

## 3rd Annual Saginaw Valley Open is Sell-Out

The 3rd Annual Saginaw Valley Open, held at McCabe's Food & Spirits in Saginaw, Michigan, on Feb. 19-21 was a sell-out this year. Potential participants in the handicapped draw and handicapped doubles had to be turned away before action started and the graduated entry fee singles was filled to capacity.



Ron Monville and Roland Metivier were tops in the draw partner event.



Wayne Atkinson and Jeff Cottrell took second place. Carrie Cottrell and John McDermott finished in third place.



Ron Monville (again) and Chris Passariello took top honors in the doubles.



Bill Kane and Alonzo Knight finished second in the doubles.



Third place in the doubles went to Chuck Ricklifs and John Tischler.



Top winners in the singles were: John McDermott (left), 1st; Chris Passariello (center), 2nd; and Roland Metivier (right), 3rd.

The total pot for the tournament was over \$17,000.

"The handicap system seems to be working well in Michigan," said John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. The Federation will be sponsoring a series of handicapped tournaments, the "kick-off" which will likely be the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac. The Majestic has recently added a second board to their establishment and has earned the reputation of being the best group of players to support events at other locations throughout the state.

McCabe's is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.

### Bill Kuebler Remembered

A highlight of the Saginaw Valley Open was a presentation to Betty Kuebler and her two sons from the State of Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in memory of her husband and their Dad, who passed away last year. The Award of Excellence read:

Dedicated in memory of Bill Kuebler: *You played the game of shuffleboard as you lived your life. Unafraid of the challenges, never backing away from your adversary, while maintaining the highest standards of fairness, honesty and regard for your fellow man. Your fine example of sportsmanship did not go unnoticed by your peers. Your dedication as a shuffleboard player, teacher and supporter in your community and the State of Michigan, earned you the highest respect from all who knew you.*

See the Michigan Hall of Fame article by Betty Parrish for more details.