

## "Thanks for the Memories...."



Sincere appreciation to the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame for the Award of Excellence. That was awesome!

**HAPPY RETIREMENT....**



Happy retirement to George and Donna Wilber, who started it all 11 years ago.

**Come Back in 2018....**



Six-month-old Leland, grandson of Coco and Cindy Brown, great-grandson of Carolyn Perry, and nephew of Theresa Stephens, will carry on the family tradition.

To all the participants of the 11th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash, we say thanks for your fellowship, your good sportsmanship, and competitive spirits. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Skip and Carole Sliwa  
Skip's Lounge

Special thanks to Bill and Brenda Kane for taking over for George and Donna.

**AND WELCOME....**



And welcome to new Board Talk Editors Tom and Lynda French of Texas. Come back again!

**Spanning the Generations...**



Veteran Jim Long (left) wishes new generation shufflers Theresa Stephens and Alonzo Cottrell best wishes for the future of shuffleboard.

## SKIP'S LOUNGE

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"In the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland"

### A Colorful Michigan Fall Bash at Houghton Lake

Northern Michigan put on a classy show for visitors to Houghton Lake on Oct. 13-15. The wooded landscape leading to Skip's Lounge proudly displayed its awesome red and gold Fall colors to welcome shufflers from Texas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Indiana, and all parts of Michigan, to the 11th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash. (That's No. 12 if you count the annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion in 1989.)

Even though the Bash was held a month later than usual because Board Talk George and Donna had retired from directing tournaments, participation did not suffer. By popular demand, the event came back on the calendar with new directors Bill and Brenda Kane of Pontiac. The "same old, same old" hosts Skip and Carole Sliwa and bracketeer Rob Kern were there to make it another shuffleboard highlight of the year.

#### Morgan/Earl Win Draw

There were 22 teams in Friday's A-B draw, vying for a share of the \$3930 total pot.



A happy winning duo, Sonny Morgan (right) and Jim Earl, owner of the Stop Spot (a shuffleboard bar in Ferndale), both of Michigan, clutch their first-place jackets.

Second place honors went to Jim Long of Indiana and Kathy Francisco of Michigan.



Roland Harkless and Canadian Chris LeMieux of Michigan finished third.

Martha Hall and J.R. Lopez of Michigan took fourth.



#### Spielman/Black/Perry Tops in ABC

Sixty-three players signed up for Saturday's ABC draw, forming 21 teams competing for a pot of over \$6,000.



Captain Joe Spielman (left) of Nebraska, Carolyn Perry and Leon Black of Michigan show off their first place jackets.



Marty Shepard of Nebraska (center) took his team of Roland Harkless and Bill Haskins of Michigan to second-place honors.



Captain J.R. Lopez (center), Mike Syts (left) and Manny Lane of Arkansas finished third.



The all-Michigan team of captain Roland Metivier (right), John Addington and Lisa Hedding took fourth place.

#### Long Takes Singles Title

Twenty tough players were on the register for Sunday's singles with a pot of \$3190 at stake.



Hoosier Jim Long (left) took top honors in the singles, with Cornhusker Joe Spielman (right) in second place. Jim claimed the jacket and Joe settled for a t-shirt (he already earned a jacket).

**THANKS TO SKIP & CAROLE  
AND YOUR FINE STAFF  
FOR THE GREAT SERVICE AND  
HOSPITALITY!**

*Your Saturday Spread was tasty as usual,  
and the "leftovers" on Sunday most welcome.*



For taking third in the singles and doing his usual fine job of bracketeering, Rob Kern of Michigan received a bikini brief from host Skip Sliwa. It matches his "Skip's Lounge/Board Talk 2000" t-shirt and Rob's fans are waiting to see him model it at an upcoming tournament.



Travelling Michigan shuffler Alonzo Cottrell took final money spot in the singles.

There were some interesting side-lights in the singles event.

Incoming Board Talk Editors Tom and Lynda French of Texas banished outgoing Editor George Wilber from the singles by beating him in the first two games.

Marty Shepard and Joe Spielman travelled all the way from Nebraska to meet each other in the finals. Joe prevailed, but Marty made out O.K. in the sale.

#### Skip Honored by Michigan Hall of Fame

The Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Committee, represented by Betty Parrish and Rob Kern, honored Skip's Lounge owner Skip Sliwa with an Award of Excellence (see photo on Page 7).

The plaque read, in part: "We appreciate all you have done as you lead the way toward the advancement of shuffleboard in Michigan and in providing the ideal place for players to converge for friendly games, round robins and tournaments.... The hard work you do for shuffleboard, your patrons and your guests is unparalleled and has earned you the highest respect."

(Editor's Note: Skip's wife Carole deserves equal recognition!)