

2008 WASHINGTON STATE TOURNAMENT

The next big tournament to show up in the Skagit Valley happened to be on the big stage. The Washington State tournament came flying into town of Burlington, WA. Making it one of the most successful state tourneys in recent memory. Another reason for bringing shuffleboard back to the Skagit Valley was to induct local legend "Marvelous" Marvin Wilbur into the Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The tournament drew from the local population and a traveling force from the South Sound. The tournament was held amongst three bars in one city block, with 5 boards helping move things along. Gene's Tavern, Burlington Eagles and Bellows Tavern bent over backwards to move things along while adding \$800 to the tournament prize fund.

The Singles hauled in 32 players between Division I and II (14 Division I, 18 Division II). With fierce shuffleboard play it showed success from the local crowd, placing 3 in Division I and 5 in Division II. In Division I it paid out 4 different places. Division II paid out 6 places.

Division I Singles

- 1st Kenny Simmons (Longview)
- 2nd Mario Briones (Burlington)
- 3rd Joseph Paszkowski (Mt. Vernon)
- 4th Larry Sawyer (Anacortes)



Division II singles

- 1st Jon Paszkowski (Anacortes)
- 2nd Brian Wilbur (Laconner)
- 3rd Mike Jewett (Mt. Vernon)
- 4th Carolyn Floyd (Tacoma)
- 5th and 6th Rex Hesterberg (Bow Edison)
- 5th and 6th Lydia Briones (Mt. Vernon)



Local Phnom Mario Briones got out dueled by Kenny Simmons in the finals. Mario winning the Best two out of three and going to the Single game to 15. Kenny Simmons pulled out to a commanding lead 11-6. Mario hammer he lags a four to cut into the lead making it 11-10. On the ensuing end Simmons could only muster a one setting the score 12-10 Simmons. Coming down in the opposite direction Mario tried to get a flare for the dramatics he lagged a three giving him the first lead of the match at 13-12. At 13-12 in Mario favor Simmons is lagging for the win with one weight working only needs a deuce for the state title. He sailed a weight that pulled up short on the one - deuce line giving him the lead again 14-13 but also giving Mario one last chance to pull win out from the jaw's off defeat. On the final end Mario was lagging for the game against two opposing weights, feeding off the excitement of the hometown crowd Mario floated just off the end of the board giving Kenny Simmons the State title. Great shooting Kenny!

In Division II the 2007 State Champion (Joseph Paszkowski) was match by his father who took the 2008 title. Jon Paszkowski had to come out of the loser's bracket to win 8 straight to win the State title. Great shooting Jon Paszkowski In the Doubles both of the Division had mustered 11 team's paying out 3 places a piece. This tournament and induction was sponsored by Olympic Shuffleboard and the Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Division I Doubles

- 1st Mel Hohn and Vern Gonzales
- 2nd Mario Briones and Joseph Paszkowski
- 3rd Mike Waters and Marvin Wilbur



Division II Doubles

- 1st Ryan Strayer and Gary Dupont
- 2nd Brian Wilbur and Mark Meyer
- 3rd Jon Paszkowski and Lydia Briones



In the Division I Doubles the team of Mario Briones and Joseph Paszkowski came through some tough teams to make it to the championship all, to get dominated in the finals by a formidable bunch from Shelton,

all, to get dominated in the finals by a formidable bunch from Shelton, WA of Mel Hohn and Vern Gonzales. They beat the hometown players shooting great shuffleboard. Great shooting Mel and Vern!
 In Division II the team of Ryan Strayer and Gary Dupont from Tacoma and Shelton rolled through the field and beating all the local talent they won the Division II title. Great shooting Ryan and Gary!

The Induction of Marvin Wilbur was held at the Burlington Eagles in their Hall it was a picture perfect place for such an event. Family, friends and fellow competitors showed up to show their respects to the newly inducted Hall of Famer Marvin Wilbur. Story time and Good food followed.



Bill Walker was the winner of a set of Olympic Shuffleboard weights that were raffled off at the beginning of the Hall of Fame ceremony. It was a great tournament that ran smoothly from beginning to end. Thanks to Joe Paszkowski who ran his first tourney. All in all everything turned out pretty good. Thanks to the owners of the bars. Ron White (Gene's Tavern), Jim Dupree (Bellow's Tavern) and the crew at the Burlington Eagles. Thank you.

