

**Thanks from the Directors**

Under the best of circumstances, a tournament of this size over a weekend, with the induction ceremony and all its distractions, can be very demanding. The tournament directors -- Al Salazar, Alice Aredondo, and Bob Lewis -- would like to thank: Gil Aragon, Ted Behrens, Bill Bryan, Ted and Manny Canada, Cindy Clark, Wendell Herbison and the Stardust Lounge, Mickey Lewis, Joanne Leonard, Paul Messina, Linda Meyers, Marilyn Roberts, Bob Shirley, Lady Tafoya, Bill Thomas, Paul Weber, Johnny Woods, Denise Yohn, George and Donna Wilber of The Board Talk, the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Trey Bennett of West Valley Printing, and Kevin Baek of Family Billiards.

One hundred percent of all entries and sponsor sales were disbursed to the winners, with no one receiving any compensation. These people with their time, input, support and donations, made this weekend, not only possible, but successful.

**Tice/Lambert, Pitzer/Jones  
Tops at Heartland Handicap**

The American Legion Post 73 in Del City hosted the Oklahoma Heartland Handicap Tournament on April 16-18, attracting 60 shufflers. The competitive, full-filled weekend of handicap shuffleboard once again produced a majority of 13-13 and 14-14 games. The two events of draw and bring partner produced record pots of almost \$14,000.

"Thanks to the Bower's Handicap Ratings, the format allows us to mix all levels of rated players into each event," said director Ron Huddleston. "It is a pleasure to see new faces starting to enter events as they begin to understand the Heartland Handicap format of play. Our thanks to all the players for making it a fun tournament."

Winners of the draw partner were Shannon Tice and Weldon Lambert. Second place went to Steve Burkett and Maylon Nobles. Harvey Walden of Tennessee and Rick Jones took third, with Tommy McBurnett and Euel Jensen in fourth place.

Taking first place in the bring partner were Pete Pitzer and Rick Jones, with Dino Flemming and Ron Huddleston in second place. Sue (X-Virgin) Lewis and Don Neaves finished third, with Pat Gainey and Harvey Walden in fourth place.

**Allis/Heflin Win at Shamrock**

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, hosted its 8th draw partner tournament on May 1-2. Sixteen teams vied for a share of the \$1600 pot.

"It was good to see Jim Allis back in the groove," said reporter Ralph Duarte. "He's too good a player

not to be winning."

*And win he did, with partner Dick Heflin. They had to come from behind to do it.*



*Al Pease (right) and Don Heflin (Dick's brother) took second place honors.*



*Steve Wilson (right) and John Hight finished third.*



*Fred Johns and Frank Mako (the TALL one) took fourth place.*