

Roach/Landrie Tops at Musette Bar in Omaha

By Shelly Hagen

(Editor's Note: In last month's Board Talk, a couple readers wanted to hear more about one-board tournaments. This is a good example of what can be accomplished. Some of you will remember back in 1997, Shelly (then Myers) shared how she felt to be in a tournament as a novice. Since that time, she has taken over the Musette Bar and has introduced a group of 21-year-old "kids" to the game. "They participated in this tournament and showed no fear," she reports, "probably didn't realize who they were playing!")

The Musette Bar in Omaha, Nebraska, hosted a doubles tournament on Feb. 4-6. The event was scheduled for two days but with one board and the number of entries, it lasted well into Sunday evening.

The turnout was exceptional with a diverse player representation among the 23 teams. Along with the age differences (youngest participant was 21), we had unranked players participating alongside players with "0" ratings. It was the first tournament for many and they gained invaluable experience playing with such seasoned players. Everyone involved in the tournament showed sportsmanship and encouragement to the less-experienced players. It will help increase their enjoyment of the game and future tournament play.

The \$4400-plus payout was also extraordinary for a handicapped tournament. Thanks to Jay Watson for his "cheap, cheap, cheap" comments that increased the pot.



Winners were Mike Roach (right) and Don Landrie.

Billy Loos and Ron Campbell took second place honors.



Shelly Hagen and Tom Galvin finished in third place in the field of 23 teams.

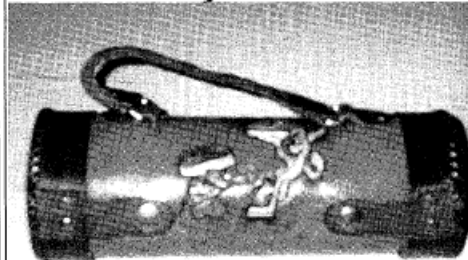
Finishing fourth was the team of Tim Trader and Jack Strickland.

The tournament was a great time with great players. With only one board, it took extra work from everyone. Special thanks to co-tournament directors, Mike Roach and Larry Zahm, for their patience and going the extra mile after saying they would "help." Thanks also to Don Landrie for maintaining the board throughout the weekend.

Thanks and congratulations to all the shufflers who played and made the tournament a success.

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