

## Shufflers from Seven States at Shooter's 1st Spring Shootout

By Host Jerry Sabourin

Shooter's 1st Annual Spring Shoot-Out on April 9-11 at Hillsboro, Missouri, was an overwhelming success! Players started arriving from out of state and out-state Missouri on Thursday, the 8th. By the time the tournament started, there were participants from seven different states, such as: Mike and Susie Halstead (Kentucky), Bill Niswonger, Larry Summy and Wally Dan (Indiana), Leon Black (Michigan), Tony Pelton (Arkansas), and Pat Gainey (Texas).

Included in the best out-state shooters to participate were Gene McLeod (Licking, Mo.), Connie McCall (Springfield, Mo.), Rick Pittman, John Stenger, Ray Johnston, Chris Moore, Steve Lindsey (Houston, Mo.), Jack Riley and Terry Bishop (Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.), plus a number of outstanding shooters from the St. Louis area. Thanks to all of you for your time, cooperation and participation.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so here we go with the handicap open draw doubles winners:



First Place: Frank Edelen of St. Louis and Larry Summy of Indiana.



Second Place: Gene McLeod of Licking and Jerry Sabourin of St. Louis-Hillsboro.

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on Aug. 20-22 & Oct. 29-31**



Third Place: Local "boys" Jim Dunn and Robert Kaza of St. Louis.



4th Place: Bill Niswonger of Indiana and Connie McCall of Springfield. They make a cute couple, don't they?

Everything was going smoothly with this article until now! I didn't allow for Murphy's Law: what can go wrong will go wrong. The second roll of film didn't develop! My heart fell to my seat! My apologies to the individuals who placed in the other two events. Sorry, no photos!

In the handicap bring partner, the first place winners were Gene McLeod and Tony Pelton (I'm tired of looking at these guy's faces anyway after spending all weekend with them at Tony's tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas). Second place went to the team of Steve Lindsey of Houston, Mo., and Dan Kelly of St. Louis. (They don't make a good-looking couple -- take my word on this!) Third place was taken by Steve Sheridan of St. Louis and Leon Black of Board Talk Country. In fourth place was the team of Mike Simpson of St. Louis and Jerry Sabourin (these guys don't take a good photo any how; you didn't miss anything on this photo either). Fifth and sixth place money winners were the teams of Pat Marshall and Robert Kaza and the brother team of Jerry and Larry Romy (you should hear them argue!), all of St. Louis.

The third event, a handicap singles, was almost a clean sweep by the St. Louis, Missouri, area shooters. Leon Black of Michigan was the lone spoiler. First place winner was Jim Dunn with Dan Kelly taking second place. These two guys had one hell of a match I was told. It didn't end until after 5 in

in the morning and I was asleep by then! Third place went to Larry Romay of St. Louis, with the spoiler, Leon Black of Michigan, taking fourth place.

Once again, many thanks to all who attended and sorry to those who won't get their picture on a milk carton this month. Looking forward to seeing some old and new faces at Shooter's on Aug. 20-22. (Somebody else bring a camera, please!)

## McDaniel Wins Maryland State Singles Championship

By Dick Gorman

The Maryland State championship singles was staged at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland on April 23-24 for the second year. This was the finale of a long series of tournaments (eight weekends) at Harvey's for the 1998-99 season. The four in-house boards were ready and so were some new challengers.

Friday night was practice night and to be fair with practice time, a draw partner event was set up to equalize time. Some surprise winners (but it didn't do much good in the real events on Saturday) were Faye Todd, Newark, Delaware, and her partner, Dan (the Teacher of Darlington, Md. Taking second place was host Harvey Comer and Faye's husband, Wayne Todd.

On Saturday morning, the Div. 2 (1.51 Bowers System or better) lined up to do battle. Maryland State Championships are open to competitors from any state and play they did. This year the ultimate winner was a Maryland lady, Judy Iseman of Chestertown. Judy hasn't been as active in tournaments as she once was, but we sure were happy to see her back and winning. Second place went to a Philadelphia player, Billy Pollock from Upper Darby's Knights of Columbus championship team. Third place went to another Marylander, Curtis Dean of Northeast. Congratulations to all; spend the money well.

The real biggie was the open singles' (open to all, including any who were in the Div. 2) and many competed, taking advantage of the handicap system. Long-time player Jim McDaniel of Darlington emerged the state champion. It was fitting that just three weeks ago, a tribute was paid to him by his shuffleboard friends and family. Over 100 people showed up from surrounding states to pay tribute to Jim for his dedication to the sport over so many years (nobody really knows how many years because nobody has been around that long). Fighting his way through a host of other hopefuls was Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., to take a hard-fought second place, while both tournaments were being played on the same boards.

As if that wasn't enough, those who had been

eliminated from the singles events joined in the regular Saturday night draw event on the boards that were available. Taking first place in the draw were Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman, both from Wilmington, Del., with second place going to Hilda Poling and Dewey Shortridge, both from Darlington.

The weekend was a great climax to a long and innovative season with more tournaments than ever before and more participants (many new). Harvey Comer and hostess Darlyene Belcher said they were happy with the new format and they believe it has turned the direction of shuffleboard in this area to help ensure its future growth. They want to once again thank Debbie and Ron Bowers for all their hard efforts.

Next season's schedule is already being planned and will be announced in the August Board Talk after contacting other tournament sites on the East Coast to reduce conflicts on dates. Meanwhile, show up any Saturday night by 8 p.m. and enter the draw partner events.



Winners of the Maryland State doubles championship, held at Harvey's Place on April 10 were Johnny Gardner of Chestertown and J.B. Armour of Rising Sun.



Taking second place honors in the Maryland State doubles championship were Steph O'Neill of Rising Sun and Steve (Ski) Lacinski of Philadelphia.

(Photos by Brenda Wallace)