

## 124 Entries in Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament

By Al Salazar

The 4th annual and most memorable Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament was held at Family Billiards Tavern in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 23-25. With 125 entries in three events over one weekend, it made for some difficult situations, but with the help and cooperation of the participants, it was a big success.

Friday night kicked things off with a pro-am handicapped draw partner event. Handicaps were calculated using the Bowers Rating System. There were 24 teams entered in the single game, double elimination, 15 point games event. The finals were held on Sunday.



Going through the winner's bracket undefeated were Phil Gardner, Oklahoma/Arizona, and Dwayne Green, Arizona. Presenting the money envelope to the winners is director Al Salazar (left).



Jim Stewart of Arizona and Bev Chaffin of California took second place honors.

## Bob Lewis Inducted into Arizona Hall of Fame



Mickey Lewis honors Dad Bob Lewis

On Saturday, April 24, Bob Lewis became the first inductee into the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Al Salazar served as Master of Ceremonies for the induction and Mickey Lewis, president of the Arizona Hall of Fame, presented the award. Bob received tributes and endorsements from all over the country. Hal Perry and Bob Hunt, members of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors, were in attendance, along with Bob's sons, Mickey and Ben, and his daughter Robin. "It was a special moment in Arizona shuffleboard history and one I was privileged and honored to participate in," said Al Salazar.



Jim and Bev beat out Bev's husband, Nick Chaffin, and his partner, Jane Manes of California.

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Bob Jacobson (left) and Dennis Bredvik, both from Arizona, took fourth place in the Pro-Am draw event.

In the 5th and 6th spots were Paul Weber of California and Manny Canada of Arizona, and Wendell Herbison and Kevin Baek, both of Arizona.

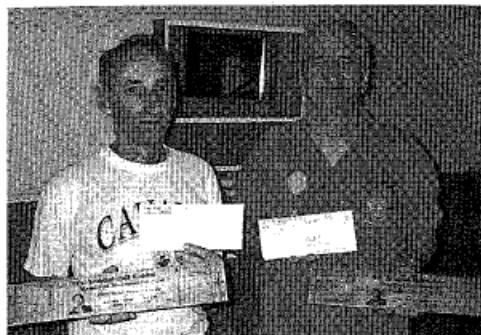
Saturday morning saw 26 teams in the A-B-C draw. Once again it was a single game, double elimination 15-point game format. The finals were concluded Saturday night after the induction ceremony.



Hall of Famer Bob Lewis led his team of Wes Eades (right) of California and Dennis Bredvik of Arizona to victory in the A-B-C draw.

Taking second place honors was the team of Paul Parks, California, Tim Schwenke and Terry Leahy of Arizona. Gil Aragon, Wendell Herbison and Linda Churchman, of Arizona came in third. In fourth place were Al Salazar, Arizona; Leon Black, Michigan; and Kevin Baek, Arizona.

The open doubles started after the induction Saturday night and finished late Sunday night. This event was a 2 out of 3 in both the winner's and loser's brackets, all games to 15 points.



Nick Chaffin of California teamed up with Bill Thomas of Arizona, going through the winner's bracket to claim the biggest share of the pot.



Bob Lewis continued the celebration of his induction by taking second with partner Wendell Herbison.



Hal Perry (right), a recent inductee into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and George Camara, also from California, took third place.

Marilyn Roberts and Bob Jacobson, both of Arizona, finished fourth out of the 14 teams in this event.

**Congratulations, Bob Lewis, 1st Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductee! You deserve that great honor!**

**Thanks from the Directors**

Under the best of circumstances, a tournament of this size over a weekend, with the induction ceremony and all its distractions, can be very demanding. The tournament directors -- Al Salazar, Alice Arellano, and Bob Lewis -- would like to thank: Gil Aragon, Ted Behrens, Bill Bryan, Ted and Manny Canada, Cindy Clark, Wendell Herbison and the Stardust Lounge, Mickey Lewis, Joanne Leonard, Paul Messina, Linda Meyers, Marilyn Roberts, Bob Shirley, Lady Tafoya, Bill Thomas, Paul Weber, Johnny Woods, Denise Yohn, George and Donna Wilber of The Board Talk, the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Trey Bennett of West Valley Printing, and Kevin Baek of Family Billiards.

One hundred percent of all entries and sponsor sales were disbursed to the winners, with no one receiving any compensation. These people with their time, input, support and donations, made this weekend, not only possible, but successful.

### **Tice/Lambert, Pitzer/Jones Tops at Heartland Handicap**

The American Legion Post 73 in Del City hosted the Oklahoma Heartland Handicap Tournament on April 16-18, attracting 60 shufflers. The competitive, full-filled weekend of handicap shuffleboard once again produced a majority of 13-13 and 14-14 games. The two events of draw and bring partner produced record pots of almost \$14,000.

"Thanks to the Bower's Handicap Ratings, the format allows us to mix all levels of rated players into each event," said director Ron Huddleston. "It is a pleasure to see new faces starting to enter events as they begin to understand the Heartland Handicap format of play. Our thanks to all the players for making it a fun tournament."

Winners of the draw partner were Shannon Tice and Weldon Lambert. Second place went to Steve Burkett and Maylon Nobles. Harvey Walden of Tennessee and Rick Jones took third, with Tommy McBurnett and Euel Jensen in fourth place.

Taking first place in the bring partner were Pete Pitzer and Rick Jones, with Dino Flemming and Ron Huddleston in second place. Sue (X-Virgin) Lewis and Don Neaves finished third, with Pat Gainey and Harvey Walden in fourth place.

### **Allis/Heflin Win at Shamrock**

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, hosted its 8th draw partner tournament on May 1-2. Sixteen teams vied for a share of the \$1600 pot.

"It was good to see Jim Allis back in the groove," said reporter Ralph Duarte. "He's too good a player

not to be winning."

*And win he did, with partner Dick Heflin. They had to come from behind to do it.*



*Al Pease (right) and Don Heflin (Dick's brother) took second place honors.*



*Steve Wilson (right) and John Hight finished third.*



*Fred Johns and Frank Mako (the TALL one) took fourth place.*