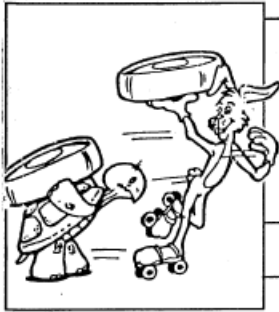


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An Indiana Tradition Continues: 40 Years and Counting!

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- Hoosiers Voorhis/Royal are Champs
- \$11,700 Paid in Two Events
- Slabaugh/Jackson Inducted into Hall of Fame

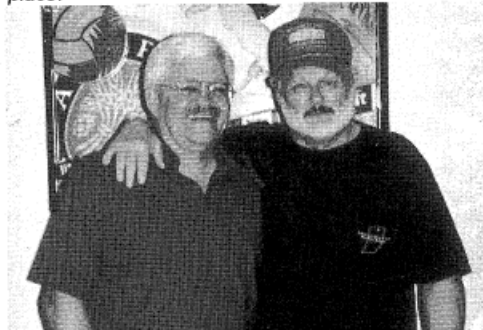
The 40th Annual Spring Doubles was held at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on May 6. Twenty-five teams representing seven states -- Tennessee, New York, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky -- participated in this year's Indiana tradition. The weather cooperated -- warm and sunny -- and when shufflers arrived at the Post on Saturday morning, the traditional chicken barbecue was already being prepared by the numerous volunteers.



Bobby Voorhis (left) and Rick Royal kept the Spring Doubles 2000 crowns at home as they came from the loser's bracket to double-dip their New York visitors and take first place honors.



Rob Hummer (left) and John Arndt travelled all the way from Waterloo, New York, to capture second place.



Another East Coast duo -- Rick Niblett (left) and Lenny Dell of Maryland -- finished third.

Fourth and final money spot went to the Indiana team of Glen Ingram and Jim DeWitt.

The total pot for the doubles was \$9350.

Dowell/Boaz Win Draw Partner

On Friday, May 5, shufflers vied for a share of a \$2350 pot in a draw partner event.

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Bourbon Doubles (cont. from Page 1)



Tournament director Terry Dowell (left) and partner Dave Boaz, both from Indiana, were winners of the draw event.



Local Mike Koontz (the guy in the black hat) drew Rick Niblett to take second place.



A happy Dick Reist of Michigan drew the famous Bobby V and finished third.



Terry Sidle of Ohio and Lenny Dell took fourth place.



Conducting both sponsor sales with enthusiasm and professionalism was Mike Johnson.

"Doc" and "Skip" Inducted

Following the draw partner event on Friday evening, George "Doc" Slabaugh and Dale "Skip" Jackson were inducted into the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



Skip Jackson (left) and Doc Slabaugh proudly accept their Hall of Fame plaques.

"Considering me for recognition is a great honor. I am flattered," said Doc. "In 50 years of playing shuffleboard, I've seen many changes -- short board, long board, free hand to cross board. Now we are allowed to sprinkle the board while shooting, play to 15 and even with our own weights. Forty years ago, we played for \$10 for the winners and a 6-pack of beer for the runners-up. It seemed like the entry fee of \$1.00 was a lot to ask of players then. I have helped start many leagues and encouraged a lot of younger players and female shooters. Playing shuffleboard is a great way to meet new friends, gain self-respect and have fun. I want to thank Seward Harman, Roy Bessinger, the Knox Brothers, Lowell Gard and many, many more."

Skip started playing on the first board put upstairs at the Bourbon American Legion in 1957. His first win came with Charlie Thompson uptown at Sam's in 1960. Dale played in Mishawaka where he met Jim Long. Several years later a foursome was formed of Jerry Knox, Larry Creakbaum, Jim Long and Skip. They were hard to beat and didn't

miss many tournaments. Together they travelled to Albion, Fort Wayne, Peru, Logansport and many other places.

Skip has played between 700 and 800 games in 39 years. During this time, he received many trophies and met many wonderful people. In 1989 he started going to Las Vegas for the Shuffleboard Championships. In September of 1999, at the Sahara, he and his partner took third place in the North American Championships Legends Doubles. Skip has stopped playing in tournaments, but still enjoys the game and plays a little for fun. He still knows hit to hit, stick and lag!

Player Comments on the Inductees

(Doc Slabaugh) "Congratulations, Doc. You've been a great player for many years and this honor is truly deserved." -- Butch Thomas

"A good player -- plays to win every time." -- Bill Niswonger

"Bourbon is synonymous with shuffleboard in Indiana.... Thanks, Doc!" -- Terry Dowell

(Skip Jackson) "My friend always and a heck of a player. Congratulations." -- Bill Niswonger

"An original player -- one of a kind." -- Terry Dowell

"Congratulations, Skip! This couldn't happen to a better guy. Thanks for being a wonderful friend and a great shuffleboard partner." -- Jerry Knox

Thanks to all the American Legion bartenders who kept our glasses full. Special thanks to host Bill Niswonger and director Terry Dowell.

Mike ("Kentucky Flash") and Susie Halstead
Reporting for The Board Talk

Hartman/Moran Win Texas County Tournament

Julie Hartman of Houston, Missouri, and Mick Moran of Mountain Home, Arkansas, get their names engraved on a travelling trophy for winning the 8th Annual Texas County Tournament at Eagles Lodge 3911 in Houston, Mo. This event, which is held annually along with the Lodge's St. Pat's celebration, attracted 19 teams this year.

Julie and Mick got put into the loser's bracket their second game by Chuck Muehlhauser of St. Louis and Pat Gainey of Austin, Texas, by a score of 15 to 7, only to come back seven games later through the loser's bracket to double-dip Chuck and Pat, 15-10 and 15-7.



Julie Hartman and Mick Moran, winners of the 8th Annual Texas County Tournament.



Chuck Muehlhauser (left) and Pat Gainey settled for second.



Jake Riley and Jerry (T-Bone) Head of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., took third place.

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Congratulations to the Missouri Shuffleboard Players Association on its first publication of The Hammer!
George & Donna