

**O'Brien and Manes Capture
St. Patrick's Tournament at Rosewood Pub
March 18-20, 2005**

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Bellflower, CA. – Whittier's Tim O'Brien and Downey's Jan Manes captured the third annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament held on the weekend of March 18-20, at the Rosewood Pub in Bellflower. The winners sailed through a 15-team field undefeated to take home the winner's share of a combined \$4,225 purse.

Robert "Cowboy" Wade of Hemet and Huntington Beach's Jeff Posthumous battled through the loser's bracket to take second place following their loss in the championship game to the tournament winners. Third place went to Paramount's Paul Weber and Bellflower's Carl Martin with Downey's Chris Brown and Long Beach's Susie Jones finishing in fourth.

Tournament play began Friday, March 18, following the sponsor sale that generated \$3,475 and saw Wade and Posthumous and the Bellflower couple of Joanie and Allan Healey the high bid teams. Chris Brown was the sponsor of the O'Brien and Manes winning combination. Weber handled the team auctions.

On Saturday, Rosewood owners B.B. Boik and Bud Taylor hosted a free buffet for tournament players and their regular customers and it seemed there were snacks available for everyone throughout the three day weekend. In a show of good sportsmanship between the Rosewood Pub and Oskar's Sports Bar and Grill owners Boik and Oscar Ugarte played together as teammates during the shuffleboard event. The two bars are only a few blocks away from each other in Bellflower.

An additional \$1.00 was charged to each participant's entry fee and a 50/50 Draw was held that generated a total of \$115 that will be sent to Ron and Debbie Bowers in support of the Bowers Rating System. Hope Weber handled the 50/50 ticket sales in benefit of the Bowers.

Robert Davidson served as the tournament director with the generous support of Yorba Linda's Bob Brunskill on the bracketing board. The Rosewood's three fast shuffleboards were in excellent condition and played as fast as they are known to be.

Special thanks goes to the Rosewood owners and bartenders and all who helped make this year's tournament a success.

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