

The Board Talk

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Attendance was up more than 25% for the 2003 North American Shuffleboard Championships™, shuffleboards longest running major tournament. There were many highlights, including the presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award to Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Delaware. Sol presented the award to Dick, who he has known for many years, making the presentation a special moment for both of them. The Sol Lipkin Award is given "In recognition of extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the sport" (See Photo Collage, pg. 12).

The text on Dick's plaque included the following:

As one of our sports greatest ambassadors, your tireless efforts in running countless tournaments, introducing many players to the game and everything you have done to promote our sport puts you in a small group of the most respected names in the shuffleboard community. Your leadership has laid a foundation which will allow shuffleboard to grow and prosper for many years to come.



Sol Lipkin (above rt.) presents "Sol Lipkin Award" to Dick Gorman (left)

The Friday night before the tournament was a special night for two very special people in the shuffleboard community, as long time soul mates Lorraine Bingham and Jim Olson were married at a chapel near the Sands (See Photo Collage, pg. 3).

The tournament raised \$700 for Ron & Debbie Bowers to help support their efforts with the Bowers Ratings, which have played such a major role in the growth of shuffleboard at the tournament level. This money was raised through a \$2.00 per player donation from The Shuffleboard Federation and from the generosity of a few of shuffleboards biggest supporters, Harvey and Lilly Kidd of Texas and Jim and Lorraine Olson of California. Harvey and Lilly won one of the top prizes in the raffle, 10 free nights at the Sands Regency for the 2004 tournament, and promptly donated it back to be auctioned off to support the Bowers Ratings. Jim and Lorraine were the high bidders for that package.

Along with the Bowers Ratings, The Board Talk has also helped to make tournament shuffleboard what it is today. It is therefore very troubling to see the current situation that threatens both of these entities. That situation is the lack of support from the majority of the shuffleboard community. I hope everyone reading this will take a moment to reflect on what will happen to our sport if either one or both of these fold up. It would set shuffleboard back decades. With only about 20% of the rated players being Board Talk subscribers, there are more than 2,000 free loaders out there. Some of you may have personal reasons or issues with The Board Talk and the Bowers ratings. I have had philosophical differences with both. That however does not excuse anyone's lack of support. I think it is time for Lynda, Tom, Debbie and Ron to put together a list of rated players who are non subscribers and publish it so that the rest of the shuffleboard community can pressure/embarrass them into doing their fair share.

Back to the tournament. Official tournament activities commenced with the singing of the Canadian and U.S. National anthems by legendary singer, Joanie Millar. Many first time participants were in attendance, taking advantage of a free spot in free Pro/Am Draft Team Event, courtesy of our host, the Sands Regency Hotel Casino.

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Official NASC 2003 tournament activities commenced with the singing of the Canadian and U.S. "National Anthems" by legendary singer, Joanie Millar

Since moving this tournament from Vegas to Reno in 1991, the Sands has been a terrific host/sponsor. Their contributions to the prize money now exceed \$125,000. They also put up the money to buy the 24 Venture Ambassador Shuffleboard Tables and Eagle Shuffleboard Scoreboards used for the NASC(TM), insuring that quality of the tournament would be second to none. With their help, there will be a few surprises for this years tournament to help celebrate the 15th anniversary of the NASC(TM), which will take place from October 30 through November 7.

For the first time, the majority of the added money from the Sands was given out in a random drawing. Everyone who entered the tournament got a free ticket in the drawing, which resulted in 43 people winning \$200. This proved to be very popular with everyone in attendance, especially the winners. The drawing took place immediately after the presentation of the Sol Lipkin Award. It was a lot of fun giving out the money, which probably came in handy for most of the winners, many of whom had been in Reno for a week already. We are going to expand the Friday night party this year. Stayed tuned to The Board Talk for more information.

The continued success of the NASC(TM) would be impossible without the loyalty and support of the tournament staff, most of whom have been with us for many years. On behalf of everyone who attended, we would like to thank Rob Kern, Kathy and Terry Yingst, Bill Maxwell, Mike and Kathy Keevil, Gordie Smith, Joe Ozanich, Lyndon "Coach" Baize, Linda Ritter, Rick Gindt, Steve Hart, Mickey Moy, Justin Lauderbach and Lorraine Bingham. Greatly missed this year was Rick Boyer who was unable to attend. This is the first time I have run this event was run without him and he was missed by his many friends. Rick's support over the years has been instrumental in making the NASC(TM) the tournament it is today.

Looking ahead, by popular demand the 3 Person Bring Team events will be replaced by two 4 Person Bring Team events, an add to 1 and an add to 9. Another change, based on player feedback is that the singles events will be moved forward so that everyone is not already worn out by the time they get to those events. The schedule for the 2004 NASC(TM) will include the Pro/Am Draft as the lead off event, followed by all four singles events, two Draw Partner events, the Four Person Bring Team events and the four Bring Partner Doubles events. Regarding the Draw Partner events, one will be for -1's, 0's and 1's, the other will be for 2's, 3's 4's and 5's. For all the latest information on the 2004 NASC(TM), stay tuned to The Board Talk or visit the tournament web site, www.2004nasc.com.

Competition at the 2003 NASC(TM) kicked off with the Pro/Am Draft Team event followed by 3-Person Teams (3 events: Add to 7, Add to 5, & Add to 0); Doubles (4 Div.), Singles (4 Div.), and the A/B Draw (Winner Photos follow, starting in Column 2).

Pro/Am 6-Person Draft Team Winners



1st Place (Left L-R):
(backrow) Bill Cowan,
Chris Smith,
Rick Greider,
Jim Payne (captain) &
(front row) Jen Pickett,
Kurt Maurer



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Greg Hixson, Bob
Brunskill, Al Christie,
Steve Hart (captain),
Susan Teible
& Ron McMahan Jr



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Jim Mortensen,
"Coach" Baize,
Jim Poole, David
Williams Jr (captain),
Jim Nicoll
& Bud Spier



4th Place (Left L-R):
Char Waugaman,
Bill Melton (captain),
Linda Meyer,
Dave Shewbridge,
Faye Todd
& Jim Dennis



**5th Place (tie)
(Left L-R):**
Rick Shaw,
Randy Ables,
Ray Olson,
Steve Jourdan,
Ken Simmons (captain)
& Rich Miller



**5th Place (tie)
(Left L-R):**
Harvey Kidd (Sponsor),
Tom Parr,
Sharon Juhlke,
Debbie Spier,
Jeff McFadden,
John Canino &
Bill Loos (captain)

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3-Person Team (Add to 7) Winners



1st Place (Left L-R):
Geoff Crooks,
Laura Henry,
Terry Henry



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Barbara Kinney,
Mike Hedges,
Jo Cook



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Steve Jourdan,
Rick Greider,
Jim Dennis



4th Place (Left L-R):
Rony Phillips,
Anna Brunskill,
Ralph Clough



5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):
Carol Cowan,
Harry Orda,
Shirley Aldridge



5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):
Nancy Baker,
Virgil Jones,
Faye Todd

3-Person Team (Add to 5) Winners



1st Place (Left L-R):
Jimmy Kumpula,
Phil Gardner,
Harvey Comer



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Linda Ritter,
Chuck Corcoran,
Lorraine Olson



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Bill Cowan,
Jim Nicoll,
Tom Parr



4th Place (Left L-R):
Shane Hagen,
Mickey Moy,
Larry Zahm



5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):
Steve O'Neal,
Bob Brunskill,
George Goldsmith



5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):
Mike Parrish,
Sharon Chandler,
Jeff McFadden

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Division III Doubles Winners



1st Place (Left L-R):
Sue Lewis &
Steve Jourdan



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Shane Hagen &
Rich Miller



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Barbara Crum &
Chuck Corcoran



4th Place (Left L-R):
James Stuart &
Mike Carew



5th Place (tie)
(Left L-R):
Jucian Sprague &
Erol Otus



5th Place (tie)
(Left L-R):
Timi Kale &
Dan Glasscock

Pro Singles Winners



1st Place (Above):
Darrol Nelson (returns to
winners circle after 3 yrs)



2nd Place (Above):
Bill Melton



3rd Place (Above):
Dan Hitt



4th Place (Above):
Nick Chaffin



5th Place (tie) (Above):
Bob Hunt



5th Place (tie) (Above):
Bobby Voorhis




(Above) Captains (and staff) in 6-Person Team Draft Room

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Division I Singles Winners

	
<i>1st Place (Above):</i> Bill Loos	<i>2nd Place (Above):</i> Ron Sosovec
	
<i>3rd Place (Above):</i> Jim Payne	<i>4th Place (Above):</i> Jeff Womble
	
<i>5th Place (tie) (Above):</i> Larry Zahn	<i>5th Place (tie) (Above):</i> Mike Keevil

Division III Singles Winners

		
<i>1st Place (Above):</i> Ty Baine	<i>2nd Place (Above):</i> Rach Miller	<i>3rd Place (Above):</i> Ken Griggs
		
<i>4th Place (Above):</i> Mike Carew	<i>5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):</i> Chuck Corcoran & Lee Boyajian	

The action concluded with the A/B Draw (no photos avail.), which was won by Linda Ritter and Jeff Womble, followed by Neil Fetter and Jim Nicoll in second, David Williams, Jr. and Harvey Comer in third, Jim Payne and Wendy Davis in fourth, and Ken Simmons and Steve Kalamarski tying Bob Jacobsen and Tom Yates for fifth.

(NASC 2003 "Sol Lipkin Award" Collage... See Page 12)

Division II Singles Winners

		
<i>1st Place (Above):</i> Rick Stocker	<i>2nd Place (Above):</i> Justin Landwehr	<i>3rd Place (Above):</i> Mickey Moy
		
<i>4th Place (Above):</i> Jen Pickett	<i>5th Place (tie) (Above L-R):</i> Lorraine Olson & Mike Parrish	

NASC 2003...
Dick Gorman Receives "Sol Lipkin" Award
Congrats to Dick for a well deserved honor!



John McDermott (above) of Shuffleboard Federation pays tribute to Dick Gorman



Faye Todd (above) pays tribute to Dick Gorman



Sol Lipkin (above) presents "Sol Lipkin Award" to Dick Gorman as Bill Melton watches on...



Dick Gorman gives acceptance speech!



Dick Gorman & Billy Melton Anxiously await Joanie Millar's singing performance!



Joanie Millar's performance begins...



Hey, Jr. are you going to run away??



Joanie Millar's sings to Dick...



Friends gather to congratulate Dick (above)...



Dick Gorman & Sol Lipkin (above)... longtime friends...

(center photo: Harvey Comer, Nancy Baker, Dick Gorman, Wendy Davis, Faye Todd, Bobbi Brenneman and Wayne Todd (front center))