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"Thanks" to Sally Goff & Her Helpers and "Congrats" to Rena Fleming -- from Glen Davidson...

All our heart felt "thanks" goes to Sally Goff and her helpers: Johnny Wayne Crawford (aka "The Great One"), Cliff Goff (the 1st Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductee, in fact to enter the land of the elite), and the many other helpers at the Wandering the World Ladies tournament held in Tulsa in September. The 2nd Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductee was Bill Melton and then Pat and Don Kenard of Wynnewood, OK. The following year Alan Primrose was inducted and now Rena Fleming! The Oklahoma State Hall of Fame organization took the opportunity to induct Rena Fleming during the recent Wandering the World Ladies' Tournament in Tulsa and everyone seemed to really enjoy the ceremony. Many happy tears were shed by many. I will be sending a copy of Rena's induction program and accomplishments for inclusion in a later issue. Rena has been playing shuffleboard since the early 80's and has helped run many tournaments and is often in the winners circle in league. team events, doubles, and singles. Her achievements speak for themselves. A great big "Welcome to the OSHOF" extended to Rena Fleming... a very deserving pupil, player. and promoter of our great sport! Rena has commitment and dedication and is a most deserving OSHOFer! -- G. Davidson

NASC Reno 2002 Photos Delayed

Due to email submission overloads near our Board Talk submission deadline for this issue, we had to delay our full report of the 2002 NASC Reno tournament until the January 2003 The Board Talk issue. Just before our December 2002 issue deadline of November 14th, the 2002 NASC Reno results and photos started coming in late on Nov. 12th and 13th filling up our email log (along with other deadline submissions) where our mail reached its maximum quota and much of our email got deleted from our email server (non-retrievable). John McDermott then had to resend much of the NASC Reno photos due to our email loss. It was simply too late to typeset the full report and the many photos for a tournament of this size at the deadline. especially with encountering the email loss and reconstruction. We apologize for this necessary delay. This loss of email and having to try to reconstruct and even know what other email submissions near the deadline were lost was a nightmare. This December issue also had a big delay in getting to our printer/mailer due to this mishap. If any of you are missing a report in this issue, please get in touch with us. If you sent email between Nov. 12th-14th timeframe, we may not have even received it (but you should have received an "over quota" rejection message warning).

-- Tom & Lynda French, Editors

Betty Parrish Shares Memories of Chris Danke & Gene McLeod....

Just a few words with regard to the October 2002 article on Chris Danke... Michigan players are preparing for our State Championships in Durand soon. So many of us knew Chris and I'm certain that she will be dearly remembered during that weekend of our State Championships. Thanks for the up to minute article on Chris. Michigan players were saddened to read that her remains were found. What we now know is a small closure of a very sad mystery. I watched many of Chris' games and she was definitely a great player. I was so impressed by her smile when she played the last game I had the privilege to watch. The game was at Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake and her partner was Skip's dad, Ziggy (Pro-Am Event). Chris coached. persuaded, and coaxed him and the rest of us felt she was doing it all for him, and she was. She won alot of respect that day. I'm so glad I was there to see it. Michigan players are also sad to report the October passing of Gene McLeod. Gene died after a very courageous battle with cancer. Although Gene had lived in Missouri and Indiana, he was from Michigan and we consider him one of "us". As the bag pipe played "Amazing Grace" at his memorial, I thought "There's not many like him around anymore." Most importantly, he was his own man. He was "up front" all the way... no going behind your back... and he loved his family and friends. When his mother was alive, he was always on the road from Missouri to see her. When his brother-in-law was ill, he came up to see him and also me when I was in the hospital. Even though Gene was so very ill, he always took care of his own. -- Betty Parrish, Waterford, MI

Looking for Pennsylvania Area Players... (Who Are Attending the "2nd Annual Board Talk Open" Tourney on February 23-March 2, 2003)

Dear Lynda & Tom: Hi! My name is John Fox, formerly a resident/shuffler from Philadelphia. I now reside in California and plan to attend the 2003 "2nd Annual Board Talk Open" in Vegas as a guest/observer [not a player], I'm interested in knowing if a Philadelphia Area Delegation has signed up and where I can meet them and/or who will be in attendance? Thank you for the help. I would also like to subscribe to The Board Talk (please send me details of how to subscribe) in addition to putting my inquiry about attendees from the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania area in the tournament. I would love to meet up with them there.

-Thanks & Regards, John Fox

PS: Responses to my inquiry may be emailed to me at: foxj@ftscpac.navy.mil