

Shuffleboard Keeps Going and Growing in Colorado!

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Colorado Comments

In May nine players from Colorado ventured into the Cornhusker zone for the Denny Busch Memorial Tournament. As always we were treated to the great warmth and hospitality of the Nebraska players, Harold's Bar and My Way Lounge. We can't thank them enough for the great time and memories we have from our visit. We hope to return the kindness when they come out for the CO.NE. Head Classic in August.

On a more serious note, we are all terribly sad at the passing of one of the nicest people in the game, Joel Rahn. I know that Char and all of his friends in Nebraska will surely miss him. You are in the thoughts and hearts of the Colorado players who were lucky enough to have known Joel.

Davidson/Hersom Big Winners at Bill English Memorial Open

For an 11th year, the Balloon Inn in Arvada, Colorado, hosted an open doubles event in June, which is now known as the Bill English Memorial Open. The tournament drew players from Washington, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona. With 15 teams and \$7,200 at stake, the competition was stiff, the boards were busy and the fun never stopped.

It was only fitting that the players finishing in the money were Glen Davidson (who came to help induct George Ostrom into our Hall of Fame) of Oklahoma and Danny Hersom from Texas taking first place. Travis Anderson, making a comeback after major surgery, and his partner, Dave Cowan, took second.



Winners (from left) Danny Hersom and Glen Davidson, 1st; Travis Anderson and Dave Cowan, 2nd.



George Ostrom (right), our Hall of Fame inductee, and Rick Boyer came in third.

We also had a visit from a very special person. Dick Voss, his wife Charlene and daughter came up from Colorado Springs to watch the tournament play on Saturday. Some of you may remember Dick from when he played in California many years ago.

Glenn and Cee Cee Chavez, owners of the Balloon Inn, Jody and I thank all of the players who participated. A special thanks to Al Pease, Gary Thompson, Kelly Cameron, Tom and Jeanette Henry, Gwyn Orsi, Leon Black, Marty Shepard, Mike Roach, and the "Caveman" for making this a special weekend. We hope that all our visitors from out of town enjoyed their stay, had fun playing and will return again next year to participate in this great event.

"Gentleman George" Ostrom Inducted into Colorado Hall of Fame

During the Bill English Memorial Open, the Colorado players and many out-of-state visitors took time out on Saturday evening to induct one of the most loved and best players of the game. If you don't know George Ostrom and have never been "osterized" in a good, old-fashioned butt-kicking during a game with him, you simply haven't lived.

Glen Davidson was kind enough to make the trip up to Denver to be our master of ceremonies for the induction. We truly appreciate all of the kind words and comments about both George and the game of shuffleboard that he shared with us.

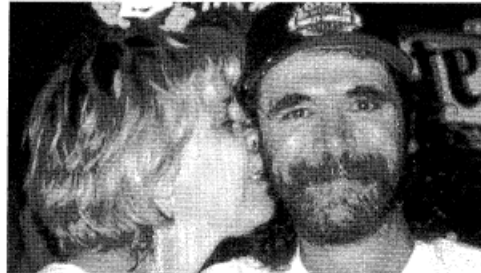
Bonnie English, a director of the Colorado Hall of Fame and widow of Bill English, was on hand to share in the festivities and present George with his induction trophy. Many friends and players from all over the country were in attendance to honor George for his past achievements and the continuing impact he has on the growth of the game

through his patient guidance of new players. George has long been known for his exemplary good sportsmanship and demeanor during tournaments, thus the nickname "Gentleman George." We are proud and honored to have him as a member of our Colorado family of shuffleboard players.



"Gentleman George" Ostrom
Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductee

Thanks to those players who traveled to Colorado to honor George; it meant a lot to all of us! **And special thanks to Paul Frizzell who donated \$450 to our Colorado Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.**



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conthead - (kōn'hed') *noun* 1. A shuffleboard player who has made so many trips between Omaha and Denver to play that they think they live in both states. 2. A shuffleboard player from any other state that gets stuck standing between Nebraska and Colorado players in Reno and has to listen to the conversation. 3. A shuffleboard player that wants to have a good time on **AUGUST 18, 19 & 20**

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