



# The Board Talk

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## 1st California Ladies' Amateur Tourney a Success!

By Jane Mourgos

The Old Town Saloon in Livermore, California, hosted the Inaugural Amateur Ladies' Shuffleboard Tournament on Jan. 14-16. Many of the ladies experienced their first tournament in Y2K and, for others, their first tournament ever. With total prize money over \$8,300, it was a hard-fought battle for some, and learning experiences for others. This tournament was filled with double back flips (really!) and lots of "attitude adjustments." The participants combined strong, competitive shuffleboard with fun, hugs, emotions, and friendship!



Jolene Lembke (right), 1st, and Lorraine Bingham, 2nd, celebrate their victories in the Div. I singles. Jane Mourgos finished in third place.



In the Div. II singles, Betty Hudson took top honors, with Helen Martin in second place.

Other money winners in the Div. II singles were: Carol Thissen, 3rd; Manny Canada, 4th; Nancy Maraspin and Vicki Hunt, 5th and 6th.



In the A/B draw partner, the winners were Evie Werner and Jolene Lembke.

Others in the winners' circle were Betty Hudson and Linda Churchman, 2nd; Shari Hudson and Manny Canada, 3rd; Chris Brown and Vicki Hunt, 4th.



Most of the tournament gang at this inaugural event at the Old Town Saloon, Livermore, California.

Many thanks to Linda Churchman and Manny Canada of Phoenix, Arizona, who received special prizes for traveling the farthest. Also thanks to the Southern California gals (Chris Brown, Evie  
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Linda Meyers, Charlie Jordan, and Ken Kleker took second place honors in the ABC tournament at the M.V.P. in Phoenix, Arizona.



Third place went to Clint Hibbs, Gene Clark, and Mike Piper.

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Werner, Dixie Debbie, Mary Burdette, Linda Wright, and Jolene Lembke). Without the out-of-town guests, this tournament would not have been the same. Together with the regular band of shufflers from Visalia, Manteca, Sacramento, Santa Clara, and Livermore, this first ladies' tournament was a huge success.

The support and encouragement by Lois and Freddie Thuman was greatly appreciated -- not to mention the beautiful bouquets they provided for each of the ladies. The Old Town Saloon hosts, Ray Comer and Sandy McQuillan, went out of their way to provide a great tournament environment. Thanks to Lorraine, Kathy, and Stevie for help when needed. A very special thanks to A.Z. Tumbo, who provided the four boards.

Let's keep it up, ladies. As Freddie said: "We're on our way to something big here!"

## East Coast Winter Tourney

By Dick Gorman

The East Coast Winter Tournament, held Jan. 14-15, was the fourth in a series of seven weekend events at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. Same four in-house boards, same great hospitality by Darlyne and Harvey, who continue to provide a great place for avid shuffleboard players.

This weekend's tournament started out with the normal Friday night draw partner event. The results were almost normal. Wendy Davis of Wilmington, Delaware, was part of the winning team for the third tournament in a row, all with different partners. This time it was Len Dell, Baltimore, Md. who shared first-place money. Second place went to host Harvey Comer and his partner, Curtis Dean, Northeast, Md. Finishing in third place were Arnold Ledford, Darlington, Md., and Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md. The nice part -- all finished before normal closing time.

On Saturday, new teams showed up to play and the fun began. An old team from years ago teamed up for the first time in a long time to take first place. Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., rejoined Joe Williams from Ridley Park, Pa., and took first place after coming out of the loser's bracket. Friday night's practice in the draw partner event wasn't quite enough as Harvey Comer and Curtis Dean went all the way through the winner's bracket only to succumb to Joe and Butch, and take second place again. Third place was taken by a formidable team of Keith Leonard, Charlestown, Md., and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md.

The Mason-Dixon Classic was held on Feb. 18-19 (see results next month), followed by the Spring Warmup scheduled for March 24-25, and the Maryland State Championships (open singles) on April 28-29. Call Harvey Comer to make your reservations: 410-836-8881.

## Long/Creakbaum Win Winter Doubles at Chances "R"

Fourteen teams competed in the 5th Annual Winter Doubles at Chances "R" in Muncie, Indiana, on Jan. 15. Hostess Karen Schounce added \$100 to the tournament payout.

First place winners were Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum. Second place honors went to John Modglin and Teddy Wooten, with Robbie Collins and Milt VanOsdol in third place.