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Hoosiers Host Board Talk Shufflers Reunion No. 13

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For 12 years, *The Board Talk* hosted an annual Shufflers' Reunion Tournament in various parts of the U.S.A. Who would offer to be host for the dreaded No. 13?

Casting any superstitions aside, the Voorhis Family opened their hearts and The Locker Bar in Marion, Indiana, on June 11-15 for this event and it turned out to be a Lucky 13 for a number of shufflers. This year's event was held in memory of Marisa Voorhis, beloved daughter of Duss and Martha Voorhis, sister and sister-in-law of pro shuffler Bobby and Deb Voorhis. Marisa, a delightful young woman who captured the hearts of all who met her, passed away earlier this year after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

With \$1,000 added by the Locker Bar, The Palace Bar in Fairmount, and *The Board Talk* for the open doubles and singles, the pot for the four scheduled events and two "spontaneous" competitions totalled over \$21,000. Add to that door prizes awarded to more than half of the participants, the expertise of director/bracketeer Rob Kern to keep things running smoothly, hospitable hosts and staff, and a fun-loving crowd, and the result was a Lucky 13!

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Camp/Ingram/Goodman Win A-B-C Draw

Thirty shufflers signed up for Wednesday's A-B-C draw and it was Hoosiers all the way in the winners' circle.



Host Bobby Voorhis (left) waits patiently to present the winners' envelope while Jeri Ingram gives her captain, Beef Camp (owner of Beefs in Kendallville), a hug. Third member of the winning team was Jason Goodman, hugging both Jeri and Beef.



Second place finishers were Glen Ingram, Tom Nolder and Orris Hughes.

Taking third in the ABC draw were Emmet Wilcox, Steve Schuyler and host Buss Voorhis.

McDermott Tops Field of 30 in Singles

John McDermott of Michigan took top honors in the graduated entry open singles which attracted 30

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NATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

By Glen Davidson, Chairman

As this is written, we are preparing for the Southwest Open and the induction of Bill Melton to the Hall of Fame. I have a few things to do; by the time this is read, we'll all know if I got them done or not. This tournament is likely to be the biggest ever in the U.S. and hopefully I will get a few more people involved in forming state Halls of Fame.

Our condolences to the Billy Chiles family in California. I first met Billy at a tourney in 1967 in Dallas, Texas. He and Tom Galvin came as partners. I teamed up with Billy in the early '70s and we took a trip to Washington, Oregon, and back to California. I played partners with him at the Dearborn, Michigan, tournament where we finished second. Also at the Happy Hour in the '70s, we finished second.

I remember Billy being very devoted to the game and he played as a pro since the early '70s. He will be remembered by many as "Moses" or "The Hippie," easy going, slow walking, low talking. He talked so low that when he "shouted" at someone, they would always say: "What was that you said?" A nicer guy you'll never meet! Rest in peace, my friend. I'm sure all your friends will see that you get into the Hall of Fame this year. California players, friends and neighbors: You're being called upon to do something, give something back. Get going with your Hall of Fame.

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contenders. John had to double-dip Terry Dowell of Indiana in the finals to claim his plaque. Even though it was a partisan gallery, the skills of both players earned them respect. That respect soared as the two announced that they would donate their share of the added \$500 in the entry pot to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. John's share of \$260 and Terry's share of \$120 made a slight dent in their winners' envelopes.



Hard to tell who is happier -- winner John McDermott or buyer Board Talk George!



Terry Dowell (hard to believe he's a grandfather!) accepts congratulations for taking second place in the open singles.

Camera-shy Dave Boaz (right) from Indiana finished third. Other winners were all Hoosiers: Larry Vance, 4th; Larry Creakbaum and Steve Schuyler, 5th and 6th.



Nebraska Visitors Capture Mixed Doubles Title

On Friday the 13th, 13 teams signed up to compete in the mixed doubles event at the 13th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. All those 13s failed to put a hex on Gwynette Orsi and Dan Perrigo of Omaha, Nebraska, as they made their way to the top of the field. Dan is owner

of D's Frontier in Omaha, a member of our national shuffleboard network.



Bobby V presents Gwyn and Dan with their first-place plaque and money envelopes.

Another out-of-state pair, Al DiBella and Louise Freer from Pennsylvania, took second place honors in the mixed doubles.



In yet another class act, Gwyn and Dan, Al and Louise each made a generous donation from their winnings to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (and there was no added money in this event).



Jim DeWitt and Sheryl Cockerill put Indiana back in the winner's circle by taking third in the mixed doubles.

Voorhis/Massie Win Open Doubles Title

There were 18 teams in the open doubles and it was pro Bobby Voorhis and the tough, young Tom Massie who brought honor to the Hoosier State.

Giving Bobby and Tom a run for their money (\$500 added to this entry pot) were John McDermott and Chris Passariello of Michigan, who settled for second.

Bob Brown and Brian Collins, both of Indiana, finished third. Mike Johnson of Indiana and John Myles of Michigan rounded out the winner's circle.



Doubles winners Tom Massie and Bobby Voorhis (Buss says: "It's about time, Son") received not only plaques and fat envelopes, but a car telephone, courtesy of Orris Hughes' ("Mr. Shuffleboard") Video & Tanning, Chesterfield, Indiana.



Chris Passariello and John McDermott of Michigan took second place in the open doubles.



Director/bracketeer Rob Kern (right) congratulates Brian Collins and Bob Brown for their third place finish.

Louise Freer Wins Women's Singles

There was a disappointing turnout for the women's singles, but the seven competitors had a good time while they worked diligently to try to capture the crown.

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Louise Freer of Pennsylvania took first in the women's singles. She is congratulated by hostess Deb Voorhis, who finished third.

Marcia Brown of Indiana took second place. She closed her eyes for the "official" photo so we used this one of her doing the boogie. She's as talented on the dance floor as she is on the boards!

**"Spontaneous" Draw Partners**

This crowd had one thing on their collective minds -- shuffleboard -- so they filled up any spare time with draw partner events, one on Saturday night and another on Sunday.

Winners of the first draw were: Bob Brown and Brian Collins, 1st; Louise Freer and Steve Blue, 2nd; Deb Voorhis and Rick Royal, 3rd.

Winners of the second draw were: Bobby Voorhis and Steve Blue, 1st; Robert Brown and Sheryl Cockerill, 2nd; Gwyn Orsi and Jason Goodman, 3rd.



With the help of John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, Deb Voorhis presented Marisa Voorhis Memorial board wipes to hubby Bob for The Palace Bar and father-in-law Buss for The Locker Bar.

The Board Talk editors thank the Voorhis Family, the Locker Bar staff, Rob Kern, and all participants for making Reunion No. 13 a memorable event. Special

thanks to Bobby V for hustling up some advertisers for our printed program. When the printer deadline approached, we had one \$35 ad from Carol Westerman's Lucky's Tavern and we anguished over how we would pay the printing bill, buy the door prizes and make a donation to the Hall of Fame. Super salesman Bobby came through!



Board Talk George contemplates the chain of command at this tournament: (1) Rob Kern (2) Donna Wilber (3) Buss Voorhis (4) Deb Voorhis (5) Locker Bar Manager Ginger and the waitresses (6) auctioneer Mike Johnson, (7) the bar full of participants, fans and regulars (8) Bobby V and, finally, (9) "Lonesome George."

"Our Pleasure"

The girls at The Locker Bar would like to let everyone know it was a pleasure meeting and serving you all during your Board Talk tournament. Good luck to all our new friends!
Ginger - CJ - Barb - Lynn

"Sincere Thanks"

The Locker Bar thanks all the shufflers for a great fun week -- a fine group of players, good sportsmanship and some great board play!
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