

Gilmans Inducted into Northwest Hall of Fame

Bea Gilman and her late husband, Bob, who passed away in 1988, were inducted into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame at the Spokane Extravaganza on May 27.



The couple were honored for their years of effort to keep the shuffleboard league in Spokane going and growing, and later working behind the scenes at Memorial Day tournaments. At the age of 74, Bea is still playing and, according to her partners and opponents, playing very well. Among their many tributes were these.....

"I've learned a lot from my mom and dad, Bea and Bob Gilman, over the years as I watched their love of the game of shuffleboard take root and grow. From Bob Gilman, I learned how important it is to be responsible and dedicated to something you love if you want that something to last. From Bea Gilman, I learned how good sportsmanship can only increase the joy of competition...."

---Daughter Deni

"Bob Gilman had a special ability. He had a handicap (lost the fingers and most of the thumb of his right hand in the Korean War) and the only handicap was if you thought he had a handicap because Bob didn't look at it as a handicap. He loved to play and teach, and did both well. Bea has been a friend for 20 years and even though she has beaten me 492 times and counting, she still bakes me gingerbread cupcakes and cream puffs."

---Earl Cole

"Bobby was my idol when it came to living, loving, and shuffleboard. He was, and still is, an inspiration in my life...Bea is now my inspiration."

---Ed Bucknell

"We have some great shooters in Spokane -- past and present -- but in my personal opinion, shuffleboard would not be what it is today if not for the tireless efforts of these two comrades of the game."

---Marv White

Magoo/Bolt Win 1st \$\$\$\$\$

Charlee Magoo and Bob Bolt, both of Pontiac, won the first in the series of Super \$lammin' \$ummer \$unday \$huffleboard tournaments. Charlee, who is owner/host of the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac, and her partner Bob Bolt came out on top of a field of 14 teams at the Majestic on June 4. They are one of 10 teams which qualified for the play-off.

Taking second place honors were Bill Kane and Vic Matteson, both of Pontiac. Spoiling the clean sweep for Pontiac was the team of Greg Revello and Carlos Capte, representing Stober's Lounge in Lansing, who took third place.

In an open singles held on June 3, there were 14 contenders with Scott Auten of Pontiac taking top honors. Leon Black of Lansing took second, with Steve Auten of Pontiac in third.

The second in the \$\$\$\$\$ series is scheduled for July 16 at the Club Car Lounge (see Upcoming Events). You do not have to be a play-off qualifier to participate, but \$5 of your entry fee will be set aside for the winners of the play-off.

Norris/Thompson Tops at Shamrock's Draw Partner

The Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, hosted a draw partner tournament on May 20-21. There were 12 teams competing for a pot of \$1600. Winners were Chuck Norris (glad to report he's back in action) of Oregon and Gary Thompson. Frank Powers and Mike Olson took second, with Dick Hanley (boy wonder) and John Hight in third. The Mako Brothers -- Frank and Dino -- took fourth.

"Thanks to the new owner, Steve Jones. I think he's going to be good," reports Ralph Duarte. "The food was as great as it has been in the past and the tournament was well-run, thanks to director Laura Smith."

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