12th Annual Florida Open 2005 The 12th Annual "Florida Open 2005" - Multi-State Winners Abound! Held at: Moose Lodge #1962, Mims, Florida --- March 24-27, 2005 Report Submitted for posting on Bowers' Corner & TSA Websites By: Marty Allen, Mims, Florida (more photos coming soon!) Mims, Florida (Mar. 24-27): The annual "Florida Open 2005" Tournament was hosted this year at the Moose Lodge 1962 in Mims, Florida. A great time was had by all. More Photos and details to be coming later... March 24th (Thursday): A/B Draw: (Click Here to View Winner's Photo Album) ■ 1st Place: Dave Shewbridge (Baltimore, MD) & Phil Young (New Smyrna Beach, FL) 2nd Place: Sue Swindle (Titusville, FL) & Jim Long (Mishawaka, IN) **3rd Place:** Ursula Badouin & Rusty Nowakowski (both of Mims, FL) March 25th (Friday): Mixed Couples Doubles/Bring Partner: (Click Here to View Winner's Photo Album) ■ 1st Place: Linda Ritter (Jacksonville, FL) & Jim Payne (Omaha, NE) 2nd Place: Ursula Badouin (Mims, FL) & Jim Long (Mishawaka, IN) 3rd Place: Vicki Morgan (Grand Rapids, MI) & Dennis Bittner (Bradenton, FL) March 26th (Saturday): Singles (Click Here to View Winner's Photo Album) ■ 1st Place: Jim Payne (Omaha, NE) 2nd Place: Dave Boaz (Muncie, IN) ■ **3rd Place:** Jim Long (Mishawaka, IN) ■ 4th Place: Marty Allen (Mims, FL) March 27th (Sunday): Bring Partner Doubles (Click Here to View Winner's Photo Album) ■ 1st Place: Dave Shewbridge (Baltimore, MD) & Jim Payne (Omaha, NE) 2nd Place: Bill Kane (Durand, MI) & Jerry Hershman (Pontiac, MI) **3rd Place:** Gil Aragon (Yuma, AZ) & Jimmy "the cop" Kumpula (South Daytona Beach, FL) **OBSERVATIONS & NOTES:** 1) This was one of our strongest fields ever, likely due to below average turn out in most of our events (especially low in the amateur ranking). Very unusual for a "Florida Open". We may consider event format changes for future tournaments.

2) Jim Payne of Omaha, Nebraska took first place in three of the Florida Open events and he is, no doubt, the "real deal"!

3) Dave Shewbridge of Baltimore, Maryland took two first place wins! Dave is one of the top rated players on the east coast.

3) Jim Long of Indiana (aka "silver fox") was in the money in all four events! He is one tough player and definitely deserving of his upcoming Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) Hall of Fame induction ceremony coming up in May (<u>click to view flyer</u>).

We thank all for their participation, suggestions, and ideas. Thanks to Bill Niswonger for his "board preparation" suggestions

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too for future tournaments. We look forward each year to seeing all our old friends and new friends, local and out-of-state guests, for both of our annual March "madness" events, being the "Cape Kennedy Blast Off" (March 17-20) and "Florida Open 2005" (March 24-27), both held this year at the Moose Lodge #1962 in Mims, Florida. (To View the Flyer For both of these ''March Madness'' annual tournaments format) (Click Here)

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