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A field of international shuffleboard players filled all 24 boards at the Sands/Regency Hotel & Casino Saturday as a 6-person draft team event kicked off the 15th annual North American Shuffleboard Championships. Twenty-six teams competed in the first tournament of the more than week-long event.



by Jim Manders, publisher

RENO — The 15th annual North American Shuffleboard Championships opened Saturday with 156 players taking part in the 6person draft team event at the Sands/Regency Hotel & Casino.

The 26 teams were completing for \$7,800 in entry fee money and more than \$10,000 in Calcutta bids in the tournament which is scheduled to be completed today.

Tournament bracket master Rob Kern said the first day's play went smoothly with players making sure to be on time for matches in order to keep the event moving along.

Competition was tough during the first day of play with many matches being decided in the ninth match with teams cheering the great shots and commiserating with partners when things didn't go so well.

After playing into early Sunday morning, players still in the tournament were thankful that they could turn their clocks back for an extra hour of sleep as daylight savings time ended because the size

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of the field dictated an 8 a.m. loser's bracket start.

When the stopped gliding, four teams were undefeated and awaiting noon showdowns today with 12 other teams trying to fight their way back through the loser's bracket.

Undefeated are the teams of Rick Boyer, Larry Sawyer, Steve Auten and Bob Hunt.

Still alive in the loser's bracket are David Williams, Jr., Dan Holland, John Teschler, Lenny Dell, David Keithahn, Rick Niblett, Dan Hitt, Chris Smith, Tom Campbell, David Williams, Jim Payne, Darrol Nelson and Bill Melton.

Here are the 26 teams (captains first):

1. David Keithahn, Mike Keevil, Mark Holland, Andrew Brorsen, Elaine Hill, Don Strong.

2. Mahlon Nobles, Jim Tribble, Lorraine Olson, Rick Pittman, Manny Canada, Vicki Hunt.

3. Glen Ingram, Larry Brown, Dennis Leehive, Bob Auten, Jim Dennis, Vern Jensen.

4. David Williams, Mike Waters, Don Stallsworth, Tom Parr, Virgil Jones, Jay Becker.

5. Tom Campbell, Eddie Brayman, Gordie Smith, Junelle Schrum, Barb Kenney, Jerry Mattson.

6. Rick Boyer, Ron Sosevec, Jim Filkins, Larry Creakbaum, Roland Harkless, Randy Rollins.

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Jack Hamilton of Indiana watches a shot during Saturday's play.

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7. Rick Niblett, Dave Shewbridge, Rick Greider, Judy Iseman, Wayne Todd, Anthony Todd, Jr.

8. Larry Sawyer, Jerry Seibert, Sharon Canino, Bill Walker, Linda Walker, Jim Stuart.

9. Steve Auten, Scott Auten, Earl Madary, David Veazey, John Flynn, Melinda Flynn.

10. David Williams, Jr., Linda Nobles, Char Waugamen, Coach, Rudy Wedgeworth, Rick Atkinson.

11. Mike Kinney, Glen Redding, John Myles, Ken Griggs, Debbie Spier, Bill Greenlee.

12. Dave Cowan, Kenney Hawkes, Jim Manders, Gary Johnson, Candy Lepore, Bill Shino.

13. Dan Holland, Al Hudson, Art Eliff, Dan Glasscock, Timi Kale, Carol Cowen.

14. Chris Smith, Dino Mako, Ron Gamble, Brenda Kane, Susi Halstead, Carol Pittman.

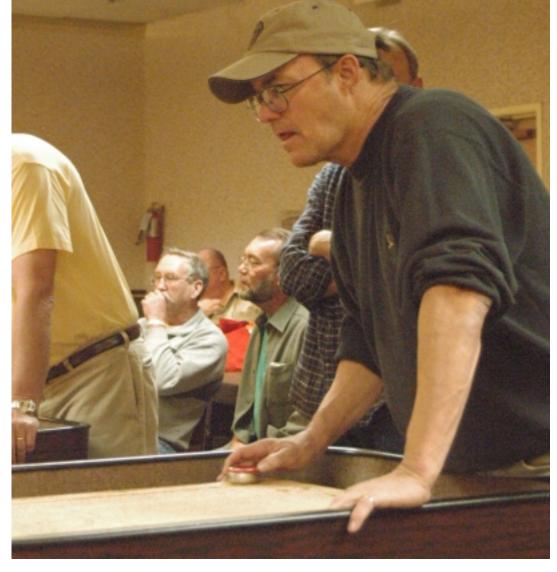
15. Darrol Nelson, Bud Spier, Curt Grothen, Steve Kalamarski, John Biddlecome, Linda Becker.

16. Dan Hitt, Bob Shirley, Anna Brunskill, Faye Todd, Brandon Glasscock, Marion Cartwright.

17. Roland Metivier, Bill Kane, Wayne Atkinson, Don Grossman, Jack Hamilton, Al Christie.

18. Bill Melton, Jennifer Pickett, Mary Brown, Ron Graham, Jimmy The Cop, Melissa Dunn.

19. Johnny Wayne, Mike



Colorado's Rick Boyer gets ready to release a shot during an earlyt match in the 6-person team event Saturday in Reno. Boyer's team is one of four teams still undefeated going into today's competition.

Boulanger, Paulette McKiney, Joyce Gamble, Greg Hager, Lewis Bailey.

20. Jim Payne, Gil Aragon, John Canino, Georgianna Brnd, Ted Canada, Barb Head.

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24. Rick Thomas, Chris Wayt, Bob Crum, John Mortensen, Joyce David, Lori Black.

25. Lenny Dell, Curtis Dean, Kurt Mauer, Jonathan Harris, Steve Jourdan, Florence Carlisle.

26. Bob Hunt, J.R. Noel, Bob Burnskill, Jerry Beard, Mike Halstead, Kathie Hoskins.

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