

# The Board Talk

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## 13th Annual 2002 NASC™ Reno Tourney Results!

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The 13th Annual North American Shuffleboard Championships got off to a good start as the action kicked off with the new Three-Person Team events. The new events proved to be very popular with the participants and we look forward to expanding them for the 2003 NASC™.

Other highlights included the change in format for the amateur singles events to a 2 out of 3 winners bracket and a 21 point game losers bracket, the Sol Lipkin Award presentation to Karl Spickelmier, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Chuck Norris and the raffle for the brand new Ambassador Shuffleboard Table, which was won by Steve Fisher, owner of the 99 Tavern in Winston, Oregon.

The Ambassador, which is the official shuffleboard of the NASC™, is made by Venture Entertainment. We would like to thank Russ McKay, owner of Venture, for donating the table. This was the third NASC™ on the new boards and they continue to surpass our expectations. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of our set up team, Rick Boyer, Dennis Bird, Bill Maxwell, Al Pease, Rick Gindt, Gordie Smith, Joe Ozanich, Mike Keevil, Fred Boyd and Don Mitchell for doing an outstanding job of setting up, cleaning, polishing and leveling the boards.

We would also like to recognize the administrative staff for their excellent work in helping to run another very smooth tournament. The hard work of bracket man Rob Kern along with the efforts of Kathy Yingst, Linda Ritter and Jack Davis allow us to get events started and finished according to schedule. This is no easy feat even for a local weekend tournament at the neighborhood tavern. Kathy, Linda and Jack also managed to find the time to handle the sale of tournament shirts and jackets. Thanks also to Candy Lepore and Lorraine Bingham for all of their help behind the scenes.

The Friday night awards ceremony was extra special because, in addition to being very deserving of their respective awards, the honorees, Chuck Norris and Karl Spickelmier, are two of the finest people in the history of our sport. We were very pleased that Chuck's longtime companion and soul mate, Carol Bunch was able to attend the ceremony to accept the award on Chuck's behalf.

Many thanks to the representatives of the Table Shuffleboard Association, Don Valk, President, Bob Hunt, Hal Perry and Al Salazar, who were in attendance and organized such a beautiful presentation. There were some teary eyed moments, mixed with some great laughs and fond memories, as a parade of Chuck's friends and colleagues took their turn at the microphone to pay tribute to him.

Karl Spickelmier received The Shuffleboard Federation's highest award, the Sol Lipkin Award, which was presented by none other than the father of shuffleboard, Sol Lipkin. At 96 years young, Sol continues to be an inspiration to all of us. The Sol Lipkin Award is given "in recognition of extraordinary contributions to the advancement of our sport." Karl's efforts as a member of the Player Policy Board, founding member of the P.C.S.A. and long history of involvement with tournaments, both big and small earned him this honor. Additionally, his integrity, conduct and professionalism make him a role model for all shuffleboard players.

Thanks again to everyone who attended the tournament for their support. We look forward to seeing you again at the 2003 NASC™, which will be held October 26 - November 2.

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### 13th Annual 2002 NASC™ Reno Awards Ceremony!

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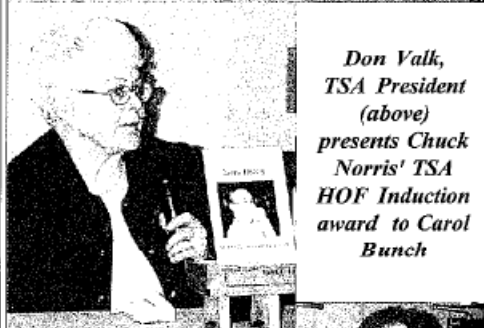
#### Karl Spickelmier Receives "Sol Lipkin" Award! Congrats Karl!



Karl Spickelmier, Sol Lipkin & Carol Norris-Bunch with TSA President Don Valk, Hal Perry & Bob Hunt



#### Chuck Norris Awarded (Posthumous) "TSA Hall Of Fame" Induction!



Don Valk, TSA President (above) presents Chuck Norris' TSA HOF Induction award to Carol Bunch



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**Division I 3-Person Team Winners:**



**1st Place:** (L-R) (Above) Ken Simmons (WA), Mike Kinney (OR) & Darrol Nelson (OR)



**2nd Place:** (L-R) (Above) Bill Melton (OK), John Kosiske (NE) & Jim Payne (NE)



**3rd Place:** (L-R) (Above) The Washington Team of: Marv Wilbur, Milka Thorpe, & Larry Sawyer



**4th Place:** (L-R) (Above) The Washington Team of: Rick Gindt, Nels Anderson, & Mike Keevil

**Division II/III 3-Person Team Winners:**



**1st Place:** (L-R) (Above) The Alberta, Canada Team of: Jim Nicoll, Tom Parr, & Bill Cowan



**2nd Place:** (L-R) (Above) The Nebraska Team of: Ray Pont, Jim Kosiske, & Jeff Loos



**3rd Place:** (L-R) (Above) The Nebraska Team of: Linda Ritter, Steve Hamilton, & Mickey Moy



**4th Place:** (L-R) (Above) The Washington Team of: Jim Binschus, Kathy Keevil, & Justin Lauderach

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**Pro/Am Draft Team Winners:**



**1st Place:** (L-R) (Above) Kevin Kelly (CO), Jo Cook (CO), Karl Spickelmier (CA), Char Waugaman (CO), Jim Payne (NE), & Gene Smith (CA)



**2nd Place:** (L-R) (Above) John Myles (MI), Al Salazar (AZ), Dru Ensworth (WA), Jeff Womble (TX), Billie Pack (WA), & Jack Davis (TX)



**3rd Place:** (L-R) (Above) John Kosiske (NE), Jeff Loos (NE), Paul Leacox (NE), John Edwards (OR), Ray Pont (NE), & Steve Hamilton (NE)



**4th Place:** (L-R) (Above) Bill Melton (OK), Bob Linder (NE), John Canino (NY), Jim Nicoll (Alberta), Sharon Canino (NY), & Chris Smith (TX)

**Pro Doubles Winners:**



**1st Place:** (L-R) (Above) Larry Pearson (WA) & Don Mitchell (WA)

**2nd Place:** (L-R) (Above) Bob Lewis (AZ) & Al Salazar (AZ)



**3rd Place:** (L-R) (Above) Bill Melton (OK) & Jeff Womble (TX)

**4th Place:** (L-R) (Above) Darrol Nelson (OR) & Dave Keithahn (CA)

**Division I Doubles Winners:**



**1st Place:** (L-R) (Above) Jim Payne (NE) & John Kosiske (NE)

**2nd Place:** (L-R) (Above) Paul Leacox (NE) & Bill Loos (NE)



**3rd Place:** (L-R) (Above) Glen Redding (OR) & Dan Holland (OR)

**4th Place:** (L-R) (Above) Sharon & John Canino (NY)



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Division II Doubles Winners:



1st Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Linda Ritter (NE) &  
Steve Hamilton (NE)

2nd Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Billy Poole (OK) &  
Curtis Dean (MD)



3rd Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Kevin Kelly (CO) &  
Tighe Devan (CO)

4th Place: (L-R) (Above)  
J.R. Noel (CA) &  
Robert Crum (CA)

Division III Doubles Winners:



1st Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Jeff Loose (NE) &  
Ray Pont (NE)

2nd Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Mike Carew (NE) &  
Bob Linder (NE)



3rd Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Tom Brown (OR) &  
Dan Glasscock (OR)

4th Place: (L-R) (Above)  
Mike Klaege (CO) &  
Mike Hedges (CO)

Pro Singles Winners:



1st Place: (Above)  
Larry Pearson (WA)

2nd Place: (Above)  
Bill Melton (OK)



3rd Place: (Above)  
Don Mitchell (WA)

4th Place: (Above)  
Darrol Nelson (OR)

Division I Singles Winners:



1st Place: (Above)  
Jim Payne (NE)

2nd Place: (Above)  
Bud Spier (OR)



3rd Place: (Above)  
Bill Loos (NE)

4th Place: (Above)  
Bill Pollock (PA)

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Division II Singles Winners:



1st Place: (Above)  
David Williams, Jr. (TX)



2nd Place: (Above)  
Steve Hamilton (NE)



3rd Place: (Above)  
Jim Nicoll (Alberta)



4th Place: (Above)  
Ryan Devlin (WA)

Division III Singles Winners:



1st Place: (Above)  
Bill Cowan (Alberta)



2nd Place: (Above)  
Ray Pont (NE)



3rd Place: (Above)  
Tom Parr (Alberta)



4th Place: (Above)  
Bob Linder (NE)

Amateur Team Winners:



1st Place: (L-R) Chris Smith (TX), Jean Miller (OK), Drew Willingham (TX), Jeri Williams (TX), David Williams, Jr (TX)



2nd Place: (L-R) Steve Hamilton, Jim Kosiske, Jim Payne, Mickey Moy, John Kosiska, Linda Ritter (NE Team)



3rd Place: (L-R) Mike Keovil, Ken Simmons, Jennifer King, Justin Lauderback, Kathy Keovil, Ryan Devlin (WA Team)



4th Place: (L-R) Char Waugaman (CO), Mike Klaege (CO), Ron Sosovec (CO), Tighe Levan (CO), Kevin Kelly (CO), Linda Nobles (TX)



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**1st Place:** (L-R) (Above)  
Bill Cowan (Alberta) & Linda Nobles (TX)



**2nd Place:** (L-R) (Above)  
Bob Brunskill (CA) & Ron Buckley (OR)

and

*(no photos available for 3rd & 4th Place A/B Draw Winners):***3rd Place:** Rick Boyer (CO) & Eddie Brayman (CA)**4th Place:** Mike Kinney (OR) & Phil Gardner (AZ)**CLASSIFIED ADS:**

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### **Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return**

**EPISODE 95 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert --**  
**Being sent by "Balboa Ron" for the February 2003 Issue**  
**(car accident & some health problems delayed Ron getting**  
**Episode 95 submission completed)**

*[In the last Episode - Episode 94 (December 2002 Issue, Page 16), we found both Eddie, Jack, and Long Beach Lil' playing shuffleboard at Sam's Club and Lil had taken her partner Jack aside for a private conversation...]*

**[TO BE CONTINUED IN FEBRUARY 2003 ISSUE...]**

Below are the top finishers in the North American Champion contest. The top finisher in each division won \$300, 2nd place \$200 and 3rd place \$100. The top overall finisher (Jim Payne\*\*) won a suite for the 2003 NASC.

<b>Pro Division</b>	<b>Division I</b>	<b>Division II</b>	<b>Division III</b>
<b>1st</b> Bill Melton, 75	<b>Jim Payne, 104**</b>	Steve Hamilton, 86	Ray Pont, 54
<b>2nd</b> Larry Pearson, 58	John Kosiske, 76	Linda Ritter, 54	Mickey Moy, 42
<b>3rd</b> Darrol Nelson, 55	Bill Loos, 64	Jim Nicoll, 51	Bob Linder, 29