



"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMPETITION"



Final thoughts on the
1999 North American
Shuffleboard Championships™
and exciting news about the
future of the tournament



Thanks to everyone who attended the 10th annual North American Shuffleboard Championships™, and to all of the dedicated members of our tournament staff that make this event possible.

Of the many hundreds of players who have attended this tournament over the years, including the 268 who played in 1999, eight have been there every year. They are Rick Boyer, Jim Filkins, Bob Hunt, Bill Meyer, Bill Melton, Al Salazar, Bob Shaw and David Williams. We very much appreciate your continued support and hope to see all of you at the next ten as well.

While there were many highlights, there were also some problems, the most important of which were the boards. They did not play up to our standards or to a level fitting a tournament of this stature. This was certainly not due to any lack of effort. We apologize to all the participants and want to assure everyone that appropriate action has been taken to insure that this is not an issue in the future.

Before going any further we want to say that this is not a reflection on the quality of the tables we used, but rather a consequence of the Nevada climate. Those same tables play just fine in their home, American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma.

We shall always be grateful to Don Crall, who rented us his boards for the last three years. Without his help, it is quite possible the NASC™ would not have survived. If you have never been to the Legion for the Southwest Open, or one of their other tournaments, we highly recommend you visit them.

The NASC™ has become the tournament it is largely due to the excellent work of our tournament staff. Five days before the start of the tournament, Harvey Walden arrived with his all important cargo of twenty-four shuffleboard tables. The next day, the core of our setup team began the setup process. That group, which includes Rick Boyer, Lyndon Baize, Kory Hungerford and Scott Harrington play a major role all week. In addition to set up and take down, they wax and adjust boards for eight straight days in between, and don't get much of a break until the boards have been safely packed back into the truck.

Once the boards are in place, there is a substantial amount of preparation still to be done, including leveling, cleaning and polishing. That's when Bubba Warren, Lou Decker and Ted Fowler join the crew. Caring for the boards is not a task that ends once the tournament starts. Most mornings, by 6:00 a.m., members of the tournament staff were back at it, cleaning, polishing and spraying the boards, vacuuming the gutters and doing additional leveling and adjusting.

It's now the day before the start of the tournament and Kathy Yingst is now on hand and working on some of the many details, including preparing auction lists, taking late entries, organizing teams. Once the tournament has started she moves on to posting prize money, calculating points for the North American Champion Contest, etc.

Sunday arrives and the rest of the team is in place. Bracket man Rob Kern is set to record the first of nearly 1,000 tournament games. Sharon Huddleston is ready for the very important job of handling the auctions and splitting up the prize money into hundreds of envelopes. Our new auctioneer, Jack Davis is ready for the first of more than 400 players/teams he will handle for the week.

As the action begins, tournament photographer Ralph Duarte and video expert Jim Martin are capturing all the highlights, recording eighteen hours of video along with taking more than 500 photos.

In addition to the regular tournament staff were some volunteers, who play an important and appreciated role. We wish to recognize Carol Boyett, Vickie Hunt, Bob Jacobsen, Debbie Kern, Nancy Salazar, Gordie Smith and Tina Wade. So many people stop and offer to help out if we need them, we appreciate all of you and hope we haven't missed anyone.

As usual, our Co-Sponsors played an important role in funding the nearly \$24,000.00 in tournament expenses. Thanks to everyone who made a Co-Sponsor contribution, especially our first Platinum Sponsor, Hal Perry, who made a \$1,000.00 donation. Special thanks also to our board sponsors, American Shuffleboard Company, Hillside, New Jersey, The Houston Holiday Open and the Southwest Open, all of which made a donation of \$300.00 to Co-Sponsor a board.

Of the many highlights, the Crazy Eights event was probably number 1. The crowd participation was unlike any we have ever seen. We will work on expanding that for the 2000 Tournament. It was also great to have our first Canadian winner of a singles event, Kabal Bimb.

Looking to next year, the 2000 NASC™ will include our first experiment with a two out of three winners bracket and 21 point game losers bracket. As promised, one of the amateur singles or doubles event will have that format. We will expand that format to other divisions as we get a handle on how it affects the time requirements.

Thanks again to everyone. We hope you are all as excited as we are about the new sponsorship agreement with the Sands, the 24 new boards and the future of the NASC™.

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THE SHUFFLEBOARD FEDERATION &
SANDS REGENCY HOTEL CASINO
AGREE ON NEW NASC™ DEAL**

**11TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN
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OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 5, 2000
24 BRAND NEW CUSTOM MADE
SHUFFLEBOARD TABLES**

The Sands Regency Hotel has pledged up to \$150,000.00 to host the North American Shuffleboard Championships through 2006. Nearly half of that money will be used to purchase 24 brand new shuffleboard tables, with the remainder coming in the form of added money, some of which is based on attendance. The most significant feature of the new boards are the playing surfaces, which will have a synthetic laquer finish. If ten years of running the NASC™ has taught us anything, it is that boards with playing surfaces that have a plastic finish are just not the right equipment for the dry Nevada climate. The lacquer finish will make the boards much easier to adjust and give them a more traditional look and feel.

It has always been our goal that the NASC™ be the premier shuffleboard tournament in the world in all respects. We have worked very hard to run a first class tournament in an effort to achieve that goal. Until now, securing the tables every year and trying to get them adjusted to play well has been the toughest, most expensive part of the operation. Having twenty four custom made shuffleboard tables will allow us to elevate the quality of this tournament to a new level. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Sol Lipkin for all his help in putting this deal together.

As preparations for the 2000 NASC™ continue, we welcome any suggestions you may have. The success of the NASC™ has come through working to improve the tournament every year and by listening to our participants. We appreciate the support and commitment of the Sands Regency Hotel Casino, which stuck with us in the lean years, and look forward to working with them for many years to come. We hope the shuffleboard community will show their support for their huge new sponsorship commitment with a record turnout for the 2000 NASC™. Stay tuned to The Board Talk for all the latest news and information.

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