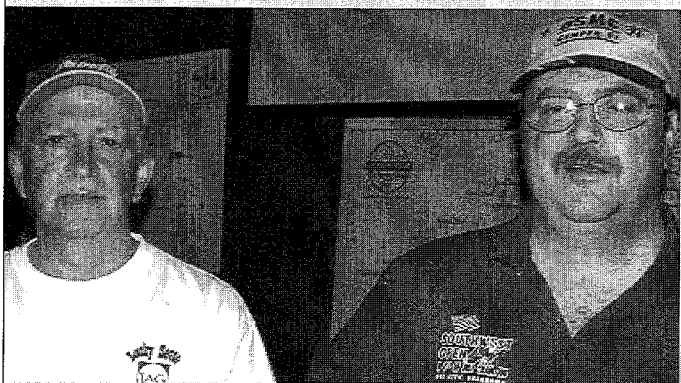
Event 6: Bring Partner (Add to 0) Winners

1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):

1st (no photos): David Williams Jr & Jim Payne;
2nd: Howard Mouton & Kip Harrison;
3rd: David Williams Sr & Sally Phillips

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Event 7: Bring Partner (Add to 3) Winners**1st Place (Above L-R):**Lilly Kidd &
Ann Walker**2nd Place (Above L-R):**David Sexton &
Mike Boulanger**3rd Place (Above L-R):**

Richard Gray & James Cummings

4th Place (no photo):

Ron Bowers & Lynda French

Event 8: Bring Partner (Add to 6) Winners**1st Place (Left L-R):**George Marx &
Brian Altman**2nd Place (Left L-R):**Cynthia Calderon &
Bruce Childers**3rd Place (no photo):**Martin Jordan &
Jesse Luehr

4th Annual 4th of July "Shootout"..

July 2-5, 2004

Exeter Eagles Lodge #3608, Exeter, California
Results Provided by: Bob Brunskill (no photos)

Exeter, California: The Exeter Eagles Lodge #3608 held their Annual 4th of July tournament on July 2-5. The lodge has two house boards and two boards were brought in for the tournament. This always makes the games interesting because the local players have "home advantage" only half of the time. Scheduled to have three events, there were not enough players signed up for the Open Singles to hold this event so the ABC event started including the Singles players. This brought the total to 45 players (15 teams). One team dropped out due to a knee injury and the entry fees and Sponsor Sale monies were returned to the players and sponsor. Playing one round of matches Friday night after the Sponsor Sale and playing late Saturday night allowed the Singles to start on Sunday morning on the three remaining boards. Since Jim Martin Gary Jones and Susie Jones went undefeated in the finals, this also helped since all six players were entered in the Doubles. We were able to play both events as 2 out of 3 in both the winners and losers brackets.

Saturday evening was the time we inducted Marion Bailey into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. National Hall of Famer Bobby Goldsmith's sister Robbi Gann had written and read a very nice poem about Marion. Bobby recalled that he and Marion went back a long way and that Marion was the only person that didn't have a loan limit. Bobby then mumbled something about \$500 but I couldn't quite catch it. Wes Martin, who has played with Marion for years, quoted a list of Marion's sayings very few of which are suitable for print. These include such things as "Four Red in the Bed" and "Circle the Wagon". Other people related their personal histories with Marion which were quite impressive and make his induction quite understandable. Jolene Lembke, president of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, presented Marion with his plaque.

Many thanks to the bartenders and servers for an outstanding job. Paul Weber did his usual fine job on the Calcutta. In charge of the brackets was Bob Brunskill. The 2004 Bowers Ratings were used although there were nine unrated players - Tom Wolfe had been inadvertently dropped last year, Gary and Susie Jones have returned to playing Shuffleboard, Arnie and Louie appeared from Lake Isabella and four local players joined us in the tournament.

The ABC event had \$1050 entry and \$3180 sponsor monies and winners were... 1st: Jim Martin/Gary Jones/Susie Jones; 2nd: Robert Wade/Ty Bayne/Arnie Sieler; 3rd: John Fisher/Helen Martin/Bob Davidson; 4th: Steve O'Neal/Russ Lankton/H.L. Lee.

Add to 2 Doubles had entry of \$1600 and \$3160 sponsor monies and winners were: 1st: Bob & Barbara Crum; 2nd: Warren Goldsmith/Ty Bayne; 3rd: Jim Martin/Robert Wade; 4th: Bobby Goldsmith/Russ Lankton. Bob and Barbara had to double dip the second place team of Warren and Ty. Barbara lagged a two to win the final game. In the parking lot sprint race, Marion, who had a substantial lead, had to turn around so far to look for Susie that he fell down. Susie claims she was going so slow because she didn't have her shoes on but that if she had them on she would have won anyway.

--Bob Brunskill reporting (sorry, no photos)

Buzz's Tavern on Beautiful Mud Bay Hosts 1st Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament

May 14-16, 2004

Buzz's Tavern, Olympia, Washington

Report & Photos Received on July 4, 2004 From: Ruby Mitchell

Olympia, WA: We had another wonderful tournament at Buzz's Tavern on beautiful Mud Bay. It was a great weekend with 17 teams both Friday Night, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 with play ending Sunday, May 16.

Our Friday Night Draw went off smoothly as we watched our own, Jim Tribble and Jerry Gibson play Gary Thompson and Justin Kasa for the finals. We intensely watched these great players go to the third game with Jim and Jerry winning. Gary and Justin played an excellent game to take second place. Our favorite local player, Donald (Mitch) Mitchell and Mike Olson came in third along with Gary George and another of our local players, Sean Howden.



[Group Photo of participants pictured above]

Saturday was our First Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament which tempted some of our local players to play. We were pleased to have for the first time, Lorraine Olson, who came up from California along with Rosa White from Eastern Washington. As always, we had shuffleboarders from Tacoma-Port Orchard area to the Kelso-Longview area with some coming from Shelton. We had lots of strong competition then were treated to a wonderful buffet potluck from our hosts, Jim and Laura Tribble with help from our shuffleboard family.

One of the funnier moments of competition came when Mike Waters and Judy George were playing Darrol Nelson and Lorraine Olson in the winners bracket. They were on the third game of the match with Mike playing against Lorraine. Judy walked away from her end and was on her way back when she saw Lorraine's red weight in front of Mike's. They had played such tough games to get this far so Judy thinking that her and Mike had lost yelled out "No darn way, Lorraine!" She started smiling when Mike holds up the last weight and out lags Lorraine's weight to win the match. Darrol and Lorraine were put into the Loser's Bracket only to find them fighting their way back to the top where they ended up meeting Mike Waters and Judy George. It was getting late so they mutually agreed to split the money for first and second place. Jim Tribble and Junelle Schrum took third place with Ryan Devlin and Rosa White getting fourth.

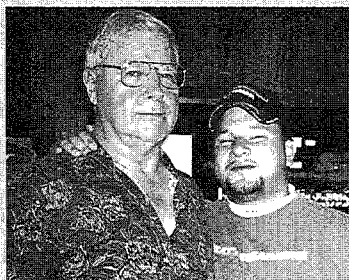
We had so much fun with all our friends that showed up and would love to see more of you guys next year in May. Come play some strong competition, great food and friendly atmosphere. Buzz's Tavern is where we would love to see everyone come to check us out next year! We have a big parking lot with several hotels not far away. Look forward to seeing lots of new teams at Buzz's Second Annual Mixed Doubles!

[Winners Photos of both events pictured below]

Friday's Nite Draw Winners:



1st Place (Above L-R):
Jim Tribble & Jerry Gibson
pictured with
Ryan Devlin (center)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Gary Thompson & Justin Kasa

and (no photos):
3rd: Mitch Mitchell/Mike Olson
4th: Gary George/Sean Howden

Saturday's Mixed Double Winners:



**1st & 2nd Place
(Left L-R):**
1st: Darrol Nelson &
Lorraine Olson
2nd: Judy George &
Mike Waters



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Junelle Schrum & Jim Tribble



4th Place (Above L-R):
Ryan Devlin & Rosa White



June 11-23, 2004

Article and photos submitted by Carisa Roberts /Coos Bay, OR

Coos Bay, OR: Wow! What a tournament! Gooney's Sports Bar held it's first big tournament June 11th-13th. What a great turn out! Many top players came including Doug Buhl, Darrol Nelson, Danny Holland, Steve Fisher, and Coos Bay's own Glen Redding of course. I could name them all but there would be no room to tell the goods on the tournament. It was an A-B bring partner, 2 out of 3 in both winners and losers brackets. Which made for some crazy matches and terrific battles. 4 boards, counting 2 owned by Glen Redding and 2 by Danny Holland (thanks Danny!). 18 teams in all showed up to compete. Before I tell you about the results..... A special thanks to Gooney's and it's bartenders. Dusty Tracewell and Matt LeDoux for running the tournament.

After two days the battle comes to the final three teams. A wild roller coaster of games takes Al Hudson and Joe Cupp to 3rd place winners. Leaving Glen Redding and John Burgess, having lost only one match and put into the losers bracket, came all the way back to meet Mike Kinney and Norm Hall, who made it trough the winners bracket, and play the BIG ONE! The match was tied with both teams having one win and playing an intense 3rd game ending with our 2nd place winners Glen Redding and John Burgess. Taking 1st place Mike Kinney and Norm Hall!

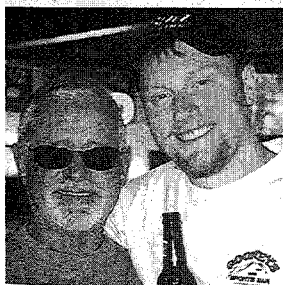
Congratulations to all the winners, now..... anyone ready for a beverage?



1st Place (Above L-R):
Norm Hall & Mike Kinney



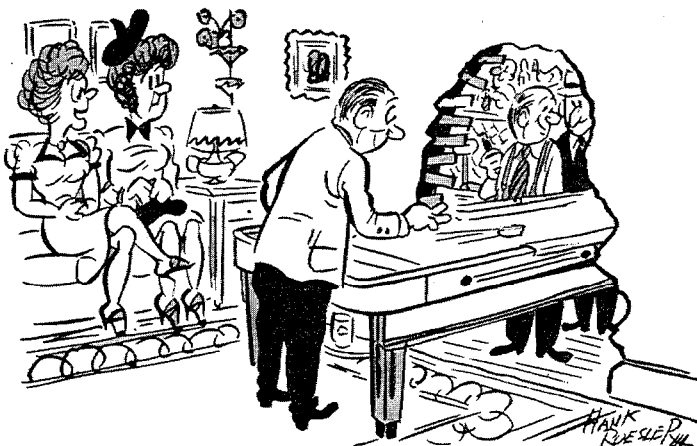
2nd Place (Above L-R):
John Burgess & Glen Redding



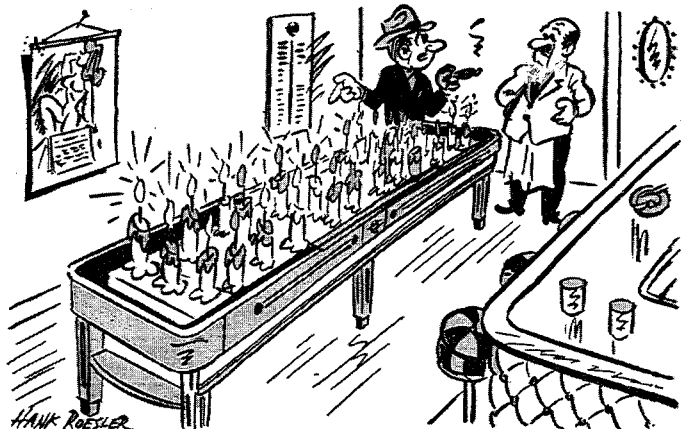
3rd Place
(Left L-R):
Al Hudson
& Joe Cupp



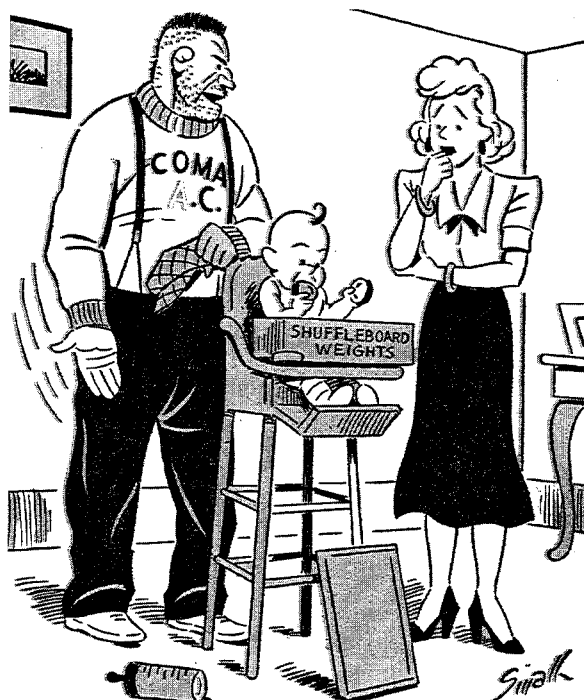
Humor Column



"We have a deal with the tavern next door. Their place was too small for it."



"You know, Potts, I feel you have the wrong idea about waxing the board."



"Want him to grow up a sissy?"

Florida's Springfest Tournament Awards "Most Improved Players" Annually!

May 14-16, 2004

Bavarian "B" House, Titusville, Florida

Report & Photos Submitted By: Marty Allen

(should have been in July 2004 issue, but BT Editors' misplaced report & found it *after* July issue was already gone to printer/mailed)

Titusville, FL: The Springfest Tournament is very special in that every year the "Most Improved" male and female players for the prior year (in this case, 2003) is voted on, selected, and present their awards at the annual Springfest Tournament.

The "Most Improved Male Player 2003 Award" was presented to Doug Roberts of Mims, Florida. The "Most Improved Female Player 2003 Award" was presented to Sue Swindle of Titusville, Florida at this year's Springfest Tournament. Congratulations to Doug and Sue and good luck in 2004!

There was a nice turnout for the Friday evening Draw Partner events with Ursula Badouin and Kathy Ring winning the first go around and Jerry Gray and Marty Allen winning the second go around.

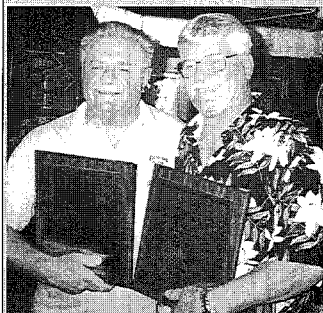
The Saturday A-B Draw Partner event was won by the strong team of Dave Macko and Larry Cooper with the main competition coming from Carol Horschler and Jerry Gray who took second place. Third place went to "Moose" Whitt and Roy DeBerry.

The finals of the Sunday Doubles event (each team with one loss) was won 15-14 by Dave Macko and Jerry Gray with "Moose" Whitt and Marty Allen taking second. Third place was taken by some very good shuffleboard play from Rusty Nowakowski and Ursula Badouin.

Many thanks to all for attending and thanks to Rusty and Ursula and their friends for the great food they always provide.
[Tournament photos follow below]

-- Marty Allen, Reporting

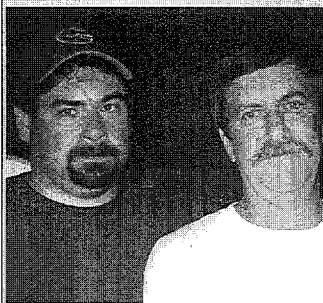
A-B Draw Partner Event Winners (Sat.)



1st Place (Above L-R):
Dave Macko & Larry Cooper

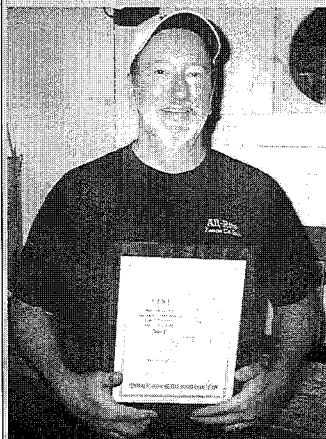


2nd Place (Above L-R):
Carol Horschler & Jerry Gray



3rd Place (Left L-R):
"Moose" Whitt & Roy DeBerry

AWARDS: MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS IN 2003



**MIP 2003 Male Award
(Above):**

Doug Roberts of
Mims, Florida



**MIP 2003 Female Award
(Above):**

Sue Swindle of
Titusville, Florida

Bring Partner Event Winners (Sun.)



1st Place (Above L-R):
Dave Macko & Jerry Gray



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Marty Allen & "Moose" Whitt



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Rusty Nowakowski &
Ursula Badouin

6th Annual Washita Handicap Tourney

Wynnewood's Annual Competition & Fun!



May 27-31, 2004, Full House, Wynnewood, Oklahoma
 Photos Received on July 5, 2004 From: Gerald Wood (Owner & Tourn. Dir.)



Wynnewood, OK: The 6th Annual Washita Handicap Tournament was held at the Full House in Wynnewood, Oklahoma on May 27-31, 2004 on 7 boards. The competition and fun kicked off with an A-B HC Draw, followed by Open HC Draw, HC Bring Partner, and last but not least ending with two divisions of Singles. Winners & Photos follow....

A-B Draw (Handicap) Winners (Thurs.)



1st Place (Above L-R):
Jean Renfro & Shirley Geriets



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Harvey Walden & Carol Audett



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Gary Vaughn &
RU Underwood

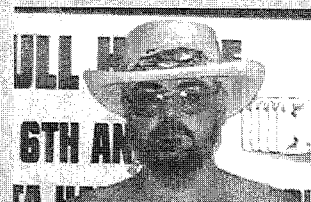


4th Place (Left L-R):
Gerald Wood &
Leonard Quad

Singles: Division II Winners (Sun.)



1st Place: David Renfro



2nd Place: Bobby Briley

Singles: Division I Winners (Sun.)



1st Place:
Brenda Williams



2nd Place:
Carolyn Jones



3rd Place:
Lynn Tice

Open Draw (Handicap) Winners (Fri.)



1st Place (Above L-R):
David Renfro & Alice Patterson



2nd Place (Above L-R):
RU Underwood & Keith Oyler



3rd Place (Above L-R):
UJ West & Jean Renfro



4th Place (Above L-R):
Nancy Tice & Tom Coburn

Open Draw (Handicap) Winners (Sat.)



1st Place (Above L-R):
Bill Melton &
Tammy Morgan



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Gary Nelson &
Pat Linville



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Don Wilkerson &
Jerry Widdoes



4th Place (Above L-R):
Carolyn Jones &
Rick Jones



Celebrating Memorial Day at Tacoma's Nifty Fifty's

Nifty Fifty's, Tacoma, Washington
Report & Photos Submitted By: Ruby Mitchell

Tacoma, WA: Nifty Fifty's Memorial Tournament was a lot of fun. We had a very nice time with our shuffleboard friends and look forward to next year.

Our 4-man Team event is always a lot of fun to play in with the captains choosing their teams. There is always good strong competition with Marv and Rosa White running the tournament with help from Jim and Michelle Foran. Don Mitchell was fortunate to get first pick and chose the winning team of himself, Jim Tribble, Linda Steffensen and Dan Bijold. They had to play against Rick Gindt's team consisting of himself, Alvin Orcutt, Rosa White and Frank Floyd, who make it hard for them to take first place.

Sunday was the Pro and Alternate double's events, which consisted of 15 teams and ended Monday afternoon. We had lots of good competition with some great games to observe. It is always a lot of fun and suspense to watch the winner bracket games as they challenge for first place. When it came to the end, the winner's games were so exciting.

The Pro-Doubles event came down to Gary George/Mel Hohn playing against Don Mitchell/Alvin Orcutt for the finals. Don and Alvin had to fight their way through the ranks to play Gary and Mel for the second time. It was such an exciting game to watch as they gave it a good try but Don and Alvin got second place. Gary and Mel prevailed to take first place as they worked hard for that win. Mike Keevil and Kenny Simmons came in third place but what an exciting game to watch.

The Alternate Doubles brought us more challenging games to enjoy to watch. We were fascinated by watching the final game come down to Judy George/Randy Asbun playing against Dan Bijold/Ted Asbun. Randy and Judy's first match was not looking good, so Judy had given it up for a practice game to get ready for the next match. They came back to win the game as well as the tournament which was well deserved. It is so much fun to watch Judy George in competition play, as she gives it her all but still tries to have fun. Dan and Ted gave them a run for their money as they played a very tough game and ended with second place. Bill (Wooley) Woolridge and Dave Asbun came in third place but what a game they gave us to watch.

When all was done, we sat around the table and enjoyed a toast with our friends for such a wonderful weekend. It was time to relax and visit with each other.

Thank You for our hosts, Marv and Rosa White, Jim and Michelle Franz and Mike Keevil for all their help. Great tournament everyone and see you all next year!

-- Reported by: Ruby Mitchell



4-Man Team 1st Place (L-R):
Mitch Mitchell, Jim Tribble,
Linda Steffensen, Dan Bijold

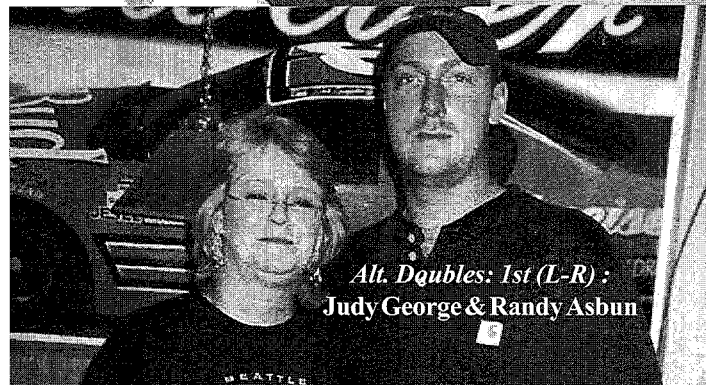


Pro Doubles 1st (L-R):
Mel Hohn &
Gary George

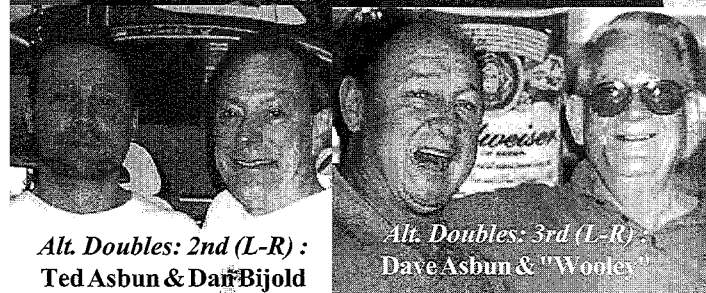
Pro Doubles 2nd:
Mitch Mitchell
Alvin Orcutt



Pro Doubles 3rd:
(Left L-R)
Mike Keevil &
Ken Simmons



Alt. Doubles: 1st (L-R):
Judy George & Randy Asbun



Alt. Doubles: 2nd (L-R):
Ted Asbun & Dan Bijold

Alt. Doubles: 3rd (L-R):
Dave Asbun & "Wooley"

5th Annual Indiana Hall of Fame Classic

Hosted at David L's!

June 11-13, 2004, David L's Hideout Lounge, Yorktown, Indiana

Report & Photos Received on July 5, 2004 From & By: Glen Ingram, Muncie, Indiana

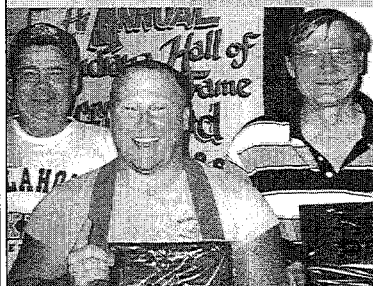
Yorktown, IN: The 5th Annual Indiana HOF Class tournament was held June 11-13 at David L's. Many thanks to all the Indiana players and those coming in from Michigan, Ohio, California, and Missouri for making this tournament the biggest and best we have held at David L's! Many thanks to Rob Kern for running the brackets and drawing up the A-B-C teams (which turned out great! 19 Teams!).

Thanks to John McDermott for attending and participating - it was good to see you out playing again in Indiana and Michigan. Also thank to my helpers Sheryl Cockerill and Jeri Ingram and several others for helping with the 50/50's and to Rick Stocker for the boards and powder work. All these people made this the best tournament I have had the pleasure to direct. It was especially nice of all these people to be there with me for my Indiana Hall of Fame Induction and thanks to all for making it an even greater honor by being there to celebrate with me.

We had some good surprises with some first time winners coming out on top and some old timers still playing tough. In the Singles on Friday, we had 29 players and some great matches ending about 3:30am! Again, thanks to all! Photos follow....

--Reported By, Glen Ingram

A-B-C Team Event (19 Teams - WOW!)



1st Place (Left L-R):
Jerry Hershman,
Denis Stanz,
Jack Hamilton



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Mary Brown,
Larry Brown,
Carol Westerman



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Tom Nolder,
Taya Keesling,
Jim Hamilton

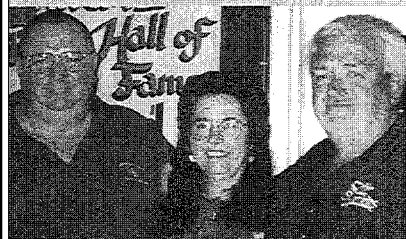
A-B-C Team Event Winners (con't.)



4th Place (Left L-R):
Glen Ingram,
Jeri Ingram,
Leon Black



5th/6th Place (Left L-R):
Brian Hall,
Betty Parrish,
Rudy Robinson

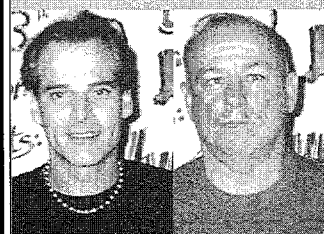


5th/6th Place (Left L-R):
Rick Pittman,
Debbie Voorhis,
Pappa Lew Coulter

Open Singles Winners



1st - 4th Place (Above L-R):
1st: Robbie Collins; 2nd: Glen Ingram; 3rd: JR Lopez; 4th: Brian Collins



5th/6th Place Tie (Left L-R):
Brian Hall & Bill Kane

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Open Doubles Winners



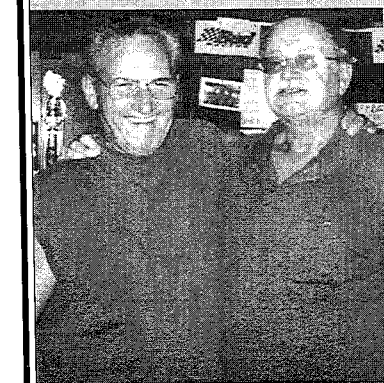
1st Place (Above L-R): Bill Kane & Nick Chaffin



2nd Place (Above L-R): John McDermott & Glen Ingram



3rd Place (Above L-R): Brian Collins & Jim Long



4th Place (Left L-R):
Ray Miller & Dave Boaz

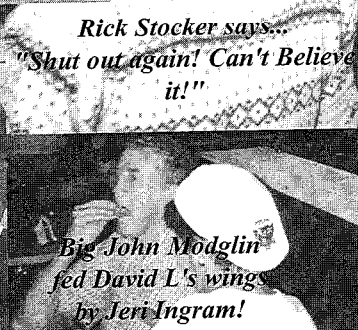
Indiana HOF 2004 - Photo Collage



Rick Pittman (MO)
& Glen Ingram (IN) renege
friendship



Rob Kern
enjoying
Indiana
"Hospitality"!



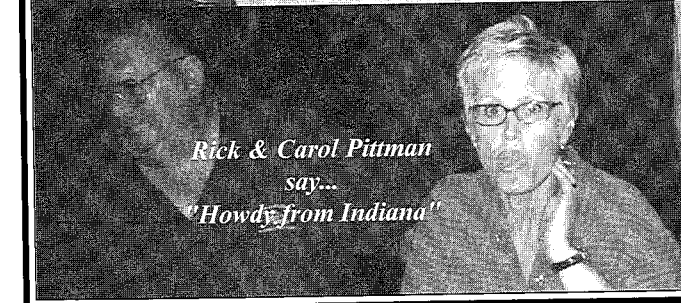
Big John Modglin
fed David L's wings
by Jeri Ingram!



Gregg Cockerill
& Rick Pittman of
Missouri enjoying the
Indiana Fun &
Friendship!



Jody, Mary, & Taya...
"See ya' soon!"

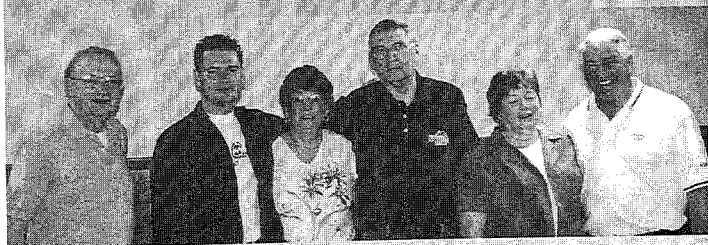


Rick & Carol Pittman
say...
"Howdy from Indiana"

Polish Falcons Host Annual "Jimmy Fund" Tourney Fund-raiser...

April 17-18, 2004

Polish Falcons, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Reported By: Dick & Jane Mierzejewski, MA



1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R)

3rd: Bob Gelanznik & Rob Johnson;
1st: Bev & Dick Mierzejewski (cousins);
2nd: Louise Lacy & Wayne Crepiela

Pittsfield, MA: The year the Dick Mezzi, Ed Barscz Shuffleboard Tournament was again hosted the Polish Falcons in Pittsfield for the cancer benefit fundraiser for the "Jimmy Fund" on April 17-18th.

There were 54 players who paid an entry fee of \$10. The 2-person teams were random draw, double elimination, 15 point games. There was an abundance of food donated by club members and local merchants, several raffles and miscellaneous donations for a grand donation profit of \$2,100 (as there were no expenses deducted). The \$2,100 was sent to the "Jimmy Fund" which supports children and adult victims of cancer. This year we exceeded last year's tournament fundraiser donation of \$2,000.

The tournament is held annually in honor of Dick Mierzejewski (a 3 year cancer survivor) and Ed Barscz (who lost his battle of cancer on June 1, 2001) for the purpose of raising donations for the "Jimmy Fund".

For more information on the Jimmy Fund or to make a donation to this children's cancer research organization, visit:

<http://www.jimmyfund.org>



The Jimmy Fund supports the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, helping to raise the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world.

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Winston's First Sweetheart Tourney...

February 27-29, 2004

99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe, Winston, Oregon

Delayed Report Received on June 16, 2004

Report & Photos By: Steve Fisher, Winston Oregon

Winston, OR: Sixteen teams turned out to do the battle in Winston while the women of Oregon shuffleboard led the way. It as a tough field, with a 2 of 3 format in both winner and loser brackets. Four of the six available boards were used for tournament play, allowing two boards for horseplay. A great time was had by all.

In the main even, it was local team Trisha Florence and Dan Holland outlasting the filed to win the tournament. Trish was victorious in her first shuffleboard tournament entry. Her three lag against (game on the board) in the "A" bracket final sparked the momentum to lead the way to an event championship. Dan was a decent doubles partner!

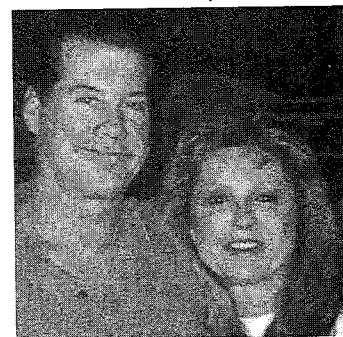


1st Place (Above L-R):
Trish Florence & Dan Holland

Second place was earned by the formidable team of Bill & Evi Maxwell of Grants Pass, Oregon. A very warm welcome to our new Oregonians!

"The Lagging Van Ormans", Clyde & Carla Van Orman claimed third place.

Winston's first Sweetheart tourney adhered to the "no cross dressing rule", divorce lawyers standing by (turned out to be unneeded), and the ever present "Winston Jim" Cockerell overseeing the spectacle.



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Bill & Evi Maxwell



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Carla & Clyde Van Orman

-- Reported by: Steve Fisher, Winston, OR

2004-2005 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

AUGUST 2004

August 6-8

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

August 13-15

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

August 19-August 22 POSTPONED

2nd Annual "Don't Sing It Bring It"
Triple Crown Sports Bars
Houston, Texas (new date coming soon!)

August 20-21

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

SEPTEMBER 2004

September 1-6 (See Flyer Insert)

Texas Open (Annual Labor Day)
Taz Country
Austin (Pflugerville), Texas

September 2-6 (See Flyer Insert)

Rural American Championships
99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe
Winston, Oregon

September 2-6 (See Flyer Insert)

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

September 3-6 (See Flyer Insert)

2004 Indiana Open
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

September 3-6 (Re: Flyer May/June Issue)

7th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial
Moose Lodge 1832
Huntington Beach, California

September 3-5

6th Annual Adirondack Open
Riverside Tavern
Keesville, New York

September 10-11 (Re: Flyer May/June)

15th Annual Fall Bash
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 16-19 (Flyer July Issue)

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

September 24-25

Shuffle "Kick-Off"
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

September 24-28

Joel Rahn's Memorial
Piccolo's & Joe's Duck Inn
Omaha, Nebraska

September 24-26

7th Annual MSPA HOF Tournament
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

OCTOBER 2004

October 8-9

4th Annual Columbus Day
Ulena's Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

October 15-17 (See Flyer Insert)

Halloween Party & Tournament
Island Club
Dallas, Texas

October 15-17

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post# 73
Del City, Oklahoma

October 15-17

Round Robin (Mystery format)
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

October 22-23

Charlie Brown Trick-R-Treat
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

Oct. 30-Nov. 7 (See Flyer Insert)

2004 NASC
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

NOVEMBER 2004

November 19-20

Early Bird/Win-A-Bird
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

November 25-28

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

November 25-27

Annual Thanksgiving Tournament
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

DECEMBER 2004

December 10-12

15th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

December 17-18

Santa's Special
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

December 26-31

Houston Holiday Open
Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel
Houston, Texas

JAN./FEB./MAR. 2005

January 23-24

Winter Blues
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

February 21-22

Nelson Renzo Memorial
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

March 19-20

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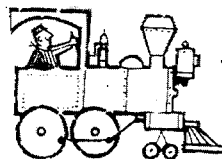
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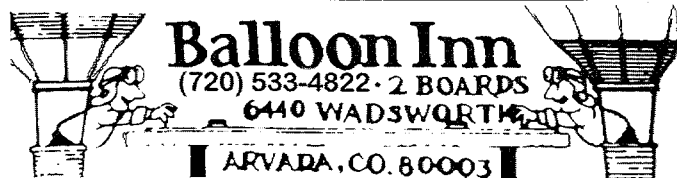
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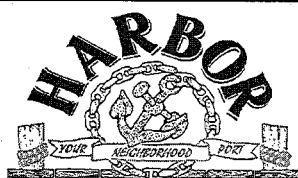


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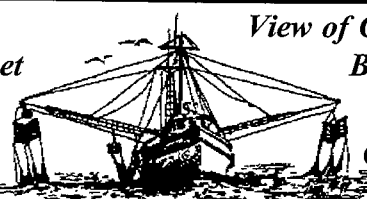
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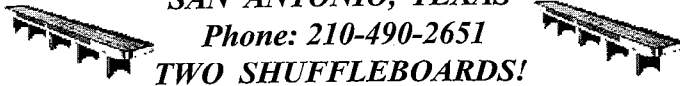
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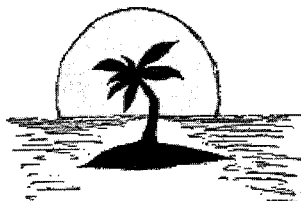
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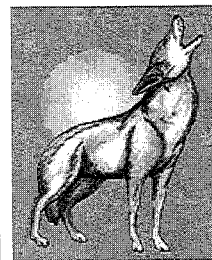
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