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California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame took place during a halt in the Dixie Belle-Oskar's Thanksgiving ABC team event on Nov. 27. With a sizeable crowd attending, Karl's accomplishments in helping to define and refine the rules of shuffleboard and his skill in bracketing were brought forth by Al Salazar, president of the Arizona State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. His friends Paul Weber, Bob Hunt and Fred Thuman then told anecdotes about Karl. Jolene Lembke presented Karl with a plaque and inducted him into the Hall of Fame. *(Editor's Note: See special feature on Karl's induction on Pages 5, 11.)*



With the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame flag in the background, Karl Spickelmier responds to his many tributes from across the country.

Also announced by Jolene Lembke during the induction ceremonies were the new by-laws regarding eligibility to be inducted. You must be 55 years of age or older and have participated in the sport for 15 years or more. The person sponsoring you may not be yourself or a family member. Twenty signatures of your peers must accompany the nomination form. The nomination then must be approved by three of the five board committee members.

Walsh/Brown Tops at Evansport Doubles

Carolyn Walsh and Mary Brown were winners of a doubles tournament held at the Evansport Bar, Evansport, Ohio, on Dec. 4. There were only eight teams participating, but the total money was \$1300, \$300 of which was added by promoter Dale Gushman and the bar. There were out-of-towners from Fort Wayne, Warsaw, and North Webster, Indiana. Second place went to Dave Schroder and Terry Wolfrum, with Bob Figis and Jerry Richards taking third.

Norris/Martin Winners of "55 and Over" Tournament

The 6th Annual 55 & Over Tournament was held at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, on Nov. 18-20. The event was won by Chuck Norris and John Martin (John has been in the top three since it started). Second went to Mike Waters and Georganna Brand, and third to Frank Powers and Billy Powell.

"As always, a great time was had by all," reports Ralph Duarte. "All players from the Northwest would like to thank the owner of the Shamrock Tavern, Jerry Berquist, for his outstanding support and heart of gold."

"Getting Ready for Houston" Tourney Held in Arkansas

By Tony Pelton

The VFW Post 9095 in Little Rock, Arkansas was the place to be on Dec. 10-12 for the 1st Annual Houston Holiday Open Warm-up. There was a terrific turnout, thanks to the tremendous out-of-town support. The weekend was full of great shuffleboard playing and lots of fun.

The first event was the draw partner. There were some hard-fought games before the winner was decided.



First place went to Carol Ussery and Harold Pelton. They played "lights out" throughout the whole event and deserved to bring home the win.



Harvey Walden (left) of Tennessee and Tony Pelton (right) took second place honors. They are shown with their happy sponsor.



The Oklahoma husband and wife team, Lynn and Nancy Tice, shown with their sponsor (looks like Don Crall!) played great and placed third.

Placing fourth was the tough team of Stephanie Seligman and E.T. Jensen, another Oklahoma player.

There were some really strong teams, which made for some great shuffleboard playing in the bring partner.



After a long night, the team of Tony Pelton and Gene McLeod of Missouri took home a very deserved first place.

Dan and Carol Ussery proved to be a strong team and took second place honors.



Barry and Karla Hollowell put up a tough fight and took third place.

Ronnie Curtis and C.B. Faulkner made their presence known and placed fourth for their efforts.



Tony Pelton (left) proved to be a formidable opponent in the singles event and won without a loss. Mike Faulkner (center) played super and took home second place honors. Third place went to Gene Smith (right) after some strong playing.

All in all, the weekend was a success. Hopefully the players were able to get primed for Houston. Arkansas shuffleboard is still in the beginning stages, but with each event, support has grown and much has been learned. Thanks to Karla Hollowell for running the brackets and helping with the tournament. Thanks also to Ron Helton for all of his support and for the addition of \$600 to the prize money. A special thanks to all of the out-of-town players for supporting this event. With more hard work, continued support, and perseverance, shuffleboard in Arkansas will continue to grow.

After the success of this tournament, plans are already being made for another one this spring. Keep watching for details.

**Happy
New Year!**