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Winston's 2005 "6th Annual Labor Day Tournament" Featuring: Doug Buhl's Well Deserved "TSA Hall of Fame Induction"

September 1-5, 2005 -- 99 Tavern & Willee's Cafe, Winston, OR

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September 1-5, 2005: (Winston, Oregon)

Winston Oregon's, 99 Tavern and Willee's Cafe, jointly hosted their 6th Annual Labor Day Weekend Tournament successfully. They exceeded the previous year's records having 109 total registered players. Even better, an impressive \$35,000 in Entry and Sponsor sales for the winners!

Then, topping off the tournament with the induction of Doug Buhl into The Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) National Hall of Fame completed the weekends schedule for the players and tournament directors involved. Danny Holland couldn't have asked for much of a turn out than what was received.

The kick off event was an A/B Draw beginning on Thursday with 34 teams, and \$1,700 in entry to be played for. The 1st place team was Dan Hitt and Von Thomas, prevailing through a seemingly never-ending bracket of teams. The 2nd place team of Glen Redding and Paulette McKinney played very strong to get as far as they did.

Another A/B Draw occupied players not involved in the Open Singles. They had 23 anxious teams ready to play for the Entry money total of \$920. The 1st place team in this A/B Draw was Jim Foran and Brandon Glasscock, and the 2nd place team of Mike Waters and Kathy Thomas right behind them.

Last but certainly not least, was Friday's event of Open Singles which had 30 players stepping up and competing for \$5,100 total in Entry and another \$7,200 total in Sponsor monies. Since 17 of the 30 Open Singles players were pros (on the minus side), it made for a lot of interesting matches! Every player had their work cut out for them. In the end, it was a split between 1st and 2nd place. Dave Keithahan was on the winner's side. The star of the show, Doug Buhl, came back from the loser's side. Dudley Hutcherson sponsored Dave Keithahan and Gary Thompson sponsored Doug Buhl. The 3rd place player was Nick Chaffin, sponsored by Al Pease. 4th went to Loren Lampley, sponsored by Jim "the pirate" Cockrell. The 5th and 6th place (tie) was an even split between Dudley Hutcherson and Gary George.

Saturday morning we held off starting any new events until Doug Buhl was officially inducted into TSA Hall of Fame...

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But the Pacific Northwest had some unfinished business to take care of first. Last summer our good friend, Steve Fisher, was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Hall of Fame at this tournament. Due to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to present him with the official plaque at that time. So, first things first, Steve got his overdue plaque. Doug's ceremony immediately followed, and was an emotional roller coaster. People laughed, people cried, people reminisced, but mostly, people laughed! The beautiful trophy that goes along with a person being inducted into The National Hall of Fame was awarded to Doug by Frank Mako. Several players got up and congratulated Doug and/or told their favorite story involving

him. Marilyn Buhl got the most amazing cake I've ever seen made in Douglas County, let alone Winston! It was huge and had a great shuffleboard drawn on the top of it, accented by custom made waxes tops by Lorraine Olson's Son, Jason. What a surprise bonus to an already great ceremony. Nobody even wanted to cut into it, so Marilyn had to take initiative, and be the first to slice into this beauty!

While the Open Singles continued their games from yesterday, the B-Singles and C-Singles were just starting their events. The B's had a grand total of 28 players with \$700 in entry money and around \$3,600 in Sponsor money, making it even more worth the battle than just the glory of victory. In the end though, it was a decision to split for 1st and 2nd place by Gary Thompson, on winner's side, and Don Stallworth coming back from the loser's side. Frank Mako was Gary's sponsor and Ruth Miles was Don's Sponsor. The 3rd place player went to Israel Ochoa, 4th to Dino Mako, and 5th and 6th paid the same to Paulette McKinney and Frank Mako.

In the C-Singles there was 20 players signed up to do battle. Having \$500 in Entry money and another \$1560 in sponsor money reminded everyone it was time to get your game face on. Putting it all on the table, Brandon Glasscock was the 1st place Winner in the C-Singles and in 2nd place, was Bobbie Arndt. Both Brandon and Bobbie were sponsored by Lorraine Olson. The 3rd place went to Susan Preston, a new player who's not even rated! Norman Hall was her lucky sponsor! Warren Mann, from the Medford area, got 4th place with Lorraine Olson sponsoring him.

The Open Doubles and B-Doubles were the last events scheduled for the weekend. Coincidentally, both the divisions had 21 teams ready for 1 last chance at some money. I can honestly say that the Open Doubles had some of the longest most entertaining matches in shuffleboard history. In the end the worn out 1st and 2nd place teams agreed to a split. Bill Maxwell and Dudley Hutcherson on the winner's side, and Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl back from the loser's side. Both teams were happily sponsored by Lorraine Olson. Loren Lampley and Ken Simmons came in 3rd, bought by Gary Thompson. 4th place went to Al Pease and Mike Keevil, sponsored by Eddie "Brains" Brayman. Both 5th and 6th were evenly paid to the teams of Gary George and Jeff Kersting, as well as Rick Gindt and Mike Waters.

To conclude the list of event results are the B-Doubles. As with the Open Doubles, there were 21 teams playing for \$1050 in Entry money, and \$2400 in Sponsor money. After a long and physically demanding weekend of shuffleboard, Bob Crum and Brandon Glasscock, and their sponsor Steve Fisher, went home with a 1st place victory prize. The 2nd place team was Paulette McKinney and Jeanette Hohn, who shot exceptionally well the whole event (sponsored by Kathy

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Keevil). 3rd place went to Kathy Keevil and Israel Ochoa (sponsored by Jeanette Hohn). And the 4th place went to a Winston local team of Randy Foster and Sue Thomas (sponsored by Steve Fisher).

We hope to see everyone again next year and want to thank everyone for spending their Labor Day Weekend with us. Thanks again to Eddie "Brains" Brayman for answering our questions and helping with our problems. Your Computer Peas Program was a fundamental tool at our tournament. Hope all of you enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed you!

Reported by Winston Oregon's 2005 Labor Day Tournament Directors:

-Danny Holland, Steve Fisher and Trisha Florence

PS: The Winston 2005 Tournament Directors & TSA Members and TSA Officers & Directors would also like to thank Frank Mako & Bob Hunt (TSA Directors) and all that gave beautiful testimonials and all attendees for making Doug Buhl's TSA HOF induction ceremony on Saturday (September 3,rd) one of the best yet! Thanks to Lorraine Olson (TSA Associate Member) for having the unique shuffleboard cake made for this well deserved induction celebration. Thanks to Melody Marine and all others who helped with the flowers and decorations. Thanks to Fritz Broka of Full Moon Leather for mailing the custom-made beautiful TSA HOF trophy (miniature shuffleboard) which was presented to Doug Buhl during the induction ceremony. A real team effort by many to make this a beautiful ceremony for a most deserving recipient: DOUG BUHL. Congratulations for all of us to Doug Buhl for this well deserved honor!



**Open Singles Champs (Above L-R):
1st & 2nd Place (split)**

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& Doug Buhl (who came back from the loser's side)
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**Dudley Hutcherson sponsored Dave Keithahan and
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**Open Doubles Champs (left L-R):
1st & 2nd Place (split)**

**Dudley Hutcherson &
Bill Maxwell (from the winners
bracket) and
Doug Buhl & Darrol Nelson
(back from the loser's bracket)
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Above: Group Photo are the die-hards still there at 3am for the Open Doubles
Below: Miscellaneous Photo Collage

