## THE RED BARON SPEAKS

July 2010 – Larry Creakbaum

Del City's attendance is returning as they had over 160 registered players. There were quite a few RV's but not as many as three or four years ago. There was a different group from the first week end to the second week end as Wednesday not much was happening and new players arrived and some left. I never came close to a money finish either as a player or a sponsor. With my stability and endurance limited I can not play golf, bowl, and hunt or get in a boat to fish, so shuffleboard is my biggest activity. So when you draw me in a AB draw, round robin or get the last pea and have to select me in a team event, don't have pity, just play better.

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There is not much you can say about Del City but that it is a great event and I love being there. You can play as much shuffleboard as you want or can afford, and as little as you want or cannot afford. I even managed to get to the finals of a round robin where my partner and I saw a pair of greedy minus one's starring us in the face and they refused to split, so we took our thumping, collected for second place, and went on.

Event promoters or directors need to be more careful when they prepare the flyer. There is one on shuffleboard.com now that does not have the town, city, state or zip code and I have no idea where it is being held. I am not going to spend \$1.95 to find the location of the area codes of the listed telephone numbers. The name of the event location is probably the same as the town, but I have no idea in which state to look.

As many of you know I am a member of the board of directors of the Table Shuffleboard Association and we held our annual meeting at Del City. We are going to continue the drawing three times a year for a set of weights with a set each of Olympics, Triple Crown, and Federation. You do not even have to be present to win. Just sign up and be a member of the Table Shuffleboard Association. Sign up now as the next drawing will be at Reno. Also starting at Reno we are going to give \$100 to the top finisher of all divisions of singles who is a TSA, member.

