

2000-2001 BEGINS AT HARVEY'S PLACE

By Dick Gorman

The 2000-01 season began at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland on October 6th and 7th with the annual Memorial Tournament which starts out each year with a small appreciation service dedicated to the memory of former players and supporters of Harvey's Place tournaments. This year, the service included memory of former participants: Dale Friend, John Grace, Mickey Mickens, Pete O'Neil, Nelson Renzo, Elmer Roblenheir, Scratch Todd and Art Ware. All were very important to the history of shuffleboard in the Maryland area, especially to Harvey's Place. We miss every one of them for their own special reasons.

The tournament started Friday night with a Draw Partner event using the Bower's Rating System. First place was finally won early Saturday morning by Wayne Todd (Newark, DE) and Dick Gorman (Wilmington, DE); second place was taken after some very tough matches by Ed Hammond (Chester, PA) and Jim Wallace (Port Deposit, MD); third place was won by Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) and Phil Dooman (New Rochelle, NJ - first time tournament who brought 5 playing friends with him to play their first tournament - they played all weekend and said they would be back for the next tournament - we hope so!).

It was up early on Saturday morning for the Open Singles which started at 9:30 a.m. Jim Daniels (Darlington, MD) took first place; Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) took second place; and Curtis Dean (Northeast, MD) took third place.

During the afternoon after the Singles Event was completed, the Bring Partner event started and continued until the late hours. Lindsay Hall (Baltimore, MD) and Jim McDaniels took first place; Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman (both of Wilmington, DE) took second place; and Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) and Cort Maurer (Northeast, MD) took third place.

Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer hosted this great tournament and were particularly pleased with the great turnout, especially having a number of new participants. They provided participants and guests with a fantastic roast pork dinner and all the trimmings. The next scheduled tournament will be the Thanksgiving Shootout, November 10th-12th, 2000. To reserve a spot or get tourney details, contact our great hosts at: (410) 836-8881.

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In Saturday's singles event, first place went to Rick Meyer from Liverpool, New York, with Alonzo Cottrell of Michigan taking second place. Third went to Ryan Fuller and fourth to Bob Hanes from Waterloo.

Linda Meyer of Liverpool and Ryan Fuller were winners of the draw partner event. Taking second were Marv Smith and Rick Meyer. David Coleman and Dennis Leehive were third place finishers, with Jerry Hershman of Michigan and Ken VanZile taking fourth and final spot.

In the bring partner event, Jerry Hershman and Alonzo Cottrell of Michigan were tops. Pat Bennett and Dick Losee took second, with Brian Lounsbury and Dan Miner in third place.

Total pot for the weekend was \$6,806.

"I want to thank everyone for coming to the Dew Drop Inn," said hostess Tracie Fridley, who also did all the cooking for the weekend, for which she received many compliments. "Thanks also to my bartenders, Jean and Mikki, who did a great job as always. I hope to have everyone back in April."

Johnson/Boaz Win Bourbon's 33rd Annual Fall Doubles

By Bill Niswonger

Forty-two players from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana gathered at the American Legion Post 424, Bourbon, Indiana, for Bourbon's 33rd Annual Fall Doubles on Oct. 7. For 33 years, shuffleboard players from around the United States have come to this small mid-western town in hopes to be crowned champions of this event. Some have played here for 20 or 30 years. This year was no different.

With shooters like Bobby Voorhis, Frank Blade, Alonzo Cottrell, legendary Hall-of-Famers Jim Long, Larry Creakbaum and Steve Hart, Glen Ingram, Ray Miller, Mike Koontz, Dennis Kinsey, Tom Massey, Greg Massey, Buddy Broka (the most knowledgeable player in the world), Dave (Fluffy) Boaz, Terry Dowell, and many more, the competition was a tough field.

Going through this tough, competitive field without losing a game was the team of auctioneer Mikel Johnson and Dave Boaz. Second place went to Tom and Greg Massey. Third went to tournament director Terry Dowell and Larry Brown, with fourth going to Buddy Broka and Tom Nolder.

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Tournament director Terry Dowell and assistant Bill Niswonger thank all the players who competed this year and hope that, in future years to come, other states will participate in these annual events. (We really missed our Oklahoma and Texas players who have attended past tournaments.) Please remember the first Saturday of May is

Bourbon's Spring Doubles and the first Saturday of October is always Bourbon's Fall Doubles.

P.S.: A small response to Bobby Williams. Noticing in the October Board Talk, you made it kind of plain that Indiana players don't par up to the playing abilities of Texas and Oklahoma. But you most graciously gave us a possible tie for second place running. Well, to you, sir, I say: we invite you and your crew to join us at the Spring Bourbon Doubles in the Year 2001. Hope to see you there!

Al Pease Team Reigns at Blue Goose ABC Draw

The Blue Goose in Port Orchard, Washington, hosted an ABC draw tournament on Oct. 7-8.

Al Pease, a man who has been one of the most formidable players in the Pacific Northwest over the last 15 years, teamed up with locals Chuck Anthony and Larry Hudson to win the lion's share of the pot, losing only one game over the entire weekend (and that was to runners-up in an early best 2 of 3 match).



Al Pease (center) took his team of Larry Hudson and Chuck Anthony to first place honors.



Les Burt of Bremerton captained a team which included Michelle Foran (right) and Kathy Keevil to take second place.



Mike Waters (right) did a masterful job of teaching and leading his team of Jim Watson and newcomer Trina Hague to the third place finish.



The irrepensible Rick ("Want some of this?") Gindt (right) and team mates Bob Armstrong and tournament sponsor Dee "Mother Goose" Hudson finished fourth.

As has become tradition at the Blue Goose, a magnificent feed was put on by Sharon, Lin, Janice, Nancy, Dee, and all the rest of the "lady geese."

On Friday, 26 participants teamed up in a single elimination open draw tournament to warm up for the main event. Local Chuck Anthony made it a big weekend with two first places as he teamed up with John Martin. Another Northwest favorite, Gary George and partner Bob Armstrong finished second. Tied for third place were the teams of Mike Waters and Lin Walker, and Bill Walker and Judy George.

"I think it's great that a new group of unrated players who are becoming interested in the game have a chance to play with our experienced Pacific Northwest stars," said reporter Bill Walker.

**Next Up at The Blue Goose:
Annual Sweethearts Mixed Doubles
Feb. 9-11, 2001
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