

## ***Dixie Belle/Oskar's Host Happy Thanksgiving Tournament***

*By Chris Brown, Tournament Director*

Appropriately, our first official event turned out to be a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, hosted by Dixie Debbie at The Dixie Belle, Downey, California. If you can't make it to eat with your "real" family, I can't think of a nicer way to spend Thanksgiving than to share it with the "shuffleboard family."

The tournament lasted 3-1/2 days, with 52 players participating in three events, and a total of over \$10,000 in prize monies distributed. Out-of-towners got even with the locals this year, placing on eight of the 10 teams in the money.

### **Maxwell/Gardner Tops in Open Doubles**

The open doubles got underway at the Dixie Belle on Friday morning with 10 teams in competition.



*Phil Gardner (of Phoenix, Oklahoma and various other places) and Bill Maxwell of Downey took top honors in the open doubles.*



*Joe Hudson and Bob Hunt, both of North California, took second place.*

Third place went to the father-and-son team of Hal and Steve Perry. Honorable mention 4th place was Nick Chaffin and Al Salazar.

Thanks go to Freddie Thuman for being auctioneer for this event.

### **Chaffin/Ramos Win Amateur A-B Draw**

While the open doubles battle was on at the Dixie Belle, the amateurs were waging their own competition of skill at Oskar's.



*Taking first place honors were Bev Chaffin (North California) and Mike Ramos (a first win for this fairly new local player).*



*In second place were Connie Zavala of Las Vegas and Oscar Ugarpe, owner of Oskar's.*



*Third place went to Mick Diana and Vickie Hunt (North California). Honorable mention 4th place went to Frank Zavala (Las Vegas) and Garry Gareau. Thanks go to Dave Brennan for being auctioneer for this event.*

### **Floyd/Brunskill/Alvarez Win A-B-C**

Ever since the flyers went out for this event, I've had people asking me: how do you play one event in two bars? I can now say that the very first thing you have to do is have a dedicated person like Eileen Eades on your team. Eileen ferried people around from 8:00 in the morning until 2:00 the next morning. She fetched weights and glasses that were left behind. She paused long enough to cheer a good shot and then she was off again. At the request of many of the players, I would like to say: "Thank you, Eileen!"

With 13 teams playing in this event, the phone lines were buzzing as we kept the duplicate set of bracket boards up to date at both bars. By the outcome of the finals, everyone declared the "travelling" tournament to be a huge success. Certainly, no one was bored!



First place in the A-B-C Draw Team Event went to Steve Lloyd (right), Central California, second year in a row; Anna Brunskill of Orange County, CA; and Ernie Alvarez, local Oskar's player.



Second place was decided after a fierce six-game playoff and went to Nick Chaffin (right), North California, Frank Zavala of Las Vegas, and Helen Martin of Central California.



The third place team was Karl Spickelmier, our newest Hall of Famer, Michelle Lamo, Orange County; and Oscar Ugarte; shown with sponsor Dixie Debbie (left).



Fourth place went to the local team of Bob "Freehand" Ruiz (right), Ben Larsen and Mary Burdette, in her second ABC event.

Thanks to Paul Weber for being auctioneer for this event.

### **Special Thanks....**

My thanks to Jim Anderson for his excellent care of the boards, and his helper at Oskar's, Don Marshman. Doug Pancerev did all the bracketing at the Dixie Belle, while I handled that chore at Oskar's. Wes Eades and Larry Cole were our volunteer bartenders at the Dixie Belle so the regular bartenders could take a well-deserved break (yes, we managed to corral "Party Animal Wes" and contain him!). Thanks also to Dixie Debbie and Oscar for feeding us so well, and also to the people who contributed to the buffet at Oskar's.

### **Hall of Fame Induction**

The induction of Karl Spickelmier into the

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California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame took place during a halt in the Dixie Belle-Oskar's Thanksgiving ABC team event on Nov. 27. With a sizeable crowd attending, Karl's accomplishments in helping to define and refine the rules of shuffleboard and his skill in bracketing were brought forth by Al Salazar, president of the Arizona State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. His friends Paul Weber, Bob Hunt and Fred Thuman then told anecdotes about Karl. Jolene Lembke presented Karl with a plaque and inducted him into the Hall of Fame. *(Editor's Note: See special feature on Karl's induction on Pages 5, 11.)*



*With the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame flag in the background, Karl Spickelmier responds to his many tributes from across the country.*

Also announced by Jolene Lembke during the induction ceremonies were the new by-laws regarding eligibility to be inducted. You must be 55 years of age or older and have participated in the sport for 15 years or more. The person sponsoring you may not be yourself or a family member. Twenty signatures of your peers must accompany the nomination form. The nomination then must be approved by three of the five board committee members.

### Walsh/Brown Tops at Evansport Doubles

Carolyn Walsh and Mary Brown were winners of a doubles tournament held at the Evansport Bar, Evansport, Ohio, on Dec. 4. There were only eight teams participating, but the total money was \$1300, \$300 of which was added by promoter Dale Gushman and the bar. There were out-of-towners from Fort Wayne, Warsaw, and North Webster, Indiana. Second place went to Dave Schroder and Terry Wolfrum, with Bob Figis and Jerry Richards taking third.

### Norris/Martin Winners of "55 and Over" Tournament

The 6th Annual 55 & Over Tournament was held at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, on Nov. 18-20. The event was won by Chuck Norris and John Martin (John has been in the top three since it started). Second went to Mike Waters and Georganna Brand, and third to Frank Powers and Billy Powell.

"As always, a great time was had by all," reports Ralph Duarte. "All players from the Northwest would like to thank the owner of the Shamrock Tavern, Jerry Berquist, for his outstanding support and heart of gold."

### "Getting Ready for Houston" Tourney Held in Arkansas

*By Tony Pelton*

The VFW Post 9095 in Little Rock, Arkansas was the place to be on Dec. 10-12 for the 1st Annual Houston Holiday Open Warm-up. There was a terrific turnout, thanks to the tremendous out-of-town support. The weekend was full of great shuffleboard playing and lots of fun.

The first event was the draw partner. There were some hard-fought games before the winner was decided.



*First place went to Carol Ussery and Harold Pelton. They played "lights out" throughout the whole event and deserved to bring home the win.*



*Harvey Walden (left) of Tennessee and Tony Pelton (right) took second place honors. They are shown with their happy sponsor.*