

OLD EDISON INN OYSTER & STEAKHOUSE

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT & Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Induction "Laggin" Larry Sawyer (Inducted June 23, 2007)

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Yahoo!! Here we go, back in the saddle again. After a 6-year hiatus; tournament shuffleboard finds its way back to the Old Edison Tavern in Bow Edison, Washington. On the weekend of June 22-24, 2007 excitement started to escalate the closer we got. Tournament shuffleboard was not the only thing that everyone was gathering for. People mingled together to induct local legendary shuffleboard player "Laggin" Larry Sawyer.

There was hope for a large local turnout, but we came up short of our expectations. The Friday night A/B Draw (no photos) had only 6 local players showing up; with Bow Edison being a bit off the beaten path, most of the regular shuffleboard players have to travel at least 2 hours to compete. At least a dozen people braved the hideous Seattle traffic to participate. This gave the A/B Draw only 9 teams to fight it out for the win in a double elimination/single game draw. The winner Nels Anderson/Michelle Foran outlasted the "Man of the Hour" Larry Sawyer & his partner Judy George for 2nd Place.

The main event, Saturday – Sunday Tournament, the format was A/B/C. Thank goodness a couple more local players showed up to give us a total of 27 players (9 teams again). There was exciting shuffleboard being played throughout the weekend. There was \$700.00 added to sweeten the pot, by owner Gretchen Pickett. The prize wasn't great but it was good enough to write home to mom about.

1st Place: Tim Nugent, Joanie Millar, Tom Joyce

2nd Place: Gary George, Phil Dupree, Sharon Nugent

3rd Place: Nels Anderson, Mike Strayer, Susan Larson

The induction of Larry Sawyer was a great success; due to the timeless effort of Phil Dupree & Owner Gretchen Pickett. Phil did a marvelous job of organizing the little things and running a great tournament. Although doing most of the work with a heavy heart from losing his sister to illness the week prior!! Sorry Phil!!

There were many behind the scenes helpers: Joe Paszkowski, Lydia Briones, Bill Walker (master of ceremonies). Thanks to all who offered words or stories for Larry's special day.

Gretchen put on an awesome feed (Spaghetti/Salad) Thanks to all the bartenders who worked hard to put up with us shuffleboard players.

The induction looked glum leading up to the big moment; the weather did not seem like it was going to cooperate, as we needed the sun to come out for the preferred outdoor ceremony. Around 2:00 the sun started coming out and made its appearance, from there it seemed smooth sailing. A few extra people made the long voyage from the big city. Most notably Dan Hitt traveling with Melody Marine, John Rostallan & Steve Kalamarski; traveling some 6 hours to honor Larry on his special day. The ceremony went smooth without a hitch; giving Larry many things to smile about and definitely giving him a chance to go down memory lane on his many shuffleboard adventures. CONGRATULATIONS LARRY!!

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All in all everything seemed to be a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped, participated in, and for all who showed up to be there for Larry's special day.

Gretchen has Larry Sawyer PNW HOF shirts left (if you didn't get one contact her at



A-B-C 1st Place (Above L-R):
Tommy Joyce, Joanie Millar, Tim Nugent
(sponsored by: Joe Paszkowski)



A-B-C 2nd Place (Above L-R):
Sharon Nugent, Gary George, Phil Dupree
(sponsored by: Mario Briones)



A-B-C 3rd Place (Above L-R):
Mike Strayer, Susan Larson, Nels Anderson
(sponsored by: Gary George)

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These Larry Sawyer HOF Shirts are black on yellow, sizes: M,L,XL, XXL and they are \$20 plus shipping.

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