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Michigan Open Tournament Returns to Durand

In Honor of George & Donna Wilber - PIONEERS & LEGENDS

May 28 - May 1, 2004

Kane's Club Car Lounge, Durand, Michigan

Report & Photos By: Steve "CoCo" Brown of Michigan



On Saturday afternoon, the very first "Pioneers and Legends Award" was given to an emotional George and Donna Wilber. Afterwards, George Wilber was inducted into The Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. [Founders of The Board Talk publication in 1984]



George Wilber & Donna Wilber graciously accept their recognition award!



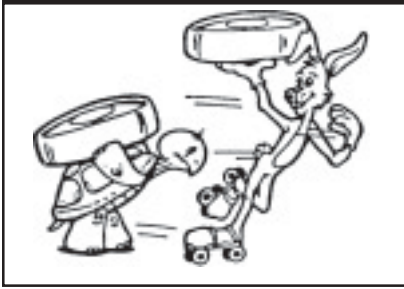
George Wilber accepts his Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Award (pictured with Rob Kern)

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Another successful turnout occurred at Kane's Club Car during this year's Michigan Open Tournament in honor of George and Donna Wilber. A total of 103 shuffleboard patrons participated in this four day tournament, including the following events: Mixed Doubles on Friday, Three Person Bring Open and Three Person Bring Division II on Saturday, Open Singles and Division II Singles on Sunday, and Open Doubles and Division II Doubles on Monday. Just

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Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Thanks from Frank Mako... Pacific NW Hall of Famer

The Spokane Memorial Day Tournament again turned out to be a dream come true shuffleboard experience, well organized, and run without a flaw, not one argument or problem of any kind, which is very rare. It's sure nice when every one treats one another with the respect and courtesy we would like to receive ourselves.

It was one of the biggest highlights of my life to be inducted into the Pacific Northwest Hall Of Fame. I want to thank Melody and Dan for nominating me and for everyone who seconded the motion. What a great ceremony. Bill Walker, one of my best friends, acted As Master of ceremonies, was joined by comments from others including Dick Doak, Larry Sawyer, and Earl Cole to name a few. When the ceremony came to a close and I was asked to speak I had to refuse, but only because I was close to tears and afraid of completely losing my composure.

I want to personally thank Melody and Dan for all the preparation and data they put together to make the Tournament and the induction ceremony such a success. Thanks to everyone else who worked behind the scenes also, your efforts ensured this endeavor. My friend, Bill Walker, did a great job emceeing the ceremony.

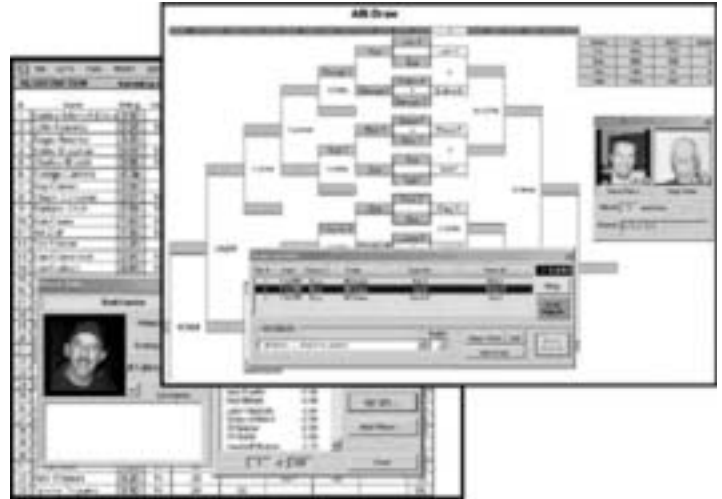
Before the ceremony we had a layout of food you couldn't believe. I want to also extend my thanks to all of you who took part in that preparation.

The Tournament was held at the Season Ticket and ran by Bangham, Lagg, & Wynn. This was a great venue for the tournament, as it included a cocktail lounge as well as a fine restaurant menu. There was plenty of room so there was never a problem with overcrowding, or disruption of play. All six boards were fast and played well. Again, I want to thank my true friends for being present and sharing this event with me. It is certainly a lifetime highlight for me. Thank you Spokane & All! --Frank Mako, Washington

-- URGENT ATTENTION --

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Suzetti Software's "Computer Peas" Kick-off...



Computer Peas: From Registration to Charting

Suzetti Software has announced the first beta release of its tournament management software, entitled "Computer Peas". The system offers tools that assist in everything from registration to sponsor sale to maintaining the charts. Using the Bowers Listing, Peas allows registration and signup to be accomplished by simple point and click. Drawing teams, preparing sponsor sheets, and recording sponsor sale information are made simple by handy user interface tools.

Charts are automatically prepared and maintained throughout the tournament. "Computer Peas" suggests on deck matches and appropriate boards. The user needs only to click a button to start a match, and click another to signify the winner. Match starting time estimates and other goodies make computer driven charts a viable alternative to markers and wall charts. The program will handle up to 256 team charts, and an unlimited number of concurrent events, optimizing board assignments for events sharing any number of boards.

"Computer Peas" requires Microsoft Excel™ to operate. If you would like to become a beta tester and contribute to the final stages of development of the product, or if you'd just like to find out more about Computer Peas, visit the Peas website at <http://home.comcast.net/~ebrayman01/CompPeas/home.htm>.

--Eddie Brayman, California

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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-points, 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.

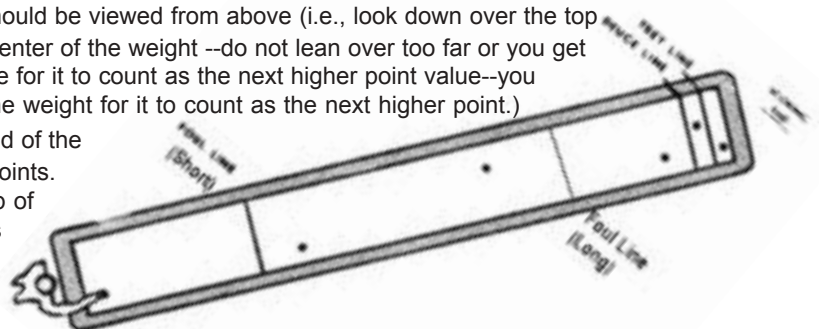
*** OPTIONAL: Sometimes players will also have a "Hickey" count which means every time a player does not score, it constitutes a "Hickey", and each player that does not score in a round puts an agreed upon amount of money into a "Hickey Jar" (e.g., \$.25, \$1, \$5, etc.) and the final winner of the game 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

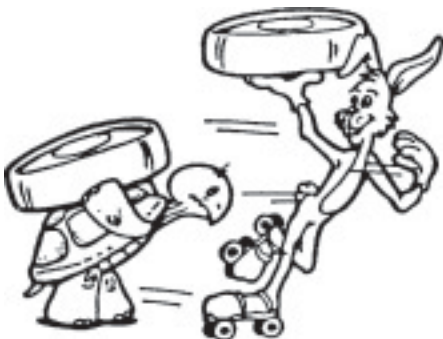
**2ND ANNUAL "Don't Sing It, Bring It"
TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS BAR
HOUSTON, TX
AUGUST 19-21, 2004**

If you missed the PRO's going head to head last year, Triple Crown Sports Bar with Host Billy Melton are providing you another chance. In our 2003 Tourney we had 26 entrants and 9 of the Top 11 Bower's Rated Players entered. This is definitely a shootout for "you big guns" and "big gun wanna be's". Get your entry together or find a backer but don't miss it, because this is truly a "Don't Sing It Bring It" Event. Singles and Doubles events are all 2 of 3. We have 5 of the best playing boards in the country ready for this tourney. Entrants have practice priority on boards beginning Monday Aug 16 except for Wed night league. Sponsor Sale on each event. Early Registration is FREE, \$20 After Aug 7. Events: Aug 19th 6:00 pm Open Draw \$100/Player (Single Game Double Elimination; Aug 20th 6:00 pm Open Singles \$1,000/Player (2 of 3 Winners & Losers); Aug 21st 6:00 pm Bring Partner \$600/Team (2 of 3 Winners & Losers). *Events start time subject to change based on # of entrants. For additional information, see flyer insert in "The Board Talk" or contact Tournament Director: James Cummings, e-mail: jrc@rver.com or phone: 281-550-5011. Register by form on flyer or contact James Cummings (See Flyer Insert for Registration Details).

Preview...

***Some Tournament Results
Expected to be included
in next issue are:***

***Full House Memorial Day (Wynnewood, OK)
Houston Memorial Day (Houston, TX)
Memorial Weekend Extravaganza (Spokane, WA)
Bavarian B-House Springfest (Florida)***



Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

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: sherylngregg@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 ad 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. Dec. 12.

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under \$42,000 was up for grabs, as a NEW RECORD was set for the Michigan Open Tournament!

On Friday, 27 teams participated in the Mixed Doubles event. First place victory went to Alonzo Cottrell and Sandy Blade (sponsored by Bill Kane). Second place winners were Darrol Nelson and Cassie Schubert (sponsored by Jerry Siebert), third place recipients were Mike Johnson and Jody Berry (sponsored by Jerry Siebert), and fourth place went to Steve Auten and Carrie Siple (sponsored by Bobby Voorhis). Finishing in fifth and sixth were John McDermott with Linda Mitchell (sponsored by themselves), and Larry Brown with Mary Brown (sponsored by Dennis Bittner).

On Saturday, a combined total of 54 players battled in the two Three Person Briny events. First place in the Open Three Person went to Gary Anglin, Dave Vordan, and Brian Collins (sponsored by Jimmy Kumpula). Second place winners were John McDermott, Darrol Nelson, and Bobby Lopez (sponsored by themselves), and third place went to Steve Auten, Frank Blade, and Scott Auten (sponsored by George Wilber). In the Division II Three Person, first place went to Sandy Blade, Carrie Siple, and Melinda Flynn (sponsored by Jerry Siebert). Second place victors were John Flynn, Dan Kent, and Dennis Bittner (sponsored by Bill Kane), third place winners were Byron George, Danny Watson, and Tony Skinner (sponsored by John McDermott), and fourth place winners were Deb Kern, Carolyn Perry, and Terri Tischler (sponsored by Jimmy Kumpula).

Sunday heat continued, as 26 players competed in the Open Singles, and 24 players in the Division II Singles. In the Open Singles, finishing in first place was double dipping Glen Ingram (sponsored by Larry Creakbaum) for the second year in a row and three time champion of the last four years. Second place went to John McDermott (sponsored by himself), third place to Bobby Voorhis (sponsored by Jerry Siebert), and fourth place to Darrol Nelson (also sponsored by John McDermott). Fifth and Sixth place went to Scott Auten (sponsored by Wayne Atkinson) and Dave Boaz (sponsored by Bill Kane).

In the Division II Singles, first place victor was John Addington (sponsored by himself). After losing his very first game, Jeff Schubert climbed all the way back to a final game to take second place (sponsored by Jimmy Kumpula). Third place went to Carlos Capote (sponsored by Jerry Siebert), and fourth place went to Vicki Morgan (sponsored by Wayne Atkinson). Fifth and sixth place went to Slick Parrish (sponsored by Wayne Atkinson) and Sandy Blade (sponsored by Jerry Siebert).

On Memorial Day, a combined total of 26 teams played in the Open Doubles and Division II Doubles (13 teams in each event).

In the *Open Doubles*, first place went to the double dipping team of Steve Auten and Bobby Voorhis (sponsored by Glen Ingram). Second place went to Frank Blade and Mike Johnson (sponsored by themselves), and third place went to Alonzo Cottrell and Ray Miller (sponsored by Val Querbach). In the *Division II Doubles*, Slick Parrish and Brenda Kane emerged as first place victors (sponsored by themselves). Second place went to Dennis Bittner and Dan

Kent (sponsored by Glen Ingram), and third place went to Rob Kern and CoCo (sponsored by Scott Auten).

Anyone wishing to receive a complete breakdown of the entire weekend in Excel format (via email), please send your request to coco699@aol.com. Please enter the words "shuffleboard request" in the subject line.

Several acknowledgments & awards were given this weekend. Mike Papa [pictured right] received an Award of Appreciation for his Shuffleboard contributions.

The very first Pioneers and Legends Award was given to an emotional George and Donna Wilber. Afterwards, George Wilber was inducted into The Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame [See photos, page 1]. No article would be complete without giving the tremendous thanks to those who helped make this tournament "one for the books"!



Above:
Mike Papa accepting his
"Award of Appreciation"

First and foremost, I would like to thank EVERYONE who came to this wonderful tournament, especially those from out of state (Indiana and Ohio). I would like to thank Darrol Nelson for coming all the way to Michigan from Oregon to play. Thanks to Bracketeer Rob Kern, Cindy Brown, Debbie Kern, and Carolyn Perry for their well organized tournament operation. Thanks to Mike Johnson, who I'm sure everyone would agree is the ABSOLUTE HANDS DOWN BEST AUCTIONEER in this wonderful game of Shuffleboard. Thanks to Bill and Brenda Kane & staff for their generous hospitality (and of course Brenda's homemade spaghetti dinner provided to everyone). Thanks to Ron Palmer, JR Lopez, and Mark Holland for their bar-b-cue expertise (and of course what Durand tournament would be complete without Melinda Flynn's wonderful Mexican dip!). Thanks to Dan Kent and Dennis Bittner for being such good fishermen (fish dinner was great!). I would also like to give recognition to Bjerne Sunde, as everyone was happy to see him come to Durand. Special thanks also go to George and Donna Wilber for all you do and for your combined donation of a set of Federation Weights with John McDermott. Last and certainly not least, I would like to recognize and thank John McDermott for the many, many contributions this weekend. There was also an auction for a table-top sized replica of a shuffleboard table (outstanding craftsmanship with actually working lights) with a portion of the proceeds going to The Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. After a final bidding battle between the Wilbers and John, John won, only to turn around and give the prize to George and Donna Wilber!

On a personal note, I would also like to publicly thank Betty Parrish for all you do to help support the game of Shuffleboard. Your participation in awards and recognitions does not go unnoticed! We all love you Betty!

--Article Reported/Submitted by CoCo Brown

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Mixed Doubles (Fri.) - 54 Players/27 Teams

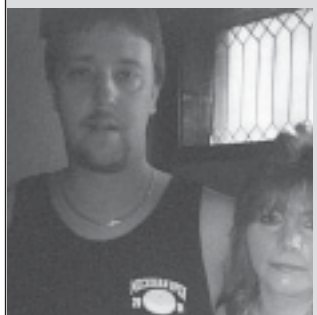
1st Place (Left L-R):
Sandy Blade &
Alonzo Cottrell



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Cassie Schubert &
Darrol Nelson



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Mike Johnson &
Jodi Berry



4th Place (Above L-R):
Steve Auten &
Carrie Siple



5th/6th (tie) (Above L-R):
John McDermott &
Linda Mitchell and
(no photo):
Larry & Mary Brown

3-Person Bring Team (Sat.) - 54 Players/18 Teams

Open 3-Person Bring Team 1st Place (Above L-R):
Jimmy Kumpula (sponsor), and team members:
Brian Collins, Gary Anglin & Dave Vordan

3-Person Bring Team (Sat.) - Continued from Col. 1

**Open 3-Person 2nd Place
(Above L-R):**
John McDermott, Bobby
Lopez, Darrol Nelson



**Open 3-Person 3rd Place
(Left L-R):**
Steve Auten, Frank Blade,
Scott Auten



Div. II 3-Person Bring Team 1st Place (Above L-R):
Carrie Siple, Sandy Blade, Melinda Flynn



Div. II 3-Person Bring Team 2nd Place (Above L-R):
John Flynn, Dan Kent, Dennis Bittner



Div. II 3-Person Bring Team 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Danny Watson, Byron George, Tony Skinner



Div. II 3-Person Bring Team 4th Place (Above L-R):
Terri Tischler, Carolyn Perry, Debbie Kern

Open Singles (Sun.) - 26 Players**1st Place (Above):**

Glen Ingram

**3rd Place:**

Bobby Voorhis

**4th Place:**

Scott Auten

2nd Place (no pic):

John McDermott

Div. II Singles (Sun.) - 24 Players**1st Place:**

John Addington

**2nd Place:**

Jeff Schubert

**3rd Place:**

Carolos Capote

**4th Place (Left):**

Vicki Morgan

Open Doubles (Mon.) - Continued from Col. 1**2nd Place (left):**

Mike Johnson & Frank Blade

**3rd Place (Above):**Alonzo Cottrell (left) & Ray Miller (right)
w/ sponsor Val Querback (center)Div. II Doubles (Mon.) - 13 Teams/26 Players**1st Place (Above L-R):**

Slick Parrish & Brenda Kane

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

Dennis Bittner & Dan Kent

**1st Place (Above):**Bobby Voorhis (left) & Steve Auten (right)
w/ sponsor Glen Ingram (center)**3rd Place (Left L-R):**

Steve "CoCo" Brown & Rob Kern

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*Many Thanks to the Michigan Open Staff! (Above L-R)
Co-Directors Debbie Kern & Cindy Brown, CoCo Brown &
Sponsor Sale Expert Mike Johnson*

On Behalf of Brenda and Myself

"I would like to say thanks to all the players who participated in this years Michigan Open. It was a great turn out from our Michigan players all over the state, and of course another great turnout from our friends from Indiana too! It was great to have Darrol Nelson here too. He made us all elevate our game to a higher level- Thanks Darrol.

John McDermott helped support the Michigan Open with his generosity and I want to thank him for that.

I would also like to thank the people who help run the Michigan Open; Rob Kern, Coco, Cindy Brown, Carolyn Perry and Debbie Kern- They did a great job, as they always do. And I can't forget the wait staff for the terrific job they did with so many people there.

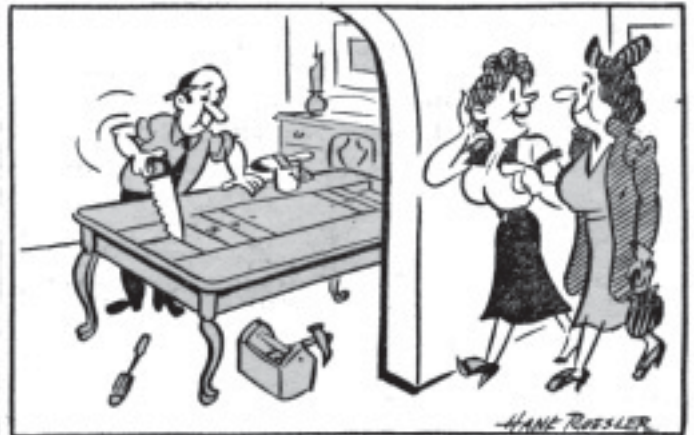
Betty Parrish deserves a big thanks (and a hug). It was her idea to honor George and Donna Wilber, and I am so glad she came to us with it.

And last but not least, what more can I say about George and Donna Wilber? They inspired so many people from all over the country to play shuffleboard by their continuous effort to run tournaments and to write about them, not just in Michigan, but all over the country. No words could describe how much you mean to the game of Shuffleboard. Thank you for all you've done!"

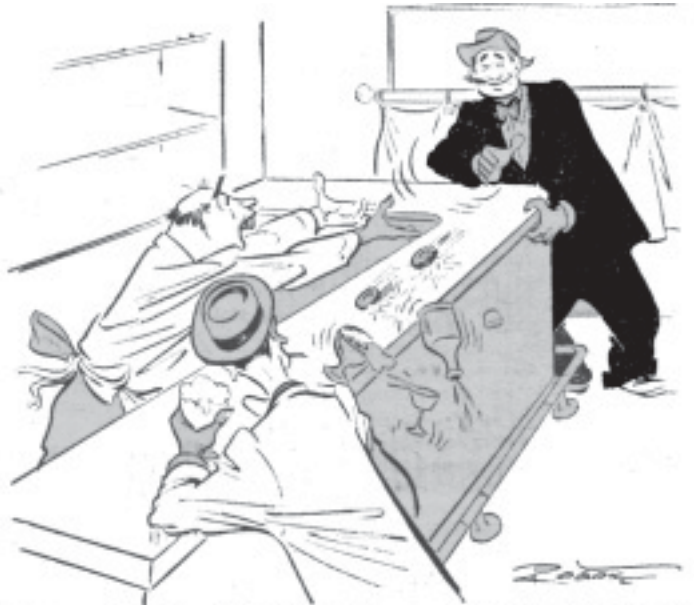
--Bill Kane, Kane's Club Car Lounge



Humor Column



"That must be Julius fixing the dining room table—he's so handy with tools."



"Okay, Max. You win! I'll buy one . . . Now please cut it out!"



"Please hurry, George! The Sullivans have started playing already."

Memorial Day at the 133 Club

May 28, 2004

133 Club, Manteca, California

Report & Photos Submitted By: Eddie Brayman, Tournament Director

Manteca, CA: The 133 Club in Manteca, CA, held it's "4th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Tournament" on May 28th. A total of 24 players registered for the 3 events, with 8 ABC teams, 12 Doubles teams, and 9 in the Open Singles event. Total prize money came to \$5,820 (\$2,580 in entry fees, and \$3,240 in sponsor sales). Turnout was a little light, but all went well. The new "Computer Peas" beta software was used for registration and brackets and worked out better than expected. *[Editors Comment: See Shufflers' Notebook, Page 2 of this issue for Eddie Brayman's more detailed status and updates on the new "Computer Peas" software].*

A-B-C Team Event

8 Teams w/ Total Purse: \$1,600



1st Place (Left L-R):

Vicky Hunt,
Joe Hudson,
Linda Ritter
pictured w/ sponsor
Lorraine Olson



2nd Place (Left L-R):

Brent Moquillan,
Steve Perry,
Bob Crum
pictured w/ sponsor
Lorraine Olson

Doubles (Add to 2) Event

12 Teams w/ Total Purse: \$3,320



1st Place (Left L-R):

Barbara & Bob Crum
(sponsored by
Lorraine Olson)



2nd Place (Left L-R):

Eddie Brayman &
John Azevedo
(sponsored by
Lorraine Olson)



3rd Place (Left):

Charlie Bush (left) &
Virgil Jones (right),
pictured with sponsor
Joe Hudson (center)

Open Singles Event

9 Players w/ Total Entries: \$900

1st Place (no photo):

Steve Perry

1st Place (no photo):

George Camara



California

Capitol: Sacramento

31st state

State bird: California quail

State flower: golden poppy

Larry Hudson Memorial Open

March 19-21, 2004

Red Dog Saloon, Port Orchard, Washington
Report & Photos By: Bill Walker, Washington

Port Orchard, WA: Larry Hudson of the Red Dog Saloon and his wife Dee (Mother Goose) of the Blue Goose Tavern have been benefactors of the sport of table shuffleboard for many years here in Port Orchard, Washington and without them the sport would most certainly not have survived in our area.

Larry saw much over the years. He saw the things that shuffleboard promoted, the friendship, the competition, the camaraderie, and he felt that it was good. He fully supported the Bowers Rating



System, and handicap tournaments as a way of evening the playing field. But he also thought the sport was beginning to shift too far in that direction, that when approached by Mike Waters and Jim Manders last year regarding sponsoring an Open Doubles tournament, he endorsed it highly, and in April of 2003, the first Red Dog Saloon Open Doubles was played.

Unfortunately in August of that year while many of us were playing in Labor Day Tourneys around the country, Larry succumbed to heart failure and the sport lost a great benefactor and promoter. It is only fitting that this tournament which he helped start is now carrying on under his name as the Larry Hudson Memorial Open Doubles. The wall behind the shuffleboards hold a plaque featuring a picture of Larry and the names of the yearly winners. It is to be surrounded by pictures of each of the annual winners as well.

This years inaugural event played over the weekend of 19-21 March brought out 30 players for Friday nights single elimination Open Draw. When the dust had settled late into the evening, the unbeaten team of defending SW Open Div. I Singles Champion, Ryan Devlin and NW Hall of Fame Inductee, Frank Mako, and also unbeaten Alvin Orcutt and Rob Heidel agreed to a split of 1st and 2nd place money.

On Saturday eleven teams entered the big show to vie for the \$500 added prize pot. After 2 days of grueling play, local legend Mike Waters and Partner Dino Mako emerged out of the pack to hold off the challenge of "Mud Bay" Jim Tribble and Justin Kasa to capture the lions share of the prize as the champions of the Inaugural Larry Hudson Memorial Open. John Fisher teamed with Tim Nugent and bested the team of Larry Pearson and Les Burt in the battle for 3rd and 4th. It was a great tournament in honor of a true gentleman of our sport. I can only see it getting bigger and better in the future.

[Winners' Photos - Column 2]



Larry Hudson Memorial - Open Doubles Winners:



1st Place (Left L-R) :
Mike Waters &
Dino Mako w/
Dee Hudson
presenting honors



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Justin Kasa & Jim Tribble



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Tim Nugent & John Fisher



4th Place (Left L-R) :
Les Burt & Larry Pearson





5th/6th Place Tie (Above L-R):
Sharon Nugent & Randy Ables and Mike Olson & Ryan Devlin

-- Reported By: Bill Walker, Washington

(Shufflers' Notebook... Continued from Page 2)

"Thanks for the Memories" from the Wilbers...

This past Memorial Day weekend, we experienced a memorable highlight of our shuffleboard lives. It occurred at the Michigan Open in Durand where we were honored as "Pioneers and Legends." We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved:

*From the moment we walked into Kane's Club Car Lounge, we were warmly greeted by friends from throughout The World of Shuffleboard, friends we hadn't seen in recent years. Sincere thanks to each and every one of you. We treasure your friendship. Special thanks to Darrol Nelson, who travelled all the way from Oregon; his presence was icing on the cake for us.

*Thanks to hosts Bill and Brenda Kane and their fine staff for continuing the tradition of their predecessor, Dennis Bittner, by providing shufflers with first-class facilities, service and hospitality. And a salute to their hard-working, talented tournament team of Coco and Cindy Brown and Debbie Kern, bracketeer Rob Kern, and auctioneer Mike Johnson. We know, from experience, how demanding that job is.

*Thanks to John McDermott for overbidding us in the auction for the classy mini-shuffleboard -- and then presenting it to us. It is proudly displayed in our home.

*Thanks to the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and its Pioneers & Legends for the great honors and beautiful plaques.

*Thanks to Tom and Lynda French, Board Talk Editors/Publishers for the awesome plant and tear-jerker message.

*Thanks to Ron Palmer for the long-promised caps and to Bennie for travelling miles to deliver them.

*Words cannot adequately express our appreciation to Betty Parrish, the driving force behind this recognition event. She gave birth to the idea during her long hospital stay, nurtured it throughout her recovery, and made it happen. She made us feel like royalty with a special table covered with a white tablecloth, adorned with a floral centerpiece, guest books for friends to sign, and (what a classy, thoughtful touch) a box of tissues to wipe away the tears of happiness. This truly amazing woman, despite all her medical and personal challenges, never ceased promoting shuffleboard and reaching out to shufflers who needed a word of encouragement. She exemplifies the "heart" of shuffleboard.

Very humbly, we thank you all!

George & Donna Wilber
Lansing, Michigan

(Shufflers' Notebook... Continued on Page 18)



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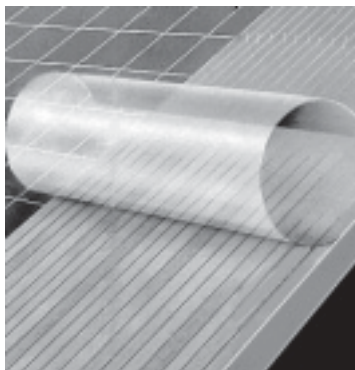
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Thanks Again! Phil McKenna FDNY, Engine 68.
E-mail Address: philpwm@usa.net

Dear Mr. Suiter: Just a short note to let you know what a fabulous product you have. My husband installed the new surface just using the instructions from the website. This was much easier than trying to use polyurethane, not to mention, we didn't have the mess or odor either. After two years we can finally use the table. Thank so much for your great product and instructions. Good luck with this endeavor.

Sincerely, Michelle Glandon
E-mail Address: C24IMP@aol.com

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NW Ladies Turn Out in Numbers for Blue Goose Saloon's 27th Annual Mixed Doubles

February 13-15, 2004

Hosted By: Blue Goose Saloon & Red Dog Saloon, Port Orchard, Washington
Delayed Report & Photos Received on June 2, 2004 From: Bill Walker, Washington

Port Orchard, WA: As usual, a large group including many of the best lady shufflers in the northwest turned out for the \$500 added Sweethearts Mixed Doubles hosted by the Blue Goose Tavern & Red Dog Saloon in Port Orchard, WA. over Valentines Day weekend. Entries came from as far as Arizona this year.

The majority of the early birds participated in the open draw on Friday evening, not considering Fri. the 13th to be the least unlucky. The reigning queen of Northwest shuffleboard & TSA Hall of Famer, Joannie Millar of Vancouver, B.C. teamed up with up and coming local player, Randy Ables to take the 1st place prize, holding off a strong challenge by Shelton legend Dick Doak & partner Hazel Thorpe. Finishing tied for 3rd were the duos of Ryan Devlin/John Fisher and Dave Forbes/Tim Nugent.



At noon Saturday the Tournament started in earnest with an ongoing display of the 3 E's (Enthusiasm, Excellence, Execution). A 4th E could also be considered; Early Birds, as displayed by Michelle Foran & Paulette McKinney (see above photo). Local player Junelle Schrum, who first broke out on the shuffleboard scene with a 2nd place finish in the 2000 Wash. State Women's Singles Tourney, exhibited the 3 E's better than anyone present. She displayed Excellence with her shot selection, and Executed flawlessly. Her bubbling Enthusiasm carried over to inspire her partner Jim Tribble of Mud Bay, Wa. to perform smoothly & effortlessly in what this observer deems to be his best performance over the last 2 years. Yes, the 3 E's most assuredly brought them the Sweethearts title of 2004.

Not to be overshadowed by the champions, Ryan Devlin & Linda Steffenson overcame a 1st round defeat to fight back through the losers bracket to win the 1st match from Jim & Junelle before failing in the attempt at a double dip & claiming 2nd place. Rob Heidel of Tacoma & Cheri Schrum (junelle's mom) also played with great intensity into the finals of the winners bracket, before losing twice and settling for third place. Another pleasant surprise this year was the return to tournament play of Ruby Mitchell. Ruby was on top of her game and carried husband Don (Mitch) Mitchell to a 4th place finish. Welcome back Ruby. Two teams from the consistently strong Longview-Kelso area, Kenny Simmons/Jennifer King, and Fred Johns/Dru Ensworth tied for 5th place.

Sweetheart's Mixed Doubles Winners:



1st Place (Above L-R):
Junelle Schrum & Jim Tribble



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Linda Steffensen & Ryan Devlin



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Rob Heidel & Cheri Schrum



4th Place (Above L-R):
Ruby & Don Mitchell



5th/6th Place tie (Above L-R):
Dru Ensworth & Fred Johns



5th/6th Place tie (Above L-R):
Jennifer King & Kenny Simmons

-- Reported By: Bill Walker, Washington



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

1) I just had a look at the electronic version of the May/June 2004 issue of The Board Talk, and I think it looks great. The electronic version would be my preference if subscription rates were comparable to those of the printed version. P.S. I guess the only downfall to the e-version is that you can't carry it with you to the "reading room!"

--Phil Rider, Houston, TX

2) I just want to tell you that I appreciate and enjoy your updates from the boardtalk online. I really enjoy the boardtalk online. I do realize that it may not reach all your subscribers that way, but wouldn't sending the boardtalk to the people online save you money in the long run? I know for the ones that don't have emails we send the ESA news by snail mail. The rest go online. Its nice that we can do it both ways. I just want to say that I really enjoy it this way. Thanks again.

--Sharon & Tim Nugent, WA

3) (note received w/ renewal 6/2004) I do not want electronic newsletters. Are subscribers going to receive 12 issues or six issues per year?

-- Sharon Chandler, AZ

4) I think the Board Talk is great this way(electronic), I know this will really help in the cost factor. We get the ESA the same way. Especially to be able to send to Canada for some of us that have computers. Canada's postal mail delivery is costly and many times very slow.

-- Gordie Smith, CAN

5) We'd be happy to receive the Board Talk via email. Keep up the good work!

-- Connie & Gary Kosmas, Houston, TX

6) Thank you all so much for the hard work and devoted efforts! Living in the BIG State of Alaska, you really keep me in tune with the shuffleboard happenings! I made it back home to Peoria a few weeks ago, by way of the Mayo Clinic for health concerns. One of the first things I did was to go to the Mutual Bar and enter into round robin tournaments with all the long time Peoria Players! What a great time to relive the "good ole days" when playing for 48 hours straight and money was flying with the Bar packed for action! Experiences like this wants to drive me back home. Again, fortunately for your Board Talk, you can keep in touch with world of shufflers! Thank you all again and keep up the GREAT work!

-- Russell Girdler, AK

7) I'm a little ambivalent about the electronic vs material Board Talk edition. While I liked receiving it online & the immediacy of getting to read it so soon after you got it out, I also like the physicality of holding and thumbing through the printed version. I love to read, which is why I like the newspaper for most news rather than the TV. Then, of course, there are people like my husband who don't like to scroll through very many pages on the Internet. I ended up printing off a copy for him to read. We appreciate your situation and will happily subscribe to whichever version you decide, just hope you can keep this great communication system going.

-- Pam (& Terry) Dowell, IN

Editors' Comments: (Editors' Opinions & Beta Test Status) Thanks to all for your comments and suggestions!

First, let us clarify again... we 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 and subscriber/advertiser details to assist them with whether they wish to even 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 (which looks rather dim considering the many "write-offs", dropping nonpaying subscribers, etc. and 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 (while maintaining a reasonable subscription rate) and thereafter, such

(continued next column)

as: 1) one or more issues per year to be bi-monthly and whether or not quarterly issues would be a viable option; 2) Electronic 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) Stop investing any more time or money in the publication if it does not receive enough support from the shuffleboard vendors, promoters of tournaments, advertisers, etc. to keep it going (not an option we want).

From the feedback on "beta tests", thusfar, there is not yet 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, non-supporting readers of each issue sent to paying subscribers.

Vendors and promoters of tournaments are the primary benefactors of the publication getting into the hands of non-supporting 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 signal.

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 & advertisers.

It is us (Editors/Publishers) that have the receivables collection chore without any Champion staff or otherwise to assist with that tedious chore. We are basically a one-person shop (as Tom is still full time employed at IBM and works a tremendous amount of overtime with product crunches). There are a number of receivables outstanding that have advertised tournaments (for instance) with nonpayment on the books for services already rendered. Obviously, at the very low annual cost of subscribing to the publication and low cost to vendors or promoters to advertise, we cannot afford to add to our overhead the invoicing of every subscriber. We do invoice advertisers, but unless a subscriber has a current email address on record, we do not mail out invoices to subscribers through the post office (although we have had brief tests of doing that when we first took over as Editors/Publishers).

We have extended grace periods (in many cases for months) because subscribers do not inform us of whether they plan to renew or not. It's a time-consuming expensive hassle 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).

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 consideration, but an electronic ONLY option is not a viable consideration.

Bi-Monthly "Beta Test" status: A bi-monthly might be a viable option for one or more issues per year, but likely not 6 issues a year as the only 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).

A "Quarterly" issue seems the least desirable option, as the main benefit of a shuffleboard publication (as currently directed) is for vendors and tournament promoters to get their plans out to the shuffleboard community timely. By doing so, you 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 interest or keep the sport growing if tournament promoters can't advertise fully and timely all their planned events and tournament results. A Quarterly could basically become an advertisement venue with aged promoter reports, with few others benefiting much at all. Quarterly may work for a local publication, but likely not a national publication with so many more tournaments to announce and then report their tournament results at a national level. Quarterly would not be timely at all (be it electronic softcopy or hardcopy) as a potential sole distribution option.

These are evaluations and opinions solely from The Board Talk Editors/Publishers based upon feedback and beta test evaluation results (thusfar). Many Thanks to all Board Talk Supporters!!

--T&L French



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Market Street News...

April 16-18, 2004 & May 14-15, 2004
Market Street Cafe, Charlestown, Maryland
Report & Photos Provided by: Jim Dennis

Charlestown, Maryland (April 16-18, 2004): Market Street Cafe hosted a three event tournament on April 16-18:

1) Draw Partner event was on Friday, April 16th and winners were: 1st: Curtis Dean (Elkton, MD) & Bill Jones (NY); 2nd: Russ Reynolds (NY) & Kurt Maurer (Rising Sun, MD); 3rd: Jen Pickett (Rising Sun, MD) & Rob Hummer (NY). **2) Bring Partner** event was on Saturday, April 17th and winners were: 1st: Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) & Rick Niblett (Salisbury, MD); 2nd: Johnny Gardner (Greensboro, MD) & Dave Shewbridge (Pasadena, MD); 3rd: Bill Jones & Russ Reynolds (NY).

3) Mixed Doubles event was on Sunday, April 18th and winners were: 1st: Wendy Davis & Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE); 2nd: Nancy Baker (Wilmington, DE) & Curtis Dean (Elkton, MD). *Some winner photos avail. follow:*



1st Bring Partner (L-R)
Len Dell & Rick Niblett



2nd Bring Partner (L-R)
Dave Shewbridge & Johnny Gardner



1st Mixed Doubles (Left L-R):
Wendy Davis & Dick Gorman

Charlestown, Maryland (May 14-15, 2004): Market Street Cafe hosted a two event tournament on May 14-15. (no winner photos avail.): **1) Draw Partner** event was on Friday, May 14th and winners were: 1st: Curtis Dean (Elkton, MD) and Jen Pickett (Rising Sun, MD); 2nd: Dave Shewbridge (Pasadena, MD) and Judy Iseman (Chestertown, MD). **2) 3-Person Draft** team event was on Saturday, May 15th and winners were: 1st: Dave Shewbridge, Judy Iseman, Joyce Pyle; 2nd: Curtis Dean, Steve Jourdan, and Flo Carlisle; 3rd: Len Dell, Kurt Maurer, Kathlene. I would like to thank all of my helpers and most of all Bobbi & Chip Spangler (Market Street owners & gracious hosts). Also thanks to all Market street staff for putting up with us. Thanks to Dave Shewbridge ideas & help with the boards; Archie Moore for board maintenance; Jen Pickett & Chuck King for sponsor sales; Carol Hampton for all the phone calls and money collections. Many Thanks to All!

-- Dennis Bittner, MD

Lucky's Tavern News...

March 12, 2004
Lucky's Tavern, Indiana
Results/Photos Provided by: Pam Dowell

Mixed Doubles Winners (March 12, 2004):



1st Place (Left L-R)
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2nd Place (Left L-R)
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3rd Place (Above)
Larry Brown (left) & May Brown (right)
(another husband/wife team)
pictured with sponsor Sheryl Cockerill (center)

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2004-2005 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

JULY 2004

July 2-5 (Re: Flyer May/June Issue)

4th of July "Shootout"
Eagles Lodge #3608
Exeter, California

July 4-10 (Re: Flyer May/June Issue)

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

July 16-18

Friendship Tournament
Our Place Saloon
Titusville, Florida

July 28-August 1

Grand Masters Tournament
Whistling Oyster
Quilcene, Washington

July 30-August 1 (Re: May/June Issue)

2nd Annual Michigan HOF
Club Car Lounge
Durand, Michigan

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 (See Flyer Insert)

2nd Annual "Don't Sing It Bring It"
Triple Crown Sports Bars
Houston, Texas

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 3-6 (See Flyer Insert)

2004 Indiana Open
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

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

Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada
7th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial
Moose Lodge 1832
Huntington Beach, California

September 3-5

6th Annual Adirondack Open
Riverside Tavern
Keesville, New York

September 2-6

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

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

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

September 16-19 (See Flyer Insert)

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

OCTOBER 2004

October 8-9

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

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)

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November 25-28

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Oskar's Bar & Grill
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November 19-20

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December 17-18

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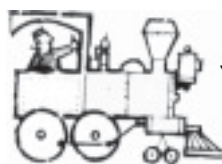
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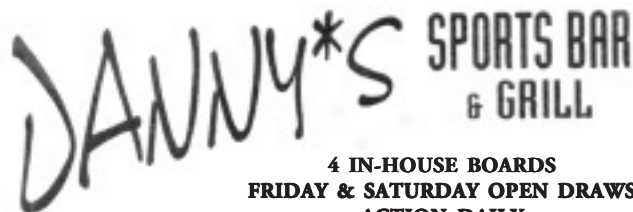
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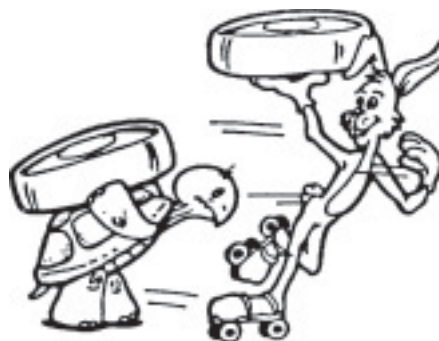
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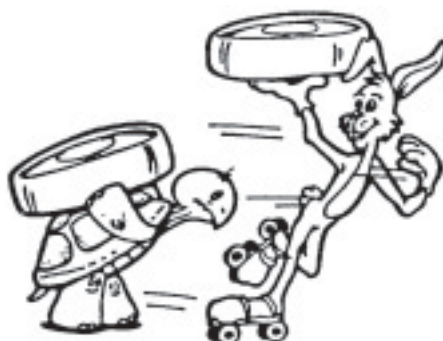
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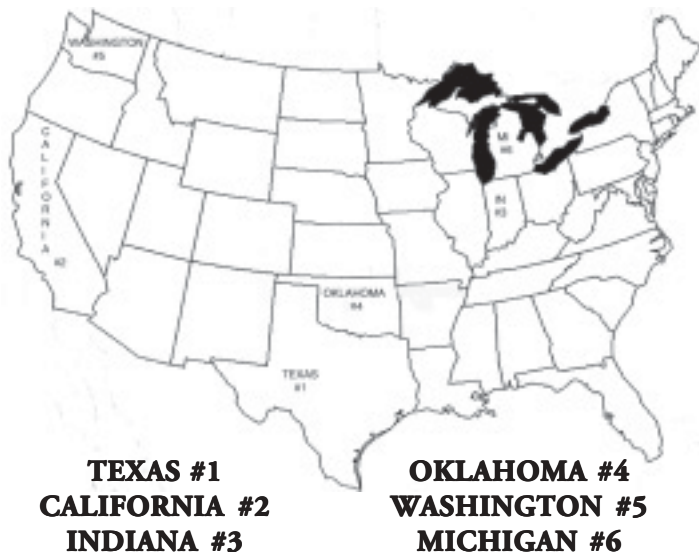
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<input type="checkbox"/> Division III Singles	\$ 50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> A/B Draw Partners (for -1's, 0's & 1's)	\$ 50.00 (per player)	
<input type="checkbox"/> A/B Draw Partners (for -2's, 3's, 4's & 5's)	\$ 40.00 (per player)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Person Add to 1	\$300.00 (per team)	Pay at the tournament
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Person Add to 9	\$200.00 (per team)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pro Doubles	\$125.00 (per player)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Division I Doubles	\$100.00 (per player)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Division II Doubles	\$ 75.00 (per player)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Division III Doubles	\$ 50.00 (per player)	
TOTAL ENCLOSED (Be sure to include \$35.00 for registration & board fee)		

Doubles Partner _____

Teammates for 4 Person Team - Do not fill this part out unless you are the Team Captain:

 If you are not on a team, but would like to be on one, check here ☐

- Registration Fee and Board Fee are non refundable and must be paid by all players, no registration form will be accepted without them.
- All players **must** be registered guests at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. Room rates are \$29.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday and \$59.00, plus tax for Friday and Saturday. There is a maximum of two players per room. To make reservations, call the Sands Regency at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code number is SHU1027.
- Entries for each event will be accepted, in the order received, until that event is full, or until the day prior to that event, whichever comes first. Entries postmarked after October 9 are subject to a \$5.00 penalty for registration, and for each event entered.
- Please send your check and this form to: The Shuffleboard Federation, PO Box 549, South Lyon, MI 48178-0549. For more information, please call 800-380-3033, or go to the NASC™ web site, www.2004nasc.com



2004 NASC™ - Schedule of Events

Event	Entry Fee	Who Can Play	Starts (Auction)	Finishes	Limit
Pro/Am Draft Team	\$50 per player	Everybody	Saturday, October 30	Sunday	192 players
Pro Singles	\$300 per player	-1.50 to 5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	28 players
Division I Singles	\$100 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	48 players
Division II Singles	\$75 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	56 players
Division III Singles	\$50 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	40 players
Draw Partners (-1's, 0's & 1's)	\$50 per player	-1.50 to 1.49	Wednesday, November 3	Thursday	80 players
Draw Partners (2's, through 5's)	\$40 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Wednesday, November 3	Thursday	96 players
4 Person Team - Add to 1	\$300 per team	0.50 to 5.00	Thursday, November 4	Friday	24 teams
4 Person Team - Add to 9	\$200 per team	1.50 to 5.00	Thursday, November 4	Friday	24 teams
Pro Doubles	\$125 per player	-1.50 to 5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	24 teams
Division I Doubles	\$100 per player	0.00 to 5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	32 teams
Division II Doubles	\$75 per player	1.50 to 5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	24 teams
Division III Doubles	\$50 per player	2.50 to 5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	24 teams

- The presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award, drawing for the added money and 15th Anniversary Party will take place beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5.
- Registration Fee and Board Fee are non refundable and must be paid by all players, no registration form will be accepted without them.
- All players **must** be registered guests of the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. Room rates are \$29.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday and \$59.00, plus tax for Friday and Saturday. There is a maximum of two players per room. To make room reservations, call the Sands Regency at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code number is SHU1027.
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2004 NASC™ - General Information

NASC™ Web Site: Check out the official 2004 NASC™ web site - www.2004nasc.com - where you can see the most current tournament information, e-mail your questions, pre-order 2004 NASC™ Jackets, sign up as a co-sponsor, etc.

Player Ratings: The 2004 Bowers Ratings will be used for this tournament. If you do not have a rating and would like to play in the Tournament, please contact us as soon as possible, preferably by August 1. Please note that it is very possible that some events will be full by that date, so it is in your best interest to contact us as soon as possible so that we can establish a rating for you. For a copy of the ratings, please visit the Bowers' web site, www.shuffleboardcorner.com to download a copy.

General Eligibility: Players rated between -.01 to -1.50 must play in the Pro Division; players rated between 0.00 and 1.49 may play in Division I or higher; players rated between 1.50 and 2.49 may play in Division II or higher; Players rated between 2.50 and 5.00 may play in Division III or higher. In the Pro Doubles, -1's may not play together. In Division I Doubles, 0's may not play together.

Event Formats: Pro/Am Draft: best 5 out of 9, double elimination, 12 point games. Four Person Team Events: 2 out of 3, double elimination. A/B Draw Partners: single game, double elimination. Pro Singles & Doubles: 2 out of 3 winners and losers bracket. All Division I, II & III singles & doubles events: 2 out of 3 winners bracket and single 21 point game losers bracket. If, in the finals of a Division I, II & III singles or doubles event, the undefeated player/team is beaten, they will then play one 21 point game for the championship. All games are 15 points unless otherwise noted.

Pro/Am Draft Team Event: The draft is at 12:00, noon on Saturday, October 30; followed by the auction, at 1:00 p.m., play begins immediately after the auction. All players **must** be present by 11:00 a.m. for pre-draft roll call. Any players not present will be dropped.

4 Person Team Events: Whole number ratings (not the decimal ratings) are being used for these events. In the add to 1 event, there is a maximum of one pro per team, In the add to 9 event, there is a maximum of one "1" rated player.

Room Rates: The Sands Regency is offering a special tournament rate of \$29.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday nights and a rate of \$59.00, plus tax, for Friday and Saturday. In order to be guaranteed this rate, you must make your reservations by October 10. Room reservations made after that date may be subject to regular rates. To make reservations, call the Sands Regency's room reservation line at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code is SHU1027.

A/B Draw Partners: In both events, the top half of the field will draw a partner from the bottom half of the field.

Weights: Players may use their own weights, which must have red & blue caps. They may be any brand, so long as the plating is intact and in good condition. The total weight must not be less than 320 grams, nor more than 340 grams. All weights are subject to inspection by the Tournament Director who may, at his discretion, disallow any weights he deems unacceptable. Weights that are excessively scratched or have plating that is worn through are examples of unacceptable equipment. Players must start each game with a full set of eight weights, four red and four blue. Switching of caps after the flip is not allowed.

Scheduling/Auction times: Please note that these are approximate starting times and that the actual auction times could be several hours earlier or later. The exact times for the individual events will be determined based on the number of players in each event. All players must be present for the auctions for the events they are playing in, failure to do so will result in a \$20.00 fine per infraction. Play for each event begins after the auction for that event, except for the doubles events, which will begin play on Saturday morning. The auction time for the Pro/Am Draft is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25. The auctions for all singles events are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 1. The auctions for the Draw Partner events are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3. The auctions for the 4 Person Team Events are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4. All doubles auctions are scheduled for Friday, November 5, after the conclusion of the Four Person Team Events.

Added money breakdown: The Sands Regency is adding up to \$12,500 to the North American Championships. Of that, \$6,000 is guaranteed, and is allocated as follows: \$2,500 will be used to give a \$100 rebate on entry fees to the first 25 people who sign up that have never been to this tournament before. Players must play in at least three events in order to be eligible for the rebate. Offer expires August 1, 2004. If less than 25 people take advantage of this opportunity, any left over money will be added to the random draw prizes. The rest of the added money will be awarded to randomly drawn winners, who will receive \$200 each. Additional added money is based on the number of teams in the Pro/Am Draft: 24-27 teams equals \$4,000 of additional added money (\$10,000 total). With 28 or more teams in the Pro/Am Draft, there will be \$6,500 of additional added money (\$12,500 total).

Cancellation & Refund Policy: Registration Fee and Board Fee are non-refundable. If you drop out of an event twenty-four hours or more prior to the event, there is a cancellation fee of \$25 for each event you drop out of. If you drop out of an event less than twenty-four hours prior to the start of that event, you lose your entire entry fee. Refunds will be issued by check and mailed within thirty days after the tournament.

Sands Regency Casino Hotel: The tournament area has a bar and cocktail waitresses, a players only playing area and reserved seating for players. Located within fifty feet of the tournament area are: rest rooms, cocktail lounge, stairs to the casino, and elevators that go to our reserved rooms in the tower. The Hotel also has live entertainment, a health club on the 17th floor that includes a large Jacuzzi with a view of the mountains, a sauna and a massage therapist. To make room reservations, call the Hotel at 800-648-3553, and tell them you are with group number SHU1027.

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TEXAS OPEN

Annual Labor Day Tournament

September 1 - 6, 2004

TAZ COUNTRY ** Play on 9 or 10 Boards **

1406 FM 1825, Ste. 110, Austin (Pflugerville), Texas Phone: 512-990-5526

\$25 One-Time Reg. Fee --- Fish Fry Saturday \$5/person --- Sponsor Sales Events 1-9

Event#	Day - Date	Time	Entry Fee	Entry Criteria & Format (Bowers 2004 Ratings Used)
	Wednesday-Sept. 1st		\$20 Robins & Warmup	Open to all players
1	Thursday-Sept. 2nd	1:00 pm	\$50/player	4-PERSON DRAFT All Play (3 of 5 games) * Highest Rated Are Captains
	Friday - Sept. 3rd		2 EVENTS	A-B DRAW (2 Divisions) Single Game/Double Elimination *Highest Rated are "A" Players in Both Divisions
2	Friday - Sept. 3rd	1:00 pm	\$100 (-1's thru 1's)	A-B DRAW (Division I)
3	Friday - Sept. 3rd	1:00 pm	\$50 (2's thru 4's)	A-B DRAW (Division II)
	Saturday - Sept. 4th		3 EVENTS	OPEN SINGLES (3 Divisions)
4	Saturday - Sept. 4th	1:00 pm	\$150 (-1's) \$100 (0's) \$75 (1's) \$50 (2's & up)	OPEN SINGLES (Division I) (Open to -1's & up) 2 of 3 Double Elimination (if time allows)
5	Saturday - Sept. 4th	1:00 pm	\$100 (1's) \$50 (2's) \$25 (3's)	OPEN SINGLES (Division II) (Open to 1's & up) Single Game/Double Elimination
6	Saturday - Sept. 4th	1:00 pm	\$50 (3's) \$25 (4's)	OPEN SINGLES (Division III) (Open to 3's & 4's) Single Game/Double Elimination
	Sunday - Sept. 5th		3 EVENTS	BRING PARTNER (3 Divisions)
7	Sunday - Sept. 5th	1:00 pm	\$100/player (\$200/team)	BRING PARTNER (Division I) (Add to "0" or more for all players) 2 of 3 Double Elimination (if time allows)
8	Sunday - Sept. 5th	1:00 pm	\$75/player (\$150/team)	BRING PARTNER (Division II) (Add to "3" or more for 1's & up) Single Game/Double Elimination
9	Sunday - Sept. 5th	1:00 pm	\$50/player (\$100/team)	BRING PARTNER (Division III) (Add to "6" or more for 2's & up) Single Game/Double Elimination
	Monday - Sept. 6th			Finals (if needed) Robins & Matches

** For more information, contact one of the following **

Tournament Directors: Ron & Debbie Bowers 512-252-8188 and/or Gene Criminger (Taz Country Owner) 512-990-5526
or contact assistants: Mike Taylor: 512-569-0959 or Tom & Lynda French: 512-250-0327 or 512-619-6030 (cell)

** Lodging Information (Take Exit 250 on IH35 North to access either of the below two motels)**

Extended Stay America, 16950 N IH 35, Round Rock, TX, phone: 512-255-1400 (Rate: \$49 + tax)

Baymont Inn, 150 Parker Dr., Round Rock, TX, phone: 512-246-2800 "ASK FOR TAZ COUNTRY TOURNAMENT RATE"

Baymont Rates: 2 Dbles or 1 King (\$49 + tax); 1 Rm Ste King + pullout (\$59 + tax); 2 Rm Ambassador Ste King + LR w/ pullout (\$79 + tax)

Pendleton Indiana AMVETS Post 26

Presents ...

2004 Indiana Open

Labor Day Weekend -- September 3, 4, 5, 6

Friday – September 3rd MIXED DOUBLES OPEN

\$50.00 per team

Sign up by 3:00pm – Sale starts at 3:30pm

Saturday – September 4th 3 PERSON BRING TEAM

Sign up 10:00am – Sale at 11:00am

Div. I - \$50.00 per player (must add to 0 or more)

Div. II - \$25.00 per player (must add to 6 or more)

Sunday – September 5th OPEN & DIVISION II SINGLES

Open - \$50.00 per person

Div. II \$25.00 per person

Sign up at 12:00pm – Sale at 1:00pm

Monday – September 6th OPEN & DIV. II DOUBLES

Open Doubles \$100.00 per team

Div. II Doubles \$50.00 per team

Div. II must add to 4 or more

\$15.00 one time Registration Fee

For information and lodging, call Pendleton AMVETS at: (765) 778-7224

Contact Sonny Harris or Jeff McFadden

939 S. Broadway

Pendleton, IN 46064

RURAL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

99 TAVERN/WILLEE'S CAFE in WINSTON, OREGON
Labor Day Weekend Sept. 2- 6
8 boards, 2 locations

Bowers 2004 Ratings Used

(note: Any Un-rated Player Participants Will Be Rated By House Committee)

*** Thursday, Sept. 2, 6 p.m. A-B Draw**

\$25 per player entry, (no sponsor sale)

*** Friday, Sept. 3, NOON OPEN SINGLES (anyone)**

\$200 for -1's and 0's, \$100.00 for 1's, (sponsor sale), 2 of 3 game, winners *and* losers brackets.

***Friday, Sept 3rd, 3 p.m OPEN DRAW**

\$20 per Player

*** Saturday, Sept. 4th, 9 a.m. B SINGLES (0.51 and higher)**

\$25. per player, (sponsor sale), single game, double elimination.

*** Saturday, Sept. 4th, 10 a.m. C SINGLES (rating TBA)**

\$25.00 per player, (sponsor sale), singles game, double elimination

*** Sunday, Sept.5th, 9 a.m. OPEN DOUBLES**

\$150. per team, (sponsor sale), 2 out of 3 games, winners *and* losers bracket.

Final Playoffs (if needed) on Monday

*** Sunday, Sept. 5th, 9 a.m. B DOUBLES (1's to 5's, add to 4 or more)**

\$50. per team, (sponsor sale), 2 out of three winners bracket, single game losers bracket

LODGING INFORMATION:

Airport Pickup from Eugene Airport Available (call if needed)

- *Free RV parking available at both bars (not full hookups)*
- *Umpqua Safari RV Park (5 short blocks away- full hookups) 800-818-8580*
- *Safari Inn Motel (next door) 541-679-6736 (gives rates for shufflers)*
- *Sweet Breeze Inn (2 blocks away), 541-679-2420*

Tournament Information/

Reservations

RSVP appreciated: Call Steve
Fisher (in the A.M) at Willee's
Sports Bar: 541-679-9248
Or Danny Holland at
99 Tavern: 541-679-7068



Triple Crown Sports Bar's Houston, TX



2nd Annual Billy Melton "Don't Sing It Bring It" Tourney Aug 19th - Aug 22nd 5 Great Boards - Federation Wax

Date	Sponsor Sale*	Event	Entry
Thu Aug 19	6:00 pm	Open Draw	\$100 / Player
		Single Game Double Elimination	
Fri Aug 20	6:00 pm	Open Singles	\$1000 / Player
		2 of 3 Winners and Losers	
Sat Aug 21	6:00 pm	Open Doubles	\$600 / Team
		2 of 3 Winners and Losers	

**Event start times subject to change based on # of entrants.*

Pre-Registration **\$FREE** by Aug 7 - Late **\$20**

All Sponsor Sales start at \$100

Priority Practice beginning Monday Aug. 16th

All events pay 3 places 60, 30 10

Director: James Cummings

281-550-5011

Email: jrc@Rver.com

Signup: 1 hour before Sponsor Sale

Tourney Rates Comfort Inn Email/Call for more info

Snacks provided

More food available from Frys next door

13711 Westheimer

Houston, TX

281-870-9610

FREE Early Registration Form: Due by Aug. 7, 2003 - **\$20** at Event - **Do not Send \$\$\$**

OR You can register by calling James Cummings - 281-550-5011 or Email: jrc@rver.com

Name: _____ Decimal Rating: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

HomePhone: _____ WK Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address: _____

Event	Entry	Partner	I plan to enter this Event
#1 Open Draw	\$100 / Player		<input type="checkbox"/>
#2 Open Singles	\$1000 / Player		<input type="checkbox"/>
#3 Open Doubles	\$600 / Team		<input type="checkbox"/>

Mail Form and Check to : Triple Crown Sports Bar Attn: James Cummings

13711 Westheimer Suite Y

Houston, TX 77077

6TH Annual Wandering the World Women's Tournament

September 16th - 19th
Pendleton Amvets Post 26 Exit 19 (from I-69)
939 S. Broadway, Pendleton, IN Phone: 765-778-7224

Women's Events

Thursday Sept 16th 6pm **Handicap Draw \$25* per player**
Max 4 points (negative handicap) Single game, Double elimination (to continue Friday morning)

Friday Sept 17th 6pm **Bring Partner \$80* per team**
(Add to 3) Max 4 points (negative handicap 2/3 in Winners, 21 points in Losers bracket)

Saturday Sept 18th (Begins after Bring Partner) **Handicap Singles \$40* per player**
Max 4 points (negative handicap 2/3 in Winners, 21 points in Losers bracket)

Sunday Sept 19th Completion of Singles

*FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 10TH, 2004. SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK OF FLYER.

For questions, call Sheryl Cockerill @ 765-286-0944 or 765-748-0638

Format and start times subject to change depending on turnout

MEN'S EVENTS

Thursday Sept 16th 6pm Open Draw \$25* per player

Friday Sept 17th 6pm Open Doubles \$100* per team

Saturday Sept 18th Open Singles \$100* per player
(Begins after Open Doubles)

Sunday Sept 19th Completion of Singles

- Great raffle items
- Transportation available to and from Amvets to Motel
- Special motel rates (\$57.72 including tax and free breakfast)
Make reservations before August 10th, 2004. Lees Inn 2114 E. 59th, Anderson, IN Exit 26, from I-69 Phone: 765-649-2500

Wax and Silicone provided by The Shuffleboard Federation

**6th ANNUAL WANDERING THE WORLD WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION FORM**

The entry fees and registration fee shown on this flyer are for registrations postmarked on or before August 10, 2004.
Add \$5 for each event and registration fee if postmarked after August 10th or for registration at the tournament.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Bowers Rating _____ (1.49 = 1 1.50 = 2)

WOMEN'S EVENTS

• Handicap Draw (\$25* per player).....\$ _____

• Bring Partner (\$80* per team).....\$ _____

Partner _____ Rating _____

• Singles(\$40* per player).....\$ _____

Registration Fee.....\$ 20*

Total.....\$ _____

MEN'S EVENTS

• Open Draw (\$25* per player).....\$ _____

• Open Doubles (\$100* per team).....\$ _____

Partner _____ Rating _____

• Singles.....\$ _____

Registration Fee.....\$ 20

Total.....\$ _____

• Early Registration rate.

Make checks payable to Pendleton Amvets and mail to:
Sheryl Cockerill 7001 South Primrose Pkwy, Muncie, IN 47302

WHISTLING OYSTER GRAND MASTERS PLUS



4 EVENTS * Up to 5 Boards**



- **Open Singles – July 28th – July 29th
\$100.00 Entry – Sale Noon July 28th**
- **Legends Draw – July 28th – July 29th
\$25.00 Entry @ - Sale Noon July 28th (55+)**
- **A-B Draw – July 30th
\$25.00 Entry @ - No Sale – Single Game**
- **Grand Masters – July 31st – Aug. 1st
\$50.00 Entry @ - Sale Noon July 31st
(No two – 1's)**

**\$10.00 Registration Fee – Good for all events.
“ADDED MONEY TO ALL EVENTS, WITH DECENT SHOW”**

**Drink & Food Specials PLUS...
Large Free Buffet – Saturday
Lots and Lots of R.V. Parking – Get here early!!**

**Home 1-360-765-3436
Bar 1-360-765-9508**

**Mt. Walker Inn 1-360-765-3410
Quilcene Hotel 1-360-765-3868**

**Early Registration Greatly appreciated – Bill & Sandee
Email – vanwagenen@worldfront.com**

**There will be a Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction
Saturday July 31st**

