

## Michigan Shufflers Earn '99 Championships

Seventy-one players vied for bragging rights and a share of the total \$15,915 pot in the 1999 Michigan State Championships at the Club Car Lounge in Durand over the Thanksgiving weekend. Five events were played on five boards and participants enjoyed the hospitality of host Dennis Bittner and the friendly community of Durand which was decked out in Holiday glitter. It was a special weekend for John McDermott who successfully defended his state titles in three events.

### McDermott/Parrish Mixed Doubles Champs

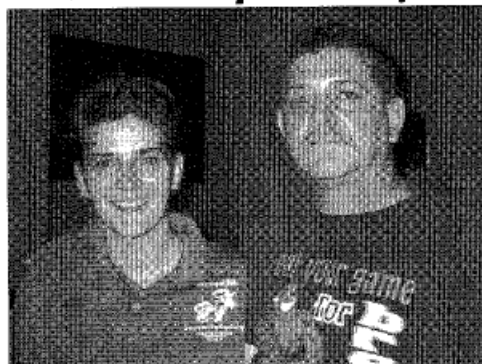
1998 mixed doubles champs, John McDermott and Betty Parrish, did it again in 1999, coming out in front of a field of 23 teams.



*They did it again! Betty Parrish and John McDermott are the 1999 mixed doubles champs.*



*One of John's "students," Roland Metivier, teamed up with Dawn Brookins to take second place honors.*



*Ady Hallgarth and Jeff Cottrell finished third. Carrie Cottrell and Steve Auten took fourth place.*

### McDermott, Conrad, Hallgarth Tops in Singles Events

The open singles, Div. II singles and women's singles were played simultaneously on Saturday.



*He did it again! John McDermott is the 1999 open singles champ. Runner-up was Frank Blade (left), with Bill Kane (right) in third place.*

*In his first-ever tournament, Matt Conrad (left) earned the title of Div. II champion. Scott Auten took second place honors.*



Pepper finished third in the Div. II singles, and Carrie Cottrell, the lone female entry, took fourth place.



Roland Metvier (John taught him well!) and Bill Meyer took second-place honors.



Ady Hallgarth (center) successfully defended her women's singles crown (before moving to Michigan, she was the Indiana state women's champ). Carrie Clifton (left) took second place, with Brenda Kane finishing third.



The father and son team of Jeff and Alonzo Cottrell finished third in the open doubles.

**Bittner and Kern Honored**

**McDermott/Chamarro Doubles Champs**

There were 16 teams in the open doubles, with John McDermott and Mike Chamarro capturing the crown in a repeat performance of last year.



1999 doubles champions Mike Chamarro and John McDermott.

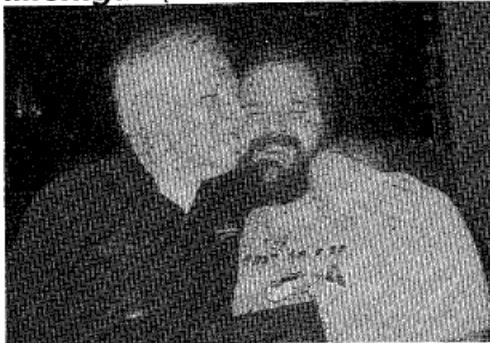


During a break in the action on Saturday, the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame honored Club Car host Dennis Bittner with an Award of Excellence. MSHF spokesperson Betty Parish thanked Dennis for promoting the sport and providing an outstanding facility and service for shufflers year-around.

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**Congratulations to  
Michigan's 1999 Champs!  
George & Donna**

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Bracketeer/Director Rob Kern was honored with a Board Talk plaque with "love and appreciation" (as illustrated by George). Rob started his bracketeer career in 1986 as a volunteer at the 2nd Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament in Howell, Michigan, and grew to become nationally-known for his skills.

**Off the Boards...**



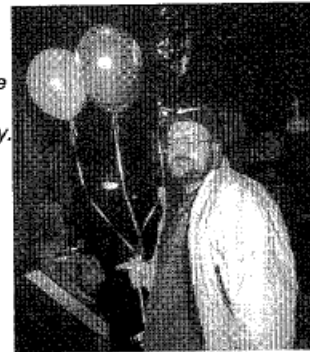
In a more informal presentation, Board Talk George presented Dennis with the "oldest board wipe in captivity" made by him many, many years ago.

The future is in good hands! These two "youngsters," Steve Auten and Frank Parrish, served as auctioneers.



Almost, but not quite! There was talk about an arm-wrestling contest between Frank Blade and a world-ranked champion, but Frank decided he didn't like the odds.

.....and "Coco" celebrated his birthday, complete with balloons, with his shuffling family.



**Special Thanks to....**

- \*The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., for supplying the tournament wax
- \*Dennis Bittner for providing the spaghetti/pizza spread on Saturday
- \*The Club Car Lounge, Sunset Motel and The Shuffleboard Federation for the set of weights to raffle off for the Michigan Shuffleboard Hall of Fame
- \*The Board Talk for door prizes
- \*All participants and their fans for making this a successful event

*May the Year 2000  
be filled with  
shuffleboard fun and  
friendships!*

