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AMY BREEDING BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

August 19-21, 2005, One Nostalgia Place, Dallas, Texas

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The Fun and the Donations:

One Nostalgia Place in Dallas held a highly successful benefit tournament for Amy Breeding on August 19th -21st.

Amy is an accomplished shuffleboard player in her thirties who was diagnosed with cancer in one of her kidneys. Even more unfortunately, cancer also was discovered in her other kidney and it too will have to be removed. She will have to undergo a second operation and daily dialysis until she is determined to be cancer free and eligible for a transplant.

Amy is a delightful person who has kept her positive attitude and sense of humor, much of which was exhibited at the tournament.

Fifty four teams entered. Well over four thousand dollars was raised to help Amy with her expenses.

Owner Alma King (pictured right) added \$500 to the entry fees and provided a feast for the players. The players enjoyed beef and pork tenderloin and at least four other types of meat as well as well as home made bread, salads, fresh vegetables, pies, cakes, candies, etc..

All sums charged for the meal were donated to Amy.

Sandy Watkins, Trish Skipworth, Linda Sue Hall, Amanda Bruitt, Alma King, Kathy Skatell and Diana Whitver spent long hours cooking and providing the food at no charge to the tournament.

C. W. Walker, Sal Mancuso and Vonnie Bailey ran the pairings and did a great job keeping things moving.

The auction and raffle also were successful. Three beef tenderloins and a one hundred dollar tab for a party at a shuffleboard event were donated by Dave Ewing for the auction. Sandy Jenkins, Michael Elana, Coors, Budweiser and many others donated art, sculpture, furniture, and lots of other items to the auction.

In addition to all the auction money, fifty percent of the raffle proceeds were to go to Amy. Alma King won the raffle (no, it was not fixed, she just bought a lot of tickets) and donated all her winnings back to Amy.

A team from Greg Hixon's Harbor Point which had saved \$400 from its league winnings for a season ending party instead gave the money to Amy. Others were similarly generous.



Pictured Above:
Alma King
One Nostalgia Place
Owner

Honoree Amy Breeding Flanked by Winners Cecil Mann and Connie McCormick

Pictured Below: L-R

Cecil Mann, Amy Breeding, Connie McCormick



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The Results:

Third place winners Gary Nelson and Tommy McBurnett were ahead of Cecil Mann of Stephens County, Texas and Connie McCormick 14 to 12 and had the hammer going into the last frame of the winners' bracket finals. Tommy attempted to bump a one with his third shot but came up an inch short. Cecil hid a three behind Tommy's two weights with his last shot and Tommy narrowly missed with the hammer.

Losers bracket winners Robert Duncan and Joe Fancher then defeated Gary and Tommy.

They felt good enough about their chances that they declined a split and tried to double dip Cecil and Connie in the finals, despite having to spot 3 handicap points.

The decision not to split was understandable because Billy Mays says that Robert Duncan is the hardest player for him to beat in North Texas and Robert and Joe were at the bar when Cecil hid that three. Besides, who would offer a split to an unrated retired truck driver who lives way out on county road 265 in Stephens County, Texas?

The wisdom of that decision was bolstered by the fact that Robert and Joe sold for the highest price in the sponsor's sale and Cecil and Connie wound up buying themselves cheap.

I might be a little partial to Cecil because my granddaddy was sheriff of Stephens County and only got shot once while he was in office. Stephens County is located on the Clear Fork of the Brazos 150 miles west of Dallas and has towns named Gunsight and Necessity and a lake named Possum Kingdom. According to the last census, the 25,000 cattle in the county outnumber the people in the county by about 3 to 1.

Fortunately, the county history notes that the Comanches, Tonkas and Kiowas were "removed" in 1874 when my granddaddy was 3 years old so things were relatively tame by the time he got elected.

When Cecil was told the losers bracket winners offered only a 50/50 split, he mumbled "horse feathers" (or something generally associated with one end of a horse and I remind you that this is a family publication) so the finals were played out.

It didn't take long.

Joe kept the board clean in the first frame to give Robert the hammer but Connie lagged a 4 to make the score 7 to 0, including the 3 point handicap.

In the second frame, Robert Duncan tried to set up Cecil by lagging a two next to Cecil's three with his first weight but wound up with a blocked board, a loss of 3 more points, and a 10 to 0 deficit.

Thereafter, despite some good lags by the losers, Cecil and Connie just kept the board clean, lagged ones and twos and won 15 to 10.

When I left, Joe and Robert were debating just who it was that decided not to take that split and reminding each other that second ain't all that bad. As they say in West Texas, they were smilin' but their bellies weren't shakin'.

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1st Place Winners Cecil Mann and Connie McCormick



2nd Place Winners Robert Duncan and Joe Fancher

