

**Ernie's Fir Cone**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fir Cone Mixed Doubles - 2005**  
November 12 - 13 November, 2005  
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**L**ogic tells us that the very weekend after a record turn out at the NASC in Reno would not be a good time to hold a tournament. However, Ernie's Fir Cone has a history of doing what appears on the surface as a bad idea. Why mess with history? Why mess with success? The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mixed Doubles at Ernie's Fir Cone was just that, a historical success.

While all tournaments at Ernie's Fir Cone are a success, regardless of when they are held, there is a historical mystery that plagues all these tournaments. Why do the boards mysteriously change prior to every tournament? Explanations range from the strange to the bazaar... The tide is out or in, the weather changed, board pixies, aliens, and yes, even big foot. Well, this year we solved the mystery. Why we even caught this phenomenon on film.



*Any questions? As with all rural legends, the picture is a little fuzzy. But, if you look close you'll see Northwest Hall of Famer Dick Doak with a 4 foot tall open end wrench he calls the "tweaker".*

Friday night A-B Draws have been a favorite event at Ernie's Fir Cone with the locals since the start of the rating system. That's because, more often than not, a local wins this event. This year was no exception, Ernie's Fir Cone local Joe Smith carried Mel Hohn to first place in this single elimination draw.

Not only do locals usually win the Friday night Draws, they fare well in the main events as well. This year 5 of the 6 people in the top three places were locals. The 2005 Ernie's Fir Cone Mixed Doubles Champions are Paulette McKenney and Loren Lampley. Yes, both locals.



**Above (L-R) – 1st Place Mixed Doubles:  
Paulette McKenney & Loren Lampley**



**Above (L-R) – 2nd Place Mixed Doubles:  
Michelle Foran & Dick Doak**

*Above: Paulette McKenney (back form numerous victories at Reno) and Loren Lampley (fresh out of retirement) beat Michelle Foran and local Dick Doak in the finals.*



**Above (L-R) – 3rd Place Mixed Doubles:  
“Old Timer” Carl Roush &  
“New Player” Penny Jorgensen**



**Above (L-R) – 4th Place Mixed Doubles:  
Claire & Clark Kenney  
(Husband & Wife Team)**

The next tournament at Ernie's Fir Cone is the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters on February 25 – 26, 2006. For more information on this or any other tournament at Ernie's Fir Cone call Ernie at (360) 426-2221.