Shuffleboard Alive and Well at Balloon Inn

By Candy Lepore

Well, better late than never! The Annual Santa Classic at the Balloon Inn was held Dec. 11-12, 1999. We had some out-of-state guests including our dear friend, Rollie Westerhoff, now living in California. We do miss him being around. Many thanks also to Mike Roach and Jim Payne from Nebraska for making it down. Many of us plan to return the visit for the Denny Busch Memorial in May. Mike, if you make it for the Bill English Memorial, June 9-11, or the C.O.N.E.H.E.A.D. Classic in August, I will try to find a place that serves a decent chicken friend steak!



Winners of the Santa Classic were Dave (aka The Griz) Cowan and Travis Anderson (center) with a very happy sponsor, Paul Frizell (left).



Second place honors went to Tighe Levan (left) and Rick Boyer.



Kevin Kelly (left) and Ron Sosovec took third place.

Next was our annual Sweetheart Open mixed doubles on Feb. 11-13. Another thanks to our Nebraska friends who attended, Linda Ritter and Marty Shepard. This event was made special with corsages for the women and a very nice B-B-Q rib dinner on Saturday night for all the players. Many thanks to the owners of the Balloon Inn, Glenn and Cee Cee Chavez, the bar managers, Linda Fritz and Kim DeJulio, and Dino, who cooked that wonderful rib dinner!



Winners of this event were Char Waugaman and Morey Balins.



Kathi Lloyd (who called her shy?) and Mary Shepard were a strong second.

A Board Talk Salute to Glenn and Cee Cee Chavez on their 2nd Anniversary as owners of The Balloon Inn!



Gail Cowan and George Ostrom made a strong showing for third in the Sweetheart mixed doubles.

Last, but by no means least, we had a party and raffle on Feb. 19 to celebrate the second anniversary of Glenn and Cee Cee Chavez owning the Balloon Inn, located at 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado (see Shuffleboard Directory).



Balloon Inn owners Cee Cee and Glenn Chavez (right) and new part owner Phil Cipri.....



.....bar managers Linda Fritz and Kim DeJulio.

Cee Cee, Glenn, Phil, Linda, Kim and I thank John McDermott and The Shuffleboard Federation for donating a set of weights for this event.



Paul Frizell shows off his new weights, won in the anniversary raffle. Paul has been a kev supporter of recent (and hopefully future) toumaments and occasionally has played in our tourneys.

Paul is anxious to use his new weights. Again, thank you, John!

(Editor's Note: Reporter Candy Lepore was the photographer who took top honors for Photo of the Year in 1999 -- January 2000 issue.)

Harvey's Hosts Mason-Dixon Classic

By Dick Gorman

Feb. 18-19 were the dates for the annual Mason-Dixon Classic at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, despite some "revenge" weather (we have basically been having a beautiful winter sans snow). The group was good, but the northern section didn't fare too well in the battle of the North and South.

Friday night's draw partner event had plenty of Yankee participation, but the southern players and the no-man's land (Delaware) seemed to dominate at the payoff table. Money and prizes went to the top four places based on one place for every four teams. Leading the way to first place (no losses) were Curtis Dean, Rising Sun, Md., and Johnathon Harris, Perryville Md. Taking second place were Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del., and Russ Smith, Charlestown, Md. Third place was paid to Andy Ledford, Street, and his partner Wayne Todd, Newark, Del., with final spot going to Johnny (continued on Page 12)