

"Whole Lot of Shaking Goin' On" at Florida Championships

By Marty Allen

O.K., so I mean "shake-ups" as three of our four events at the Florida State Championships held Nov. 26-28 at Snuggery Bar & Grill, Palm Beach Gardens, were crowned with new champs....

Carol Komarc captured two first-place trophies as she defeated Colletta Stanley for the women's singles title. Carol also teamed with Pete O'Neill to win the mixed couples event over Colletta and Marty Allen.

Chuck DeWees is the new men's singles champ. His last three matches were against some of the most experienced tournament players in Florida. First, "Jimmy the Cop." This game went to the final shot. Next, Pete O'Neill. The only chance you have of beating Pete is to play his hitting game and try to put your lag to good use, and that's exactly what Chuck did. Alvis Ramey is our number one rated player in Florida. He's very patient and a very smart player. This was an outstanding two-game series for the men's singles championship and again went down to the final shot.

So that's our new champs for 1999. Congratulations, Carol, Pete and Chuck. Colletta and Marty repeated as the open doubles champs so that takes care of our four events.



Women's singles champ Carol Komarc (left), of Pembroke Pines, with Colletta Stanley (center), Palm Beach Gardens, second; and Kathy Ring of Titusville, third. Paul Harper of Boca Raton finished in fourth place.



The 1999 mixed couples champs are Pete O'Neill and Carol Komarc (left). Marty Allen and Colletta Stanley (center) took second place honors, with Chuck DeWees and Grace Potter (right) in third. Finishing fourth were Tim Vola and Paula Harper.



Marty Allen and Colletta Stanley (left) retained their open doubles championship. John Sateren and Tim Vola (right) took second place honors. Cass Grubbs and Dave Macko finished third, with Ray and Chris Boyett in fourth place.



Chuck DeWees (left) is the 1999 men's singles champ. Alvis Ramey (center) took second, with Pete O'Neill (right) in third place. Jim Kumpula finished fourth.

Special Thanks....

Thanks to the Snuggery Bar & Grill and our host, manager Greg Kirchner. Great support and super service.

Thanks to Colletta Stanley, outstanding sponsorship sign-ons; Chuck DeWees and Ron Gempel, my U-Haul buddies -- Thanks, guys; Charley and Pat, J.T. and Sue, thanks for contributing to our tournament; Ray Boyett and Tim Vola on the bracket boards and sponsor sales; Ted Balli, thanks for the flyer.

WANTED: Information on Kid Spooks....

Marty Allen is seeking information on the legendary Kid Spooks for the purpose of nominating him for induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. If you have information and would like to cooperate with him on this endeavor, write him at: 2244 49th Dr. N, West Palm Beach, FL 33417 or call him at: 561-697-9677.