

Washington Crowns State Champs 2000

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview hosted the Washington State Shuffleboard Championships on July 14-17. The tournament, played on four boards, featured five events: open singles with graduated entry, open doubles with graduated entry, a ladies' singles, Division II singles and doubles.

The 1999 open singles champ, Larry Pearson, retained his crown for the year 2000. Dan Hitt took second place honors, with Rick Gindt in third.

In the open doubles, it was Don Kerr and Fred Johns taking the 2000 crown. Mel Hohn and Tommy Campbell finished second, with Jeff Kersting and Billy Hagman in third.

Gary Thompson and Ray Olson teamed up to take second place honors in the Div. II doubles, with Jeff Kersting and Billy Hagman in third.



The weekend tournament was fun for all, as evidenced by these participants.

Under new management, Steve Jones had a great weekend. The Shamrock Tavern has had many tournaments in the past under the previous owner Jerry Berquist. Steve hopes everyone had a great time and hopes to see all the players at the next tournament.

The Nelson/Buhl Doubles are scheduled for Oct. 21-22. For information, call the Shamrock, 360-577-7444.



In the ladies' singles, Wanda Huffman (left) took the crown, with Kathy Keevil in second place.



Jeanette Henry finished in third place.

In the Div. II singles, Gary Thompson came out on top, with Mike Olson taking second place. Finishing third was Ray Olson.



Mike Olson (left) was in the winner's circle again, taking first place in the Div. II doubles with partner Mike Keevil.

Shufflers Need Your Good Wishes, Prayers

Please remember the following shufflers with your messages and prayers:

Jimmy Anderson, 2711 A S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803. Many of you remember Jimmy as the popular bartender and caring board-tender at the Dixie Belle in Downey.

Jean Mays (we don't have an address for Jean, who has moved to her daughter's in Montana, but you may send your cards to Jolene Lembke, 11050 Bryant Rd., Sp. 45, Yucaipa CA 92399, and she will forward them to Jean). Jean was one of the top women players in the nation in the '50s and '60s and remained active in shuffleboard until her recent illness.

David Veazey, P.O. Box 336, Van Alstyne, TX 75495. David is often in the winner's circle in Texas tournaments and regional and national events. He underwent surgery on Aug. 8, and we hope to see him in Reno.

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