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OCTOBER 6, 2005 ISSUE (excerpt): Bowers' League Players Corner... Features GDSA Report

"GDSA Annual Cancer Benefit Still Going Strong!"

September 9-11, 2005 -- Island Club (Dallas, TX)

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Since 1990, the members of the Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association (GDSA) have come together each year to try to make a bit of a difference in their community. While promoting the sport of table shuffleboard remains their primary purpose, they also believe in trying to make a difference for their community family as well.

For the 16th year, the GDSA hosted its annual Cancer Memorial Benefit tournament for their adopted charity, the Cancer & Blood Disorders Center at Children's Medical Center of Dallas. To date, through this event and its annual Christmas party, the league has raised and donated nearly \$85,000.00 to help a special child receive medical treatment and aid to fight a disease that takes away that one thing that he or she should really have – a child's life, the ability to play with friends, run, ride a bike, or just eat a meal without being sick.

While we can't expect everyone to be as enthusiastic about table shuffleboard as we are, we asked that they be just as unselfish as the players that attended this tournament – stop by the club where this event took place and drop some spare change in the jar. Knowing that times are hard, we ask people to remember how much harder it is for the kids that we are trying to give some measure of a life to with this help. Remember, someday it could be your child that needs this help – and we intend to be a part of that help, too.

This year's host for this event was The Island Club, located at 10834 Ferguson Road in Dallas, TX. Owners Mike and Karen Blohm rolled out the welcome mat for a near-record 84 players of all skill levels on September 9-11, providing their usual high level of quality service. This year, that included the opening of their new kitchen that players and visitors alike made ample use of.

While the beer and the food flowed, the teams were drafted and the battle was met. Right from the beginning, it was clear that while the best shooters in Dallas came out to support our kids at Children's, they also came to win if they could. A testament to this was the fact that more than 50% of matches played came down to the tiebreaker. While the tournament was progressing, the staff members went about their business doing what they do best – politely helping people spend their money on a host of donated items being raffled. Largest of these prizes was a commercial Foosball table in perfect condition, donated by Games, Etc. of Dallas as the grand prize. The GDSA league also donated a new 32" TV to the war chest, and even one of the game rooms next door to the Island Club put out a jar for donations, contributing over 86.00 from their patrons.

To provide relief for those players not involved with a match, the league gave them a comfortable place to sit and relax, and enjoy some pleasant conversation and drinks – the GDSA Blackjack Table. As is done every year, card sharks test their luck for the chance to be crowned Blackjack Champion, all proceeds from the table going to Children's Medical Center.

Players buy in at 2 for 1 (\$2 in chips for every \$1 donated). This year's winner was Maxie Furche, an established shuffleboard player from the Harbor Point Club in Richardson, TX.

The matches came to an exciting conclusion that excited spectators and players alike. Two-time defending champion Dave Ewing and team did their best to defend his title. Coming out of the losers' side of the bracket, team Connie Waldrup was determined to take the title if they could. Playing some inspired shuffleboard, they managed to beat team Ewing twice and avenge a similar loss that Connie's team suffered at his hands 3 years earlier. While many excellent matches were played over the weekend, this by far was one of the best and most entertaining matches that players could want to see or play in.

As of this date, pledges are still coming in, but this year's donation for Children's Medical Center so far is over \$4500.00. There are so many people that need to be thanked for making this event the success that it was: First, Mike & Karen Blohm for allowing us to take over their club for the weekend and help reinforce the meaning of Family. Second, to the Island Club staff for making sure that no one was lost from thirst or hunger, and for doing it with a smile.

Third, and most importantly, the 84 players that gave up their weekend to support what we do for these kids each year – especially my 13 fellow team captains: Dave Ewing, Vaughn Chavoya, Jay Mayhall, Connie Waldrup, Mike Blohm, Johnny Skipworth, Chris Smith, Bruce Childers, Gary Nelson, Fred Boyd, Don Roper, Tom Coburn and Greg Hixson.

Each year the GDSA Executive Committee gives back to the community that it plays in through this annual event, and asks of its membership and supporters a question (borrowed from the master of fund-raisers and my hero, Jerry Lewis): Next year's goal is one dollar more who will help us raise it? **"Will you?"**



**(Left-L-R):
GDSA Officers**
Sal Mancuso,
Chairman;
Brenda Denny,
Treasurer;
Johnny Perez,
President;
and
Sandy Eddie,
Secretary
(seated center)

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6-Person Team 1st Place (Above L-R):
(Front Row): Floyd "Pooch" Brent, Jason Thomas & Connie Waldrup (captain)
(Back Row): Pablo Blanco, Dana Dowdle & Walt Smith



6-Person Team 4th Place (Above L-R):
James Morgan, Rube Sutton, Darlene Springob (front center), Johnny Perez, Don Roper (captain), & (not pictured) Vickie Jones
and 6-Person Team 5th Place (no pictures):
Fred Boyd (captain), Cindy Demory, Roy Applegate, Jackie Holder & Stacy Edwards



6-Person Team 2nd Place (Above L-R):
Darla Conoly, Terry Kennedy, Dave O'Neal, Bob Stellmach (front), Dave Ewing (captain), Carol Audett



Black Jack Tournament (Above L-R):
Champion Maxie Furche, Dalas Van Syckle and Dealers: Terri & Leroy Robertson



6-Person Team 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Chris Smith (captain), J.B. Boyd, Laverne Manard, Ron Holder, Mike Tobias, Danny Floyd



Host & Tournament Sponsor: (left) Mike Blohm of the Island Club

Thank you Mike!

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Greater Dallas Shuffleboard Association

1st Quarter Standings

Week 8 of 8

as of 09/28/2005

Team	Team	Wins	Losses	MP
1	Harbor Point B	8	0	16
2	Harbor Point A	7	1	15
3	VFW 8537 A	6	2	14
4	Island D	6	2	14
5	M&M Pouring Co. A	6	2	14
6	One Nost Place A	5	3	13
7	M&M Pouring Co. D	5	3	13
8	Texas Rose B	5	3	12
9	Island A	4	4	12
10	Harbor Point C	4	4	12
	VFW 8537 B	4	4	12
12	AMVETS 23	4	4	12
13	Parks Place B	4	4	11
14	Island B	3	5	11
15	Texas Rose A	3	5	11
16	One Nost Place B	3	5	10
17	Parks Place A	3	5	10
18	Texas Rose C	3	5	9
19	M&M Pouring Co. C	2	6	10
20	Island C	1	7	9
21	AMVETS 22	1	7	9
22	M&M Pouring Co. B	1	7	8

MP - Match Points

GP - Game Points

NOTE : Standings are based on scores reported by phone and are subject to verification of score sheets submitted to the league office

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