

## Bill English Inducted into Colorado Hall of Fame

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The 9th Annual Santa Classic, held at the Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, on Dec. 12-13, was an especially meaningful event this year for the state's shuffleboard players. The newly-established Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame inducted its first player, the late Bill English.

The induction ceremony was a time of remembrance and celebration of the life of the shuffleboard legend. Players who had known Bill for many years, such as Travis Anderson, Dennis Bird, Morey Balins, Jody Slack, Ron Sosovec and others addressed the gathering with fond remembrances of Bill's words, wit, and, of course, shuffleboard anecdotes. The one point that all of the speakers made -- and wanted newer players to understand -- was that if it had not been for Bill English and other players from his era of this game, the sport would not be what it is today.

After everyone finished speaking, there was a champagne toast and Jody Slack presented Bill's wife, Bonnie, with an engraved crystal and marble trophy commemorating the occasion. The memorable event ended with a wonderful buffet dinner provided by Balloon Inn owners Glen and Cee Cee Chavez.



Jody Slack presents the induction plaque to Bonnie English.



A champagne toast to the legendary Bill English, first inductee into the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



The beautiful crystal and marble plaque recognizes Bill English as the first inductee into the Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

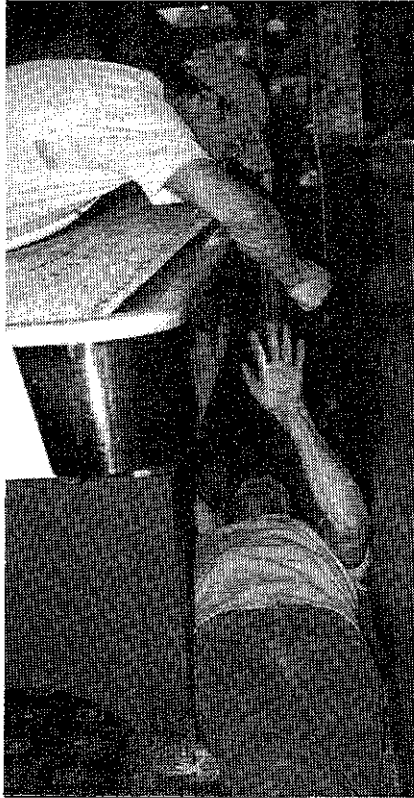


Travis Anderson (left) and Dennis Bird (right) were two of the speakers who paid tribute to the memory of Bill English.

### B & B Connection Win Santa Classic at Balloon Inn

"B & B" -- does it stand for Birdman and The Blaster? In reality, it stands for Bird and Boyer, like in Dennis and Rick, who took first place in this year's Santa Classic. The tournament was a lot of fun this year and had special meaning because of the Hall of Fame induction of the late Bill English on Saturday

while the players took a break between matches in his honor.



*First-place finishers Rick Boyer and Dennis Bird hold a strategy meeting prior to their final match.*



*Bonnie thanks hosts Cee Cee and Glenn Chavez for hosting this tribute to her late husband.*

The tournament was more exciting this year because a lot of players who had never played in the Santa Classic in prior years paired up with Santa Classic veterans, which made for some very interesting teams, matches, and sponsor sale bidding.

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## **Hart/Vance Win at Sportsman's Lounge**

Steve Hart and Larry Vance were winners of the doubles tournament held at Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana, on Dec. 12.

Second place honors went to Bob Brown and Glen Ingram, with Tom and Greg Massie in third place.

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## **Additions to "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."**

In the January issue, we published the 1999 listing of shuffleboard establishments which are subscribers of The Board Talk. On the back page of this 4-page flyer was a place to add new subscribers. Please add:

**California** -- Tex's Mecca Club, 701 Sunset Ave., Sacramento; phone 916-371-0538 (note that this establishment is also part of our Shuffleboard Directory)

**Kentucky** -- Shawnee Post 193, 2800 W. Main, Louisville; phone 502-776-1119 or 776-8596 (note that this is our first Kentucky establishment)

Please stop in at these shuffleboard hosts and welcome them to The World of Shuffleboard.

PLEASE -- if you're the "keeper of the post," check the latest issue of The Board Talk and see if your favorite shuffleboard site has a red check. They could be "at risk" if they don't renew today!



*Char Waugaman congratulates visitor Marty Shepard of Nebraska who teamed up with local Gene Davis to take second place.*



*Bonnie English drinks a toast to Bill's memory with third place finishers -- "unknowns" Jody Slack and Kathi Lloyd.*