



# The Board Talk

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## Florida Hosts "Double Header"

*(Editor's Note: When Florida scheduled major tournaments on consecutive weekends, we were a bit concerned and made a few phone calls to make sure they really wanted to do this. Our concerns, evidently, were unfounded as both events had good participation from several states. The report on the second event, held at the Fill-N-Station in Mims, got held up between Florida and Michigan and will be featured in the June issue. In the meantime.....)*

### Florida Open Sets Record Jackpot

By Marty Allen

The Florida Open VII was held at the Snuggery Bar & Grill, Palm Beach Gardens, March 17-19. We had players from Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, New York and Florida playing for a record Florida total jackpot of \$9,560 in our three events. Our goal next year is a \$10,000 Florida Open jackpot.

It has been suggested that we add a fourth event to our tournament format and this is being seriously considered. In all probability, it would be a mixed couples event. More on this later.

It was also suggested that we update our "Rules and Regulations" and we agree on this. Also that we upgrade our tournament shuffleboard powder as we had way too many "mush" shots this year. We agree and henceforth, Colletta and Chuck will be buying our tournament powder.

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Winners of Friday's draw partner event were (from left): 1st -- Chuck DeWees and Armand Nault (not pictured), both of Florida; 2nd -- Brenda Kane of Michigan and Jim DeWitt of Indiana; 3rd -- Charlie Potter of Florida and Jim Kumpula, Florida/Michigan; 4th -- Glen Ingram of Indiana and Marty Allen of Florida.



In Saturday's doubles, winners were (left to right): 1st -- Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt of Indiana; 2nd -- Jim Kumpula and Bill Kane of Michigan; 3rd -- Colletta Stanley and Marty Allen, Florida; 4th -- Leon Black of Michigan and Jim Long of Indiana.

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**Oct. 29-Nov. 5**

11th NASC Tournament  
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino  
Reno, Nevada

**NOVEMBER****Nov. 11**

Handicap Singles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

**Nov. 11-12**

Mixed Doubles  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

**Nov. 18-19**

55 and Over Tournament  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

**Nov. 25-26**

A-B Bring Partner  
BZ's  
Burien, Washington

**DECEMBER****Dec. 9-10**

ABC Tournament  
Frankie's  
Olympia, Washington

**Dec. 26-31**

Houston Holiday Open  
Greenspoint Marriott  
Houston, Texas

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**Florida Open** (continued from Page 1)

Winners of Sunday's singles were (left to right): 1st -- Marty Allen, Florida; 2nd -- Jim Long, Indiana; 3rd -- Chuck DeWees, Florida; 4th -- Glen Ingram, Indiana.

Special thanks to Greg Kirchner and his excellent Snuggery staff for the super service and two free buffets; to Ray Boyett for his auctioneering and his two wonderful refinished straight boards; to Chuck DeWees for helping Ray and also transportation of the two boards. Thanks to Glen Ingram and Mike Halstead (The Kentucky Flash) for just stepping in and helping out in a particular situation; to Fred Scholz on the bracket charts; and to Carole Boyett for keeping track of the tournament monies. Thanks to Colletta Stanley for her business and individual sponsor sales that keep us afloat.

Finally, congratulations to Jim Long for his induction into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. It's a well-deserved honor and, God willing, I will see you and Vicki again.

The following week, we headed north 130 miles to the Cape Kennedy Blast-Off Tournament at the Fill-N-Station, U.S. Rt. #1, Mims, Florida, March 24-25. *There is a very good possibility this could be a consecutive weekend yearly event. It could only be a plus for the state of Florida -- sort of like a March Florida Mini Tour!*

**COMING NEXT MONTH:**

*The "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard locations which are Board Talk subscribers. Will YOUR favorite shuffleboard site be listed? Check their status NOW and if they are not currently members of the national network, sign them up before May 15 to be included on the list, which is used by travelling shufflers across the U.S.A.*