

Heartland Handicap Attracts Good Participation

The American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, home of the annual 4th of July Southwest Open, hosted another exciting Heartland Handicap Tournament on Oct. 6-8, with players shuffling in from across the country including Nebraska, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, and Oklahoma players from around the state. The tournament opened on Friday with a draw partner event with 48 player entries (34 teams) participating.



Jeri Billard and Billy Mays of Texas took third place.



Winners were Jim Payne of Nebraska and Johnny Ballard of Texas.

Dino Fleming of Oklahoma and Stephanie Seligman of Arkansas took second place honors.



Tournament official Rena Fleming presents fourth place envelopes to Gerald Wood of Oklahoma. His partner was Don Kinard.



American Legion 73 and host Don Crall, always looking ahead and planning improvements, have set their calendar for the Year 2001:

- Jan. 12-13: Snowball Handicap
- Feb. 16-18: Oklahoma State Championship
- April 20-22: Heartland Handicap
- July 1-7: Southwest Open
- Oct. 12-14: Heartland Handicap

These dates are on the Calendar of Events. Mark your own personal calendars to highlight these events.

Looking ahead to July 1-7 and the popular Southwest Open, Don Crall has announced that they are working on some minor changes, including adding one more amateur event. The American Legion has recently added two five-ton air conditioning units on the roof of the main hall and plan to add one more unit in the far area. They have also completed building a storage area outside of the main building to store their shuffleboards and free up the prior storage area on the west side of the building to give more spectator seating and possibly enough space for two additional boards for use in the larger tournaments such as the Southwest Open.



Billy Melton and Rick Jones, both of Oklahoma, took third place.

Dave Fleming of Oklahoma and Gary Nelson of Texas finished fourth.



Saturday's bring partner event attracted 44 players (22 teams).



And the winners (left) were Euel Jensen and Dave Fleming, both from Oklahoma.

Bruce Splane and Jerry Widdoes (right) of Oklahoma took second place.



Mark your calendars now!
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