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Wildwood, New Jersey, with third place going to Jimmy Barr of Rising Sun and Lindsay Hall, Baltimore, Md.

The full house of players also enjoyed a spread made available by Nelson before he shot his final winning game.

### Broka/Broka/Stockmaster Win in Toledo

Jugg's Tavern, 5119 Jackman Rd., Toledo, Ohio, hosted the 1st Annual Ohio Shoot-Out on Oct. 19-20. A field of tough contenders turned out for this big event in T-Town and owner Joe J. was a popular host.

Buddy Broka from Indiana came out of the loser's bracket to take top honors in the singles, beating out Michigan's J.R. Lopez. Bernie Sunde, also of Michigan, took third place.

Another Broka brother, Greg of Ohio, and his partner Jim Stockmaster of Michigan topped the field of competitors in the doubles. Phil McGrew and Bernie Sunde of Michigan took second place, with John McDermott of Michigan and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana in third. Glen Davidson came all the way from Oklahoma, making some productive stops along the way, and teamed up with Buddy Broka to take fourth. (Another Broka brother, Terry, finished 17th.)

*Editor's Note: Popular tournament director Kathy Broka is recovering from major surgery. A card from shufflers across the nation will surely speed her recovery. Please send a note to Kathy: 52 Birchhead, Toledo, OH 43608.*

### Reno Tourney a Rousing Success

What a finish to a great year this was for The Shuffleboard Federation's 1991 Grand Slam, one which left the participants talking eagerly about next year's event.

There is one issue director John McDermott wants to address -- the Semi Pro Draw. "We intended for the limit on this event to be 32 players, not 32 teams as we mistakenly listed on the flyer. As part of the final preparations for the tournament, the schedule and starting and finishing times for all the events were reviewed. It was not until this time, about 10 days prior to the tournament, that we discovered this mistake," said John. "With the Semi Pro Singles and Ladies Singles starting the next day, we opted to change the Semi Pro Draw to single elimination, which allowed us to finish that event a little after midnight as opposed to finishing it at approximately 5 a.m., as would have been the case had we left the event double elimination. We apologize for the mistake and are happy that the rest of the tournament was, in our minds, the best tournament we have ever run."

There were 24 teams in the N.A.S.L. Team Event, which put it at the bonus level in terms of added money. "On behalf of everyone who attended, thanks to the Sands Regency Hotel & Casino for the \$10,500 they added to the tournament, which was distributed amongst five of the events," John said. "Leading the way was the N.A.S.L. Team Event with \$7,500 in added money, which was distributed among the 24 teams that entered, with each team winning back at least \$150."

Many compliments were received regarding the layout -- with rest rooms right next to the tournament area, a 24-hour restaurant, bar, slot machines and keno counter, all within 50 feet of the ballroom. The players had everything at their finger tips and could save their energy for playing. The Sands Regency made sure the tournament area was well-staffed by providing waitresses, keno runners, and plenty of porters to keep the

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room clean. The players and spectators also appreciated the very reasonable drink prices.

"We want to thank everyone who participated in this year's tournament and let everyone know that we will announce the dates for next year's tournament, which will be bigger and better," John said. "To the people who filled out the survey forms, we want you to know we appreciate you taking the time to do so. Your input helps us to continue to improve our tournaments. Based on your comments, we will have a tough time improving on this tournament."

Participants rated the various components of the tournament on a scale from 1 to 5, which 5 being the best. The results were: tournament rules, 4.6522; entry fees, 4.6977; playing conditions, 4.6596; scheduling of players, 4.4186; format for N.A.S.L. Team Event, 4.6047; location of tournament, 4.3958; appearance, cleanliness of hotel, 4.6739; services at hotel, 4.3913; courtesy of hotel employees, 4.3333; shuffleboard wax used, 4.6522; weights used, 4.7021; speed of boards, 4.3478; appearance of boards, 4.8043; levelness of playing surface, 4.0213; quality of boards, 4.3778.

"As much as we appreciate the very high marks we received, we want to make sure that all the members of our 'A TEAM' get the credit they deserve for making everything run as well as it did: the set-up and take-down crew -- Rick Boyer, Gordy Collins, Mike Melton, Rich Warren, Keystone Cushion & Cue, Reno Game Sales, and Tip Top Amusements; tournament officials Rick Boyer, Kathy Broka, Terry Broka, Diana Hofmann and Rob Kern. Special thanks to Dynamo Corporation which provided the 16 shuffleboards used for the tournaments; Barbara Woodward at the Sands Regency for all her efforts; Rowe International and Tip Top Amusements for providing the free play ROWE CD 100 JUKEBOX. Everyone knows how important music is at a shuffleboard tournament and being able to play as many songs as you wanted at no charge on the No. 1 Jukebox in the industry for the last two years was a treat for everyone," John said.



Showing off their cash as top winners in the N.A.S.L. Team Event are members of the Rogues Gallery, Fort Worth, Texas: (left to right) Bob Shaw, Fort Worth; Larry Cooper, Fort Worth; Bettye Branley, Davis, Oklahoma; Tammy Denson, Dallas, Texas; Lisa Melton, Davis; and Bobby Williams, Fort Worth.

(Editor's Note: While UPS traces the whereabouts of the missing Reno tournament bracket boards, various participants have helped us partially reconstruct the results. We and The Shuffleboard Federation apologize to those who are not listed. There will be a complete list of winners in next month's Board Talk.)

In the doubles, Sam Sweatt and Mark Foust of Oklahoma double-dipped the undefeated Bill Meyer and Bernie Sunde of Michigan, much to the disappointment of a large contingency from the Water Winter Wonderland state and to the delight of the Okie fans. Bobby Williams and Bill Wooldridge of Texas placed third.

Cheryl Collins of Michigan and Rich (Bubba) Warren of California were winners of the mixed doubles event. They beat Diana Hagen of Texas and her partner, with Kathy Broka of Ohio and Lonnie Pfof of Oklahoma in third.

Shirley Robertson of Oklahoma won the crown in the women's singles with Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska taking second place honors and Debbie Voorhis of Indiana in third.

Bob Shaw of Fort Worth, Texas, was winner of the singles event, with Don Valk of Austin, Texas, settling for second.

In the semi-pro draw, Gail Schults of Michigan and Lenny Dell of Maryland were the winning team.

The pictured Rogues Gallery team were winners of the popular team event.

We were unable to discover the winners of the Legends event. Top billing for you next month.

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*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to all  
our Shuffleboard Friends!*

**From Bill and Myra Meyer  
Michigan**