

## 2nd Annual Bobb Goldsmith Memorial

Tournament Review - The Bobby Goldsmith Memorial 2nd Annual Shuffleboard Tournament 2018.

Although there were 10 players who could not make the tournament due to personal issues, we still managed to increase the attendee list by 1 this year (85 players).

The ABC had 19 teams. Like last year, the Bobby G tournament ran the Pro Doubles and ABC at the same time. This meant A players were all 1's and 2's, and the B/C players were low 3's and 4's. Watch out, Texas. We have some incredible new players coming up in this neck of the woods? Unfortunately, a bunch of those expected players who couldn't make it were in the Pro Doubles, so we only had 6 teams. After hearing all the pro's input, I decided to go with a 6 team true round robin. With 6 teams, it turns out it's not that much different from a regular double elimination chart, since once you lose your 2 and you know you can't win, you stop (if I had it to do over, I might have done a double elimination, 3/5).

Regardless, it all went well and I think all pros enjoyed the event. Next year we hope to come up with ways to entice a significant increase in pro players, so we'll return to the conventional double elimination.

The Pro Singles ran the same time as 2 doubles events (the add to 2 and add to 4). Interestingly enough, the Add to 2 had 5 teams, but the add to 4 had 20 teams. Again, there are a ton of 3's and 4's here and some of them are on the verge of being 1's and 2's. This is a hotbed for new players and the Eagles lodge is the perfect venue, with ample room for 12 boards. Without Exeter, California shuffleboard will all but disappear. Please support this tournament, wherever you're from?

On Friday night was the California Hall of Fame induction of Jim Martin. The ceremony was truly touching. I'll be posting the video that I had prepared for the induction very soon? And I believe Patrick has an assortment of awesome photos he'll be posting.

This was a great tournament and I expect it to be even better next year? I have to give humongous THANK YOU's to...??\* Don King, the Big Kahuna who oversees everything at the front desk, and his partner in crime, Leonard Phillips.

\* Dwayne Spalding for having the foresight, heart, and smarts to host an incredible tournament, and for always having my back.

\* Joel Atkins for the incredibly awesome job he does on the Auctions, and everything he does to make the tournament run smoothly.

\* Don Baxter and Dwayne Maxwell for doing an outstanding job on the boards.

Tribly, the mastermind behind all flyers, and various posters (food menus, raffles, etc).

The Ladies Auxiliary who kept our bellies full the entire time, and are so accommodating, they make you feel like you're 11 years old at your grandma's house.

Super, dupe Thank You to the awesome bartenders. I am in love with every one of them and hope someday, to marry a few of them.??

Of course, Russ and Leslie Lankton, and all the others who put up the Added Dough, for putting people up and feeding them, and supporting the shuffleboard community in every way imaginable.

To Grant & Betty Watson for just being there and making all of us feel warm and welcome.

Super thanks to our Texas visitors. It amazes me how much class you all have. Changing format on the fly can always be tricky and start arguments, but you guys handled things so well (even you-know-who... I know, I know... he's not really a Texan. I already told you, we're not taking him back).?

And, of course, last but not least, my own partner in crime, the crazy, the brilliant, the wonderful, Hurricane Lorraine Olson. I could not do any of the magic stuff that goes on behind that desk without her. ?

Oh shoot... almost forgot. A surprise visitor popped in on his way up the coast... the one and only Rob Kern!! He played an event. I'm not sure people knew who he was while he was shooting. It wasn't until he stood by the charts that everyone said, "IT'S ROB!!, the bracket guy is here!!". I love that man. Thanks for stopping by, my friend.

I know I'm forgetting a bunch. Actually, each and every participant of this tournament was a contributor to its success. What a great crowd. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the party.