2006 Washington State Championships

December 7 - 10, 2006

Ernie's Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington By Arnold Rimmer

Due to the fact that the State Tournament should be the most important in Washington, before anything else we should announce the 2006 Champions.

OPEN SINGLES

OPEN DOUBLES

Champion:Loren LampleyJim Foran - Kenny Simmons2nd. PlaceVern GonzalesCarl Roush - Mel Hohn3rd. PlaceCarl RoushRyan Devlin - Jeff Kersting

Div. II Singles

Div. II Doubles

Champion: Jeff Mercer 2nd. Place Ryan Strayer 3rd. Place Joe Paszkowski Joe Paszkowski - Jeff Mercer Linda Walker - Bill Walker Jeanette Hohn - Michelle Foran

No one in Washington can explain it, but for some unknown reason Washington has not had a State Tournament since 2002. Dean Johnson from Shelton ask the question, "why?" Not receiving a suitable answer, he set out to do something about it. Therefore, he assembled a team responsible for the coordination of efforts.

First, we needed to find a place to hold the event (a sponsor)...

Ernie Montoya owner of Ernie's Fir Cone in Shelton was honored to sponsor the event. Ernie rearranged his bar to accommodate two more boards, and even went as far as getting a hard liquor licenses.

Next, we had to find two extra boards. Carl Roush and Dick Doak of Shelton provided the boards. Now, we had to gather up the equipment and people necessary to move two boards and decide on a format that would include as many Washington players as possible.

Last and certainly not least, we needed to promote the event. This is really easy in Washington because of Sharon Nugent. Sharon has worked really hard on developing an internet network to dispense just this type of information to as many players as possible. Dean said that if he had known how easy this all was, he would have done it years ago. However, now that the ball is moving again, the real work begins. Finding people to keep it moving.

2006 State Tournament Staff

Dean Johnson Carl Roush Dick Doak
Vern Gonzales Ernie Montoya Clark Kenney
Loren Lampley Sharon Nugent Mel Hohn

Dwayne Dibley Arnold Rimmer

This years Tournament was a success because of the efforts of all those involved, the players, and our excellent 2006 Sponsor *Olympic Shuffleboard*. A special thanks goes to Clark Kenney. Clark worked four solid days moving boards, adjusting boards, finding bracket boards, running the tournament, playing, and yes he even sold popcorn at halftime. His only pay is our respect and admiration.

State Tournament Schedule

Due to the fact that this important tournament has slipped through the cracks. Mel Hohn has decided to keep it going. Below is a proposed schedule. Note that four boards will be required to run this event. If you have any input or suggestions e-mail Mel at m.hohn@comcast.net. No Complaints accepted.

2006 - Shelton

2007 - Port Orchard

2008 - Sea-Tac

2009 - Kelso/Longview

2010 - Tacoma

2011 - Olympia

Mel is trying to compose a History of the State Tournament. If you have winner names and years in either division please let Mel know at the above e-mail address. Finally, these Tournament cost money to put on, therefore all money rising ideas or sponsors are welcome. Mel has some good future ideas to make this the most important tournament for Washington players. He needs your help.

OPEN SINGLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

1st Place Champion Loren Lampley



2nd Place Vern Gonzales



3rd Place Carl Roush

No Photo (See 2nd Place Open Doubles)

DIVISION II SINGLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

1st Place Champion Jeff Mercer



2nd Place Ryan Strayer



3rd Place Joe Paszkowski

No Photo (See 1st Place Div. II Doubles)

OPEN DOUBLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

1st Place Jim Foran/Kenny Si<u>mmons</u>



2nd Place Mel Hohn/Carl Roush



3rd Place Ryan Devlin/Jeff Kersting

No Photo

DIVISION II DOUBLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

1st Place Jeff Mercer/Joe Paszkowski 2nd Place Bill Walker/Linda Walker 3rd Place Jeanette Hohn/Michelle Foran





