

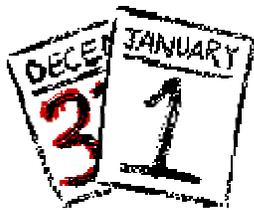
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SHUFFLEBOARD
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2007

BY SHARON NUGENT



Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad

Elbe, Washington USA



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to 2007, let's have a great year in shuffleboard, any additions or deletions to the calendar, please email me and let me know. Let's continue to try and keep tournaments at every other weekend as not to step on other tavern owners.

Thanks,

Sharon Nugent

Shuffleboard Newsletter Editor

Email: tweetybird-121@comcast.net

PACIFIC NORTHWEST 2007 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(as of 01/13/07 - Bookmark to Check for future additions/updates)

YEAR 2007 PNW CALENDAR		
JANUARY 2007	FEBRUARY 2007	MARCH 2007
<p>January 26-28 (See Flyer PDF) 21st Annual Mud Bay Masters Frankie's Sports Bar Olympia, Washington</p>	<p>February 9-11 (See Flyer PDF) Annual Mixed Sweetheart Doubles Blue Goose Tavern & Red Dog Saloon Port Orchard, Washington</p>	<p>March 9-11 A-B Bring Your Own Tournament Nifty Fifty's Tacoma, Washington</p>
<p>January 27-28 A/B Doubles Bring Goonies Coos Bay, Oregon</p>	<p>February 12-19 (See Flyer & Details) 2007 West Coast Annual President's Day Eagles Lodge Medford, Oregon</p>	<p>March 17-18 4-Person Draft Glasscocks Rogue River (Gold Hill), Oregon</p>
	<p>February 23-25 (See Flyer) 25th Annual Fir Cone Masters Ernie's Fir Cone Tavern Shelton, Washington</p>	
APRIL 2007	MAY 2007	JUNE 2007
<p>April 6-8 4th Annual Larry Hudson Mem. (ABC Draw) Red Dog Saloon Port Orchard, Washington</p>	<p>May 4-6 35th Annual Open Doubles Eagles Lodge Medford, Oregon</p>	<p>June 1-3 A-B Bring Your Own Fir Cone Tavern's Annual "Forest Festival" Shelton, Washington</p>
<p>April 20-22 Come One - Come All (A-B Draw & A-B Bring Your Own) BZ's Sports Bar & Grill Burien, Washington</p>	<p>May 11-13 (See Flyer PDF - 3 page flyer) Tournament of Champions (Invitational Doubles & Open Doubles Draw) "Events for Everyone"-call for details Whistling Oyster Bar Quilcene, Washington Email: Bill & Sandee</p>	<p>June 8-10 A-B Doubles (Bring Your Own) Goonies Coos Bay, Oregon</p>
	<p>May 24-28 (See Flyer PDF) Memorial Day Tournament Little Creek Casino Resort (multi-event) (Sponsored by: Olympic Shuffleboard) Shelton, Washington</p>	<p>June 22-24 A-B-C Event Old Edison Inn Edison, Washington</p>
JULY 2007	AUGUST 2007	SEPTEMBER 2007
<p>July 13-15 7th Annual A/B Doubles (Bring) Cattleman's Rogue River, Oregon</p>	<p>August 4-5 Grand Masters Plus (Multi-Event) Whistling Oyster Bar Quilcene, Washington Email: Bill & Sandee</p>	<p>August 30-September 4 Rural America Labor Day/multi-event Eagles Lodge Medford, Oregon</p>
	<p>August 16-19 Canadian Longboard Masters 2007/multi-event Royal Canadian Legion Branch #83 Burnaby, BC CANADA</p>	<p>September 14-16 4th Annual Jack Steffensen Memorial Blue Goose Tavern & Red Dog Saloon Port Orchard, Washington</p>
	<p>August 30-September 4 Rural America Labor Day/multi-event Eagles Lodge Medford, Oregon</p>	
OCTOBER 2007	NOVEMBER 2007	DECEMBER 2007
<p>October 6-7 3-Person Draft Glasscocks Rogue River (Gold Hill), Oregon</p>	<p>October ??- November ?? (See Shuffleboard Federation site) 18th Annual NASC Reno 2006 Sands Regency Hotel/Casino Reno, Nevada</p>	<p>December 28-30 Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament Tim's Timber Tavern Kelso, Washington</p>
<p>October ??- November ?? (See Shuffleboard Federation site) 18th Annual NASC Reno 2006 Sands Regency Hotel/Casino Reno, Nevada</p>	<p>November 9-11 Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament Ernie's Fir Cone Tavern Shelton, Washington</p>	
	<p>November 23-25 BZ's Annual Thanksgiving Tournament (A/B /C Bring Team) BZ's Bar & Grill Burien, Washington</p>	
	<p>November 25 4th Annual 3-Person Bring (Limit 1 A Player/Team) Eagles Lodge Medford, Oregon</p>	

Frankie's Sports Bar & Grill

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Buzz's 20th Annual Mud Bay Masters Shuffleboard Tournament

Jan. 26, 27 and 28, 2007

Friday Night Open Draw - 3 or 4 Good Boards

7:00 pm start - \$20 per person

Call if going to be late but no more than 30 minutes

Saturday 27th - Open Doubles

Calcutta will start at 11:00 am

0's thru -1's - \$100 per team (No two -1's)

1.01 Thru 2.50 - \$50 per team

2.51 Thru Novice - \$30 per team

Open Doubles will start following the Calcutta

2 out of 3 in Winner's Bracket

One game to 17 in Loser's Bracket

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FEBRUARY 9TH THROUGH 11TH 2007**

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AND WOMEN WILL BE MATCHED AGAINST THE MEN.**

**\$50.00 PER TEAM ENTRY FEE WITH \$500 MIN. ADDED
SPONSOR SALE AT 10:00 AM FEB. 10TH. PLAY TO FOLLOW
TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED IN BOTH TAVERNS WITH
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BETWEEN THE SITES
RV PARKING AVAILABLE AT BOTH SITES**

**THIS YEAR A \$5.00 PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE
CHARGED TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS OF WAX, SILICONE, AND FOOD
A \$10.00 OPEN DRAW WILL BE HELD FRI. NITE 9 FEB. AT THE
GOOSE AND BOARDS AT THE DOG WILL BE OPEN FOR PRACTICE
AND MATCH PLAY. DRAW MAY BE 12 POINT GAMES AT TOURN-
AMENT DIRECTORS DISCRETION.**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO AID IN PLANNING THIS EVENT.
REGISTRATION MAY BE MAILED TO**

**BLUE GOOSE TAVERN
P.O. BOX 372
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**BILL WALKER
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PORT ORCHARD, WA. 98366**

Tournament Director

Bill Walker 360-871-4281 or 360-710 6515

assisted by

Mike Waters, Clark Kenney, and Wayne Dennick



Ernie's Fir Cone

25th MASTERS

February 23rd thru 25th, 2007

FRIDAY FEB. 23RD @7:00 PM

A-B DRAW \$10 ENTRY FEE

SATURDAY FEB 24TH

Sign up, rules, and Calcutta @ 11:00 AM.

Play starts after Calcutta.

Double elimination:

2 out of 3, 15 point games in Winners Bracket.

One, 17 point game in Losers Bracket.

Finals Losers Bracket will be one 21 point game

Entry Fee

-1 thru 0 = \$50 per player 1s = \$40 per player

2s and higher = \$30 per player

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2006 Champions: Gary George & Jeff Kersting

Shelton Inn 1-800-451-4560

City Center Motel (306)426-3397

THE WHISTLING OYSTER
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
AN INVITATIONAL
SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

MAY 12 - 13

DOUBLES
NO TWO MINUS ONES!
DOUBLE ELIMINATION

PARTNER UP NOW

PLAYERS + RATINGS ON BACK

\$50 PER PLAYER

CALCUTTA 2 pm SAT

FOR BEST RV SPOTS - COME EARLY
FRIDAY NIGHT DRAW 7 SHARP

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OPEN DOUBLES DRAW

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

MAY 12-13

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

OPEN TO ALL

\$50 PER PLAYER

CALCUTTA 2 PM SATURDAY

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FRIDAY NIGHT DRAW 7 SHARP

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QUESTIONS?

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MAY 24-28, 2007

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TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS...COHORTS AND SUCH!!!!

DETAILED FLYER TO BE COMING SOON!!!

WASHINGTON'S 2007 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

CLARK KENNEY was voted Washington's new sportsman of the year for 2007. Clark will be honored with his award on February 10th, 2007 at the Sweetheart's tournament in Port Orchard. Clark is very deserving of this award and we couldn't be happier for him.

Congratulations Clark!!!

There were many others that were also nominated. They are as follows:

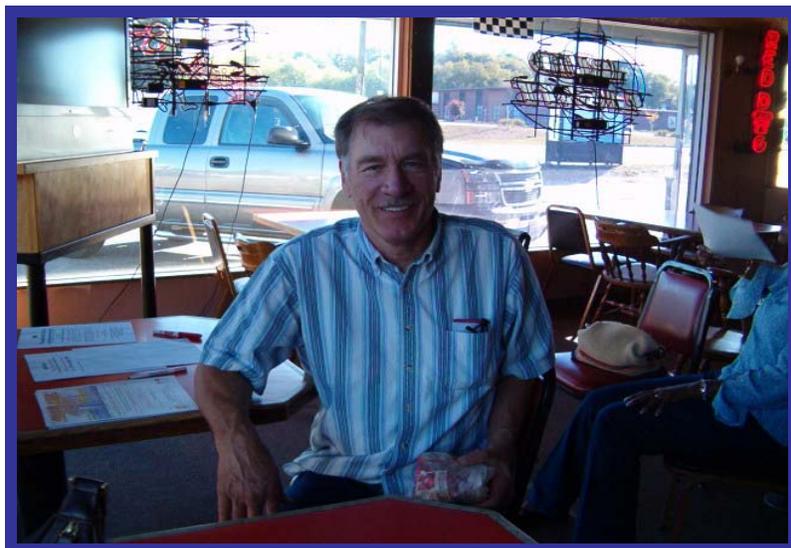
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Gary George
Dan Hitt
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Claire Kenney
Frank Mako
Jerry Matson
Joe Pazkowski
Larry Sawyer
Rick Shaw
Linda Steffensen
Jerry Stonecypher
Linda Walker
Mike Waters
Marv Wilbur

We would like to thank all of those who submitted a nomination.

Sincerely,

The Sportsmanship committee:

Michelle Foran
Mel Hohn
Claire Kenney
Rick Shaw
Ken Simmons
Linda Steffensen
Linda Walker



Galen Gaunce

Galen Gaunce passed away a while back and as I was going through some memorabilia I ran across this poem that Galen wrote. A friend of his passed away and was such a good person that Galen couldn't understand why God took his friend and not the others that were in the car accident. This poem was transpired from that particular act of God. I just want people to know how sensitive and intelligent Galen was.

Why Me?

A rose lies crushed in garden's path
Bleeding out his soul
And cried to God in a sorrowful tone,
Questioning his toll.
Why am I the one that's crushed? What great sin is done?
I have lived a righteous life. Why am I the one?
A shining light struck his face, singing rang from above
And God threw forth a powerful voice;
A voice that's filled with love.
Why question birds who fall in flight, drop and strike the earth.
Or babies who have not seen light die before their birth.
All of this is meant to be. Do not ask me why.
Here on earth man calls it faith, never let that die.

The rose looked up and smiled at God and then lay down its head and died
With its mind at rest
Believing what was said.

Created by Galen Gaunce and dedicated to Michelle Foran



STAR SEARCH 2006

STAR SEARCH TOURNAMENT

Ernie's Fir Cone

Shelton, Washington

22 & 23 July 2006

Reported By: Dwayne Dibley

Winners

(Submitted for posting by: Sharon Nugent, PNW Newsletter Editor/Publisher)

Results Posted in July 2006 Results at: http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/July_2006_Results.htm

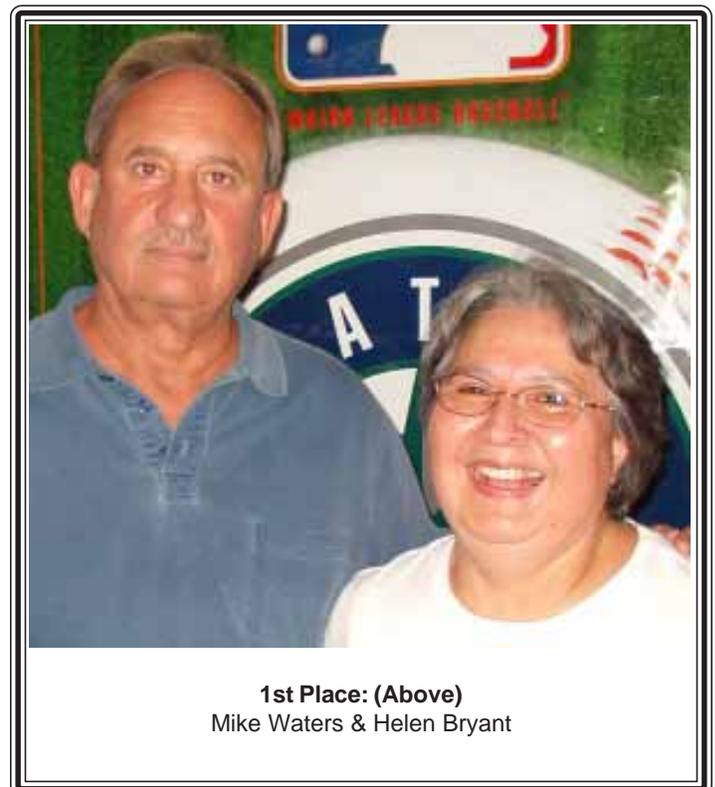
July 22-23, 2006 (Ernie's Fir Cone, Shelton, WA):

Every once in a while a great idea comes along. Usually, however, no one knows that it is a great idea until after the fact. Example; RCA records thought Elvis Presley was a passing fad. That's kind of what happened in Shelton this weekend. Shuffleboard tournaments in the Pacific Northwest have been suffering low turnouts for a while. Promoters are worried about the future of the game and scrambling to find ways to protect their investments. In a simple effort towards that end, they happened upon success. Sort of a Pro-Am type of event where rated players have to find non-rated players to be their partners. The result: Wow!

Everyone was amazed at the number of non-rated players that have an interest in the game. Ernie's Fir Cone saw numbers it hasn't seen since the late 90s. All the promoters agree that they were unprepared for this kind of a turn-out. Like RCA Records, they didn't see the potential. They do now.

Hind sight is 20/20, and rumor has it that more of these type of tournaments are in the works. That's alright with Mike Waters and his partner Helen Bryant who won the tournament. Ryan Devlin and Jeff Smith settled for second. Ernie's Fir Cone Owner Ernie Montoya and Northwest hall of famer Frank Mako ended a great weekend in third. Fourth place went to the team of Jim "007" Thorton and Russ Frazier. Tied for fifth place was Carolyn Floyd and Evelyn and the team of Claire Kenney and her daughter Renee. The tournament was masterfully run by Clark Kenney, the best tournament director on earth.

Ernie (Fir Cone owner) would like to express his thanks to the Promoters, the Tournament Director, and the Shelton Shuffleboard community for their support and dedication to keeping shuffleboard alive. Ernie also went on to express his thanks for the players (*See Next Page for Participant List*) whom he describes as all winners and wanted to have them all recognized. Players came from Shelton, Olympia, Port Orchard, Gig Harbor, Bremerton, Tahuya, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, and Portland. *Winner's Photo follow:*



1st Place: (Above)
Mike Waters & Helen Bryant

Star Search 2006 (continued on next page)...



2nd Place: (Above)
Jeff Smith & Ryan Devlin



3rd Place: (Above)
Ernie Montoya (Fir Cone Owner) &
Frank Mako (PNW Hall of Famer & TSA Director)

4th through 5th (tie) Place (No photos available): Fourth place went to the team of Jim "007" Thorton and Russ Frazier. Tied for fifth place was Carolyn Floyd and Evelyn and the team of Claire Kenney and her daughter Renee.

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Below is a list (*See NOTE) of everyone who played (38 Players/19 Teams):

1. Dick Doaks - Peggy
2. Carolyn Floyd - Evelyn
3. Bill Walker - Little Joe
4. Mel & Melinda Hohn
5. Melody Marine - Maggie
6. Gary George - Jenna
7. Jim Thorton - Russ Frazer
8. Claire Kenney - Renee
9. Vern & Ryan Gonzales
10. Jeff Young - Dave Curtis
11. Mike Waters - Helen Bryant
12. Frank Floyd - Butch
13. Frank Mako - Ernie Montoya
14. Jeanette Hohn - Daryl Gustufson
15. Judy George - Brenda
16. Jeff Kersting - Chris
17. Paulette & Scott McKinney
18. Joe & Shirley Smith
19. Ryan Devlin - Jeff Smith

* NOTE: I apologize to all the players who didn't get their last name listed. I didn't have them and it would take too long to research.



Whistling Oyster Bar

Welcome to Quilcene

16TH ANNUAL GRANDMASTERS PLUS

AUGUST 4rd - August 6th, 2006 ** Reported by: Bill & Sandee

http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/PNW_Newsletters.htm and http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/August_2006_Results.htm

Quilcene, Washington (August 4-6, 2006): The 16th Annual Grandmaster Plus Tournament, held annually at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene was a great success.

On Friday night, we were able to have two Open Draws.

Friday Nite Open Draw Winners: (\$20/player entry)

- **Open Draw #1:** Tom Campbell and Carl Rousch
- **Open Draw #2:** Claire Kenney and Jeff Mercer

Grand Masters Doubles Winners: (\$60/player entry; 2 of 3 winner bracket; Single Game Loser Bracket)

1st Place: Darrol Nelson and Mike Waters

2nd Place: Gary George and Jeff Kersting

3rd Place: Tom Campbell and Rick Shaw

4th Place: Clark and Claire Kenney

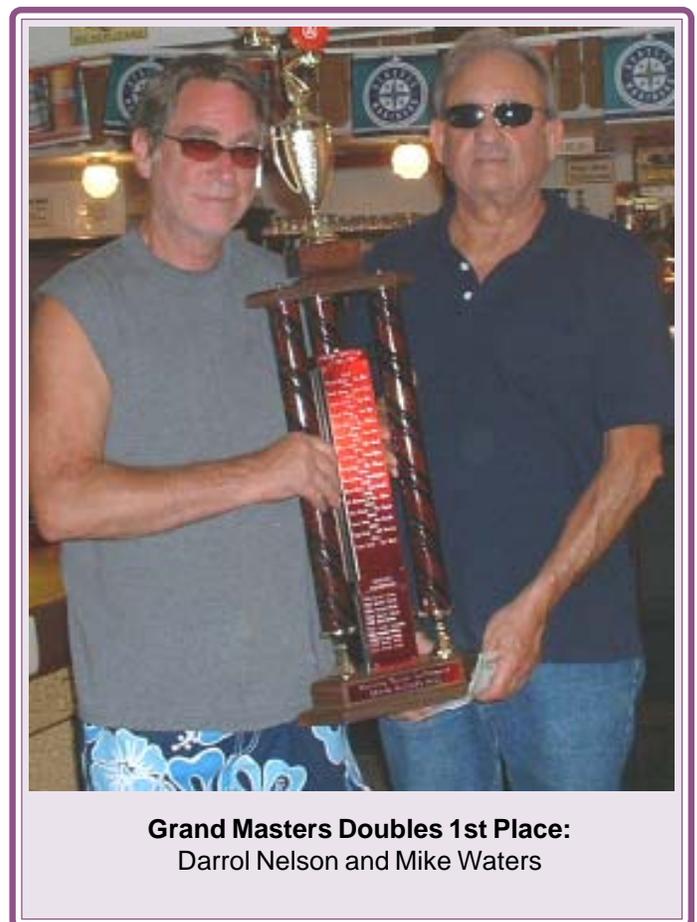
Notable: The Grand Masters Doubles was won again by last years winners Darrol Nelson and Mike Waters (Darrol has won 11 times since 1990 of the 16 tournaments, with 5 different partners).

We hope that fun time was had by all. We try really hard to have a great tournament. All kinds of R.V. parking, tables, B.B.Q. and etc.

Results Reported By:

Bill & Sandee – Whistling Oyster

Contact: 360-765-3436 (Home) 765-3411 (Office) 765-9508 (Club)



Grand Masters Doubles 1st Place:
Darrol Nelson and Mike Waters

LOTS OF R.V. PARKING

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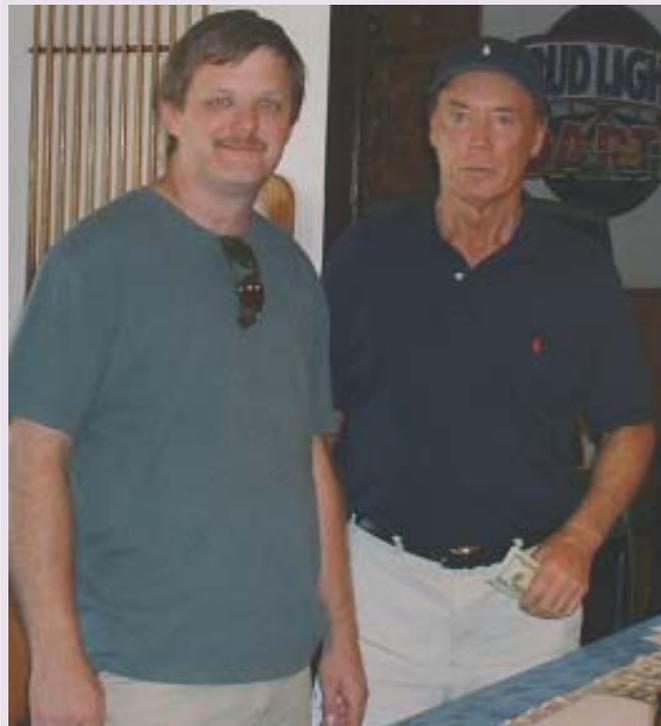




Grand Masters Doubles 2nd Place:
Jeff Kersting and Gary George



Grand Masters Doubles 4th Place:
Claire & Clark Kenney (husband/wife Team)



Grand Masters Doubles 3rd Place:
Rick Shaw and Tom Campbell



16TH ANNUAL GRANDMASTERS PLUS (Photo Collage)



Bowers' Corner & TSA Tournament E-News[©]

2006 Canadian Masters Longboard Tournament

August 17-20, 2006, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #83, Burnaby, BC, Canada

-- Results Reported By: Elaine Hill

http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/August_2006_Results.htm

August 17-20, 2006: (BC, Canada):

The 2006 Canadian Masters Longboard Tournament was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #83, Burnaby, British Columbia on August 17-20, 2006. Thank-you to all our sponsors, volunteers, and visitors for a successful event again this year! Prize monies totaled \$8500 including \$2100 added through sponsorship and fund raising efforts. Congratulations to our winners. A job well done!

Division I Doubles Winners:

1st place - Gordie Smith (Coquitlam, B.C.) & Marv Wilbur (Skagit Valley, Washington)
2nd place - Don Stallsworth (Medford, Oregon) & Kabal Bimb (Victoria, B.C.)

Division II Doubles Winners:

1st place - Mario Briones (Skagit Valley) & Joe Paszkowski (Skagit Valley)
2nd place - Harry Oda (New Westminster, B.C.) & Ken Griggs (Vancouver, B.C.)
3rd place - Katie Docile (North Vancouver, B.C.) & Dan Williams (North Van)
4th place - Marty Atkinson (Surrey, B.C.) & Susan Clark (North Van)

Open Singles Winners:

1st place - Rick Gindt (Tacoma, Washington)
2nd place - Tom Campbell (Tacoma)
3rd place - Mario Briones (Skagit Valley)
4th place - Brian Burchnysky (North Van)
5th/6th place - Marty Atkinson (Surrey) & Jake Jacobs (Victoria)

Ladies Doubles:

1st place - Jackie Stolarchuk (New Westminster) & Pat Preymak (Coquitlam)
2nd place - Diane Heil (Burnaby, B.C.) & Elaine Hill (Surrey)

A/B/C Draw Team:

1st & 2nd place Split Decision (tied after first 2 out of 3 playoff match)
Gordie Smith (Coquitlam), Ed Stolarchuk (New Westminster) & Ron Gray (Vancouver)
Eric Kolstad (Burnaby), Elaine Hill (Surrey) & Avis Sinclair (North Van)
3rd place - Joe Paszkowski (Skagit Valley), Lorraine Burchnysky (North Van) & Ken Butts (Burnaby)
4th place - Brian Burchnysky (North Van), Tommy Joyce (Burnaby) & Randy Storjeoff (North Van)

A good portion of our added money comes through ticket sales on an annual Basket raffle where our shuffleboard community in the Greater Vancouver area work together to sell and buy tickets in a large group effort. This year was a tremendous success. Thanks to you all!

1st Prize - Gerry Chang (Burnaby, B.C.)
2nd Prize - Earl Coles (Spokane, Washington)
3rd Prize - Marie & Billy Callaghan (Vancouver, B.C.)
4th Prize - Don Wooding (Vancouver)
"Triple Crown" Shirts - Dick Moore (Vancouver) & Gordie Smith (Coquitlam)

Enjoy!



*CANADIAN MASTERS
LONGBOARD TOURNAMENT
2006*

Reported by: *Elaine Hill*

3rd Annual Jack Steffensen Memorial Tournament

Held September 22-24, 2006

Blue Goose & Red Dog Taverns, Port Orchard, Washington

Report by: Michelle Foran --- Photos by: Bill Walker

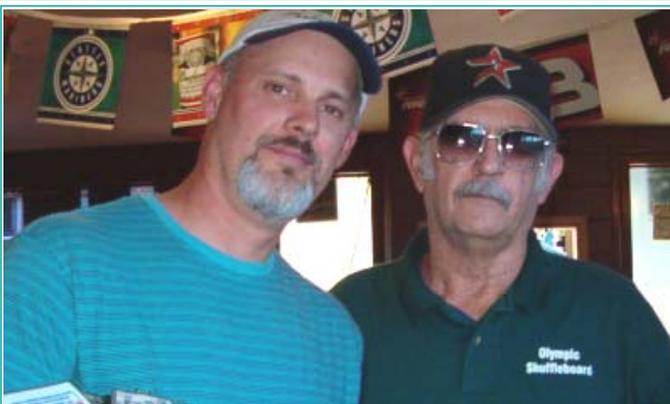
http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/PNW_Newsletters.htm

Port Orchard, WA: The 3rd annual Jack Steffensen Tournament was held September 22nd through the 24th at The Blue Goose and Red Dog Taverns in Port Orchard, WA. The Blue Goose is a cozy little tavern nestled on the shores of Puget Sound with beautiful scenery abounding and lots of room for RV parking. The Goose is also home to two good boards with lots of character. The Red Dog is up the hill from the Goose. It also has two good boards. Transportation is provided from tavern to tavern for those who need it. Thanks for the rides Mike, everyone really appreciates it. Linda Steffensen would like to thank Dee Hudson, the owner of the taverns, for letting her have the tournament there.

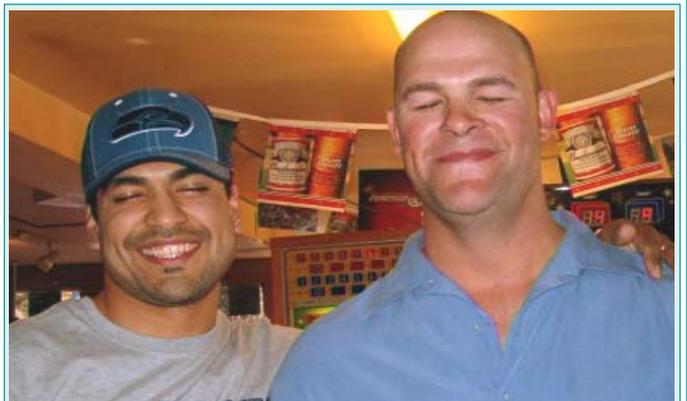
This tournament is definitely one of the best tournaments in Washington with a promise to be even bigger and better next year. *The tournament boasted 27 teams with 12 in the A division and 15 in the B division. The winners were...*



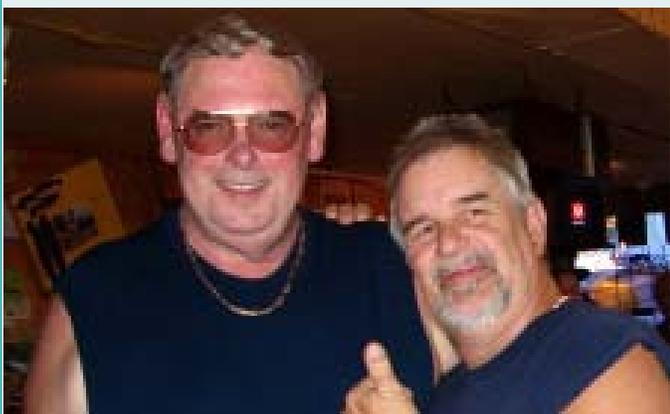
**Div A - 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Mike Waters & Jim Foran**



**Div A - 1st Place (Above L-R):
Dan Hitt & Gordy Smith**



**Div B - 1st Place (Above L-R):
Mario Briones & Joe Paszkowski**



**Div A - 2nd Place (Above L-R):
Dean Mako & Alvin Orcutt**

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**Div B - 2nd Place (Above L-R):
Joe Smith & Judy George**

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(3rd Annual Jack Steffensen Memorial Con't. from prior page...)



**Div B - 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Melody Marine & Patti Preymak**



**Div B - 4th Place (Above L-R):
Michelle Foran & Rob Heidal**

The Friday night draw was won by Elaine Hill (from Canada) and Alvin Orcutt. Second place Friday draw was won by Clark Kenney and Dave Neal. The lagging 4's contest, sponsored by the Sportsmanship Committee, was won by Mario Briones. Mario lagged 3 4's and they were all against Linda Steffensen. Wow, that couldn't have been good for Linda.

The pot luck was delicious with chicken and salad served on Sunday. A big thank you to all of the people who generously donated to the pot luck. We couldn't have done it without you. There were also door prizes. A lovely painting donated by Claire Kenney and won by Gary George and binoculars with a built in digital camera was won by Carolyn Floyd.

As you can see lots of entertaining things going on at this terrific tournament and like I said, more to come next year!

Hope to see you there!!!

Michelle Foran 😊
Tacoma, WA

Miscellaneous Photo Collage



Linda Steffensen



Joan Millar (Canada)



Elaine Hill (Canada)



Sharon Nugent

Tim Nugent



Les Burt

Gary George

**19th Annual Mixed Doubles
Ernie's Fir Cone
Shelton, WA
By Arnold Rimmer**

On a cold rainy weekend in Western Washington, barely one week after the NASC in Reno a band of weary shuffleboard warriors gathered at Ernie's Fir Cone to do battle and lay claim to the Mixed Doubles Title. But, it almost didn't happen. While the NASC was taking place in Reno, Western Washington was under siege from the worst storm to hit the area in 50 years. So much rain had fallen in such a short time that the governor declared a state of emergency. Flights from Reno were delayed up to a minimum of three hours, sparking fears that there could be stranded shuffleboard players, and the turn out at Ernie's would be really small.

Come on, did you really think that 10 days of doing nothing but playing shuffleboard and a natural disaster would stop the faithful from showing up at Ernie's? Some players had to make multiple stops and finally cruse into Sea-Tac on a puddle jumper with only nine seats. The show must go on.

The show did go on; everyone that's anyone in Western Washington was at Ernie's Fir Cone. What a turn out. It was tremendous to see so many great players doing what ever it took to be there. You could tell that the players were tired, worn-out, and waterlogged by their demeanor and sluggishness between matches, but while they were playing you would have thought that this was their first time, what enthusiasm and excitement. All the participants will tell you that this was the most fun they had playing shuffleboard in a long time, if you missed it - shame on you.

Due to all the dedicated shuffleboard players at Ernie's it was impossible to finish the tournament. Therefore, first place was a split between Claire and Clark Kenney and Jeanette and Mel Hohn. Third place went to the team of Jennifer King and Mike Waters. Penny Jorgensen and Dick Doak from Shelton finished in fourth place. Fifth place was a tie between Tim and Sharon Nugent and the team of Frank and Carolyn Floyd.

Ernie would like thank the multitude of players and the Shelton Shuffleboard Community for their tireless support. The next tournament at Ernie's Fir Cone will be the Washington State Tournament on December 7 thru 10, 2006. For more info contact Ernie at 360-426-2221.



THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT RESULTS



BZ'S BAR & GRILL

November 24-26, 2006

Burien, Washington

3 PERSON BRING YOUR OWN TEAM EVENT

EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME

WINNERS

1ST PLACE: JEANETTE & MEL HOHN,
& TED AUSBUN

2ND PLACE: TOMMY CAMPBELL,
JERRY MATSON, & ART THOMPSON

3RD PLACE: DAN HITT, JEFF MERCER & LYDIA
BRIONES

NEXT TOURNAMENT WILL BE IN APRIL*
COME JOIN THE FUN!!

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

Champion: Loren Lampley
2nd. Place Vern Gonzales
3rd. Place Carl Roush

OPEN DOUBLES

Jim Foran - Kenny Simmons
Carl Roush - Mel Hohn
Ryan Devlin - Jeff Kersting

Div. II Singles

Champion: Jeff Mercer
2nd. Place Ryan Strayer
3rd. Place Joe Paszkowski

Div. II Doubles

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.

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Dean Johnson
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Mel Hohn

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

<p>1st Place Champion Loren Lampley</p>	<p>2nd Place Vern Gonzales</p>	<p>3rd Place Carl Roush</p>
		<p>No Photo (See 2nd Place Open Doubles)</p>

DIVISION II SINGLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

<p>1st Place Champion Jeff Mercer</p>	<p>2nd Place Ryan Strayer</p>	<p>3rd Place Joe Paszkowski</p>
		<p>No Photo (See 1st Place Div. II Doubles)</p>

OPEN DOUBLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

<p>1st Place Jim Foran/Kenny Simmons</p>	<p>2nd Place Mel Hohn/Carl Roush</p>	<p>3rd Place Ryan Devlin/Jeff Kersting</p>
		<p>No Photo</p>

DIVISION II DOUBLES WINNER'S PHOTOS

1st Place

Jeff Mercer/Joe Paszkowski



2nd Place

Bill Walker/Linda Walker



3rd Place

Jeanette Hohn/Michelle Foran



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Shuffling the competition

Story by MARTA MURVOSH, Photos by Frank Varga / Skagit Valley Herald

Interest from youth breathes new life into old-time sport

If John Martin offers to play shuffleboard blindfolded, don't do it for money — you're likely to lose it.

Do it to learn from a man who has spent 48 years shooting puck-like weights down a longboard. His love of competition and skill have ranked him in the top 5 percent of shuffleboard players in the nation.

Martin doesn't need his sight to be a winner. All he needs is another player telling him where the weights are on the board.

"It's not a game of sight," the 68-year-old Martin said. "It's a game of touch."

Players like Martin, as well as a bevy of newcomers to the game, are keeping shuffleboard alive and well in Skagit County, said Phil DePree, secretary-treasurer of the Skagit Valley Longboard Association. The league has about 130 members who compete at least once a week at five taverns around the valley. Martin and other experienced players are teaching younger shuffleboard newcomers the lay of the longboards and the intricacies of shooting the puck-like weights for points.

Shuffleboard player Rachel McCrery learned from her mother, father and stepfather. She plays on a team with other 20- and 30-somethings.

"There's only a handful of us kids who play," said the 23-year-old bartender. "Sometimes we get beat really bad. Sometimes we do all right."

Shuffleboard appears to be undergoing a revival in Skagit County. Competitive spirit unites the players, no matter their age.

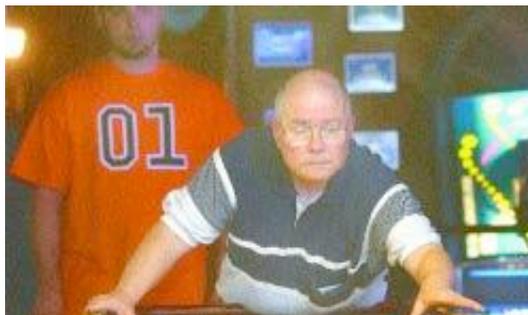
That's what first attracted bartender Wesley Drake, 27, of Anacortes to the game nine months ago.

"I'm a competitive guy," said Drake, who first saw the game while tending bar. "If they say they are good at something, I've got to try and beat them." Many people think of shuffleboard as a game played by senior citizens on cruise ships or in beach-front resort towns.

But the shuffleboard that Martin and Drake play is found in taverns, restaurants and family game centers. Rather than a wooden deck, they use a longboard on legs that elevate it to the level of an average person's waist.



Tom "Frog" Nordland lets a weight fly during a shuffleboard match at the Old Edison Inn in Edison. Nordland and about 130 other Skagitonians compete in shuffleboard matches once or twice a week as part of the Skagit Valley Longboard Association.



Each player starts off with four weights. The goal is to hand-push the weights into the highest-scoring area without sending them off the end of the board.



Mike Conn prepares to send a puck-like weight down the shuffleboard.

Points — from one to four — are tallied depending on which of the three scoring sections a weight comes to rest on the board. A player earns four points if the weight comes to rest halfway off the end of the board without falling off.

Players can keep opponents from scoring by knocking their weights off the end of the board. Players also can use their own weights by placing them in front of another to protect a high-scoring weight.

Scores aren't tallied until each of the players' four weights are shot. The last shot, called the "lag shot," often decides the game. The first person to reach 15 points wins.

Four players at a time also may play in a doubles match. There are several variations on the basic game.

The game is complicated by "curves" in the board, which affect the direction that a weight travels, said Larry Sawyer, another top-ranked player. Sawyer, 67, of Anacortes won the 2001 North American Championship in Reno for Division 1, which is a ranking a step below professional.

"The really good players can make the shot when they need to," Sawyer said.

Competitive spirit seems to have attracted many players to the longboard association.

"I like the competition plus the comradeship and the friends you meet," Sawyer said.

When Martin first started out 48 years ago, he had to work hard to earn a spot on a team in Everett. It was the competition that kept him coming back, he said.

"I don't like to lose, so I started practicing," Martin said.

Others, such as 84-year-old Paddy Conn of Edison, just enjoy a good game with friends. Conn started playing in the late 1940s with friends. After moving to Skagit Valley, she and her late husband taught the game to their son, Mike Conn.

"If you go in with the idea you're going to win every game, you might as well not bother," Paddy Conn said.

There have been shuffleboard leagues in Skagit Valley since the 1950s, DePree said. Organized in 1992, the Skagit Valley Longboard Association is the most recent.

Once there were about 20 longboards in taverns and other businesses from Concrete to Anacortes, DePree said. There were leagues in Snohomish and King counties. But many leagues have disappeared as interest in the game has waned and other tavern sports have taken its place.

The movie "The Hustler" made playing coin-operated pool more popular than shuffleboard, DePree said. Tavern owners realized they could make more money from pool, which can be played in less time than shuffleboard, and began to replace the longboards with the green felt-covered tables, he said.

In Skagit County, shuffleboard playing has remained relatively steady. In 1981, the league had 23 teams, DePree said. Now, there are 19.

Drake said younger people aren't drawn to shuffleboard right away. But he said he thinks they can get sucked in over time.

"For the young, you've got to relax your muscles and chill out. It's hard to do," Drake said.

Patience is important, said Joe Paszkowski, a 33-year-old painter who was drawn to the game four years ago after injuries stopped him from playing baseball. He learned

shuffleboard from his father, John, who has gotten serious about the sport. He said he plans to compete in Reno, where there is \$300,000 in prize money up for grabs later this month. Like Joe Paszkowski's first love, baseball, shuffleboard has strategy and can be a thinking man's game.

"It's just a big chess game," Paszkowski said. "If I take this weight off, what happens?"

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Five places to play

The Skagit Valley Longboard Association leagues meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays.

- The Corner Tavern, 14565 Allen West Road, Allen. 360-757-6113.
- The Old Edison Inn, 5829 Canes Court, Edison. 360-766-6266.
- Gene's Tavern, 127 North Oak, Burlington. 360-755-9124.
- Eagles Aerie No. 3242, 119 N. Cherry, Burlington. 360-755-0483.
- Bellows Tavern, 112 S. Cherry, Burlington. 360-755-0165.

Registration closes Oct. 22 for the Saturday league and Oct. 26 for the Wednesday league. Each league costs \$15 for the season or \$30 for both leagues.

For more information, call one of the establishments or the Old Edison Inn, 360-766-6266, and ask for Phil DePree.

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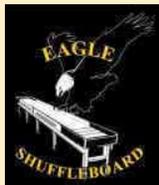
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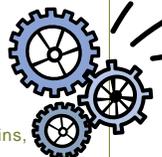
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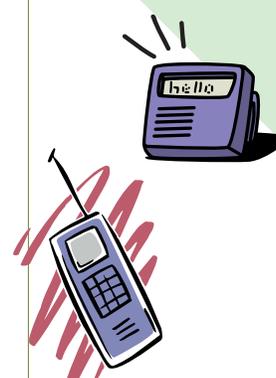
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