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BALLOON INN'S 2004 MID-YEAR REPORT

*Planning To Visit Beautiful Colorado? If so...
Balloon-In to Balloon Inn for Some Challenging Fun!*

April 23-25, 2004 & February 12-14, 2004
Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado
Report & Photos By: Char Waugaman, Colorado

Arvada, Colorado: April 23-25, 2004

3rd Annual A/B Doubles at Balloon Inn

The 3rd Annual "Bring Partner A/B Doubles" has become one of our most popular tournaments. This year we had players from California, Nebraska and Oklahoma join us for fun and competition in this 2 out of 3 format (both brackets).

A hard fought match in the semifinals between the doubles team Linda Ritter and Shane Hagen vs Ron Sosovec and Candy Lepore resulted in Ron and Candy moving on to face the undefeated team Morey Balins and Mike Tramutolo. After Ron and Candy won the first match of the finals, the two teams decided to split first and second.

Congratulations to both teams and a special congratulations to Mike Tramutolo for his first 1st Place win in a tournament!



1st & 2nd Place (Above):

1st: Mike Tramutolo (left) & Morey Balins (right)
2nd: Ron Sosovec (back center) & Candy Lepore (front center)

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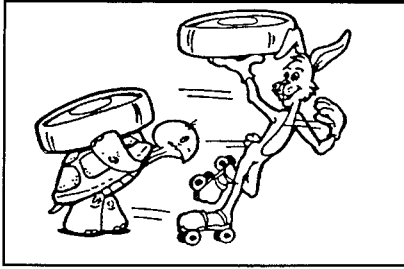
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3rd Place (Above L-R):

Lorraine Olson (sponsor), Shane Hagen & Linda Ritter

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Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Annual Wandering the World Ladies' Tournament... Great Time Had By All!

Letter to Editor(s) (September 2004)

Dear Tom and Lynda,

I just wanted to take the time to let everybody know what a great time was had by all at the Women's Wandering the World tournament, held in Pendleton, Indiana. Sheryl Cockerill and the whole team did a wonderful job and everything ran so smoothly. A very well organized event! It's always good to catch up with so many women I have not seen in too long. Too bad we can't play shuffleboard for a living and see each other on a regular basis, but we sure make up for it when we can get together. I also met many newcomers that are sure to become the friends we continue to cultivate in this great sport!

Sheryl and the staff did great job on running everything on time and professionally. They worked very hard and deserve kudos for their efforts. The T-shirts they designed (special thanks to Danielle Bruggeman) were so cute!

Also, Sonny and the whole crew at the Pendleton Am-Vets deserve a pat on the back for the great effort put forth to make everybody from California to east of the Mississippi very at home. Great food, great fun, great friends...what else can I say... except thanks to all involved!

Oh, and by the way, the men had a good time too.
Love to all shufflers and God bless America!

-- Susie Halstead, Kentucky

Labor Day at Wynnewood's Full House ... Thanks from Gary Nelson!

Letter to Editor(s) (September 2004)

Dear Tom and Lynda,

After getting all moved in our new home I managed to get up to the Full House in Wynnewood, Oklahoma to participate in the Labor Day tournament.

Gerald always has a good crowd, there were at least twenty teams in the bring partner event on Saturday and even more in the Blind Draw that Friday Night (what a surprise there was a "Renfro" in the winners bracket - Rena Fleming & David Renfro took top honors). Tony Pelton and Brian Dial took top honors in the Bring Partner with second going to Bill Melton and Patrick Linville, Mitch and I - well, we didn't fare so well.

The Full House shows the true meaning of "Friendship through Competition", such a great group of people gathering to play the game we all seem to love so much. Oklahoma has quite the promoter in Gerald & "The Full House"! To my host, I say thank you for always ensuring a great time and an excellent place to play! To all my friends it was great to sit and visit and look forward to the next event!

-- Gary Nelson, Texas

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Basics on How to Play & Score in "Target"

(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" featured in the May/June 2004 issue (page 3). Other commonly played table shuffleboard games are "Crazy Eight" featured in the July & August 2004 issues (page 3) and "Horse Collar" (featured in the September 2004 issue). Some of the less common shuffleboard games are "Target" (featured in this issue) and "Tap & Draw". 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 various table shuffleboard game(s). 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", use of various release shots (rail, thumb, free hand, etc.).

Basic Overview of "Target" Game

In general, rules, regulations and playing instructions for TARGET shuffleboard are the same as those for regular shuffleboard.

To start a contest, players decide by toss of coin or other means, who shall shoot first and which color each shall have. It is an advantage to shoot last (player who shoots last is referenced as having the "hammer").

Standing at the same end of the table, the first player shuffles the first Weight toward the Target at the opposite end of the Playing Field, striving to attain the highest scoring position. The opponent then shuffles their first Weight, attempting either to knock off the other player's Weight or to place their own in a higher scoring position. The players continue shuffling Weights alternately until all eight have been shuffled, which completes one round of play.

At the end of each round, the player (team) whose Weight is in the highest scoring zone is the winner of that round. The score is totaled as detailed below, and registered on the Scoreboard.

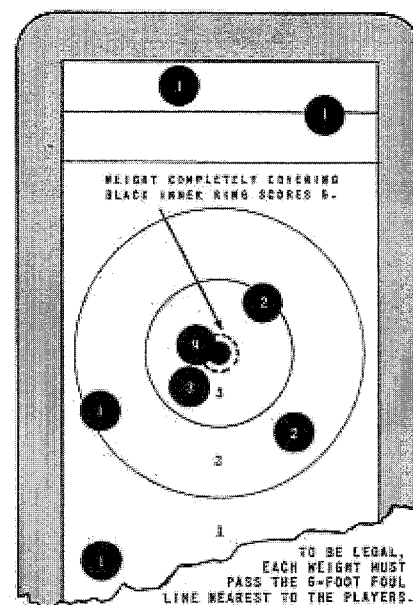
The players then proceed to the opposite end of the shuffleboard, and another round is begun in the same manner described above, from this end of the table, with the winner of the previous round shooting first Weight. Play continues until a player or team scores the required number of points (which must be agreed upon before play starts either total points required or total rounds to be played before declaring winner with highest points after a specified number of rounds), and wins the game.

Method of Scoring

After a round has been played, the player whose Weight is in the highest scoring position is the winner of the round. The player's score is determined by adding the values of all their leading Weights which lie in a higher scoring position than an opponent's highest scoring Weight. **ONLY THE WINNER SCORES IN A ROUND.**

The value of the winner's scorable Weights are determined by the Target zone in which they lie, as follows:

1. Any Weight on the board (playing field), which clears the foul line nearest the players ("short foul line") and which does not completely clear the line of the outer or larger Target ring, scores 1 point.
2. Weights which completely clear the outer Target ring and lie within the larger ring zone, or which do not completely clear the line of the intermediate ring, scores 2 points.
3. Weights which completely clear the line of the intermediate ring, and lie within the zone between it and the black inner ring, scores 3 points.
4. Weights which in any way touch the black inner ring of the Target, scores 4 points.
5. A Weight which completely covers the black inner ring of the Target, scores 5 points.



Cushion (Bank) Shuffleboard Play

To play TARGET shuffleboard on a Cushion Board model (a.k.a. Bank Shuffleboard) the same rules and methods explained above apply, except that each Weight must first carom or bank off either side of the cushion, en route to the Target area.

Horse Collar Play

The game of Horse Collar also may be played on a TARGET shuffleboard model. It is played exactly as in regular shuffleboard, except that in this case, a Weight which completely covers the black inner ring scores 13-points. For HORSE COLLAR RULES (See The Board Talk, September 2004 Issue, page 3).

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

Missouri**MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
ELKS LODGE
GRANDVIEW, MO
OCTOBER 14-16, 2004**

KC shufflers will be hosting there 3rd Annual Missouri State Championship at Elks Lodge, 13600 Arington Rd., Grandview, MO (ph: 816-761-8990). The dates are October 14th, 15th and 16th. You must be a resident of the state of Missouri or the metropolitan area. The lodge opens at 8:00 AM. Food will be available for a charge. Breakfast will be served each day of the events. The schedule of events are as follows: Thursday October 14th - 4 person draft or ABC \$15; Friday October 15th - Div.1 singles ratings 0 to 2.49 \$50 Div.2 singles ratings 2.50 to 2.99 \$30; Div.3 singles rated 3.00 or higher \$30; Saturday October 16th - Div.1 bring partner No 0's or 1's may partner \$60 per team Div.2 Bring partner ratings 2.50 to 2.99 \$40 per team Div. 3 bring partner ratings 3.00 & higher \$30 per team. For details Glen Tubbs (816-767-9234) Johnny Wright (816-920-6149) Mark Gray (816-765-0248). Lodging Accommodations: Belton Inn- 150 an 71 Hwy. Belton Mo. (816-331-6300) or Super 8- 15201 S. 71 Hwy. Grandview Mo. (816-331-0300).

PERSONAL NOTICES

Don Crall, SW Open (Del City, OK) tournament director, had an aneurysm erupt and had surgery on October 14th... successful surgery reported. Don will be in intensive care quite some time. Cards may be sent to: American Legion Post 73, ATTN: Don Crall, PO Box 15073, Del City, OK 73155.

U.J. West, Oklahoma shuffler, had surgery and then suffered a light stroke afterwards - stroke possibly related to his use of Vioxx which has recently been recalled by the drug manufacturer. U.J. reports he is working his way to a good recovery.

Nebraska**NEBRASKA STATE OPEN 2004
MUSETTE BAR
OMAHA, NE
NOVEMBER 18-21, 2004**

The Nebraska State Open will be held November 18-21, 2004 at Musette Bar, 6020 Maple St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Thursday, Nov. 18th is an A/B Draw (\$15/player; signup by 6pm); Friday, Nov. 19th is a 4-Person Team Draft (\$20/player; signup by 5pm); Saturday, Nov. 20th is two divisions of Bring Partner: Div. A (\$60/team open to all); Div. B (\$40/team; open to 1.50+); and Sunday, Nov. 21st is Handicap Singles (\$20/player; signup by 4pm; sponsor sale 5pm sharp; max. 3 point neg. spot). Draft & Singles will have side pot. One-Time Reg. Fee \$5. For more info contact: Tom Galvin: 402-981-0249 or Shelly Hagen 402-699-0550.

Texas**HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN 2004
SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW HOTEL
HOUSTON, TX
DECEMBER 26-31, 2004**

The Holiday Open Shuffleboard Tournament is held annually between Christmas and New Years at the Sheraton Brook Hollow Ballroom in Houston, Texas.

Considered to be one of the top tournaments in the country, the Houston Holiday Open has 14 events culminating in the famous New Years Eve Party.

35 boards, 14 events, sponsor sales, "pari-mutuel sale" and professional staff make this a "must make" tournament. Jack Scott is the Tournament Director.

*See Flyer Insert for event details and preregistration form.
For More Information, contact: Jack Scott 832-788-1845*

California**14TH ANNUAL "PRESIDENT'S DAY"
T's COCKTAILS
MODESTO, CA
FEBRUARY 18-21, 2005**

The "Northern California 14th Annual President's Day Shuffleboard Tournament" is being held on February 18-21, 2005 at T's Cocktails, 710 North 9th Street, Modesto, CA featuring an ABC Draw, Add-to-3 Doubles, Open Doubles and Open Singles. Same place, same format as 2004. Contact Lorraine Olson at Lorraine.Olson@vta.org or Eddie Brayman at etheb@aol.com. Flyers to be available shortly.

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Thanks to our friends Lorraine Olson (CA), Jim Kennedy (OK), Linda Ritter, Gwyn Orsi, Shane Hagen and Jack Strickland (all from NE) for making the trip. We hope to see all of you again soon! --Reported By: Char Waugaman, CO

Arvada, Colorado: February 12-14, 2004

Valentine A-B-C Draw at Balloon Inn

The first draw A-B-C Valentine Tournament at the Balloon Inn welcomed some new players from Twin Towers thanks to Phyllis Raia.



1st & 2nd Place (Above):

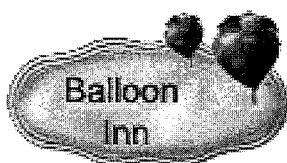
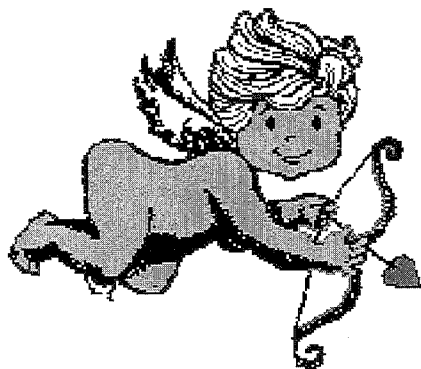
1st: Bill Wolfe (back center), Bill Mitchell and Dave Cowan (right rear)

2nd: Randall Barber (left), Phyllis Raia and Jo Cook (front center)

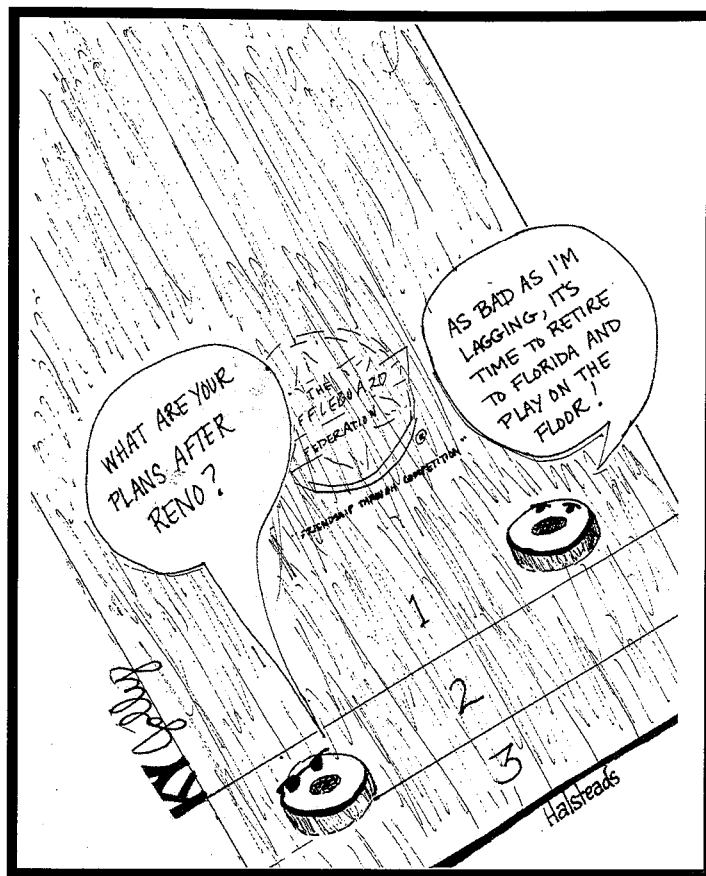
After a fun filled weekend of shuffleboard, the team of Dave Cowan (Captain), Bill Mitchell and Bill Wolfe come out on top defeating the 2nd place team of Jo Cook (Captain), Randall Barber and Phyllis Raia.

We would like to thank all the players who participated. We hope to see you again at some of our upcoming tournaments. A special thanks goes to Randall Barber, who has been recovering from recent heart surgery. It's great to see you back Randall!

Thanks to our Balloon Inn host, Bill Wolfe, for the great food and hospitality. --Reported By: Char Waugaman, CO



Humor Column

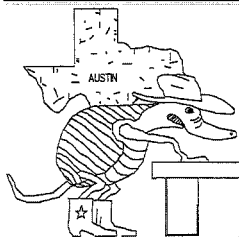


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Texas Open 2004

September 1-6, 2004

Taz Country, Austin/Pflugerville, Texas

Report & Photos By: Tom & Lynda French, TX

Austin/Pflugerville, Texas: The annual Texas Open 2004 Labor Day tournament was held this year at Taz Country in Pflugerville, Texas (outskirts of Austin) on September 1-6. There were 93 registered participants; total purse (all events: \$39,170) coming from across Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. Gene & Sarah Criminger, Taz Country owners, wish to extend a big "thanks" to all the attendees, tournament staff, and volunteers for making this tournament a great success... with a lot of competition and fun. Play was on 9 boards (5 in-house and 4 rented from Champion Shuffleboard) for the nine scheduled events.

The tournament kicked off on Wednesday, September 1, 2004 with boards open for practice and robins. There were \$10, \$20, and \$50 robins throughout the night.

The first scheduled event was the 4-Person Draft Team event on Thursday, September 2nd (where the highest rated registered players were the designated draft captains). The format was 3 of 5 games/double elimination. Played on two boards per session: First game A-C played B-D; 2nd game B-C played A-D; 3rd game A-B played A-B (flip for board). Since the format was 3 of 5, many sessions went to a third round of games to determine the winners.

Events 2 & 3 were two divisions of A-B Draw, held on Friday, September 3rd. A-B Draw Division I (Event 2) was open to -1's thru 1's. A-B Draw Division II (Event 3) was open to 2's thru 4's. The highest rated registered players in both of these divisions were the designated "A" player.

Events 4, 5 & 6 were three divisions of Open Singles held on Saturday, September 4th which were handicapped by entry fee. Open Singles Division I (Event 4) (open to -1's and up; 2 of 3 double elimination); Open Singles Division II (Event 5) (open to 1's & up; single game/double elimination); and Open Singles Division III (Event 6) (open to 3's and up; single game/double elimination).

Events 7, 8 & 9 were three divisions of Bring Partner held on Sunday, September 5th: Bring Partner Division I (add to 0; 2 of 3 double elimination); Bring Partner Division II (add to 4; single game/double elimination); and Bring Partner Division III (add to 6; single game/double elimination).

History: This annual Labor Day event originated years ago with Don Valk hosting the US Open for several years in various hotels in the Austin area; then Ron & Debbie Bowers took it over and it was renamed Texas Open and held at the Texas Mist (until it's closure). The year the Texas Mist closed, Bobby Williams & David Williams hosted the Texas Open at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas and kept it there for several years. This year the venue returned to the Austin area. Location for next year will be decided soon.

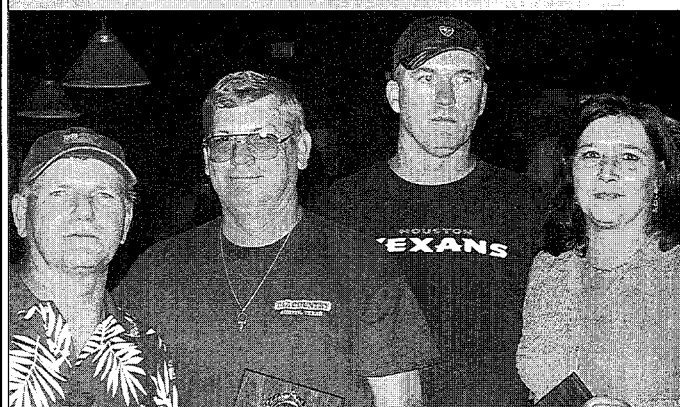
Event #1: 4-Person Draft Team (3 of 5 games)

Total Purse: \$3,950



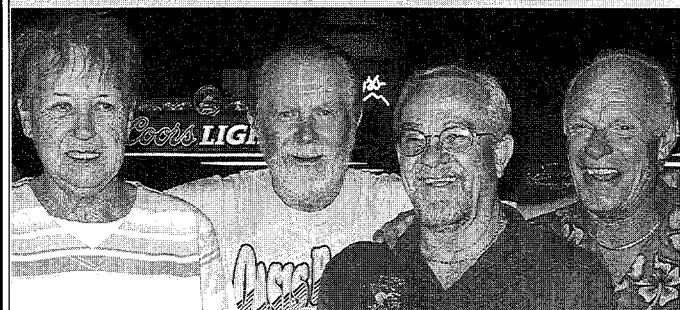
1st Place (Above L-R):

Robert Hurst, Jr; Lynda French, Holly Kofod (unrated), Mike Taylor (captain) (sponsored by George Best)



2nd Place (Above L-R):

Rick McFarland, Gene Criminger, Kelly Cameron (captain), Denise Skyles (sponsored by Holly Kofod)



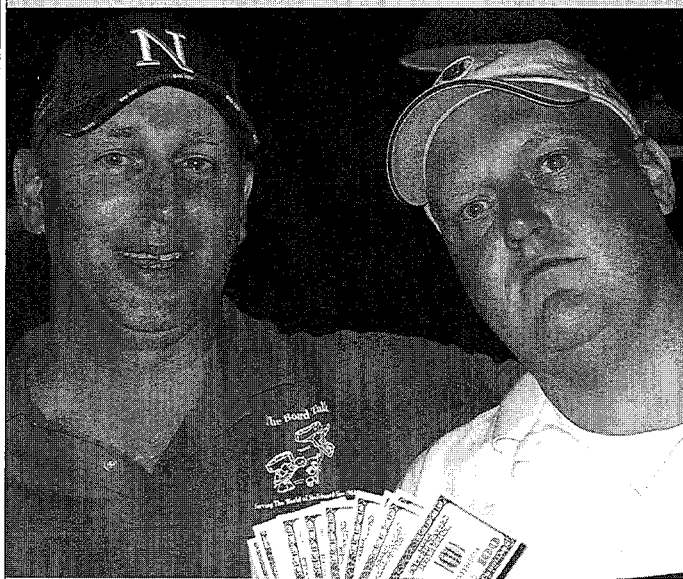
3rd Place (Above L-R):

Tree Cameron, Pat Gainey, Ron Bowers (captain), Cliff Visel (sponsored by George Best)

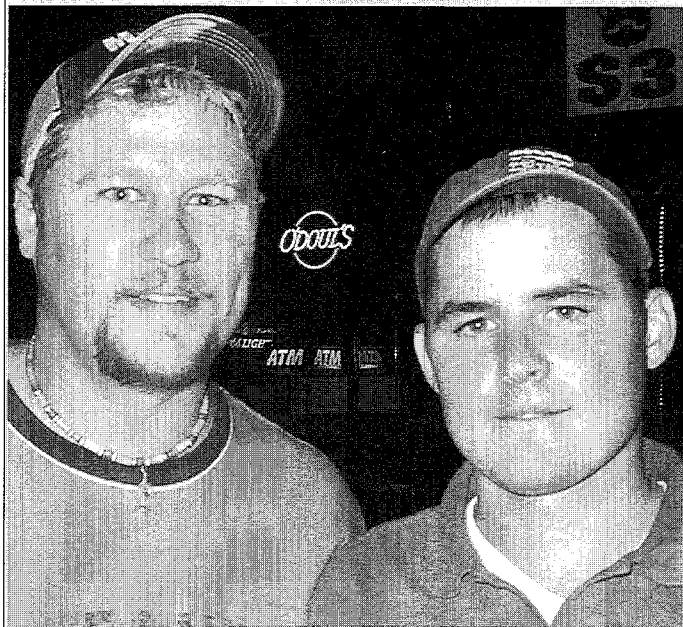
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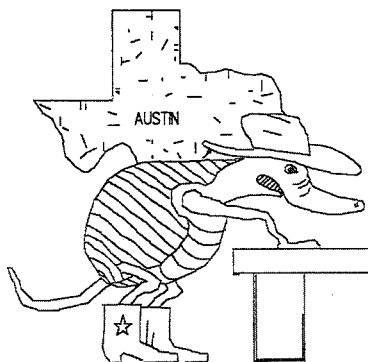
A/B Draw (Division I) Winners
Total Purse: \$4,300



1st Place (Above L-R):
 Dave Ramold & Billy Melton (sponsored by Ron Bowers)



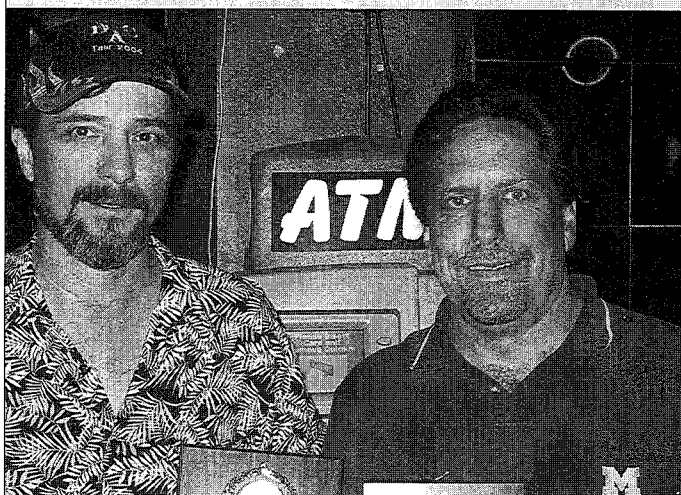
2nd Place (Above L-R):
 Mike Taylor & David Williams Jr
 (sponsored by Mollie Cravey)



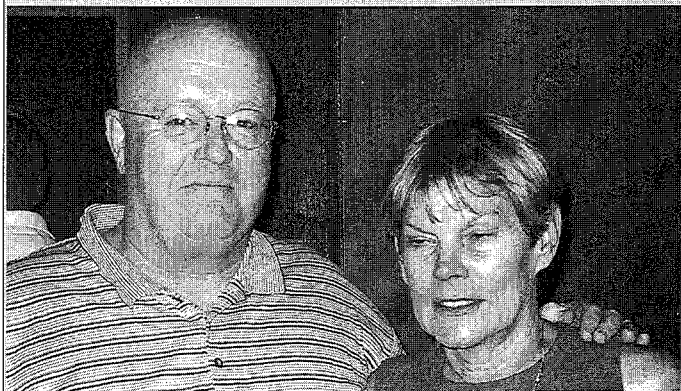
A/B Draw (Division II) Winners
Total Purse: \$3,995



1st Place
(Left L-R):
 Mollie Cravey
 (unrated)
 & Craig White
 (sponsored by:
 Chris Smith)



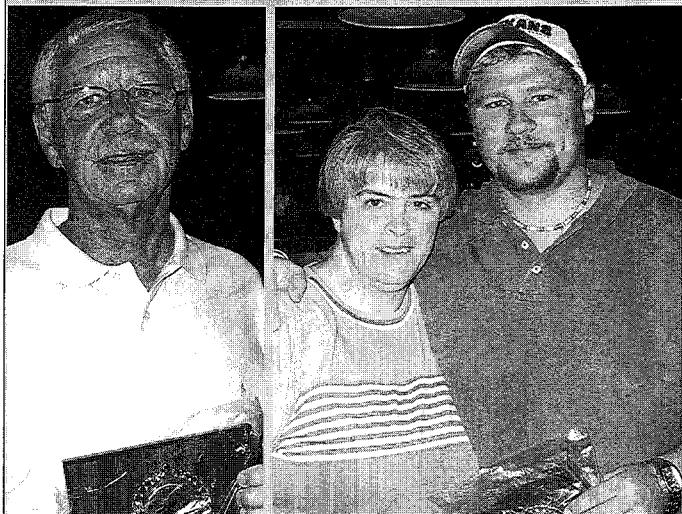
2nd Place (Above L-R):
 Robert Hurst Jr & Richard Pisarski (unrated)
 (sponsored by Bill Melton)



3rd Place (Above L-R):
 Robert Hoffman (unrated) & Debbie Bowers
 (sponsored by Holly Kofod)

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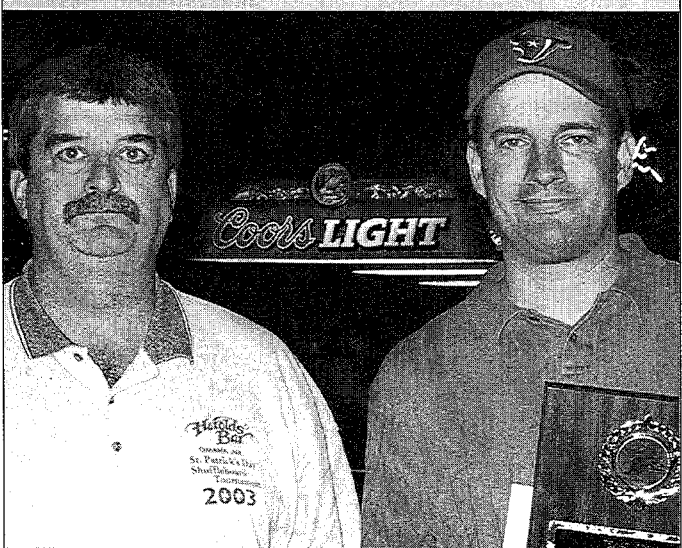
Open Singles Div. I (-1's & up) Winners**Total Purse: \$4,420**

1st Place (Above):
David Williams Sr.
(sponsored by
Chris Smith)

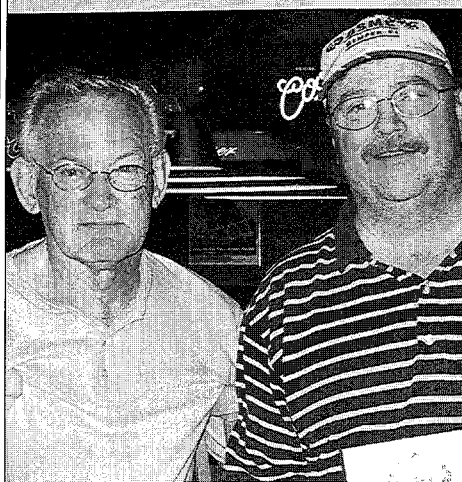
2nd Place (Above):
Mike Taylor (right)
w/ sponsor Holly Kofod (left)



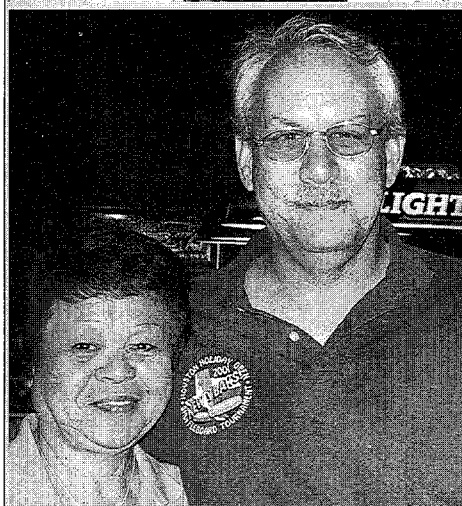
3rd Place (Left):
Billy Mays (right)
w/ sponsor Ron
McMahan Jr. (left)

Open Singles Div. II (1's & up) Winners**Total Purse: \$4,640**

1st Place (Above):
Mike Regan (right) w/ sponsor Jim Payne (left)

Open Singles Div. II (1's & up) Winners (Continued)

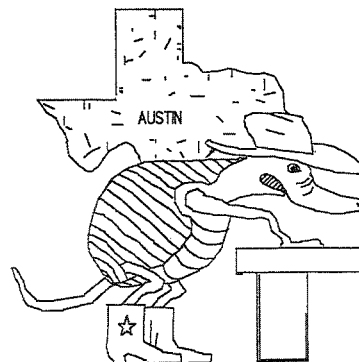
2nd Place (Left):
James Cummings
(right)
w/sponsor:
George Best
(left)



3rd Place (Left):
David Sexton
(right)
w/sponsor:
Angie Snyder
(left)



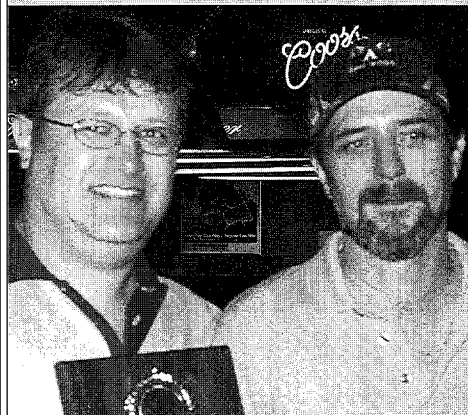
4th Place (Left):
Doug Paben
(right)
w/sponsor:
Holly Kofod
(left)



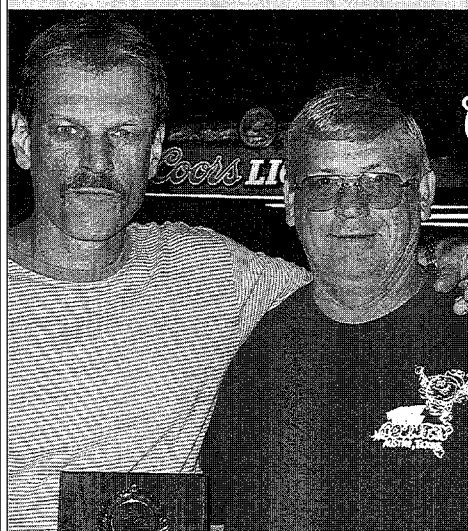
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Open Singles Div. III (3's & up) Winners
Total Purse: \$3,000



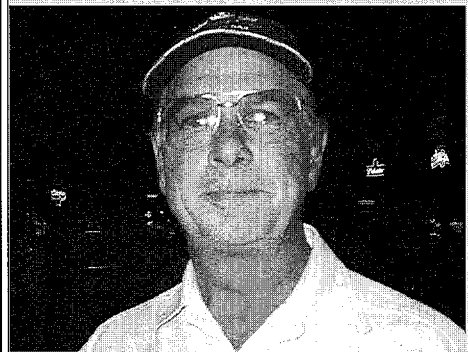
1st Place (Left):
 Ron McMahan Jr.
 (left)
 w/sponsor:
 Robert Hurst Jr.
 (right)



2nd Place (Left):
 Martin Jordan
 (unrated)
 (left)
 w/sponsor:
 Gene Criminger
 (right)



3rd Place (Left):
 Richard Pisarski
 (unrated) (left)
 w/sponsor:
 Holly Kofod
 (right)

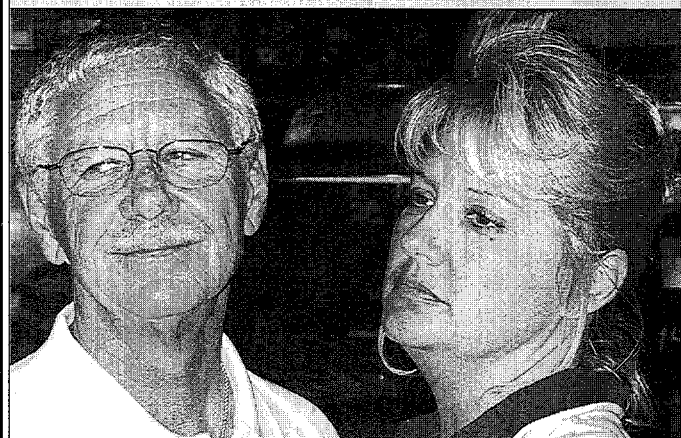


4th Place (Left):
 Bruce Childers
 (unrated)
 sponsored by:
 Chris Smith
 (not pictured)

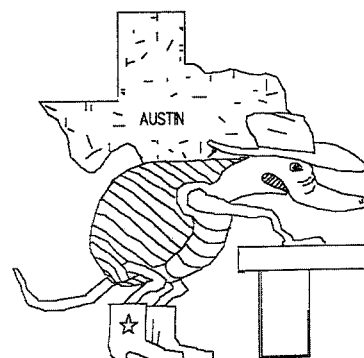
Bring Partner Div. I (Add to 0) Winners
Total Purse: \$4,515



1st Place (Above L-R):
 Chris Smith & Billy Mays (sponsored by: Jimmy Britt)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
 David Williams Sr. & Sally Phillips
 (sponsored by: Holly Nance & Debbie Bowers)



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GAMES: The Legend of Roadhouse Billy

Younger shuffleboard players may joke that Billy Mays is too old to play the game. But when push comes to shove, they wouldn't dare challenge him. Because they know he's the best. Ever.

By Carlton Stowers [Reprinted from D-Magazine, August 2004 Issue]
<http://www.dmagazine.com> [to view full article online]

IN A SHADOWY SIDE ROOM of the Highway Cafe & Bar, where the faint odor of stale beer and the thin haze of cigarette smoke mix to set the mood, they have begun drifting in. Young and old, they come to this hideaway on Northwest Highway to wash away the 9-to-5 drudgery, swap stories, have a few beers, and, with a little luck, win a few bucks.

Their game is shuffleboard. Not the sort Florida-tanned retirees pass time with before they head over to Luby's for the Early Bird Special, but the England-born indoor pub variety. It is a game of delicate touch and war room-like strategy played on a 22-foot, highly polished wood table.

Tonight is tournament night at the Highway. The winner's pot is small, but there will be an occasional \$20 side bet. And before closing time, odds are good that a few hundred dollars will have found its way into the pocket of 67-year-old Billy Mays, a man with thick glasses and an expanding waistline. That's because Mays is the best—not just in the Highway tonight, but the best ever. Billy Mays is to shuffleboard what Michael Jordan was to basketball, what Ali was to the fight game, what Tiger is to golf. He's been world champion 27 times. And he might never have taken up the sport had he not broken his back when he fell from an off-shore oil derrick when he was just a kid.

Mays grew up in Emory, Texas, where his father was a farmer and sawmill owner. He was the youngest of 10 children, an athletic kid who played centerfield and batted leadoff, fought as an amateur boxer, and could run the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat. His family moved to Dallas in 1949, and in '52 he joined the Army. He lied about his age and didn't let on that he'd been blind in one eye since he was 9. "Two years later," he says, "I was discharged—five days after I was 17, which was the legal age to enlist."

He roughnecked in West Texas oil fields for several years before migrating to Louisiana, where he took the fateful off-shore job. In December 1958, at age 20, Mays limped home to Dallas, broke, wearing a back brace, having already been married and divorced four times. (To date, he's been married 10 times, on three occasions to the same woman. His explanation: "I guess I'd have to say I just enjoy married life." There's not a trace of irony in his voice.)

It was, Mays recalls, his attraction to a woman that introduced him to the game he would dominate for decades.

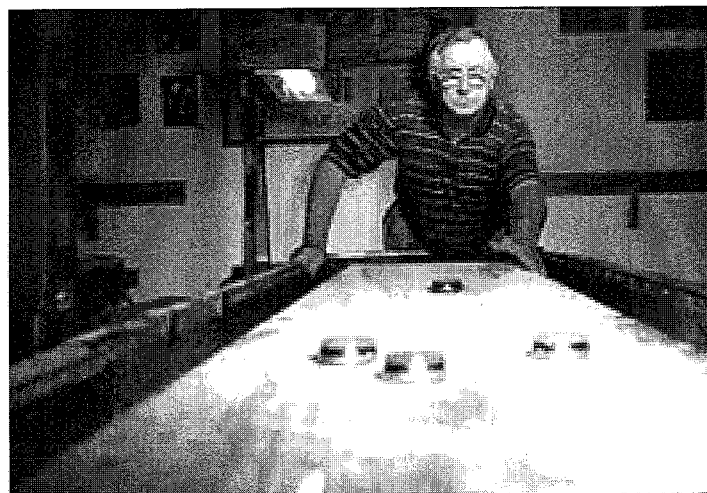
"I was dating this waitress who worked at Sam's Place over on Haskell and Elm," he says. "And one night while I was waiting for her to get off work, I got hustled into a game of shuffleboard. Back then, a guy from Oklahoma named Granville Humphrey was the best player in the world, and he needed a partner. I was the only one available, and, thanks to him, I won \$45 that night."

"The next morning at 7, I was standing outside the bar, waiting for the doors to open. I played shuffleboard until they closed at midnight. I did that day after day, getting better at making the shots I'd seen Humphrey and the other good players make."

Once he sharpened his talents and had money in his pocket, Mays hit the road.

HE WAS CALLED TEXAS BILLY MAYS back in the glittery, fast-money '60s and '70s, when his skills were the talk of nearly every bar and club with a shuffleboard table. The Players Lounge in Corpus Christi; the Blue Star and the Balboa Club out in El Monte, California; the Green Door down in Abilene. From Maine to Philly, then Oklahoma City and Las Vegas, and finally sunny California, Billy Mays traveled light, building his bankroll along with his reputation.

No slave to false modesty, Mays recalls one 90-day period in the summer of 1962, while working the West Coast, when he cleared \$120,000. One year, in one Southern California bar called the Pink Pony, Mays and a doubles partner earned \$100,000. He played and regularly beat actor Rock Hudson in \$300 games on the tables at the Gay Nineties in North Hollywood.



WORLD CHAMP: Mays was voted in to the hall of fame, but he declined the honor. He felt there were others more deserving.

He's just guessing, he says, but he estimates he's won at least 800 tournaments during his playing career.

When a pretty California bartender and shuffleboard player named Jean Ayers repeatedly turned down Mays for a date, he finally appealed to her gambling nature. "I won her at the shuffleboard table," he says. "I bet her \$500 against a date." Ayers eventually became the fifth Mrs. Billy Mays, and, for the next 15 years, they traveled the circuit together. They played as partners, put on trick-shot exhibitions, and built a husband-and-wife reputation that remains today.

Two years ago, not long after she died of cancer, Jean Ayers-Mays, the 1976 Women's Singles World Champion, was inducted to the Table Shuffleboard Association's National Hall of Fame. Mays was also voted in but declined induction, feeling there were others more deserving of the honor, like Granville Humphrey, the man who had first lured him into the game (and who died in prison, where he was serving time for dealing drugs). "He was the best, long before me," Mays says. "If he's not good enough to be in the Hall of Fame, neither am I."

Mays' biggest take in a single match was \$18,450, from a Corpus Christi bar owner. The largest tournament pot he ever won was \$95,000. On the other hand, he admits that through the years he's pocketed in the neighborhood of a half million dollars in bad checks from opponents he allowed to keep playing after their billfolds had been emptied. "It took me awhile to learn my lesson," he says. "I don't take paper anymore."

Money is only part of it. "He's taught most of the good players you'll see today," says David Williams, a Fort Worth body shop owner and one of the nation's premier players. "He certainly helped me. He just loves the game and the people who play it." Mays, he says, has become an ambassador for shuffleboard, spinning his colorful tales, giving lessons, making trick shots, and even organizing shuffleboard leagues across the state.

Johnny Carson invited Mays to come on his show and demonstrate his skills, *Sports Illustrated* profiled him, and, at one point, a young Beau Bridges was cast to play him in a biographical movie with the working title *Roadhouse Billy*. That was until the Columbia Pictures ranch, where the movie was to be filmed, burned to the ground. But that's another story.

And if the shuffleboard action ever waned in his heyday, he could always count on picking up traveling money with a series of bar bets taught to him by legendary gambler Alvin Clarence Thomas, aka Titanic Thompson. Take the one in which he blows a dime from the edge of the table into a beer mug. "That trick has probably earned me \$50,000 to \$100,000 over the years," he says. (Continued on Next Page)

(Roadhouse Billy... Continued from Page 10)

The late Thompson was the infamous golfing, poker-playing, pool-shooting hustler who served as the model for the *Guys and Dolls* character Sky Masterson. "He was hustling this guy at all kinds of games and asked me if I'd like to make \$5,000 for a week's work," Mays says. "He wanted me to teach him to play shuffleboard good enough to beat this guy." Mays took the job and stayed on as Titanic's "coach" during the match. His reward: 2 percent of the \$240,000 Thompson collected after winning.

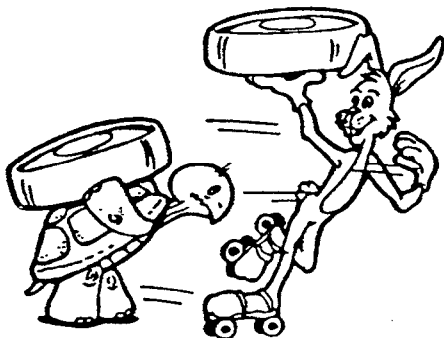
Now, though, the big-money days are mostly behind him. Mays still plays in the occasional organized tournament, which can mean getting a piece of a six-figure pot. He recently returned from a weekend tournament in Denison with \$1,800 in winnings. But he begrudgingly admits his game isn't as sharp as it once was. He had a mild stroke a few years back, and now the natural right-hander has to play left-handed. "Truth is, I'm probably no longer the best," he admits. "But I'm still one of 'em."

Robert Duncan, 61, owns a liquor store in Dallas and plays shuffleboard. He's watched Mays play for a quarter century. "A few years ago," Duncan says, "there was a tournament over in Fort Worth—lotta good players—and some of them started kidding Billy about getting too old to play. He laughed with them for a minute, then said he'd play anybody there for \$500 a game. And there wasn't a single taker."

On this night at the Highway, there are only a few dozen players. Most admit to learning the game from Mays. He points to one man who looks to be in his late 20s, bent over the table, earnestly practicing. "That kid over there?" Mays says. "I used to beat his daddy all the time." He grins. "Now, I'll get in his pocket before the night's over."

Dallas writer Carlton Stowers is the author of *The Unsinkable Titanic Thompson*, a biography of the colorful hustler whom Billy Mays taught to play shuffleboard.

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J & C Tavern – Holding a "Blind Relief Tournament"

J & C Tavern will host and sponsor a Blind Relief Tournament on November 12-14. There will be two events held with half the proceeds going to the "Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia". J & C is also donating monies for these events.

Friday night will open with a "bring partner" round robin starting at 7:30 pm. The format is single elimination, played on two boards, with first board availability. The entrance fee is \$20.00 per team with half the monies paying three places and the balance to the charity.

Beginning at 11:30 am on Saturday and ending on Sunday will be another "bring partner" event. This will be double elimination with the breakdown and format the same as Friday's event. There will, however be a difference in this event: the players must be blindfolded when they shoot their frames. Each player may have a "spotter" to tell them the location of the weights on the table.

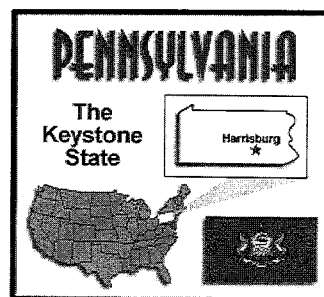
Tournament Director, Jim Yank, Sr., is looking for corporate as well as individual sponsors and supporters for these events. On board already are The Miller High Life Co., The Shuffleboard Federation, McGarvey Roofing, and J & C Tavern. A set of weights and a limited supply of tee-shirts and other items will be raffled off with the proceeds going to Blind Relief. Jim Yank is hoping the shuffleboard community will show its generosity and support for this worthy cause.

The idea came from a blind shuffler named Robert Morgan. Without sight, he practices and plays in both traveling and in-house leagues. He is proof you don't need your eyes to shoot this game. In the past, the Blind Foundation has helped Robert and he wishes to repay their generosity with this small favor.

Any checks and donations can be sent or brought to J & C Tavern. Checks can be written to the Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia and mailed to J & C at 6601 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151.

For more info you may call Yank at J&C @215-878-7343 on Monday or Tuesday from 8 am-5pm or at home @ 215-879-0840. You may also call J&C any evening for information. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

—Submitted By: Jim Yank, Sr.



Rural American Championships

September 2-6, 2004

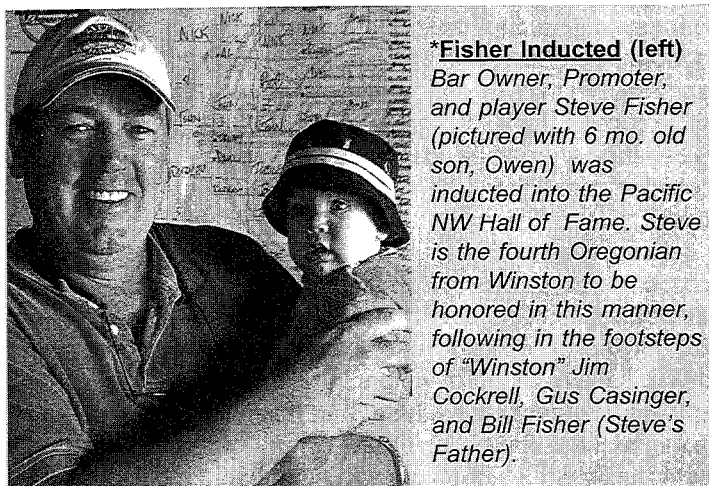
99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe, Winston, Oregon

Results & Photos Submitted By: Steve Fisher & Dan Holland, OR

Winston, OR: Rural American Championships...

Notables:

- * Dan and Dan win again
- * Doug is back
- * The "Crum's" finish high in three events.
- * Eddie's Software passes a big test
- * Steve Fisher Inducted into the Pacific NW Hall of Fame
- * Winston 2004 increased in size monetarily for the 5th consecutive year with over \$24,000 changing hands over seven events.



***Fisher Inducted (left)**
Bar Owner, Promoter, and player Steve Fisher (pictured with 6 mo. old son, Owen) was inducted into the Pacific NW Hall of Fame. Steve is the fourth Oregonian from Winston to be honored in this manner, following in the footsteps of "Winston" Jim Cockrell, Gus Casinger, and Bill Fisher (Steve's Father).

Buhl Wins Singles

Doug Buhl double dipped Mike Kinney to become the new Singles champ while Dan Hitt and Danny Holland successfully defended their doubles title for the second time while earning their third doubles win in Winston in as many years.

Doug also won the singles in 2000, splitting with Darrol Nelson, and now joins Darrol as the second person to win the singles twice. Doug and his sponsors collected the lions share of the \$10,375.00 Open Singles purse. Twenty One players entered the Open Singles event from four western States.

Hitt and Holland Threeppeat!

The Open Doubles was again highly competitive. Dan Hitt (WA) and Danny Holland (OR) edged Gary George and Jeff Kersting (both WA) in the finals, while Bill Maxwell (OR) and Dudley Hutcherson (CA) finished third.

Kenny Rogers, of Medford (OR) won the B Singles (.50 and above) whipping the field of 20, while Bob Crum (CA) placed second and Bud Spier (OR) third.

Bob and Barbara Crum (CA) defeated Deb Spier and Dan Glasscock (both OR) to win the B Doubles (Add to 4)

Barbara Crum (CA) finished atop the 23 person field to win the C-Singles (2.5+) in the 1st year of the event, edging out Coos Bays newest prodigy, Joe Cupp (OR), in the finals. Joyce Davis (Nevada) placed third.

Kudos Go to Ed Brayman!

We had the pleasure of testing Computer Peas Beta version, and frankly the product ensured smooth processing throughout the Tourney. On Saturday "Cpeas" successfully guided 63 singles participants, three different events (Open, B, and C) with three different formats, which were played on 8 boards.

Thanks Eddie! Thanks to:

Dan Holland- Board man

Trish Florence- Induction programs

Lorraine and Sue Langdon.- bracketing, Sponsor Sales, etc.

Winner Results:

AB Draw

1. Dave Keithahn (CA), Steve Kalamarski (WA)
2. Glenn Redding (OR), Sue Thomas (OR)
3. Rick Thomas (CA), Marg Wonnacott (Canada)
4. Art Eliff (OR), Lorraine Olson (CA)
5. Paul Parks (CA), Dan Glasscock (OR)
6. John Fisher (CA), Vickie Hatcher (OR)

Open Draw

1. Clark Kenney (WA), Virgil Jones (CA)
2. Mike Waters (WA), Dan Glasscock (OR)
3. Mike Olson (WA), Timi Kale (OR)
4. Jeff Kersting (WA), Evie Maxwell

B Doubles

1. Bob Crum (CA), Barbara Crum (CA)
2. Debbie Spier (OR), Dan Glasscock (OR)
3. Don Stallworth (OR), Ray Nordene (OR)
4. JR Noel (CA), Vickie Hunt (CA)

B Singles

1. Kenny Rogers (OR)
2. Bob Crum (CA)
3. Bud Spier (OR)
4. Mike Olson (WA)

C Singles

1. Barbara Crum (CA)
2. Joe Cupp (OR)
3. Joyce Davis (NV)
4. Jimmy Marlow (OR)

Open Doubles

1. Dan Hitt (WA), Dan Holland (OR)
2. Gary George (WA), Jeff Kersting (WA)
3. Bill Maxwell (OR), Dudley Hutcherson (CA)

Open Singles

1. Doug Buhl (OR)
2. Mike Kinney (OR)
3. Dave Keithahn (CA)
4. Dan Hitt (WA)

Past Open Singles Winners

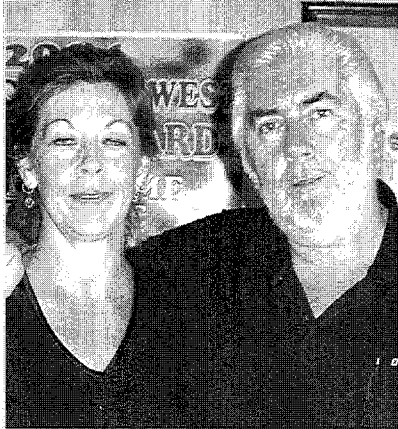
- 2000- Doug Buhl, Darrol Nelson (Split)
- 2001- Darrol Nelson
- 2002- Dudley Hutcherson
- 2003- Dan Hitt
- 2004- Doug Buhl

Past Doubles Winners

- 2000- Doug Buhl- Darrol Nelson
- 2001- Chuck Norris, Hal Perry
- 2002- Dan Hitt, Dan Holland
- 2003- Dan Hitt, Dan Holland
- 2004- Dan Hitt, Dan Holland

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Singles Winners:

C Singles 1st Place (L-R):
Barbara Crum,
JR Noel (sponsor)



C Singles 2nd Place (L-R):
Glen Redding (sponsor),
Joe Cupp



B Singles:
1st: (left)
Kenny Rogers
2nd: (right)
Bob Crum



Open Singles (Above L-R):
1st: Doug Buhl; 2nd: Mike Kinney; 3rd: Dave Keithahn



AB Draw 1st Place (L-R):
Dave Keithahn &
Steve Kalamarski

B Doubles Winners:

1st Place (Above L-R):
Bob & Barbara Crum w/ sponsor: Dave Keithahn

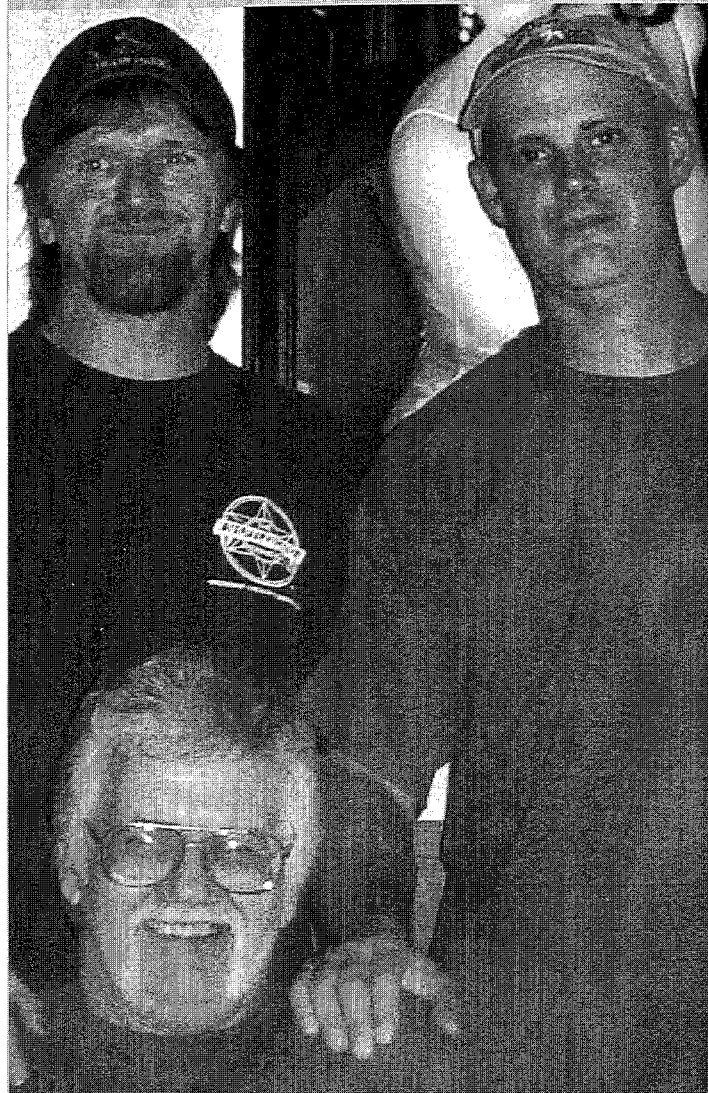


2nd Place (Above L-R):
Bill Holly (sponsor), Debbie Spier & Dan Glasscock

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Open Doubles Winners:



1st Place (Above L-R):
Dan Holland & Dan Hitt w/
sponsor: Steve Kalamarski (front left)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Jeff Kersting & Gary George

"Shuffle Kickoff"

September 24-25, 2004

Market Street Cafe, Charlestown, Maryland

Results & Photos By: Jim Dennis, MD

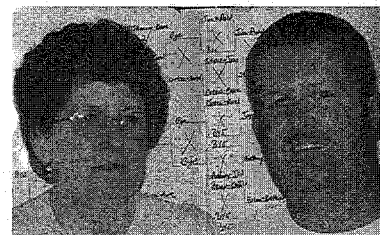
Charlestown, MD: (Sept. 24-25, 2004)

The Maryland shuffleboard tournament season started on September 24-25, 2004 with a "Shuffle Kickoff" at the Market Street Cafe in Charlestown on 3 excellent boards & play single game/double elimination. Friday was the ever popular "Draw Partners" (play to 2 am). On Sept. 25th we held the 3-Person Team event. Winners of both events were:

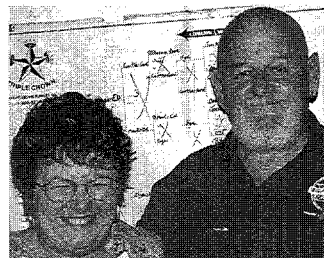
Draw Partners Winners (Friday):



1st Place (Above L-R):
John Gardner (DE) &
Cid Floriani (NJ)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Judy Iseman (MD) &
Steve Jordan (MD)



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Ann Fender (MD) &
Jim Dennis (MD)

3-Person Team Winners (Saturday)



1st Place (Left L-R):
Jim Dennis (MD), Jen Pickett
(MD), & Cid Floriana (NJ)

and no photos:

2nd Place:
Dave Shewbridge (MD), Ruth
Kelly (PA), & Archie (MD)

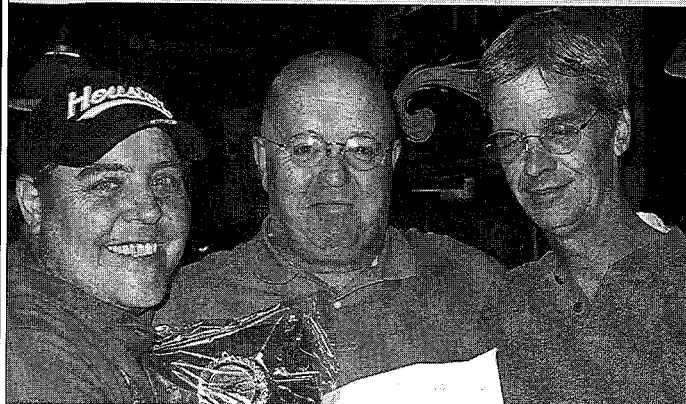
3rd Place:
Curtis Dean, Judy Iseman, &
Kathy Dennis

Dave Shewbridge, Tournament Director, scheduled our next event to be a pre-Reno event to be held on Oct. 22-23. We have a large group of locals making a mass exodus for Reno. All expectations are high based on last years' success. See "Calendar of Events" (this issue) for other upcoming events scheduled at Market Street Cafe.

NOTE: Chip & Bobbi Sprangler's daughter, Stephanie (our bartender, waitress, cook, and all around good friend) is being married on Sunday, October 3rd and we all wish her the very best in years to come. -- By: Jim Dennis (MD)

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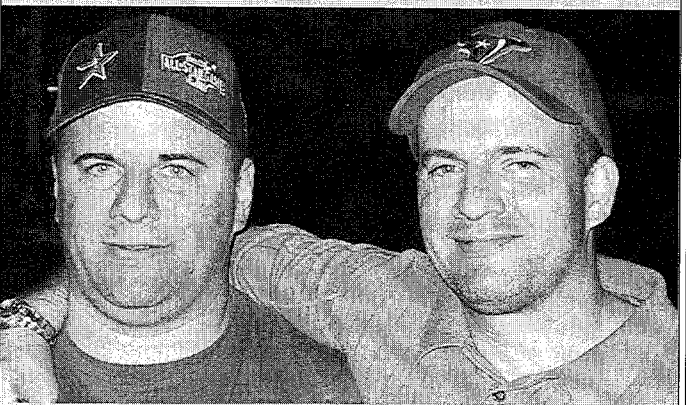
Bring Partner Div. II (Add to 3) Winners
Total Purse: \$5,535



1st Place (Above):
Jimmy Britt (left) & Bob Lee (right)
w/ sponsor: Robert Hoffman (center)

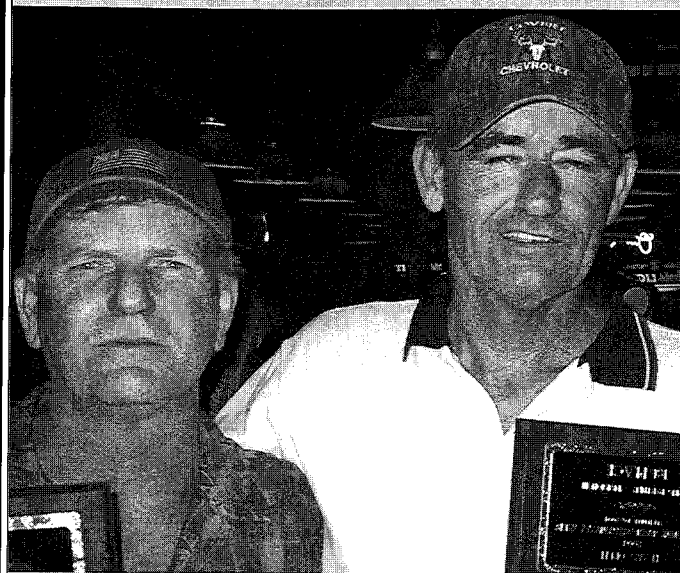


2nd Place (Above):
Danny Green (left) & Silvia Martinez (right)
w/ sponsor: Angie Snyder (center)



3rd Place (Above):
Chris Regan (left) & Mike Regan (right)
--- Houston Texas "Brother Team"---
(sponsored by: Flynt Preston)

Bring Partner Div. III (Add to 6) Winners
Total Purse: \$4,820



1st Place (Above L-R):
Rick McFarland & Ronnie McMellon (unrated)
(sponsored by: Flynt Preston)



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Bruce Childers &
Cynthia Calderon
(both unrated;
Houston Team)
(sponsored by:
Chris Smith)



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Holly Kofod (unrated)
& Ron McMahan Jr.
(sponsored by:
Angie Snyder)

6th Annual Wandering the World Women's Tournament

September 16-19, 2004

Pendleton Amvets Post 26, Pendleton, Indiana

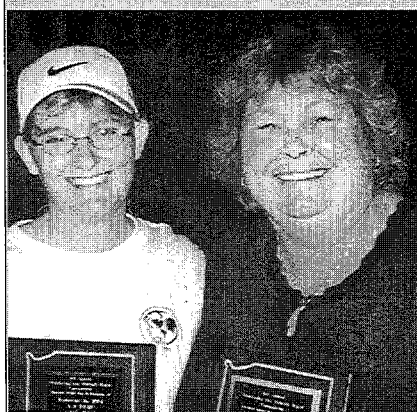
Results & Photos Submitted By: Sheryl Cockerill, Muncie, Indiana (Tournament Director)

Pendleton, IN: The 6th Annual "Wandering the World Women's Tournament" was held Sept. 16-19th at the Amvets Post 26 in Pendleton, Indiana. It was a wonderful time with ladies from AK, AZ, CA, IN, KY, MI, MO, NE, and OK participating. Thanks to all 60 players (36 ladies and 24 men) that played, watched, and cheered into the wee hours of the morning.

Many thanks to John McDermott of the Shuffleboard Federation for his donation of the dust/wax, silicone, a set of Federation weights for the raffle and last (but not least) for buying everyone a drink! Thanks John! Several other people and businesses made generous donations: Mike & Susie Halstead, Pam Dowell, Lucky's Tavern, Journey's End, Reddog Saloon, Gene's Bar, and the Madison City Visitors and Convention Bureau. Many thanks to All!

I would like to especially thank all who donated their time to help me run a smooth and successful tournament: Larry Creakbaum (Bracket Man), Aaron Williams (Computer Wiz), Mary Brown (Raffle Goddess & Money Woman), Steve Hart (Super Sponsor Sale man), Rudy Robinson (Great Shuttle King), and all the ladies auxiliary for providing the most delicious wonderful food.

Ladies' Draw Partner Winners



1st Place (Left L-R):

Jody Berry &
Linda Meyer



2nd Place (Above L-R):

Linda Churchman &
Susie Halstead



3rd Place (Above L-R):

Mary Brown &
Barb Head

Ladies' Bring Partner Winners



1st Place (Above L-R):

Deb Voorhis & Mickey Moy



2nd Place (Above L-R):

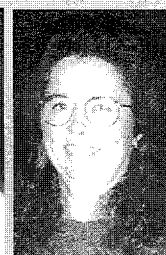
Missy Clark & Taya Keesling



3rd Place (Left L-R):

Mary Ellen Scott &
Linda Meyer

Ladies' Singles Winners



1st - 4th Place (Left L-R):

Mickey Moy (1st); Deb Voorhis (2nd); Jody Berry (3rd);
Sheryl Cockerill (4th)

There was a men's tournament that ran concurrent with the annual ladies' tournament. Winners were:

1st Place Draw Partner: Glen Ingram(IN)/Gil Aragon(AZ);
2nd Place Draw Partner: Steve Hart(IN)/Dave Boaz(IN);
1st Place Bring Partner: Rudy Robinson(IN)/Gil Aragon(AZ);
2nd Place Bring Partner: Tom Nolder(IN)/Jeff McFadden(IN);
1st Place Open Singles: Rudy Robinson(IN);
2nd Place Open Singles: Jeff McFadden (IN);
3rd Place Open Singles: Frank Blade(MI);
4th Place Open Singles: Tom Nolder(IN)

See you all in Kansas City, Missouri next year for the "7th Annual Wandering the World Women's Tournament"!

-- Reported by: Sherly Cockerill, Tournament Director

Candian Open 2004... Was a Port Orchard "Sweep"!

August 12-15, 2004

Royal Canadian Legion #48, 3249 Kingsway, Vancouver, Canada

Report Submitted By: Gordie Smith, CAN (sorry... the photos did not turn out)

Vancouver, Canada: Canadian Open 2004 Results (Aug. 12-15, 2004): [sorry... no winners' photos available]

Canadian Open 2004 Winners

Thurs Aug 12th Open Draw Partners (28 entries/14 teams):

- 1st place: Rick Gindt – Tacoma, WA &
Jake Jacobs – Victoria, BC
- 2nd place: Gordie Smith & Elaine Hill – Vancouver, BC
- 3rd place: Frank Mako – Port Orchard, WA &
Ken Butts – Vancouver, BC
- 4th place: Tom Campbell – Seattle, WA &
Eric Kolsrud – Vancouver, BC

Friday Aug 13th A-B-C Draw Team (39 entries/13 teams):

- 1st/2nd place (tied): Eric Kolsrud, Pat Preymak &
Dan Gillis – all Vancouver, BC and
"tied": Mike Waters – Takuya, WA,
Marty Atkinson & Ken Butts – Vancouver, BC
- 3rd place: Nick Billings, Lorraine Burchynsky &
Doug Moore – All Vancouver, BC
- 4th place: Joe Burry, Bert Darvault & Avis Sinclair –
all Vancouver, BC

Saturday Aug 14&15 Open Doubles – Division 1 & 2:

Open Doubles Division I:

- 1st place: Frank Mako – Port Orchard, WA &
Mike Waters – Takuya, WA
- 2nd place: Gordie Smith & Eric Kolsrud – Vancouver, BC

Open Doubles Division II:

- 1st place: Bill Walker & Vera Brown – Port Orchard, WA
- 2nd place: Marty Atkinson & Susan Clark – Vancouver, BC
- 3rd place: Dick Moore & Bert Darvault – Vancouver, BC

The winners of our 3 Special Hamper draws were:

- 1st prize: Marg Roantree – Vancouver, BC
- 2nd prize: "Slim" – New Westminster, BC
- 3rd prize: Dave Duffy – Vancouver, BC

Winners of our other door prizes were:

Mae & Bert Darvault, Vancouver, BC; Raymond Hadlock, Rogue River, OR; Gord Birrell, Vancouver, BC; Steve Fisher, Winston, OR; Doug Moore, Vancouver, BC; Lorraine Burchynsky, Vancouver, BC; Tom Campbell, Seattle, WA; Mel Sinclair, Vancouver, BC; Marty Atkinson, (Surrey) Vancouver, BC

From ticket sales and sponsorship we were able to add \$400 cash to each of Divisions I & II Doubles Events.

A very special thanks to the Sponsors of this event:

- Mark Minium of Burien, Honda who sponsored the Blue Goose Tavern van to transport the players from Port Orchard, WA.
- Eagle Shuffleboard: Gordie Smith
- Lorraine & Brian Burchynsky, Vancouver, BC
- Joanie Miller, Richmond, BC
- Marg Wonnacott, Vancouver, BC (top ticket seller)
- Ken Butts, Burnaby, BC
- Dot McRitchie Memorial: donations from the Shuffleboard League players
- Olympic Shuffleboard: Vern Gonzales
- Willies Cafe/99 Tavern: Steve Fisher, Winston, OR
- Whistling Oyster Bar: Bill & Sandee, Quilcene, WA

We would like to announce new in 2005 the addition of a "Ladies Open Doubles Event". Also work is in progress already for next year through our sponsors & fund raising to have an estimated \$2000.00-\$3000.00 added money for the scheduled Doubles events.

There was a good showing from out of town players from Rogue River, OR and Port Orchard, Tabuya, Seattle, Tacoma, WA, and Victoria, BC. We look forward to their return next year.

A BIG thanks to everyone who participated in the Canadian Open 2004, and congratulations to all the winners. Special thanks to Legion #48 executives and their members for their support, and to Gordie Smith, Ken Butts and all those individuals who worked effortlessly throughout the tournament to make it a success. We hope to see returning players and many new players at the CANADIAN OPEN 2005.

-- Report Submitted By: Gordie Smith, Canada

Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (CFSA)

July & August 2004 Tournament Reports

Submitted By: Barry McClean (Report) & Marty Allen (Photos)

Titusville, FL: (July 23-25, 2004)

"Our Place Saloon in Titusville hosts Friendship Tourney"

The CFSA held two single-elimination Draw Partner events on Friday (13 teams - no sponsor sale). The winner of the first draw was Tonia Cooper and newcomer Matt Trawle (1st time tournament), both of Mims. Second place was Dave Macko and another newcomer George Harrison of Port St. John. The winner of the second draw was Mark Arrowood of Port St. Johns & Barrie McClean, with second going to Frank Shear (Port St. John) & Larry Kellison (Titusville). Saturday was the AB Draw Partner, single game-double elimination event (8 teams - with sponsor sale). Sunday was the Bring Partner, single game-double elimination event (8 teams - with sponsor sale).

Mims, FL: (August 20-22, 2004)

"Moose Lodge #1962 in Mims hosts Brevard County Open"

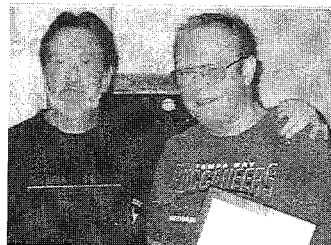
The CFSA held two single-elimination Draw Partner events on Friday (no sponsor sale). The winner of the first draw was Ursula Badouin and Rusty Nowakowski of Mims. Second place team was Doug Roberts of Titusville and Tonia Cooper of Mims. The winner of the second draw was Larry Cooper & Harold "Moose" Whitt of Mims. Second place was Marty Allen & Rusty Nowakowski. Saturday was the AB Draw Partner, single game-double elimination event (9 teams - with sponsor sale). Sunday was the Bring Partner, single game-double elimination event (9 teams - with sponsor sale). Thanks to Moose Lodge members & Terry Wendel & Gov. "Hot Rod" Raymond for everything!



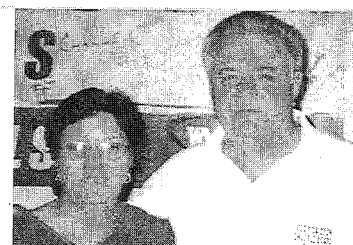
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AB DRAW 1st (Above L-R):
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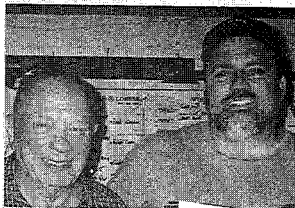
AB DRAW 2nd (Above L-R):
Harriet Raymond & Dave Macko



AB DRAW
1st (left):
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Barrie McClean
2nd (right):
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Larry Cooper



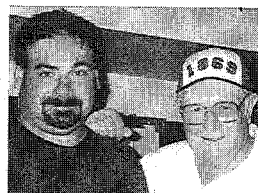
AB DRAW 3rd (left L-R):
Teresa Skare &
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AB DRAW
3rd (left):
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Bring Partner
1st (left L-R):
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& Dick Smedberg
2nd (right L-R):
Moose Whitt &
Marty Allen



Bring Partner 1st
(Above L-R):
Marty Allen & Moose Whitt



Bring Partner 1st
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Bring Partner
3rd (left L-R):
Jerry Gray &
Dave Macko

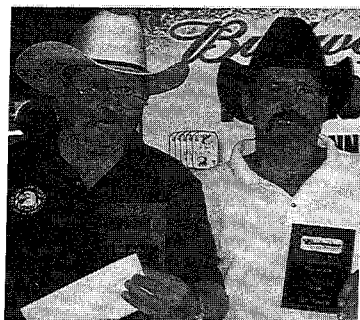


Bring Partner
3rd (left L-R):
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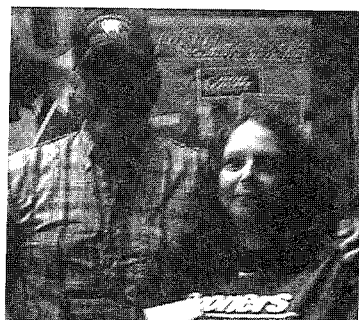
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Bring Partner 4th (Above L- R):
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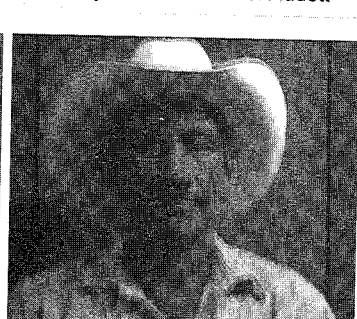
Singles Div. I 1st & 2nd
[Above L (1st) - R (2nd)]:
Harvey Walden & Gerald Wood



Singles Div. II 1st
(Above):
Mark Gray (Missouri)



Singles Div. II 2nd
(Above):
Danny Baxter



Singles Div. II 3rd
(Above):
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OCTOBER 2004

October 8-9

4th Annual Columbus Day
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October 14-16 (Re: Upcoming Events)

3rd Annual Missouri Champions
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October 15-17 (Re: Flyer August Issue)

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 16

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

October 22-23

Charlie Brown's Trick-R-Treat
Market Street Cafe
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Oct. 30-Nov. 7 (See September Issue)

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NOVEMBER 2004

November 18-21 (Re: Upcoming Events)

Nebraska State Open
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November 19-20

Early Bird/Win-A-Bird
Market Street Cafe
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November 25-27

Annual Thanksgiving Tournament
Eagles Lodge
Houston, Missouri

November 25-28

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Oskar's Bar & Grill
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November 25-28

Florida State Championships
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November 26-27

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DECEMBER 2004

December 10-12

15th Annual Santa Classic
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December 17-18

Santa's Special
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December 18

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

December 26-31 (See Flyer Insert)

Houston Holiday Open
Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel
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JANUARY 2005

January 23-24

Winter Blues at Market St. Booze
Market Street Cafe
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FEBRUARY 2005

February 18-21

14th Annual President's Day
T's Cocktails
Modesto, California

February 19

Singles Tournament
Journey's End Bar & Grill
Bourbon, Indiana

February 21-22

Nelson Renzo Memorial
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

MARCH 2005

March 10-13

Cape Kennedy "Blast Off"
Moose Lodge #1962
Mims, Florida

March 17-20

Florida Open 2005
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March 19-20

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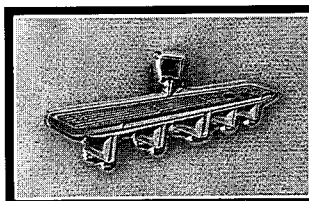
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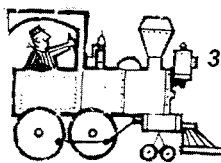
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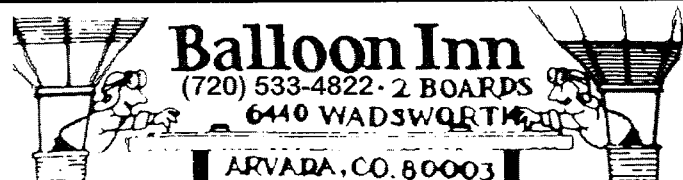
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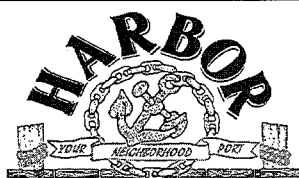
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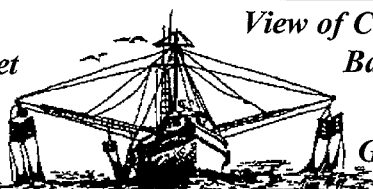
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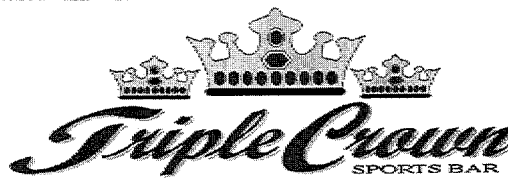
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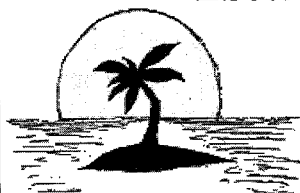
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Fri. Aug. 27th: A/B Draw Partner

Three states were represented at the 2nd 2004 Amateur tournament hosted by Journey's End bar & Grill. Terry Wolford and Don Geiger from Ohio joined the Bourbon faithful in the A/B Draw partner held Friday night. With 6 boards at our disposal, including two boards on semi-permanent loan from Gary Anglin and Bill Niswonger, we were able to leave one board open for practice while the A/B draw was going on. A big thank you for all the "A" players that participated in this entry fee only event. That's one of the reasons there are so many good players from Bourbon. The "A" players help and teach those just learning. Shuffleboard needs more young players and Bourbon will be glad to help provide the next generation! The Friday night A/B event drew 14 teams. The winners of the A/B were:



AB Draw 1st (Above L- R):
Ed Stachulak(B) & Terry



AB Draw 2nd (Above L- R):
Ray Miller(A) & Keith Spenser(B)



AB Draw 3rd (Above L- R):
Bud Esterline(A) & Missy Rupe(B)



AB Draw 4th (Above L- R):
Mary Brown(A) & Jack Hamilton(B)

Sat. Aug. 28th: Amateur Singles & Doubles & Pro Shootout

Saturday August 28th dawned hot and humid and the shuffleboard play was the same. Ann Harrell manned the registration desk and Lisa Koontz did the bookkeeping. Gary Neff (Tournament Director) marshaled the troops and single handedly kept play moving for three simultaneous events on the 6 boards. Good job Gary! A total of 38 amateurs and 11 professionals participated in the 3 events.

\$100 Pro Shootout (12 Players)

A talented group 12 of professionals participated in the "pro" shootout. Not a bad turnout for the first event of the season. Ray Miller was the hot dog of the day taking home 60% of the total purse. Terry Dowell placed 2nd with 30% and Mike Koontz received 10%. Not a bad pay day!

\$100 Pro Shootout – (winner's photos in column 2)

- 1st Ray Miller
- 2nd Terry Dowell
- 3rd Mike Koontz



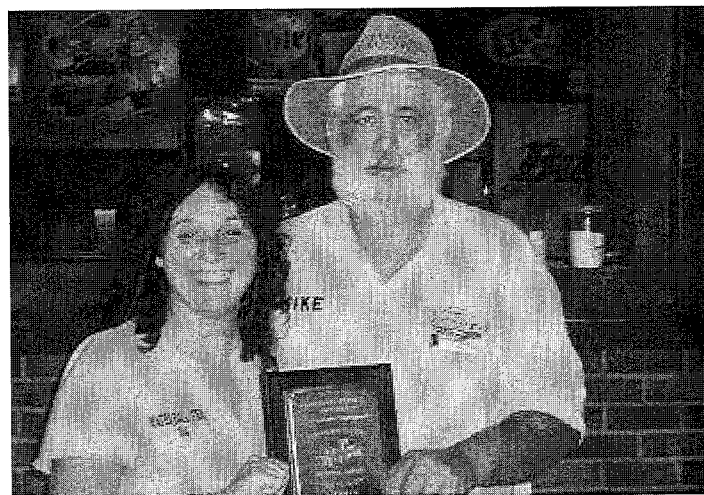
Pro Shootout 1st & 3rd Place(Above):
1st: Ray Miller (right) & Mike Koontz (left)



Pro Shootout 2nd Place (Left):
Terry Dowell

Amateur Singles (27 Players):

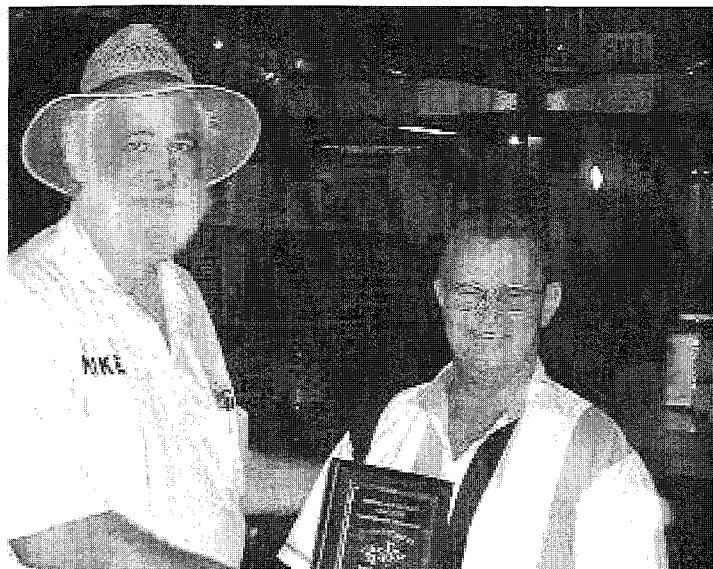
Local favorite Kristie Redman repeated as the Amateur Singles Champion, fighting off all comers, not losing a singles game all day. Once again our guests from OH and MI made off with a chunk of change. Total payout for the singles was \$1,690 to six places. Winners photos follow below & next page...



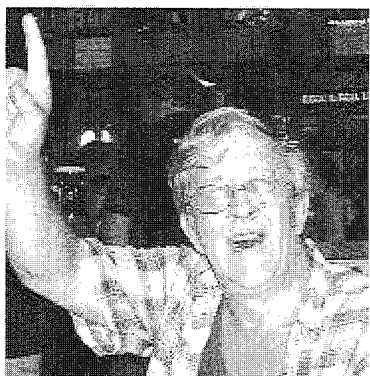
Singles 1st Place(Above):
Kristie Redman (left)
presented award by
Mike Koontz, Journey's End Owner (right)

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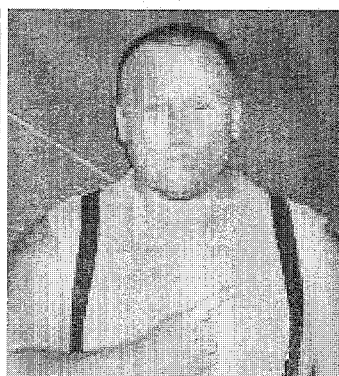
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Singles (Continued)

Singles 2nd Place (Above):
Don Geiger (right - Ohio) presented award by Mike Koontz



Singles 3rd Place (Above):
Bobby Auten (MI)



Singles 4th Place (Above):
Jack Hamilton

No Photo: 5th/6th Place Singles (tie): Terry Wolford (OH) & Wally Dan

Amateur Doubles (18 Teams)

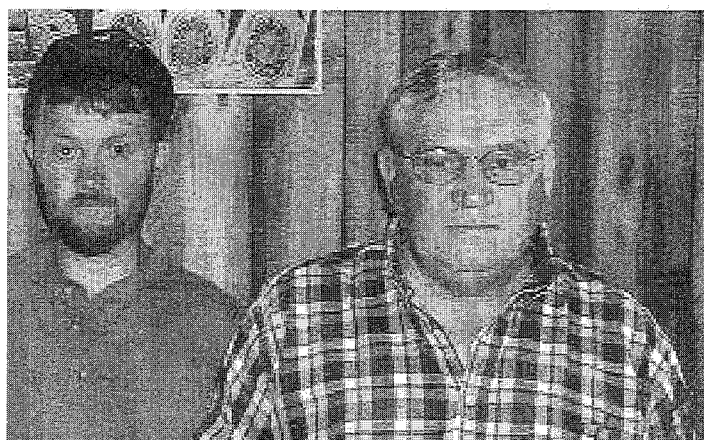
At stake in the doubles tournament was a total purse of \$1,290 with a payout of 4 places to the participating 18 teams. Terry Wolford and Don Geiger of Ohio placed 1st, with Bobby Auten and "Saint" Rob Kern, the "bracketman" from MI, finishing 2nd. Long time married couple Pat & Lisa Riewalt placed 4th in their first ever shuffleboard tournament together!



Doubles 1st Place (Above L-R):
Terry Wolford & Don Geiger (Ohio Team)
Note: Terry Wolford also placed in Singles! Congrats!



Doubles 2nd Place (Above L-R):
Bobby Auten & Rob Kern (Michigan Team)



Doubles 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Mike Grimes & Bill Niswonger



Doubles 4th Place (Above L-R):
Pat & Lisa Riewalt

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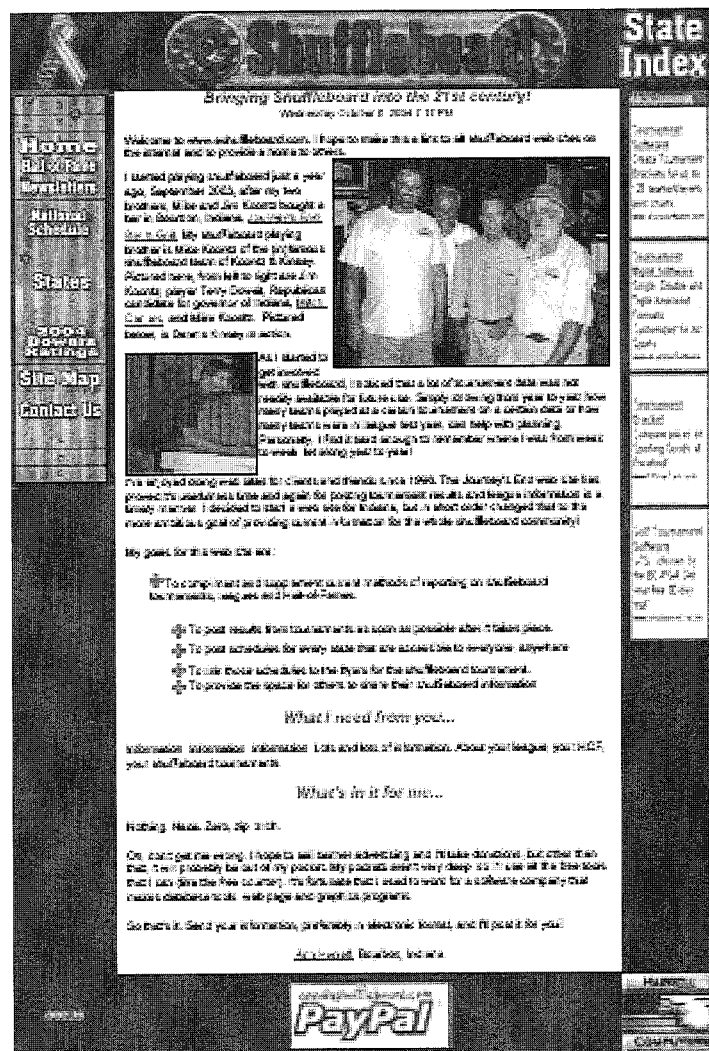
Promote Shuffleboard

An unexpected event about 8PM helped get shuffleboard into the mainstream news. The republican candidate for governor of Indiana, Mitch Daniels, had stopped. He stayed for about 40 minutes with a group of his campaign workers. He took a turn at the table after a game was over. More pictures were taken and shirts were exchanged and they went on their way.

Sunday I finished up the webpage (http://www.bourbon.org/JourneysEnd/amateur_fall2004.htm) for the tournament and uploaded the pictures to the picture gallery. Monday morning I called the local newspaper (Bourbon News Mirror, oldest weekly paper in the state). I directed them to the pictures and gave them the phone numbers of my brothers for details.

Imagine my surprise when I walked into Journey's End after work to see my brother holding a copy of the local DAILY paper with my pictures on the front page! They spelled everyone's name right, mentioned the bar and shuffleboard! Later in the week, they also appeared in our weekly paper. Hopefully more opportunities for shuffleboard publicity will present themselves in the future.

Reported By: Ann Harrell



Note: Above is Ann Harrell's home page excerpted from her newly designed website which is located at: www.eshuffleboard.com

Refer to next page for more details about Ann Harrell's new shuffleboard website.

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www.eshuffleboard.com
Bourbon, Indiana
by Ann Harrell

Introducing www.eshuffleboard.com! I hope to make this a link to all shuffleboard web sites on the internet and to provide a home for everyone to post their shuffleboard tournament results, schedules, league results and Hall-of-Fame.

I've enjoyed doing web sites for clients and friends since 1996. The Journey's End web site has proved its usefulness time and again for posting tournament results and league information in a timely manner. I decided to start a web site for Indiana, but in short order changed that to the more ambitious goal of providing current and archival information for the whole shuffleboard community!

As I started to get involved with shuffleboard, I noticed that a lot of tournament data was not readily available for future use. Simply knowing from year to year how many teams played at a certain tournament on a certain date or how many teams were in league last year, can help with planning future events both for tournament directors and potential players. Personally, I find it hard enough to remember where I was from week to week, let alone year to year!

We can share ideas. For instance, Larry Creakbaum, Indiana Hall of Famer, has for years, published a suggested schedule for Northeast Indiana. This is the Indiana Shuffleboard Bible. Not only are the local tournaments on it but, NASC, Del City, OK, Houghton Lake, MI, The Boardtalk Open and the Michigan Open. This way you can plan your shuffleboard playing dates for the whole year with no conflicts. You can see the schedule here: http://www.eshuffleboard.com/IN/Indiana_Schedule.htm

I would love to get schedules from every state!

Because the web has unlimited space, I also like to post the names of everyone that played in a tournament, not just the winners. This way you can search on your name and see how many weekends you played and in what tournament and where. You will be able to search both the Journey's End site (I will continue to post tournament results there) and [eshuffleboard.com](http://www.eshuffleboard.com) from the same search box once [eshuffleboard.com](http://www.eshuffleboard.com) has been indexed by the search engines.

I also take "candid" photos with my digital camera and post a picture gallery. I've done this for the last few tournaments at Journey's End. They are linked at: http://www.eshuffleboard.com/IN/Indiana_Tournament_Results.htm

What I would like from you....

Information. Information. Information. Lots and lots of information. About your league, your HOF, your shuffleboard tournaments your shuffleboard web sites. And not just current information. Scan your HOF pictures and email them to me and I will post them for you and any archival information you might want to share. You can email me at ann@eshuffleboard.com for correspondence or to send files up to 6MB send to: eshuffleboard@gmail.com

Thanks, Ann Harrell

More Indiana News...

Bourbon American Legion 424
May and October 2004 Tournament News Report
By: Mary Brown

First of all, I would like to apologize to all the players for sending these results in so late for the May Tournament. It has been a very busy summer!

The Annual Spring Tournament on May 5-6 in Bourbon, Indiana had a great turnout. The Friday draw had 32 players with Indiana team of Bobby Voorhis and Rick Stocker taking 1st. 2nd place went to the team of Jerry Siebert (Michigan) and Dave "fluffy" Boaz (Indiana). 3rd place went to Gary Anglin (Indiana) and Dennis Stantz (Ohio).

Then on Saturday, the doubles had 26 teams with the Michigan team of Jerry Siebert and Frank Blade on top, with Ray Miller & Jerry Knox (Indiana) taking 2nd. Glen Ingram and Jim "gray fox" Long took 3rd. Bobby Voorhis and Terry Dowell took 4th. The teams splitting 5th/6th place were: Larry Brown/Rick Stocker (Indiana team) and Steve Auten/Alonzo Cottrell (Michigan Team).

Sunday was Singles with Glen Ingram on top and with Mike Johnson and Bobby Voorhis taking 2nd and 3rd.

Now for the Annual Fall Tournament on October 1-3. The turnout was not as big, as had really great Indiana weather for that week-end.

The Friday night draw had 30 players with Brian Collins & Dave Arnett and Glen Ingram & Mike Johnson splitting 1st and 2nd. Jerry Siebert & Dave Boaz took 3rd.

On Saturday, we had 15 teams. Glen Ingram & Mike Johnson took 1st. Mike Koontz & Dennis Kinsey took 2nd and Ray Miller & Jerry Knox took 3rd.

Sunday we had 14 players for singles with Frank Blade (Michigan) taking 1st; Mike Johnson (Indiana) taking 2nd; and Terry Dowell (Indiana) taking 3rd.

Again, I want to apologize for being so late and not having all the pictures!!

Lastly, we would all like to welcome a new addition to the shuffleboard family... Kassidy Jo Royal born to Dena & Rick Royal of Muncie, Indiana on October 5th. CONGRATS TO YOU ALL (and brothers Nathan & Jacob)!

NOTE: May winners below: (sorry I don't have them all)...



May Doubles 1st Place: (L-R)
 Frank Blade & Jerry Siebert



May Doubles 3rd Place (L-R)
 Glen Ingram & Jim Long

For October Fall Tournament winner photos, go to Ann Harrell's website:

eshuffleboard.com/IN/IN_Tournaments/Bourbon_Legion_October_2004.htm

-- Thanks, Mary Brown

From: The Board Talk Editors/Publishers

"News" "Misc." & Board Talk Tentative Print Schedule Plans

REMINDER & NEWS FROM THE EDITORS:

Submissions are due by the **10th of each month during 2004**. If you get your submissions in by the 10th of each month, it will be printed in the next issue (whether it turns out to be a monthly or a bi-monthly "test" issue).

Planned 2004 Issues

January 2004
February 2004
March 2004
April 2004
May/June 2004
July 2004
August 2004
September 2004
October/November 2004
December 2004

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The deadline is the **10th** of each month for the next month's issue.

May 10, 2004
June 10, 2004
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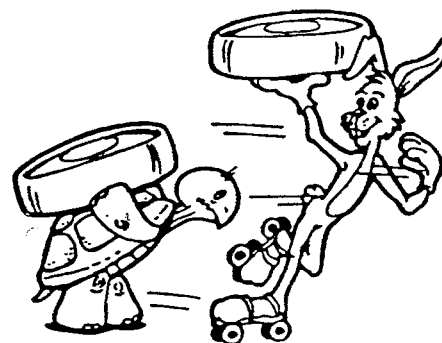
If we can do at least 2 bi-monthly "test" issues in 2004, it should be enough for us to measure the savings (if any). Also, we would like to get feedback on electronic versus hardcopy to evaluate, as this is another suggestion we have received from many of you -- provide a hardcopy and/or an electronic subscription option. To consider this suggestion we must do a "test" and as many subscribers that have email to help us in that test effort.

PLEASE... all persons who have email, please send us your current email address and let us know you would like to participate in the electronic issue "test".

Email us at: lynda@jump.net

Thanks, Tom & Lynda French

Many thanks to all
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Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

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