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Third place in the open doubles went to the team of Larry Pearson from Everett and Desi Gouches from parts unknown.

The Division II doubles pitted local Sheltonites against each other for the top three spots.



The 1999 Washington State Div. II doubles champs are Bob Hurst and Jeff Kersting.



Billy Hagmann and Terry Woodward came in a close second.

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Finishing a strong third was the team of Russ Savage and Dean Johnson.

This tournament was sponsored by the following: Budweiser, the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association, National Distributing Company, D & D's Lounge, The Hungry Bear Steak House & Lounge, Shelton 40 et 8, Old Town Shelton Committee, Town Pub, Deer Creek Awards, and Lumberman's Hardware. These local businesses either donated money or provided door prizes.

Excellent food featuring an international theme was provided by the Shelton Shuffleboard Community.

The Fir Cone would like to send special thanks to Larry Pearson and Rick Gindt for bringing this event to the Fir Cone, to all the players who participated and made this a great event, and to all the people behind the scene who provided food or service that we couldn't have done without.

The next tournament at the Fir Cone is an A-B-C bring your own team event, Jan. 22-23, 2000. For more information, see Upcoming Events. To be added to the Fir Cone mailing list, contact Mel Hohn at 360-426-2221 or e-mail: MHOHN2@AOL.COM

3 in a Row for Wendy Davis

By Dick Gorman

Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, held the second of five weekend tournaments scheduled for this season on Nov. 12-13. This weekend was no exception to the high acclaim that is resulting from switching full-blast to the Bowers Rating System. It is providing new balance between the entrants and is gaining more acceptance all the time.

Friday night was the draw partner event and surprises were in order. At the tournament in October, Wendy Davis of Wilmington, Delaware, drew Arizona Richardson as a partner and together they won the draw partner event. Then Wendy went to Reno to the North American Championships and proceeded to win the women's singles. Not enough? On Nov. 12, she drew Wayne Todd of

Newark, Delaware, and together they took first place and Wayne to his first-time tournament first place finish. Second place was taken by Bill Cook and Curtis Dean, both from Northeast, Md. Third place was won by Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Md. and G.H. Richardson, New Milford, Pa.

Saturday provided a full day with the bring partner event starting at 1 p.m. With four boards, it was possible to have a real round robin. Every team played every team one game with total points scored (maximum 15 points) being the determining factor. Obviously only one team has the possibility of making a perfect score and it did happen.

Lindsay Hall of Baltimore teamed up with Jim McDaniel of Darlington, Md., to reach the perfect score and win first place. They were followed closely by Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman, both from Wilmington. Third place was won by "Ski" Lacinski of Philadelphia and G.H. Richardson.

Many of the players stayed for the regular Saturday night draw partner event which was a little late starting because of the bring partner. It all ended up with Arnold Ledford of Darlington and Dick Gorman taking first place, with our hostess Darylne Belcher and Wendy Davis in second place.

It was a great weekend and the roast pork dinner on Saturday, prepared by Darylne, was enjoyed by all. Host Harvey Comer says he likes what is going on and is looking forward to the next two weekend tournaments scheduled for Dec. 10-11, and Jan. 14-15, 2000. For more information, call Harvey at 410-836-8881.

Karl Inducted *(continued from Page 5)*

earned his B.A. degree from Western State College in 1966. It was in 1969 at "The Place" in Lakewood that Karl was first introduced to shuffleboard. He credits the first inductee into the Colorado Hall of Fame, Bill English, for helping him learn and love the game.

His career in the publishing industry took him to Los Angeles in 1971 and he was lost without shuffleboard until he met Ted Z, who showed him the best shuffleboard places in the area. This gave him the opportunity to play against such players as Troy Tolbert, Billy Mays, Portland Eddie Graves, Billy Chiles, Jack Ahern, Vern Jones, and A. Z. Turnbo. Throughout the '80s and '90s, Karl worked to improve and expand the game of shuffleboard through events, uniform rules, and sharing his knowledge with others. Very likely, he will continue that quest well into the New Millennium.

This is what Karl Spickelmier's peers have to say about him:

"The toughest thing about Karl, for me, is spelling his last name! The choice is as good as it gets for the CSHF. Nice guy, great player, steady as a rock.....I have never seen Karl get mad or upset. That's why I always check his pulse at any tournament to make sure he's still with us." -- Hal Perry, CSHF Inductee

"...His contribution to the game was simply being Karl. His cool, calm demeanor, his professionalism, and his gentlemanly manners set him apart. If we all could be like, and act like, Karl at the boards, there would never be a problem, be it a \$2 or a \$2000 game." -- Bob, Deb, and Bus Voorhis, Indiana

"....The World of Shuffleboard would be better off if we had a few more Karl Spickelmiers." -- Nick Chaffin

"...Karl is one of the best players in the country. He is always a gentleman and he is always more than willing to do whatever it takes to make this game of ours keep going...." -- Darrol Nelson, Oregon.

"Karl is a true ambassador to the game of shuffleboard. His ability speaks for itself, however, it is his conduct and sportsmanship that truly stand out. Through the years, I've never seen him conduct himself but as a true gentleman in every sense, win or lose." -- Dave Williams, Texas



One of Karl's many friends and admirers, Freddie Thuman, said: "One thing that stands out about Karl is what he has given to the game without asking anything in return....For all the years of dedication to shuffleboard, he has played a giant part in its revival...!"

Other speakers at the induction included Al Salazar, Arizona, and Bob Hunt of California. CSHF President Jolene Lembke presented the award.