

# The Board Talk

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# Board Talk Open 2004

March 26 - April 4, 2004 VFW Post 5076, Garland, Texas Report & Photos By: Tom & Lynda French, BTO 2004 Tournament Directors



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professional job! Above are some of the volunteers and tournament staff left to right starting with the back row: Linda Nobles (Desk), Brian Walker (Official & Brackets), Ken Strong (Official & setup/breakdown), Stevie Burkett (Official & wax dist.), Kelly Cameron (Official & setup/breakdown), Mahlon Nobles (Official & setup), Dan Hitt (Official & setup/breakdown), Johnny Wayne Crawford (Official & Spotter), Lynda French (Dir.), Mickey Moy (robins & raffle), Al Salazar (Official, setup/breakdown), Mike Johnson (Official & Sponsor Sales), Silvia Martinez (Desk), Melody Marine (Desk & raffle), and Tom French (Dir.). Others not pictured: Don Valk (Official & Setup), Rick McFarland (Official & Setup), Gene Criminger & Sean Sutton (setup/breakdown), Jimmy Britt (sponsor sales), Harvey Kidd (Spotting, raffle & misc.), Diana Hagen (Official), Darrol Nelson (Official & Breakdown), Ron & Debbie Bowers (misc.), C.W. Walker (breakdown) and many other volunteers throughout the week. Officials, staff and volunteers were available to assist tournament directors and participants daily. Many thanks (listed and not listed above) for a superb job!!

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# Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

# Board Talk Subscription Distribution "Test" Comments....

As we (Tom & Lynda French, Board Talk Editors/ Publishers) announced in the April 2004 Board Talk issue (page 34), we are currently evaluating both "bi-monthly" and "electronic" Board Talk subscription distribution suggestions that we have previously received from our subscriber base as two potential options to test that may help us maintain the cost of preparing and distributing the annual Board Talk publications. We sent the following letter and first "electronic" test out to those on record with valid email addresses on April 10, 2004:

"First, we would like to thank all those that attended and supported the 3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004 tournament held in Garland, Texas on March 26-April 4, 2004. A huge thanks to all those who helped work the tournament with us. We will have details of all tournament activities in our next Board Talk issue.

Next, as we discussed in prior emails and on page 34 of the most recent April 2004 Board Talk issue, we are doing two tests this year in an effort to evaluate suggestions on how to maintain the current subscription and advertiser rates:

- 1) Evaluate the feasibility and cost comparison of the "bimonthly" suggestion in one or two issues in 2004 (presently planned to have two bi-monthly test issues: May/June 2004 (submission deadline is May 10th) and October/November 2004 (submission deadline is October 10th). All other months in 2004 are planned to be "monthly" issues.
- 2) Evaluate the feasibility and cost comparison of hardcopy Board Talk issues with online electronic Board Talk issues. Currently, we do not have a large volume of email addresses for our advertisers and subscribers. In order to test this suggestion of possibly offering and electronic online option, we must have a large volume of email addresses and test it with our subscribers. We have composed our first test of

#### -- URGENT ATTENTION --

Your subscription EXPIRATION DATE is on the back cover (top of your address line.) Please use the FORM inside back cover to renew TIMELY to avoid missing any issues and to report CHANGE OF ADDRESS! (See Page 14 & Back Cover for more details) an electronic version of The Board Talk April 2004 issue and request that each of you consider accessing it and giving us your opinions and feedback. We also ask that you help us (by reminding your contacts) acquire current email addresses on as many subscribers as possible. If successful, we might consider providing electronic online subscriptions to those that wish to subscribe with softcopy "online" versions in the future (possibly as early as January 2005). For instance, we might be able to offer more than one subscriber option and rates: Hardcopy only, Electronic Only, or both ... if the electronic testing proves successful.

REMINDER: Please continue to help us get our subscriber and advertiser base increased and help us to get timely renewals. We cannot invoice every subsubscriber, so please remind all to check the renewal date above their name/address on the back of each issue. Encourage others to visit <a href="http://www.theboardtalk.com">http://www.theboardtalk.com</a> and download the subscription form and subscribe!

We have been informed that the Post Office is planning to again increase postal rates this summer. Unfortunately, this has been the case each year since we took over as Board Talk Editors/Publishers in December 2000. We are going into our 4th year as Editors/Publishers and with the increases in postal, printing, and operating cost increases, we are having difficulty maintaining the subscription rates. So, we need your help and suggestions and appreciate those of you who take the time to test out the suggestions that we have received thus far.

THE APRIL & MAY/JUNE 2004 ISSUE CAN BE VIEWED: http://www.theboardtalk.com/April2004\_online\_testissue.pdf http://www.theboardtalk.com/MayJune2004\_testissue.pdf

Please take time to view and give us your comments. Again, thanks to all who support The Board Talk and those who supported our recent Board Talk Open 2004 tournament! Happy Shuffling....

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# Basics on How to Play & Score in "Knock Off" (The Most Common Table Shuffleboard Game is "Knock Off")

There are several traditional table shuffleboard games that are played. The most common table shuffleboard game played in most tournaments is called "Knock Off". Other commonly played table shuffleboard games are "Crazy Eight" and "Horse Collar". We will cover some of these other table shuffleboard games in later issues of The Board Talk. This page will be dedicated monthly for instructional purposes, starting with basics and then getting into some of the more complex strategy questions that arise as players become more familiar with the game. Feel free to mail or e-mail The Board Talk Editors/ Publishers with specific strategy questions you may have like "when to play short weight", "when to pass weights" versus "knocking off weights" and when one might use some of the various release shots (rail, span, thumb, free hand, etc.).

#### Basic Overview of "Knock Off" Game

Games are played one-on-one or with two teams of two people Team members play at opposite ends of the board and remain there for the duration of the game. Games are played until one team scores 15-points [some may still play the 21-point game, but it is not typical] at which time they are declared the winners. Tournament Director will designate whether you are playing "Short Foul Line" (which is most commonly used in major table shuffleboard tournaments) or "Long Foul Line" (rarely used).

In "Short Foul Line" (most commonly used) Knock Off game tournaments, the weights are considered in-play when they are on the

board and past the foul line closest to the shooter. In "Long Foul Line" (rarely used) Knock Off game tournaments, the weights are considered in-play when they are on the board and past the foul line on the opposite end of the board as the shooter.

#### How To Play

Play may start from either end of the board which can either be designated by the Tournament Director and/or the players flip of a coin (e.g., heads, play starts on one end; tails, play starts on opposite end). Then the initial startup for shooting and weight color are decided by the opponent players flipping a coin (one flips, other calls heads or tails). The winner of the flip may elect to choose the weight "color" of choice or the "hammer". The hammer is the last weight (4th shot) in a round (i.e., the other team shoots first, if you win the flip and select hammer). It is considered advantageous to have the hammer. When color and shooting order are decided, the fun and play begins!

The team without the hammer shoots first. The other team shoots second. Players continue to alternate shooting until all 4 weights of each team's color are used. At this time, points are counted and play continues from the opposite end. The team which scored points on the previous round must shoot first on the next round. If no points are scored on the preceding round (e.g., all weights are knocked off) than the hammer changes. In other words, the team that had the hammer during the round where no points were scored must shoot first the next round. Play continues in this manner until one team reaches the designated points (typically is 15-points).

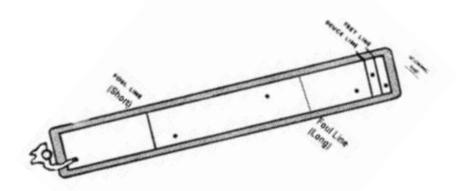
#### **How To Count Player/Team Scores**

Only one team scores in a round. The team which has their weight closest to the end of the board scores. All of their weights which are ahead of their opponent's deepest weight (closest to the end of the board) are added together for the score for that round.

A weight scores 1-point if it is located between the designated foul line (most commonly being the "short foul line") and the "2" line.

Weights completely across the duece "2" or trey "3" line count 2-points or 3-points, respectively. To judge if a weight is completely over the line it should be viewed from above (i.e., look down over the top of the weight). Again, the entire weight must be over the line for it to count as the next higher point value. You should be able to see some wood between the line and the weight.

If any portion of the weight is hanging over the end of the board it is called a "hanger" and counts 4-points. Close calls can be checked by holding a weight so the top of a weight is along the back end of the board. The weight is then slid along the back end of the board. If it hits the "disputed" hanger, the weight is indeed hanging and is worth 4-points instead of 3-points.



#### **Washington**

#### SPOKANE'S 23RD MEMORIAL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA SEASON TICKET SPOKANE, WA MAY 27-31, 2004

On May 27-31, Memorial Day weekend, Bangham, Lagg & Wynn and Season Ticket will host the 5 day multiple event tournament that is being held for the 23rd consecutive year in Spokane. This years' event promises to be one of our best with an array of celebrations and divisions A & B singles and doubles with a warm-up event on Friday night.

Thursday, May 27th the holiday weekend begins with our 5th annual "Double D" (Developmentally Disabled Adult) tournament. This event has become quite an experience for all our participants that are able to come early. Last year we had 50+ players who competed for medals, t-shirts and hats. These folks gear up for this event all year and to witness it is truly a blessing.

Friday, May 28th, will be an A/B Handicapped Draw with a \$20 entry; single game/single elimination (mark the spot, no sponsor sale) WINNER TAKE ALL!!! The sponsor sale for A & B Singles starts at 6pm with play for the A/B Draw immediately following, giving everyone a chance to play and practice the 6 beautiful boards. More boards are available if PRE-REGISTRATION warrants, so please let us know if you plan to attend!!

Saturday, May 29th, we will finish up the A/B (if needed) and start both the A & B Singles at 11am. Our Singles will again be handicapped entry fee by rating (see flyer insert for details), 2 of 3 in winner bracket/15 pt. single game in loser bracket. Season Ticket will open at 9am for breakfast and practice. At 4pm we will take a break in the action to serve our "famous feast" featuring Dervin's deep-fried turkey!! After everyone dishes up, we are going to celebrate Frank Mako of Chehalis, Washington being inducted into the NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Frank has supported and sponsored the game all over the nation. He is the founder of the NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and currently sits on the B.O.D. for the TSA National Hall of Fame. Frank is very deserving of this recognition and we are very proud to be honoring him here in Spokane.

Sunday, May 30th, brings the doubles event for both divisions A & B. Sponsor sales will be start at noon with play immediately following. The A Doubles is add to 0; \$50/player; 2 of 3 winner bracket; 21 pt. singles game in loser bracket. B Doubles is add to 4 (no decimal);\$25/player; 2 of 3 winner bracket; 21 pt. single game in loser bracket. Doubles events will be finished on Monday (if needed). Our \$500+ Added \$\$\$ (depending on event participation) will be given out in \$50 Drawings throughout the main events on Saturday and Sunday \*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ONLY PLAYERS THAT PRE-REGISTER (\$20 fee & completed form) BY MAY 15TH PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE ADDED \$\$\$ DRAWINGS!!!!!

If anyone has any memories or memorabilia/photo's for Frank Mako that you would like to share for his induction booklet, please send them to Dan Hitt at address on the enclosed flyer insert.

Bangham, Lagg & Wynn proudly supports and uses the Bowers' Rating System for all our rated tournaments.

For more information on Spokane's 23rd Annual Memorial Day Extravaganza or Frank Mako's induction into the NW Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, contact Dan Hitt at (509)251-7000 or (509)483-7615 or see the flyer inserted in the April 2004 issue.

#### **Oklahoma**

#### 6TH ANNUAL WASHITA HANDICAP FULL HOUSE BAR & GRILL WYNNEWOOD, OK MAY 27-31, 2004

On May 27-31 (memorial day weekend), the Full House Bar & Grill, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr Street, Wynnewood, Oklahoma (phone#: 405-665-2715) is be hosting their 6th Annual Washita Handicap tournament on 7 boards. All events will be single game/double elimination handicap events with a maximum -4 handicap spot in each events.

Thursday, May 27th at 7pm will be an A-B Draw (\$25 per player entry). Friday, May 28th at 7pm will be an Open Draw (\$25 per player entry; Pro's & 0's cannot draw up as partners). Saturday, May 29th at 5pm will be a Bring Partner (Pro's & 0's cannot be partners); \$25 per player entry fee. Sunday, May 30th at 3pm will be two divisions of singles: Div I Singles (-1,0,2) \$50 per player entry fee; Div. II Singles (2,3,4) \$30 per player entry fee. Monday, May 31st will be "finals' if needed. For more information on the tournament event details and motels see the flyer inserted into the April 2004 issue or contact: Gerald Wood at 580-272-3115 (cell) or 580-759-3293 (home).

#### California

#### 4th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY 133 CLUB MANTECA, CA MAY 28-31, 2004

On May 28-31, the 133 Club, 133 West Yosemite Ave., Manteca, CA is hosting their 4th Annual Memorial Day tournament. There will be 3 events: ABC (Fri. May 28) with registration at 5pm (sponsor sale 6pm and play immediately after) and ABC play resumes at 9am on Sat.; Add-to-3 Open Doubles (no two -1's) on (Sat. May 29) with sponsor sale at approx. 3pm for both the Add-to-3 Doubles and Open Doubles; and Open Doubles (Sun. May 30) with play starting at approx. 1pm (sponsor sale was afternoon before). The ABC and Add-to-3 Doubles are 2/3 Winner bracket and single 15 pt. game in loser bracket and the Open Doubles is 2 of 3 in both winner and loser brackets. Entry is \$20/player (ABC); \$50/player (Add-to-3 Doubles); and \$100/player (Open Doubles. For more info. See April 2004 issue flyer.

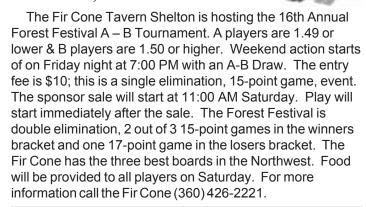
#### **Texas**

#### 5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY DANNY'S & TRIPLE CROWN HOUSTON, TX MAY 27-31, 2004

The Houston shuffleboard community has made several changes to improve and accommodate this growing Memorial Day weekend tournament. For the first time the Pro Singles will be 2/3 in winner bracket; 21 pt. in loser bracket and the Pro Bring Partner will be 2/3 in both brackets. The number of boards will be increased from 8 boards to 13 boards this year and specified boards will be available for side games sooner than in prior years. For more information on the tournament, please see the flyer inserted in the April 2004 issue and/or visit the website:: http://www.shuffleboard.ccorcontact Tournament Director Jack Scott at 832-788-1845. We look forward to seeing many of your again this year.

#### **Washington**

# 16th ANNUAL FOREST FESTIVAL FIR CONE TAVERN SHELTON, WA JUNE 5-6, 2004



#### Indiana

# 6TH ANNUAL WANDERING THE WORLD WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT PENDLETON AMVETS PENDLETON, IN SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2004

The 6th Annual Wandering the World will be held at the Pendleton Amvets, Pendleton, Indiana on Sept. 16-19. Events include Doubles, Draw Partner, and Singles. There will also be scheduled events for the men. Special rates will be available at local hotels for players. Transportation will be provided to/from the Amvets from hotels. Great raffle items, including weights/case. Flyer and registration form coming in July 2004 issue. Tournament Contact: Sheryl Cockerill 765-286-0944 or e-mail: sherylngregg@aol.com

#### Colorado

#### BALLOON INN, ARVADA, CO 2004 SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

<u>JUNE 18, 19 & 20 - BILL ENGLISH MEMORIAL</u>
TWO DIVISIONS: OPEN DOUBLES AND DIVISION II DOUBLES
Bring your own partner. Entry Fee: Open Doubles \$120.00 per team,
Div. II Doubles \$60.00 per team.

Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games in winners & losers brackets. Sponsor Sale: Friday June 18 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Friday following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. June 20.

AUGUST 13, 14 & 15 - CO.NE.HEAD CLASSIC V

A-B-C Three Person Team Blind Draw. Entry Fee: \$30.00 per person Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games to 21 points in winners bracket & single game to 21 points in losers bracket.

Sponsor Sale: Friday August 13 at 7:00 PM. Tournament play begins Fri. Aug. 13 following sale and continues thru Sun. Aug. 15.

OCTOBER 15, 16, & 17 - ROUND ROBIN (MYSTERY FORMAT) Entry Fee: \$30.00 per person. Format: Play every team (format to be announced later) Sponsor Sale: Friday October 15 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Friday following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. Oct. 17.

DECEMBER 10, 11, & 12 - 15TH ANNUAL SANTA CLASSIC TWO DIVISIONS: OPEN DOUBLES AND DIVISION II DOUBLES Bring your own partner. Entry Fee: Open Doubles \$120.00 per team, Division II Doubles \$60.00 per team.

Format: Double Elimination, 2 out of 3 games in winners & losers brackets. Sponsor Sale: Friday December 10 at 7:00 PM. Tournament may begin Fri. following sale (depending on number of teams) and continues thru Sun. Dec. 12.

#### **Texas**

#### 2ND ANNUAL "Don't Sing It, Bring It" TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS BAR HOUSTON, TX

**AUGUST 19-21, 2004** 

If you missed the PRO's going head to head last year, Triple Crown Sports Bar with Host Billy Melton are providing you another chance. In our 2003 Tourney we had 26 entrants and 9 of the Top 11 Bower's Rated Players entered. This is definitely a shootout for "you big guns" and "big gun wanna be's". Get your entry together or find a backer but don't miss it, because this is truly a "Don't Sing It Bring It" Event. Singles and Doubles events are all 2 of 3. We have 5 of the best playing boards in the country ready for this tourney. Entrants have practice priority on boards beginning Monday Aug 16 except for Wed night league. Sponsor Sale on each event. Early Registration is FREE, \$20 After Aug 7. Events: Aug 19th 6:00 pm Open Draw \$100/Player (Single Game Double Elimination; Aug 20th 6:00 pm Open Singles \$1,000/Player (2 of 3 Winners & Losers); Aug 21st 6:00 pm Bring Partner \$600/Team (2 of 3 Winners & Losers). \*Events start time subject to change based on # of entrants. For additional information, see flyer insert in "The Board Talk" or contact Tournament Director: James Cummings, e-mail: <u>irc@rver.com</u> or phone: 281-550-5011. Register by form on flyer or contact James Cummings (See Flyer Insert for Registration Details).

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# MVP - Most Valuable Players Awards (MVP Bonus \$\$ Awards)



Board Talk Open 2004
MVP "Overall Champion" &
"1 Rated Player Category Champion" (above):
E.T. Jenson of Oklahoma (46 points)
Additional MVP Category Bonus \$\$ Awards went to:

"-1 Rated Player": Bill Melton of Oklahoma (40 points)
"0 Rated Player": David Williams Jr of Texas (32 points)
"2 Rated Player": Greg Hixon of Texas (40 points)
"3 Rated Player": Dwayne Nielson of Nebraska (28 points)

MVP Bonus \$\$ Distribution: "Overall": \$500

-1 Rated Category: \$300 0 Rated Category: \$300

1 Rated Category: \$300

2 Rated Category: \$300 3-4 Rated Category: \$300

Total MVP Bonus \$\$ Distributed: \$2K

CONGRATS TO THE 2004 MVP CHAMPS!!!

Many thanks to the primary sponsor: Champion Shuffleboard located in Richland Hills, Texas and owner Kelye Stites and to Chance Pack, Champion HQ Marketing Manager who did a fine job coordinating delivery of the great playing Champion shuffleboards, arranging for and providing the 4 sets of American weight raffle donations and the American loaner weights along with most of the supplies used throughout the tournament. Thanks to The Shuffleboard Federation and owner John McDermott for support and participation at the tournament and for the two sets of Federation weights donated for raffle and to Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies for their donation of a set of Triple Crown weights to the raffle.

A very special thanks to Frank Edelen of Missouri for his Board Talk donation of a beautiful handmade wooden weight case. He is a long time supporter of The Board Talk and we love him! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!

There were a lot of great raffle items including a big screen television which was bought by The Board Talk for Milford Parker and all the other *Sooners* to watch their games (grin!) and then donated to the raffle at the end of the tournament. Billy Mays was the lucky raffle winner of the television. There were so many great raffle Items and too many raffle winners to list.

Thanks to the VFW Post 5076 staff for providing the great food, beverage, and service and for being such wonderful hosts!

And last, but most important, we thank the 177 registered participants for coming in from all over the United States to compete and support the 3rd Annual Board Talk Open 2004 tournament. Great competition and fun! Many Thanks to All!!!

The tournament kicked off at noon on Friday with open round robins until midnight with the first event starting on Saturday (6-person team event. We made a special effort to finish all eleven events throughout the week by midnight and playoffs took place the next day. After playoffs, we conducted the sponsor sales in the afternoon for the next day's events which worked out great and allowed play to start timely the day of the event!

Event 1: 6-Person Draft Team (Sat.-Sun.)
19 Teams (114 players) w/ Total Purse: \$22,940



Ist Place: Glen Ingram's Team (Above L-R):
"Sheriff" Hallberg (Texas), E.T. Jenson (Oklahoma), Glen
Ingram (captain, Indiana), Steve Taylor (Missouri),
Patrick Linville (Oklahoma), and Robert Hoffman (Texas)



2nd Place: Bill Melton's Team (Above L-R):
Wayne Hammond (Texas), Bill Melton (captain, Oklahoma),
Mark Steelman (Texas), Tammy Morgan (Texas),
Dave Ramold (Texas), and John Williamson (Oklahoma)



3rd Place: John McDermott's Team (Above L-R):
John McDermott (captain, Michigan), Lee Boyajian (Texas),
Mike Rial (Texas), Kay Nelson (Texas), Dwayne Nielson
(Nebraska), and not pictured: Chris Smith (Texas)

4th Place: Diana Hagen's Team (No Photo Available):
Diana Hagen (captain, Texas), Jim Payne (Nebraska),
Debbie Bowers (Texas), Martin Jordan (Texas),
Rudy Wedgeworth (Texas), and George Leigh (Texas)

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Event 2: A/B Draw (Div. I: -1's, 0's & 1's) (Mon.)
19 Teams (38 players) w/ Total Purse: \$12, 475



Ist Place (Left L-R):
Bobby Voorhis
(Indiana) &
E.T. Jenson
(Oklahoma)



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Mahlon Nobles
& David Williams Sr.
(Texas Team)



3rd Place (Above L-R):
David Keithahan (California)
&
Ron Sosovec (Colorado)



4th Place (Above L-R):
Jim Kosiske (Nebraska)
&
Dan Hitt (Washington)

Event 3: A/B Draw (Div. II: 2's - 4's) (Mon.)
18 Teams (36 players) w/ Total Purse: \$7,005



Ist Place (Above): (Texas Team)
Robert Hurst Jr (left) & Mike Bradley (right)
w/ sponsor Jimmy Britt (center)



2nd Place (Left):
Lilly Kidd
(center, Texas) &
Steve Taylor (right,
Missouri) w/ sponsor:
Bill Melton (left)



3rd Place (Above): (Texas Team) Greg Hixon (center) & Martin Jordan (right) w/ sponsor Chris Smith (left)



4th Place (Left L-R):

Mollie Cravey
(unrated Texas player...
watch out Mollie, the raters
eyes are upon you!)
&
Rick Stocker
(Indiana)

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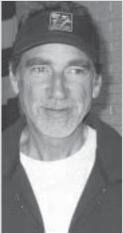
#### Event 4: Div. I Singles (-1's & up) (Tues.-Wed.) 25 Players w/ Total Purse: \$26,980



**Billy Melton** (Texas-Oklahoma) sponsored by John McDermott



Bill Melton (Oklahoma) sponsored by Rudy Wedgeworth



1st Place (Above): 2nd Place (Above): 3rd Place (Above): **Darrol Nelson** (Oregon) sponsored by Steve Kalamarski



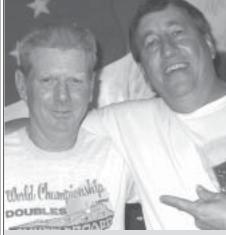
4th Place (Above): John McDermott (Michigan) sponsored by Larry Creakbaum

5th/6th Place (tie) (no photos): Dan Hitt of Washington sponsored by Steve Kalamarski and

Diana Hagen of Texas sponsored by Harvey Kidd



Event 5: Div. II Singles (1's & up) (Tues.-Wed.) 25 Players w/ Total Purse: \$8,835



1st & 2nd Place (LeftL-R): 1st: Bobby Wright (Texas) sponsored by Harvey Kidd 2nd: Ron Sosovec (Colorado) sponsored by Milford Parker



3rd Place (Above): Kay Nelson (Texas) Sponsored by Harvey Kidd



4th Place (Above): Linda Nobles (right, Texas) w/ sponsor Jim Payne (left)



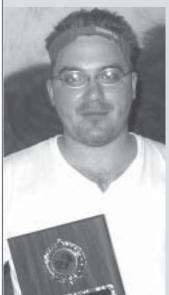
5th/6th Place (tie) (Left): Dave Shewbridge (Maryland) sponsored by Jim Payne and Rick McFarland (Texas)



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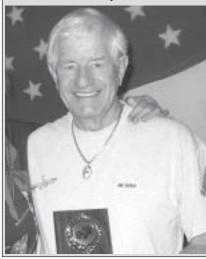
Event 6: Div. III Singles (3's & up) (Tues.-Wed.)
16 Players w/ Total Purse: \$2, 325



1st Place (Left): Dwayne Nielson (Nebraska) sponsored by Mike Blohm



2nd Place (Above): Bruce Childers (Unrated Texas player...
 okay raters, here's another one to watch out for!)
 w/ sponsor Carol Audett (right)

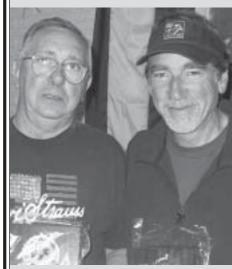


3rd Place (Left):
Jim French
(Oklahoma)
sponsored by
Lynda French
(and no relation that
we know of - grin!)

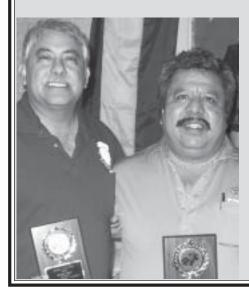
Event 7: Div. I Bring Partner (no two -1s)(Thurs.-Fri.)
13 Teams (26 Players) w/ Total Purse: \$15,915



1st Place (Above): (Father/Son Texas Team)
David Williams Jr (center) & David Williams Sr (right)
w/sponsor Billy Poole (left)



2nd Place (Left L-R): Billy Mays (Texas) & Darrol Nelson (Oregon) sponsored by Steve Kalamarski



3rd Place (LeftL-R): Al Salazar (Arizona) & Carlos Guzman (Texas) sponsored by Robert Hoffman

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Event 8: Div. II Bring Partner (add to 3) (Thurs.-Fri.) 26 Teams (52 Players) w/ Total Purse: \$17,625



Ist Place (Left L-R):
(Texas Team)
Greg Hixon & Chris Smith
sponsored by self



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Tony Pelton (Arkansas) & Ferlin Kearns (Oklahoma)
w/sponsor Mike Blohm



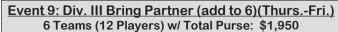
3rd Place (Above):

Charlie Riley (left, Missouri) & Harvey Walden (right, Tennessee) pictured w/ sponsor Delane Moore (center)

#### 4th - 6th Place (No Photos):

4th: E.T. Jenson & Patrick Linville (Oklahoma Team); 5th/6th (tie): David Sexton & Tony Fiumara (Texas Team) and

Steve Hamilton (Nebraska) & Billy Poole (Oklahoma)





Ist Place (Above): (Texas Team)
Brad Stroud (left) & Lane Tate (right) pictured w/
sponsor Linda Nobles (center)



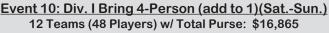
2nd Place (Above):

J.D. Dorsey (left, Texas) & Jim French (right, Oklahoma)
pictured w/ sponsor Charlie Riley (center)



3rd Place (Left):
Delane Moore &
Angela Moore
(not pictured)
father/daughter
Missouri team
sponsored by:
Melody Marine

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Ist Place: Bill Melton's Team (Above L-R):
Patrick Linville (Oklahoma), Jeff Womble (Texas), Bill Melton (captain, Oklahoma), and Kelly Cameron (Texas) sponsored by Milford Parker.



2nd Place: David Williams Sr's Team (Above L-R):
Sally Goff(Oklahoma), Gary Nelson (Texas), David Williams Jr.
(Texas), and David Williams Sr (captain, Texas)
sponsored by Mike Blohm



3rd Place: Mike Taylor's Team (Above L-R):
Doug Paben (Texas), Mike Taylor (Texas), Jeri Williams
(Texas), and Tony Pelton (Arkansas)
sponsored by Greg Hixon

Event 11: Div. II Bring 4-Person (add to 9)(Sat.-Sun.)
14 Teams (56 Players) w/ Total Purse: \$13,205



*1st Place: Chris Smith's Team (Above L-R):* (Texas Team) Ronnie Gamble (team sponsor), Team Members: Greg Hixon, Tammy Morgan, Tom Coburn, and Chris Smith (captain)



2nd Place: Kay Nelson's Team (Above L-R):
Harvey Kidd (team sponsor), Team Members: Lee Boyajian
(Texas), Wayne Hammond (Texas), Larry Creakbaum (Indiana),
Kay Nelson (captain, Texas)



3rd Place: E.T. Jenson's Team (Above L-R):
Patrick Linville (team sponsor), Team Members: Robert
Hoffman (Texas), Ronnie Gamble (Oklahoma), Joyce Gamble
(Oklahoma), E.T. Jenson (captain, Oklahoma)

# 10 Annual Bill Gibbs Memorial Tournament Hosted at Sixshooters

April 23-25, 2004 --- Sixshooters, Phoeniz, Arizona Report & Photos Submitted By: Al Salazar, Arizona

**Arizona:** The Tenth Annual Bill Gibbs Tournament, could have been the best ever. Mix a large contigent from California, and Las Vegas, add some new local players, playing in their first tournament, along with the regulars, and you should have a great tournament. With the added boards, provided by Mickey Lewis, for a total of eight, the additional players were easily accommodated. Sixshooters, was a terrific location, and host, and the directors receiving many compliments on the facilities.

In the first event, an A-B handicapped draw, using the Bowers Ratings, we had 26 teams entered. Tied for 5th and 6th were, Alice Arredondo, Az. and Siobhan Coulter, So. Cal., and Bob Jacobsen, Az. and H. I. Lee, No. Cal. Fourth went to Jim Golden, Nev. and Linda Churchman, Az. In third was Joe Muniz, So. Cal, and Jeff Keyes, Nev. Anna Brunskill, So. Cal., teamed up with Manny Canada, Az. to take 2nd. Dan Leach, (remember that name), Nev. and Mary Ellen Scott, Az., came through the losers bracket to double dip, Anna and Manny, and earn a well played 1st place. Total prize money for the single game, double elimination event was \$1040.00 with no sponsor sale.

The next event was an A-B-C draw Saturday afternoon. The sponsor sale was conducted by Joe Muniz, with play beginning immediately after. A total of 18 teams contended for a total purse of \$4610.00. This event paid 4 places with the team of Cindy Clark, Az., DeVonna Golden, Nev., and Dave Canada, Az. taking that fourth spot. Placing third was Wayne Scott, Az., Jim Coulter, So. Cal., and George Gray, Az. Coming up 2nd was Georjene Brown, Az., Rooster Cary, Az. and Mary Ellen Scott, Az. The championship was won by Dan Leach, Gary Thompson, Az., and Lewis Bailey, Az.

The open doubles was the final event which started with the sponsor sale Saturday night, with play starting right after. 14 teams entered and the total prize money was \$2970.00. Bob Brunskill, So Cal., and teammate J. R. Noel, No Cal., took home 3rd place honors. Dan Leach was going for win number 3 to make a clean sweep, with partner Jeff Keyes, but fell to the other Las Vegas team of Phil Friedly, and Jim Golden, who went through the winners bracket. Congratulation to the Las Vegas players who cashed in, 7 out of a possible 13 spots, and most of the \$8620.00 in prize money.

The directors Al Salazar, and Alice Arredondowould like to thank Mickey Lewis for his efforts to give us the boards, the staff of Sixshooters, and manager Darrol Chester for a great location and for the buffet. The setup and teardown crew of Mickey Lewis, Terry Leahy, Wendell Herbison, Ted Canada, Gil Aragon, and Paul Obermiller. The registration crew of Linda Churchman, and Linda Meyer. Sharon Chandler for photography. And special thanks to our auctioneer, Joe Muniz. Please take a moment to remember our friend Bill Gibbs. With all this help it is easy to see why this tournament was successful. — Reported by: Al Salazar, Arizona

#### **Bill Gibbs Memorial Winners' Photos**



Ist Place

AB HC Draw (Left):

Dan Leach (center-NV)

& Mary Ellen Scott
(right -AZ)
accept award from
Alice Arredondo
(Director on left)



2nd & 3rd Place AB HC Draw (Above L-R):
2nd: Anna Brunskill (S. CA)/Manny Canada (AZ)
3rd: Jeff Keyes (NV)/Joe Muniz (S. CA)





4th - 5th/6th Place AB HC Draw (Above L-R):
4th: Jim Golden (NV) & Linda Churchman (AZ)
5th/6th tie: Alice Arredondo (AZ) & Sibhan Coulter (S. CA) and
H.L. Lee (CA) & Bob Jacobsen (AZ not pictured)



1st & 2nd Open Doubles (Above):
1st (center L-R): Phil Friedly & Jim Golden (Las Vegas Team)
2nd: Jeff Keyes (left) & Dan Leach (right) (Las



3rd Place
Open Doubles (Left L-R):
Bob Brunskill (S. CA)
& JR Noel (N. CA)

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#### Bill Gibbs Memorial Winners' Photos (Continued from page 12)



1st Place ABC (Above L-R):
Lewis Bailey (AZ), Gary Thompson(AZ), Dan Leach (NV)



2nd Place ABC (Abovet L-R):
Georjean Brown (AZ), Rooster Cary (AZ), Mary Ellen Scott (AZ)



3rd Place ABC (Above L-R):
Jim Coulter (S. CA), George Gray (AZ), Wayne Scott (AZ)



4th Place ABC (Above L-R):
DeVonna Golden (NV), Dave Canada (AZ), Cindy Clark (AZ)



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# Delaware County League Results...

**Indiana:** The Delaware County League concluded their season on March 27th. The 12 week league is sponsored by the Oasis, Sportsmans, David L's Hideout and the Reddog Saloon.

The bar owners donate weekly door prizes and present an individual award. The award is based on games won and attendence. This years winner was Ken Lewis. Ken shared the wealth and bought a round for all the players.

Money is raised throughout the year for a final tournament. This year's final was worth over \$2,600.

The teams that placed were:

4th: Jim Davis and Bob Brown Sr.3rd: Ken Lewis and Sheryl Cockerill2nd: Larry Vance and Danny Epphart1st: Gary Williams and Butch Thomas

The first place winners made a gracious donation to the Indiana Hall of Fame.

We look forward to seeing many loyal "Board Talk" readers when Indiana hosts the 6th Annual Wandering the World Woman's Tournament. This year's tournament will be held September 16th through 19th at Fall Creek Valley Amvets Post 26 in Pendleton, Indiana.

--Reported by: Sheryl Cockerill League Secretary



# 10th Annual Spring AMVETS Open

Pendleton AMVETS, Pendleton, Indiana April 17-18, 2004 Report & Photos By: Joe Hopkins, Indiana

Pendleton, Indiana: The Pendleton AMVETS hosted it's "10th Annual Spring Open Tournament" on April 17-18. BOth days started off with a breakfast buffet, put out by the AMVETS Auxillary. It was possibly the best "all you can eat" breakfast in the State of Indiana. After the field had been cleared from breakfast, it was time to "put up or shut up" as we began the tournament. The field started with 8 teams, which proves once again "it's not the size that counts, it's how well yo uwork with what you have." After six hard fought hours, we had 3 strong treams left. Rudy Robinson & Stacy Smith faced the team of Glen & Jeri Ingram. It was a tough battle, but Rudy & Stacy squeaked by to get into the final game. There they would have to face the unbeaten team of "The Big Bobalski" Dave Boaz and his son Todd Brewer. Both teams shot well and it was anybody's tournament. After a missed shot by Boaz, we went to the final game. When the smoke cleared, Rudy & Stacy captured the first place winnings with Dave Boaz & Todd Brewer coming in second.

Sunday's event started with 11 players out to capture the first place money. Slowly, but surely, players were being eliminated. The field came down to three players... Tony Skinner, Glen Ingram, and Paul "Beaver" Carnes. After Beaver & Glen took out almost all of the field, they had to battle each other with the winner facing the unbeaten Tony Skinner. It was a tough match, but Glen Ingram came out the winner. Final game was set with Glen Ingram facing Tony Skinner after 2 grueling games, Glen came out the winner with Tony Skinner second, and Paul "Beaver" Carnes third.

A special thanks go to Larry Creakbaum, Glen Ingram, and the AMVETS Auxillary for making this weekend a success. We would like to thank all the participants who came to our events and we look forward to seeing everyone in September. The Pendle AMVETS will be hosting the upcoming 2004 "Wandering the World Women's Tournament" on Sept. 16-19th. We will also be hosting the Indiana Open Tournament on September 3-6th (Labor Day Weekend). Last year was a big success with teams from Oklahoma, Nebraska, Michigan, Illinois, Texas, New York, and Ohio. Hell, we even found 2 teams in Kentucky!



1st & 2nd Place Doubles: (Above L-R):
1st: Stacy Smith & Rudy Robinson;
2nd: Dave Boaz & Todd Brewer



Ist -3rd Place Singles: (Above L-R):
1st: Glen Ingram; 2nd: Tony Skinner; 3rd: Paul "Beaver" Carnes

# Maryland State Champs

Harvey Jr's, Darlington, Maryland April 2-4, 2004 Report & Photos By: Dick Gorman

DarIngton, Maryland: On April 2nd-4th the East cost gana assembled at Harvey Jrs for the Maryland State Champions on four in-house boards. Unfortunately, several other events had been scheduled for the same weekend that affected the attendance. First event... two of our regular players decided that this weekend was time to tie the knot, Nicole Bonner & Mike Miller were married. Mike decided it was time to call Nicole... Nicole Miller and so they did! Many of the guests at the event were shuffleboard friends. Excuse granted... and we all wish them well while they travel to Hawaii for their honeymoon and many happy years together. Next scheduled event for Saturday night was the Philadelphia Shuffleboard League banquet and trophy presentation. Many of our regulars were there to receive this acknowledgement - hats off to the winners!

Saturday's main event was to determine who would wear the titel of "Bring Partner Maryland State Champions 2004". Finally the highest price team in the sponsor sales lead the way to the money table... Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) & Chuck King (Dover, DE who returned as partner after a "too" long absence) and emerged as the new Maryland State Bring Partner Champions while the prior two years' winners watched. Taking second place were last years' champions: Curtis Dean (Elkhorn, MD) & Ralph McDowell (Nottingham, PA). Also watching were 2002 champions taking third place this year: Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman (both of Wilmington, DE).

Sunday at 11 a.m. began the last of the events to decide who would be "2004 Singles Champ for Maryland State". The camps from the previous 3 years were in attendance to defend or take back their title. And play they did, but when the dust settled down there was one person who could do the "hat trick"... finish 1st in all three events and he did: Len Dell (Baltimore, MD) took first place as the "2004 Maryland State Singles Champion". Following closely and making Len play two games to win was Jen Pickett (Rising Sun, MD) and finishing third place was Chuck King (Dover, DE). Fourth and final money spot was won by Jim Dennis (Charlestown, MD).

This ends the 2003-2004 tournament season at Harvey Jr's, but watch "The Board Talk" in September for news of next year's events. Meantime, have a safe summer and we hope to see you next year. Harvey Comer says "Thanks to all the many participants this year - we had a great year and look forward to having you back next year". Some event photos follow:



1st & 2nd Place Doubles Champs: (Above L-R):
1st: Len Dell & Cuck King; 2nd: Ralph McDowell & Curtis Dean



Ist Place A-B: (Left L-R): Curtis Dean & Len Dell



# St. Patrick's Day in Bellflower...

"Bob Brunskill & Tony Phillips combine for win at Rosewood Pub"

**Bellflower, California:** The Orange County team of Bob Brunskill and Tony Phillips both made the short freeway drive to Los Angeles County and Bellflower's Rosewood Pub to win the annual St. Patrick's Day "Bring Partner" Doubles tournament held March 19-22, over a field of 16 other teams.

It was the second consecutive win and third successful tournament of the new year for Yorba Linda's Brunskill following a win in the annual Tournament of Champions in Huntington Beach on February 28, and a second place finish in the ABC Draw event held on President's Day at T's in Modesto. It was Phillips' first major tournament win as he continues to improve his game with weekly shuffleboard action. Phillips plays on a regular basis at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge, C.C.'s Sports Café in Anaheim and competes weekly in the Southern California Shuffleboard League at Oskar's Sports Bar & Grill in Bellflower.

The Brunskill-Phillips combination defeated the husband and wife team of Allan and Joanie Healey in the finals to capture the winner's share of the \$850 entry fee and \$2,490 Sponsor money. Long Beach's Gary and Susie Jones sponsored the winning team.

The tournament marked the return of Joanie Swenson-Healey to tournament play, following more than a two-year absence from shuffleboard. In 2003, she was rated the number one lady player in California, but relinquished that honor this year to San Mateo's Jane Mourgos as California's Bowers raters moved her from the top spot due to inactivity. Both Healey's were delighted with their second place finish and their return to shuffleboard was very popular among the many players on hand for the tournament. Bellfower's Ernie Alvarez was the team sponsor.

Play began in the best two-out-of-three, double elimination tournament on Friday evening, March 19, following the team auction and ended at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Paramount's Paul Weber handled the auction duties with Tournament Director Robert Davidson and Brunskill handling the tournament bracketing. The 17-team entry list brought 15 byes for the tournament with the Healey's drawing the team of Turlock's Bob and Barbara Crum as the only first round game played. The Crums and Modesto's J.R. Noel traveled the farthest to attend the Rosewood Pub's annual tournament.

Sunday morning found only four teams still standing in tournament play with the undefeated teams of Paul Weber and Bellflower's Carl Martin squaring off with Brunskill/Phillips in the winner's bracket, while the Healeys faced the Bellflower team of Ernie Alvarez and Mick Diana on the loser's side. The Healeys had lost on Saturday to the team of J.R. Noel and Huntington Beach's Ralph Clough, while Alvarez and Diana also lost a match on Saturday to Weber and Martin.

The Healey's defeated Alvarez and Diana two out of three games on the loser's side and then faced Weber/Martin, who lost to Brunskill/ Phillips, with the winner headed into the tournament finals. The Healey's then defeated Weber/Martin in two straight games to set up the finals against the undefeated Brunskill/Phillips. The Healey's needed to win two matches (best two out of three games is a match) to capture the tournament championship.

Alvarez and Diana placed fourth in the tournament with Weber and Martin finishing in third place. Los Alamitos' Dave Brennan was the sponsor for both teams.

The championship began on the Rosewood's fast board one with both teams starting out by winning a game apiece. This set up the third game with Allan Healey winning the final with a one-point lag for a 15-11 win to keep them in the finals. The final match moved to board two where Brunskill/Phillips captured the Irish pot of gold by winning two straight games and the St. Patrick's Day tournament victory.

The tournament's new format, "Bring Partner" Doubles add to 4.0 proved to be very popular as more amateur players participated with several new and returning players competing for the first time. Playing in their first tournament were Whittier's Ruben Lozano and local players Barry Richeson and Patrick Potter. Also returning, after taking a few years off, were the husband and wife team of Long Beach's Gary and Susie Jones.

Thanks goes out to Rosewood Pub owners Bud Taylor and B.B. Boik for being gracious hosts, to the bartenders and to the many patrons who brought food for the outstanding buffet on Saturday afternoon. A \$1.00 fee was charged as part of the entry fee (\$26) and will be included with a \$110 50/50 draw to be sent to Ron and Debbie Bowers for their work in preparing the annual Bowers Shuffleboard Ratings. The total donation from the tournament to the Bowers was \$142. The Rosewood Pub's next tournament is its 2nd Annual "Hot Summer Nights" which is scheduled for August 6-8.



Above (Back row L to R): **Tournament winners** Bob Brunskill, Tony Phillips and co-sponsor Gary Jones. Front Row L-R: Rosewood Pub owners B.B. Boik and Bud Taylor with co-sponsor Susie Jones.



Back Row (L to R): Sponsor Ernie Alvarez with 2nd Place winners: Bellflower's Joanie & Allan Healey. Front row (L-R) are Rosewood owners B.B. Boik and Bud Taylor.



Left (Back Row L-R) **3rd Place:** Paul Weber and Carl Martin pictured here with sponsor Dave Brennan. Front row are the Rosewood Pub owners B.B Boik & Bud Taylor.



Left (L-R):
Team Sponsor
Dave Brennan and
Rosewood owner
Bud Taylor pictured
w/ 4th Place winners:
Ernie Alvarez &
Mick Diana

--Report & Photos by: California Shuffleboard News

### CFSA Holds Back-to-Back March '04 Tournaments

March 12-14, 2004 and March 19-21, 2004 at Captain Merlot's, Mims, Florida Report & Photos Submitted May 9, 2004 By: Kathy Ring, Florida

Mims, Florida: Another March has come and gone with the Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (CFSA) holding two back-to-back March tournaments at Captain Merlot's: The 5th Annual Blast Off (March 12 -14); and the 11th Annual Florida Open (March 19-21) with participants coming from eight states. All events double elimination with Sponsor sales.

#### 5th Annual Florida "Blast Off" (March 12-14) Winners:

#### A/B Draw Partner (14 Teams-Fri.) Winners



1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):

1st: Kathy Ring (Titusville) & Rusty Nowakowski (Mims)

2nd: Carol Horchler (Titusville) & Marty Allen (Mims)

3rd: Bob Auten (IN/FL) & Fred Miller (NJ)

#### Mixed Doubles (10 Teams-Sat. a.m.) Winners







1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):

1st: Glen Ingram (IN) & Ursula Badouin (Mims)

2nd: Larry & Tonia Cooper (Mims)

3rd: Carol Komarck (Miramar) & Marty Allen (Mims)

#### Open Singles (20 Players-Sat. p.m.) Winners









1st - 4th Place (Above L-R):
1st:Dave Boaz (IN); 2nd:Jerry Gray; 3rd:J.T. Swindle; 4th: Marty Allen

#### Bring Partner Doubles (14 Teams-Sun.) Winners







1st - 3rd Place (Above L-R):
1st: Glen Ingram & Jim Long (Indiana team)
2nd: Ray Miller (IN) & J.T. Swindle (Titusville, FL)
3rd: Lonzo Knight & Bill Brown (Maryland team)

#### 11th Annual "Florida Open" (March 19-21) Winners:

#### A/B Draw Partner (19 Teams-Fri.) Winners



1st: Carol Westerman (IN) & Ray Boyett (Miama)
2nd: Mary Allen & Tonia Cooper (Mims team)
4th: Carol Horchler (Titusville) & Jerry Siebert (MI)
[3rd: (no picture) Larry Cooper & J.T. Swindle]

#### Mixed Doubles (13 Teams-Sat. a.m.) Winners







1st: Sue Swindle (Tltusville) & Jerry Sierbert (MI)
2nd: Urusl Badouin (Mims) & Glen Ingram (IN)
3rd: Coletta Stanley (Palm Beach Gardens) & Marty Allen (Mims)

#### Open Singles (31 Players-Sat. p.m.) Winners









1st - 4th Place (Above L-R):

1st:Bill Kane (MI); 2nd: Ray Miller (IN): 3rd: Lonzo Knight (MD); 4th: Glen Ingram (IN) and no photo: 5th/6th tie: Jim Long (IN) and Dick Smedberg

#### Bring Partner Doubles (15 Teams-Sun.) Winners



1st (Left L-R): 1st: Jerry Siebert & Jim DeWitt 2nd (Right L-R): Jim Long & Glen Ingram





3rd (Left L-R): Lonzo Knight & Bill Brown

Thanks to Capt. Merlot's owners, Doug & Kathy Roberts for fine food & hospitality & to all our out-of-state friends for participating. You all came from Michigan, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and southern and western Florida. We sure enjoyed having you and look forward to seeing you again next year. Special thanks to: Glen Ingram for all his help as auctioneer for our sponsor sales; J.T. Swindle for the weight case; and to The Shuffleboard Federation and Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies for their continued support and sponsorship of our Florida tournaments.



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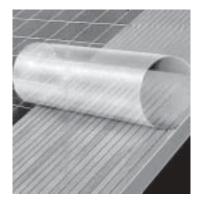
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# Journey's End... Amateur Singles & Doubles First 1.5+ Rated Amateur Tournament a Huge Success!!

March 26-27, 2004 -- Journey's End Bar & Grill, Bourbon, Indiana Report Received May 10, 2004 From: Ann Harrell, Bourbon, Indiana

**Bourbon, IN:** It all began at Journey's End Bar & Grill in Bourbon, Indiana on Friday night March 26th, 2004, at 7:00 PM with an A/B draw partner with 15 teams participating. Three places were paid and the winners were:

1st Beef Camp/Ed Schulak, 2nd Jim Hartung/Jerry Patton, 3rd Mike Koontz/Mark Roahrig.

On a balmy Saturday morning in Bourbon the doors of Journeys End Bar & Grill were thrown open to welcome the beautiful day and the first amateur tournament in Bourbon. Because of all the high caliber amateur players (Bowers Rating 1.5 or above) in and around Bourbon, a sponsor sale rivaling professional tournaments was held for both the singles and doubles. A total pot of \$2,270 was paid out to 6 places in the singles and \$1,930 for 4 places for the doubles.

With 4 great boards at our disposal, including the loan of boards from Gary Anglin and Bill Niswonger, the singles and doubles were played simultaneously. The singles event involved 30 people, while 20 teams were in the doubles event. A total of 41 different people played with a total of 98 games being possible for the day and 97 games were played!

#### **Singles Winners:**



1st Place (Above): Kristie Redman



2nd Place (Above): Wally Dan (aka Harvey Altman)



3rd Place (Above): Missy Rupe



4th Place (Above): Jay King



5th Place (Above): Robbe Stouder



6th Place (Above): Jim Hartung

#### **Doubles Winners:**



1st Place (Left L-R): Kristie Redman/Wally Dan



2nd Place (Left L-R):
AJ Westerman/Mike Grimes



3rd Place (Above L-R): Jim Hartung/Chris Taylor



4th Place (Above L-R): Jim Fletcher/Robe Stouder

A good time was had by all. Before the day was even over, people were asking, "When can we do this again?" A tentative date of August is being considered.

Thank you to the professional players that came out to participate Friday night in the draw partner and thanks to Gary Neff for keeping the bracket boards both days. Ann Harrell and Lisa Koontz once again signed people up and collected the fees.

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# Board Talk Subscription Distribution "Test" Comments....

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We (Board Talk Editors/Publishers) will be printing your comments on both tests ("bi-monthly" and "electronic") as we receive them. Below are comments we have recently received:

- 1) Connie Zavala (Nevada): (received April 10, 2004): "I have looked at the online Board Talk (April 2004 issue) and I, for one, love it. I think it would be better for a number of reasons. It is more cost effective and we would get any last minute tournaments in time to go. Pictures are clearer. We can get email portions of it to players that don't subscribe, so they will subscribe. I like this format much better than the bi-monthly format option. Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion. Good Luck, Connie K. Zavala
- 2) Marion Bailey (California): All of us at the Eagles Lodge #3608 in Exeter, California look forward to the arrival of the Board Talk each month and would rather pay a higher subscription rate than to have a bi-monthly newsletter. The subscription rate is very inexpensive as it is and we all enjoy getting the monthly news. An electronic option would be okay too, but not as the only option. My wife has email and maybe she could get an electronic issue for us, but we really would like to have an option of monthly hardcopy newletter even if the rate has to be increased to provide that option.

-- Thanks, Marion Bailey, CA

# Letter from Kentucky Friends... (To Editors, From: Mike & Susie Halstead)

Dear Tom and Lynda (April 13, 2004): We will miss Jimmy Olson very much! We had the pleasure of enjoying his company at Blinky's in Santa Clara in late October just prior to their wedding. He shared stories with us about his race car days. We played a little board and just enjoyed being with good friends. That's the most precious thing in life and reminds us it is short and to enjoy your friends and learn more about them. Jimmy was a unique but challenging player.

The weekend of April 9th we made our way up to Warsaw, Indiana to play in a true round robin, doubles. We had 3 Kentuckians (Tommy Davisson joined us in play) brave the challenge, and boy was it a challenge. Can't thank Pam and Terry Dowell enough for running the tourney. The Warsaw Eagles Lodge was very hospitable and served great food!

It's always great to go play among the Hoosiers, they were our 1st real exposure to shuffleboard. Since the 1st day we met they have shown real concern for us less-talented Kentuckians and have always made us feel one of the family. Thanks to the Hoosiers and all players around the country for the camraderie we always feel among Shufflers.

--Love. Susie and Michael Halstead

#### "Thanks" from Tree Cameron...

Thanks to all for your help and support over the last 4 years. I wish to apologize for the last 6 months while I was sick. I am recovering and soon to be back to my old self. Thanks for the cards and well wishes and to the players at the Board Talk Open 2004 in Garland for the group card. I do love my shuffleboard family.

--Thanks, Tree Cameron, Dayton, TX

### First Ever "Women's Only" Draw Partner Event Held in Kentucky...

The first ever Women's only draw partner tournament in Kentucky was held at the American Legion Shawnee Post in Louisville on May 8th. There was a wonderful turn-out considering this was the first time. Twenty women showed up to challenge and have a chance at the \$700.00 pot. They paid two places and the winners were Nikki Tinsley and Sandy Tandy. Second place went to Charlene Taylor and Janice Capito. There was a great deal of support from the men of the post, encouraging sponsorship with their dollars. A special thanks goes out to Don Hopper, Frank Nicholin, Tommy Davidson and of course the Shawnee Post. Also I would like to give a big pat on the back to Connie Tinsley and Tammy Goodlett who had the dream and made it a reality! We are in the planning stage to host another Women's only event in August and hope to see some of the Hoosier ladies at this one! Dates and details will follow soon! Shuffleboard is growing in Kentucky! Thanks to everybody around America for helping us "spread the fever"! Love and God Bless America and The Board Talk!

--Susie Halstead, Kentucky



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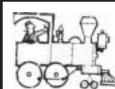
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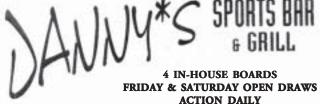
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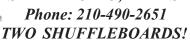
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# League Report from Bourbon Indiana...

April 17, 2004 --- Etna Pub, Journey's End Bar & Grill, American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana Report & Photos Received May 10, 2004 From: Ann Harrell

League Shuffleboard Banquet and A/B Draw Partner Bourbon Legion & Journey's End Bar & Grill & Etna Pub

League Sponsors: Etna Pub, Journey's End Bar & Grill and The American Legion (Bourbon, Indiana)

The Shuffleboard League Banquet and A/B Draw Partner was held, beginning at the Bourbon Legion, April 17th, 2004. Ann Harrell and Robbin Creighbaum helped signed people in and did the draw.

Thanks to Rick Stocker for getting the Legion boards in shape, to Gary Neff for taking care of the bracket board all day and a special thanks to Dennis Creighbaum for all the hard work and effort for another successful league shuffleboard year. A heart felt thanks to the people of the Bourbon Legion that prepared the great food, Mary Houser, Robbin Creighbaum, Tom Lavichio, Kerry Miller, Ellen Elliot and many others.

This event was an A/B Draw with a sponsor sale. One A and one B player were drawn as a team and then auctioned. This was done until all players were drawn and auctioned. Jim Long did a capable job of running the sale with many amusing comments. The sale generated \$1,870 with an additional \$1,050 from the league sponsors as entry fee. No entry fee was required from the players for this tournament. The winners bracket was played at the Bourbon Legion and the non-winners bracket at Journey's End, making a total of nine boards available for play.

There were 100 players eligible to play in this tournament and 52 players competed as 26 teams. The pay out was 8 places for entry fee and six places for the sponsor sale. There were 24 new players in league this year! And the winners were:

#### A/B Draw Partner Winners:



1st Place (Left L-R):
Bill Niswonger/Ed Schulack
2nd Place: (no photo):
Missy Rupe/Erick Keenan



3rd Place (Left L-R): Dave Pettey/ Mike Koontz

#### A/B Draw Partner Winners: (con't.)



4th Place (Left L-R):
Kim Rosinski/
Dave Schliesman



5th/6th Place tie (Left L-R): Don Chapman/ Tom Lavicho



5th/6th Place tie (Left L-R): Jason Weirick/ Ann Harrell

NO Photos: 7th/8th Place tie:
Jerry Know/Ken Steinman
and
Jim Long/John Mason

Everyone is looking forward to league next year and hopefully we will have just as many teams and even more new players! Even before league begins, however, there will be another amateur tournament held at Journey's End Bar & Grill in August. The exact date and details will be posted at: http://www.bourbon.org/journeysend

# Triple Tournaments at Kane's Club Car Lounge

Kane's Club Car Lounge, Durand, Michigan Report/Photos Sent by Brenda Kane (on May 10th)

**Durand, Michigan:** Kane's Club Car Lounge hosted Triple Tournaments in February & March 2004, as follows:

Sweetheart Mixed Doubles Tournament (Feb. 15, 2004) where players had a lot of fun and, of course, a few disagreements too! Winners (no photos) were: 1st Place: Jerry Siebert & Melinda Flynn; 2nd Place: Jim Kelsey & Deanna Johns; 3rd Place: Biran Persalles & Candy Abbott.

St. Patrick's Day Tournament (March 17, 2004)
A-B Draw... what fun to be playing shuffleboard amist the smell of corned beef and cabbage, with Irish music in the background. Winners' photos follow:

#### St. Patrick's Day A-B Draw Winners





1st Place (Above L-R): Bill Kane & John Flynn

2nd Place (Above L-R): Jackie Meagher & Alonzo Cottrell



3rd Place (Left L-R): Melinda Flynn & John Addington

March Madness Tournament (March 27, 2004) with an Open Doubles... where there was fierce rivalries and lots of action folks! Winners' photos follow:

#### **March Madness Open Doubles Winners**





1st Place (Above L-R): John Myles & Mark Holland

2nd Place (Above L-R): Brenda Kane & Carlos Capote



3rd Place (Left):
Frank Blade (right) & Steve Auten
(not pictured) pictured with
sponsor Ron Palmer (left)

# Palace Bar Players Vie for \$2,930 Purse!

Palace Bar, Fairmont, Indiana -- April 24, 2004 Report (no photos) Submitted By: Bobby Voorhis

**Fairmont, Indiana:** Sixteen teams played for a share of \$2,930 total monies. Coming out on top was Ricky Royal and yours truly (Bobby V); Glen Ingram and Jim Long taking second place; third place went to Larry Brown and Rick Stocker; and the father/son team of Byron and Nick George placed fourth.

Many thanks to Mike Johnson for doing the sponsor sales and to Larry Creakbaum for handling the brackets and to Debbie Voorhis, Mary Brown, and Pam Dowell for cooking the books.

PS: Had a great time in Garland, Texas at the Board Talk Open 2004 tournament and look forward to seeing you all over the 4th of July in Del City, Oklahoma soon!

-- By: Bobby Voorhis, Indiana

# Alabama Shuffling News

Report (no photos) Submitted By: Charley Thompson

Alabama Table Shuffleboard Association (ATSA) has been formed: The Alabama State Shuffleboard Association (ATSA) has expanded out to the Huntsville area, the Eagles and Moody's Monday to mention a few and hold weekly tournaments on Saturday at the City Limits Sports Bard in New Hope, Alabama. So, come on by and let's ge a game going... everyone is welcome! There is always someone wanting to play a game or two. Anyone coming to Alabama wanting to play, just give us (Charley & Pat Thompson) a call at 256-723-2501 or call the City Limits Sports Bar 256-723-2518. We would love to see you. Our new address is: Charley & Pat Thompson, 2000 Old Gurley Pike, New Hope, AL 35760 (15 miles south of Huntsville).

First-Ever Alabama State Tournament Held: The Alabama State Shuffleboard Association (ATSA) held it's first ever state shuffleboard tournament. Open Singles Winners were: 1st: Charley Thompson (who lost his first game and came back from a long night in the loser's bracket to double dip Tre Morris (the tournament favorite and owner of the City Limits Sports Bar); 2nd: Tre Morris. Bring Partner Winners were: 1st: Charley & Pat Thompson (what a team... Pat hits everything she sees and is a lagging fool); 2nd: John Walker & D.J. Poole from Eagles Aerie 3263, Huntsville, AL (tough team). Draw Partner Winners were: not yet announced as of date of this submission.

Alabama Winter League Results: The Alabama State Shuffleboard Association (ATSA) Winter League has been completed. We had a successful league start up with eight teams participating. League winners were: 1st: Charley Thompson & Charlie Robison and 2nd: Pat Thompson & William Le Master. Bar-b-cue and the fisins were served at the league gathering. Thanks to all who participated.

-- Reported By: Charley Thompson, Alabama

# Fir Cone Tavern Hosts It's First Ever B-C Tournament Format

Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington -- March 27-28, 2004 Report & Photos Received on April 28, 2004 From: Dwayne Dibley, Washington

Shelton, Washington: Shuffleboard in the Pacific NW has been suffering from low tournament turnout. In an effort to bring the number back up, the Fir Cone hosted it's first ever B-C tournament. It is possible we found players that want to play. There was a big turn out of players that stuck around and watched when they weren't up, supporting the sponsor and learning new shots. We never had to go looking for a player or put anyone on the clock... what a pleasure. Does this type even have a place in shuffleboard? You bet! Owners of the Fir Cone, Mel and Jeanette Hohn, said that this was the best tournament in many years. Perhaps, the fun has gone out of the Open Doubles and it has become more like work. In the B-C everyone had fun and enjoyed a weekend of shuffleboard.

The Fir Cone has a major disadvantage compared to other Shuffleboard sponsors. A not so private club, lounges, bars, and taverns surround the Fir Cone. During most tournaments the players scatter to other places that are not putting on the tournament. There is a lot of expense and work associated with running a tournament. It is disheartening to work hard to put on a good tournament and then have someplace else get most of the benefit. No wonder the Fir Cone is considering selling their boards and bringing an end to a great tradition. The owners go out of their way to support shuffleboard in any way they can, but lately feel that some of the players don't support them. Mel and Jeanetter would like to give a big thansk to all the players who helped make this a successful tournament and to those who were just there to support the Fir Cone and shuffleboard.

The weekend of shuffleboard started off with the usual Friday night A-B Draw (a single elimination event). The winners usually get enough practice and an edge for the weekend, and of course have the honor of getting the picture in <a href="The Board Talk">The Board Talk</a>. This event's bragging rights go to Mario Briones and Vern Gonzales:



Come Saturday, everyone was ready for a full day of shuffleboard action. We were extremely happy to see players from Skigit County, Capalios, Port Orchard, Tacoma, North Bend, Olympia, and Shelton competing. Obviously, the word spread far and wide about this type of tournament format. During the weekend play was very competitive, some 2 of 3 matches tooks as long as two hours. Winners & Photos (next column)...



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# In Memory of Jim (James Brendan) Olson... November 18, 1945 - March 31, 2004

In the Board Talk April 2004 issue, we had delayed reporting on Jim & Lorraine (Bingham) Olson's beautiful wedding ceremony held during the NASC 2003 tournament last year. Sadly, this month we are reporting on Jim's passing.

Most of us have known Jim and Lorraine for years and know how much they have promoted our great sport of shuffleboard. Jim was sometimes a rather quiet gentlemen and many of us may not have known much about his history and life experiences. So, in this issue we would like to share some of Jim's great life experiences which include some history printed in San Jose Mercury News on Friday, April 2, 2004 (by Betty Barnacle of Mercury News).

Jim entered into eternal life on March 31, 2004 while many of us where at the Board Talk Open 2004 tournament in Garland, Texas. Jim and Lorraine were preregistered for attending the

tournament and we hoped his health problems were improving since he planned to make that trip. Unfortunately Jim had a sudden change in health status. We were all greatly saddened and held two moments of silence in his memory while Dave Keithahn of California rang up a perfect game, 4 points at a time, in memory of Jim. Mercury News Excerpts follow...

**James Olson, built racers** - he was a mainstay at the S.J. Speedway; owned a model that was a winner

Jim (James Bendan) Olson was pleased when he made the centerfold of several national magazines with photos of his customized cars (not himself). His pride was No. 44, the supermodified, open-wheel racer he owned that rolled into the winner's circle more than once at the San Jose Speedway.

Mr. Olson died at 58 on Wednesday (March 31, 2004) of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dianosed last July (he returned from the SW Open only to have to be transported to the hospital by ambulance immediately when his flight arrived).

He was well-known at the speedway, where he rooted in the stands for whoever happened to be driving No. 44, before the racetrack at the Santa Clara County Farigrounds was closed four years ago.

He was such a part of the track scene, according to his wife, Lorraine, that at his memorial service on Saturday the black 1965 Jetstar Oldsmobile 88 known as the speedway's "trophy car" will be parked near the chapel. The Olds carried trophies to race winners in the heyday of San Jose car racing.

At the Olson Brothers Body Shop, at the San Jose Milpitas border, he and his sibling, Gregory, like their father, Brendan, before them spent their working years turning out racers, custom cars and restored antique vehicles from automobile shows and even a few old Hollywood films.

Born in San Francisco, Mr. Olson had lived in the valley since he was 4 years old.

After attending San Jose City College, he signed up with the Navy during the Vietnam war. He served on the USS Constellation in the South China Sea. As a petty officer, he was stationed on the bridge of the aircraft carrier in charge of keeping track of the flights and their returns. (continued, column 2)



James B, Olson served in the Navy on an aircraft carrier.

"He wrote a book - his personal diary - about the crashes and the planes that didn't come back," his wife said.

After his tour of duty, Mr. Olson came home to Santa Clara and the family auto shop - sold when he became ill - and developed a new interest in the game known as table shuffleboard. He learned it well enough to win the 2001 North American Championship. The winner at the San Jose Speedway and customizing cars had done it again. [Mercury News, April 2, 2004]

Lorraine and Jim have been sole mates for many years and were married in 2003. She greatly misses Jim, her love and life.

We will all keep Lorraine in our thoughts and prayers. Jim's message to us follows...

"Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow.

Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles.

I have only gone to rest awhile.

Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be.

Because I will remember you all and look on with a smile.
Undertand, in your hearts,
I've only gone to rest for a little while.

As long as I have the love of each of you,
I can live my life in the hearts
of all of you."

# Fir Cone's 22nd Annual Masters

February 27-28, 2004 Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington Report & Photos By: Dwayne Dibley

The Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington has an almost folklore atmosphere when it comes to shuffleboard. Tales of long sessions, which only end with the rise of the sun and a new day, causing players to go straight to work for the tavern. People remembering great and classic matches from the past. After all, most of the all time great players have played at the Fir Cone over



the years. No wonder the Masters is one of the top three tournaments in the Pacific Northwest. It must be a real honor to have your picture on the wall and name on the Masters trophy at the Fir Cone, because one can still here past winners quoting their year. This makes it easy to understand why this has been such a great tournament over the years.

In 1982, under the guidance of future Northwest Hall of Famer Dick Doak, the first Masters at the Fir Cone was destined to survive the test of time and start a tradition spanning 22 years and counting. Players from Arizona, California, Florida, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Canada have played in the Masters all hoping to earn their place in history. The 2004 Masters and the winners are in the books, and the folklore continues. The Masters is one of a few true Open Doubles. Because of this, the Friday night warm-up tournament is an A-B Draw. An event that is popular with the locals, newcomers, and the old hats as well. Sharon Nugent & Mel Hohn won this year's single elimination tournament. Finishing a strong second was the team of Tina Olson & Vern Gonzales. Finishing second won't get your picture on the wall, but it will pay for your weekend.



Ist Place
Friday Nite A-B Draw
(LeftL-R):
Sharon Nugent &
Mel Hohn



The main event was the 22nd Annual Masters, the granddaddy of them all. This tournament brings out some great teams, all of which are capable of winning it all and some teams that have. Unfortunately, only one team can survive to be called the 2004 Masters Champions and receive all the benefits. Vern Gonzales & Mel Hohn had that honor (pictured left in column 1). Other Masters event winners & photos follow:

#### 2004 Masters Winners (2nd-5th/6th Place):







3rd Place (Above L-R): Mike Waters & Alvin Orcutt



4th Place (Left L-R): Tommy Campbell & Don Mitchell



5th/6th Place tie (Left L-R): Tim Nugent & Ryan Devlin



5th/6th Place tie (Left L-R): Ken Simmons & Mike Olson

Once again the Shelton Shuffleboard Community put on an excellent feed. The next tournament at the Fir Cone is the 17th Annual Forest Festival A-B brings your own team on June 5 & 6, 2004. For more information call the Fir Cone at (360) 426-2221.

### Heartland Handicap

April 23-25, 2004 -- American Legion Post 73, Del City Oklahoma Report & Photos Submitted by: Joyce Gamble

#### Del City, Oklahoma: HEARTLAND HANDICAP

We had twenty-six teams in the "Draw" and 18 teams in the "Bring".

Jim Payne, Larry Zahm, Gary and Kay Nelson, Tony and Joyce Pelton, Harvey Walden, Johnny Wayne, Kelly Cameron, David Williams Jr, Billy Mays, Danny Hersom, UJ and Wanda West, CW Walker and Ronnie Glover came in from their various states to join in the fun and take home some of the trophies.

Local Players showed all of us how it's done by winning first place in both events, but they will be the first to tell us, the competition was tough. Most games went to the rubber match.

Don and his team made sure we had good food and good service. Rena, Dave and Chuck kept the events running smooth. John and Gerald made sure we all sold for way more than some of us were worth. (ha ha)

The whole weekend was another success for the American Legion. (Sorry, digital photos not well focused)

#### **Draw Partner (18 Teams) Winners**



1st Place (Above L-R): Ed White & Bill Melton



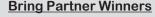
2nd Place (Above L-R): Ruth Atherton & Carolyn Jones



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Fred Washington & Stephynne
Stevens



4th Place (Left L-R):
Alan Cobb &
Jim Payne





1st Place (Left L-R): Bill Melton & Carolyn Jones



2nd Place (Left L-R): David Williams Jr & Billy Mays



3rd Place (Left L-R): Johnny Wayne Crawford & Kelly Cameron

4th Place (no photo): Tony Pelton & Harvey Walden

# Winston's Mixed Doubles A Great Success...

February 27-29, 2004 99 Tavern/Willee's Cafe, Winston, OR By: Dan Holland (Submitted April 28, 2004)

Winston, Oregon (February 27-29, 2004): Sixteen teams turned out to do battle in Winston while the women of Oregon shuffleboard led the way. It was a tough field, with a 2-3, both brackets, format. Four of the six available boards were used for tourney play, allowing two boards for horseplay. A great time was had by all.

In the main event, it was local team Trisha Florence and Dan Holland outlasting the field to win the tourney. Trisha was victorious in her very first shuffleboard event entry. Her three lag against (game on the board) in the "A" bracket final sparked the momentum to lead the way to an event championship. Dan was a decent doubles partner!

Second place was earned by the formidable team of Evi and Bill Maxwell of Grants Pass. A very warm welcome to our new Oregonians! The Lagging Van Ormans", Darla and Clyde from Winston claimed third.

Winston's first Sweetheart tourney adhered to the "no cross dressing rule", divorce lawyers standing by (turned out to be unneeded), and the ever present "Winston Jim" Cockrell overseeing the spectacle.

#### Winston's "Sweetheart" Mixed Doubles Winners:



1st Place (Above L-R): Trisha Florence & Dan Holland



2nd Place (Above L-R): Evi & Bill Maxwell



3rd Place (Left L-R): Darla & Clyde Van Orman "The Lagging Van Ormans"

# Pierceton Events Signaled Re-Entry...

March 19-20, 2004 American Legion #258, Pierceton, IN By: Pam Dowell (Submitted April 24, 2004)

**Pierceton, IN (March 19-20, 2004):** An eighteen field A-B Draw signaled the re-entry of Pierceton's American Legion #258 into the Indiana tournament schedule. Phil Heinzman picked up the reins as TD after a long (too long) absence.

The Open Doubles on Saturday featured money (\$200) added to the entry pot and instant cash paid to the first 4-lag on each end of the two tables, all ideas Phil initiated back in the days when he owned & operated DJ's in Warsaw. Phil is also responsible, along with Steve Hart, for starting Indiana's State Championships. The winners of *Friday's A-B Draw* were (no photos available): 1st - Dave Vondran & Joe Rose Jr, 2nd - Terry Dowell & Joe Rose Sr, and 3rd - Keith Spencer & Mike Grimes. Congrats to the two Joe's and Keith, all cashing for the first time in tournament play. Saturday's *Open Doubles* winners were: 1st - Terry Dowell & Gary Neff, 2nd - Mikel Johnson & Bud Broka, and 3rd - Dennis Creighbaum & Randy Redman. (Welcome back to tournaments, Randy!) Terry & Mike also picked up extra \$\$ by lagging 4's. Photos of Saturday's winners follow:

#### Pierceton's Open Doubles Winners (Saturday):



1st Place (Left L-R): Gary Neff & Terry Dowell



2nd Place (Above L-R): Mikel Johnson & Bud Broka



3rd Place (Above L-R):
Dennis Creighbaum &
Randy Redman

"I'm gratified by the response of the league players in particular and pleased with the support of all the players for this new venue," said Phil. "Thanks to all who helped make the weekend a success. We'll be on the tournament schedule next fall and look forward to seeing everyone again."

# Warsaw Eagles #1339 "True Robin Robin"...

April 9-10, 2004 at Warsaw Eagles #1339, Warsaw, Indiana Report & Photos By: Pam Dowell (Received May 7, 2004)

Warsaw, Indiana: Terry Dowell & Mike Johnson made it two in a row, winning this annual event on April 9 & 10, 2004. Eleven tough teams battled for over \$5K in entry & sponsor sales. Runners-up were Mike Koontz & Dennis Kinsey and third place went to Gary Neff & Brian Collins, all from IN. Players from Ohio, Kentucky & Michigan came in for the "fun". "I love these Round Robins, but it sure takes It out of you", noted Susie Halstead. "It'll be another year before I'm ready to play in one of these again".

There are no events scheduled at the Eagles this summer. Next tournament will be in September, but the date has yet to be verified. It will be posted in The Board Talk and on the Indiana tournament schedule in Calendar of Events



1st Place (Left L-R): Terry Dowell & Mikel Johnson



2nd Place (Left L-R): Dennis Kinsey & Mike Koontz



3rd Place (Left L-R): Gary Neff & Brian Collins

# Texas State Champs...

April 28-May 2, 2004 at Gold Nugget, Arlington Texas Report & Photos By: Bobby Williams (Received on May 8, 2004)

Arlington, Texas: Tom Johnson's Gold Nugget hosted the Texas State Championship on April 28-May 2. While the tournament was not as large as some in the past, there was great competition and many people said how much they had enjoyed themselves. Thanks to C.W. Walker, Tom, Kelly Cameron, and Johnny Wayne Crawford for their board setup help. Johnny Wayne mixed dust that was vastly superior to any on the planet. Jerri Williams did a wonderful job with registration and brackets and KK and her girls had a great checken dinner for everyone on Saturday. We were glad to see Robert Hurst Jr, as he had not been here in a number of years. Harold "Catfish" Carter came by and he and David Williams took on all challengers. Texas (by far) has some of the best players in the Nation and welome all challenges! Draw (no photos) winners were 1st: Mike Taylor/David Veasey; 2nd: David Williams Jr/ Greg Hixon; 3rd: Eddie Woods/Cliff Visel. Bring & Singles Winners were:



Pro Bring 1st Place (Above L-R): C.W. Walker & Kelly Cameron



Div. I Bring 1st & 2nd Place (Above L-R): 1st: Drew Willingham & Mark Steelman 2nd: Kay Nelson & Lee Biojian



Pro Bring 2nd Place
(Above L-R):
Diana Hagen & Linda Nobles
and no photo available:
3rd: Mike Taylor & Doug Paben



Pro Singles 1st & 2nd Place (Above L-R): 1st: Mike Taylor 2nd: Dave Ramold 3rd: Brian Walker (no photo)



Div. I Singles 2nd & 1st Place (Above): 1st: Bobby Wright (right) 2nd: Doug Paben (left)



Div. Il Singles 1st & 2nd Place: (Above L-R): 1st: Martin Jordan 2nd: Gary Williams

#### 2004 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

#### MAY 2004

May 27-31 (See Flyer April Issue)

5th Annual Houston Memorial Day Danny's & Triple Crown Sports Bars Eagles Lodge #3608

Houston, Texas

May 27-31 (See Flyer April Issue)

23rd Memorial Day Extravaganza

Season Ticket

Spokane, Washington

May 27-31 (See Flyer April Issue)

6th Annual Washita Handicap

Full House Bar & Grill

Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 27-31

Annual Memorial Day Tournament

Oskar's Bar & Grill

Bellflower, California

May 28-31 (See Flyer April Issue)

4th Annual 133 Club Memorial Day

133 Club

Manteca, California

May 28-31 (See Flyer April Issue)

Kane's Michigan Open

Kane's Club Car Lounge

**Durand Michigan** 

#### **JUNE 2004**

**June 5-6** 

17th Annual Forest Festival

Fir Cone Tavern

Shelton, Washington

June 11-13

Hoosier Hall of Fame Classic

David L's Hideout Lounge

Yorktown, Indiana

June 12-13

Round Robin Draws

Whistling Oyster

Quilcene, Washington

**June 18-20** 

Bill English Memorial

Balloon Inn

Arvada, Colorado

#### JULY/AUG. '04

July 2-5 (See Flyer Insert)

4th of July "Shootout"

Exeter, California

July 4-10 (See Flyer Insert)

SW Open 2004

American Legion Post#73

Del City, Oklahoma

**July 16-18** 

Friendship Tournament

Our Place Saloon

Titusville, Florida

July 28-August 1

**Grand Masters 2004** 

Whistling Oyster

Quilcene, Washington

July 30 - August 1 (See Flyer Insert)

2nd Annual Michigan HOF

Club Car Lounge

Durand, Michigan

August 6-8

2nd Annual "Hot Summer Nights"

Rosewood Pub

Bellflower, California

**August 13-15** 

CO.NE.HEAD Classic V

Balloon Inn

Arvada, Colorado

August 19-August 22 (See Flyer Insert) Sands Regency Hotel/Casino

2nd Annual "Don't Sing It Bring It"

Triple Crown Sports Bars

Houston, Texas

August 20-21

5th Annual "Ladies Only" Tourney

Eagles Club

Houston, Missouri

SEPTEMBER 2004

(Flyer Coming in July) Balloon Inn September 1-6

Texas Open (Annual Labor Day)

Taz Country

Austin (Pflugerville), Texas

September 3-6 (See Flyer Insert)

7th Annual Billy Chiles Memorial

Moose Lodge 1832

Huntington Beach, California

September 2-6

Annual Labor Day Weekend

Full House Bar & Grill

Wynnewood, Oklahoma

September 10-11 (See Flyer Insert)

15th Annual Fall Bash

Skip's Lounge

Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 16-19 (Flyer Coming in July)

6th Annual Wandering the World

Ladies Tournament

Amvets Post 26

Pendleton, Indiana

#### OCT./NOV. 2004

October 15-17

Heartland Handicap

American Legion Post#73

Del City, Oklahoma

October 15-17

Round Robin (Mystery format)

Balloon Inn

Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 30-Nov. 7 (See Flyer Insert)

**2004 NASC** 

Reno. Nevada

November 25-28

Annual Thanksgiving Tournament

Oskar's Bar & Grill

Bellflower, California

#### DECEMBER 2004

December 10-12

15th Annual Santa Classic

Arvada, Colorado

#### **APRIL 2005**

April 1-9 (tentative)

4th Annual Board Talk Open 2005

#### From: The Board Talk Editors/Publishers

"News" "Misc." & Board Talk Tentative Print Schedule Plans

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July 2004
August 2004
September 2004
October/November 2004
December 2004

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May 10, 2004 June 10, 2004 July 10, 2004 August 10, 2004 October 10, 2004 November 10, 2004

If we can do at least 2 or 3 bi-monthly "test" issues in 2004, it should be enough for us to measure the savings (if any). Also, we would like to get feedback on electronic versus hardcopy to evaluate, as this is another suggestion we have received from many of you -- provide a hardcopy and/or an electronic subscription option. To consider this suggestion we must do a "test" and as many subscribers that have email to help us in that test effort.

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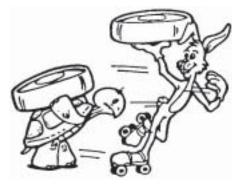
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3	Pro Division Singles	Monday - 7/5/04	12:00 pm	40 Players	
4	Division I Singles	Monday - 7/5/04	12:00 pm	48 Players	
5	Division II Singles	Monday - 7-5-04	12:00 pm	48 Players	
6	3 & 4 Rated Singles	Monday - 7/5/04	12:00 pm	48 Players	
7	Division I A/B Draw	Wednesday -7/7/04	10:30 am	96 Players	
8	Division II A/B Draw	Wednesday - 7/7/04	10:30 am	96 Players	
9	Draft Team	Thursday - 7/8/04	10:00 am	192 Players	
10	Pro Division Bring	Saturday - 7/10/04	9:00 am	32 Teams	
11	Division I Bring	Saturday - 7/10/04	9:00 am	32 Teams	
12	Division II Bring	Saturday - 7/10/04	9:00 am	32 Teams	
13	Division III Bring	Saturday - 7/10/04	9:00 am	32 Teams	

Event 9 – 13 could run into Sunday 7-11-04

<sup>\*</sup>Limits subject to change. Times are entry deadlines if there are any spots available. Sale will begin shortly thereafter and play ASAP.

Entry into each event earns points toward the added money. Each event entered earns 3 points. A 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> place earns 4 points. A 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> earns 5 points. A 4<sup>th</sup> earns 6 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> earns 7 points, 2<sup>rd</sup> earns 8 points and 1<sup>st</sup> earn 9 points.

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PRE-TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES: The Legion will be closed on Thursday, July 1st, 2004.

Opens at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 2nd & Saturday July 3rd, 2004. The boards in the main hall will not be open for play until after Bingo (Friday evening). We will be running round-robins starting Friday evening and all day Saturday.

#### **Event Information**

- Event 1 Division I 4 person team: \$200 per team, 2/3 double elimination team handicap must add to 1 point or more, only 1 pro per team.
- Event 2 Division II 4 person team: \$120 per team, same as #1 except team handicap must add to 9 points or more. No pro's or 0's allowed.
- Event 3 Pro Division Singles: (-1's \$300\*\* / -0's \$200\*\*) This event is open to -1's and -0's. If there are openings the day of the event, any other division players may participate for \$200. 2 out of 3/Double elimination. (This event may run into Wednesday)
- Event 4 Division I Singles: \$100\*\* per player. This event is open to +0, 1's, and up. 2 out of 3 in winners bracket/single game to 15 losers. (This event may run into Wednesday)
- Event 5 Division II Singles: \$75\*\* per player. This event is open to 2's thru 4's. Single game/Double elimination.
- Event 6 Division III Singles: \$50\*\* per player. This event is open to 3's & 4's. Single game/Double Elimination.
- Event 7 Division I A/B Draw: \$50\*\* per player. This event is open to -1's, 0's, and 1's. Single game/Double elimination.
- Event 8 Division II A/B Draw: \$40\*\* per player. This event is open to 2', 3's, a& 4's. Single game/Double elimination.
- Event 9 Draft Team: \$50\*\*Per player. This event is open to <u>ALL</u>. The top rated registered players will be captains. 4/7 double elimination, mark 3.
- Event 10 Pro Division Bring: \$150\*\* per team. This event is open to -1's to 4's. Pro's may not partner up. 2/8 in winners bracket, single game to 15 in losers. (Will possibly run into Sunday).
- Event 11 Division I Bring: \$100\*\* per team. This event is open to 1's thru 4's. 2'3 in winners bracket, single game to 15 in losers. (Will possibly run into Sunday).
- Event 12 Division II Bring: \$80\*\* per team. This event is open to 2's, 3's & 4's. Single game, double elimination.
- Event 13 Division III Bring: \$60\*\* per team. This event is open to 3's and 4's. Single game, double elimination.
- \*\* Events will have a \$5 increase if registration is received after

  June 16,2004! So send your registration in early!!! \*\*

#### EARLY REGISTRATION FORM: (POSTMARKED BY JUNE 161, 2004)

Please help us to know how many to plan for by registering before June 16<sup>th</sup>. You may send in all of your entry monies (which WE will love you for) or a minimum of \$20 per event <u>and</u> the registration fee of \$25 for Events 3 through 11.\* Entries are accepted until the event is full or posted entry deadlines. **Entries and registration postmarked and received <u>after June 16 will increase by \$5 more for the event amount</u>. So save some bucks by registering early.** 

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6. 0	Division III Singles (\$50)			\$
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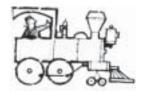
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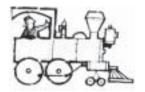
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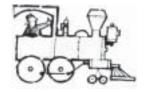
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#### 2ND ANNUAL MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME

JULY 30-AUGUST 1, 2004 5 Shuffleboards







#### FRIDAY - JULY 30 DRAW PARTNER \$ 10 & \$20 - STARTS AT 5pm

SATURDAY - JULY 31 MIXED DOUBLES & OPEN SINGLES SIGNUP AT 11am & SPONSOR SALES AT 12Noon MIXED DOUBLES \$50/TEAM OPEN SINGLES \$50/PERSON

SUNDAY - AUGUST 1 OPEN DOUBLES & LADIES' SINGLES
SIGN UP AT 12Noon & SPONSOR SALES AT 1pm
OPEN DOUBLES \$100/TEAM
LADIES' SINGLES \$50/PERSON

Plus: Join us in the Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies for: Jerry Siebert, Jerry Hershman, Jimmy Kumpula, John Miles, & Phil Skover



ONE-REGISTRATION FEE OF \$ 10.00 PER PLAYER (Goes to Michigan HOF)

FOR LODGING & OTHER INFO. CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: JERRY SIEBERT 517-694-4652



## Triple Crown Sports Bar's Houston, TX



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Billy Melton "Don't Sing It Bring It" Tourney Aug 19th - Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>

5 Great Boards - Federation Wax

Date	Sponsor Sale*	Event	Entry	
Thu	6:00 pm	Open Draw	\$100 / Player	
Aug 19   0.00 pm		Single Game Double Elimination		
Fri	6:00 pm	<b>Open Singles</b>	\$1000 / Player	
Aug 20		2 of 3 Winners and Losers		
Sat	6:00 pm	<b>Open Doubles</b>	\$600 / Team	
Aug 21	<u> </u>	2 of 3 Winners and Losers		

\*Event start times subject to change based on # of entrants.

Pre-Registration \$FREE by Aug 7 - Late \$20 All Sponsor Sales start at \$100

Priority Practice beginning Monday Aug. 16th All events pay 3 places 60, 30 10

Director: James Cummings 281-550-5011 Email: jrc@Rver.com **Signup: 1 hour before Sponsor Sale** 

**Tourney Rates Comfort Inn Email/Call for more info** 

Snacks provided

More food available from Frys next door

13711 Westheimer Houston, TX 281-870-9610

FREE Early Registration Form: Due by Aug. 7, 2003 - \$20 at Event - Do not Send \$\$\$ OR You can register by calling James Cummings - 281-550-5011 or Email: jrc@rver.com

Name:		_ Decimal Rating:		
Address:		City:Sta	ate:	
HomePhone:	WK Phone:	Cell Phone		
Email Address:				

Event	Entry	Partner	I plan to enter this Event
#1 Open Draw	\$100 / Player		
#2 Open Singles	\$1000 / Player		
#3 Open Doubles	\$600 / Team		



#### Huntington Beach Moose Lodge 1832 (7451 Lorge Circle, Huntington Beach, Ca.)

#### PRESENTS...



## 7TH ANNUAL BILLY CHILES MEMORIAL SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

--- 6 Boards ---

Friday, September 03, 2004 – Monday, September 6, 2004 3 Events - 2 out of 3 Double Elimination

SPONSOR SALE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 8:00 P.M. Play to follow...

ABC - Draw Partner/Team (\$25/per player)

SPONSOR SALE (for both doubles) Saturday, @ 4:00 P.M.

**DOUBLES BRING PARTNER (Must add to 2.0 - \$50/per player)** 

**DOUBLES BRING PARTNER (Add to 4.00 - \$25.00/per player)** 

No Decimal - Bowers Rating System 2004 in effect

\$20 One-Time Registration Fee

FOOD AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND- SATURDAY FREE BUFFET

**100% PAY OUT** 

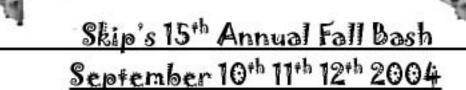
**FOR INFO CALL:** 

**MARIE COULTER @ 714-840-1825** 

OR

RICH WARREN @ 714-536-0172

Note: Times and format subject to change due to player participation.



ROUND ROBINS THURSDAY NIGHT FOR THE EARLY BIRDS!

#### A-B Draw, Friday \$20 per player entry.

\*No Pros and 0's may draw each other. Sponsor sale 1:00 p.m., with Play immediately following (we want to be done by 9 p.m. to free up boards for late arrivals, so depending on entries, games may be mark 4, play to 15).

Single games Double elimination.

#### A-B-C Draw, Saturday \$20 per player entry.

(Each 3-person team will have an A, B, and C player. A's will serve as captains.) YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP AND PAID AT 10 A.M. NO EXCEPTIONS! Calcutta at 11 a.m. Play immediately following. Single games Double elimination.

#### Open Singles, Sunday, \$40 per player.

Calcutta at noon sharp! Play immediately following. May be mark 4, play to 15, depending on entries. Single games Double elimination.

#### • A ONE TIME \$10 REGISTRATION FEE PER PLAYER

BOWERS 2004 RATINGS USED—ANY UNRATED PLAYERS WILL BE RATED BY A COMMITTEE. FOR INFOR CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS COCO & CINDY BROWN @ (248) 452-5425. FOR LODGING RECOMMENDATIONS CALL SKIP @ (989) 422-5631

#### Skip's Lounge

8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan "In the Heart of Michigan's Beautiful Vacation Land"







# 15th Annual North American Shuffleboard Championships<sup>TM</sup>

October 30 - November 7, 2004 • Sands Regency Casino Hotel • Reno, Nevada

\$\$\$\$ \$12,500 ADDED\* \$\$\$\$

The first twenty five players who sign up, that have never played in this tournament, will receive a \$100 rebate on their entry fees.

You must sign up by August 1 to qualify.\*

Great room rates: only \$29.00 per night, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday and \$59.00, plus tax, for Friday & Saturday. \*

\$10,000 cash give away: 50 different randomly drawn players will win \$200 at the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on Friday night.\*

2 out of 3 winners bracket and single 21 point game losers bracket for all amateur singles and doubles events.

24 custom made Venture Ambassador Shuffleboard Tables with custom electronic scoreboards from Eagle Shuffleboard.

\*For more information, please refer to the back of this page, visit the tournament web site, http://2004nasc.com, or call 800-380-3033.

#### 2004 North American Championships<sup>TM</sup>Entry/Registration Form

This form must be filled out completely and include the registration and board fee and the full amount of the entry fee for the event(s) you are entering. No reservations will be accepted unless accompanied by this form.

#### ONE PLAYER PER FORM, PLEASE PRINT!

		Rating	Decimal	Rating
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☐ Regis	tration Fee (must be paid by all players)	\$ 25.00	(per player)	25.00
	d Fee (must be paid by all players)	\$ 10.00	(per player)	10.00
□ Pro/A	m Draft Team Event	\$ 50.00	(per player)	
☐ Pro S	ingles (\$200.00 for -0.50 to 5.00 players)	\$300.00		
☐ Divisi	on I Singles	\$100.00		
☐ Divisi	on II Singles	\$ 75.00		
☐ Divisi	on III Singles	\$ 50.00		
□ A/B □	Praw Partners (for -1's, 0's & 1's)	\$ 50.00	(per player)	
□ A/B □	Praw Partners (for -2's, 3's, 4's & 5's)	\$ 40.00	(per player)	
☐ Four	Person Add to 1	\$300.00	(per team)	Pay at the
☐ Four	Person Add to 9	\$200.00	(per team)	tournament
□ Pro □	Ooubles	\$125.00	(per player)	
☐ Divisi	on I Doubles	\$100.00	(per player)	
☐ Divisi	on II Doubles	\$ 75.00	(per player)	
☐ Divisi	on III Doubles	\$ 50.00	(per player)	
TOTAL E	NCLOSED (Be sure to include \$35.00 for regi	stration & board		

- Registration Fee and Board Fee are non refundable and must be paid by all players, no registration form will be accepted without them.
- All players *must* be registered guests at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. Room rates are \$29.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday and \$59.00, plus tax for Friday and Saturday. There is a maximum of two players per room. To make reservations, call the Sands Regency at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code number is SHU1027.
- Entries for each event will be accepted, in the order received, until that event is full, or until the day prior to that event, whichever comes first. Entries postmarked after October 9 are subject to a \$5.00 penalty for registration, and for each event entered.
- Please send your check and this form to: The Shuffleboard Federation, PO Box 549, South Lyon, MI 48178-0549. For more information, please call 800-380-3033, or go to the NASC™ web site, www.2004nasc.com







#### 2004 NASC™ - Schedule of Events

Event	Entry Fee	Who	Caı	n Play	Starts (Auction)	Finishes	Limit
Pro/Am Draft Team	\$50 per player	Ev	eryb	ody	Saturday, October 30	Sunday	192 players
Pro Singles	\$300 per player	-1.50	to	5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	28 players
Division I Singles	\$100 per player	0.00	to	5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	48 players
Division II Singles	\$75 per player	1.50	to	5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	56 players
Division III Singles	\$50 per player	2.50	to	5.00	Monday, November 1	Wednesday	40 players
Draw Partners (-1's, 0's & 1's)	\$50 per player	-1.50	to	1.49	Wednesday, November 3	Thursday	80 players
Draw Partners (2's, through 5's)	\$40 per player	1.50	to	5.00	Wednesday, November 3	Thursday	96 players
4 Person Team - Add to 1	\$300 per team	0.50	to	5.00	Thursday , November 4	Friday	24 teams
4 Person Team - Add to 9	\$200 per team	1.50	to	5.00	Thursday , November 4	Friday	24 teams
Pro Doubles	\$125 per player	-1.50	to	5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	24 teams
Division I Doubles	\$100 per player	0.00	to	5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	32 teams
Division II Doubles	\$75 per player	1.50	to	5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	24 teams
Division III Doubles	\$50 per player	2.50	to	5.00	Friday, November 5	Sunday	24 teams

- The presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award, drawing for the added money and 15th Anniversary Party will take place beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5.
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#### 2004 NASC™ - General Information

NASC™ Web Site: Check out the official 2004 NASC™ web site - www.2004nasc.com - where you can see the most current tournament information, e-mail your questions, pre-order 2004 NASC™ Jackets, sign up as a co-sponsor, etc.

<u>Player Ratings:</u> The 2004 Bowers Ratings will be used for this tournament. If you do not have a rating and would like to play in the Tournament, please contact us as soon as possible, preferably by August 1. Please note that it is very possible that some events will be full by that date, so it is in your best interest to contact us as soon as possible so that we can establish a rating for you. For a copy of the ratings, please visit the Bowers' web site, www.shuffleboardcorner.com to download a copy.

<u>General Eligibility:</u> Players rated between -.01 to -1.50 must play in the Pro Division; players rated between 0.00 and 1.49 may play in Division I or higher; players rated between 1.50 and 2.49 may play in Division II or higher; Players rated between 2.50 and 5.00 may play in Division III or higher. In the Pro Doubles, -1's may not play together. In Division I Doubles, 0's may not play together.

**Event Formats:** Pro/Am Draft: best 5 out of 9, double elimination, 12 point games. Four Person Team Events: 2 out of 3, double elimination. A/B Draw Partners: single game, double elimination. Pro Singles & Doubles: 2 out of 3 winners and losers bracket. All Division I, II & III singles & doubles events: 2 out of 3 winners bracket and single 21 point game losers bracket. If, in the finals of a Division I, II & III singles or doubles event, the undefeated player/team is beaten, they will then play one 21 point game for the championship. All games are 15 points unless otherwise noted.

**Pro/Am Draft Team Event:** The draft is at 12:00, noon on Saturday, October 30; followed by the auction, at 1:00 p.m., play begins immediately after the auction. All players **must** be present by 11:00 a.m. for pre-draft roll call. Any players not present will be dropped.

**4 Person Team Events:** Whole number ratings (not the decimal ratings) are being used for these events. In the add to 1 event, there is a maximum of one pro per team, In the add to 9 event, there is a maximum of one "1" rated player.

Room Rates: The Sands Regency is offering a special tournament rate of \$29.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday nights and a rate of \$59.00, plus tax, for Friday and Saturday. In order to be guaranteed this rate, you must make your reservations by October 10. Room reservations made after that date may be subject to regular rates. To make reservations, call the Sands Regency's room reservation line at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code is SHU1027.

A/B Draw Partners: In both events, the top half of the field will draw a partner from the bottom half of the field.

<u>Weights:</u> Players may use their own weights, which must have red & blue caps. They may be any brand, so long as the plating is intact and in good condition. The total weight must not be less than 320 grams, nor more than 340 grams. All weights are subject to inspection by the Tournament Director who may, at his discretion, disallow any weights he deems unacceptable. Weights that are excessively scratched or have plating that is worn through are examples of unacceptable equipment. Players must start each game with a full set of eight weights, four red and four blue. Switching of caps after the flip is not allowed.

Scheduling/Auction times: Please note that these are approximate starting times and that the actual auction times could be several hours earlier or later. The exact times for the individual events will be determined based on the number of players in each event. All players must be present for the auctions for the events they are playing in, failure to do so will result in a \$20.00 fine per infraction. Play for each event begins after the auction for that event, except for the doubles events, which will begin play on Saturday morning. The auction time for the Pro/Am Draft is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25. The auctions for all singles events are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 1. The auctions for the Draw Partner events are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3. The auctions for the 4 Person Team Events are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4. All doubles auctions are scheduled for Friday, November 5, after the conclusion of the Four Person Team Events.

Added money breakdown: The Sands Regency is adding up to \$12,500 to the North American Championships. Of that, \$6,000 is guaranteed, and is allocated as follows: \$2,500 will be used to give a \$100 rebate on entry fees to the first 25 people who sign up that have never been to this tournament before. Players must play in at least three events in order to be eligible for the rebate. Offer expires August 1, 2004. If less than 25 people take advantage of this opportunity, any left over money will be added to the random draw prizes. The rest of the added money will be awarded to randomly drawn winners, who will receive \$200 each. Additional added money is based on the number of teams in the Pro/Am Draft: 24-27 teams equals \$4,000 of additional added money (\$10,000 total). With 28 or more teams in the Pro/Am Draft, there will be \$6,500 of additional added money (\$12,500 total).

<u>Cancellation & Refund Policy:</u> Registration Fee and Board Fee are non-refundable. If you drop out of an event twenty-four hours or more prior to the event, there is a cancellation fee of \$25 for each event you drop out of. If you drop out of an event less than twenty-four hours prior to the start of that event, you lose your entire entry fee. Refunds will be issued by check and mailed within thirty days after the tournament.

<u>Sands Regency Casino Hotel:</u> The tournament area has a bar and cocktail waitresses, a players only playing area and reserved seating for players. Located within fifty feet of the tournament area are: rest rooms, cocktail lounge, stairs to the casino, and elevators that go to our reserved rooms in the tower. The Hotel also has live entertainment, a health club on the 17th floor that includes a large Jacuzzi with a view of the mountains, a sauna and a massage therapist. To make room reservations, call the Hotel at 800-648-3553, and tell them you are with group number SHU1027.