



Michigan Shufflers Remember Marie with Generosity

By George & Donna Wilber
Michigan's pride and joy, Marie Sweeney, who lost her long and valiant battle with cancer in July, was remembered for her years

of generosity to fellow shufflers with open hearts and wallets at a memorial tournament in her honor. Held at the Majestic Cafe in Pontiac on Sept. 15-17, the tournament featured three events with 10% of each entry and sales going to Marie's favorite organizations: Hospice of SE Michigan, which helped Marie through her final months, and the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, which inducted her in April for her outstanding achievements and many years of support and promotion of the sport.

In addition to the 10% contribution, local businesses provided prizes for drawings for "Lots of Goodies," a booze basket, and Shuffleboard Federation weights, plus 50/50 tickets, and individual donations (including a member of a rock group that travels across the nation, who had lost his Mom to cancer). Sales for the set of weights donated by The Shuffleboard Federation were brisk and the lucky winner was Roland Harkless. Add it all up and the effort netted \$1417, half going to Hospice and half to the Michigan Hall of Fame.



Majestic host Charlee Magoo presented a check for \$708.50 to Rob Kern, member of the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Committee. A check for the same amount was sent to Hospice of S.E. Michigan in Marie's memory. A Board Talk salute to Charlee, not only for hosting and directing a great memorial tournament, but for all her efforts in staging such a successful raffle ticket sale. A

salute also goes to all of her volunteers who aggressively worked the crowd to bring the grand total to such an impressive figure.

Kern/Hershman Win Draw Partner

When Marie's daughter, Sue, and her husband Maurice, stopped by at the Majestic on Friday evening, they were impressed by the turnout for the tournament's opening event, the draw partner. Marie had some credits on her favorite poker machine, which Charlee turned over to Sue. She doubled the winnings and turned it over to the memorial benefit.



Winners of the draw partner were Rob Kern, who managed that while doing the bracketeering, and Jerry Hershman, long-time friend and shuffling partner of Marie. "She's looking down and cheering us on," said Jerry.

Martha Hall and Vic Matteson took second place honors, with O.B. Brim and Jeff Schubert in third place.

Auten/Kern/Genez Tops in 3-Person Team



We didn't mean for this to be a Rob Kern issue, but once again he found himself in the winner's circle, this time on the first-place team of captain Steve Auten (right) and Dan Genez.

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Taking second place honors was the team of captain Leon Black (left) and Cassie and Jeff Schubert (boy! has she done a good job as teacher!).

Finishing third was the team of captain Jerry Hershman, Mike Odell and Carolyn Perry.

This was the first time a 3-person team draw event had been held at the Majestic and host Charlee deemed it a success. "We got some new people involved, some amateurs who didn't think they had a chance of winning. And even if they didn't win, they were thrilled to have a chance to play with and against some of the 'biggies,'" Charlee said.

Auten/Blade/Auten Take Singles Pot

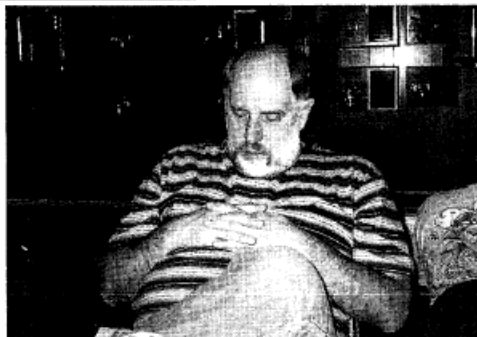
Our "adopted sons," the big, bad Auten boys, took a share of the healthy singles pot, with Frank Blade (too old to adopt) sandwiched in between.



Steve Auten (left) took first place in the singles, with Frank Blade (center) in second. Rounding out the winner's circle in third place was Scott Auten (right).

As Marie's daughter Susie said in her letter to The World of Shuffleboard in the last issue: "She so loved the game and all the wonderful friendships she had made over the years.....I thank all of her shuffleboard 'family.'"

Board Talk editors join Susie in saluting the Shuffleboard Family. We know Marie would be very proud!



No, Leon Black is not imitating Cass Grubbs. He's simply conserving his energy for the next event.



The shy, quiet Ouy Durfee and Bill's better half, Brenda Kane, wish Board Talk George much happiness in his upcoming retirement.

As The Puck Turns

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Lost: 41 subscribers. If found, return to new editors, Tom and Lynda French, 12710 Red Deer Pass, Austin, TX 78729.

As we worked to turn over a "clean" mailing list to the new editors, we had to remove 41 subscribers from 13 states last month who did not respond to their "red checks" during their 3-month "grace period." More will be removed this month unless they respond.

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Several of the "lost" subscribers were shuffleboard locations which will not appear on the next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing unless they renew now!