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SW OPEN 2004

Annual 4th of July Competition & Fun

July 4 - 10, 2004

American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma

Report & Photos By: Joyce Gamble, Oklahoma

For the last three years the American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma has taken part in a fund raiser for the "Special Olympics of Oklahoma". This year Lorraine Olson was the player with the BIG HEART. She donated several sets of new style tops for a drawing and for raffles. All the money made went to the special olympic children.

Officer John Beech has been coming to the Legion for our help during the 4th of July Tournament. He reports we have raised over \$3500.00 of which \$1,000.00 was raised this year alone. He has raised over \$12,000.00 this year for these children. He is not only a Police Officer but a Tech Sergeant with the 507th Wing, located at Tinker Air Force Base.

He loves his work with these "Special Children" and spends long hours donating his time and energy for this cause. The money goes for new equipment and wind suits.

Officer Beech wants to thank all the players for their generosity. I'm sure all the players would like to thank him for his dedication to such a worthwhile program. Hopefully, next year, we can top what we did this year.

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"Special Olympics of Oklahoma" Fund-Raiser Raffle Winners were:



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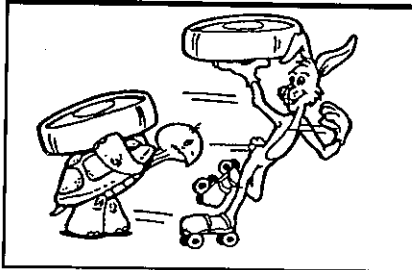
Gary Anglin (Indiana) & "Puggs" Byers (Nebraska)

We had players from across the country joining in this 4th of July competition and fun and wish to thank all the players, sponsors, staff, and volunteers for making this tournament another annual success!

Before we get into the event winners, we would like to recognize and congratulate those "MVP Bonus Point Champs", being: Richard Pisarski (Overall Points), Bill Melton (-1 Rated Points), David Williams Jr. (0 Rated Points); Linda Nobles (1 Rated Points); Mike Regan (2 Rated Points); and Richard Pisarski (3/4 Rated Points).

This year's events included: 4-Person Team (2 Divisions); Singles (4 Divisions); A/B Draw (2 Divisions); 6-Person Draft; Singles (4 Divisions); and Bring Partner (4 Divisions).

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Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

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

Two Comments Received Since August 2004 Issue

1) Tom & Lynda, Hope you guys are doing good. Love the electronic Board Talk-keep up the excellent work. We are moving to Forney, Texas, so please change our address. Not sure what we will be doing about playing shuffleboard, as we are going to be about 50 miles or so from the Gold Nugget in Arlington. Guess we will find a new club or, well I just don't want to think about that. Our email address will stay the same. You guys take care and hope to see you soon (somewhere)!!

—Gary Nelson, TX

2) Tom & Lynda, I support whatever changes you decide need to be made.

—Bob Pfister, LA

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

Each year since the first issue (December 2000) that we took over as Editors/Publishers, Champion Shuffleboard evaluates the viability of continuing The Board Talk and we work jointly with them each year to provide financial status along with subscriber & advertiser details to assist them with whether they wish to continue the publication and, if so, in what format.

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

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

-- URGENT ATTENTION --

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

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

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

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

Electronic "Beta Test" status: We have found that any type of "electronic only" publication is a waste of time and reaches very few people (1/3 to 1/2 of the current subscriber base). Considering an electronic option may be a viable additional consideration, but not an "Electronic ONLY" option.

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

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

Publication Content Information

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

Basics on How to Play & Score in "Horse Collar"

(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 the July & August 2004 issues (page 3) and "Horse Collar" (featured in this issue). 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 "Horse Collar" Game

Games can be played one-on-one (2 players) or with two or more teams of two players per team, playing on same end of the board. Each player/team uses one set of weights [red or blue]. Depending upon the number of players, teams may need to alternate ends as the frames change. Games are played in frames until one team scores 51-points. However, scoring 51-points first does not necessarily make that team the winner. Every team gets to finish each frame and the highest score is the winner. If the team that scores 51-points or more has the hammer (the last team to play), then they are declared the winners. Before a team can score any points at all, at least one weight must be 3-points or more. Weights are considered in play if they are on the board and past the designated foul line [which typically is the "short" foul line nearest to the player's end of the board]. It is important to know before the game starts which foul line has been designated, but typically it will be the "short" foul line nearest to the player that is shooting.

If playing singles, one player will throw all eight weights. If playing teams (4 or 8 players), one player will throw 4 weights of the same color, then the other player will throw the remaining 4 weights. The objective is to get at least one weight into the 3-point or more zone to get the scoring started. You may bump or tap weights to accomplish this or simply lag one in. All weights must be past the designated (short or short) foul line or off the board. If a weight remains on the board that is not past the designated foul line, no points can be awarded - but if it is not your last weight, it may be knocked off. Again, the objective is to get at least one weight into the 3-point or greater zone [without any weights short of the designated foul line - again, typically the "short" foul line], in order for any points to count. See below for specifics of How to Play with 2 players or in teams of 4 or 8 players.

How To Play With 2 Players

Players stand at opposite ends of the board, facing each other. The first player shoots all 8 weights (4 blue; 4 red) consecutively towards the opposite end of the board. After all weights have been shot, the score is counted as shown in below illustration under "Method of Scoring". Then the board is cleared and the opponent shoots in the same manner from the end of the shuffleboard at which he is standing. Players alternate shooting until one player has scored 51 points.

(See "Technical Points" - Rule 1 on Page 18).

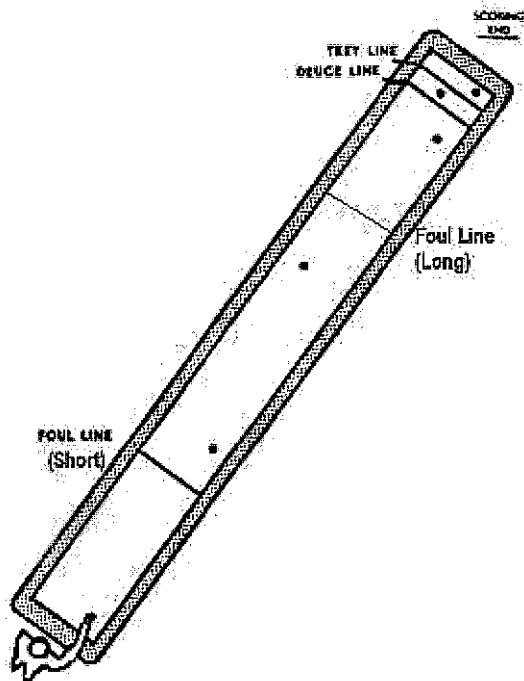
How To Play With 4 Players (2-Player Teams) or 8 Players (4-Player Teams)

With more than two persons, Horse Collar is a team game. If there are 4 players, they divide into teams of 2 each; if 8 players, they divide into teams of 4. To start a game the opposing teams station themselves at opposite ends of the shuffleboard - all players of one team at one end, all their opponents at the other end. The first team shoots all 8 weights toward the opposite end at the other end of the board. The first team shoots all its 8 weights toward the opposite end, with each member of the team shooting his quota consecutively, in the following manner:

- On a 2-player team, the first player shoots 4 weights, in a row and then his partner shoots the remaining 4 weights of opposite color.
- On a 4-player team, the first player shoots 2 weights in a row, and each of his partners in turn shots 2 weights in a row until all 8 weights have been shot.

When all 8 weights have been thrown, score is counted as shown in "Method of Scoring" (See Page 18). Then the opposing team clears the board and shoots its 8 weights in the same manner as described above. Teams continue to alternate shooting until one team has scored 51 points.

(See "Technical Points" - Rule 1 on Page 18).



(How to Play & Score "Horse Collar"...Continued On Page 18)

Texas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indiana

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

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

Indiana

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

Washington

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

Nifty Fifty's III at 13021 Pacific Hwy. South, Tacoma, Washington is hosting a memorial tournament and induction into the northwest shuffleboard hall of fame in honor of Jack Steffensen. The schedule of events are as follows. Fri., Sept. 24th @ 7:00pm, Open Draw Partners, \$10/player Sat./Sun., Sept. 25-26th, Div. I Doubles, \$50/player (no two -1's can play together); Sat./Sun., Sept. 25-26th, Div. II Doubles, \$25/player (must be rated 1.50 or higher in Bowers 2004 Ratings). Play will be on 4+ boards. Both Doubles Divisions will be 2 out of 3 in the winners bracket and one game to 21 in the losers bracket. Tee shirt sales will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and play will begin immediately after. The induction ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and a potluck will be served following the induction.

We are planning on having over \$400.00 in door prizes to be drawn every hour. There is going to be lots going on and we hope to see you there. For more information contact tournament directors Randy Ausbun or Justin Louderback at (253) 255-5188 or Michelle Foran at (253) 474-2724 or email Michelle at: mforan8@comcast.net

Colorado

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

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 Accomodations: Belton Inn- 150 an 71 Hwy. Belton Mo. (816-331-6300) or Super 8- 15201 S. 71 Hwy. Grandview Mo. (816-331-0300).

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 pre-registration form.

For More Information, contact: Jack Scott 832-788-1845

Reminder...

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

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Food for Thought...

**"Never look down on a person
unless you're helping them up!!"**

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4-Person Team (Div. I) Winners**1st Place (Above L-R):**

Milford Parker (sponsor), David Williams Jr.,
Sally Phillips, Pat Linville, David Williams Sr (captain)

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

Milford Parker (sponsor), Brian Collins,
Bill Melton (captain), Carolyn Jones, Jim Payne

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

Chris Smith (sponsor), Lenny Dell,
Rick Niblett (captain), Carlos Guzman, Mike Regan

and (no photos available) **4th-8th Place** winners:

4th: Mike Taylor (captain), Kelly Cameron,
Mahlon Nobles, Mickey Moy

5th/6th (tie): Billy Mays (captain), Billy Melton,
Mark Melton, Jeff Womble (and)

Chris Smith (captain), Robert Duncan,
C.W. Walker, Greg Hixon

7th/8th (tie): Brenda Williams (captain), Rick Jones,
Gerald Woods, Bud Esterline (and)
Terry Dowell (captain), Gary Anglin,
Dave Vordran, Rick Stocker

4-Person Team (Div. II) Winners**1st Place (Above L-R):**

Billy Melton (sponsor), Linda Nobles (captain),
Billy Nichols, Martin Jordan, Richard Pisarski

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

Weldon Lambert (captain), Jean Renfro,
David Renfro, David Chandler, Ronnie Gamble (sponsor)

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

Milford Parker (sponsor), Ronnie Gamble (captain),
E.T. Jensen, Robert Hoffman, Danielle Bruggeman (no photo)

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

Gerald Woods (sponsor), Carol Audett (captain),
Penny Meharg, Vickie Hennig, Floyd Brent

and (not pictured) **5th-8th Place** winners:

5th/6th (tie): Ruthie Atherton (captain), Ron Underwood,
Alice Patterson, Phil Copeland (and)

Jim Kosiske (captain), Puggs Byers,
Merle Dodson, Jim Filkins

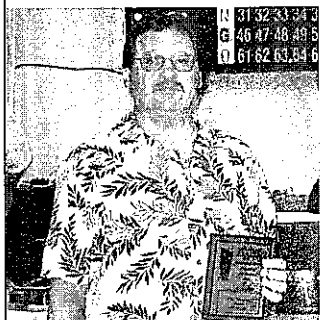
7th/8th (tie): Terry Yingst (captain), Kathy Yingst,
Jason Veal, Shirley Gariets (and)

Steve Hamilton (captain), Larry Zahm,
Nicki Medina, Dave Dickerson

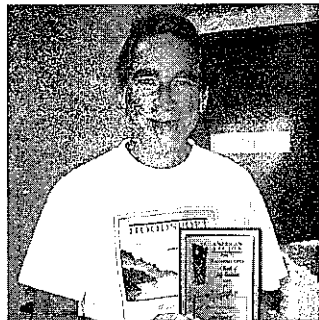
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Singles (Pro Division) Winners



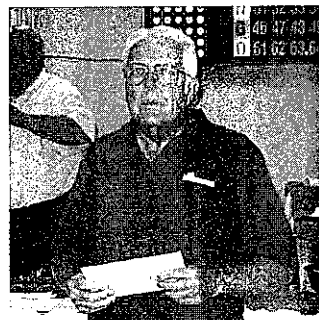
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Bobby Voorhis (IN)



2nd Place (Above):
Darrol Nelson (OR)



3rd Place (Above):
Billy Melton (OK)



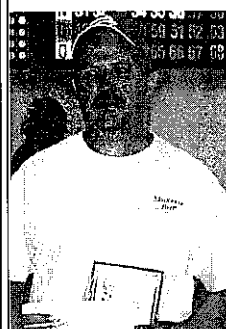
4th Place (Above):
Bill Melton (OK)

5th-8th Place (not pictured) Winners:

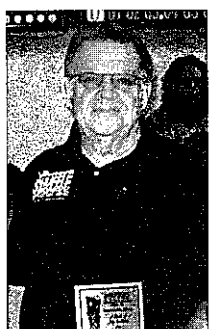
5th/6th (tie): Mike Taylor (TX) & Frank Blade (MI)

7th/8th (tie): Jim Payne (NE) & Brian Collins (IN)

Singles (Division I) Winners



1st Place (Above):
Dave Vorndran



2nd Place (Above):
Ken Storck



3rd Place (Above):
Dave Davidson



4th Place (Above):
David Williams Jr

5th-8th Place (not pictured) Winners:

5th/6th (tie):

Jim Tribble & Steve Hamilton

7th/8th (tie):

Craig Amundson & James Cummings

Singles (Division II) Winners



1st Place (Above):
Vickie Hennig



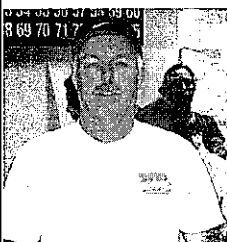
2nd Place (Above):
Rene Roberts



3rd Place (Above):
Mike Regan

4th-8th Place Winners:

4th: Mickey Moy (no photo)

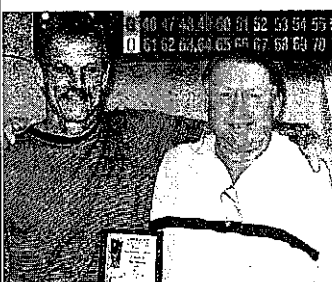


5th/6th (tie):
Jim Filkins (above)
& Jim French
(no photo)



7th/8th (tie): (Above L-R)
Milford Parker & Butch Thomas

Singles (Division III) Winners



1st Place (Above L-R):
Martin Jordon
w/ Ronnie Gamble (sponsor)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Nicki Medina
w/ Ronnie Gamble (sponsor)



3rd Place (Above):
Bruce Childers (right)
w/ Bill Melton (sponsor-left)

4th-8th Place Winners:
(not pictured)

4th: Terry Hixon

5th/6th (tie):
Dave Dickerson &
Tony McNew

7th/8th (tie):
Wayne Cupp &
Angie Moore

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A/B Draw (Division I) Winners

1st Place (Above L-R):
Mary Brown & Bill Melton



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Pam Dowell & David Williams Sr



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Gil Aragon & Billy Melton



4th Place (Above L-R):
Ryan Devlin & Gary Anglin



5th/6th (tie -Above L-R):
Sheryl Cockerill &
Kelly Cameron



5th/6th (tie -Above L-R):
Dennis Stantz &
Bobby Voorhis

7th/8th (tie) Winners: (no photos)
Darrol Nelson & Linda Nobles and
Glen Davidson & Sally Phillips

A/B Draw (Division II) Winners

1st Place (Above L-R):
Dan Kelly & Ashley Tinsley



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Richard Pisarski & Jeannie Wills



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Ron Underwood &
Tammy Morgan



4th Place (Above L-R):
Andy Leier &
Hoot Hodge



5th/6th (tie -Above L-R):
Charlie Riley &
Taya Keesling



5th/6th (tie -Above L-R):
Butch Thomas &
Robert Hoffman



7th/8th (tie -Above L-R):
Jackie Trotter &
Alben McDonald



7th/8th (tie -Above):
David Veazey & Floyd Brent

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Bring Partner (Pro Division) Winners

1st Place (Above L-R):
Bobby Voorhis &
Kelly Cameron w/ Molley
Cravey (sponsor-center)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Mike Bradley (sponsor),
Mike Taylor & Tony Pelton



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Billy Melton & Brian Walker

4th-8th Place Winners:
(no photos)

4th: Bill Melton & Jim Payne
5th/6th (tie): David Williams Sr
& David Williams Jr and
Billy Mays & Ken Storck
7th/8th (tie): Dave Ramold
& Ken Simmons and
Ryan Devlin & Darrol Nelson

Bring Partner (Division II) Winners

1st Place (Above L-R):
Mark Steelman &
Drew Willingham



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Charles Peltier &
Mike Regan



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Mickey Moy &
Carolyn Jones

4th-8th Place Winners:
(no photos)

4th: Kathy Yingst &
Lorraine Olson
5th/6th (tie): Cliff Visel &
Craig White and
Dan Kelly & Butch Thomas
7th/8th (tie): Mike Coon &
Terry Gerard and
Darold Kinard &
Stephyne Stevens

Bring Partner (Division I) Winners

1st Place (Above L-R):
Lynn Tice & Jean Renfro



2nd Place (Above L-R):
James Cummings & Billy Poole



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Steve Hamilton & Doug Paben

4th-8th Place Winners:
(no photos)

4th: Mary Koteras &
Linda Nobles
5th/6th (tie): Gary Neff &
Dennis Stantz and
Chris Boyett & Ray Boyett
7th/8th (tie):
Dave Shewbridge &
Robert Jacobsen Ramold and
Jody Berry & Rick Stocker

Bring Partner (Division III) Winners

1st Place (Above L-R):
Gary Stephenson &
Terry Hixon



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Richard Pisarski &
Martin Jordan



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Tammy & James Morgan



4th Place (Above L-R):
David Renfro & David Chandler

5th-8th Place Winners: (no photos)

5th/6th (tie): Larry & Pam Heinbigner and
Delane & Angie Moore
7th/8th (tie): Puggs Byers & Merle Dodson and
Manny Canada & Mollie Cravey

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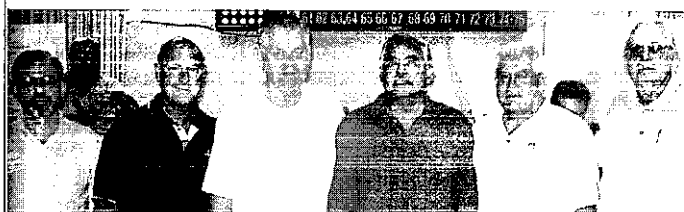
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6-Person Draft Team Winners**1st Place (Above L-R):**

Jim Tribble, Lanc Quick, Diana Hagen (captain),
Richard Pisarski, Glenda Nickum, Rick Pittman

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

Jason Veal, Mike Regan, David Williams Jr (captain),
John Williamson, Danny Baxter, David Veazey

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

Ian Via, Frank Edelen, Larry Creakbaum, Al Salazar (captain),
Gil Aragon, James Kennedy (aka JFK)

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

Martin Jordan, Carlos Guzman (captain), Brian Dial,
Chris Boyett, Phil Copeland, Ron Underwood

**5th/6th Place (tie -- Above L-R):**

Steve Taylor, Nicki Medina, Lenny Dell (captain),
Gilbert Baird, Cliff Visel, Lee Kinley

6-Person Draft Team Winners**5th/6th Place (tie -- Above L-R):**

Linda Nobles, Gary Neff, Samatha Bruggeman,
Larry Dotterer, Jeannie Wills, Dave Ramold (captain)

**7th/8th Place (tie -- Above L-R):**

Bill Wooldridge, Phil Gardner, Bobby Williams (captain),
Billy Poole, Alice Patterson, Barry Pipkin

**7th/8th Place (tie -- Above L-R):**

Dave Dickerson, Kelly Cameron (captain), Larry Brown,
Ann Walker, Charlotte Curtis, Robert Hoffman

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Glen made all new board wipes for the boards for one of our Kansas City Shoot Out tournament. He put hangers on all the boards so we could hang the wipes from the boards. He helps any way he can and believe me he does a wonderful job. When tournament day comes around you will also see Glen sitting at the front desk ready to sign you up.



Glen Tubbs Kc Mo

Glen does own a few boards himself. He is always willing to talk shuffleboard with anyone who will listen. He put one of his shuffleboards in a bar in KC. That bar is called the Elbow Bend and is located at 12402 Blue Ridge Blvd. in Grandview, Mo. that did not previously have a shuffleboard. Now they are now playing there on Wednesday and Friday Evenings. Putting in a board in at Elbow Bend is allowing more people to become familiar with the game. They are just getting started, but on any given shuffleboard night they have at least 8-16 players. The owner never figured it would catch on so fast.

KC Shufflers also play at the Doghouse at 6109 Main Street in Grandview Mo. on Thursday Evenings which is a fun place to play.

The Elks Lodge # 2088 at 13600 Arrington Rd. in Grandview Mo. is where you will find play on Tuesday evenings. This is where the KC Shufflers hold many of their tournaments. The lodge is cool in the summer, warm in the winter and friendly as can be. There is always 3 boards in there for playing. Any players coming through Kansas City Missouri area should just give Glen a call and he will get some players together to play a few games with you.

As of right now, the only night open is Monday night. That leaves room for Monday night football. Our hats off to Glen for helping promote shuffleboard in the Kansas City area.

---Written by KC Shufflers



Humor Column



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by Rogoff



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4th of July at Journey's End Bar & Grill

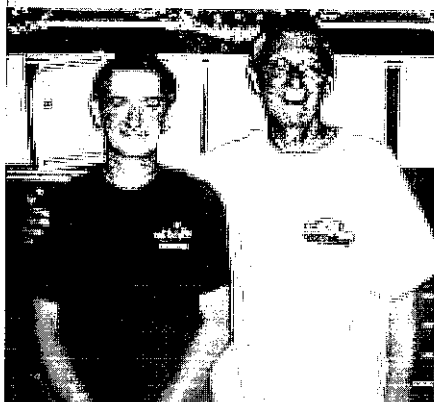
July 4, 2004

Journey's End Bar & Grill, Bourbon, Indiana

Report & Photos By: Ann Harrell, IN

Bourbon, IN: An impromptu July 4th Shuffleboard Tournament was held at Journey's End Bar & Grill at 2PM the afternoon of July 4th, 2004. The A/B Draw Partner attracted 10 teams and 14 people participated in the singles tournament. Jim Koontz, owner of Journey's End, added \$50 to each event entry fee.

A/B Draw Winners:



1st Place (L-R):
Dennis Kinsey &
Dave Pettyes



2nd Place (L-R):
Vicki Morgan &
Keith Spencer



3rd Place (L-R):
Uriah Graham &
Matt Senff

Singles Winners:



1st Place (Left):
Dennis Kinsey



2nd Place (Above):
Buddy Broka



3rd Place (Above):
Jim Long



4th Place (Left):
Randy Redman

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shuffleboard results.

-- Reported By: Ann Harrell, IN

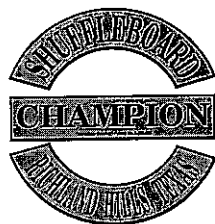
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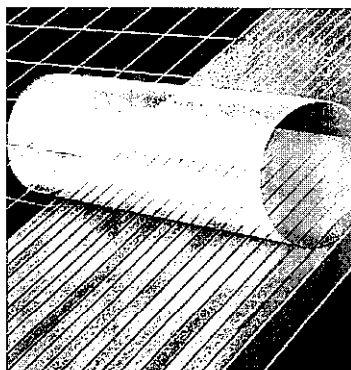
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Thanks Again! Phil McKenna FDNY, Engine 68.
E-mail Address: philpwm@usa.net

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
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B-C Tournament

July 10-11, 2004, Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington
Report & Photos By: Dwayne Dibley (on 8-21-04)

Shelton, Washington: In February the owners of the Fir Cone Tavern got the idea to run a B-C Tournament. The result was an overwhelming success. Based on the success of this tournament and the urging of the local players, the Fir Cone held its second B-C Tournament on July 10-11th. Once again, a great turn out. This brings to mind the question, why not more? There will be more.

Tournaments of this type are great for shuffleboard. They provide a training ground for new players while giving them the opportunity to compete on an even playing field while learning from more experienced players.



"Many experienced players came out to support the Friday night A-B Draw. This single elimination event was won by the team of Mel Hohn, TBK, and Ryan Strayer (#1 – soon to be made). Mel and Ryan don't mind making a hit. These guys are thugs, they will do anything for money. They even play shuffleboard!! [pictured left]"



The B-C Tournament started at 12:00 PM on Saturday July 10th. Many excellent teams competed for first place and the chance to get their picture on the wall at the Fir Cone.



B-C 1st Place (Above L-R):
Joe Paszkowski &
Mario Bariones of Skagit County



B-C 2nd Place (Above L-R):
Penny Jorgensen & Jeanette Hohn



B-C 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Judy George & Marci Putnam

The Fir Cone would like to thank everyone who helped with the feed on Saturday, and all the A Players who showed up to support this event. The next B-C Tournament is in the planning stages and the next tournament at the Fir Cone is the Mixed Doubles in November. — Report By: Wayne Dibley

Second Women's Tournament Hosted in Louisville, Kentucky!

August 7, 2004

American Legion Shawnee Post 193, Louisville, Kentucky
Report & Photos Submitted By: Susie Halstead, KY

Louisville, Kentucky: The American Legion Shawnee Post # 193 hosted their second women's tournament on August 7th. We had a great turnout of 20 women for the Draw Partner event. Prize money was over \$800.

The competition was tough and in the end the team of Louisville's own Mary Brown and Susie Halstead were able to double dip mother/step daughter team of Sharon Lawrence and Janice Capito for first place (pictured below).

Third place went to the mother/daughter team of Connie and Nikki Tinsley (no photo).



1st Place Draw Partner (Above L- R):
Mary Brown & Susie Halstead
w/ sponsor Don Hopper (center)



2nd Place Draw Partner (Above L- R):
Janice Capito & Sharon Lawrence
w/ sponsor Jimmy Lawrence (center)

We would like to thank Connie Tinsley for keeping the fire burning in organizing the womens event, Don Hopper for maintaining the brackets and John Hopper for the fine job as auctioneer. Shuffleboard is alive and well in Louisville, KY!

— Report By: Susie Halstead



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2004 North American Championships™ Entry/Registration Form

This form must be filled out completely and include the registration and board fee and the full amount of the entry fee for the event(s) you are entering. No reservations will be accepted unless accompanied by this form.

ONE PLAYER PER FORM, PLEASE PRINT!

Name _____ Rating _____ Decimal Rating _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email Address _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee (must be paid by all players)	\$ 25.00 (per player)	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Fee (must be paid by all players)	\$ 10.00 (per player)	10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pro/Am Draft Team Event	\$ 50.00 (per player)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pro Singles (\$200.00 for -0.50 to 5.00 players)	\$300.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Division I Singles	\$100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Division II Singles	\$ 75.00	
<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 ☐

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- 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.
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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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To be held at the Sheraton, Brookhollow, Houston, Texas

14 EVENTS - ALL LEVELS - 32 BOARDS

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Date	Event	Registration Sale	Event Start	Format-Description	Bracket	Entry Fees Before Dec 15
****Note: Registration and Sponsor Sale on Night Before Event Play for Singles and 4 Person Bring Team****						
Fri 24th			5pm	Practice and side games		
Sat 25th			5pm	Draws, Practice and side games		
Sun 26th	1	Registration Sunday 10:30-11:30AM Sale 12:00PM	1:00PM	A-B Draw - Div. I	-1, 0, 1	\$50
	2			A-B Draw - Div. II	2, 3, 4	\$30
Mon 27th	3	***** Registration *Sunday Night* 8:30-9:30PM Sale 10:00PM *****	10:00AM	*** 2004 World Championship		
				Open Singles - Handicapped Entry Fees 2 of 3 winners and 21 point losers (32 Best players)	-1, 0, 1, 2, 3	-1 \$300 0,1,2,3 \$200
	4			Div. I Singles (2 of 3 winners 15 point losers)	+0, 1, 2, 3	\$100
	5			Div. II Singles (Single Game Double elimination)	2, 3	\$60
	6			Div. III Singles - Handicapped (Single Game Double elimination)	3, 4	\$30
Tue 28th	7	***** Registration *Monday Night* 8:30-9:30PM Sale 10:00PM *****	10:00AM	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 1 (One -1 Max.) 2 of 3 Double Elimination	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$300/Team
	8			4 Person Bring Team - Add to 8 2 of 3 Double elimination	1, 2, 3	\$160/Team
	9			4 Person Bring Team 2 of 3 Double elimination	3, 4, 5	\$100/Team
Wed 29th	10	Registration *Wednesday* 10:00-11:00AM Roll Call 11:00AM Draft 11:15AM Sale 12:15PM	1:00PM	6 Person Draft Team. 4 of 7 Dble Elim. 3 boards. Mark 3 and play to 15. Top rated players must be captains **NOTE: If 1s are required for captains they will have first draft picks**	All	\$50/Player
Thu 30th	11	Registration *Thursday* 10:30-11:30AM Sale 12:00PM	2:00PM	Pro Bring Partner - One -1 Max. 2 of 3 winner and 21 point loser's bracket	All	\$300/Team
	12			Div. I - Add to 2. 2 of 3 Winners 15 point losers	0, 1, 2	\$150/Team
	13			Div. II - Add to 4	1, 2, 3	\$100/Team
	14			Div. III - Add to 6 - Handicapped	2, 3, 4	\$60/Team
Fri 12/31			9am 7pm 9pm	Completion of events 11 - 14 \$50 & \$20 Draws followed by New Years Eve Party and Dance at 9pm. Free buffet if registered / \$10 if not registered		Open play until 7pm

- Early Registration Fee. - \$25. After Dec. 15th - \$30.
Entry Fees- Add \$5 after Dec. 15th
- Includes New Years Eve Buffet and free practice time in Ballroom (NO pin gates).
- Party & Buffet - \$10/person if not registered
- All events single game, double elimination except Events 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12.
- Current Bowers Rating System is in effect.
- Jack Scott, Director (832-788-1845)
- Website www.shuffleboard.cc

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9th Annual Houston Holiday Open

December 26-31, 2004

REGISTRATION FORM: (Pre-Registration deadline is December 15th, 2004)

You must send in all of your entry monies and the registration fee for Events 1-6 & 10-14 to Tournament Director Jack Scott at the address below before December 15th. There is a \$5 surcharge per person for registration and all entered events after 15th December. Entries are accepted until an event is full or the posted deadline is reached.

Only team captains may submit entries for Events 7, 8, 9 (4 person bring team). Do NOT prepay these events. There will be no late fee for these three events.

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EVENTS

7(\$300/Team), 8(\$160/Team), 9(\$100/Team) Division I, II, III 4 Person Bring Team. To be filled out by Captains **ONLY** with complete team information (Players names & ratings)

	Name	Rating
Team Captain	_____	_____
Player 2	_____	_____
Player 3	_____	_____
Player 4	_____	_____

DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR THESE EVENTS. No late fee added.

If you are not on a team but would like to be on a waiting list check here _____

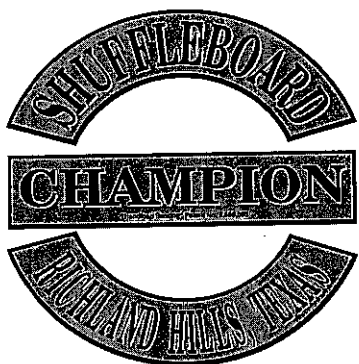
	Before 15th Dec.	After 15th Dec	
1. Division I A-B Draw Partner	(\$50/player)	(\$55)	\$ _____
2. Division II A-B Draw Partner	(\$30/player)	(\$35)	\$ _____
3. Pro Division Singles: HC Entry	(-1 \$300; 0-3 \$200)	(\$305, \$205)	\$ _____
4. Division I Singles	(\$100)	(\$105)	\$ _____
5. Division II Singles	(\$60)	(\$65)	\$ _____
6. Division III Singles	(\$30)	(\$35)	\$ _____
10. 6-Person Draft Team	(\$50/Player)	(\$55)	\$ _____
11. Pro Division Bring Partner(one -1)	(\$300/Team)	(\$310)	\$ _____
12. Division I Bring Partner(add to 2)	(\$150/Team)	(\$160)	\$ _____
13. Division II Bring Partner(add to 4)	(\$100/Team)	(\$110)	\$ _____
14. Division III Bring Partner(add to 6)	(\$60/Team)	(\$70)	\$ _____
One time registration fee	(\$25)	(\$30)	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

Make registration checks payable to Houston Holiday Open and mail to:

Jack Scott, Tournament Director, 1014 Oak Stream Drive, #5, Houston, TX, 77043

Questions? Jack Scott (832-788-1845), Visit <http://www.shuffleboard.cc> for more information.

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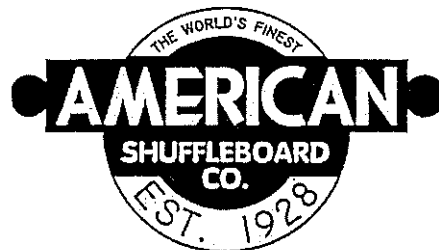
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(How to Play & Score "Horse Collar"...Continued from Page 3)

How To Count Player/Team Scores - "Methods of Scoring in Horse Collar" (Note: See Figure 1 Below)

After all 8 weights in a round have been played, it must first be determined whether at least one weight is completely in the trey (3)-zone or overhanging the End or the left or right hand Corner of the shuffleboard playing field. If there is NO weight in this zone, NO SCORE OF ANY KIND CAN BE COUNTED, regardless of how many weights remain on the board.

If there is at least one weight in the trey (3-point zone) or overhanging the End (13-point zone) or the left or right hand Corner of the board (21-point zone), then the score is counted, as follows:

1. All weights touching or in front of the deuce line count 1 point. This applies to the entire area up to the designated foul line (typically "short" foul line is designated), but weight must be completely clear of the designated foul line to count.
2. All weights between the deuce line and the trey line (including any touching the trey line), count 2-points.
3. All weights between the trey line and the far end of the board count 3-points.
4. All weights overhanging the board at the far end count 13-points (13 point hanger).
5. All weights overhanging the left and/or right hand corner of the board count 26-points (26-point hanger).

Note: Some establishments or tournament directors may not include or count the hanging corner any more than a hanger from the end of board, but most tournaments will include the 26-point count possibility. Hanging corner is another item you should be informed about before you start to play.

6. All weights which fall into the alleys, or do not clear the designated foul line are dead and do not count.

SCORE COUNT SUMMARY: (Note: See Figure 2)

In order to score, a team must have at least one weight being worth 3-points or more [It does not have to be the first weights thrown in order to score]. For example, if a team throws 1 weight worth 3-points and 2 weights worth 2-points and 3 weights worth 1- point and all remaining weights on the board are past the designated foul line (again, typically "short" foul line), the team would score 10-points.

Hangers are worth 13-points [hanger being a weight that is hanging partially off the end of the board].

Hanger on Corners are worth 26-points [weight is hanging partially off the end and partially off the side of the board in either corner]. Note: a weight just hanging only off the side of the board does not have any special meaning or point value unless it is a 26-point hanger on one of the two Corners.

Games are played in frames until one team scores 51-points. However, scoring 51-points first does not necessarily make that team the winner.

Every team gets to finish each frame and the highest score is the winner (51-points or greater).

If the team that scores 51-points or more has the hammer (the last team to play), then they are declared the winners.

OPTIONAL: Sometimes players will play Horse Collar also having what is called 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 Horse Collar rules.

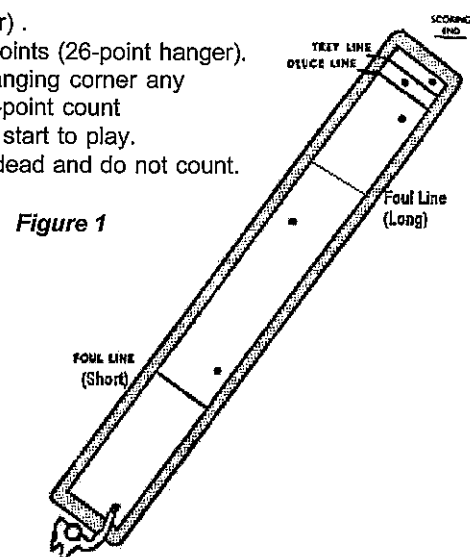


Figure 1

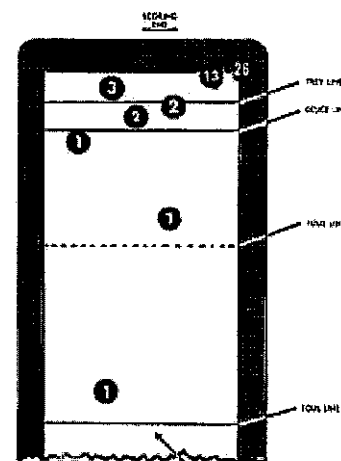


Figure 2

Technical Points

1. A game is NOT complete until player or team which has been shooting last has taken its LAST TURN AT THE BOARD, even though the player or team shooting first has already scored 51-points or more. If both teams go over 51 points, the one with the FINAL HIGHEST SCORE IS THE WINNER.

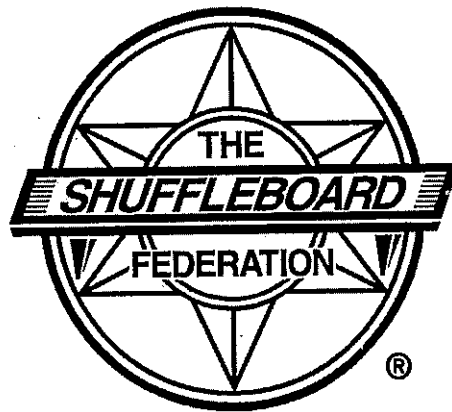
2. During play, no contestant may leave his position to check the location of weights he or his partners have played.

3. All weights which do not completely CLEAR the designated foul line (typically the "short" foul line nearest to the player shooting are dead weights, but must not be removed from the board.

4. On the 9-ft. and 12-ft. cushion boards (a.k.a. bank boards), Horse Collar is played and scored exactly the same as described above, except that each weight played must first carom off either side cushion on its way to the scoring areas. On cushion shuffleboards, the center foul line applies on all foul line rules (Note: On the 9-ft. BANK-SHOT the "5" zone is disregarded and anything in that zone is considered in the trey zone.)

Miscellaneous Table Shuffleboard Rules (also applicable to Horse Collar)

- Before a player shoots, the player can dust the board if dry spots are showing. Note: In tournaments this may be restricted to the edge of the board or left to the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Shooters must have one foot behind the playing surface while they are shooting.
- Hitting or shaking the table is never allowed.



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"Grand Masters Plus" Champs

July 28 - August 4, 2004, Whistling Oyster, Quilcene, Washington

Report & Photos By: Bill Bailey & Sandee

Quilcene, WA: The turn out was good with a variety of shooters and fans.

Wednesday and Thursday everyone decided on drawing peas, anywhere from \$10.00 to \$25.00 draws. With lots of rounds in a couple of days. Different winners emerging approximately every two hours. We're probably going to try the Legends Draw again next year. We all hope for a bigger turnout. Thanks to everyone that showed up for that event.

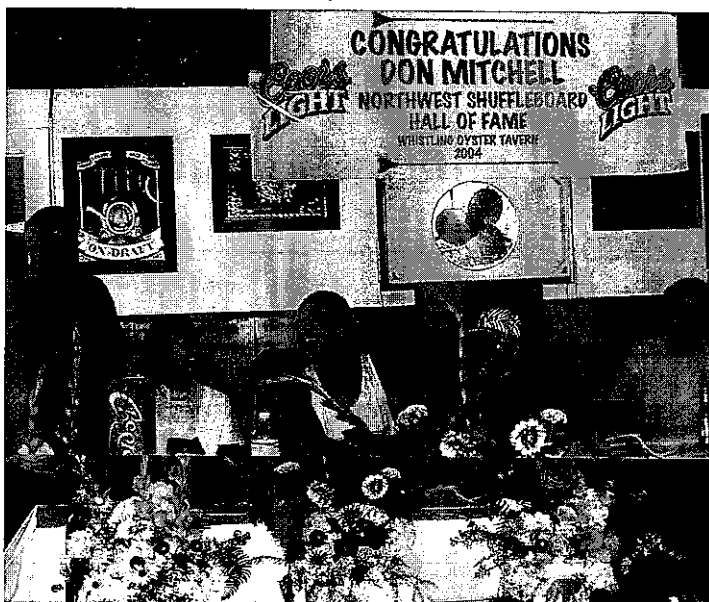


We had live music Friday night, which is always a plus for players and fans!

*Thanks to Norm McVeigh & the "Rhythm Rockets" for a cool nite!
[pictured left in front of the Whistling Oyster].*

By 7:00 pm Friday night we had 38 registered players for the A/B Draw. The majority of all the games went to double digits. Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Justin Kasa of Washington emerged victorious to claim the top spot. Clark Kenny of Washington and Mike Rapp of Idaho took second. Mike Waters and Bill Walker both of Washington took 3rd. Unfortunately I misplaced the pictures of these winners.

Saturday is always special for us and this day was not going to let anybody down. With the induction of Don "Mitch" Mitchell into the Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, the big buffet and the Grand Masters Plus. About 4:00 pm the induction got underway and it was a sight to see. Special thanks goes out to Paulette McKinney for the beautiful flower arrangements, as well as to Frank Mako, Jim Menders, Bill Walker and Mike Waters on organizing the induction ceremony. I can't think of anyone more deserving than "Mitch". He has been a part of the Grand Masters Plus for 15 years, with all of his antics, auctioneering and just plain good fun. We all love you Mitch!



We got started Sunday at noon with six teams left. The winners Gary George and Jeff Kerstin went undefeated to capture the crown.



**"Grand Masters":
1st Place (Left L- R):
Jeff Kerstin &
Gary George**



**"Grand Masters":
2nd Place (Above L- R):
Ryan Devlin &
Jim Tribble**



**"Grand Masters":
3rd Place (Above L- R):
Clara & Clark Kenny**

I would like to thank our staff and volunteers that helped to make this happen. To all of the players who participated. To the Canucks who took time to come. To Sandee for the great food. We hope to see everybody next year plus a lot of new faces.

-- Reported By: Bill Bailey, WA

Exeter Eagles "4th of July Shoot-Out"

Held July 2-5, 2004 at Eagles Lodge #3608, Exeter, California

Delayed Photos Submitted After August 2004 Issue Deadline From: Pacific Coast News (received emailed photos on July 15, 2004)
(Refer: August 2004 Board Talk Issue for tournament report by Bob Brunskill)



ABC Draw 1st Place (Above L- R):
Jimmy Martin and
Susie & Gary Jones



ABC Draw 2nd Place (Above L- R):
Robert Wade, Ty Bane and Arnie Sieler
"It was Sieler's first tournament, who
regularly plays at the Moose Lodge and
Eagles Lodge in Lake Isabella, CA."



ABC Draw 3rd Place (Above L- R):
John Fisher, Helen Martin and
Robert Davidson



ABC Draw 3rd Place (Above L- R):
H.L Lee, Russ Lankton and Steve O'Neal



**Doubles (Add to2) 1st Place
(Above L- R):**
Barbara & Bob Crum of Turlock, CA



**Doubles (Add to2) 2nd Place
(Above L- R):**
Warren Goldsmith and Ty Bayne



**Doubles (Add to2) 3rd Place
(Above L- R):**
Robert Wade and Jim Martin



Doubles (Add to2) 4th Place (Above L- R):
Bobby Goldsmith (National & California "Hall of Famer") and Russ Lankton



(Pictured Left L-R):
*California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame President Jolene Lembke
"Welcomes" Visalia's Marion Bailey into the state's hall of fame*

Michigan Hall of Fame Tournament

Held July 30-August 1, 2004 at Kane's Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan

The second Michigan Hall of Fame tournament was held July 30, 31, & Aug. 1, 2004 at Kane's Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan. The tournament was run by Jerry and Sara Siebert. They donated their time for the weekend to benefit the Hall of Fame. Audra Siebert and Matt Gawronski from Chicago, Illinois assisted with registering players and sign up for the tournaments on Saturday.

Players came from many states to participate in the weekend long event. They came from Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Nebraska, Indiana, and of course, Michigan! Michigan Hall of Famers in attendance were John McDermott and Junior Lopez. Indiana Hall of Fame was well represented by Jim DeWitt, Larry Creakbaum, Jim Long, and Glen Ingram.

During the weekend long event, donations were made to the Michigan Hall of Fame by Marty Allen, Florida, John Tischler, Michigan, and Lorraine Olsen, California. The Indiana Hall of Fame also pledged a donation to the Michigan Hall of Fame. A commemorative plaque to honor all donors is planned for the wall of fame at Kane's Club Car. Lorraine Olsen also donated a set of weight tops for a drawing. The winner of the weight top drawing was Mike Koontz, Indiana.

Friday evening two draw partner tournaments were held. Saturday, two tournaments ran consecutively, the Open Singles and the Mixed Doubles. The Hall of Fame inductees, the ladies entered in the Mixed Doubles tournament, and the staff of Kane's Club Car received boutonnieres courtesy of the Michigan Hall of Fame.

After the auction for the two tournaments on Saturday, the Hall of Fame inductions were held. Jerry Siebert inducted Jerry Hershman, Jim Kumpula, and John Myles and presented each of them with a State of Michigan plaque. Jerry Siebert and John McDermott inducted Phil Skover, and he received a Michigan plaque. John McDermott presented Jerry Siebert with his commemorative State of Michigan plaque, and he was inducted to the Hall of Fame. The program for the induction ceremony included a section of personal memories from each inductee and a friend's memories of one inductee, remembering their eventful shuffleboard careers.

The day's tournaments started at the end of the induction ceremony. There were 30 singles players and 21 mixed doubles teams. The turnout was so great, special brackets for the events had to be created. Larry Creakbaum did a fantastic spur of the moment job and created two brackets for the tournaments. To keep everyone full of energy during the day, Betty Parrish had made potato salad, coleslaw, and brownies; and with the efforts of Brenda Kane, Jackie Meagher, and Melinda Flynn, who took on the task of frying ALOT of hamburger for sloppy joes, a good feast was put out and donations to the Hall of Fame were requested.

The Saturday tournaments carried over to Sunday morning. Winners of the Mixed Doubles were Jody Berry and Gary Anglin both from Indiana. Second place went to another Indiana team, Mary and Larry Brown. Carrie Siple and Steve Auten, both from Michigan took third place. Linda Ritter, Nebraska and Jerry Siebert, Michigan were fourth. The fifth and sixth place finishing teams were from Michigan, Melinda Flynn and Frank Blade and Cathy Francisco and George Nelson.

The Open Singles tournament was won by John McDermott, Michigan and Glen Ingram, Indiana was second. The rest of the winners in the Open Singles were all from Michigan. Frank Blade was third and Scott Auten was fourth. Fifth and sixth places went to John Tischler and Bill Kane.

After the Saturday tournaments ended, the Sunday schedule began with the Open Doubles and the Ladies Singles. All of the tournament winners in the two tournaments were from Michigan. Cassie Schubert was first and Brenda Kane was second in the Ladies event. The Open Doubles tournament was won by Scott and Steve Auten. Alonzo Cottrell and Frank Blade were second, and Roland Metvier and John Tischler were third.

During the day on Sunday, Vickie Morgan was presented with balloons and cake to celebrate her birthday. The weekend concluded with an evening of karaoke. Players and guests joined in and had a great time! The weekend events were a wonderful way to celebrate the inductions of Michigan shuffleboard players into the Hall of Fame. A meaningful inscription appeared on each of the State of Michigan plaques.

Each inductee is hereby a member of the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Nominated and elected by his peers for skilled performance, integrity, and promotion of the game of shuffleboard for the State of Michigan.



(Michigan HOF 2004... Continued on Next Page)

Michigan Hall of Fame Tournament

Held July 30-August 1, 2004 at Kane's Club Car Lounge in Durand, Michigan

(Continued from page 22)...

Mixed Doubles Winners



1st Place (Above):
Jody Berry & Gary Anglin

2nd Place (Above):
Mary & Larry Brown



3rd Place (Above):
Carrie Siple & Steve Auten

4th Place (Above):
Jerrie Siebert & Linda Ritter

5th/6th Place (tie - not pictured): Melinda Flynn & Frank Blade
and Cathy Francisco & George Nelson

Open Doubles Winners



1st Place (Above L-R):
Steve Auten & Scott Auten

2nd Place (Above L-R):
Frank Blade & Alonzo Cottrell



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Roland Metvier & John Tischler

Ladies' Singles Winners



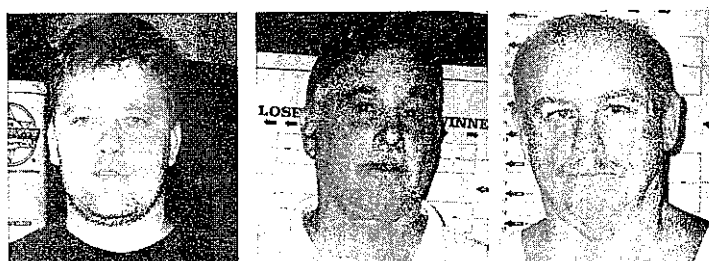
1st Place (Above):
Cassie Schubert

2nd Place (Above):
Brenda Kane

Open Singles Winners



1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):
John McDermott (1st); Glen Ingram (2nd); Frank Blade (3rd)



4th & 5th/6th (tie) Place (Above L-R):
Scott Auten (4th); John Tischler & Bill Kane (5th/6th tie)



"Lorraine Olson (right) donated an aluminum weight cap set custom designed by Dave Keithahn to the raffle & Mike Koontz (left) was the lucky raffle winner!"

14th Annual "Forest Festival"

April 18-19, 2004

Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington

Report & Photos Submitted By: Dwayne Dibley (Late Report received 8-21-04)

Shelton, WA: On April 18th, 1995 the Northwest premiere shuffleboard tavern changed ownership and philosophy; shuffleboard was out and dancing was in. Two months later the Forest Festival Tournament, which was previously scheduled, took place and so did another change in philosophy. This first tournament for the new owners was a huge success and cemented shuffleboard tournaments in the minds of the owners. Nine years have past since that first tournament and the Fir Cone is still one of the best places to play, and the Forest Festival is one of the most fun tournaments at the Fir Cone.

This year marks the 16th year that the Forest Festival Tournament has been going on, and the fifth year that it has been an A-B format.

Past winners of the "A-B" Forest Festival Tournament are:

2000	Carl Roush and Russ Savage
2001	Mel Hohn and Mike Keevil
2002	Mike Thorpe and Dennis Smith
2003	Mel Hohn and Jeanette Hohn
2004	Vern Gonzales and Dennis James

A lot of preparation and planning go into putting on a shuffleboard tournament: waxing and polishing the boards, getting good wax from the supplier, finding silicone spray can tops that work...etc...etc...etc. The biggest planning point in every tournament is how far out on the bracket to run the tournament on the first day. The tournament has to finish in two days, but if you go to far on the first day you run the risk of physically and mentally exhausting the players. You have to look for a clue, anything as a signal. In the Forest Festival that point came when Don Mitchell scored the practice weights.

Shuffleboard can be a test of skill and physical and mental endurance. Starting on Friday night and usually going to late Sunday or early Monday.

The 16th Annual Forest Festival started off on Friday with a single elimination A-B Draw. It took until 2:00 am for Dick Doak and Ryan Strayer to defeat Les Burt and Jeff Young. Friday night provides practice for the tournament starting Saturday.

Saturday morning the tournament is scheduled to start after the parade, as are all Forest Festival Events. Vern Gonzales and Dennis James won the 2004 Forest Festival Tournament. Jim Tribble and Mike Strayer were second. Mike Keevil and Paul Roush finished a strong third. Fourth place went to the team of Gary George and Bob Hurst.

[See winners' photos (column 2 of this page)].



1st Place (Left L- R):
Vern Gonzales &
Dennis James



2nd Place (Left L- R):
Mike Strayer & Jim Tribble



3rd Place (Left L- R):
Paul Roush & Mike Keevil



4th Place (Left L- R):
Bob Hurst & Gary George

Thanks to everyone who helped with the feast. The next tournament at the Fir Cone is the ESA Mixed Doubles in November.

-- Reported by: Dwayne Dibley, WA



Washington
Capital: Olympia
42nd state
State bird: willow goldfinch
State flower: coast rhododendron

2004-2005 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2004

September 1-6 (Re: Flyer August Issue)

Texas Open (Annual Labor Day)

Taz Country

Austin (Pflugerville), Texas

September 2-6 (Re: Flyer August Issue)

Rural American Championships

99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe

Winston, Oregon

September 2-6 (Re: Flyer August Issue)

Annual Labor Day Weekend

Full House Bar & Grill

Wynnewood, Oklahoma

September 3-6 (Re: Flyer August Issue)

2004 Indiana Open

Amvets Post 26

Pendleton, Indiana

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

7th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial

Moose Lodge 1832

Huntington Beach, California

September 3-5

6th Annual Adirondack Open

Riverside Tavern

Keesville, New York

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

15th Annual Fall Bash

Skip's Lounge

Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 16-19 (Re: Flyer July Issue)

6th Annual Wandering the World

Ladies Tournament

Amvets Post 26

Pendleton, Indiana

September 24-25

Shuffle "Kick-Off"

Market Street Cafe

Charlestown, Maryland

September 24-28

Joel Rahn's Memorial

Piccolo's & Joe's Duck Inn

Omaha, Nebraska

September 24-26

7th Annual MSPA HOF Tournament

Eagles Lodge

Houston, Missouri

OCTOBER 2004

October 8-9

4th Annual Columbus Day

Ulena's Sports Bar

St. Louis, Missouri

October 14-16 (Re: Upcoming Events)

3rd Annual Missouri Championships

Elks Lodge

Grandview, Missouri

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 Trick-R-Treat

Market Street Cafe

Charlestown, Maryland

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

2004 NASC

Sands Regency Hotel/Casino

Reno, Nevada

NOVEMBER 2004

November 19-20

Early Bird/Win-A-Bird

Market Street Cafe

Charlestown, Maryland

November 25-28

Annual Thanksgiving Tournament

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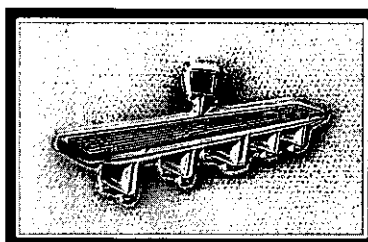
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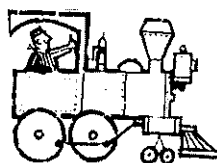
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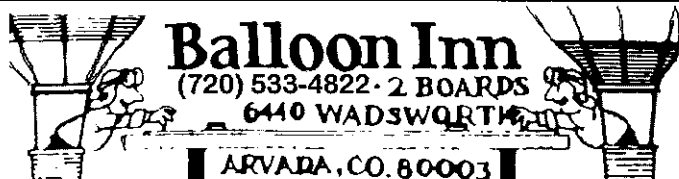
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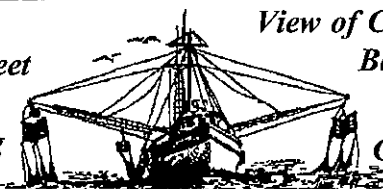
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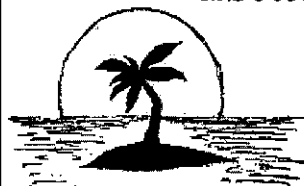
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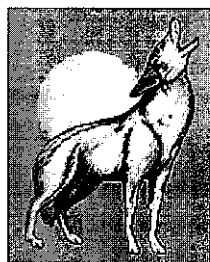
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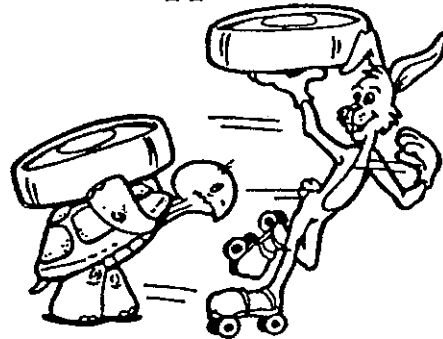
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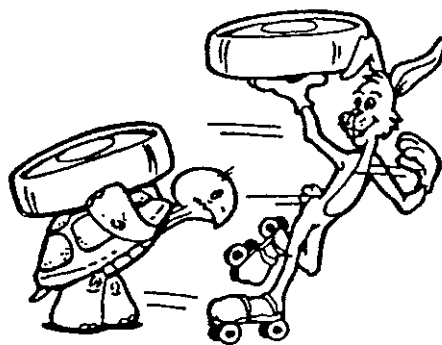
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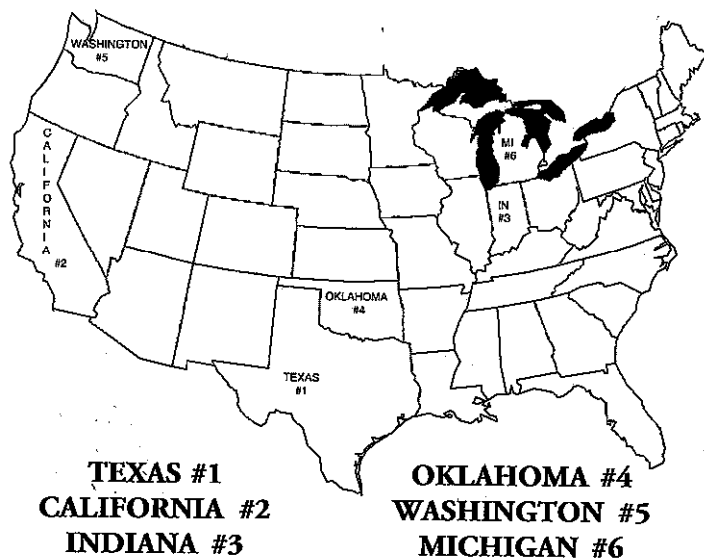
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