

4th ANNUAL LARRY HUDSON MEMORIAL

APRIL 6-8, 2007 ** Red Dog Saloon ** A-B-C Draw ** Port Orchard, Washington

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The normal worries that usually sit in the back of a tournament director's mind, such as; "do I have everything in hand I'm going to need; are the boards up to tournament standards and playable; can I make everything go off smoothly; were complicated even more this year due to a scheduling faux pas and my lack of diligence as we would be playing on Easter weekend: thus the biggest bugaboo of all, "will we draw a good turnout?"

These are the things that create a sharp spike in the blood pressure of the best of tournament directors and a problem my physician already is monitoring without the added pressure. But alas my worries were unfounded as 18 locals, many experiencing their first formal tournament action were joined by 15 out-of-towners to form 11 teams in a hotly contested A-B-C Draw event.

After 2 days of highly competitive matches the team captained by Pacific Northwest Hall of Famer Clark Kenney and partners Linda Walker & Shirley Kimbal prevailed over the team of Captain Mike Waters, tournament sponsor Dee Hudson & newcomer Terri Rasmussen. The premier lady shuffler in the Northwest, Clara Kenney, captained team-mates Steve Kalamarski and Bill Kimbal to a 3rd place finish. To add a bit of shuffleboard trivia, the captains of the top 2 teams, Clark and Mike, teamed up 24 years ago to win the 1983 world doubles championship.

Clark made it a weekend sweep as he had earlier teamed up with Jeff Mercer on earlier to defeat Bill Walker and Gary DuPont in the Friday night draw.

Tournament sponsor, Dee Hudson, myself and the tournament staff wish to express our deepest appreciation to all in attendance, particularly those from out of town who brought experience, camaraderie, and an exciting introduction to tournament shuffleboard to the many first timers who played. Hopefully these newcomers to our sport were impressed and their desire to compete was favorably enhanced and we can look forward to seeing them in future events.

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A-B-C Draw Winners:



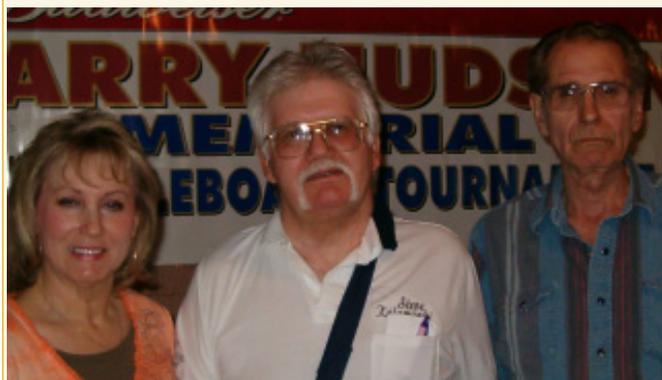
1st Place: (Above)

Shirley Kimbal, Clark Kenney, Linda Walker



2nd Place: (Above)

Terri Rasmussen, Mike Waters, Dee Hudson



3rd Place: (Above)

Clara Kenney, Steve Kalamarski, Bill Kimbal