



# The Board Talk

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## Spokane's 22nd Annual Memorial Day Extravaganza

Season Ticket, Spokane, Washington  
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The Colonel, Russ Miller, the Northwest ambassador of shuffleboard, was inducted into the TSA Hall of fame at this year's Memorial Day event in Spokane. With not a dry eye in the crowd, everyone enjoyed a wonderful tribute to this great man. Larry Sawyer, hosted the induction, with Frank Mako and Bill Walker adding to the flavor. Sue Miller was showered with love and friendship from all who came to acknowledge the efforts and contributions made by her husband the Colonel. Many friends and family from the Skagit Valley journeyed to pay their respects to this true gentleman. The video tribute and tournament shirts, adorned with the bust of the Colonel, are mementos to be cherished by all. We at Bangham, Lagg, and Wynn would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to Sue Miller for allowing us to host this induction. We also offer our gratitude to the TSA for recognizing the Colonel's years of contributions and love for the game of shuffleboard. We also thank Fritzi Broka of Full Moon Leather Works who makes a beautiful wood and leather trimmed shuffleboard trophy exclusively for TSA which was presented during the Colonel's ceremony to Sue Miller by Bill Walker and Frank Mako(TSA Director).



**Above:**

Sue Miller receives TSA trophy  
(left to right)

Larry Sawyer, Sue Miller, Bill Walker, Frank Mako

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The Tournament was kicked off once again with the 4th annual Double "D" (Developmentally Disabled) event (See Page 3 for Double "D" Event's Photo Collage). This year's Double "D" event had an enthusiastic 48 participants. This tournament has taken on a life of it's own, nearly doubling in size from last year. It looks as if we created a whole new family of shuffleboard players. Word is, this is the most anticipated outing of the year for all who attend. Hats, medals, and shirts are worn for months afterward, and the trash talk starts months prior to the tourney. Only those who have been able to share in this truly genuine occasion can understand the profound impact these folks have on our hearts.

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## Spokane's Memorial Day... (Con't. from Page 1)



***Above:***

Sue Miller enjoys watching the video of Russ' life which was prepared and presented during the TSA Hall of Fame ceremony. The video showing on the television at the top right corner shows Russ and Carol in their early years... A video that Sue will watch many times and one that she will dearly cherish forever!

(pictured left to right): Sue Miller, Melody Marine, and Larry Sawyer



***Above:***

Caveman (center) who was a long time friend of Russ "The Colonel" Miller celebrates Russ' TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony with Sue Miller (left) and her sister Carol (right).



***Above:***

The "Die Hard" Group (taken on last day and final hours of the tournament)... those that lasted and stayed to the bitter end! (grin!)

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This years Memorial Day tourney offered over ten thousand dollars in prize monies. Not a bad pay out for spending a weekend with good friends, great food, and awesome shuffleboard!

The Friday night A/B draw was won by Bob Shirley and Fred Marsten (no photo).

The singles event win was shared in the A division by Sparky Williams Johnny "Blue" Rostollan. On the "B" side Kevin Calloway (Oregon), took honors, with fellow Oregonian Al Hudson hot on his heels.

### Singles - Div. A



**1st Place (split):** (above)  
Johnny "Blue" Rostollan (left) & Sparky Williams (right)

### Singles - Div. B



**1st Place:** (above) Kevin Calloway

"A" doubles were won by World Champion Dan Hitt and his partner and good friend Dick Doak. Rick Shaw and Danny Holland made a valiant effort at double dipping. "B" doubles brought the Winston Oregon team of Clyde VanOrman and Mike Carew to the winner's circle. Bill and Linda Walker of Port Orchard finished second by knocking off some great teams. Good job you two! (DoublesWinner Photos: See Column 2)

### Doubles - Div. A



**1st Place:** (above)  
Dick Doak & Dan Hitt

**2nd Place:** (above)  
Rick Shaw & Danny Holland

### Doubles - Div. B



**1st Place:** (above)  
Clyde VanOrman & Mike Carew

**2nd Place:** (above)  
Bill & Linda Walker



**First Time Tournament for Mario Briones:** (above)  
Mario Briones (right) celebrates 1st Time Tournament [we'll be seeing more of him for sure!] ... pictured with Mike Rapp (left)

Thanks again to one and all that participated in what we consider to be the best tournament we've hosted so far. Everyone who attended had nothing but good to say. All who shared in this weekend will remember it as a truly authentic good time.