

Nugget Hosts Williams Brothers' 15th Thanksgiving Tourney

By Bobby Williams

Many of the best shufflers in the Southwest gathered at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas, on Nov. 24-28 for the 15th Annual Williams Brothers' Thanksgiving Classic.

In Wednesday's draw, Kelly Cameron and Linda Nobles came back from the loser's bracket to take first place. Johnny Ballard and Gary Nelson took second place, with David Williams and Kay Nelson in third place.

On Thursday, before the start of the singles, Gold Nugget host Tom Johnson treated shufflers to a sumptuous feast of turkey and all the trimmings.



In Thursday's Div. I singles, Bill Melton (center) was the winner. Mike Taylor took second and Jeri Billard finished in third place.



In Div. II, Tom Johnson (center) won first place, with Jeff Womble (right) taking second place honors, and Mahlon Nobles finishing third.



In Friday's Div. I doubles, the winners were Bob Shaw and Jeri Billard (center) with Bill Melton and Carlos Guzman in second place.

Johnny Wayne Crawford and Ronnie Gamble were third in the Div. I doubles.



A happy Kim Andrews and Dave Ramold took first place in the Div. II doubles. In second place was the team of Pete Pittsler and Mahlon Nobles.

In the team event on Saturday, where everyone shot and had a good time, Mike Taylor's team of Flynt Preston, Mahlon Nobles, Jeff Womble, Sue Griffin and Joe Spratt took top honors. Bobby Williams' team of Carlos Guzman, Mike Renick, Jim Andrews, Morris Moss and Jack Snell came in second. Third place went to David Williams' team of Tammy Denson, Rob Houchin, Betty Baumgardner, J.D. Sweet and Kathy Orlando.

Special thanks to Jeri Billard for her work on registration, money management and bracked boards. Johnny Wayne Crawford, as usual, did an excellent job of board set-up and adjustment. Bill Melton remarked that this was the overall best set of boards he had played in a long time. Jack Davis handled the sales and C.W. Walker did the transporting and assembly of the boards. And a great big thank you to Rosa, the best bartender in the world!

Hall and McDaniels Double at Harvey's Place

By Dick Gorman

The annual Holiday Classic Tournament was held at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, on Dec. 10-11 to finish the Millennium. The crowd was festive as Christmas drew near and the friendship was spread as we anticipated the next thousand years. Wonder if they will be playing shuffleboard in the year 2999. That will make you think for awhile! One thing for sure, they won't have a better time than we do at Harvey's Place.

Friday was the handicapped draw partner event
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McLeod is New Women's Champ

There were 14 contenders in Sunday's women's singles, the final event in the Indiana Championships.



The 1999 Women's Singles Champion is Shannon McLeod (left). Mary Brown (right) took second place. Christi Redman finished in third place.

The total purse for the four events over three days was \$14,110. Karen Schounce was a great host.

The 2000 Indiana State Championships will be held at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon on Nov. 24-26.

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(Bowers Rating System – by 2999 they will probably wonder who Debbie and Ron Bowers were). A real unusual draw took place. Lindsay Hall of Baltimore and Jim McDaniels of Darlington drew each other and chuckled – they were signed up the next day in the bring partner event. Jim said: "Ought to be good practice." By the way, they play together Tuesday nights in the Cecil-Hartford County League. Well, they went right to the first place winner's table at the end of the night, but they had to beat the second place team of host Harvey Comer and Dick Greider, also from Darlington, twice. Third place was taken by another strong team of Wayne Nichols, Conowingo (great to see him back), and Dick Smedberg, Long Island, N.Y. We all were saddened to hear that Dick and his wife are thinking retirement and may be headed to Florida – our loss, Florida's gain! It is only appropriate to say here that Dick Smedberg is a competitor and a real gentleman and credit to the game. Thanks for the memories, Dick.

Saturday afternoon was the scheduled bring partner event which was interrupted with a great hot buffet provided by hosts Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer – some of the best pork barbecue and baked beans (how do you do them?) we have eaten. The winners were Lindsay Hall and Jim McDaniels, who smiled all the way home and to the

bank. Second place went to Keith Leonard, Charlestown, Md., and Dick Smedberg. Third place was taken by Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman, both from Wilmington, Del.

Not enough for these shufflers and not much time left in this Millennium for Harvey's Place (next tournament in the next one), so they held a \$25 draw partner, single elimination, winning team take all. Picking up this nice pile of cash were Wendy Davis and Herb Forster of Ridley Park, Pa.

The next event at Harvey's Place, where the Bowers Rating System is now used exclusively at tournaments to give everybody a better chance, will be the East Coast Winter Championship on Jan. 14-15, followed by the Mason Dixon Classic on Feb. 18-19. Hope you'll put them in your plans for the "blah" winter months. Call Harvey for more information, 410-836-8881.

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