

Hobo's Pour House Hosts Florida State Tourney

By Marty Allen

Tournament Notes: I always jot down a few observations and sometimes I even remember what they were about.

The first is **"Tough Lags."** I say amen to that. Defense and "take the one" was the strategy to use on the two in-house boards at Hobo's Pour House, host for our Florida Championships.

"Clean Sweep." This is a term borrowed from the FBI and CIA, but in Florida shuffleboard, in this instance, it means Colletta Stanley won all events in which she participated -- again! (Colletta also had a "clean sweep" in 1996.)

League Play. This year the Titusville/Mims shuffleboard area has eight shuffleboard establishments with 12 teams signed on for their traveling league play. What is truly amazing is this has been continuous league play since 1968. That's 30 years. Holy Toledo! Sounds like a pretty nice shuffleboard retirement area to me.

Thank you to Alvis Ramey and all of my secretive Florida shuffleboard friends for presenting me with a beautiful plaque. Personally, I think it was a little premature, but it's mine now and I'm going to keep it. I tried to say "thank you," but all that would come out was "urk, urk."

(Editor's Note: You're too modest, Marty! Will someone please tell us what his plaque was for?)

Our Hosts: Mary and "Hobo" Batchelor are gracious hosts, shuffleboard committed. This is their first venture into tournament play and I think they held up pretty well, considering the long hours. Hobo's Pour House will host the Florida Open, March 26-28. They are located at 4795 St. Rt. 46, Mims, Florida (I-95 exit 81, west 1/2 mile on the left; phone 407-269-6227).



Winners of the Open Doubles were (from left): Marty Allen and Colletta Stanley, 1st; Dave Macko and Cass Grubbs, 2nd; Jerry Grey and J.T. Swindle, 3rd. Finishing 4th were Charlie Potter and Mickey VanEtten.



Winners of the Women's Singles were (from left): Colletta Stanley, 1st; Brenda Ramey, 2nd; Sharon Krause, 3rd. Carol Komarc took 4th place.



The Men's Singles winners were (from left): Alvis Ramey, 1st; Marty Allen, 2nd; Dennis Wilson, 3rd. Cass Grubbs finished in 4th place.



The Mixed Couples event was won by Colletta Stanley and Marty Allen (left). Brenda and Alvis Ramey (center) took second, with Carol Mickelson and Jerry Grey in third place.



Mary and "Hobo" will also host the Florida Open on March 26-28. Hobo's is a member of The Board Talk's national shuffleboard network.