

## Washington Champions Crowned at Fir Cone

By Dwayne Dibley

To win a shuffleboard tournament, all the elements have to come together: practice, patience, concentration, skill, persistence, and luck. One lapse in any of these elements can be the difference in a match. The good players try to put all the elements together to come out on top. The Champions learn how to control the elements.

The 1999 Washington State Championships were held at the Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, on Nov. 5-7. The singles events started Friday night and continued on until late Saturday night. With five boards in place, the open singles, Division II singles, and women's singles, were run at the same time.



Larry Pearson (left) of Everett is the 1999 open singles champion. Dan Hitt (center) of Spokane took second place honors, with Carl Roush (right), Shelton, in third place.



The Div. II singles champ is Frank Mako (left) of Longview. Melody Marine of Spokane finished second, with Alvin Orcutt (right) of Bremerton in third place.

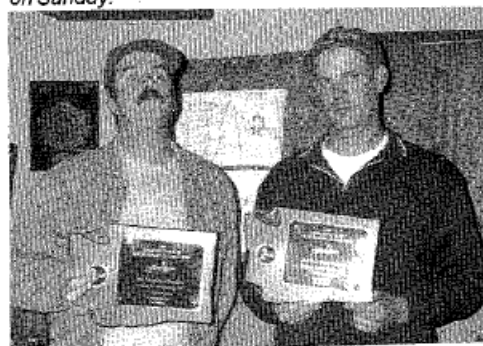
Jim ("007") Thorton from Shelton finished fourth. Mark Minium from Burien tied for fifth with Frank Givens of Shelton.



The 1999 women's singles champion is Jeanette Hohn (left), owner of the Fir Cone. Junelle Schrum (center) of Tacoma took second, with Judy George (right) of Tacoma in third place.



The 1999 Washington State open doubles champions are Loren Lampley (left) and Nels Anderson, both from Shelton. This event took place on Sunday.



Second place honors went to John Fisher (left) and Dan Hitt, both of Spokane.

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Third place in the open doubles went to the team of Larry Pearson from Everett and Desi Gouches from parts unknown.

The Division II doubles pitted local Sheltonites against each other for the top three spots.



The 1999 Washington State Div. II doubles champs are Bob Hurst and Jeff Kersting.



Billy Hagmann and Terry Woodward came in a close second.

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Finishing a strong third was the team of Russ Savage and Dean Johnson.

This tournament was sponsored by the following: Budweiser, the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association, National Distributing Company, D & D's Lounge, The Hungry Bear Steak House & Lounge, Shelton 40 et 8, Old Town Shelton Committee, Town Pub, Deer Creek Awards, and Lumberman's Hardware. These local businesses either donated money or provided door prizes.

Excellent food featuring an international theme was provided by the Shelton Shuffleboard Community.

The Fir Cone would like to send special thanks to Larry Pearson and Rick Gindt for bringing this event to the Fir Cone, to all the players who participated and made this a great event, and to all the people behind the scene who provided food or service that we couldn't have done without.

The next tournament at the Fir Cone is an A-B-C bring your own team event, Jan. 22-23, 2000. For more information, see Upcoming Events. To be added to the Fir Cone mailing list, contact Mel Hohn at 360-426-2221 or e-mail: MHOHN2@AOL.COM

### 3 in a Row for Wendy Davis

*By Dick Gorman*

Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, held the second of five weekend tournaments scheduled for this season on Nov. 12-13. This weekend was no exception to the high acclaim that is resulting from switching full-blast to the Bowers Rating System. It is providing new balance between the entrants and is gaining more acceptance all the time.

Friday night was the draw partner event and surprises were in order. At the tournament in October, Wendy Davis of Wilmington, Delaware, drew Arizona Richardson as a partner and together they won the draw partner event. Then Wendy went to Reno to the North American Championships and proceeded to win the women's singles. Not enough? On Nov. 12, she drew Wayne Todd of